

The WACOM HAM

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REMEMBER— The next WACOM Board of Directors meeting is **Thursday, March 28** 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 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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EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

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The hamfest is coming right along. We will have great publicity this year thanks to the efforts of KB3GOT, N3ZEL, N3ZNI, N3IDH, KB3IN, KC3HW, N3HOW, N3HOZ, KB3FZS. This team gathered together at the February 28th Board of Directors meeting to stuff envelopes with information about the hamfest. About 230 have been sent so far. The next hamfest meeting is Sunday, March 10, at 5 PM. There is a lot to do. Everyone's help is needed.

John, N3MSE, Section Manager for ARRL, will present a special session on Emergency Net-works at the Hamfest.

Congratulations to Jacque, N3ZEL, for winning an ICOM IC28 HT at the WASH fest.

Here is an important reminder. Orders are still being taken for WACOM club clothing including Ball Caps, Jackets, T-shirts, Sweat Shirts etc. Contact Dave, N3IDH at the next meeting. The order will go in after the meeting so get your orders in now!

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Southwestern District ARES Net 147.09/R Sun

7:30 PM

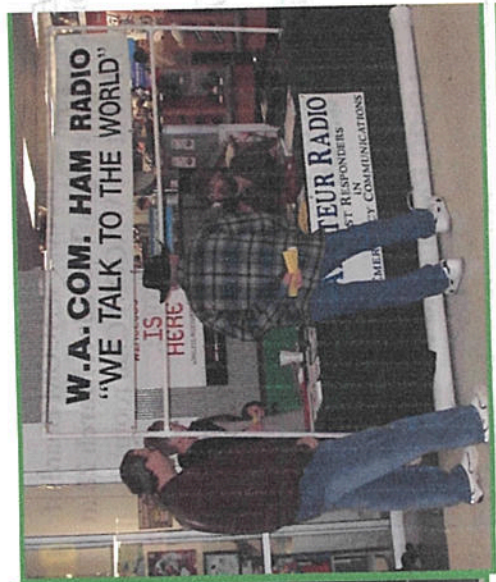
W3C WAS A GREAT SUCCESS

Many thanks to all who helped out the special event station W3C. 274 contacts were made. We worked Ontario and New Brunswick in Canada, Spain, Dominica Island, Puerto Rico, and the Bahamas. We worked a QRP station running 2 watts from New Jersey. We did not get WAS but we had a great time trying. Operators included: Ed, N3ZNI, Carl, KB3FZS, Dave, KB3GOT, Dave, N3IDH, Bob, KB3IN, Tom KA3NIY, Frank, KB3FZU, Lori, KB3GMU, Jim, KC3HW, Don, N3HOW, and Marjorie, N3HOZ.

A special thank you to Ed, N3ZNI, on a fabulous job. Thanks for braving the weather to put up that antenna. It was really worth the effort!



Our new vinyl sign for use at public shows



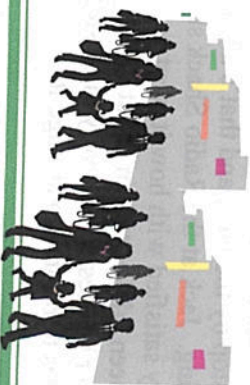
The Fox says "Check out the new web site!!!"

"Thanks to Joe, N3XE"



Message
from Walt Piroth,
N3BKW

The March of Dimes Walk America is going to be held on April 28, 2002. Same time. Same Place. Anyone interested in helping or who needs more information please contact me, Walt Piroth, N3BKW. My email is wpiroth@nb.net. Phone 724-746-2327. I intend to be at the March meeting with a sign-up sheet.



HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

There is still 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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The Fox's Den

by Tom Fox, KA3NIY



Hello All,

From what I could see the Special Event station W3C went just fine.

We worked a lot of stations.

People were curious about what we were doing and they seemed to be interested. We had a number of young people stop by the table and that's always a good thing. Jack at the Radio Shack store was very satisfied with how it went as well. I have been talking to him about participating in our hamfest. He is very interested and hopes to be able to arrange it.

Many thanks to Ed, N3ZNI, for everything that he did to make W3C a success!

Thanks also to Joe, N3XE, for all his work on the web page. It is a work of art!

73

Tom, KA3NIY

WACOM is on
the web at www.wacomarc.org



Upcoming Events

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

March 10—WACOM Hamfest Meeting— 5 PM at the WACOM Clubhouse.

March 17 - Two Rivers ARC Hamfest. Contact Bill Hetrick, N3LQC, 412-751-1937, n3qlc@home.com. Website: www.qsl.net/w3oc/hamfest.htm

March 28—WACOM Board of Directors meeting in the WACOM clubhouse. 7 PM.

Sunday, April 28 - WACOM Hamfest 2002 Washington County Fairgrounds. 8 AM to 1 PM. Admission \$3. Contact Jim Burtoft, 724-228-0546, jburt@mlynk.com

Sunday, April 28 - March of Dimes Walk America Contact Walt Piroth, 724-746-2327, email: wpiroth@nb.net

May 17-19—Dayton Hamvention Dayton, Ohio, Website: www.hamvention.org

June 2—Breezeshooters Hamfest: Contact: Ed Wolf, N3UE, PO Box 100158 Pittsburgh, PA 15233-0158 Phone: 412-221-3806 Email: n3ue@arrl.net

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

NEXT WACOM MEETING:

**Thursday
March 7, 2002**

**WACOM
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7:30 PM

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WACOM Members at the February Meeting