

DURHAM FM ASSOCIATION



December 2007 Newsletter Sidney Edwards W4QWM Reporting

Tuesday December 11 DFMA Meeting 6:00 PM

Dinner: 6:00 PM

Guests welcome.

PROGRAM:

XMAS Dinner

The dinner will be held at McMannen United Methodist Church 4102 Neal Road, Durham as we did for the last 2 years. All food will be furnished by the club. We look forward seeing each of you. Come have fun and enjoy with us. Please bring an unwrapped gift for kids at the Durham Rescue Mission. Please let me know if you are coming so I can give the caterer the number of meals we need.

Either let me know by email Edwards@tunl.duke.edu or land line 919-489-2933 Tnx Sid

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

Durham FMA Board Meeting 27 November 07 7:30pm

The meeting was held at Bennett Point Grill. The meeting was started after everyone enjoyed supper together. There will be no board meeting in December because of the holidays.

The changing of the club meeting date to the first Tuesday of the month was discussed briefly. We hope this will allow more people to attend the club meetings. The change was passed by a unanimous vote.

The December meeting is going to be at the McMannas UMC church on December 11. It will be a catered meal with the club paying for it. Everyone is asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy for needy children. Dee stated that he would like to give \$100 to the church as a thank you for them allowing us to hold our meeting there. The members approved giving the \$100 to the church. It was asked if we should send an email out to have people sign up for the dinner. It was decided that we would not send an email out. Instead, we would order the same amount as last year. There was plenty of food. It was asked if we should bring some wrapping paper for the gifts. It was suggested that if you wanted to do that, to get a gift bag that could hold the gift you were bringing in it.

An update was given on the MCU. The generator works. It was discovered that there is something blocking the line between the gas tank and the generator. If gas is pored directly in the generator gas tank, the generator will start.

Durham Christmas Parade – The parade is a no go. When Lisa tried to get a hold of the contact person to find out where her office was located, Lisa was told it was too late. Lisa sent the person her email address so we can make sure we get our entry in on time. Lisa also stated that she didn't have a driver for the MCU. Lisa was given permission to try and get into the Bahama Christmas parade.

Hamfest ad has been approved. We will have two different ½ page ads. It was asked if some non profits should be allowed to get free table space at the hamfest. It was stated that those who help provide service to the ham club should be allowed to have free table space. It was stated that the members still had to buy tickets to get into the hamfest.

Lisa mentioned that she has been talking to the VA hospital. They are going to be taking their communications down for a several hours on one day and would like to have the ham radio folks assist them by providing communications for the hospital while theirs is down. The board members agreed that this is something that we should support. The VA is planning on doing it on a Saturday around the middle of December. As soon as Lisa has details, she will send an email to Dee so he can send an email message out to everyone. We would like as many people as possible to assist with this.

It was asked if anyone knew if there is a program planned for January. No one knows of any planned program. It was suggested that we do something like Orange County does. Some of their meetings are held as technical type question and answer sessions. Dee is going to bring some poles in to talk about them and what to use for different antennas. We are looking for ideas for meetings. Lisa mentioned that Jeff Orak gave a really good presentation on Winter Weather and especially on what happened during the recent ice storm that paralyzed Raleigh. It was suggested that we should try to get him to come one month. Treasure's report is the same as the last report.

Meeting adjourned.

Durham FMA Club Meeting 13 November 07 7:30pm

Mac opened the meeting by asking everyone to introduce themselves.

The Holiday party will be held December 11 at McMannen United Methodist Church. The club is paying for the food. Everyone is asked to bring an unwrapped gift for a child. The gifts will go to social services that will then pass them out to children who normally would not have received a gift for Christmas. We will also be passing the hat to collect money for the Durham Rescue Mission. So everyone, please come prepared with gifts for children and money to put into the hat.

The MCU is in Wilson's backyard. He has been working on it and getting it fixed. Lisa has been working on trying to get the MCU in the Durham Christmas parade. She is in need of someone who is willing to drive the MCU and a few more people to walk along side during the parade. The plan is to have the people walking carry portable radios and talk once in a while to other operators.

Treasures report was presented. At the end of September, there was --- in savings and --- in checking.

Secretaries report – Lisa wanted to thank everyone who filled in for her while she missed the last few meetings. She appreciated everyone's understanding while she attended her high school senior cross country meets.

Changing Meeting Date – Proposal was made to move the meeting date from the first Tuesday, the third Tuesday or just leave it on the second Tuesday. This would start in January. It was revealed that the first Tuesday in January 1st, so the change would start in February. The vote would require a 90% passing vote. It was motioned and seconded to move the meeting date from the second to the first Tuesday of the month starting with the first Tuesday in February. The date is February 5. The motion passed unanimously.

Charlie – The VA Hospital is looking to hold an emergency practice session and wants to know who to contact. Charlie was told that Lisa is the person they should contact since she is the Durham County EC. Charlie and Lisa are going to get together after the meeting to discuss this.

Tickets were drawn to hand out the door prizes. Two Bushnell binoculars were handed out.

The Lid was presented to Kelly Pedgram for going above and beyond the call of Duty for filling in as secretary for Lisa while she was unable to attend meetings.

Our guest speaker for the night was Susan Rogers. She showed us how to do Programming thru Animation A.L.I.C.E. Duke is teaching this program to teachers as a new tool for the teachers to use in the classroom.

Net Control for the next 5 weeks are:

Nov 15 – Wilson

Nov 22 – No Net

Nov 29 – Bill, KI4RAN

Dec 6 – Rhett

Dec 13 - Dee

Meeting adjourned.

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