

## The WACOM HAM

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**REMINDER**— The next WACOM Board of Directors meeting is **Thursday, May 30 at 7 PM** at the WACOM Club room. All are welcome.

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## EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

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There are many people to recognize and thank for the success of the Hamfest. It was a team effort but there were those leading the team.

Thanks to Jim, KC3HW, Ed N3ZNI, and Jacque, N3ZEL, really pulled out all the stops and made sure that the publicity was sent to as many people as possible. They were responsible for getting East Coast Radio, from Buffalo, New York, to join us.

Thanks to the many merchants and vendors who donated door prizes. Thanks to Texas Road House, Ponderosa, Bob Evans, Staples, Auto Zone, Power Werx, Canonsburg Hardware, Tom of Log EQF, East Coast Radio, World Radio, CQ magazine, Radio Shack, and ARRL for providing door prizes. We had enough prizes that we had a prize every 15 minutes. We had a prize for the oldest ham and the youngest ham.

Thanks to our illustrious president, Tom, KA3NIY, for providing the booming voice when our PA system failed. Who needs electronics when you have "Da Fox"?

Thanks to all the members who pitched in. You made us all proud.

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needed  
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## Walk America<sup>®</sup> Walkathon Report Walt Piroth, N3BKW

The March of Dimes Walk America Walkathon was held on April 28, 2002. Again, the date competed with the WACOM hamfest. The weather was probably a factor in keeping the number of walkers down to about 150. Many thanks to the following people for helping WACOM provide radio communications for this worthwhile cause: Russ Burhenn, N3NEL; John Moninger, WA3VKC; Jim McNutt, NW3X; Kevin Smith, N3HKQ; and Bob Ketzell, KB3IN.



## How's DX ?

Ed, N3ZNI, has just completed 80 meter Worked All States by working Hawaii.

Jim, KC3HW, reports that he worked 7X4AN in Algeria on April 25.

How about you? Have you worked some rare ones lately? How is your DXCC QRP coming? Hope about your pursuit of WAS on 2 meters SSB? We would like to feature you and your shack in an upcoming issue of the WACOM Ham.

The following are paid members of WACOM: N3IKU, KA3OIJ, KA3YJY, KC3HW, KB4CHY, WA3DIP, N3ZNI, N3ZEL, WA3VKC, W3CYO, WA3FOJ, WA3FOI, N3IDH, KA3NIY, K3QKS, KA3PRQ, KA3QIR, KD3KH, N3BKW, N3HOW, N3HOZ, N3DC, KA3YTS, KB3FZS, KB3FNM, KB3FLM, AA3JK, WB3BZK, KA3VOM, AA3GM, KD3RZ, KB3IN, KA3EUQ, W3KVS, KA3ZDS, N3PBR, WB3CED, N3VDD, W3WH, N3WRJ, AA3UV, K3PSP, KB3FZU, KB3GOT, KA3ZLR, N3WYS, N3CCC, N3NEL, KB3AAG, KB3GMU, N3TIR, N5RII, KC5IGT, The Kelly's, & Kevin Lee

## WON'T YOU JOIN US?

Annual WACOM membership dues are only \$15. A couple pays only \$22.50.

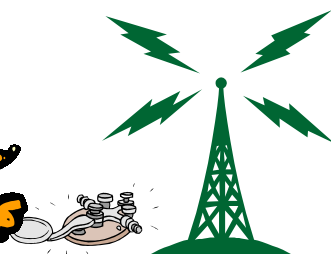
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# The Fox's Den

by Tom Fox, KA3NIY



Dear Friends,

I am just tickled to death with the success of this year's WACOM hamfest. We are hoping that next year it will be even better. The place was full. I gotta pat everyone on the back. There was a lot to do but everybody in the club busted their butts to help. It was a Major effort.

WE have outgrown our building. Next year we are hoping to get a bigger building. The new buildings at the fairgrounds are going to be much larger.

Again thanks to everyone for making this year's hamfest a major success.

Sincerely,

Da Fox, KA3NIY



WACOM is on  
the web at [www.wacomarc.org](http://www.wacomarc.org)

## Upcoming Events

**May 2 - WACOM Membership Meeting 7:30 PM** South Strabane #1 VFD in Pancake.

**May 30—WACOM Board of Directors meeting** in the WACOM clubhouse. 7 PM.

**May 17-19—Dayton Hamvention** Dayton, Ohio, Website: [www.hamvention.org](http://www.hamvention.org)

**June 2—Breezeshooters Hamfest:** Contact: Ed Wolf, N3UE, PO Box 100158 Pittsburgh, PA 15233-0158 Phone: 412-221-3806 Email: [n3ue@arrl.net](mailto:n3ue@arrl.net)

**June 22 & 23—Field Day—**Washington Sportsman's Association, Arden, PA.

**July 14—North Hills ARC Hamfest:** Contact Joe Springer, AA3TA, 412-486-1681 Email: [aa3ta@bellatlantic.net](mailto:aa3ta@bellatlantic.net)

**August 1— WACOM Club Picnic**

## Shopping at East Coast Radio



## NEXT WACOM MEETING:

**Thursday  
May 2, 2002  
WACOM  
Monthly  
Meeting  
7:30 PM**

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**Dave, N3IDH,  
enjoying one of  
Hoagie Haven's  
great hoagies.**

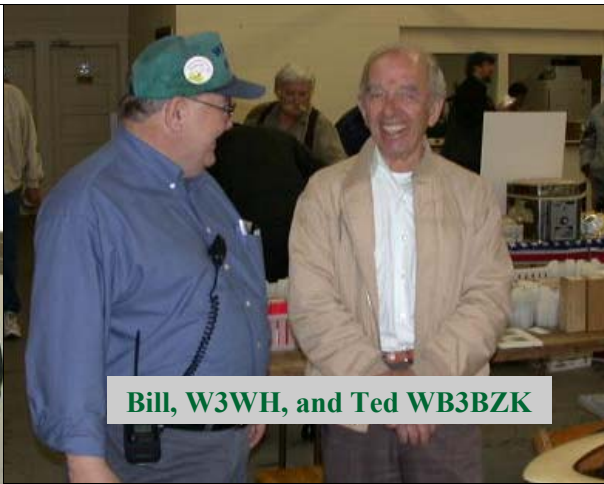
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The editor welcomes articles and timely information of interest to members and the general amateur community.

# Scenes from the WACOM HamFest 2002



Ed, N3ZNI; Tom, KA3NIY, and Jim, KC3HW



Bill, W3WH, and Ted WB3BZK



Ken, AA3GM, just made a purchase. With him is Fay, KA3VOM, Carl, N3BXT, and Carl KD3KH.



Al Van Maele, W3OVZ, was the oldest Ham at the hamfest. He has been a ham for 67 Years and is 84 years old. He is active with the North Hills ARC.



John Tender, W3JTT, Not only upgraded to Extra, but also won a door prize.



The Great Kitchen Crew, Louise, Marjie, N3HOZ, and Jack from Hoagie Haven.



Christopher Robin Grill from Washington passed his tech test and is being congratulated by Ed, N3ZNI.