

# The WACOM HAM

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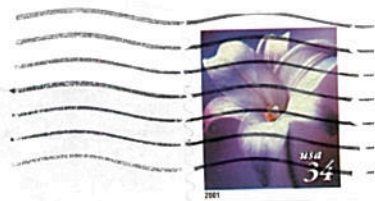
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**REMEMBER** - The next WACOM Board of Directors meeting is **Thursday, November 29 at 7 PM** at the WACOM Club room. All are welcome.

## JOIN US ON THE AIR

**2 meter net: Every Tuesday at 8:30 PM** On the WA3CYO repeaters 145.49 and 443.3 MHz

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## World Trade Center, NYC

July 2, 2000

By Don Stark, N3HOW

This excellent picture is of a scene that will never be viewed again. This was taken by Garry Schroeder, a US Power Squadron member who was with us as we worked N2B in New York City for OpSail 2000 last year. This picture is of the communications towers and television antennas atop the World Trade Center. He and his family took some time off from our radio operations and visited several sites in NYC. Many thanks to Garry for his help setting up and operating N2B and for providing this picture to share with WACOM members.

### DUES TIME IS HERE

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

Send your dues to:

Ed Oeschlager,  
N3ZNI,

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## EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

Don Stark, N3HOW

This month I received a couple of reports on the activities of WACOM and our members.

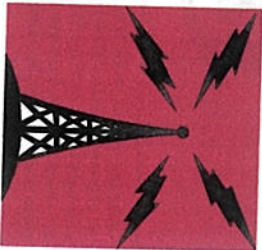
First, congratulations to all the WACOM members who worked the Pennsylvania QSO Party. Dave, N3IDH; Ed, N3ZNI, and Dave, KB3GOT, operated the club station. They confirm that the new Cushcraft R6000 vertical antenna works well. The club made 37 contacts and worked 24 counties.

Dave, N3IDH, worked about three additional hours on Sunday and made a quick 72 contacts and worked 30 counties.

Ed, N3ZNI, worked some on his own too and worked 301 contacts and 58 counties (out of a possible 67 counties in Pa). He made 70 contacts sitting in his truck in the parking lot in front of the WACOM club house! He made most of his contacts from Armstrong County and helped others by providing a contact from there.

Jacque, N3ZEL, made 254 contacts in 66 counties. She worked every county except Clinton. Congratulations!

Please note the time for this month's meeting and VE session is 7 PM. The report from Jim Burtoft, KC3HW is that "All is ready for the VE session." He and 4 other VE's are ready to help you and any other ham or would be ham get a license or an upgrade. Come and take a test or encourage someone else.



At the October meeting 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. It sounds like there is both interest and support for a class. That is a winning combination.

Congratulations to our fearless leader, Dave, N3IDH for his recent upgrade. Dave passed his Extra Class license test at the recent WASH testing session. He also got his new Icom 746 radio the same week. According to Dave "New Radio, new license, life is good".

Also Congratulations to Dave, KB3GOT, on passing his code test and upgrading to Tech with HF.

Congratulations to Ed, N3ZNI, on working J79WB on Dominica Island in the West Indies. We initially had trouble raising them until he heard that they were vertically polarized. Being resourceful Ed went to his truck and worked him using his vertical antenna.

Keep in mind the upcoming Christmas Party meeting in December. Because of the food extravaganza we are planning to start the meeting at 6:30 PM. We also have elections and awards to present at that meeting. Bring your friends for a great time.

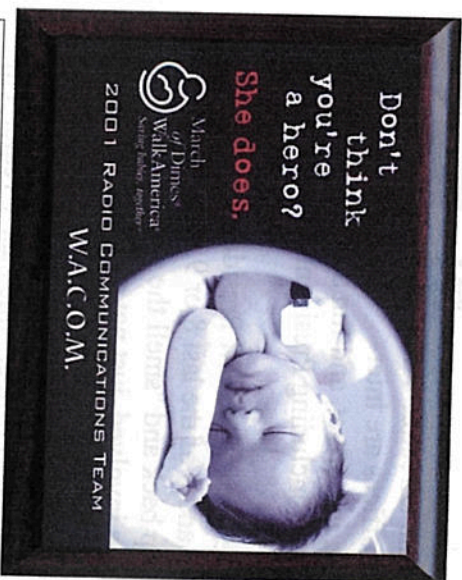
And speaking of elections remember that we will be taking nominations at the November meeting. We have so many great members with so many interesting ideas. Do your part and become involved. This is a super group to work with.

A reminder, too, about the upcoming hamfest meeting on Sunday, November 11 at 2 PM. We need to review again last year's results and make several early decisions about this year's hamfest. Topics will include prizes, admission policy, food, and promotional ideas. We need your input and your energy. Let's work to improve this event every year.

Please keep the ideas coming for the newsletter. This is your publication.  
Talk to you on the air! **73, Don, N3HOW**



Try out the new club radio, the  
**ICOM 706 MKIIG**



This plaque was presented to WACOM for providing radio communications for the 2001 March of Dimes Walk America Walkathon. Thanks to all of those who worked to make a difference. We agree with this message.... You are Heros !



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# The Prez Sez

by Dave Demotte, N3IDH

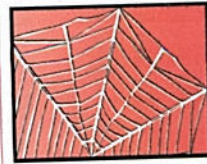
## THE PREZ SEZ

Here it November already, which means we're looking for a few good people to run for office. Offices open this year are President, Secretary, and one Director. All three offices are interesting, important, and fun and need someone like you, including President.

I have been WACOM President for the past 4 years and 6 of the last 8 or 9, and now it's time to step back and "smell the roses." I plan to still be involved, just not as President.

It has been fun and an honor to work with a great team of officers this past 4 years. I'm very proud of how far we've come in those 4 years and look forward to even more good things in the future. But we need your help. So raise your hand and volunteer for an office, WACOM need 3 good people like you!

73 Dave



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web at [www.  
wacomarc.org](http://www.wacomarc.org)**

## Up Coming Events

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

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

**November 29** - WACOM Board of Directors meeting at 7 PM 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.

**January 20** - Time to be determined. Western Pennsylvania Repeater Council will meet at South Strabane #1 VFD in Pancake.

**February 7, 8, 9, & 10** - Special Event Station W3C Western PA Sports Show from Washington Mall

**Reserve this Date:**

**December 6, 2001**

**WACOM Christmas Party and Meeting**

**6:30 PM**

**at South Strabane VFD #1  
Washington, PA**

## NEXT WACOM MEETING:

*Is it time for an upgrade?  
Then come join us and  
bring a friend!*

**WACOM  
November Meeting  
VE Testing Session**

**Thursday, November 1, 2001  
7:00 PM**

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

**Sponsored by WACOM  
See Jim Burtoft, KC3HW  
VE Testing coordinator  
For more information  
Walk ins are Welcome**



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