

DURHAM FM ASSOCIATION



June 2007 Newsletter Sidney Edwards W4QWM Reporting

Tuesday June 12

The June meeting will include election of officers and board members for next year; recap of the Durhamfest; discussion of upcoming field day plans, and show-and-tell for members' mobile rigs.

June Meeting Location

June 12, 2007 Club Meeting – Mayflower Restaurant

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.

DFMA Meeting Minutes

DFMA Meeting Minutes for May 18, 2007

Minutes taken by Lenore Ramm.

Attendees: Dee (KU4GC, Treasurer), Lenore (KF4PAB, Secretary), Rhett (KE4HIH), Joanna (KE4QOZ), Joseph (KF4QYY), Charlie (NC4CD, Repeater Manager), JR (KG4NNT, Board Member), Derek (K04T), Bill (KI4RAN), Pres, David (W4DAP), Kelly, Bill (KI4JWA, Board Member), Will (KI4KNR), Wilson (W4BOH), MK (W4MKR), Jim (WB4YYY), Sue (KA4AVM), Sidney (W4QWM), Sandy, Bob (W4RWC), Mac (WQ8U, Vice- President), Rene (AI4WJ, President), Lisa (KB9MGU), Richard (KI4VAX), Bruce (N1LN), Laurie (N1YXU), Paul (KE4OXN), Larry (K1ZW), Harry (WAVTV), Marilyn, TD (KG4FTT), Barry (K4CZ), Frank (KG4IHX), Don (KE4UVJ), John (K8ZZI), Tim (N4IB)

Rene presided. Introductions. Announcement that NC House Bill 1340 passed, which states that reasonable accommodations must be made for antennas. Rene will be in charge of this year's nominating committee. Rhett awarded the lid to Dee for some benign reason or another.

Tim Slay, our ARRL Section Manager, gave an informative presentation about the ARRL. He had to drive home to Charlotte that night, so he gave his presentation before the business meeting.

Hamfest planning: Discussed the cost of renting tables and chairs, location of tailgaters. Needed someone in charge of tailgaters. People recommended meeting at the new location on a night in advance of the hamfest. Post-cards were sent to non-club members. Joseph called for volunteers. There will be a drawing for tickets purchased in advance.

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

Secretary's report: Bill, Rene, Dee, TD and Rhett volunteered to be net control for the Thursday Night net at 9pm on 147.225. A circuit board clipboard and a USB hub were awarded as door prizes.

DFMA Board Meeting Minutes for May 29, 2007

Minutes taken by M.K. Ramm.

The DFMA Board met on 5-29-07 in Charlie Durst's office. Those attending were J.R. (KG4NNT), Paul (KE4OXN), Wilson (W4BOH), Mac (WQ8U), Rene (AI4WJ), Charlie NC4CD), Dee (KU4GC) and M.K. (W4MKR) who was substituting for Lenore (KF4PAB).

Dee gave his Treasurer's report...April balances were --- in savings and --- in checking. Preliminary Hamfest results showed a profit of \$300+ this year (in contrast to a small loss last year), with ticket sales numbers about the same as last

year. The profit figure does not include the money generated by the generous gift from the Chenery estate that was sold at the Club Table.

The winner of the MCU fifty-fifty raffle, Mac (WQ8U), generously declined to accept his winnings. Dues collected at the Hamfest totaled \$72. The SERA ad did not appear so a refund should be coming for that. (This will be reflected in the final report.)

Charlie, as Repeater Manager reported that new batteries are ready to go to The Hill and volunteers for moving them would be appreciated, as they are heavy.

Paul reported that he had left the keys and a donation check (for use of the VE session room) at the Little River Community Center. We need to secure this facility for next year's Hamfest.

No report on how the Robotics Club food effort went, other than that people seemed to like what they served.

It was decided that more specific assignments need to be made in advance for various tasks the day of the Hamfest. For instance, the MCU was not really used until around 10AM, well after the opening.

Need policy regarding how to handle vendors who want to buy things early from the Club Table.

Old business:

The MCU still needs repairs. Dave (N4UBH) submitted a written report and several receipts for reimbursement requests for \$284.. This covered mostly work on the emergency generator. MCU needs to be taken to Charlie's house to install equipment that he has for it. Some of the people dealing with the MCU have lapsed dues which raises insurance issues. The MCU needs a specific maintenance budget, with approval needed before large purchases are made. Presently, the MCU is not ready to help in case of a disaster. It might still be possible to get a grant from someone to support the MCU. Some of the work needs to be done before Field Day on June 23.

Possible officers were discussed for the coming elections.

The next meeting is June 12 at The Mayflower.

Field Day

Dave Love reported a good response to his survey concerning Field Day 2007. Dave will again chair the Field Day which will be June 23 and 24 at the Griffin Ranch site where we have previous field day events. Folks should contact Dave n4ubh@amsat.org if they are interested in helping with operating and/or logistics. DFMA will provide food and beverages for participants at the site.

Renewal Time

Dues for 2007

Did you forget to send your dues in this year? Look at the mailing label. If there is a "06" 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 "07" for current.

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