

DURHAM FM ASSOCIATION



November 2005 Newsletter Sidney Edwards W4QWM Reporting

Program for Tuesday November 8

The program for November is given by Dr Ed Cox AA4BB. The title will be "Get Turned On to Solar Electricity". He will give a brief introduction and then we will watch a delightful 30 minute VHS presentation.

The DFMA meeting will be at McMannen United Methodist Church. Since McMannen hosts a Durham precinct in the elections, there will be a change in the meeting room. The meeting room will be to the left of the sanctuary (the west end) since the election process will be in the fellowship hall. The same room we had for the October meeting. Please remember to vote.

Minutes from October Meeting

DFMA Meeting Minutes for October 13, 2005

Minutes taken by Lenore Ramm.

Attendees: Dee (KU4GC, Treasurer), Lenore (KF4PAB, Secretary), Jim K., Dave (WA4NID), Mark J., Sidney (W4QWM), Gene H., Rhett (KE4HIH, Vice President), Joanna (KE4QOZ), Joseph (KF4QYY), Don (KE4UVJ), Mark F., Bill (KI4JWA), Will (KI4KNR), Wilson (W4BOH, President), Mac (WQ8Y), Dave (W4WQU), Mark, Lowell (KK4PH), Al (KE4IHX), Jim (WD4KSZ), Bill (KM4UO), Grace (KF4TMS)

Wilson presided over the meeting and welcomed everyone. Introductions. There was applause from the members for effort put into the DFMA newsletter, the Link, by Sidney and Lenore. The backup for the 147.225 repeater is ready to move to the TV hill. There was some discussion of the ARRL and the fine quality of the Handbook. In order for a club to be affiliated with the national organization, a certain percentage of members must be members of ARRL. An estimated 50% of DFMA members are ARRL members and the ARRL contributes to our club by donating books to be used as door prizes at the hamfests.

Treasurer's report: The bank provided no update for savings, but this should be --- after interest. Checking contains ---.

Secretary's report: nothing to report.

Repeater Manager's report: absent.

Mac mentioned an article describing the work hams did in the aftermath of Katrina. They matched hams up all over the country and were a source to the media. Dee reported on the previous VE session, where there was one new ham and one upgrade to Extra. The ratio of examiners to examinees was 2 to 1. Don volunteered to purchase a new lid, since the old one is missing.

Dave let everyone know about an opportunity for hams to volunteer for the Annual Habitat for Humanity Halloween 100 on October 29th. Hams were needed at rest stops and in sag cars. Al volunteered to help with medical needs. Mac mentioned the 5k foot race on the 22nd that needed ham volunteers. This event benefited the building of a park on a vacant lot in Hillsborough. The town of Hillsborough will maintain the park once it has been built. It was noted that this race was certified. It was proposed that the MCU attend these events.

Rhett made a motion that we continue the tradition of passing the hat for the Durham Rescue Mission at the Christmas meeting. The motion was passed. The membership approved a club sponsored potluck dinner on December 13th, starting at 6pm. There will be some coordination on what to bring, but the club will provide the meat. Wilson said that he saw turkeys on his property, but could not catch them. Rhett introduced the speaker, Jim Kaiser, who gave a talk on digital signal processing. Door prizes were awarded, using bits of paper instead of tickets. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes from the Board Meeting

No board meeting was held this month.

XMAS Meeting

We are planning to have a potluck supper for our December meeting. This will be held at McMannen Church. The club will supply the meat. If everyone that comes brings food to share it will make for a super event. Next newsletter will have more details. I would like to get an idea how many plan to attend. If possible please send me email if you are coming. Of course you and your family are invited. My email address is Edwards@tunl.duke.edu.

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