

The WACOM Ham

July 2007

FIELD DAY!!!

What a terrific Field Day!!! The weather was perfect, the turnout was as well. We had lots of helping hands for setup and teardown both. Jim KC3HW was our GOTA station control, and we had several new and returning hams get on the air. Thank you Jim for patiently helping them get on the air and get some contacts "under their belts" as it were. Joe, WA3WMB, was our chef and food co-coordinator this year, and as always there was LOTS of good food. Many thanks to Joe for all his efforts, and to all who contributed to the food and ice. We had several cw operators, we had PSK 31 going for most of the 24 hours, and of course we had operators on SSB through the night.. Many thanks to Kevin KB3JHO who assured our logging software was up and running throughout. Thanks, actually, to everyone whatever their contribution! We had State Representative Tim Solobay visit our Field Day Site and present us with a proclamation he introduced in the House in recognition of the contributions of Amateur Radio. We were also visited by County Commissioner Diana Irey who was very interested in our activities and promises to visit us at one of our regular membership meetings. Our score is still being compiled to send in our log and bonus points, but this promises to be our highest score in some years. We learned a lot and are planning to make next year even better. Check out www.wacomarc.org for more photos of the event.

ASK THE TECH

Joe, WA3WMB, has volunteered to write a column: "**Ask The Tech**" so please email him at j_furjanic@verizon.net with your questions. He asks that you put "Ask The Tech" in the subject line of your email so he won't miss your question. Never hesitate to ask about this hobby, there is probably someone who has the same question but hasn't mentioned it.



THE WALK FOR ALEX

Once again we participated in The Walk/Run for Alex in Bentleyville on Saturday, June 2nd. Reportedly our help was again appreciated and we "did a good job" – the message was passed along to our participating hams via Dave Demotte, N3IDH, who acted as net control. Our thanks to Bill KB3LIX, Susan KB3JHQ, Joe WA3WMB, Paul N0VLR, Michael KB3NVL, Ed N3ZNI and myself.

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY
JULY 5TH AT 7:30 P.M. IN
ROOM 103 OF THE COUNTY
BUILDING.**



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON THURSDAY, JULY 26TH AT THE KRISPY KREME DONUT SHOP NEAR WALMART AT 7:30 PM.

All members are welcome to attend.

THE CANDY SOLD WELL AND WE PLAN TO CONTINUE WITH OUR EFFORTS. HOWEVER, WE WON'T BE ORDERING ANY MORE BOXES UNTIL ALL THE MONEY IS COLLECTED FOR THIS SALE. **THANKS, FOLKS, FOR HELPING WITH THIS FUNDRAISER.**



N3ZNI Ed answers questions for Observer Recorder reporter Christie Campbell.



Ken AA3GM and Damian KB3JHM look on as County Commissioner Diana Irey has PSK 31 explained by Joe N3XE and Joe WA3WMB



Ed N3ZNI with State Representative Tim Solobay holding the proclamation he brought recognizing the contributions of Amateur Radio.

The article on WACOM's Field Day can be found at:

www.observer-reporter.com/OR/Story/06_24_ham_radio_field_day

WACOM General Membership Meeting, June 7, 2007

The President, Jacque, N3ZEL called the meeting to order at 7:29 P.M. at the County Building.

Minutes: The minutes from the May meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter. (Joe, WA3WMB/Allen, KB3EUQ)

Treasurer's report: Entered into record.

Repeater: The repeater is working.

Merchandise: Patches are here. The price is \$5.00 each. Contact Dan, KB3HVN for additional items.

RACES:/ARES: Thank you to all of the volunteers that worked communications for the "Walk for Alex" in Bentleyville on June 2. The Labor Day event is also on the table.

Amateur Radio Class: Committee: Bob, KB3IN chair, with members, Bill, KB3LIX, Joe, WA3WMB, and Bud, N3TIR. No report.

Hamfest: Prizes to include: HF radio, Dual band radio, and an antenna analyzer (This item is backordered). Joe, WA3WMB will have an equipment repair/test table again.

Equipment: No report.

Field Days: Joe, WA3WMB volunteered for food detail. Bill, KB3LIX will coordinate equipment. Meeting scheduled for June 21 at Krispy Kreme Doughnut at 7:30 P.M. for final plans. Allen, KB3EUQ gave approval for Gun Club location.

Unfinished Business:

Flag Pole: Parts for repairing the flagpole have been received.

Breezeshooters Hamfest: Sold \$44 worth of candy and 11 main prize tickets. Shared a table with Skyview. They are a very active club.

Carl Stark: Meeting held Tuesday 5/8 to award Honorary Membership certificate. He was very pleased with the visit.

National Pike Days: Sold the Bingo cages for \$20.00.

New Business:

ByLaw Review Committee: Kevin, KB3JHP, Bob, KB3IN, Dave, N3IDH, Adam, KB3OMH and Susan, KB3JHQ.

Audit Committee: Norma, N3YJJ and Jim, KC3HW.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 P.M. Motion (Jim, KC3HW/Joe, WA3WMB). There were 20 people present for the meeting.

Susan, KB3JHQ
Secretary, WACOM

50-50: Fay, KA3VOM (\$15.00); Net Drawing: Tom, W3BGY

Contact people for WACOM:

Club Officers

President: Jacqu  Gosselin, N3ZEL; n3zel@fyi.net

Vice President: Kevin Beatty, KB3JHO; KB3JHO@arrl.net

Secretary: Susan Robishaw, KB3JHQ; kb3jhg@arrl.net

Treasurer: Ed Oelschlager, N3ZNI; n3zni@arrl.net

Board of Directors

Director: Elmer "Bud" Plants, N3TIR; bnelectronics@starband.net

Director: Bob Ketzell, KB3IN; kb3in@yahoo.com

Director: Dave Demotte, N3IDH; n3idh@hotmail.com

Webmaster

Joe Caldwell, N3XE; joecaldwell.jc@gmail.com

Please be sure that we have any updates to your call, address, and phone or email contact information.

Thank you.

UPCOMING HAMFESTS

**JULY 8TH – NORTH HILLS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
22nd Anniversary Hamfest
Northland Public Library www.nharc.pgh.pa.us**

**AUGUST 26th -- SKYVIEW RADIO SOCIETY
47th Annual Swap N Shop www.skyviewradio.net**

**SEPTEMBER 1ST – UNIONTOWN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
W3PIE 58TH Annual GABFEST
NOTE: THIS ONE IS ON A SATURDAY**

MORE PHOTOS FOLLOW BELOW.

