

DURHAM FM ASSOCIATION



September 2006 Newsletter Sidney Edwards W4QWM Reporting

Tuesday September 12 August Meeting Location

The DFMA meeting will be at Mayflower Restaurant at 6:00 PM which is located across the street from South Square, 3742 Chapel Hill Blvd. The program will be presented by Charles Durst WA4WTX . He will talk about the present repeater system.

HAMNIC

DFMA will meet at the home of Joanna, KE4QOZ, and Rhett, KE4HIH on Saturday, 9 September, for a pot-luck hamnic. The hamnic begins at 1530.

"Bring a dish to share,
to sit upon, bring a chair.
Bring some yarns to spin,
bring swimsuit threads for swimming in
unless you swim immodestly bare."

Directions: from Durham, travel west on US 70 to the traffic light at Pleasant Green Road (where Business 70 and Bypass 70 meet). Continue west on US 70 for 1.5 miles. Note: at 1.4 miles you will pass Red Hill Lane, the entrance road to Red Hill Farms. Turn left left onto gravel road which crosses creek on a culvert. Take the middle driveway which looks steepest and meanest.

There will be some parking spaces for handicapped folk in front of the garage. There are other parking spaces uphill beside the garage, across from the house, and below the house in teh open spaces. These latter spaces are accessed by turning right as you near the greenhouse corner of the house, driving past the basement door, and back down toward the driveway. Please do not block the access route uphill to the greenhouse and past the basement door.

See you on 9 September.

Joanna and Rhett

Minutes from August Meeting

DFMA Meeting Minutes for August 8, 2006

Minutes taken by Lenore Ramm.

Attendees: Dee (KU4GC, Treasurer), Lenore (KF4PAB, Secretary), Rhett (KE4HIH), Joanna (KE4QOZ), Joseph (KF4QYY), Wilson (W4BOH, ex-officio), Rene (KE4UCR, President), Mac (WQ8U, Vice-President), Derek (KO4T), Skip (WA4BNT), Bill (KI4JWA, Board Member), Jim (KD4KSZ), Don (KE4UVJ), Dave (N4UBH), Cindy (KI4OKO), T.D. (KG4FTT), Ed, Frank (KE4IHX), Charles (K4IUL), Tanner (KB4TYE).

Rene presided. Wilson gave Rene the DFMA gavel. Introductions.

Secretary's report: Thanked Sidney for writing up the July minutes. Rene, Wilson, Dee [many thanks to Rhett for taking that one], Lenore and Rhett volunteered to be net controls for the DFMA Thursday night net (9pm on 147.225).

Treasurer's report: --- in savings and --- in checking.

Field Day: There was rain, lightning, and a rock got stuck between the dualie wheels. They had a fun time. There was some computer logging, which enabled them to see the stations worked on a map. Dave and TD worked on removing duplicates. They had a demonstration by KF4JPE on slowscan TV. The MCU's fan belt also fell off and it overheated. They liked the site. There was less space, no noise and the height was excellent. The contest scores were probably about the same as last year. A lot of people forgot to bring umbrellas. Rene said he would camp out next year.

There was no old business to be discussed.

The Lid: Don bought a new lid, because we don't know where the old one is. The new one was awarded to Don. People who are awarded with the Lid will be listed on the website.

Discussed potential meeting places. Golden Corral still required that a specific number of people eat.

Those attending the meeting decided that we should give Mayflower a try.

Dee mentioned the VE session's new location at the Orange Co. Public Library, on Tryon Street in Hillsborough. Rhett announced that there will be a HamNic at his and Joanna's house on September 9th, starting around 3 or 4 pm. It will be potluck. A flexible shaft screwdriver and an LED lantern were awarded as door prizes. Mac told everyone that Charlie would give a talk about the repeater system at the September meeting.

Wilson gave a summary of the results of the DFMA On-line survey. He later said that he would write this up for publication in the newsletter.

President's Corner

Due to my college schedule I will be taking leave of absence for this semester. Mac will be in control of the meetings keeping me informed as to what is going on. I only realized that I would be going to college 2 weeks ago. I will be very much in the midst of what's going on, just not as visible. I appreciate everyone's support during this time. I hope that I will find that my school schedule will not be as demanding as I think it will be. At the end of the semester I will evaluate the situation and decide if I can stay your president. Whichever happens, I want it to be the best for the club.

73 ke4ucr Rene'

DFMA is a very diverse club with a great history and even more potential for the future. DFMA has over 90 members, multiple repeaters, an MCU, active nets, a newsletter, a website, one of the best regional hamfests, a Ham-nic, Field Day activity - WOW!

I am very excited about DFMA and believe that with the membership, resources and leadership we have, DFMA will grow to be recognized as the leader in ham radio in the region. The recent membership survey provided excellent feedback that will form the basis for planning the future direction and activities of the DFMA.

I will work with Rene as his surrogate and with all of you to help DFMA move forward. Since I am new to the club, I will be asking for a lot of help. Your patience and continued enthusiastic support of DFMA are needed.

73 Mac WQ8U
Hillsborough, NC

Club Officers for 2006-2007

President Rene Couch KE4UCR

Vice president Mac MacAuley WQ8U

Secretary Lenore Ramm

Treasurer Dee Ramm

Repeater Manager Charles Durst WA4WTX

MCU Coordinator Don Watt KE4UVJ

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Past President Wilson Lamb W4BOH

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2 slots open to be selected at a later time.

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