

The WACOM HAM

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REMINDER— The next WACOM Board of Directors meeting is **Thursday, September 26 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

10 meter net: Every Tuesday at 9:00 PM at 28.340 MHz

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EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

DON STARK, N3HOW

Dave, KB3GOT, and Joe, N3XE, completed an inventory of club equipment with Tom's help. There was a lot of old equipment in the cabinet. Much of it needs to be given away or thrown away. Thanks fellows for all your work. Some of the Motorola equipment may be used to make a six meter repeater.



Ed, N3ZNI, is continuing to work on the "Worked all Washington County Award. He has a proposed design for the certificate and will publicize the award in QST, CQ, and World Radio Magazines.

Ted Lockman, WB3BZK, is in Washington Hospital in room 795. Stop by and have an eyeball QSO or send him a card via his home address (50 Crescent Drive, Washington, PA 15301). We wish you a speedy recovery, Ted.

When Ted gets home he will need some help with antennas. Dave, N3IDH, suggests that we put together a work party to give Ted a hand. A little Ham Radio sounds like the right kind of therapy.

Check out the updated WACOM web page. Joe, N3XE, our devoted web master has spent a bit of time making it better. The address is www.wacomarc.org. Try to make it a habit to check out the web site for the latest information.

Jim, KC3HW, has been researching 8ACF. This call was issued to Tom McNary in 1922. His address was 27 Highland Street (Avenue?), Washington, PA. Tom was part of the team that did the first transoceanic radio contact. He was licensed for 1000 watts which was unusual in those days. Jim has proposed that we apply for a second club call of W8ACF to commemorate this achievement. This call could be used for a special event station each year.

Dave, KB3GOT, has suggested that we need to put together a poster for special event stations like the Sportsman's Show to explain "What is Amateur Radio". We could get a lot of use out of such a poster.

If you are interested in putting WA3COM on the air for the PA QSO party you can sign up at the September or October meeting. The event is on October 12 & 13.

As we did last year, we are planning for the October meeting to be SWAP Night. Get your stuff cleaned up and ready to sell. Bring it to the October meeting. Make some real deals.

Also we are planning to have a VE session during our meeting on November 7. Anyone who needs a goal for an upgrade, you have two months to study. Go for it! Encourage friends to come, pass their test, and join us.



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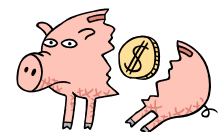
WACOM MEMBERS

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, N3XE, 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, KD5IGT, N3KDP, Ralph and Jeannine Kelly, & Kevin Lee. 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

During the recent Ohio QSO Party Jacque, N3ZEL worked Washington County Ohio on 40 meters. Ed, N3ZNI, worked Washington County, Rhode Island.

It just goes to show that those other Washington counties are out there. Give it a try!

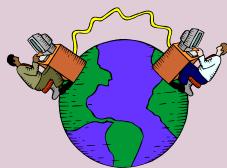
How about you? Have you worked any rare DX lately? Let us at the WACOM Ham hear about it. We would love to share it with others.

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



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

Upcoming Events

September 5 - WACOM Club Meeting

September 8 - Bulter Hamfest, ARRL Western PA Section Convention Butler, PA Contact Keven Berry, KF4RMA 724-586-1182

Sept 7 - VE Test, WPA Hilltoppers Cathedral of Learning. Contact Dennis Tanner @ 412-885-8073

Sept 14 - VE test, Breezeshooters Perrysville Vol Fire Co. Contact Robert W. Benna 412-366-0488

Sept 15—VE test, Uniontown ARC INC W3PIE. Contact David Watson, 724-437-4733

October 3 - WACOM Swap Nite

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

October 17 -VE session, WASH ARC

November 7 - WACOM VE session

December 5 - WACOM Christmas Party

January 10— WASH Two Meter Contest

February— Sportsman's Show Special Event Station

NEXT WACOM MEETING:

**Thursday
September 5, 2002**

**Monthly Meeting
7:30 PM**

**South Strabane #1 VFD
1696 East Maiden St.
Washington, PA 15301**

Dave Wagner KB3GOT assists John Moninger, WA3VKC with the raising of John's Antenna during Field Day



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

The Fox Sez By Tom Fox, KA3NIY



Thanks to all of you who came to the August picnic. We had lots of tasty treats and a good time with our WACOM buddies.

I would like to discuss at this month's meeting the idea of getting our own property as a permanent home for WACOM. I want you to consider what this would mean for the club. Keep your eyes open for possibilities. We could start looking for property for sale, or for a long term lease. We would gladly accept a donated piece of property.

As a fund raiser for the club, I would like to ask all of you to save your aluminum cans. Bring them to the WACOM meetings. I will store them and will turn them in for cash. Help support your club by saving those aluminum cans. Every little bit can help.

73,
Tom

Regional Emergency & Traffic Nets

Western PA Phone & Traffic Net 3.983 MHz 6 PM Daily
Western PA RACES Net 3.990.5 MHz 9AM Sunday
Southwestern PA Traffic Net 146.88/R 8PM Daily
Skywarn Net (Washington County) 146.79/R when needed
Southwestern District ARES Net 147.09/R Sun 7:30 PM

Florida CBer Imprisoned for Interference

William "Rabbit Ears" Flippo will spend a total of 15 months in federal prison and pay a \$25,000 fine for jamming Amateur radio communications and transmitting without a license.

Federal District Court Judge Daniel T.K. Hurley imposed the sentence August 29 on Flippo. He had been found guilty of four counts of deliberate and malicious interference. Flippo has remained in custody since the guilty verdict.

Flippo primarily targeted members of the Jupiter-Tequesta Repeater Group for jamming and regularly interfered with operations especially on 10 and 2 meters over a three year period. Personnel from the FCC's Tampa office visited the area twice in 1999 and reported tracking the offending signals to Flippo's residence.

Flippo was led into and out of the courtroom in shackles and leg irons.

VE Session

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Thursday, October 17, 2002
7 PM

walk-ins allowed

Contact: Jacqueline Gosselin,
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Location: John McMillan
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