

The WACOM HAM

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REMINDER - The next WACOM Board of Directors meeting is **Thursday, January 31 at 7 PM** at the WACOM Club room. All are welcome.

JOIN WACOM ON THE AIR

2 meter net: Every Tuesday at

8:30 PM on the W/A3CYO repeaters 145.49 and 443.3 MHz

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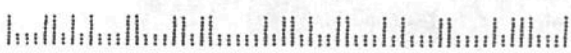
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EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

Don Stark, N3HOW



Happy New Year from the WACOM Ham editorial staff!

Think of the good programs and activities that we have had in the past. The new president and officers are looking for your ideas as we plan for the New Year ahead. Please share your ideas at the meeting. If you know of anything or anyone special please let us know.

WACOM has more good equipment than ever. We need someone to do an inventory of what we have and to record where it is stored. We have a trailer, antennas, radios, accessories, furniture, etc. We also need to put it to use. We have some contests and special event stations coming up this year. Let's put WACOM on the air.

The ARRL has proposed doing away with the Novice sub bands for 80, 40, 15 and 10 meters. This would permit some reallocation of the existing frequencies to expand the phone use of the bands.

Speaking of ARRL, we have been an ARRL affiliated club for 25 years. We get support from the ARRL. It is possible for any member to join ARRL through WACOM. ARRL works to serve the needs of all amateurs. They are working to protect your privileges and your frequencies. Let's give them our support. Contact Ed, N3ZNI, for information on ARRL dues.

Many thanks to Gerry Demotte for taking pictures this month. Also thanks to everyone who brought food for the December meeting. It was fantastic!



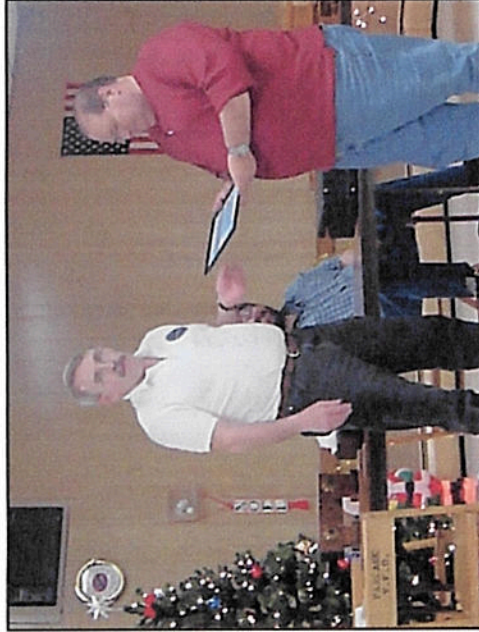
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SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS GIVEN AT THE DECEMBER MEETING



Clay Hamilton, KB3CHY, was given the Super Secretary Award for his longstanding service to WACOM



John Moninger, WA3VKC, was given the Antenna Riggers Award for creative antenna work at Field Day

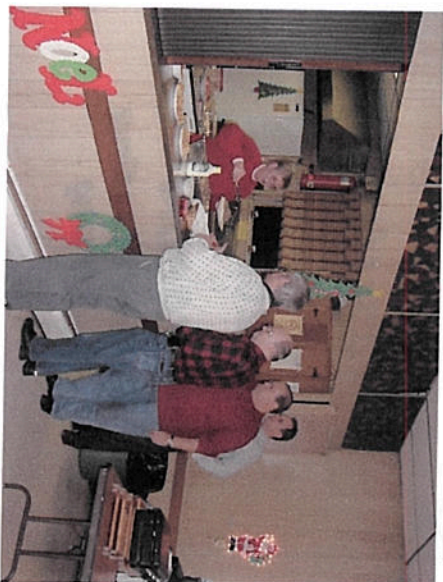


Allen Hettman, KB3EUQ, was given the Antenna Tuners Award for creative work with an antenna tuner at Field Day.



Joe Musante, WB3GTE, was given the Radio-man Award for his help and high level of skill at WACOM field day event this year.

Scenes from the Christmas Party Meeting



At WACOM, we know how to eat. There was a vast array of some the best food and desserts to be found anywhere !



The Lusardi Family including Paul, NOVLR, (New WASH President), Annette, NOWPV, at the WACOM meeting



A well deserved award was presented to a great club president, Dave Demotte.

From left to right: Don Stark, N3HOW, Dave Demotte, N3IDH, and Ed Oelschlager, N3ZNI.

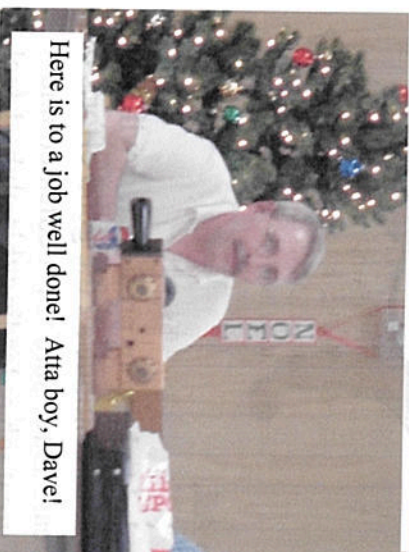


Congratulations to the big award winners of the evening. Showing off their awards were: Clay, KB3CHY; Allen, KB3EUQ; Dave, N3IDH; Joe, WB3GTE; and John, WA3VKC

Reminder—January 13 - Hamfest 2002 planning meeting at 1 PM at the WACOM clubhouse. We need lots of help to put together this years hamfest. Please plan to attend!



The New President, Tom Fox, KA3NIV



Here is to a job well done! Atta boy, Dave!

IT'S WACOM DUES TIME

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.

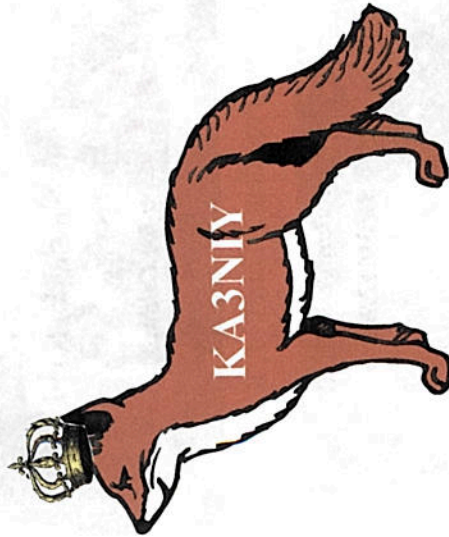
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The Fox's Den

by Tom Fox, KA3NIY



Hello All,

I am glad to be your president. I will do my best to continue all the good efforts of last year. Dave sure was dedicated and did a great job at leading this club. I feel honored to be following in his footsteps. We look forward to a great year.

Hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

73

Tom, KA3NIY



Upcoming Events

January 3 - WACOM Membership Meeting 7:30 PM South Strabane #1 VFD in Pancake.

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. Volunteer Operators are needed. See Ed, N3ZNI.

February 24 - Breezeshooters 10 meter groundwave contest.

February 25 - WASHfest 2002

Sunday, April 21 - WACOM Hamfest Washington County Fairgrounds.



NEXT WACOM MEETING:

**Thursday
January 3,
2002**

**WACOM
Monthly Meeting
7:30 PM**

**VE testing session
sponsored by WASH
Thursday, January 17 at
7 PM**

**John McMillan
Presbyterian Church
Bethel Park
Contact Jacque, N3ZEL**

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