

The WACOM HAM

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REMINDER– The next WACOM Board of Directors meeting is **Thursday, April 25 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



The Hamfest is coming !

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This year's show is going to be better than ever with your help. There are lots of jobs both large and small waiting for the right person.. Maybe that right person is you!

There will be free coffee, all day at the Hamfest, courtesy of HAM RADIO INSURANCE ASSOCIATES, Bill Hill, W3WH, and his partner.

The FCC has proposed raising the regulatory fee it charges vanity call sign applicants from \$12 to \$14.50 for the 10-year license term. The FCC included the proposed new fee in a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to set fiscal year 2002 fees.

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needed
Southwestern District ARES Net 147.09/R Sun 7:30
PM

Walk America Walkathon April 28, 2002

A reminder again from Walt Piroth, N3BKW, that The March of Dimes Walk America Walkathon is going to be held on April 28, 2002. Same time. Same Place. This again conflicts with the WACOM hamfest. If you can help please contact him. His email is wpiroth@nb.net. Phone 724-746-2327.



How's DX ?

Both Jacque, N3ZEL, and Ed, N3ZNI, have been working a bit of DX lately. They worked the Canary Islands. And they worked VP6DI in the Turks and Caicos Island in the West Indies recently. They also worked Duci Island near Pitcairn Island in the South Pacific.

Ed also reports that he is still getting QSL cards from the 2001 Sportsman's Show in addition to cards from this year's show.

How about you? Have you worked some rare ones lately? How is your DXCC coming? Hope about your pursuit of WAS on 6 meters? We would like to feature you and your shack in an upcoming issue of the WACOM Ham.

ARE YOU A WACOM MEMBER?

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

Send your check payable to WACOM to:
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WACOM HAMFEST 2002

Washington County
Fairgrounds

Sunday, April 28, 2002

8:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Setup at 6:30 AM



ARRL SANCTIONED

Call in on W3CYO repeater on 145.490 and 443.3

VE Testing: 10:00 AM Contact

Jacque Gosselin, N3ZEL, 724-746-9235,
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Prizes to include:

1. ICOM 2100 H 2 meter transceiver
 2. Radio Shack HTX 10
 3. ICOM Q7A Dual Band HT
- Plus Lots of Other Prizes



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1 Table Free (As Available) with purchase of an Admission Ticket
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Hams !

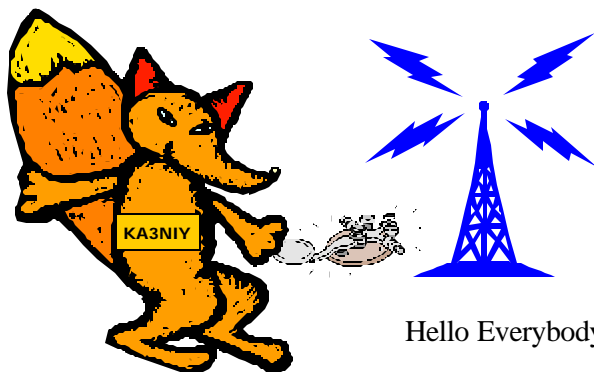
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The Fox's Den

by Tom Fox, KA3NIY



Hello Everybody,

The future of WACOM looks bright with a little luck and a little work. And speaking of a little work we still need help on the hamfest. See Jim Burtoft, KC3HW, to volunteer your talents. Or give Walt Piroth, N3BKW a call to help with the March of Dimes Walkathon on the same day.

I hope to see you at the next WACOM meeting and bring a friend, whether they are a ham or not. There are a lot of people who are waiting for someone to ask before they will get involved. This will increase growth of the club and of the hobby. Keep in mind that even on the nets that there are a lot of people that listen on the frequency who may not join in on the conversation. Let's work to get everyone involved.

73

Tom, KA3NIY



**WACOM is on
the web at www.wacomarc.org**

Upcoming Events

April 4 - WACOM Membership Meeting 7:30 PM South Strabane #1 VFD in Pancake.

April 25—WACOM Board of Directors meeting in the WACOM clubhouse. 7 PM.

Sunday, April 28 - WACOM Hamfest 2002 Washington County Fairgrounds. 8 AM to 1 PM. Admission \$3. Contact Jim Burtoft, 724-228-0546, jbur@mlynk.com

Sunday, April 28 - March of Dimes Walk America Contact Walt Piroth, 724-746-2327, email:wpiroth@nb.net

May 17-19—Dayton Hamvention Dayton, Ohio, Website: 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

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

August 1— WACOM Club Picnic

Congratulations to Ed, N3ZNI, Jacque, N3ZEL, and Ron Notarius, WN3VAW, who recently did an Amateur Radio demonstration for Cub Scout Pack 228 at Christ United Methodist Church. Several scouts expressed a strong interest in learning more about Amateur Radio. Thanks for helping to build the future of Ham Radio.

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**Thursday
April 4, 2002**

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Monthly
Meeting
7:30 PM**

**South Strabane #1 VFD
1696 East Maiden St.
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FREE Coffee
for the entire WACOM Hamfest
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