

# DURHAM FM ASSOCIATION



## January 2007 Newsletter Sidney Edwards W4QWM Reporting

**Tuesday January 9**

### December Meeting Location

January 9, 2007 Club Meeting – Mayflower Restaurant

Program: Woody Woodward, ARRL Regional Public Information Officer, will talk about how everyone of us can be an ambassador for ham radio, what resources are available and some of the recent noteworthy ham radio activities in the news. This will be entertaining as well as informative and motivating.

### Upcoming Events:

All DFMA members are encouraged to attend the monthly meetings. You are welcome to come at 6 PM and enjoy dinner; however, **you can just come around 7 PM and attend the presentation** and post meeting eyeball QSOs.

February 13, 2007 Club Meeting – Mayflower Restaurant

Program: Dewey Thompson will talk about battery back ups and emergency power systems from small to large. Come and get some tips on what you can do to keep your rigs, computer and lights on during the next ice storm.

March 13, 2007 Club Meeting – Mayflower Restaurant

Program: Either a talk and demonstration of new digital gear OR Show and tell night for all mobile rigs and the MCU.

### DFMA Meeting Minutes for November 14, 2006

Minutes taken by Lenore Ramm.

Attendees: Dee (KU4GC, Treasurer), Lenore (KF4PAB, Secretary), Rhett (KE4HIH), Joanna (KE4QOZ), Joseph (KF4QYY), Mac (WQ8U, Vice-President), Don (KE4UVJ), T.D. (KG4FTT), Sid (W4QWM), Sandy, Charlie (WA4WTX, Repeater Manager), Nate (KK6FK), JR (KG4NNT, Board Member), Harry (WA4VTV), Marilyn, Laurie (N1YXU), Bruce (N1LN), Jim (WD4KSZ), Bill (KI4RAN), Press

Mac presided at the Mayflower Seafood Restaurant. Introductions.

The DFMA holiday dinner will be on December 12<sup>th</sup>. At McMannen United Methodist Church. We will have the same chicken and barbecue as last year. Gifts for children will be collected for Social Services. Please mark packages with the intended gender and age. We will also have a white elephant gift exchange of ham related gifts.

Thanks to Joseph and John LeMay for getting the MCU in the Durham Christmas parade on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>. There was a request for volunteers to help inside and outside the MCU. Joseph said he would orchestrate the logistics. There was a work session planned at Charlie's house, but they weren't sure of the date. In future months, Woody Woodward (K3VSA) will give a talk on public relations in ham radio and Dewey Thompson (WA4AHR) will talk about emergency power systems. Field Day results were discussed. We placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 7 category of those participating in NC.

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

Secretary's report: Wilson, Dee, and Rhett volunteered to be net controls for the DFMA Thursday night net (9pm on 147.225). A "squid" surge protector power strip and USB hub were awarded to Jim W. and Rhett as door prizes.

TD talked about qsonet.com. It provides HF frequencies over the computer and costs \$32 per year. A ham license is required. It's similar to Echolink, but it's easier. Harry Partin handed out a list of ham gear that he is selling.

Laurie and Bruce Meier gave a talk on Emergency Preparedness and Traffic Handling.

## **Renewal Time**

Enclosed is the form for you to renew the DFMA membership.

Happy New Year to all.

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