

The WACOM HAM

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REMINDER— The next WACOM Board of Directors meeting is **Thursday, October 31 at 7 PM** at the WACOM Club room. All are welcome.

JOIN WACOM ON THE AIR

2 meter net: Every Tuesday at 8:30 PM on the WA3CYO repeaters 145.49 and 443.3 MHz

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EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

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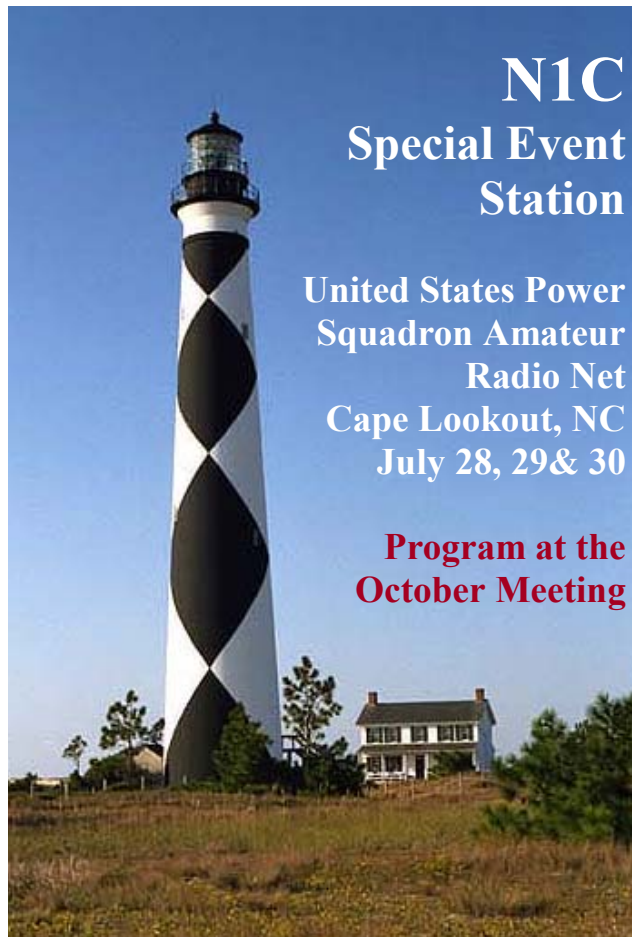


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I am asking for email addresses of all members through the enclosed form. We need to be sure that all the information is correct. Please forward this to our treasurer, Ed Oeschlager, N3ZNI, with your dues payment for next year. I have had several members ask for a roster. This would be easy if we can prepare a database. But we need your information first.

Thanks once again to Joe Caldwell, N3XE, for the excellent job on the web site. If you haven't seen it recently, then you owe it to yourself to check it out. Joe has learned a few tricks. He is doing a great job.

As many of you know, Marjie and I have had a pretty tough time of it lately. Because of that I have told the board of directors that I will not be able to edit or publish the newsletter after the January issue. I hope that someone else will step forward and continue publishing the newsletter. I think that you will find it quite to be



N1C Special Event Station

United States Power
Squadron Amateur
Radio Net
Cape Lookout, NC
July 28, 29 & 30

**Program at the
October Meeting**

a rewarding experience. I will certainly be available to help. Members have been good about contributing photographs and articles.

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If you are not listed here, please join us!

ENCOURAGE YOUR RADIO FRIENDS TO JOIN WACOM

Annual WACOM membership dues are only \$15. A couple pays only \$22.50. Send your check payable to WACOM to:
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On the Air

How about you? Have you worked any rare DX lately? Let us at the WACOM Ham hear about it. Do you have any photographs of your station. We would love to share it with others.



Radios For Sale

Alinco DR-150 2 meter transceiver with 440 receiver. 50W-20W-10W. with Larsen trunk mount 2 meter antenna **\$175.00**

Realistic HTX 404 Hand Held 440 Transceiver 5W—2W **\$75.00**

Both items are in like-new condition and have less than 25 hours of air time. See Russ Burhenn, N3NEL, 724-222-4037



**Check out the
WACOM website
at [www.
wacomarc.org](http://www.wacomarc.org)**

Upcoming Events

October 3 - WACOM Swap Nite—Monthly meeting

October 6— Hamfest Medina, Ohio Medina Two Meter Group Inc. Medina County Career Center. Call Mike, N8TZY at 330-273-1519

October 12 & 13 - PA QSO Party - See Dave DeMotte, N3IDH to work the Club station.

October 17 -VE session, WASH ARC

November 7 - WACOM VE session

December 5 - WACOM Covered Dish Christmas Party. Club elections.

January 10— WASH Two Meter Contest

February 6, 7, 8, & 9 - Sportsman's Show Special Event Station, W3C. Washington Mall. See Ed, N3ZNI, for more details.

Special Notice
The WACOM Hamfest
which was scheduled for
April 2003 has been
cancelled.
Details on a Fall Date are
forthcoming.

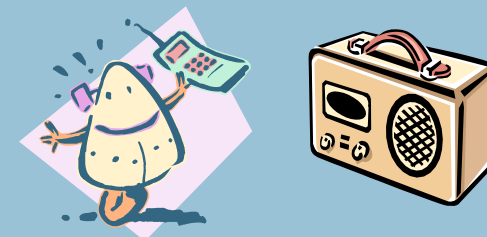
NEXT WACOM MEETING:

Thursday
October 3, 2002
Monthly Meeting

Swap Nite
And Program on N1C
Special Event Station
at Cape Lookout, NC

7:30 PM

South Strabane #1 VFD
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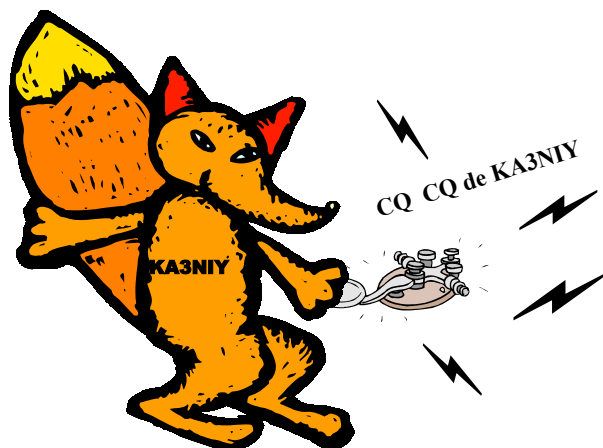


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The editor welcomes articles and timely information of interest to members and the general amateur community.

Da Fox's Den

By Tom Fox, KA3NIY
WACOM President



Hi Everybody,

I hope that you can make the next meeting. It should be a lot of fun. It is our annual Swap Nite. Certainly you have a few classic pieces of radio gear that you could be persuaded to trade for a few pieces of funny green paper. Or maybe you are in a collecting mood and simply can't get by for another day without that certain piece of gear for you personal radio museum. Either way, come to our monthly WACOM meeting for a lot of fun.

Also at this month's meeting Don and Marjie Stark (N3HOW & N3HOZ) will have a presentation about their recent Special Event station, N1C. I think that you will find it interesting.

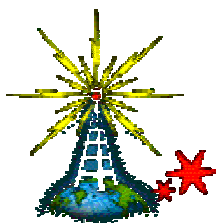
From the August Picnic Meeting



It was a hot day in August. But that didn't stop the enthusiastic members of WACOM from enjoying the picnic meeting. Thanks to Dave and Gerry DeMotte for providing the photograph.

Our November meeting is going to be the VE session. If it is time for an upgrade, please come. Encourage others hams to take advantage of this, too. The more, the merrier. I would especially like to see some young people take their test and get involved.

We had to cancel the WACOM hamfest that was scheduled for this spring. We are looking to schedule it again in the fall in late October or November. We used to have our hamfest the weekend before Thanksgiving and we had a very good turnout. There aren't as many conflicts at that time of year either. Give your input at the membership meeting.



73,

Tom

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Editor Wanted

The WACOM Ham will need a new editor starting with the February 2003 issue. See Don Stark, N3HOW, or Tom Fox, KA3NIY, to volunteer to help.

VE Session

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Thursday, October 17, 2002
7 PM

walk-ins allowed

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