

Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Service

Meeting minutes, May 13, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 0959

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:

- We have a few guests today from the ARRL. They are Tom Preiser, SNJ Section Manager, and Tom Devine SNJ Section Emergency Coordinator. Tom Preiser will give a presentation on the ARRL and it's activities and publications.
- Museum Ships Weekend is coming up. More information from Margaret soon.
- We have had a number of good work weekends lately, getting a lot of things done, plus we have been on the air with CW and SSB.
- The ship has had a few power outages lately. Make sure you carry a flashlight with you at all times.

Chief Engineer's Report:

- We have found out that what we thought was a URT-24 in the Transmitter Room is actually a WRC-1. The advantage of this is that the WRC-1 has both transmit and receive with an RF relay that switches between the modes. We can use that relay in WWII radio to make operations easier.
- Libby is looking for the file that displays the picture of the ship when the firing key is pulled. It is missing.
- The ship had two power outages. For the first the Emergency Lights worked properly but did not come on in the second, probably due to battery discharge. Reminder again to always carry a flashlight.
- With the power outages we have found that some of the phones are not working. Dave is going to check on his after the meeting. Hopefully nothing got fried and the system will restart normally

Treasurer's Report:

- No change since last meeting.
- Balance is \$2933.85

Secretary's Report:

- Please make sure all present have signed the attendance sheets.

Museum Ships Weekend:

- We currently have 91 ships signed up for MSW. This includes 8 “ships” that are first timers. A few are memorials of museums dedicated to ships but they do have artifacts.
- The Farragut Naval Training Station Brig is a one time entry. It will be operated by sea cadets all of whom are licensed.
- There are two possible new stations, one of which is a WWII Navy Aircraft Hangar. For this purpose we intend to consider Navy Aircraft as “ships”
- One of our foreign stations has requested a rule change. Normally in order to get a certificate you need 15 confirmed contacts. The DX station requested that the requirement be modified to 10 confirmed contacts for stations not operating in North America. The proposal was approved.

QSO Report:

- We started the quarter with 49,087 QSO's.
- We had 5 in January, 154 in February, and 154 in March, for a total of 313 for the quarter
- Total QSO's since 2001 are 49,400.
- We received 23 QSL cards since last report for at total of 8059 since 2001.
- Margaret's QSL account remains at \$60.00.

TTY Project:

- Jeff is continuing with his project of restoring radios and teletype machines
- He has traced much of the wiring and has 1 machine working
- He has been copying the Military Collector's Net on TTY
- He is converting the system to 45 baud so it can be used in conjunction with Amateur Radio
- TTY Dave is working on restoring the mechanical aspects of the machines

Scouting Report:

- Our ex president, Harry Bryant is continuing to coordinate scouting activities on the ship.
- We no longer provide instruction but support on the air activities.

ARRL Presentation:

- Tom Preiser gave a very interesting presentation on the ARRL and it's activities and publications
- He reviewed the publications available and stated that you can get them in physical form or digital. Just go to your profile on the ARRL website and update your preferences.
- The ARRL is sponsoring a Volunteers on the Air activity and activating W1AW/x stations in the various regions.
- Tom stated that if you renew your membership through the club, the club gets \$5.00 for it's treasury.
- Tom informed us that there are email reports generated by his section and the Atlantic Division. You just have to go on the site and sign up for them.

Good of the Order:

Bob D'Imperio stated that he will be leaving for Europe to operate MSW from Germany.

- He will be operating CW from U-995 in Laboe, Germany, call DL0DMB.
- He stated that the Service Academy is discontinuing it's Amateur Radio Club and a group there are trying to keep it alive. They operate every Saturday on 14.338 USB at 1100. He has been working them to show the viability of the club, and he asks that someone continue that while he is gone.

The meeting was adjourned at 1103.

Total members present: 14 plus two guests.

Respectfully submitted: Ron Schaffer W2RES