

Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Service Meeting minutes, 11 September 2021

The meeting was called to order at 1000.

Minutes from the previous meeting were not read since they are available on the website.

President / VP Report:

Rich got to the ship last week to work on the TTYs in CIC

He found that all Navy TTY's are all wired differently, so we will need to identify all the pinouts on the connectors.

Treasurer's Report:

The only expense since the last meeting was the plaque.

Total in the treasury is \$3084.20

QSL Report:

We have made the following contacts:

Total QSOs (prev)	44,625
April 2021	31
May 2021	49
MSWE 2021	556
Jun 2021	61
July 2021	355
Aug 2021 thru 8/21/21	136
Sub Total	1188
Total QSOs for NJ2BB	45,813

QSL cards - We have received and answered 30 qsl cards since last report for a total of 7789 qsl cards sent since 2001.

LOTW - 45,330 QSOs and 11,717 QSO matches - updated 04 Sep 2021

Money received from QSLs (prev bal) **100.50**

Donations **7.00**

Postage spent **-4.50**

Balance as of Aug 31, 2021 103.00

Secretary:

The secretary will not be available for the December meeting so we will need an alternate. Harry (president) said it will be covered.

Chief Engineer's Report:

Dave conducted a zoom tour of the ship for a northern NJ club. He used screen sharing to show various portion of the ship

After Jim Nilon's passing the ship received a number of donations in his honor. One specifically mentioned the Radio Club, so the ship has allocated \$200.00 in his name toward the SK Memorial Plaque.

The memorial plaque for SK members has been installed on the wire mesh door to the shack. It was configured by the manufacturer in alphabetic order which would require much work in adding a new entry. The plaque has been reconfigured to chronological order.

In response to an anonymous donor's request for what tools we might need, we have received:

- 2 Ryobi soldering stations (one temperature controlled)
- 2 Ryobi cordless drills (one 3/8" and one 1/2")
- 1 Project light with magnetic base
- 1 very bright lantern

We need to establish a sign-out/tracking system for these items so we know where they are at all times.

There are two vintage HP computers in Fire Control that were used to train Fire Control Techs. We also acquired another from an Aegis ship that was being decommissioned. The tape drives on them are being rebuilt and they will be tied into Fire Control when they are done.

Much work is being done on the signal bridge. 1600 feet of new polyester lines have been installed and hockey pucks are being machined to replace the rubber "donuts" on the flag line retainers.

We are moving the telephone repair to the old flag pantry. It is mostly done with shelving to accommodate good phones and those needing repair and a spacious workbench for repair.

One day when Dave and Margaret were at the ship, they found that one of the three power supplies for the phone system had failed taking out part of the system. He had a spare and installed it. We now have no backup, so the ship has approved the purchase of a new backup supply.

Several new jobs need volunteers:

- We have two time code generators and a number of repeaters. We need someone to figure out how to program the generators and figure out the connector wiring. We will place one in the shack, one in radio control, one in Ham 2, and one in the transmitter room.
- We have a radar that shows a real time image of the river but has additional data not normally shown on the ship. We need to have a flat panel with a mask to show just the radar and a USB camera to transmit this to provide live radar on the bridge showing the river and live activities thereon for our visitors.
- We have two HP computers. One is running satellite tracking and the other is intended for "POST" We need someone to research POST and get this configured. We have the operation manual but need a graphics designer to configure it.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

We received an application from W2GIW to be an associate member. A motion was made to accept and was approved unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made to renew the Zoom subscription. This was approved unanimously by voice vote.

We need a spotlight source for one of the signal lamps. Bill Bacon has an LED one which he will contribute.

Rich Enright stated that there is no audio on forward plot. Dave stated that Ryan has approved the purchase of a new amplifier. We need a small TV with RCA input for configuring it.

The meeting was adjourned at 1102.

Total members present: 16

Respectfully submitted: Ron Schaffer W2RES