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REMINDER— The next WACOM Board of Directors meeting is **Thursday, December 27 at 7 PM** at the WACOM Club room. All are welcome.

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8:30 PM on the WA3CYO repeaters 145.49 and 443.3 MHz

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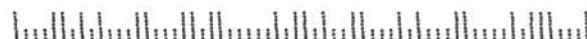
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RACES REPORT

BOB Ketzell, KB3IN

RADIO AMATEUR CIVIL EMERGENCY SERVICES

I don't think anyone was ready for what happened on September 11, 2001. I know I was not ready. I just sat in amazement and horror as I watched the planes hit the twin towers in New York City. As you know, ham radio was put into service in New York City to help with communications due to the loss & overload of communications systems in the affected area. The hams did a very good job there, but as they say this was the tip of the iceberg. So now for the rest of the story.

At about 12:30 PM on September 11 the Washington County EMA office paged me and asked for R.A.C.E.S to be put on standby. Before this could be done they paged again and asked for us to be activated and come to the Emergency Operations Center. At about 1 pm an emergency net was activated from the E.O.C. on 146.790 repeater. Shortly after activation the incident commander ask us to send someone to check on a report of a plane flying over the northern part of the county. W3CYO was sent to that area to check and nothing was seen. This information was relayed to the E.O.C. The E.O.C. received a second report about a plane flying over the Taylorstown area. Again we were asked to send someone to check on it. N3PCE and

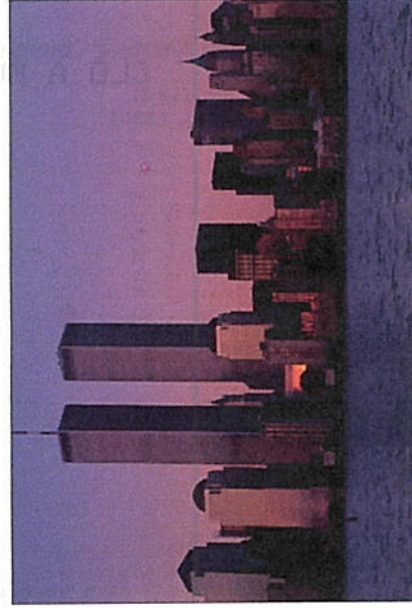
KB3EUQ were dispatched to check but again nothing was found and the E.O.C was informed.

At about 4 PM we were requested to set up a backup radio link on HF with P.E.M.A headquarters in Harrisburg and this was done by KB3EUQ and later by NØVLR on 3.993.5 Khz.

The local net ran until about 6 P.M and was then put on standby. The following hams checked in: N3IDA, W3CYO, KB3EUQ, N3PCE, K3DMY, W8CAL, K3PLM, K3PSP, KC3HW, N3UML, NØVLR, N3BKW, N3OO, KB3CYA & KB3IN. I would like to thank all those who checked into the net and let you know that because of the good job that you did on September 11, we are now getting antennas for HF & VHF put up at the E.O.C. by the Department of Public Safety.

Again, my thanks to all of you and until next month.

73, BOB KB3IN



WACOM members on the air at the November meeting. Do you see why we needed some new chairs?

DUES TIME IS HERE

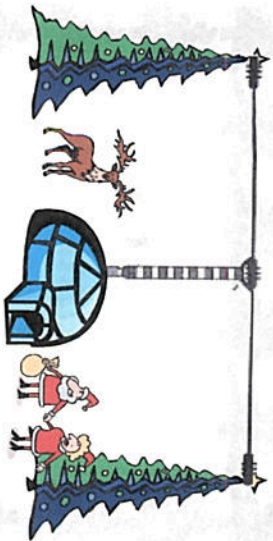
It is now time to renew your 2002 dues to WACOM. Annual dues are \$15 and are payable to WACOM. A couple pays only \$22.50.



Send your dues to:
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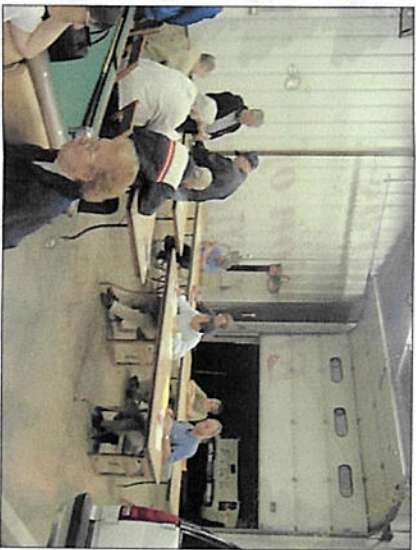
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*Merry Christmas
from the WACOM HAM!!*

Congratulations to those hams who took their tests at last month's VE session. There were 5 people tested. Three earned an upgrade to general and one got a pa-per upgrade. Congratulations to Dave Wagner, KB3GOT and Bill Chisholm, N3WYS for earning their General. We hear that Dave's first HF contact was made on his Kenwood 820 and his new GAP Challenger with N4CDB who was QRV on Guadeloupe Island. Welcome to the world of DX, Dave!

Thanks to WACOM's VE team headed by Jim Burtoft, KC3HW.



AMATEUR RADIO AT CWRU

Joe Caldwell, N3XE

Amateur Radio at CWRU has been like most amateur activities, very interesting. The Case Amateur Radio Club (CARC) has a unique location for its club station. It is on the roof of the eight story Glennan engineering building. Also on the roof are a 40ft tower with a three-element tri-bander, and a 60 ft tower with a two-element 40-meter beam. It is an unusual location to work from, especially when it is windy, like it frequently is in Cleveland. The guys in the club told me that a few years ago, during a 70 mph windstorm the towers were blown down and the antennas punched holes in the roof. The university was generous enough to pay for new towers and antennas, and to not kick the club off the roof.

The club's station is a fairly good one. We have an ICOM 706 MKII and a Kenwood 830 as the primary radios. Each of these can be fed into its own amplifier capable of producing over 600 watts. This comes in very useful during con-tests. Some former student / club members come up to operate the ARRL sweepstakes every year. So if anyone worked W8EDU on CW, it was them. The station can also operate RTTY, packet, PSK 31 and other digital modes.

The CARC is primarily made up of staff members of CWRU and the University Hospitals; there are also a couple professors. It is an interesting and eclectic group of individuals with a wide variety of skills and interests. The "president" of the club is Bob Leskovec. He is the head of the electrical engineering labs at CWRU and his main responsibility is maintaining the station.

When I first came to the club they were in the process of switching rotors for the tri-bander. Bob and some of the other guys in the club are working on outfitting a model rocket with an ATV transmitter. The plan is to demonstrate this setup as a promotion for the radio club.

At the first meeting the CARC that I attended I had an interesting experience. After walking in and introducing myself, Bob declared me the undergraduate club president. Unfortunately, at that point in time, I was the only undergraduate club member. However, a friend of mine in the dorm became interested in amateur radio from what I had been telling him about it. He is currently studying for his ticket. So, sometime in the near future there will be two undergrads in the CARC.

Although I do not have much time to operate, it makes the time I do much more enjoyable. If you ever hear W8EDU calling CQ, you may find yourself talking to someone you already know. 73s, I'll see everyone at the January meeting.

Joe, N3XE

Remember that the Christmas Party
meeting begins at **6:30 PM**!

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The Prez Sez

by Dave Demotte, N3IDH

It has been a great year. When you think back to all that we have done, we certainly have accomplished a lot this year.

We set up and ran the special event station, W3C, for the Sports Show in February. We planned and ran a successful hamfest in April. We had a great time at Field Day in June. We conducted VE test sessions in April and in November. We bought new chairs and have fixed up the club house. We have some great new equipment: three new radios and a couple of new antennas. The newsletter is helping to keep everyone informed. We worked contests and provided public service at the Walk-a-thon. We helped some new hams get active. We made friends and had a great time along the way.

It was a team effort. Thanks to everyone for bringing WACOM to where we are today. I am looking forward to working with the new president and officers.

Happy Holidays!

Dave, N3IDH



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at www.wacomarc.org**

Upcoming Events

December 6 - WACOM Christmas Party, Awards and Election of New Officers. Come for DINNER! Note the time is 6:30 PM

January 12 - 2 Meter Simplex Contest sponsored by WASH. 7 to 11 PM. Download entry sheets and information from the WASH website @ www.washarc.org or contact Ed, N3ZNI

January 13 - Hamfest 2002 planning meeting at 1 PM at the WACOM clubhouse.

January 20 - at 1:30 PM. Western Pennsylvania Repeater Council will meet at South Strabane #1 VFD in Pancake. For more information contact Sam Mayberry, W3CYO.

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

February 24 - Breezshooters 10 meter groundwave contest.

February 25 - WASHfest 2002

Sunday, April 21 - WACOM Hamfest Washington County Fairgrounds.

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The editor welcomes articles and timely information of interest to members and the general amateur community.

NEXT WACOM MEETING:

**Thursday
December 6,
2001**

**WACOM
Christmas
Party and
Meeting
6:30 PM**

Meat by Hoagie Haven

**Please bring a
dessert to share !!**

All Are Welcome!

Awards

**Election of
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