

The WACOM HAM

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REMINDER The next WACOM Board of Directors meeting is **Thursday, October 25 at 7 PM** at the WACOM Club room. All are welcome.

JOIN US 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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World Trade Center, NYC *By Don Stark, N3HOW*

These pictures were taken by Carl Briseno, a member of the North River Power Squadron in New York City. As he says, "This sort of says it all. I know we'll get through this."

I do hope that he is correct!

Our heartfelt sympathies go out to the victims and their families.

DUES TIME IS COMING

WACOM is now accepting dues for 2002. Annual dues are \$15 and are payable to WACOM.



Send your dues to:
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EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

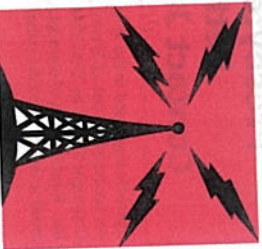
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Events of this last month were quite overwhelming. September 11 is not a date that any of us will forget. For many people, their world and their lives changed forever.

According to ARRL New York City Long Island Section Manager, George Tranos, N2GA, over 500 Amateur Radio volunteers helped out with communications support for the disaster. New City District Emergency Coordinator, Charles Hargrove, N2NOV, has expressed his appreciation to all amateurs who volunteered their time and equipment. ARRL Hudson Division Director Frank Fallon, N2FF, said "From the very first day I have been proud of the way ARRL members in the Hudson Division responded in overwhelming numbers," Fallon said. "So many responded that many, unfortunately, were turned away." "It really has been our finest hour!" Fallon continued. "It has made us all very proud to be Amateur Radio operators."

Several prominent hams are among the missing in this tragedy. At least 7 hams were engineers who maintained and ran the communications facilities. The World Trade Center was home to several commercial radio and television transmitters. Local communication suffered from outages and overloads.

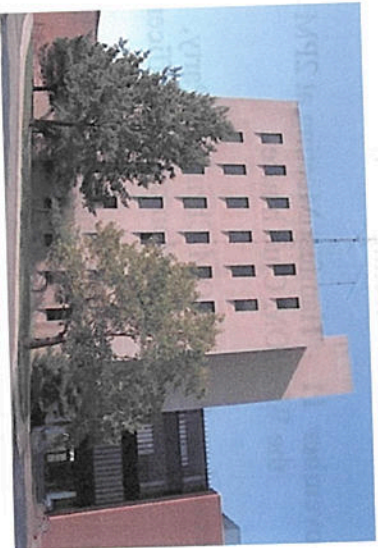
I guess that the thought came to many of us that we need to treat each day and each person in our lives as a special gift. We never know what the next day will bring. Thank God for the heroes, those who gave their lives to save others.



Here is a message from our VP, Joe Caldwell, N3XE, who is now a freshman at Case Western Reserve University:

....Thanks for sending me the newsletter; this last one was very good. It looks like I will be able to work the PA QSO party from W8EDU the CWRU Amateur Radio station. Go to <http://home.cwru.edu/IEEE/> to see a picture of the Glennan Engineering building, note the tribander and 40-meter beam on the roof. Talk to you later.

73s
Joe, N3XE



Don't forget our October SWAP SHOP meeting. All of us have some prized piece of radio gear that we would be happy to send home with someone else. Dust it off and bring it along! We have decided that the pizza went over so well at the last meeting that we are going to do it again this month.

Is it time for an upgrade? Well, our November WACOM meeting will be a VEC session. Be sure pass the word on to others. If you are a VE and can assist in the test please give Jim Burtoft, KC3HW, a call. He would appreciate your help.

We discussed the possibility of holding classes for Tech and for code. We are thinking about meeting on weekends. We could use the WACOM club house if we just have a few students. We need your input. We believe that the interest is there. Who is willing to help?

Ed, N3ZNI, and Jacque, N3ZEL both work all the stations in the recent Route 66 special event/contest.

Speaking of contests, how many of you remember that WACOM is the sponsor of the Worked All Washington Counties Award. There are Washington Counties in 31 states. You have to work and exchange QSL's with stations from 11 of those counties to qualify for the certificate and the first level, Class I. When you work 10 more counties you qualify for Class II. If you work the final 10 you qualify for Class III. You can use any mode or any band. Washington Counties are found in AL, AR, CO, FL, GA, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MN, MS, MO, NE, NY, NC, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, TN, TS, UT, VA, VT and WI. For those of you who are county hunters it seems like a great way to double your fun! Submit photocopies of your QSL's to: WACOM 1696 East Maiden St. Washington PA 15301

Thanks to Walt, N3BKW; Joe, WB3GTE; Kevin, N3HKQ; Jim NW3X; and John, WA3VKC for helping with the Labor Day Classic for the American Cancer Society. This consisted of a 5K Run/Walk. They used the W3CYO repeater and had no major problems. Walt reports that the turn out was well below normal in spite of perfect weather. Apparently there was another big 5K race in Pittsburgh that day.



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by Dave Demotte, N3IDH



A very big thank you to the 15 who checked in and offered their assistance to the RACES net on Sept. 11. It was very gratifying and impressive to see such support.

Don't forget we're looking for pictures of member's stations to show-off in the newsletter. If not a picture, how about a short article about your new radio, antenna, etc.?

I'm still looking for operators for the Pa. QSO Party on Oct.13 & 14. At this point, I plan to operate afternoons and/or evenings that weekend. It's a fun contest, so come help operate.

Now that cooler weather is here, how about a new WACOM sweatshirt or jacket? We only need 6 items to place an order.

And finally, it's time to start thinking about our Dec. meeting. That means our Christmas Party, elections, and awards. Who in WACOM do you think deserves recognition? Let us know.

73 Dave



**WACOM is on the
web at www.wacomarc.org**

Up Coming Events

October 13 & 14—PA QSO Party

October 18 - VE session WASH

October 25 - WACOM Board of Directors meeting at 7 PM at the WACOM Club house.

November 1 - VE Session at the regular WACOM Meeting 7 PM

November 11 - Hamfest Meeting at 2PM at the WACOM Club house

December 6 - WACOM Christmas Party, Awards and Election of New Officers

January 13 - 2 Meter Contest sponsored by WASH. Details to come.

VE Testing Session

**Thursday, November 1, 2001
7 PM**

**South Strabane #1 VFD
1696 East Maiden St.
Washington, PA 15301**

Sponsored by WACOM

See Jim Burtoft, KC3HW

for more details

Or to volunteer to assist as a VE

NEXT WACOM MEETING:



WACOM

Swap Shop & Pizza Night

7:30 PM

Thursday, October 4, 2001
South Strabane #1 VFD
1696 East Maiden St.
Washington, PA
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All Are Welcome!

VE testing session sponsored by WASH

October 18 at 7 PM

John McMillan
Presbyterian Church
Bethel Park

Contact Jacque, N3ZEL

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