

December 2011



THE WACOM HAM



WACOM President's Message - December 2011



Bud—N3TIR

The holiday season has arrived! As we recover from Thanksgiving, we prepare for the joys and festivities included in the month of December.

This year has again been a very active year for WACOM. The year started with the Sports Show then the Dayton Hamvention where we met with hams from all around the world up close and exchanged ideas. The club participated in public service events, the West Alexander fair and did communications for area walk-a-thons. Field Day 2011 the club won first place in section WPA 5-Alpha and finished 12th in the nation under 5-Alpha.

It was also a sad year with the loss of some dear friends – Steve KB3SVX, John KA3YJY, Tom WB3CED and Jackie N3ZEL. They have all added a foundation and support to our club over the years and they will be very much missed. We can only wish the best for their family's during this holiday season.

The 2011 HAMFEST was a great showing of our clubs strength. I have received emails like this.

Howdy there. I am very impressed how the WACOM ham fest has become a well-attended ham fest in the area over the past 5-7 years or so...Each year, there is steady growth and lots of folks helping out...it was truly inspiring to see a well-run ham fest - keep up the good work

Improvements? Start the lunch menu earlier than 10:30, if possible - I know it seems a bit early - but that food smelled really good about 9:30!

Paul N0VLR

The months ahead hold more contests, holiday gatherings, and for those of us who travel, the chance to talk and meet with others outside our local groups.

Our holiday gathering on December 9th at the Buffalo Township Building will be a chance to relax and enjoy each other's company. The night will begin around 6 pm with refreshments. We ask members to bring a covered dish too share and WACOM will provide the soft drinks and Ham & Turkey.

I want to thank the WACOM Board of Directors and the club members, for your support and energy this past year. Norma and I send our best holiday wishes to all of you, and I hope that 2011 will bring all of us understanding, opportunity, peace and laughter in this hobby we call Amateur Radio.

73's Bud Plants N3TIR

WACOM OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, STAFF, REPEATERS, AND NETS!

Repeaters

W3CYO - 145.490 MHz, 443.300 MHz
K3PSP - 146.790 MHz

2 Meter Net

· Tuesdays at 8:30PM on W3CYO Repeater

10-meter net

· Tuesdays at 9PM on 28.340 MHz

YL Net

· Wednesdays at 7:30PM on K3PSP Repeater

Elmer Net

· Wednesdays at 8PM on K3PSP Repeater
(immediately following the WACOM YL Net)

LOCAL TRAFFIC NETS

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SWPA 2-Meter Daily Net 146.880
8:00 p.m.

HF WPA Phone Daily Net 3.983 6:00
p.m.

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Website- *ARES* - www.wpaares.org

The Section ARES website, www.wpaares.org has a new look and most important, we have our own registration program up and running. Thanks to all that participated in the beta test and high praise to Bob, AG3U for the programming. We are now ready to turn it on. The program worked so well in test, that if you participated you need NOT re-enter information.

Registration is open to all interested in joining WPAARES.

PLEASE LOG IN TO JOIN ARES
73 Bud N3TIR

WACOM General Meeting Minutes

3 November 2011, 7:30 PM

Present: Bud(N3TIR), Norma(N3YJJ), JohnQ(N3GHR), Sam(W3CYO), DaveD(N3IDH), Ed (N3ZNI), Jim(KC3HW), Paul(N3WMV), Denny(K8DKS), Debbie(KD8KAC), Kevin (KN4AA), Sally(KKY4L), Frank(KB3AAG), JoeB(KB3QQT), BobK(KB3IN), Dennis(K3PSP), Carl(AB3FQ), Tom(K3PHW), Fay (KA3VOM), Ken (AA3GM), and Robert (N3SDR)

Bud called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

Reports

Secretary – Dave moved to accept minutes as published in newsletter, Joe seconded, motion accepted

Treasurer – Norma gave treasurers report, Ed moved to accept, Debbie seconded, motion accepted

Old Business

Classes – general class concluded; 7 members, 5 passed test, 2 will take test at Ham fest

Repeater – 49 repeater taken down; Dennis working on hardware; Bob – county will buy equipment but club's call sign will be on repeater

Members – please use repeaters; if they get little use, the frequencies will be reallocated by the FCC

Ham Fest – 200 tables sold (all but 16); Bud sent info on time schedule; set up to start at 3:00 PM Sat., Vendors will start arriving at 6:00 PM; Kevin will do PA system; Dennis made arrangements for county communications trailer to be at Fest

Christmas party – Friday December 9, at Buffalo Twp hall

Sportsmen's show – money for table sent

New Business

Bill NY9H is in Dominican Republic; will be on 14.308 at 8:00

Nominations – nominations were made for the following offices:

President – Debbie nominated Bill NY9H; Dave moved to close nominations for President

Secretary – no nominations were put forth; Dave moved to close nominations for Secretary

Board member – Dave nominated Jim; Denny moved to close nominations for board member

Sam moved to close nominations, Joe seconded, motion accepted

Norma commented that club would run better if we set up committees to run the different events; Bud stated that he would consider a second term if this could be done

Sam moved to adjourn, Joe 2nd, meeting adjourned at 8:22

DECEMBER WACOM MEETING

***Please Welcome to the December 1, 2011 WACOM
General Meeting***

WC30 Bob Bastone

from Skyview Radio Society

Bob will give a talk and presentation regarding soldering a PL-259 coax connection that works great.

Bob has a great deal of experience in amateur radio and enjoys CW.

Bob also can answer questions about the Skyview Radio Society Amateur Radio club station.

73 Bud Plants

WACOM HAM RADIO CLASS REPORT FOR 2011

All WACOM Club sponsored training classes are FREE to anyone interested in obtaining an amateur radio license. The only expense incurred by the students is for whatever books, tapes or other training materials that will be used for the respective class and any fees required for the testing session. None of this money goes to the WACOM Club.

WACOM Amateur Radio Club had a record year for both the number of classes held and for the number of new hams that those classes brought into the community. Thanks go to all of the volunteers that helped to make 2011 a great year. The club, wanting to continue bringing the world of ham radio to more people, is already planning new classes for next year.

Licenses earned in 2011 from WACOM Classes:

5 Technician!

5 General!

2 Extra!

On behalf of WACOM I want to thank Bill Steffey NY9H, the instructor, for his hours of dedication and his willingness to share his experiences in Amateur Radio. Bill has a way of conveying electronics and making it fun to learn at the same time.

Also I want to thank The South Strabane VFD #1 for the use of their facilities doing the class operation.

Also Dave Demotte N3IDH for arranging the logistics for the class to be held at the VFD.

73 Bud Plants N3TIR

President Washington Amateur Communications Inc.

WACOM AMATEUR RADIO GENERAL CLASS - 2011



NY9H BILL, N3XAR PATTY, MORMA N3YJJ , KB3JHM
DAMIAN ,KB3JHL DAVID



BILL (NY9H) INSTRUCTS THE STUDENTS

Congratulations to the new WACOM

General Class Graduates!



Bob Neitzel N3SRD new General Class radio operator with Bill NY9H



Melissa Metz KB3VGU new General class operator with Bill NY9H



Ralph Metz AB3OP new General & Extra Class operator with Bill NY9H



Paul Plants N3WMV and Patty Marshall N3XAR new General Cass operators with Bill NY9H



Damian Zanolli KB3JHM new General class Operator with Bill NY9H

WACOM HAM DX CORNER—DECEMBER 2011

SOURCE: <http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html>

2011 Dec02	2011 Dec07	Jersey	GJ6UW	LotW	425DXN 20110917	HF, focus on 160 80m for Asia and Japan; CW SSB RTTY
2011 Dec02	2011 Dec08	Vietnam	XV2LC	VK6LC	DXW.Net 20111010	By VK6LC; 20 17 12m; CW SSB
2011 Dec04	2011 Dec11	Senegal	6W	AA1AC	425DXN 20111029	By AA1AC as 6W/AA1AC fm Le Calao; QSL OK via Buro or direct
2011 Dec07	2011 Dec16	Palau	T8CC	LotW	UA4CC 20111112	By UA4CC; also using T88UU; 160-10m, perhaps 6m; CW SSB RTTY; holiday style operation; QSL also OK via UA4CC, Buro or direct
2011 Dec08	2011 Dec13	Ethiopia	ET3AA	TBA	DXW.Net 20111104	By K1LZ K3LP K3VN N6PSE N2WB
2011 Dec09	2011 Dec11	Antigua	V25R	K6IF	K6IF 20111104	By K6IF; QRV for ARRL 10m Contest
2011 Dec12	2011 Dec14	Guam	KH2	LotW	OPDX 20111114	By JA1XGI as W8XGI/KH2 fm OC-026 (USI GU003S, WFF KFF-110, WLOTA 0064); 20-10m; mainly CW; QSL also OK via JA1XGI, Buro or direct
2011 Dec14	2011 Dec31	Palestine	E44PM	LotW	OPDX 20110606	By HB9IQB; probable focus on WARC CW; QSL also OK via HB9IQB, Buro or direct; exact begin and end dates unclear
2011 Dec16	2011 Dec27	Belize	V31NB	EB7DX	DXW.Net 20110817	By 5B4AIF; SSB; fm V31MD's QTH in Placenia
2011 Dec19	2012 Jan04	Togo	5V7MA	F4FOO	VA3RJ 20110930	By F4FOO fm Sokode; 20-10m; SSB; QSL OK via Buro or direct; spare time operation
2011 Dec26	2012 Jan05	Namibia	V5	DH3WO	DH3WO 20110812	By DH3WO as V5/DH3WO
2011 Dec26	2012 Jan16	Namibia	V5	DJ2HD	DJ2HD 20110812	By DJ2HD as V5/DJ2HD
2011 Dec28	2012 Jan04	Burundi	9U3TMM	IV3TMM Buro	DXW.Net 20111017	By IV3TMM fm Bujumbura (KI46qp); HF; SSB RTTY
2011 Dec29	2012 Jan06	Sable I	CY0		DXW.Net 20111025	By N0TG as N0TG/CY0, WA4DAN AA4VK N1SNB likewise
2011 Dec30	2012 Jan07	Ogasawara	JD1BMH <small>NEW</small>	JG7PSJ Direct	OPDX 20111121	By JD1BMH fm Chichijima I (AS-031); 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY
2011 Dec30	2012 Jan08	Palau	T88OW	RA0FF	DXW.Net 20110912	By RA0FF

WACOM Christmas Party!!



**WACOM's Christmas Party will be held on
Friday, December 9, 2011 @ 6:00 P.M!**

**It will be in the same location as last year:
Buffalo Township Building off
Taylorstown Exit 11 on Route 70 West**

**Please let Norma know how many family members you will be bringing with
you and what you will be bringing to share (side dish ~ salad ~ dessert).**

WACOM will purchase the meat and soft drinks.

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**Again this year we will have the Grab Bag gift, price not to exceed  
\$5.00.**

**(Be sure to indicate on the gift whether it is appropriate for a Man, a Woman, or Either)**