

# DURHAM FM ASSOCIATION



## July 2005 Newsletter Sidney Edwards W4QWM Reporting

### Program for Tuesday July

We will be meeting at Fuddruckers at 1809 Martin Luther King Parkway which is back of the old South Square Hamfest location. Social eating time begins at 6:00 PM and the meeting will begin at 7:00 PM. Our program this month will be presented by Dave Snyder on military reenactment. This is something in which he participates with great regularity

### LID ???

The lid has not been at a club meeting in several months. Does anyone know who has it? Please let me know or bring it to our next meeting.

### Hamfest Report

Our treasurer Dee KU4GC gave us our Hamfest report. We had another successful year. Thanks to all who worked this year? Our attendance was about 325. The club table made \$212, the lottery made \$107.50. The food services netted almost \$100 which is super. Every one seemed to enjoy the food and gave us good comments. We had 6 members pay their dues. The report shows the Hamfest netted a profit of --- after paying for prizes, food, National Guard Armory, etc. Again thanks to all who worked so hard on the event. Let's look forward to next year and make it even better.

### Meeting Location

It has been suggested by Bill (km4uo) and others that we move our meeting site from Fuddruckers to the new Golden Corral (sitting on the hallowed ground roughly where our hamfests used to take place). The main advantage over Fuddruckers is that they can provide a reserved, private room.

A talk with the GC management in early June revealed that use of the room required that all attendees pay for a meal. At present only the full dinner buffet was available at \$12.41 per person, tax and tip included (roughly equivalent to \$10 or \$11 before tax and tip). For those wishing to eat a full meal, this is probably a good deal. However, we've always allowed (and encouraged) members to attend even if no food was desired. Since the required arrangement was not acceptable the tentative reservation for the June meeting was canceled (and the meeting was held at Fuddruckers).

It was proposed to the GC management that in lieu of requiring all attendees to pay for a buffet meal, that the Club pay a fixed room fee in exchange for a relaxed policy allowing non diners to attend. The local management agreed to kick this idea up their chain of command and get back to us.

When no calls came back, a check was made in late June and the following proposal was put on the table by GC, for our

consideration. The club would have to guarantee 15 meals (at \$12.41). Additional members could then attend without eating (or could buy a drink or pay for the dessert bar).

The board discussed this proposal at its last meeting and felt this should be brought to the membership because it could represent a serious monetary commitment. If only 10 buffets were purchased by attendees, then the club would have to kick in over \$60 (and not even get food in return). However, most of the attendees at the board meeting felt that they, personally, would purchase the buffet.

What is your opinion? Would you prefer the Golden Corral over Fuddruckers? Would you buy a buffet?

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Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Every Month 6:00 PM  
Fuddruckers 1809 Martin Luther King Parkway