

Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Service Meeting minutes, September 15, 2018

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.

Treasurer's Report:

The club has \$2907.52 in all accounts plus \$50.00 received since the last meeting plus \$228 from Museum Ships Weekend.

President's Report:

There was no report since the president was absent.

Director's report and Trustees Report (*these seemed to flow together - ed*)

- A - Several members went to the Aircraft Carrier JFK during the past week to gather equipment from the ship that is being decommissioned. The club acquired a lot of good equipment. More on this in the Engineer's report
- B - The club needs more members. Members who belong to other radio clubs should try to recruit members when at those meetings.
- C - Along those lines, we had a new member (Bob Keogh KD2NEC from Sewell NJ) and a visitor (Ron Di Falco N2WYZ) at the meeting. Welcome!
- D - The ship had 502 contacts on Museum Ships Weekend. This year we added a 2 Meter band and next year we will expand to 70cm also. The club is also looking at doing an "All Navy Way" radio next year with the ships own equipment with members staffing the various spaces the equipment is located in to assure it is working properly.
- E - Reminder that the Gloucester club Hamfest is tomorrow 9/16/18)

Chief Engineer's Report:

- A - The displays in the engine room and the CIC are coming along.
- B - The ship got lots of good stuff from the Kennedy. Among the key items were a time stamp receiver with remote displays, two dual receiver racks which are worth a lot of money, cards and supplies for the video system and the telephone system, plus various other assorted items including linoleum flooring for the CIC.

Public Affairs Report:

PA officer was not present so no report.

QSL Report:

May to August we got 633 contacts. We are averaging 30-40 a month which is a great improvement, especially considering the bad band condition.

Restoration Work Report:

- A - The 390 is on the bench ready for calibration
- B - Displays in CIC are coming along
- C - We are working on the transmitter(s)

Scouting Report:

We need volunteers for the merit badge program. Volunteers are needed for the 1 hour classroom presentation, on the air support, and for being available for taking the contacts. Contact Harry if you want to help out. You will need to go through a clearance process but the Scouts take care of that.

Stations Operations:

No report

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Ron (W2RES) would like to operate from the ship on Pearl Harbor Day. We will need clearance from the ship that it won't interfere with other activities first. Anyone who would like to participate, contact Ron.

Good of the Order:

A - We are looking for volunteers for a nominating committee for next year's officers. If you wish to participate (or would like to be nominated) contact Margaret KB2BRR

B - The new badges are on hold, due to problems with working out the policy for using the RFID chips to be implanted in them. In the meantime, the old system has been scrapped, so no new badges are being printed. Margaret will look into getting separate "Radio Club" badges in addition to the ship's volunteer badges.

C - Dave gave instruction on Fire Procedures. If you hear "Set Condition Fox, muster on the weather deck" leave the interior and exit through the nearest hatch to the weather deck. If you see some tour people in the ship escort them to the weather deck but DO NOT go searching for people.

If you hear "Set Condition Fox, muster on the pier" do the same as above but exit the ship to the pier.

Bill Bacon moved to adjourn, Ron Schaffer seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 1050.

Total members present: 13 plus one visitor.

Respectfully submitted: Ron Schaffer W2RES