

# The W.A.COM HAM



December 1995

Editor: Kevin Smith



*MERRY  
CHRISTMAS*



## New 1996 Officers for WACOM Elected

*By Kevin Smith, N3HKQ*

The officers to lead WACOM in 1996 were selected at the December 7th business meeting and they are mostly familiar faces. Bob Ketzell, KB3IN who also serves as the RACES Officer for Washington County, agreed to be nominated for President and was immediately elected by acclamation. Bob has served as WACOM President several times before, so he brings much experience to the office this year.

The search was on for a Vice

Presidential candidate and it ended with the nomination of Joe Musante, WB3GTE. Joe also was elected by acclamation.

Cheryl McGrevin N3PYC, who is the current Treasurer, agreed to serve in the position again and was also elected by acclamation.

WACOM's Secretary for 1996, is perhaps the youngest officer WACOM has ever had. Jarred Stanko, N3TKR, was nominated for Secretary because

he happened to be filling in taking minutes for the meeting for outgoing Secretary Ted Lockman, WB3BZK, who was home recuperating from a hospital stay. (Ed. - You have to watch where an offer to help out will lead to in this club.) As soon as Jarred's Grandfather gave his approval (Jarred's primary source of transportation), Jarred accepted nomination and was elected by acclamation.

### WACOM VE Dates for 1996 Announced

Dates for WACOM sponsored VE testing have been announced by Stan Cole, NX3P. The first session will be Thursday, March 7, 1996 at 6:30pm in the W.I.T. class rooms located adjacent to the George Washington Hotel in Washington, PA. The second session will be at the Tri-State Hamfest and Computer Fair on Sunday, November 24, 1996 at 8:30 am. For additional information, contact Stan Cole, NX3P at 223-0104 or e-mail nx3p19@sgi.net or Ted Lockman, WB3BZK at 222-6473.

# Speaking Out

by Kevin Smith, N3HKQ  
Newsletter Editor



This is my tenth issue of the WACOM Ham. A full year (short two issues) of doing this newsletter. In many ways, it seems like ages ago when I did the first one. I have had excellent contributions from numerous club members. I would like to thank Jim McNutt, Walt Piroth, Ken Frankenberry, Sam Mayberry, Don and Margie Stark, Dave DeMotte, Dick Sisson, W5ONL,

and others I can't remember for contributing articles, columns, and pictures. All I ask of you is to keep your stuff coming

Not to brag, but there were a few months where I thought the newsletter was particularly good. As good as any newsletter I have read. Others were only mediocre. Those issues were those that had more than one or two contributors of articles and pictures. The issues

that were not as good were ones where I had to scrape to fill every page with stuff from packet or the internet.

The best WACOM Ham newsletters are those that have columns and articles contributed by WACOM members. Where I work, I can scan pictures, faxes, and typewritten articles. I'm even willing to type handwritten articles.

Please, I encourage you all to contribute. And if you write a letter to the editor, have an idea for a feature, or want to place a want ad, let me know. Around 100 copies of each issue of this newsletter get mailed out. The WACOM Ham gets around. So will your want ad.

Whether you know it or not, I have been making up the Net Control Station assignments for both nets for several issues now. I have been doing it in a rather random fashion so I hope it works for everyone involved. Finally, I would like to wish all who read this newsletter a Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year.

## WACOM Committee Phone Directory

A.R.E.S.	Walt Piroth, N3BKW	746-2327
RACES	Bob Ketzell, KB3IN	228-0425
EMA	Dave Smith, N3LIK	225-0346
President	Joe Stout, KA3MZS	228-1090
Vice President	Walt Piroth, N3BKW	746-2327
Secretary	Ted Lockman, WB3BZK	222-6473
Treasurer	Cheryl McGrevin, N3PYC	225-9545
Education	Jim Burtoft, KC3HW	228-0546
2mtr Net Mgr.	???	???
10mtr Net Mgr.	Joe Musante, WB3GTE	223-0897
Newsletter	Kevin Smith, N3HKQ	258-4153
Repeater	Sam Mayberry, W3CYO	222-0367
VE Testing	Stan Cole III, NX3P	223-0104

## Merry Christmas



**NATIONAL RADIO EXAMINERS**  
*in conjunction with the*  
**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**  
*are sponsoring FCC*  
**COMMERCIAL LICENSE EXAM SESSIONS**

*(all commercial class elements will be available)*

Saturday, December 16th, 1995

Saturday, march 30th 1996

Saturday, July 13th 1996

tentative start time: 11:30 AM

Geneva College

on Route 18

Beaver Falls, PA

Applicants **are required** to pre-register **ten days** prior to session!  
Exam timetable, map & all appropriate forms will be sent to candidates.

For Registration Information Call:

Thomas Peluso @ (412) 843-6560 (after 5PM) or

Michael Shane @ 843-1136 or John Fantone @ (412) 643-1506

-or-

send a business size, self-addressed, stamped envelope  
for complete information packet to:

**N.R.E. - FCC Exams / 501 Tenth Street / New Brighton, PA 15066**

-or-

E-mail inquiries to: [FCC.EXAM@Industry.Net](mailto:FCC.EXAM@Industry.Net)

*Amateur Radio License Exams*

*will precede each commercial test session at 9:30 AM.*

## 1996 WACOM Dues

If you want to continue to receive the WACOM Ham, you must pay your 1996 dues before March 1, 1996.

## World Wide Web Errata

The Home page address given last issue for the space shuttle was incorrect. It should be:

<http://shuttle.nasa.gov>

Another amateur radio related www home page is:

[http://www.hamweb.com/sji/HamNet\\_Companion](http://www.hamweb.com/sji/HamNet_Companion)

I haven't tried this home page yet. Let me know what its like.

*1995 Houston Pumpkin Festival  
Special Event Station*



*WACOM Club call  
KB3BHS makes its  
debut on the air at  
the Houston  
Pumpkin Festival.*

*Matt Piroth is caught  
checking up on his  
Dad's latest contact.*



*Considering the  
weather, the Special  
Event Station was the  
best location for the  
weekend.*

# Free Amateur Radio Classes Announced

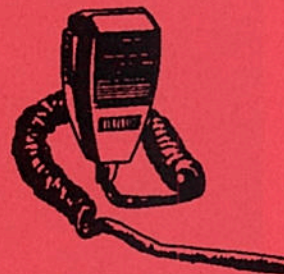
*Classes Begin January 4, 1996 at George Washington Hotel*

Education Committee continue with the course. at 228-0425.

Chairman Jim Burtoft has announced that free amateur radio classes will be held at WIT classrooms in the Washington Hotel (82 South Main Street in downtown Washington) beginning January 4, 1996 at 7:00 PM. A text book will be made available to students at cost but will not be required to

The classes will primarily be aimed at preparing students to pass Novice and Technician licenses. If enough interest is expressed, there will also be classes available to prepare students to prepare for General Class license tests.

For more information, call Jim Burtoft at 228-0546 or Bob Ketzell



## ARRL Sends its Appreciation for WACOM Gift to Satellite Fund

Below is a certificate sent in appreciation of the monetary contribution WACOM made to the American Radio Relay League Phase 3D fund. The ARRL established this fund on behalf of

AMSAT to assist in getting the Phase 3D Amateur satellite into orbit. Funds received from ARRL

members and affiliated clubs were matched dollar for dollar. The result was \$305,000 turned over to AMSAT during its recent 13th Space Symposium held in Orlando Florida on October 6 -8, 1995. ARRL's total support to the AMSAT Phase 3D project is now well over \$1 million.

AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE

**PHASE 3D**

**CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**

This Certifies that

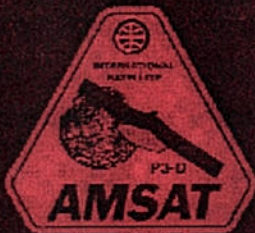
**Washington Amateur Communications**

Has contributed to the creation and launch of the largest, most complex satellite in the history of Amateur Radio.

*David Sumner*

David Sumner, K1ZZ  
Executive Vice President

1995



## Another Hamfest in the History Books



Co-chairman Walt Piroth, N3BKW making his rounds in a stride he kept up all day long.



ARRL Atlantic Division Director Hugh Turnbull (W3ABC) honored WACOM with his appearance and support.

The Hamfest Committee has expressed satisfaction with this year's Tri-State Hamfest and Computer Fair. WACOM hosted 58 vendors spread over 143 tables. Vendors returning from last year did more business than last but unanimously said the hamfest two years ago was better. One recurring problem is no show vendors who

we had tables held for them. Walt Piroth expressed a desire to bill these dead beat vendors for unused tables.

VE testing went off without a hitch as well. VE Chairman Stan Cole said that twelve test takers were hosted by twelve VE's.

Again the main prizes were three

Yaesu FT-530 Dual Band HT's. This year's winners were:

Joe Marek, KA3JQA - Coraopolis, PA  
 Bill Shultz, N8HKI - Morgantown, WV  
 Bill Hossfelt, KB8TKH - Wheeling, WV






Activity in the main gym of Chartiers-Houston High School was typical of that in the entire building. Most vendors were pleased with the turnout and the business they did.



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**2 Meter Net**  
**145.49 MHz**  
**8:30 PM Local Time**


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- Dec 12 W3IBT
- Dec 19 N3KLR
- Dec 26 KA3KSP
- Jan. 2 N3IDH
- Jan. 9 W3IBT

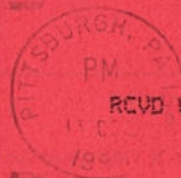
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- Jan 2 WB3GTE
- Jan. 9 KA3VOM

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