

DURHAM FM ASSOCIATION



June 2006 Newsletter Sidney Edwards W4QWM Reporting

Tuesday June 13

June Meeting Location

We will meet at Shoney's June 13 at **6:00 PM for supper and 7:00 PM for the meeting.** Shoney's will provide us a private room at no charge as long as a majority of us eat with them. No minimum will be required either. Shoney's is located on Hillandale Road at I-85 exit. Samantha Earp, the Head of Instructional Media and Language Technology Services in the Duke Center for Instructional Technology, will be giving a talk on the Duke iPod Project.

Minutes from May Meeting

DFMA Meeting Minutes for May 09, 2006

Minutes taken by Lenore Ramm.

Attendees: Dee (KU4GC, Treasurer), Lenore (KF4PAB, Secretary), Jim (WB4YYY), Sue (KA4AVM), Rhett (KE4HIH, Vice President), Joanna (KE4QOZ), Joseph (KF4QYY), Wilson (W4BOH, President), Rene (KE4UCR), Mac (WQ8U), JR (KG4NNT, Board Member), Derek (KO4T), Skip (WA4BNT), Magnus (KI40TK), M.K. (W4MKR), Charlie (WA4WTX, Repeater Manager), Bill (KI4JWA, Board Member), Travis (WB4EYT), Bob (W4YKI), Al (KE4IHX), Paul (KE4OXN), Linda (KF4LJZ), Jim (KD4KSZ), Sidney (W4QWM, Board Member), Don (KE4UVJ), Dave (KD4WQU), Dave (N4UBH), Cindy (KI4OKO)

Wilson presided. We will try Shoney's again. Discussed possible date change, but nothing was decided. Wilson noted that the speedometer on the MCU is optimistic and non-linear.

Secretary's report: Thanked everyone for participating in the survey. Door prizes were awarded to Don, who won 87 curiously strong magnets and Derek, who won a wide-angle mirror to attach to his computer monitor. Wilson, Rene, Dee and Rhett volunteered to be net control for the following four Thursdays.

Vice President's report: Described programs for June and July. June's program will be the Duke iPod Project and July's will be about morphing art into something else.

Treasurer's Report: --- in savings and --- in checking. Using the armory for the hamfest is costing us approximately \$1000 this year.

Repeater Manager's report: "It's all still there."

There will be food at the hamfest, in the form of a concession trailer, which will be there Friday night, too. Food will include, but not be limited to hot dogs, hamburgers and chicken fingers. The club, which will get a percentage of the concession sales, would like to get \$150 from this. The guy who runs the concessions is a friend of Linda's. We sold 35 of 50 boxes of Krispey Kreme doughnuts last year. The club decided not to do that again this year.

Introductions. There were several new hams. Discussed the potential of using TV Hill as a Field Day site. Talked about having ham classes. Bill sent mail to the Chapel Hill Home Schoolers' Association and 3 people were interested. Mac is going to Dayton and could take a carpooler if anyone were interested.

Joseph led a discussion regarding who would be volunteering for what duty for the upcoming DurHamFest.

Minutes from the Board Meeting

DFMA Board Meeting Minutes for May 29, 2006

Minutes taken by Lenore Ramm.

Attendees: Dee (KU4GC, Treasurer), Lenore (KF4PAB, Secretary), Rhett (KE4HHH, Vice President), Charlie (WA4WTX, Repeater Manager), Wilson (W4BOH, President), Sidney (W4QWM, Board Member), J.R. (KG4NNT, Board Member)
Wilson presided. Discussed Shoney's as a meeting place. The McMannen United Methodist church reservation can be released, except for December. Rhett and Dee said they would be glad to help out with the ham class the following Saturday.

- Repeater Manager's report: We've been having air conditioner problems at the repeater site in Hillsborough. It has a window unit and it's hotter inside than out. We need a second or bigger unit. The power was off for 1 ½ hours last week and it would be better if the unit were not digital. A search will be launched for a window unit that has actual knobs. Wilson will look at Home Depot and Lowe's. This purchase was approved.

Remember the break-in at our Hoover Road storage facility several months ago? We thought nothing was missing, but Dee reported that several heavy duty extension cords were missing.

- Vice President's report: When serving as net control for the Possum Trot net, Rhett has observed the following behavior: is clear, goes into hiss mode for 30 seconds, hum mode and then is clear again. Is the battery charger recycling? Discussed theories about why this might be happening. Discussed upcoming ham class. It will be at the SW branch of the Durham Co. Library. The board approved the purchase of food and drinks for the class. The talk at the June meeting, on the Duke iPod project, will be given by Samantha Earp instead of Lynne O'Brien. The July meeting is lined up, too.
- Treasurer's report: The preliminary report was that we lost \$65 with the hamfest. That's close to breaking even. Dee urged us to have a meeting with Joseph, Paul and Linda to discuss what worked and what we could do better next year. It was suggested that we advertise to the general public, particularly since we used to get a lot of walk-in traffic at South Square
- Secretary's report: Passed out the results of the survey. The board will review them and discuss them at the next board meeting. Culled expired members from the mailing list. Entire mailing list, including former members, will be used for a couple of mailings per year.

Discussed moving the meeting night. The current time conflicts with other local clubs. We welcome input from the membership. The MCU now has lettering on the sides. **The board approved the appointment of an MCU Czar at the June meeting. Anyone interested in this position should contact Wilson.** This person will be responsible for generally taking care of the MCU and facilitate others making improvements to it. In addition, all other **offices are open and members are encouraged to run for office.**

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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