

DURHAM FM ASSOCIATION



March 2006 Newsletter Sidney Edwards W4QWM Reporting

Program for Tuesday March 14

Rhett George will give a program on homebrew and kit building. The DFMA meeting will be at McMannen United Methodist Church 7:00 PM

Minutes from February Meeting

DFMA Meeting Minutes for February 14, 2006

Minutes taken by Lenore Ramm.

Attendees: Dee (KU4GC, Treasurer), Lenore (KF4PAB, Secretary), Jim L. (WB4YYY), Sue (KA4AVM), Rhett (KE4HIH, Vice President), Joanna (KE4QOZ), Joseph (KF4QYY), Bill (KI4JWA, Board Member), Wilson (W4BOH, President), Zack, Al (KE4IHX), Rene (KE4UCR), Mac (WQ8U), Mark (KG4STP), Thomas (KG4FTT)

Wilson presided. Introductions.

The repeater needs to be taken down to replace the voter board. Sidney will do it. The old repeater needs to be taken to TV Hill to use as a backup. Wilson asked for helpers for Thursday, since it was supposed to be a nice day. The receiver at the Hill is off and only the satellite receivers are operating. It was suggested that the intermod problem needs to be taken care of and the receiver at the Hill should be turned back on. The membership wondered about the whereabouts of the service monitor.

Vice-president's report: Kit building was mentioned in the link, but he hasn't heard anything. Discussion about possible kits ensued.

Treasurer's report: Except for the differences, the bank statements are identical to last time. Savings: --- Checking: ---

Secretary's report: Traditionally, weekly net control operators were gathered at the monthly DFMA meetings, so Lenore had a list of dates and asked for volunteers and Wilson, Rene, Rhett and Dee graciously volunteered.

Thomas mentioned that the Durham Roadways Festivals had been cancelled. Odyssey of the Mind will be on March 4th and OCRA is organizing the ham support effort. Rhett introduced the speaker. Bill, KI4JWA, whose talk was titled, Sensor & Control Device Networking for Automation.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes from the Board Meeting

DFMA Board Meeting Minutes for February 28, 2005

Minutes taken by Lenore Ramm.

Attendees: Dee (KU4GC, Treasurer), Lenore (KF4PAB, Secretary), Rhett (KE4HIH, Vice President), Joanna (KE4QOZ), JR (KG4NNT, Board Member), Charlie (WA4WTX, Repeater Manager), Wilson (W4BOH, President), Sidney (W4QWM). Wilson presided. We discussed the graphics to go on the MCU again. Johanna drew up a new version based on some earlier mockups.

It was suggested that we have Field Day at TV Hill, but NC has regulations about people climbing towers.

Treasurer's report: Same as at general meeting.

Vice President: No luck so far on Duke Gardens talk. Discussed other possibilities for March and April meetings.

Repeater Manager's report: Charlie, Wilson, Jim L., and Mac did the hard part of moving the backup 147.225 repeater to TV Hill. It was great having so much help for this. The equipment at the VA also had to be moved 4 feet. Installing new equipment will be more challenging, since the elevator stops two floors beneath our area. They found trap doors in the ceiling, so it's possible that using a winch could make that easier. New batteries need to be acquired for various locations.

May 6th is still on for the HamNic at Wilson's House. It will be potluck.

Discussed disappearing vendors and hamfests. The margin is very small on newer radios. Someone asked about the whereabouts of the MCU. It needs an alarm system and it would be nice if it could be kept inside.

Dee mentioned that there was a tax form for non-profit organizations that mentioned assets. He will contact Charlie Bryan to discuss this.

Discussed membership lists and how long people should be kept on them. The meeting was adjourned.

Dues for 2006

Did you forget to send your dues in this year? Look at the mailing label. If there is a "05" after your call, then you should send in your dues which are \$12 per year. The other codes are "ex" for expired, "sp" for sponsored and "06" for current.

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