

The W.A.COM HAM



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New Club Officers Elected for 1995

All but one of the new WACOM officers should be familiar to everyone, as they have been here before. Joe Stout, KA3MZS, who was club President in 1992, holds that office once again for 1995.

Walt Piroth, N3BKW, is the new Vice President. Walt is also the Washington County Emergency Co-ordinator for A.R.E.S.

Ted Lockman, WB3BZK, is the new Secretary. Ted has previously served as club and Hamfest Treasurer.

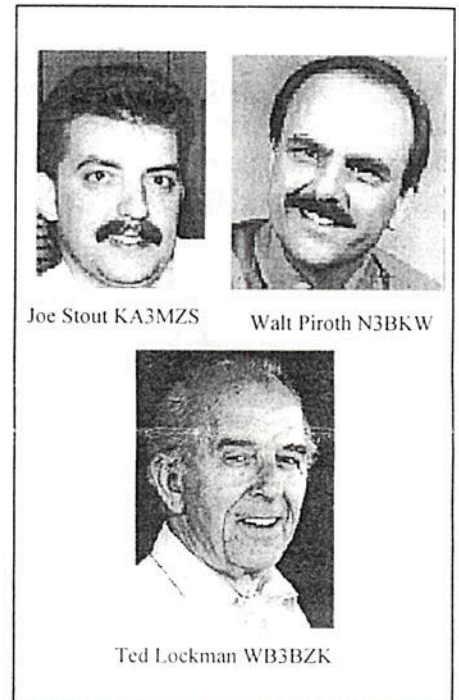
Cheryl McGrevin, N3PYC, is the new club Treasurer. Cheryl brings new blood to the office and we welcome her willingness to serve the club. A photograph of our new Treasurer was not available at press time.

Novice/Technician Classes to Begin This Month

Classes for prospective amateurs will begin on Tuesday, January 10, 1995 at Washington Institute of Technology, in the George Washington Building. Classes begin at 7:00 PM and last for two hours.

Classes will proceed for 10 weeks and end with club VEC's conducting examinations on March 14, 1995. Details concerning the test session will be provided in the next issue of the WACOM Ham.

All inquiries about the classes can be directed to club Education Director, Jim Burtoft at 228-0546.



Extra Class Member Needed to Take Over VEC

Stan Cole, NX3P, has asked to be relieved of being in charge of WACOM's VEC after the test session at the Hamfest. A new VEC chairperson will be needed before the next scheduled VEC session in March. Please inform Club President Joe Stout if interested.

Speaking Out

by Kevin Smith, N3HKQ
Newsletter Editor



Looks funny above here, Kevin Smith, Newsletter Editor. Well I'm not used to the idea yet either. I don't mind telling you that I'm learning this publishing software as I put together this newsletter. What an experience. One thing I am learning for sure is how much work Jim McNutt put in, month after month for all these years

on this newsletter.

Please bear with me as these first issues I produce make look a little rough. For the time being the WACOM Ham will look very similar to previous issues. But as I get my feet wet, I will change the format to reflect my own tastes. As soon as I figure out what my tastes are.

One thing I hope to continue filling this column with are thought provoking ideas and opinions for the club. While we are a club that is devoted to a hobby, it is a hobby that has many opportunities to provide public service.

At the December club meeting, Jim had a great idea about combining our Field Day activities with public service by having Field Day at the Mel Blount Youth Home for boys. Who knows what exposure to Field Day might mean to any one of these boys. It might give us a new perspective too.

One last thought. This newsletter can be as long (up to eight pages) each month as you help me make it. If I don't receive articles or ideas from club members, your going to see a lot of stuff that interests me like amateur satellite news. That subject facinates me, but may bore you to tears. We wouldn't want that. If your active on packet, my packet address is N 3 H K Q @W3CSL.WPA.PA.USA.NA. I also have an internet address for those active there. It is n3hkq @codger.physics.duq.edu.

WACOM Committee Phone Directory

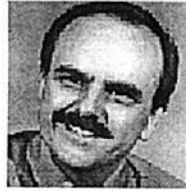
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New Members

Gordon Hoskins, N3SDS
Alison Fisher Hoskins

A.R.E.S. Report

by Walt Piroth, N3BKW
Washington County EC



Two incidents occurred the week of November 20th that involved Hams from the Washington County RACES/ARES group. On Monday, the 21st, two separate accidents involving trucks and telephone lines in the residents of Scenery Hill not having telephone service out of their local call area, including the 911 center in Washington. Hams were called to assist in the communications emergency to relay emergency calls to 911.

Dave N3IDH as posted at the Sweet Shop in Scenery Hill, Ted WB3BZK and Bob KB3IN were at the EMA Office and Joe at the 911 Center, both in Washington. Notices were put up around town and announcements were made through out the day on WJPA for residents to go to the Fire Hall or Sweet Shop where emergency calls could be relayed to 911. For much of this incident the County ARES/RACES simplex frequency was used.

EMA wanted at least some degree of discretion concerning the vulnerability of for the unprotected community. Frank KA3UWW and Debbie KA3YTT were looking for help and monitoring 6.79 and the simplex frequency through most of this event. The call up was at about 6pm and was secured around 11:30PM.

Two days later, on Wednesday the 23rd, a fire broke out in Marianna that involved the Fire Station and a vacant building. The fire seriously damaged telephone lines in and around Marianna. In and around Marianna includes Scenery Hill. Again these residents could not access the 911 Center to summon Police or the Fire Department. Ted WB3BZK covered the Sweet Shop in Scenery Hill and Dave N3IDH and Joe WB3BZK were stationed at the Telephone Office in Marianna. Dave N3LIK took any traffic at 911. This event was called up at about 8:30PM and called down around 3PM. All communications were on the 6.79 repeater.

Two or three pieces of traffic were passed during both emergencies. Thanks to everyone that helped out on this, my thoughts were with you while I was enduring Florida's November weather, high 70s low 80s, and investigating Universal Studios. Someone had to do it.

Incidentally, "Hams" got recognition in the Observer Reporter in issues on November 22 and 25. Something like "Hams helped out with emergency calls."



ARES/RACES DIFFERENCES

(The following article first appeared in the August 1994 issue of WPA Section, ARES Section News.)

There have been several instances which have dealt with the differences between ARES and RACES.

All EC's and DEC's should understand the following:

RACES operations fall under the provisions of Part 97.3(a)(33) of the FCC Rules and Regulations. These provisions provide for radio communications for civil defense purposes only, during periods of local, regional, or national emergencies. These emergencies are not limited to wartime activities, but can include natural disasters such as fires, floods, or earthquakes.

RACES operation is authorized only after it has (been) specifically requested by a local, state, or federal official, and is strictly limited to official civil defense activities in an emergency communications situation. (Part 97.407(e)).

ARES is the the 'emergency' division of the ARRL Field Organization. It is administered on a local, section-wide and national basis. In the case of the WPA Section, ARES is the primary section emergency communications organization, and is administered by the SEC, DEC's, and EC's under delegated authority of the WPA Section Manager. It is NOT superceded by RACES in normal emergency

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operations such as active participation in SKYWARN or similar programs.

ALL EC's should, as soon as possible, issue the appropriate credentials (FED-224) to all individuals who have registered with them using the ARES Registration Form (FSD-98). This will legitimize their ARES organization.

-Bernie Fuller N3EFN WPA-SM

WACOM ASSISTS WITH WASHINGTON CHRISTMAS PARADE

by Jim McNutt, NW3X

Amateur radio operators from WACOM provided communications for this past year's Christmas parade in Washington on Friday, December 9, 1994. The parade sponsored by the Washington Fireman's union would not have been very successful without our help as usual.

Club hams were at the staging area long before any firemen arrived to assist. This year we were

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Expenses

Printing & Mailing	\$290.96
Prizes	\$1148.55
School Rental	\$1125.00
School Security	\$90.00
Tables & Tcket Drum Rental	\$896.06
Vendor Refund	\$120.00
Misc. Expenses	<u>\$49.12</u>
Total	\$3719.69

Income

WACOM Hamfest Account	\$3000.00
Vendor Table Sales	\$1164.00
Admission & Prize Tickets Sold	\$2411.00
Refund from Printer	<u>\$36.00</u>
Total	\$6611.00

Income - Expense	\$2891.31
Hamfest Account	<u>-\$3000.00</u>
	(\$108.69)

Tickets Sold

Admission	587
Prize	387

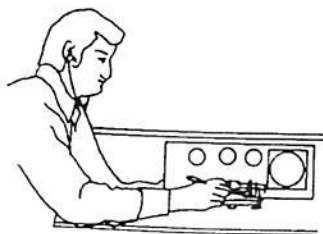
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prepared. Each ham had a layout of the streets and lists of each unit and where they were suppose to standby. Unfortunately, there were quite a few units and particularly cub and girl scouts that were not listed - we had to improvise.

By 6:45PM most units were in their proper locations and we were ready to roll. At exactly 7PM the parade moved out from Hall Avenue onto Jefferson Avenue and up towards town. The only problems we encountered were a constant drizzle and one car that had a dead battery. Bill Hill and a few others managed to get the vehicle jumped and on its way. A special thanks to all those hams who braved the wet night to assist. Thanks again.

Old Radio Magazines Available

If you are interested in some "old time" radio magazines then you might want to call Samantha Parish at 258-2157. She has some real old timers like the Pacific Radio News dating back to 1917 and American Commercial Radio from 1934 and Commercial Telegraphers Journal from the 1940's. If you are interested you might want to give her a call and see how much she wants for the mags.



Couple Loses Tower Fight

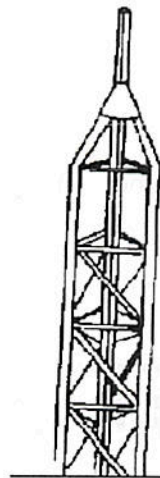
The following is from *The W5YI Report*
Volume 16, Number 24
December 15, 1994:

David/WA4NST and Sharon/N4XLF Brower of Vero Beach, Florida have lost their appeal to have an external ham antenna at their residence. It seems a neighbor does not like the way it looks and the Brower's transmissions interfere with their electronic devices. This legal proceeding began four years ago.

On January 15, 1993, Judge Charles E. Smith of the 19th Judicial Circuit Court ruled that "...amateur radio transmissions are noxious and offensive" and the appearance of a tower and antenna are "...an eyesore annoyance and nuisance to the neighborhood" and as such violated the deed restrictions.

He further said the tower was a "building" which exceeded the two story limit in the deed removed. According restrictions in their external antennas. An month and the tower the outcome of the been unable to operate during the appeal

A panel of three Appeals has now tower indeed is a must be removed. The of what constitutes a to find one violation of the deed restrictions.



restrictions and must be to the Browsers, the deed subdivision are silent about appeal was filed the following was allowed to remain pending appeal. But the Browsers have ham radio (for nearly two years) process.

judges from the 4th District of agreed (on Nov. 18th) that the nuisance and annoyance and judges did not address the issue building since they only needed

The only alternative left for the Browsers is to sue in Federal court. The cost to do this will be about \$20,000 and they have appealed to the American Radio Relay League to continue their legal battle. They maintain "The successful outcome will ultimately benefit all U.S.amateurs."

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New NY Governor Former Ham

The following is from: *The ARRL Letter*
Volume 13, Number 23
December 14, 1994:

New York Governor-elect George S. Pataki is a former licensed amateur. He was K2ZCZ from 1959 to 1970. He's busy, but we sent him a QST and spoke with his brother, who is K2PRB (an ARRL life member).

"George, who is four years my junior, and I had two cousins who were hams," Lou Pataki said. "One of them, Fred Senk, K2UYQ, was our 'Elmer.' He's dead now." (Another cousin, Bob Senk, is K2YAZ, and lives in Glen Arbor, Michigan).

Lou was licensed first, then the governor-elect got interested, as a high school freshman. Their station was at the family home in Peekskill, New York, where Lou still has a station. "I was mainly interested in VHF and experimenting," Lou said, "but George was a communicator. He liked the 'dc bands,' and DXing. In high school, George was active in sports and other activities; outside of school, ham radio was definitely his principal activity."

The Pataki brothers reunited at Yale, where Lou was in graduate school (radio astronomy and, later, law) and George was an undergraduate. Both were active in the radio club, then W1YU.

George Pataki entered politics and became active, whereupon his license lapsed.

Lou Pataki said he thought his brother would enjoy seeing a copy of QST, so we got his home address. "He'll get it no problem unless one of the state troopers is a ham," Lou said.

Sure enough, the next day a New York State Police detective called Headquarters, to inquire



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