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GOLDILOCKS AND TWO BEARS ENROUTE TO A WIRELESS WORLD

By Jim Carlo, Don Loughry (2 Dec 2007)

Moderator: Judy Gorman

Goldilocks: Vic Hayes (with yellow wig)

Mama Bear: Jim Carlo (with a dress)

Papa Bear: Don Loughry (with a mask)

MODERATOR: "OUR ADVENTURE THIS EVENING IS ENTITLED 'GOLDILOCKS AND TWO BEARS ENROUTE TO A WIRELESS WORLD'. ONCE UPON A TIME (ABOUT 1990) THERE WAS AN INNOCENT LITTLE GIRL NAMED GOLDILOCK S. SHE WENT FOR A WALK IN THE ENCHANTED FOREST. PRETTY SOON, SHE CAME UPON A HOUSE WITH TWO PEOPLE, THAT IS TWO CHAIRS OF IEEE 802 (WHO INCIDENTLY ARE KNOWN AS MAMA AND PAPA BEAR IN OUR STORY TONIGHT) SEATED AT THE TABLE. GOLDILOCKS ENTERED THE HOUSE AND THE TWO BEARS INVITED HER TO TEA AT THE KITCHEN TABLE. THEY WERE DISCUSSING SOMETHING ABOUT A WIRELESS SYSTEM. LET'S LISTEN IN ON THEIR CONVERSATION."

Don and Jim on stage, at a table with microphone. Vic puts on yellow wig and joins them at the table.

MAMA BEAR: "GOLDILOCKS, HOW ARE THINGS GOING IN YOUR W...'WIG' OF THE LMSC, YOU KNOW, YOUR IEEE 802.11 WONDERFUL... WIRELESS INTERNET GROUP IN THE LMSC?"

GOLDILOCKS: "WELL MAMA BEAR, OUR W...WIG IS POPULATED WITH MANY TALENTED BEARS!"

MAMA BEAR: "THAT IS WONDERFUL, DID A LOT GET ACCOMPLISHED AT THE LAST MEETING IN HAWAII?"

PAPA BEAR: "ACTUALLY, I HEARD THAT NOT TOO MUCH HAPPENED, EVERYONE WAS IN THE OCEAN MOST OF THE WEEK.

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GOLDILOCKS: "EVERYBODY HAD IDEAS TO INCLUDE IN OUR DRAFT STANDARD. SOME IDEAS WERE TOO HOT..... OTHERS WERE TOO COLD, NONE WERE JUST RIGHT. IT WAS DIFFICULT TO GET AGREEMENT ON ANYTHING EXCEPT WHEN TO ADJOURN."

PAPA BEAR: "WELL, GOLDILOCKS, JUST LET EVERYONE DESCRIBE THEIR IDEAS. HAVE THEM GIVE RATIONALE FOR WHY THEIR APPROACH

SATISFIES REAL USER NEEDS AND THEN TAKE THE VOTE IN AN ENLIGHTENED ATMOSPHERE.”

MAMA BEAR: “YOU KNOW PAPA BEAR, I HEARD THAT THINGS WERE SO BAD, THE ATTENDANCE BOOK WAS LOST DURING THE MEETING. WHAT CAN WE DO TO PREVENT LOOSING THINGS?”

GOLDILOCKS: “WELL, WE CAN GIVE OURSELVES A LIFT BY TYING A BALLOON TO THINGS LIKE ATTENDANCE LISTS TO KEEP THEM FROM GETTING LOST.

PAPA BEAR: “OK, LETS TRY OUT THE SYSTEM ON THIS CARD SO THAT EVERYONE HERE TONIGHT CAN SIGN IT.”

Jim gives Don a card attached by a balloon to circulate.

PAPA BEAR: “OH, HERE’S THE CARD THAT I HOPE EVERYONE CAN SIGN FOR OUR HONORED GUEST TONIGHT”

Don hands the balloon and card to a member of the audience.

GOLDILOCKS: “HEY, THAT APPROACH REALLY WORKS, WE USED IT IN 802.11”

>>>THE THREE CHARACTERS STAND UP, PARADE AROUND THE TABLE AND THEN RETURN TO THEIR SEATS AROUND THE KITCHEN TABLE

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DON HOLDS UP SIGN: “ SIX MONTHS LATER ”

MAMA BEAR, “HOW DID THE LAST WIRELESS VOTING TURN OUT GOLDILOCKS?”

GOLDILOCKS: “MAMA AND PAPA BEAR, THERE WERE FOUR APPROACHES AND THE VOTE WAS 25 FOR CHOICE A, 25 FOR CHOICE B, 25 FOR CHOICE C AND 25 FOR CHOICE D. IT WAS A FOUR WAY TIE AND PEOPLE WERE UNHAPPY. WE ARE IN THE SOUP AGAIN.”

PAPA BEAR: “WELL, GOLDILOCKS, SOME DAYS ARE LIKE THAT WHEN EVERYBODY WANTS THEIR WAY. IT SEEMS LIKE WE ALL OUGHT TO GO FOR A LONG WALK IN THE WOODS. MAYBE WE CAN FIND A CLEAR PATH TO A CLEAN WIRELESS SOLUTION WITHOUT TRIPPING OVER ONE OF THOSE SNARLY WIRE ROUTERS. ”

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>>>>PAPA BEAR HOLDS UP SIGN, ...SIX MONTHS LATER

PAPA BEAR: “YES, DO YOU REALIZE THAT THE 802.11 WORKING GROUP, USING ITS VERY OWN DRAFT STANDARD, WAS THE FIRST TO HAVE A WIRELESS STANDARDS MEETING. THINK OF WHERE WE WOULD BE TODAY WITHOUT THIS TECHNOLOGY”.

MAMA BEAR: “GOLDILOCKS, I HEARD THAT YOU HAVE REACHED A KILOMETER STONE, SO TO SPEAK?”

GOLDILOCKS: “ YES WE HAVE, AND IT FEELS SO GOOD.”

PAPA BEAR: “THAT SOUNDS GREAT. I HOPE THE END OF YOUR PROJECT IS IN SIGHT, ONLY A KILOMETER STONE’S THROW AWAY, SO TO SPEAK. I AM GLAD YOU HAVE ADOPTED THE IEEE VERSION OF THE METRIC SYSTEM WITH

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KILOBYTES, KILOBITS, AND KIBITS. HOW ELSE COULD WE DISTINGUISH BETWEEN 1000 BITS AND 1024 Bits.

MAMA BEAR: “GREAT, I HEARD THAT YOU NOW HAVE LAPTOPS IN THE MEETING ROOM AND WORK ELECTRONICALLY. NOW MEMBERS CAN SIT IN YOUR ROOM AND FINALLY GET THEIR EMAIL DONE WITHOUT INTERRUPTIONS.”

PAPA BEAR: “NOW THAT IS REAL PROGRESS. I’M PROUD OF YOU GOLDILOCKS EVEN IF THE HOTEL CIRCUIT BREAKERS BLEW OUT WITH ALL THOSE LAPTOPS AND THEY HAD TO ADD MORE POWER FOR THE ROOM.”

MAMA BEAR: “I HOPE YOU WILL FINISH SOON.”

GOLDILOCKS” WELL, THINGS ARE MOVING MUCH FASTER NOW”

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PAPA BEAR: “WELL MAMA BEAR, GOLDBLOCKS HAS QUITE A SUCCESS STORY TO TELL. LET’S TAKE A STROLL THROUGH THE WOODS AND DOWN MEMORY LANE TO SEE WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON THESE PAST FEW YEARS.”

MAMA BEAR: “GOLDBLOCKS, WHAT IS THE LATEST NEWS IN THE WI-FI WORLD?”

GOLDBLOCKS: “ WE ARE GETTING RECOGNITION FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. THE DALAI LAMA HAS OFFERED ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE AIR-JALDI SUMMIT BECAUSE IMPROVED ACCESS TO THE INTERNET IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR THE TIBETAN PEOPLE AND FOR ALL PEOPLES OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD.”

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PAPA BEAR: IN SILICON VALLEY, I HEARD THAT THERE WAS ONE TOWN, MOUNTAIN VIEW, IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY THAT WANTED TO UTILIZE WI-FI FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL THE PEOPLE IN THE TOWN. THEN INTEREST SPREAD TO TWO, THEN THREE COUNTIES. NOW NINE COUNTIES ARE PLANNING TO BE PART OF THE SILICON VALLEY JOINT VENTURE THAT COVERS MANY SQUARE MILES AND INCLUDES THE AREA FROM SAN FRANCISCO SOUTH TO GILROY”

MAMA BEAR: “IS EVERYBODY HAPPY WITH THE PROGRESS?”

GOLDBLOCKS: “WELL PAPA AND MAMA BEAR, THE BANGALORIANS WERE USING COPPER WIRE FASTER THAN THEY COULD MINE AND REFINE COPPER ORE. SOMETHING HAD TO BE DONE. THE SOLUTION WAS RIGHT IN FRONT OF US. WE USED THE AIR WAVES TO RIDE ON INSTEAD OF TRIPPING OVER TANGLED WIRES.”

MAMA BEAR: VIC, YOUR VISION AND EFFORTS HAVE TRULY “CIRCLED THE GLOBE” THOUGH A GIVEN WI-FI CONNECTION MAY ONLY REACH A FEW KILOMETERS, 802.11 HAS TRULY CIRCLED THE PLANET!

PAPA BEAR: “YOU AND YOUR TEAM HAVE MADE A REAL CONTRIBUTION TO COMMUNICATIONS AMONG MANY GROUPS AND PERSONS AROUND THE GLOBE. WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU, VIC! TAKE A BOW”

>>>>PAPA BEAR AND MAMA BEAR APPLAUD AND ENCOURAGE THE AUDIENCE TO DO LIKEWISE.