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## WACOM CELEBRATES FIELD DAY

Hardly seems possible that in our first issue of the WACOM News-Letter we reported on last years Field Day activities and here we are, one year later with another report on another very successful Field Day. As last year Bren, W3UEJ very graciously offered us his QTH for our use as a Field Day site. Were pleasantly surprised to find Mary Ann, WA3ZZN and her OM Bob, WA3UQW had come back from the DC area for a visit and managed to spend most of the day with us. Sure nice seeing you guys again. In spite of a very wet begining Saturday turned out not too badly and while the weather may have deterred some of the less hardier souls, the turn out wasn't too bad. Seen on site were Art, WA3BKD, Della WB3ADQ Jean WB3HDK, her friend Sara WB3???, Jim, WA3APC his XYL Karen, their harmonic Beth Ann, Stuart WB3CFY, Lonnie WA3ZEP, Ed K3AVD, his XYL Grace Joey WB3???, from our current novice class, Tim K3VUD, Linda, WB3GWR, Linda Mayberry WB3???, from our current advanced class, Tom WB3CED, Monte, WB3CCN, Stan, WB3GTH and his charming XYL with their harmonics, Bill W3IBT, Ray, WB3HAU, Maggie WB3GTI, her OM and Harmonics, Ed WA3YWS, and Im sure there were several more who popped in and out while I was off site, so my apologies if I missed anyone. From what your editor saw much fun was had by all and any one who missed this one, missed a good-un.

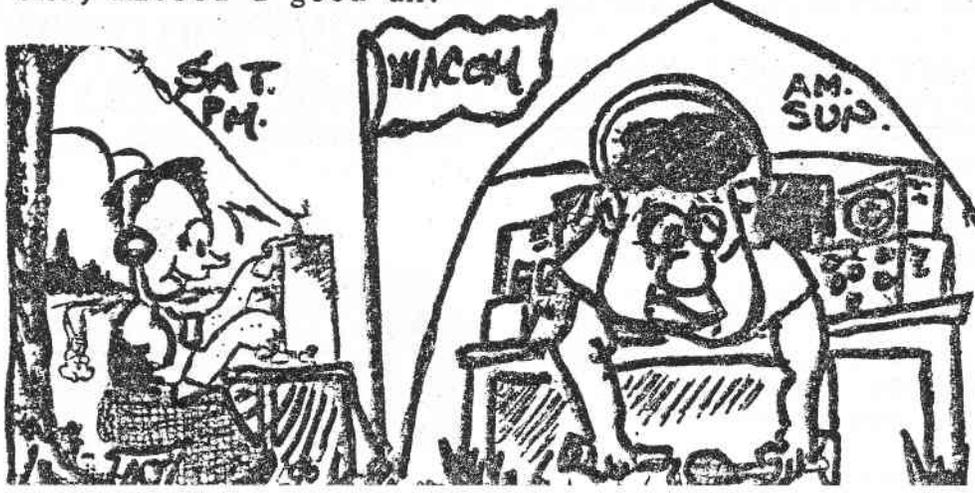


## THE PREZ SEZ

Not a whole lot to report on this month. Want to congratulate all of our students who passed their up-grading exams before the candy man on April 13. Looks like we turned out about six techs and one general.. Not bad, considering the class was only half way through the book..... The March of Dimes walk a thon was a great success. Thanks to all who participated. Thanks are also due those who took a turn on the air over the Dayton Hamvention..

We are now officially a non profit corporation so we should begin to use our proper title of WACOM INC. on all correspondence.....

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You know you're getting on when you realize that the last place anybody would look for you is where the action is.



# The YL'S Corner



Weather  
Net  
Doin's

MORE GOODIES FROM OUR YL'S JEAN AND LINDA

## JOTTINGS FROM JEAN WB3HDK

It all started on a very un-spring like Saturday in April and will continue on as long as I do....usually when Della, WB3ADQ and I get together to do some fun thing it rains;so it was of course raining...the fun thing we'd planned was putting up my fifteen meter antenna, so we asked for some help and got plenty of it! Art, WA3BKD, Della, WB3ADQ, with their two harmonics Jim and Jason and Jack, WA3KUK, with Erin showed up for the fun and games. After climbing a few trees, with and without the use of a ladder, we got the dipole up. That without the ladder bit got to be very interesting. While looking down from my perch high in our huge old ash tree I noticed Della doing her "hang by your knees" trick from a branch just below me. Fortunately she didn't fall. That would have been great... Our resident first-aid person trying to tell us how to bandage her. Anyway after many tears from laughter and the rain, we made it. I was a real official Ham person.. All I had to do now was get on the air. There was the real problem Getting on the air! Who me? Do what? Oh no, not me, I wasn't ready yet---my Heath-Kit CW Transceiver sat there glaring at me, seeming to say "come on "HDK"; let's get with it. Well, I just ignored it--chicken??? You're right!!!.....

Sunday, after our very successful and rewarding walk-a-thon participation, I brought the tired body home and laid it on my soft bed. Of course to get there I had to walk right by the "you-know- what ", you guessed it! The HW16. Not now I thought, later. Seven o'clock, the phone rang and WB3ADQ yelled in my ear " you are going on the air--I'll be at 21.150 at 8:00! Be there." Now I was really stuck, no choice, so I said OK

Eight o'clock came and went, no Della, couldn't find her anywhere. Picked up the telephone and got "BKD". I'm yelling " Where is she " and he is saying, " I don't understand why you can't find her ". After fifteen minutes on the phone (Ma Bell loves those Bethel Park to Hickory land lines) we finally found each other, or I found her or something. Well I didn't set any speed records on CW, but I didn't fall off the chair, throw the switch, pull the plug, or what ever you do when you make your first contact.. mostly because I knew Della would be there....

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Just a reminder that we still have the weather net on Tuesday evenings at 2030 hours local, on 146.19/79 and everyone is invited to check-in.

No special knowledge or talent is required. You don't even have to be a weather freak.....

In the event of severe weather, two meters is the place to be..... We need your eyes, ears and radios to provide accurate WX information to the National Weather Service in Pittsburgh.. 73 Lonnie WA3ZEP.

## WE'RE NOW WACOM INC

Since we are now officially incorporated, our name is legally, "WACOM INC" Or the "Washington Amateur Communications Inc." We should all use the proper title in our communications outside the club and on any and all correspondence. 73s WA3KUK



After a few thousand mistakes, I signed off and with a sigh of relief I started to take off my headphones when bang!!! The bottom dropped out WB3HDK, WB3HDK, WB3HDK de WA3KUK, KN. That did it Blew my composure to bits. I really fell apart I wasn't expecting that third tree climber to be setting in the wood-work and to chime in... Dropped my pencil, dropped my paper, I fell off the chair trying to pick them up. Began shaking and talking to myself. What do I do now? Would have pulled the plug and hid under the bed but I couldn't reach the plug or the bed without hanging my self with the phone cord or a co-ax or something. I was in total shock and missed KUK's transmission, and felt like "HDK" should stand for Horribly Dumb Kid as I asked him to repeat. Finally got it all together enough to send and receive but boy did I ever "shake and mistake "!!!

Well it's all over now and I am filling out my first QSL cards. What a super experience it all was. I know Ham Radio is just a hobby but what a fun hobby. What a great feeling it is to be a real ham person. Not WB3??? But WB3HDK..... ALIVE AND WELL 73 and 88 Jean.

#### SOME LEARN'N FROM LINDA WB3GWR

Now that I've got my license, (by the way, the call is WB3GWR) the O.M. says I gotta have a rig Being limited to 2m fm for the moment, I naturally decided on the Heath HW2036. Naturally? Well, for one thing, Heath Kits are fun to put together. The other reason being that the O.M. says that the synthesized rig is the only way to go. OK, now that's settled. I order the kit and anxiously await the UPS man. Even though it seems to take forever the kit finally arrives.

After carefully opening the box and feasting my eyes on approximately 1240 parts, I wonder if for a brief moment I had gone temporarily insane. This kit is definitely not for beginners! Actually, this was my third Heath Kit, but the other two were peanuts. Beware! This kit should have the following warning: Caution! This kit can be hazardous to your nerves. No I'm only kidding folks, it's not that bad. Any experienced kit builder should have no trouble.

In the entire kit, I had 3 major problems. One, I had two capacitors in opposite places. After removing them and switching them around, I find that on the last board, I was supposed to have two 6pf capacitors and found that I had been supplied with one 6pf and one 270pf. This problem was easily solved after raiding the O.M.'s supply box. The third and most difficult problem was solved with the assistance of the CM.

The mobile command station trailer now under construction is well on the way Art and Sam are hoping to have it done in time for the Wash. Co fair in August. Heard it refered to as our Wacom Wagon. While an obvious play on the "Welcome Wagon" title we kind'a like it. Maybe we should have that painted on it somewhere. What's your thoughts. Thats about it for now 73 Bob WA30KK

A little knowledge can be dangerous. Especially if one of your kids passes it on to the neighbors.

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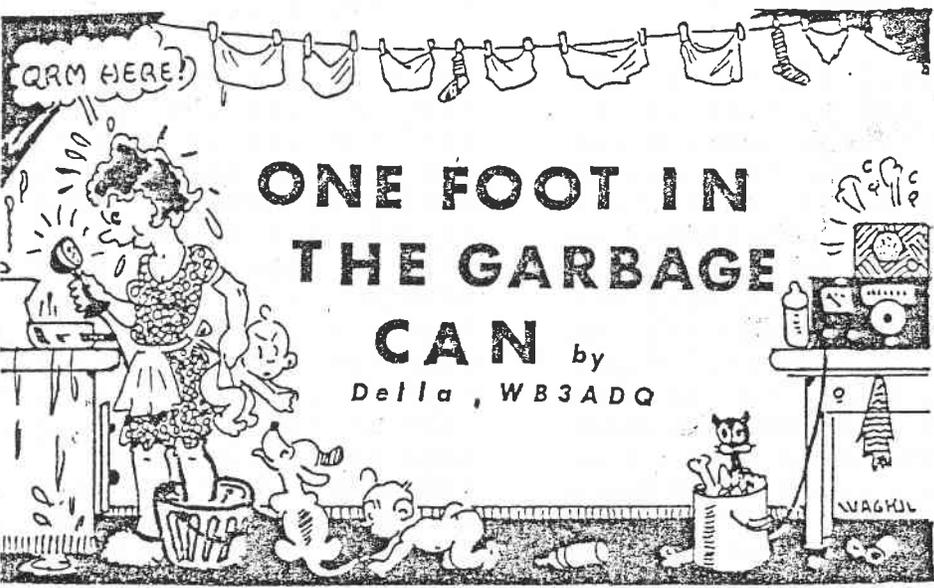
Once a family was considered shiftless if they lived from payday to payday. Now they're good managers.

#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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We would like to take a moment to express our appreciation to "WACOM" and all the individual members for making our association a pleasant one. Our first years as amateurs would not have been as interesting or rewarding without the association we have had with you fellow hams...

Serving on the first Board of Directors,.... assisting with the amateur classes and just generally playing club skeptics has brought us many friends. (?) It has been a real pleasure to have been involved in the many activities the club has sponsored, and hope the future holds bright for ya'll; 73's. Bob and Mary Ann Kuhn WA3UQW and WA5ZZN



THINGS HEARD AND WORKED  
BY DELLA AND ART

80 METERS....A nice new phone net in W.P.A. on 3983 Mhz 6:30 PM local week nights. Many chech-ins, not much traffic yet. Good copy from Erie to Wash.PA.

40 METERS...Mike Orisko WB3GTM a product of our WACOM novice classes is the proud possessor of a QSL card from Oregon proving that 40 M Post BCI mayhem is good for all of the US of A. Mike has a G-76 'round 100 watts input to a dipole He says 40 is also good in the wee small hours for some good Ham'n.

20 METERS..the Russians are commin!! Seems Ivan and the boy's had a big contest. The band sounded like a vodka factory blew up. Happy Russians every Khz. 20M seems to stay open a lot after the sun sinks in the west these days.

15 METERS....Washington Co. is alive with new 21 Mhz RF these days... "WACOM" students Jean, WB3HDK and Trace, WB3GTG were both worked at ADQ /BKD this past month... The band is stay'n open a lot these spring evenings. Heard a novice at W3KWH work a ZL2AVZ, 5x5 sigs both ways, on 5 May at 0130Z. Nice place for novices to get some DX.

10 METERS....much solar activity these days IE. worked PJ2VD and YV1NX night of 19 Mar. on 28.1 CW.....next day snagged

Here I am; lying across the garbage can in the backyard, offering my skin to the sun gods for tanning and thinking thoughts; to wit:

▲ Wish I could drag the radio outside. I don't feel like sitting in a dark, dank, dusty basement on a fantastic day like this. Temperature 82°, sun shining in a hazy blue sky.....

▲ Glad my CW elbow healed up in time for field day. It's got a nice 3/8" callous on it now..

▲ If I don't clip the dog soon he's gonn'a expire from terminal hair.

▲ Wish the two clods from Rhode Island who owe me QSL's would get with it.

▲ Wonder why when you replace an antenna with one for another band, that the band on the one you took down opens up clear to eternity, and the band on the one you put up, closes up like a clam run over by a bus.

▲ It's fun to sweat again.

▲ It's great that the kids will tell me when some one is calling me on the radio, when I am stuck with my head in the washing machine door cleaning out the shredded Kleenex....After all how many mom's have a ham call for an alias???

▲ It's amazing that people you never, ever, thought would-----get ham fever!!!

▲ I can hear the grass growing—Have to turn the radio up louder.

▲ Am considering a winter dx-pedition to some very southern clime.

After I made two or three attempts to tune the receive board by the instructions, I yelled HELP! Tim calmly sat me down,said please honey don't pull all your hair cut, and went to work That just goes to show that supposedly knowing what you're doing doesn't mean everything---- EXPERIENCE SURE DO HELP.

Hopefully I haven't put everyone to sleep with this. Thanks to everyone for the good reports and QSOS on this rig.I hope to have many more-if the rig holds together! 73' & 88's WB3GWR..

ONE FOOT IN THE GARBAGE CAN CON'T

▲ Why is it getting cloudy??? That ham person weatherman on the telly said no chance of rain today.

▲ Daymare Thought: In January the snow was two feet deep where I'm sitting!!!!

▲ Kinda' miss Mary Ann (ZZN) and Bob (UQW)....

▲ Glad so many members of the "WACOM" classes are getting and up-grading their licenses. We must be doing something right.

▲ Lookin forward to getting the brand new quad up,so's I can hang my wash up.Not too sure how I'm gonna' like climbing up that pole to hang up levi's and unmentionables.Should dry pretty fast tho' when I get the rotor really reved up

▲ I need a Pepsi!!!

▲ If I hang the laundry on the quad, I'm going to get hung out to dry.

73 and 88.

One of the nice things about smoking a pipe is that you can't light the wrong end.

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Many social graces are useful, but one of the best is to be able to yawn with your mouth closed.

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Inflation is when your nest egg is nothing to crow about.

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Parents usually expect their children to be as good as they meant to be.

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Anyone who wants to be remembered for leaving the world better than he found it might try working out a foolproof loophole for middle-income taxpayers.

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Tax loopholes are like parking spaces — they disappear just when you get there.

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We are fast approaching the point where nothing we have to say is worth the cost of mailing it.

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The taxpayer will probably be the first of our natural resources to be completely exhausted.

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Anyone who thinks there aren't two sides to an argument is probably in one.

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Everyone gives pleasure in some way. One may do it by entering a room, another by leaving.

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Inflation: A condition that allows you to live in a more expensive neighborhood without moving.

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What this country really needs is a timed-released martini.

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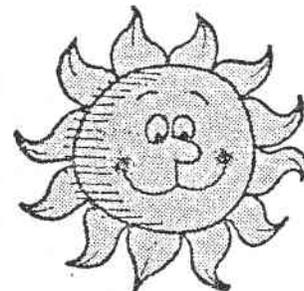
Effective with the regular shift to day-light saving time and until return to standard time the Wednesday night net will open at 2100 hours local time....the first Wednesday following the return to standard time the net will again open at 1900 hrs.local time. This change should provide an opportunity for NET members to utilize the day light hours as they see fit without an interruption for the net 73's WA3ZEP LONNIE.

HEARD AND WORKED CON'T.

LU8DQ on 10 CW....other tid-bits heard on phone CE6EZ,HC1's,6Y5GB,H18's and several west-coast novices in their 10M CW slot.May 8 and 9 10 was hoppin' with most call areas heard on CW. and phone.....

Conclusion's for March, April and May 10 and 15 seem to be open a lot.. Try 'em for some DX fun

NOTE:...Mary Ann,WA3ZZN and Bob,WA3UQW,are trying to set up a 40M SSB sked on Sundays from their new QTH near Wash DC. Keep an ear out for them.More on this later 73WB3ADQ/WA3BKD.



# TWO METER NET MANAGERS REPORT

from WA3ZEP, LONNIE

Since we have so many new members on the two meter net roster we are reprinting the proper net call up procedure. All members should note the change in the call up time.

CQ CQ CQ WACOM. This is (give your call sign..) Net control for this evening..... This is a directed net operating thru WR3ADG on 146.19 Input, 146.79 output. (As an alternate 146.52 Simplex will be used if 19/79 facilities are unavailable.)... This net meets every Wednesday evening at 1900 hours local time except during the observance of daylight saving time when it will meet at 2100 hours local time..... All amateurs are invited to check in..... Do we have any emergency or priority Traffic on the frequency (Wait ten seconds)

The roll call follows. (See roll call)

This concludes the initial roll call. Before we go back for comments or pass traffic, do we have any new or late check-ins ?

(After you pick up the new and/or late check-ins, go back and pick up stations with traffic or comments)

This has been the Washington Amateur Communications Net operating thru WR3ADG. We would like to thank all who checked in tonight. Your participation is greatly appreciated. This is (give your call) securing the net at (give the time) and returning the frequency to general amateur use.

(Pick a call from check in list)

XXXXXX this is (give your call) clear with the WACOM Net.

(stand by to give WA3ZEP number of check-ins.)

## NET CONTROL ROSTER

DATE	NET CONTROL	ALTERNATE
07-13-77	WA5KUK Jack	WB3CHH
07-20-77	K3AVD Ed	WA3KUK
07-27-77	K3DXV Dick	K3AVD
03-05-77	K3GDZ Chuck	K3DXV
03-10-77	K3PSP Dennis	K3GDZ
08-17-77	K3VUD Tim	K3PSP
03-24-77	W3CYO Sam	K3VUD
08-31-77	W3TTN Mario	W3CYO
09-07-77	W3UTX Barney	W3TTN
09-14-77	WA3BKD Art	W3UTX
09-21-77	WA3FDS Jim	WA3BKD
09-28-77	WA3FOI Lois	WA3FDS
10-05-77	WA3FOJ Harry	WA3FOI
10-12-77	WA3LDL Annie	WA3FOJ
10-19-77	WA3QER George	WA3LDL
10-26-77	WA3TOB Henry	WA3QER
11-02-77	WA3TSI Ken	WA3TOB
11-09-77	WA3WIA Doug	WA3TSI
11-16-77	WA3YWS Ed	WA3WIA
11-23-77	WB3ADQ Della	WA3YWS
11-30-77	WB3CYO Pete	WB3ADQ
12-07-77	WB3GWR Linda	WB3CYO
12-14-77	WA3OKK Bob	WB3GWR
12-21-77	WA3ZEP Lonnie	WA3OKK
12-28-77	WA3LDM Skip	WA3ZEP

## NEW TWO METER NET ROSTER

WA3OKK	Bob	Director
WA3ZEP	Lonnie	1st Director
WA3LDM	Skip	2nd Director
WB3CHH	Wayne	Treasurer
WA3KUK	Jack	Secretary
K3AVD	Ed	
K3DXV	Dick	
K3GDZ	Chuck	
K3PSP	Dennis	
K3VUD	Tim	
W3CYO	Sam	
W3TTN	Mario	
W3UTX	Barney	
WA3BKD	Art	
WA3FDS	Jim	
WA3FOI	Lois	
WA3FOJ	Harry	
WA3LDL	Annie	
WA3QER	George	
WA3TOB	Henry	
WA3TSI	Ken	
WA3WIA	Doug	
WA3YWS	Ed	
WB3ADQ	Della	
WB3CYO	Pete	
WB3GWR	Linda	

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