

# The WACOM HAM

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**REMINDER**— The next WACOM Board of Directors meeting is **Thursday, August 29 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

Congratulations to the club members who put WA3COM on the air for Field Day in June. It was a great WACOM team effort.

Thanks to Ed, N3ZNI for compiling the results and sending them to ARRL. Here are the results. WACOM operated 4A.

We made 55 CW and 316 phone contacts.

We had 852 points with a possible 800 bonus points.

We had 39 people at Field Day including: WB3GTE,



Band	CW	Phone
80/75	4	45
40	50	96
20	1	85
15	-	64
10	-	23
6	-	3

N3HOW, N3IDH, K3PLM, N3XE, KB3GOT, WA3UKE, KA3NIY, N5RII, KD5IGT, KC3HW, KA3ZLR, K3DMY, KA3FZS, KA3ZDS, N3ZNI, N3ZEL, AA3GM, AA3UV, W3CYO, NW3X, KA3RNM, N3WMV, KA3VOM, K3WMV, KA3VOM, K3QKS, N3HOZ, N3NEL, WA3OIS, KB3EUQ and guests. Thanks to everyone for all their help.

Speaking of helping, Joe, N3XE, has volunteered to be Chairman for Field Day next year.

Also, Ed, N3ZNI, has volunteered again to serve as Chairman for the Sportsman Show Special event station next year.

Jack, KA3ZLR, has volunteered to be the Chairman for next year's WACOM Hamfest!

You might remember that Dave, KB3GOT, is now the equipment manager for WACOM. He and Hank, KB3FNM, are designing a form for members to complete anytime that they borrow club equipment. If you need anything, see Dave.

Thirty one states have a Washington County. WACOM is sponsoring the "Worked All Washington County Award". Ed, N3ZNI and Joe, N3XE are designing a certificate. Ed will serve as QSL chairman for the award.

As you see, the spirit is alive in WACOM. Thank you, thank you, thank you, to all the volunteers!

**EARLY RADIO HISTORY BUFFS:** For an extremely authoritative and interesting web site on early radio history check out <http://www.ipass.net/~whitetho/index.html>.

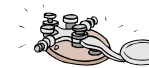
**Cancer Society 5K Run/Walk Scheduled for Labor Day**  
Walt Piroth, N3BKW

We have a public service event. The Cancer Society 5K Run/Walk. And guess what? It'll be on Labor Day, September, 2 same as always. Starts at 9 AM. Only thing different is that they moved the start and finish lines. They'll start it at the stone pavilion rather than the soccer fields and the finish will be up the street some from Washington High School.

Please contact me if you can help or if you need more details. 724-746-2327

## Special Thanks

All WACOM members are extremely grateful to Allen, KB3EUQ, and to the Washington Sportsman's Association for once again hosting WACOM at the recent Field Day event. Thank you!



## WACOM MEMBERS

As of July 26th, 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!

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## 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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## Junior WACOM Members?

It was suggested at the July meeting and at the August Board meeting that WACOM should do everything possible to attract younger members and get young people involved in amateur radio. It has been suggested that we offer a Junior (non voting) membership in WACOM for those under the age of 18 and a full time student. The suggested cost would be \$10. This will be discussed at the monthly meeting.

## N1C Special Event Station Cape Lookout Lighthouse

Don, N3HOW, and Marjie, N3HOZ, traveled to Cape Lookout, North Carolina, (USA 126 & NA 067) and ran the USPS special event station, N1C, on June 28, 29 & 30. Ask them about their wild adventures!

WACOM members working the station included Ed, N3ZNI, Jacque, N3ZEL, Dave, KB3GOT, and Dave, N3IDH. An upcoming program for WACOM is being planned.



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

## Upcoming Events

**August 1 - WACOM Club Picnic/Meeting**

**August 25 - Skyview Radio Society Hamfest**  
New Kensington, PA Contact: Robert Livrone,  
N3WAV at 724-339-9607

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

**August 10 - VE Test, Butler County ARA** con-  
tact Gerald Wetzel, 724-282-6777

**August 10 - VE Test, North Hills ARC,** North-  
land Public Library. Contact Robert W. Benna,  
412-366-0488

**Sept 7 - VE Test, WPA Hilltopers** 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

## Radios For Sale

**Alinco DR-150** 2 meter transceiver with 440 receiver.  
50W-20W-10W. with Larsen trunk mount 2 meter an-  
tenna **\$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-  
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## NEXT WACOM MEETING:

**Thursday**

**August 1, 2002**

**WACOM Picnic**

**Monthly Meeting**

**6:00 PM**

South Strabane #1 VFD  
1696 East Maiden St.  
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Bring a covered dish to share.  
WACOM will provide the drinks,  
meat, buns, and condiments.



(Please, note the time change!)

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

# Field Day 2002



*Jack, KA3ZLR, (Top) and Jack, K3DMY (above) work to erect antennas and towers.*



*President Fox fixes food as Jerry, N5RII offers encouragement.*

Many thanks to Carl Lancaster, KB3FZS, for some the photographs of Field Day.



*The WA3COM Team at Work!*

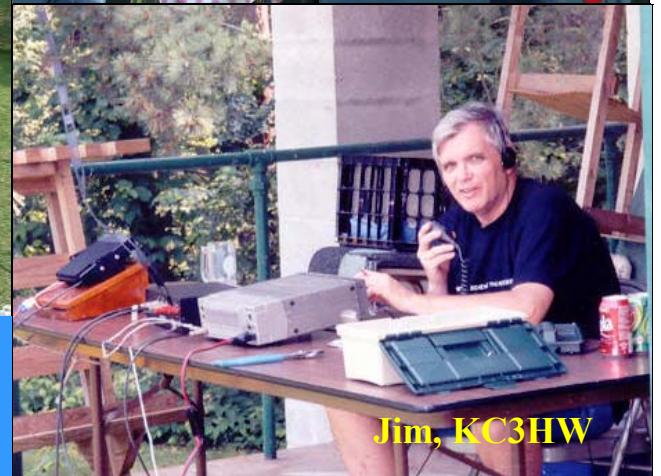


*Dave Demotte, N3IDH, demonstrates a secret technique for quickly custom tuning an antenna.*

# HazMat Response Vehicle



*Rob Stewart explains the HazMat equipment.*



*Jim, KC3HW*