

WARC Newsletter

The Monthly Newsletter of the Wantagh Amateur Radio Club

November 2003

Meeting Notice: The next monthly meeting of the Wantagh Amateur Radio Club will be held at 8:00 P.M. on Friday, November 14th, at the Wantagh Public Library.

Agenda: Nominating Committee Report. Also, nominations for Club Officers and Directors will be accepted from the floor. Slides from the last meeting will be projected on the large screen.

Minutes of the October 10th General Meeting

WARC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 10th, 2003

Meeting was opened at 8:10 PM.

All Officers were present. The secretary, Bill N2RRX, accepted minutes as read with this correction: "The Log Book of the World is not operational."

Treasurer's Report: Chris KC2FBW reported the current balance as \$361.31 after paying for the refreshments for this and previous meetings. ►

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Nominating Committee Slate of Officers

THE FOLLOWING NOMINATIONS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE COMMITTEE

President: Vic Panzica K2IY
Vice Pres: Al Bockelman K2ES
Secretary: Bill Kelly N2RRX
Treasurer: Chris Specht KC2FBW
Director: Vince Vignati KD2EP
Director: Frank Porcaro N2RSO
Director: Bob Eckstein WB2CAO

Additional nominations may be submitted from the floor at the next general meeting on Friday, November 14th. ■

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So, when was the last time you visited our club's web site? Take a look and let us know if it's time for new data, updating or removal of "dead" links, or whatever; after all, it's YOUR web site. The URL is www.qsl.net/w2va/home.htm

Nominating Committee Report by Ralph WP4KO:

The following partial slate has been tentatively approved:

Secretary - Bill N2RRX

Treasurer- Chris-KC2FBW

Director - Frank N2RSO

Director - Vince KD2EP - immediate past president

Ralph is still looking for candidates for President, Vice-President, and Director.

At 8:20 PM, our guest speaker Jeff Schneller N2HPO began his presentation "A Rig in a Box". He is a member of SATERN, the Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network. They work disasters in support of the Salvation Army's operations. In addition to discussing the rig in a box concept, he outlined some of the unit's operation on 9/11/01. We enjoyed his presentation immensely.

The meeting was closed at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by

Bill N2RRX, Secretary ■

A WARNING ABOUT A RECENT PayPal EMAIL SCAM

What is PayPal? It's a service, now owned by Ebay, which allows a person with a PC to pay anyone with an email address by using his/her credit card. Someone, unfortunately, has found a way to scam PayPal participants into revealing their account numbers, passwords, etc., in order to steal their money.

If you receive an email from what seems to be PayPal, DO NOT go to the link and fill out the form and submit it. It's bogus and you'll be sending your confidential information to unknown persons.

Red flags to look for in such web pages: There is NO lock in the status bar of your browser. There is one on the page itself, but that too is bogus, just a lock icon shown at the top of the page. The page has you entering your email address, password, credit card and banking information onto a pop-up window BEFORE logging on to your account page. You should never be asked to enter credit card or banking information until you have actually logged into the PayPal website and are behind their website security. A legitimate email would have you log into their site, and then enter your information.

Here's an example of a typical BOGUS PayPal email message:

"Dear PayPal user, PayPal is constantly working to increase security for all of our users. To ensure the integrity of our payment network, we periodically review accounts. Your account will be placed on restricted status. Restricted accounts continue to receive payments, but are limited in their ability to send or withdraw funds. To lift this restriction, you need to complete our credit card verification process. At least one credit card in your account has

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been unconfirmed, meaning that you may no longer send money with this or any other card until you have completed the credit card confirmation process. To initiate the credit card confirmation, please follow this link and fill in all necessary fields.

http://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_rav-form (The link looks like this, which would take you to a *REAL*, although outdated, PayPal link.

The link is actually <http://211.47.191.125:199/cgi/index.htm>, which takes you to the **BOGUS** site.)

Thank you,
The PayPal Account Review Department”

If you receive this or a similar letter, don't click on the link. Instead forward the email with the complete header to spoof@paypal.com and they will investigate to see if it's bogus, and send you a reply. ■

... AND HERE'S A GREAT PICTURE SUBMITTED BY BOB, N2AUD

Attached is a photo of Hurricane 'Isabel' taken from a ship at sea. The average person will never get a view like this. A Merchant Marine or Navy veteran will most likely be one of the few who has! Enjoy! - Bob



... and a last comment from an old mariner, Herman N2CCF, who tells us that the picture may be a hoax because the sea is too calm. What do YOU think?