

Club holiday dinner set for Dec 9th

WACOM's annual holiday dinner/party will be held on Friday, December 9th at the Mansion House this year.

All club members and guests are invited to the family style dinner. The cost will be \$10 per person with the club will picking up the additional costs of the event.

The Mansion House is south of Washington on Route 18S approximately 4 miles beyond Prosperity.

Reservations and monies need to be sent to Joe Stout, KA3MZS by December 2nd. Check page 9 for complete details.

Annual Washington Christmas parade conflicts with party on December 9th.

If you aren't planning on attending the club holiday dinner you might want to help out with the Washington Christmas parade on the same night.

In past years, the club has helped in the staging area and along the parade route with the staging area being the most important location.

The parade is set for 7PM but we need to be at the staging area by 5:30PM.

Every year it seems that almost every participant in the parade has little knowledge of where they should go to set up for the parade. Our communications has been instrumental in directing them.

If you would like to help -- contact Jim McNutt, NW3X at 941-5159.

Novice/Tech and general classes set to begin in January

Jim Burtoft, KC3HW, Education Director for the club has set the schedule for classes in the coming year beginning Tuesday, January 9th.

This year there will be two classes. One for our usual Novice/Tech group and one for those wishing to upgrade to General.

Jim needs volunteers to give demonstrations and/or help with the classes.

If you have a little bit of time to spare contact Jim at 228-0546.

Attendance down for club hamfest



This youngster passed the time as she played with her pocket video while her dad checked out the merchandise below. See pages 6 & 7 for more hamfest information.

ARES Report

Walt Piroth, N3BKW
ARES EC Washington County



Pumpkin Festival

Our Special Event Station on October 8th and 9th at the Houston Pumpkin Festival was somewhat successful. I think we talked to more festival goers than normal but our number of contacts was less. We had a great weather day on Saturday. Thanks to N3KLR, N3HKQ, KA3KSP, W3IBT, WB3GTE, WB3BZK, KA3YJY and N3IDH for taking part. As in past years, the Helicopter drove us crazy when it was there.

ARES

Simulated Emergency Test

To the surprise of everyone, especially me, the Test was held as scheduled. That was on Saturday, November 12. Activation was on the

147.09 repeater at about 11:00AM by WA3COX at the Ham Station at the Pittsburgh Weather Service Office. That was followed by the same bulletin on 146.79, a few minutes later. The scenario was a hurricane was coming on shore in New Jersey and we were to expect considerable rain with flash flooding.

KA3UWW, WB3BZK and KB3IN were on frequency. We never actually received a message to secure but I think someone was monitoring 79 until late afternoon. Traffic was received from and passed to the Weather Service Office.

This was a poorly planned operation. As late as the Thursday before the Test no one at the Weather Service Office knew anything about it.

And there was no information on the SW District Net the Sunday before. Jim Weyman, the Skywarn director, knew nothing about it until my call on Thursday. Apparently this was all arranged in Northwest PA with the State College Weather Service Office.

I wish the Southwest District had more control over what goes on in the ARES organization. It has always seemed unusual to me that the Southwest, which by far has the largest concentration of the population, has the smallest voice in ARES.

Hiram event to rerun in '95?

The ARRL Membership Services Committee will recommend that the wildly successful Hiram Percy Maxim 125 Birthday Celebration of last September be reprised, same time in 1995 (from Labor Day weekend through the following weekend, nine days' worth).

Details will be worked out over the next few months but there is strong support for more people to be eligible, namely, everyone eligible for an "ARRL Badge," which adds ARRL-VEC volunteer examiners, assistant emergency coordinators, HF and VHF awards managers, and more.

An article in January QST about the 1994 event solicits input on how the 1995 running should be structured.

RP: ARRL via BBS

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Election of officers

It's time again to elect new officers for the club. The following list of candidates is somewhat misleading. Some of those listed are not interested in running but were nominated at the last general meeting in November.

But nominations will be reopened before elections at the December meeting. If you would like to run for an office or know of someone who would make a good officer -- please say so at the December 1st meeting.

Nominated for President

Joe Musante, WB3GTE
Jim Grazulis, KA3KSP

Sam Mayberry, W3CYO
Joe Stout, KA3MZS

Nominated for Vice President

Walt Piroth, N3BKW
John Moninger, WA3VKC

Jim McNutt, NW3X
Fay Frankenbery, KA3VOM
Ted Lockman, WB3BZK

Nominated for Secretary

Fay Frankenbery, KA3VOM

Tom Fox, KA3NIY

Nominated for Treasurer

Russ Burhenn, N3NEL

GET TO THE MEETING AND VOTE

Card of thanks

Dear Ted:

With the deepest of gratitude to the club members of WACOM, I strongly request that members somehow (via WACOM Ham newsletter) are informed and pleased my family was being recipient of a beautiful arrangement of flowers at my mother's funeral November 3rd.

We thank you all so very much.

Most Sincerely,

Carmen Putorti

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Speaking out

by Jim McNutt, NW3X
Newsletter Editor



Well it's finally here -- my last issue of the WACOM Ham. As editor, I can say that it has been a lot of fun to have my own little newspaper. I say "my own" only because I work for a big newspaper and this was my only chance to do it the way I wanted it done. But in reality this is the club's newspaper or newsletter - it is your newsletter. The material printed in here has come from you and other amateur radio sources.

Beginning with the January issue, Kevin Smith, N3HKQ, will take over the job of laying out the newsletter. Norm and Susan Torisky will continue to produce and distribute the monthly issues as they have done for more than a year.

I would like to take this time to thank Norm and Susan for relieving me of the burdensome task. They do the hard part - copying, collating, folding, stapling and stamping each newsletter.

Oh don't worry - you can't keep me quiet for long. I told Kevin I would continue to supply photographs for the newsletter and write some stories and a column "speakout" as often as possible.

Remember -- most often change is GOOD!

Speaking of "speaking out," you'll notice the story on election of officers. At the November meeting it was discussed whether nominees could withdraw if they were not interested in running for office. In my usual way I spoke out on the issue saying that I thought we had dropped the idea of not allowing nominees to withdraw but I was soundly told otherwise. Unfortunately, no one had a copy of the club's by-laws.

Article 7, Section 1 of the by-laws states "the official nominees shall be those selected by the Nominating Committee and the list of such nominees will be presented to the members in the November edition of the WACOM Ham and to members at the November meeting." Section 2 states, "nominees for office can be made from the floor at the November and december meetings."

At one time we did not allow nominees to withdraw at the same meeting but that was some time ago. That portion of the by-laws was rewritten so all club members could see who was serious about become a club leader via the newsletter.

The point is -- a copy of the By-laws should always be on hand for meetings.

In fact some time ago we

put together a packet of material for all new members giving an overview of club activities, a phone roster, VE schedule, and a set of by-laws. That lasted about 2 months. I have no idea where the packets disappeared to but since I am no longer tied down to producing the monthly newsletter i will have some time to work on special projects for the club. The first one being to update the "new member" packet and send it out to everyone who renews their membership with the club.

Walt Piroth mentioned to me that we should also include a financial report of the previous year -- not a bad idea. Some years ago I published the minutes of the general meeting. That caused a few discussions because the newsletter was mailed to others who were not associated with the club and it was discontinued.

But a direct mailing to "club members only" should be appropriate. Every club member deserves to know our financial standing. I'll bring the issue up at the December meeting.

Well that's all I have to say this month. Actually I have a few more comments and ideas but I'll hold them for another time. Got to save some stories for Kevin - he's going to need some help getting the newsletter off the ground. Speaking of help - anytime you have something to say - say it in the newsletter (letter to the editor) or write an article. Let all the club members know!

FCC steps in for ham against zoning board

The chief of the FCC's Private Radio Bureau, Ralph Haller, has told the Hempstead, New York Board of Zoning Appeals that the town is wrong in trying to regulate an amateur's antenna system based on interference caused to nearby consumer electronic equipment. The amateur, Mark Nadel, NK2T, continues a running battle with the town.

Nadel in early October contacted his congressman, Peter T. King, who contacted the FCC. Haller responded with a letter to King, explaining the FCC's PRB-1 decision, then wrote to the town — an unusual move for the Commission. Here is what Haller told the board of zoning appeals:

"It has come to our attention that the Town of Hempstead's Board of Zoning Appeals (Board) has denied Mr. Hayden M. Nadel's application for a variance permitting him to maintain his amateur radio station's antenna at a height of fifty-five feet (versus the thirty feet permitted by the zoning ordinance). According (to) the text of the Board's decision...it based its determination largely on its finding that the 'proposed and existing antenna height of fifty-five feet' was resulting in interference to the home electronic equipment of Mr. Nadel's neighbors."

Haller then cites PRB-1 and what local authorities may

do under its provisions. But "They may not," Haller told the Board, "base their regulation of amateur service antenna structures on the causation of inter-



ference to home electronic equipment — an area regulated exclusively by the Commission."

Haller cited the FCC's exclusive jurisdiction over inter-

ference matters and told the Board "there is no reasonable connection between requiring Mr. Nadel to reduce the height of his antenna and reducing the amount of interference to his neighbors' home electronic equipment. On the contrary, antenna height is inversely related to the strength...of the radio signal that serves as a catalyst for interference..."

"It is a matter of technical fact," Haller said, "that the higher an amateur antenna, the less likely it is that the radio frequency interference will appear in home electronic equipment."



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This year's 7th Annual Tri-state Hamfest and Computer fair was a mild success. Unofficial figures show the numbers were down from last year both with vendors and attendance from hams. But overall the event did well.

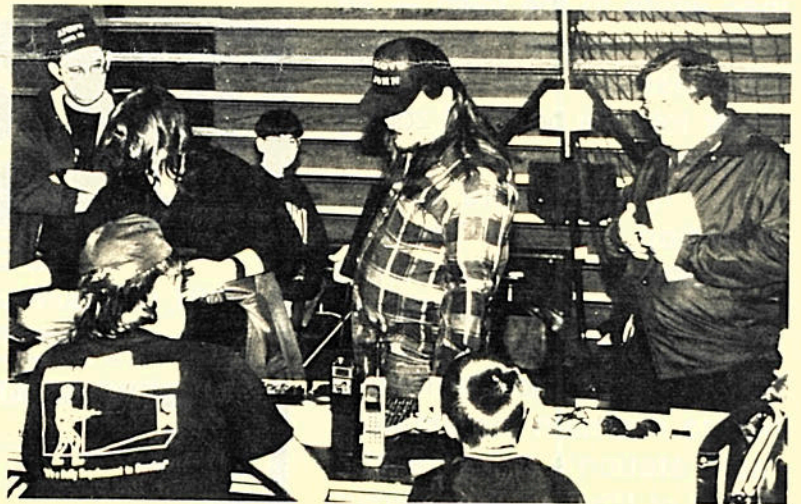


7th Annual Tri-state Hamfest



Above: Walt Piroth talks with one of the vendors shortly after the hamfest got underway.

Right: Bill Hill and associate stand by their new business - ham insurance.



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Above: Bob McCloskey, KD3VX, slipped in early and got what he was after.
 At left: Joe Musante, WB3GTE, and Carl Stark, KD3KH, collect admission fees at the door.

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WACOM Annual Holiday Dinner

Mansion House

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Friday, Dec. 9th
7PM

\$10 per person

Menu

Chicken Noodle Soup
Bananna Bread
Chicken
Turkey
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Mashed Potatos
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Stuffing & Gravy
Green Beans
Cake
Coffee - Tea
Fruit Juice

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WACOM Calendar of Events for December 1994

TUESDAY		THURSDAY		SATURDAY/SUNDAY	
DATE	2 Mtr NCS	10 Mtr NCS			
6	N3KDP	KD3VX	1 WACOM Meeting	3/4	Holiday Dinner/Parade
13	N3PCE	WB3GTE		10/11	
20	KA3RNM	N3HKQ		17/18	
27	AA3FN	KA3VOM		24/25	
				31/1	New Years

Tuesday 8:30 PM - 2 Mtr Net 145.49/443.3/224.4

Tuesday 9:00 PM - 10 Mtr Net - 28.340MHz

Sunday 9:00 AM - RACES Western PA Net - 3990.5KHz

Sunday 7:30PM - ARES Western PA Net - 147.609

Skywarn Nets - K3PSP/R - 146.79MHz

Digipeaters (WASHPA - 145.01)

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Dec. 3 - Friday - Christmas Parade - 7PM

Dec. 3 - Friday - Club Holiday Dinner/Party
at Mansion House - 7PM

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