

Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Service Meeting minutes, December 9, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 1005

The members present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from the previous meeting were not read since they are available on the website for all to see.

President's Report:

- January 6 will be scout merit badge presentation a In Trenton
- ARRL 10M contest is today. 10M seems wide open
- Rich missed coming to the ship for Pearl Harbor day but the ship was on the air
- With the upcoming drydocking power may be interrupted without warning. A reminder to always carry a flashlight when aboard. Lou added that the rules used to state that you must also carry whistle

Vice President's Report

- Some contacts were made on Pearl Harbor day
- WWII receivers have problems primarily with the preselectors. Need recapping and contact/tuner cleaning
- Jerry will have more time to devote to projects after the 16th of December

Secretary's Report

- Ron will try to have the minutes posted as soon as possible
- All members should check them and tell him of any corrections/additions needed

Treasurer's Report

- As of last meeting the treasury was \$2934.85
- We donated \$1000.00 to the ship towards the drydocking
- Other expenses were \$188.03
- Pending bill for web services and Zoom subscription are \$219.23
- Remaining total is \$1527.59
- \$160.00 is due in from QSO operations

Chief Engineer's Report:

- Volunteer painters should have transmitter room deck done today
- Everything has been cleared off of John's desk and is in boxes on the floor for drydocking
- There are some items which need to be moved ashore. Dave is looking into that.

- Bob and Charlie converted a repeater cabinet into a taller one as needed for the space it is in
- All loose telephones have been secured for the move
- Two (empty) wine bottles have been placed in the Captain's wine locker for display
- Need some special tools for the trigger repair. Dave is working on that for Ski
- Some work in WWII radio requires a torch and the painters cannot do that. The ship is coordinating.
- TV studio is being secured for the move

Restoration Report:

WWII Radio:

- One side of WWII radio is looking good
- When some equipment is moved from the center of the room we will have room for two more tables
- The 400Hz power panel on the other wall is going to be removed to make more room

TTY:

- Jeff has been getting the TTY system on the air through HAM5 and has communicated with the North Carolina
- Goal is to contact the Iowa
- Jeff has been improving operability with rewiring some functions

CIC:

- Continuing relamping displays
- We need more 14" AND 15" MONITORS
- One digital line is dead, no indication of why

QSL Report:

- September we had 51 QSO's
- October we had 80 QSO's
- November we had 128 QSO's
- Total for the quarter was 259 with a final total of 50,699
- We received and responded to 24 cards
- We received a total of \$62.00 for QSO;s
- Museum Ships weekend total was \$342.00

Scouting Report:

- We have been supporting scout operations on Sunday and Monday mornings
- We had 12 or 13 scouts last week
- We expect 24 tomorrow (12/10) and more on the 17th
- Will be working on 144.340 Simplex tomorrow if anyone wants to provide contacts

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Ron D noted that we need to replace one UHF/VHF antenna when the radar is dismounted
- Dave tagged out the power for the 49 radar rotator. He is not sure if the ship has a tagging book, but all should be reminded to keep their hands off of breakers with red tags
- June said that she is working to provide a tagging program similar to current Navy doctrine.
- The painters did a very good job in WWII radio.
- Ski stated that when the ship removes the top mast they need to be careful of the six safety/retention lines on the fan antenna. The lines need replacement
- June said that it would be good if the club is aware of and participates in any projects that could affect our antennas. Dave said that he is in touch with Ryan on all these issues
- Jeff said that the phones by the door in message handling need the speakers repaired. Ron D said he noted the fact
- Rich stated that some pictures taken on the Arizona showed desk type telephones were in use during WWII. Some discussion was had as to what model phones they might be and if they are available. Dave stated that by doctrine the ship is being maintained in it's 1980's configuration with the one exception of WWII Radio, so that is the only place where we might put one of these phones if acquired.

Good of the Order:

- June and Rich were in the transmitter room when two visitors identified themselves as former navy
- They identified several pieces of equipment that are stioo in use
- It is good to have interaction with current and former navy personnel with current experience

Ron S. moved to adjourn, Rich seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 1101 .

Total members present: 12

Respectfully submitted: Ron Schaffer W2RES