

Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station (BNJARS) Minutes of the General Membership Meeting of May 13, 2006

The meeting was conducted in the Docent Mess of the Battleship New Jersey
The meeting was called to order at 1000 hours with the pledge of Allegiance.
The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Officers/Directors:

President: Harry Bryant, AA2WN
Vice President: Ed Clark, W2KP
Secretary: Ron Cohen, K3ZKO
Treasurer: Lou Priestly, N2HQL
Chief Engineer: Dave Burgess, WA2TVS
Public Affairs: Joe Cramer, N2XYZ
Station License Trustee (NJ2BB): Joseph Duffin, W2ORA - not present

Directors:

Al Alkins, KC2NOX (temp director)
Margaret Burgess, KB2BRR
Bill Bacon, KE2XC

Presidents Report:

Harry reports that everything is running smoothly.

Directors Report: - No specific reports

Treasurers Report:

Lou Priestly, N2HQL, reported \$633.34 in our treasury as of this date.

Chief Engineers Report:

Activities: Preparing for Ships Weekend.

There have been requests for additional dial phone for other compartments.

The weather gages are now displayed on TV.

A live camera is working on the stern of the ship.

We have been getting ready for the Dayton Hamvention weekend.

Station Operation: Please do not keep the carrier control on the TS-430 and TS-440 wide open, this might have caused the problem we had with finals going bad. The remote cable to the Bridge has been repaired which allows us to now operate the AN/URT-23E from the Falcon location as well as the Bridge.

.NJ2BB Trustee Report: - NONE

Public Affairs Report:

Joe Cramer, N2XYZ reported having the battleship display at the Fort Myers Hamfest and giving a lecture at the Marple-Newtown Radio Club.

H.P.A. Report: Tom Jascal told us that all of the scout groups were pleased with our radio operation working with the scouts. He then mentioned that the scouting operation will be scaling down for the summer months.

Safety Officers Report: NONE

Permanent Committee Reports:

Scouting: Doug Gehring, WA2NPD introduce a guest, Jerry Barnish, WA2CAK. The new list for scouting encampment has not been sent out yet. Doug mentioned that the following people helped with the scouting program, Dave Stepnowski KC3AM, Wayne Wilson WA2LET, Ron Cohen K3ZKO, Ted Katz N3OWM, Al Alkins K2SLA, Al Lynch W2DIB, Bill Bacon KE2XE, Harry Bryant AA2WN, Mike Meany W2OF, Ed Martino N2PV, Gene Holben N2WFN, Bryan Carrigan KC2PAF, and myself.

Configuration Control: No report

Standing Committee Reports:

Public Events: Several of us will be at the Dayton Hamvention with a booth again this year displaying the Battleship information. Next weekend, May 20-21 will be the Anniversary of the commissioning of the Battleship New Jersey, we will give out QSL's but no certificates. Harry reported on the date change for Museum Ship Weekend. It is to be held on June 3-4, 2006 this year. We have 64 ships signed up to participate this year, last year we had over 100. We will not give out a certificate unless the stations make 15 contacts, this will cut down our paperwork. I will send out an email to the list with additional information concerning this event. Saturday June 10th we as a group will help the Penna. Leadership School with tracking their Balloon Launch. The next launch will be in the Fall and again we will be helping them. The school had asked several amateur clubs to help and we were the only club to answer them with our offer to help them with their tracking of the Balloon. The call letters will be NJ2BB-62. They will also be tracking with a cell phone and on the internet.

QSL: Margaret Burgess, KB2BRR reports that during the month of April we made 1,148 contacts. We have a total of 19,751 contacts; and have answered about 4,000 QSL cards. Have about \$25.00 available for postage.

Station Operation: The Kenwood TS-440 has been repaired and is back on Ham-3 location. Slight problem with mike connector on the Ham-2 station and it will be corrected shortly.

Emergency Communications: NONE

Old Business: Check the url, www.caffeexpress.com/62active for Tee Shirts and Coffee Mugs.

New Business:

Lou Priestley, N2HQL brings up the fact that our club is five years old this year, and we would be able to issue a five year Certificate to members that have been a member for the five years but we don't have the original records returned to the present secretary. The president will look into the matter. We have 62 active members.

Good of the Order: In John's World, Satcom work in progress. One RBS receiver working, a second RBS receiver is just about ready. The voltage regulator on the Harris receiver has been replaced.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM

Ronald Cohen, K3ZKO
Secretary