

# DURHAM FM ASSOCIATION



## July 2006 Newsletter Sidney Edwards W4QWM Reporting Tuesday July 11

### July 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.

### Program

Anya Belkina will present a program on art, perhaps classic Russian art, and demonstrate morphing one image into series of images. She is on the faculty of the Duke Art Department. Rhett has seen this program and another which her students have had a major role regarding a virtual landscape thru which the viewer moves. Rhett believes we have a treat in store.

### Minutes from June Meeting

DFMA Meeting Minutes for June 13, 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), M.K. (W4MKR), Bill (KI4JWA, Board Member), Travis (WB4EYT), Al (KE4IHX), Paul (KE4OXN), Linda (KF4LJZ), Jim (KD4KSZ), Sidney (W4QWM, Board Member), Don (KE4UVJ), Dave (KD4WQU), Dave (N4UBH), Cindy (KI4OKO), Harry (WA4VTV), Marilyn, Samantha, T.D. (KG4FTT), Zack. (misplaced sign-up sheet, so there may be errors in this list) Wilson presided. Introductions.

Treasurer's report: --- in savings and --- in checking. Presented figures from the hamfest (see attached information). There were only 3 unsold tables (resulting in a cheer for Linda). Urged hamfest team to strategize now for next year.

Secretary's report: Wilson, Rene, Dee and Rhett signed up to be net controls for the Thursday night nets (at 9pm on 147.225). Door prizes! A USB fan (perfect for field day) was awarded to Mac. An Ohm's Law watch was awarded to Sue. Also, the membership list was culled by the board, so people who haven't paid dues since 2005 have been removed from the mailing list.

KI4NQO, from Roxboro, requested permission for local kids use repeater at a specified time. This would be during Hog Day. This was approved by the membership.

Field Day is the 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> of June. Charlie is talking to owners of the property at TV Hill. More information will be provided on the DFMA yahoo group, DFMA Special Interest, dfma special.

Elections will be held next month. People are running....away.

Skip is looking for a 2 meter mobile Icom. Harry Partin passed out a list of 23lbs. of ham equipment that he is selling.

Samantha Earp, Head of Instructional Media and Language Technology Services at the Duke Center for Instructional Technology, gave a talk on the Duke iPod Project.

### Minutes from June Board Meeting

DFMA Board Meeting Minutes for June 27, 2006

Minutes taken by Lenore Ramm.

Attendees: Dee (KU4GC, Treasurer), Lenore (KF4PAB, Secretary), Rhett (KE4HIH, Vice President), Charlie (WA4WTX, Repeater Manager), Wilson (W4BOH, President), Don (KE4UVJ), Tanner (KB4TYE)

Wilson presided. Dee nominated Don for the new MCU Czar position. Don explained how a rock got stuck in between the dually wheels at field day. They deflated one of the tires and were able to remove it. The belt fell off and the engine overheated. They put in

water and antifreeze. There seems to be no permanent damage. Noted that there is no spare tire for the MCU. Don agreed to serve as MCU Czar. Tanner requested the MCU for the 2007 Tour de Cure. Still need to have an indoor parking space. Need an extension and bracket for the exhaust pipe.

Discussed FEMA courses, which, starting in September will be required for official participation in communications for disasters. The training is based on the incident-command structure.

Tanner, also appointed, will take over the web page. Discussed nominations of new officers. Discussed Hoover Rd. storage site. It's now clear that as a result of last year's break-in, we lost not only electrical cables but equipment and supplies for Field Day. Need to fix the hasp and/or hinges, which have exposed screws. The North Carolina School of Science and Math is interested in setting up a ham station.

Wilson volunteered to summarize the survey results. Wilson asked Charlie about raising the audio levels and Charlie explained what the various levels were. Charlie has another voter that allows adjustments on every channel. Sometimes the switching between voters causes a popping noise and sometimes it doesn't and he doesn't know why. The air conditioner on the Hill has now been replaced.

Tanner talked about VoIP, which he wants to get up and running. He just needs a 440mhz transceiver and Charlie said he would look for one. Tanner explained how IRLP works and how it can only be accessed via radio, in contrast to Echolink.

## DFMA SURVEY

Congratulations to Tony, KG4VCE, who won the \$20 Amazon gift certificate in a random drawing of participants in the DFMA on-line survey. This certificate was anonymously donated by one of our members. Thanks again to all who participated in the survey! Wilson will be writing up a summary of the results."

## Ham Gear for Sale Harry Partin WA4VTV:

Panasonic charger	5.00	Sony recorder	10.00
Drake speaker MS-4	30.00	Electronic key	20.00
Microphone on a stand	15.00	Heathkit phone patch	20.00
Heathkit VTVM	30.00	Phone patch control PC-1A	20.00
Low pass filter	10.00	Drake TR3 with power supply	100.00
Handheld microphone	1.00	Packrat microphone 232	
Heath mobile speaker	10.00		
Quantity of QST magazines	Free		

Our address is 2739 Spencer St.; phone 489-4092. Just call and come by.

## DurHamFest 2006 (5/27/06)

HamFest Income	
Tickets (stub count)	260 1300.00
Tables	37 444.00
Tailgate slots	14 70.00
Club Table (net)	122.00
Food Vendor	50.00
Cookie sales (Lenore)	48.00
Miscellaneous (deduced)	46.00
Total Income	2080.00
HamFest Expenses	
Prizes (dBJ Radio)	457.19
Prize (cash)	50.00
Armory Rental	1075.00
Table rental (Best)	369.17
Ad (SERA)	160.00
Postage (ljz)	8.19
Total Expenses	2119.55
Profit	-39.55
Other Activities	
50-50 MCU Raffle (net)	53.00
Dues collected	42.00
Total Other Activities	95.00

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Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Every Month 6:00 PM