



Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station



Minutes of the General Membership Meeting of November 24, 2001

- The meeting was conducted in the Wardroom of the Battleship New Jersey, BB 62 Memorial Museum.
- The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- All officers were present. The Station trustee, Joe Duffin, W2ORA was absent.
- The minutes of the previous general meeting were read and approved.
- President's Report:
Pearl Harbor Day event for the ship is planned for December 5. NJ2BB will not be able to participate in a radio event with the Battleship USS *Missouri* on Pearl Harbor Day since an event in Hawaii is planned to take place at the USS *Arizona*, BB 39 which would conflict with the *Missouri*.

Plastic, photo badges for the volunteer personnel are still not available.

There is a need for an updated station handout brochure. See the Publicity Chair, Joe Cramer, N2XYZ for inputs.

E-mail idea inputs for a holiday party and for the Station birthday.

- Treasurer's Report:
Only the microphone payment is pending. All other bills have been paid.
- Directors Reports:
Gene Holben, N2WFN, reported that all equipment donations had been logged in and the paperwork is in progress. Also, he is holding off on accepting manufacturer donations until a donation process is established.
- Home Port Alliance Report:
Curator not present.
Doug McCray, K2QWQ, reported that Docents are still needed. Docent training is conducted during the museum operating hours and on Monday and Thursday night at 6:30 pm. In the near future, the ship will be moved approximately twelve feet forward along the pier to allow line-up with shore side services. Museum attendance has averaged about 400 plus weekdays, and over 800 on the weekends. The ship is not ready for Scout encampment as yet. Nothing released yet about Veteran's Day ceremonies.
- Chief Engineer's Report:
Discussed the Rules of Station Operation. In order to operate the Station, an operator must qualify with the Chief Engineer as an "Authorized Operator" (AO).

Radio Room status is good. The number of hours expended so far on restoration and station development according to available records is in excess of 2,000. The Station has been operating for three weeks.

The Boy Scout JOTA event was a success. Had 10-12 scouts participate.

Station made 300 contacts in the first two weeks. 49 states worked so far.

The authorized MARS operator for the Station is Ruben Kafenbaum, WA2NBL. Ruben will obtain the MARS rulebook.

- Public Affairs:
Scheduled 2 speaking events. Upcoming events: Veterans Day, Pearl Harbor Day, Launch Anniversary.
- Safety:
The two-person working rule was emphasized.
- Restoration ("Stan's World"):
The transmitting equipment temporarily stored in the Wardroom was moved to Transmitter Room on the third deck. Still looking for equipment and people to help restore the equipment.
- General notes:
Cable survey continues.
Publications database is still being updated.
Battleship *Missouri* has duplicate documentation.
Camden County may be considering establishing an alternate emergency command post aboard the ship for southern New Jersey.
- Announcements:
Philadelphia Area Repeater Association (PARA) General Meeting, 7 PM November 11, Conshohocken.
- Good of the Order:
When will patches be available? Executive Board will take for action.
- New Business:
American Radio Relay League (ARRL) Southern New Jersey (SNJ) Section Manager Jean Priestley, KA2YKN, assisted by SNJ Affiliated Club Coordinator John Goheen, KB2ADL presented Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station President Peter Greene, N2LVI, the ARRL affiliated club Charter. NJ2BB is now affiliated with the ARRL and can display the ARRL logo along with the Station logo.
- Adjournment:
The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.