

The WACOM Ham

June 2007

Hello. This is a beginning effort. We need some form of a newsletter to communicate to our members what it is we're doing. To exchange information. To let everyone know what meetings, contests, special events, plans, and problems we are encountering. And too, to let other hams know who we are and where we are and to invite them into our community.

I will try not to duplicate much of the information that our Webmaster Joe, N3XE has posted on our site. Check out www.wacomarc.org to download a membership application or to get a copy of the script for the nets.

Send feedback on what you would like to see in this newsletter to n3zel@arrl.net and I'll do all I can to incorporate your suggestions.

Please! If anyone would like to write an article, do so! Tell us about your shack or your antenna or some interesting DX or contact you've made. Tell us about a radio that you love or hate and why. Ask questions.

Joe, WA3WMB, has volunteered to write a column: **"Ask The Tech"** so please email him at j_furjanic@verizon.net with your questions. 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 will be providing communications during the Walk for Alex on **Saturday, June 2nd in Bentleyville**. Please come and lend a hand, it's a great way to gain experience and help out a good cause. Call Dave N3IDH at 724-228-8178 to volunteer and be at the Bentleyville Fire Hall at 7:00 A.M. for your assignment. All are welcome. And Many Thanks !!!



HAMS AT "WALK FOR ALEX" 2006

FIELD DAY!!!

Field Day is just a few weeks away now, time is flying. We are planning to have four stations on the air, as well as a GOTA station. Bill, KB3LIX, is coordinating the antenna set-up, and I'm sure he can use all the help he can get. Lend a hand and at the same time learn a *great deal* about antennas. Jim, KC3HW, will be our GOTA station control. This will be a nice chance for new or lately inactive hams to get on the air. Jim is a patient and thorough teacher and you'll have a fine time. Joe, WA3WMB, is coordinating the food and acting as our chef this year. Please sign up at the June meeting and let him know what you plan to bring to share. Let's face it, hams operate via their stomachs, and we *always* eat well.

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**Bill, KB3LIX**, ran a Special Event Station, **N3P**, during Pike Days to commemorate Rt. 40, the National Road. Hopefully Bill will be making this an annual event.

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DAYTON. A number of WACOM's members made it to Dayton, and I've heard nothing bad so far. The weather was great -- prompting several people to comment that they wondered if we were in the right place -- there was a lot to look at, there were plenty of people to meet. It is always interesting to see a call sign go by that you've worked and now get to meet the person for an "eyeball qso". Some of us crossed paths and some of us did not, so bring your Dayton stories to the June meeting, tell us who you met and what new toys you got -- radio? mike? software?



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON THURSDAY, MAY 31ST AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BUILDING, ROOM 103, 7:30 PM.

Come discuss plans for Field Day (see below) The Walk for Alex, and our new fund-raiser—selling candy bars.

Special Event Stations

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**Jun 2-Jun 3, 1300Z-2200Z**, Little Rock, AR. United States Power Squadrons Amateur Radio Net, N5R. National Safe Boating Week from the Sub USS *Razorback* at the Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum. 28.367 21.367 14.267 7.267. Certificate. Donald R. Stark, N3HOW, 65 Stark Spur, Eighty Four, PA 15330-2547. [stark84@earthlink.net](mailto:stark84@earthlink.net)  
Don, N3HOW, and Margie, N3HOZ, are WACOM members and participate in this event every year. Please give them a call. See the full-page write-up attached.

## USPS Amateur Radio Operators join with the US Coast Guard Auxiliary for a Whale of an Event in Arkansas

Razorback is a nickname for the Finback Whale. The Finback is often called a Razorback because of its distinctive ridges between the dorsal fin and tail.

The *Razorback* is also the name of a submarine, the *USS Razorback* (SS-394), to be precise. It is the premier artifact on display at the Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum in North Little Rock, Arkansas.

The *Razorback* is a Balao class submarine of the Sandlance variant. Her keel was laid in September 1943, and she was commissioned on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1944. She was in Pacific action during World War II and was selected to be on site in Tokyo Bay at the signing of the terms of surrender, ending the war with Japan. She saw service during the Cold War. She participated in the "SWORDFISH" nuclear weapons test of 1962. She received five battle stars for her patrols during the Vietnam era. She was decommissioned in 1970 and was transferred to the Turkish Navy where it was recommissioned as the *Muratreis*. It continued to serve in the Turkish Navy as a front line submarine until she was decommissioned in 2001. In recognition of the fact that this ship served two countries today *Razorback* flies both the U.S. and Turkish flags.

The Razorback will be the site of the USPS Amateur Radio Net's special event station this year. The event is part of the National Safe Boating Committee's National Safe Boating Week campaign. Operators will include members of US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 15-08. Together they will emphasize the message "WEAR IT" to encourage boaters to wear their life jackets for boating safety. The station will be operating on 2 & 3 June with the special call sign N5R. The frequencies will be 7.267, 14.267, 21.367, and 28.367 MHz. Amateur radio operators working the event are encouraged to send for a commemorative certificate by sending a 9 by 12 SASE to P/Stf/C Donald Stark, JN, N3HOW at 65 Stark Spur, Eighty Four, PA 15330-2547.

Squadrons are encouraged to consider sponsoring a special event station in their own area during that weekend. USPS radio events have created quite a presence in the amateur radio community. Special thanks to Lt Ian Campbell, P, WA5OFT, for coordinating this event.

For more information check out the following websites: Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum [www.aimm.museum](http://www.aimm.museum) United States Power Squadrons [www.USPS.org](http://www.USPS.org). US Coast Guard Auxiliary [nws.cgaux.org](http://nws.cgaux.org)

### USPS Members

Ian Campbell, WA5OFT Carlton Lee, W2PTZ  
At ARRL HQ during last year's special event at W1AW

Bob Schoeber K2CRR and Don Stark, N3HOW

## WACOM General Membership Meeting, May 3, 2007

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

**Minutes:** The minutes from the April meeting were approved as corrected. (Joe, WA3WMB/Tom, W3BGY)

**Treasurer's report:** Read and accepted at the Meeting.

**Repeater:** The 490 repeater is not working, and is scheduled to be inspected next week. The 79 repeater is okay..

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

**RACES:/ARES:** Volunteers are requested to work communications for the "Walk for Alex" in Bentleyville on June 2. Same format as last year. Contact Dave, N3IDH for additional information.

**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. Joe, WA3WMB will have an equipment repair/test table again.

**Equipment:** No report.

**Field Days:** Joe, WA3WMB volunteered for food detail. WACOM has a gas grill. Bill, KB3LIX will coordinate equipment. We are still waiting to here from Allen, KB3EUQ regarding location confirmation. Jim, KC3HW and Joe, WA3WMB will each bring a generator. Joe, WA3WMB will do CW. Bill, KB3LIX to contact Kevin Collins regarding any interest from the Boy Scouts. Kevin, KB3JHO to work on laptops here tonight to prepare for logging contacts. Bob, KB3IN is still checking on UPS availability. Jim, KC3HW will coordinate GOTA station.

### Unfinished Business:

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

### New Business:

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

Audit Committee: Norma, N3YJJ and Jim, KC3HW.

Carl Stark: Meeting scheduled Tuesday 5/8 at 7:30 P.M. to award Honorary Membership certificate.

Fundraiser: Motion to procure 20 boxes of Sarris candies to sell, (Dave, N3IDH/Bob, KB3IN). Motion passed.

Pike Days: Discussion about selling unwanted items. Norma, N3YJJ will make a list of possible items to sell.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 P.M. Motion (Jim, KC3HW/Dave, N3IDH). There were 24 people present for the meeting.

Susan, KB3JHQ  
Secretary, WACOM

50-50: Jacque, N3Zel (\$15.00); Breezeshooter: Tickets: Joe, WA3WMB, Chris; Hats: Bud, N3TIR, Kevin, KB3JHO

Contact People for WACOM:

### **Club Officers**

President: Jacqué Gosselin, N3ZEL; [n3zel@fyi.net](mailto:n3zel@fyi.net)  
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### **Webmaster**

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

Thank you.

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**WACOM will have a table at the Breezeshooters' Hamfest on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Feel free to come and help man the table for a while—bear in mind that this gets you a place to sit and rest your feet! We will be selling the main prize tickets for our own Hamfest on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> as well as selling the Sarris candy bars as a fundraiser! We'll be glad to see you there! If you want to put anything on the table to sell, with a small contribution to the club, please do so.**