

WARC Newsletter

The Monthly Newsletter of the Wantagh Amateur Radio Club

January / February, 2006

Meeting Notice: The next monthly meeting of the Wantagh Amateur Radio Club will be held at 8:00 P.M. on Friday, February 10th, at the Wantagh Public Library, 3285 Park Avenue, Wantagh NY. The library is located one block northwest of the Wantagh Long Island Rail Road station, across from the Wantagh Post Office.

WARC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – January 13th, 2006.

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Jack KI2M, president, opened the meeting at 8:10 PM.

### Officers present:

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| President:      | Jack KI2M                                |
| Vice President: | Bill N2RRX                               |
| Secretary:      | Jon KC2LWC                               |
| Treasurer:      | Chris KC2FBW                             |
| Directors:      | Vic K2IY (Past President)<br>Frank N2RSO |
| <u>Absent:</u>  | Sid K2LJH (Director)                     |

Club members were given the chance to introduce themselves and give their call signs. Minutes from last month's meeting were accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report: \$353.19 before beginning of

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Wantagh Amateur Radio Club  
Weekly 2-meter Repeater Net  
- every Thursday @ 8:00 PM

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147.135 - Standard Positive + Offset  
136.5 (4Z) PL

**The WB2CYN Repeater in Nassau County NY**

The Wantagh Amateur Radio Club is now conducting a weekly 2-meter repeater net each Thursday evening at 8:00 PM, on the WB2CYN repeater in East Meadow, Nassau County NY. The machine, although not owned by this club, is an OPEN repeater owned by Steve WB2WAK who has graciously given permission to us to operate a weekly net and also use it for casual conversation and emergency traffic, if or when necessary.

This past Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, was our third net for the year, and shows great promise for member participation as the number of check-ins increase each week. Jon, KC2LWC, who is doing a great job as net control operator during the directed portions of the net, starts the net promptly at 8:00 PM.

Using an OPEN repeater gives us the opportunity to talk with non-member hams, who might be encouraged to join us at a regular monthly meeting at the Wantagh Library and eventually become club members. So, why not join us every Thursday evening for our weekly net, and also monitor the repeater frequency of 147.135 other times for casual conversations with club members and non-members alike.

*Frank Porcaro, N2RSO, Ed. ☺*

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the meeting. Some dues had come in at the meeting. Annual Dues have been received from ten members.

DX Report: Ralph (N2HDP) reported that 40 meters was open to Wales, and South Africa was open on 20 meters. However, these openings were spotty and would quickly close.

### **Old Business:**

Ham Radio University - About 4 of the club members present tonight attended HRU along with Sid K2LJH who presented a class at one of the sessions.

Field Day – consensus at board meeting Monday (all board members present, except Sid) was to present to the club the idea of having Field Day at the NARC site in Eisenhower Park, at the Senior Citizen Center.

It was decided to table the matter until the board members of both clubs are able to meet and discuss the specifics of Field Day operations.

Health and Welfare: Frank, N2RSO reported that Len KB2HK is doing well; however his wife had been in the hospital.

### **New Business:**

Frank N2RSO reports that the club now has access to a 2M open repeater in East Meadow.

Frank printed up cards advertising the repeater, which is owned by Steve Schuck WB2WAK and is provided for our net use on a temporary trial basis.

The club net will occur on Thursdays at 8PM starting next Thursday. Jonathan, KC2LWC will serve as net control for the inaugural net.

Library Liaison - Chris KC2FBW, as a resident of the Wantagh library district, will serve as a liaison with the library. We will send a letter to the library to announce this. [Frank McKenna, library director]

Show and Tell - Jack KI2M presented his “fog hat”, a baseball cap with a front mounted LED headlamp powered by AAA batteries.

50/50 - Elliot N2HYD won the 50/50, and the club took in \$7 in revenue as a result.

Dues: the club currently has about 24 members (of whom ten have already paid their dues). The expenses were discussed including insurance and Field Day gasoline. The club will investigate other alternatives, including a fundraiser of selling clothing articles with the club name on it. The board does propose that there should be a dues increase. It was proposed that the dues be increased to \$25; however we will table it until next month. All members were reminded that current dues are required to be submitted by the March meeting at the latest.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 PM.

### **Here are a few ham-related web sites, as reported by Jack KI2M:**

<http://news.hamoperators.com/> - an interesting site with info and articles and many links.

[http://www.perconcorp.com/google\\_ham.html](http://www.perconcorp.com/google_ham.html) - a site for finding hams by zip code, clean and simple to use.

<http://www.73ham.net/index.html> - another site that has lookups by different criteria.

## **HERMAN AROND, N2CCF, BIDS FAREWELL TO NEW YORK**

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Herman Arond, N2CCF, a long-time member of the Wantagh Amateur Radio Club, bid farewell last week as he prepared to leave Long Island and take up residence at the Snug Harbor Home on Nelson Bay, North Carolina. He described his new home-to-be as a retirement community that preserves the resident's independence and individuality.

Captain Robert Richard Randall, a ship's master and Revolutionary War hero, founded the original organization, the Sailor's Snug Harbor in 1801. With guidance from his close associate, Alexander Hamilton, Randall arranged to bequeath his 21-acre estate, located in what is now the heart of Greenwich Village, to a perpetual trust. The purpose of the trust was to always provide a home for "aged, decrepit and worn out seamen". Built originally on Staten Island, New York, in 1833, the facility moved to Sea Level, North Carolina, in 1976. For the next 24 years, men and women who served on merchant vessels were cared for by the Trust.

Although far from decrepit and worn out, Herman, a retired Merchant Seaman and Ship's Radio Operator, has expressed a desire to leave behind the hustle and bustle stresses of New York and retire to a more relaxed and peaceful environment on the shores of North Carolina. At January's Wantagh Amateur Radio Club meeting, Herman, pictured above cutting a slice of his "goodbye" cake, said that he will try to erect a suitable antenna to allow him to continue his amateur radio hobby from his new home. He also stated that he'll try to return in June to continue his long-standing tradition of operating a CW station at Field Day. We look forward to learning his new email address after he gets situated, so we may continue to send him our monthly newsletters and other correspondence.

Frank Porcaro, N2RSO, Editor



To learn more about Herman's new home,  
go to –

<http://www.snugharborhome.com/>

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The Wantagh Amateur Radio Club meets on the second Friday of each month at the Wantagh Public Library. Directions to the library, along with notices of meeting changes, invited speakers, demonstrations, etc. can be found at the club's website at <http://www.qsl.net/w2va/home.htm>. Visitors, both hams and other persons interested in amateur radio, are invited to attend. Refreshments usually are served after the business meeting and before any presentations from guest speakers. As always, I continue to look for articles for The WARC Newsletter. This is your newsletter, and membership submissions are both welcome and appreciated!

Frank Porcaro, N2RSO, Ed.

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## WARC Repeater Net

All nets are held on the WB2CYN Repeater, 147.135, (136.5 PL), unless otherwise noted.

Thursday: Info-Net, 8:00 PM – Jon KC2LWC, Net Control

Other Nets: As announced.

## 2006 Meeting Schedule

Here is the General Meeting schedule for the remainder of 2006. All meetings are held at the Wantagh Public Library's meeting room in the rear of the library building, 3285 Park Avenue, Wantagh NY.

### Directions:

FROM THE NORTH –

Go South on Wantagh Avenue to Park Avenue, then West (Right Turn) one-half block to the library. Parking lot is in the rear.

FROM THE EAST or WEST –

Take Southern Parkway to Wantagh Avenue South, then proceed south as specified above, -or-

Take Sunrise Highway to Wantagh Avenue, and then proceed north one block to Park Avenue. Turn left (west) one block to the library.

**Generally, all meetings are held on the second Friday of the month.** The specific meeting dates for the rest of the year are listed below:

|                           |                           |                          |                           |                          |                       |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| February 10 <sup>th</sup> | March 10 <sup>th</sup>    | April 14 <sup>th</sup>   | May 12 <sup>th</sup>      | June 14 <sup>th</sup>    | July 14 <sup>th</sup> |
| August 11 <sup>th</sup>   | September 8 <sup>th</sup> | October 13 <sup>th</sup> | November 10 <sup>th</sup> | December 8 <sup>th</sup> |                       |

As always, the October meeting will be nominations of officers, and the December meeting will be the annual Christmas & Hanukkah Holiday Party.

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### WARC Officers & Directors

**President: Jack Wicks KI2M**

**Vice-President: Bill Kelly N2RRX**

**Secretary: Jonathan Bittner KC2LWC**

**Treasurer: Christian Specht KC2FBW**

**Past President /Director: Vic Panzica K2IY**

**Director: Frank Porcaro N2RSO**

**Director: Sid Wolin K2LJH**