

The WACOM HAM

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REMINDER— The next WACOM Board of Directors meeting is **Thursday, November 21 at 7 PM** at the WACOM Club room.
All are welcome.

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EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

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It has been a busy time for WACOM members with the PA QSO party and JOTA both being held in October. Thanks to Dave, N3IDH, Dave, KB3GOT, Joe, N3XE, and Ed, N3ZNI for submitting articles about their activities.

I recently acquired a Motorola model 5A5 tube portable radio made in 1946. Although it looks like a lunchbox, it represents some interesting technology of the time. That got me researching some old radios. There is a lot to learn about some of these venerable sets. I am sure that many of us have a favorite radio that we would have loved to have had years ago. Of course present technology easily outperforms those tube sets of yesterday. Still there is something fascinating about radios that hum, whistle, and glow in the dark.



Keep in mind some of the upcoming WACOM activities. The VE session is being held this month. The annual Christmas Holiday Party will be at the regular meeting in December. We will be taking nominations for club officers at the November meeting and will conduct our elections at the December meeting.

Ed, N3ZNI, is finalizing the plans for the Worked all Washington Counties Certificate. He will submit them to the ARRL

PA QSO PARTY AT CWRU

JOE CALDWELL, N3XE

Despite starting late and only operating for a few hours, I still had a great time operating the QSO party from the Case ARC's shack. The CARC team consisted of one of the RAs from my dorm (also a ham, KC8GOQ), myself, and another friend who was learning about amateur radio. From 6-9 PM on Saturday evening, we tried our best to work every station we heard. Although we did not accomplish this, we did make 36 contacts (24 counties, one Arkansas station, and HQ2AD in Honduras on 10 meters). Starting on 40 meters where the CARC's 40-meter beam added some punch to our 100 watt signal, and then gravitating to 80, where we made the majority of our contacts, we covered the entire band several times before hanging up the mike. As for working fellow WACOM members, I heard N3ZEL several times but was unable to catch her, maybe next year Jacque. Hopefully next year, the CARC team will be back, make an earlier start, and exert more of a presence from "W8EDU, Ohio".

Scouts Visit WACOM



Dave, N3IDH, Ed, N3ZNI, and Dave, KB3GOT, showing the club equipment to the cub scouts from Pack 1005, Den 1. Included are Daniel Scott, Brian and Shawn Mooney, Leader Debra Scott, and Assistant leader Anna Mooney.



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On the Air

Ed, N3ZNI, recently completed his Worked All States (WAS) on 40 meters. He has completed WAS on 80 Meters and on multiband. Congratulations Ed.

Ed, N3ZNI, Jacque, N3ZEL, and Dave, N3IDH, worked ZL7C on Chatham Island off the coast of New Zealand on 17 meters.

Bob, KB3IN, worked CU5AA in the Azores on 10 meters. Bob now has 30 confirmed countries toward his DXCC.



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 other WACOM members.

Upcoming Events

November 7 - WACOM VE session

November 21 - WACOM Board of Directors meeting

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.

Mark your new calendars for the WACOM Hamfest 2003. The date is October 5, 2003. The place will be the Washington County Fair Grounds.

**American Cancer Society Labor Day Classic, September 2, 2002
Walt Piroth, N3BKW**

These people took part. Jim, NW3X, Russ, N3NEL, Kevin, N3HKQ, John, WA3VKC and me. We all got a beautiful tee shirt, or will when I get them to everyone. No surprises with the walk. The only problem was they started it at a different spot and that caused some confusion. It started a little late because of it. Oh, I got to fire the starting gun for the race. Kinda cool.

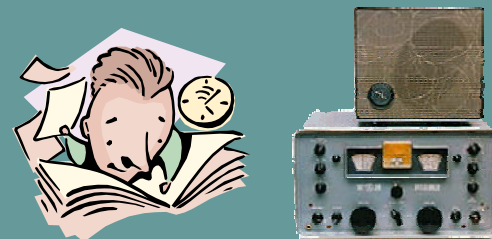
NEXT WACOM MEETING:

**Thursday
November 7, 2002
Monthly Meeting
VE Session
Are you Ready for your test?**

Contact Jim Burtoft, KC3HW, for more information at 724-228-0546 or email him at JBUR@MLYNK.com

7:30 PM

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PA QSO Party Results

WA3COM worked all but 6 Pennsylvania counties in the PA QSO party. Bob, KB3IN, and Dave, N3IDH, worked the station. They made 162 contacts including Bill Edgar, N3LLR, the ARRL Vice Director of the Atlantic Division. Although they made no 6 meter contacts there was plenty of activity on the other bands including 2 meters.

Dave, KB3GOT, and Ed, N3ZNI, worked mobile throughout Western Pennsylvania. They covered 697 miles and made 503 contacts. They had 312 multipliers and had 11 clean sweeps. They worked 11 or 12 countries. According to Ed and Dave, "We were very popular in Potter and Cameron Counties"



Dave and Ed discuss which way to go.



This Elk was in Cameron County - Not in Elk County like one would expect.



A little bit of equipment for the road

Ed and Dave traveled through the following counties in an effort to make contacts and give other stations "clean sweeps": Armstrong, Indiana, Jefferson, Elk, Clarion, Venango, Warren, McKean, Potter, Cameron, and Clinton.



A PA QSO Breakfast

Technician Class to begin in March

It's been quite awhile since WACOM has conducted a radio class. Bob Ketzel, KB3IN, is willing to spearhead the effort. He is thinking about doing a technician class over two weekends in March.

Bob would appreciate your ideas and support. He wants to use the ARRL videos. Bob needs your help.

This is a great idea. It can really help the club grow. Let's give Bob all the help that we can.