

# DURHAM FM ASSOCIATION



## June 3 2008 Newsletter Sidney Edwards W4QWM Reporting

**Tuesday June 3** DFMA Meeting 6:00 PM

**The next club meeting will be on Tuesday June 3rd at the Mayflower Restaurant. Dinner will start at 6 PM followed by a brief business meeting and the program starting at 7 PM.**

**Dinner: 6:00 PM Guests welcome.**

### **Program:**

Recap of DurHamfest – Paul & Joseph & Dee  
Status of Field Day Plans – Wilson  
Update on repeater issues - Charlie  
Election of Officers – MK & Paul

### **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 BOD Meeting May 20, 2008**

Attendees: J.D. “Mac” MacAulay WQ8U (Acting President/Vice President), Charlie Durst NC4CD (Repeater Manager), Dee Ramm KU4GC (Treasurer), M.K. Ramm W4MKR (Board Member), Wilson Lamb W4BOH (MCU Co-Manager, Field Day Coordinator), David Pegram W4DAP (MCU Co-Manager), Don Watt KE4UVJ, Tanner Lovelace KB4TYE, Kelly Pegram W4KSP

Meeting minutes:

Correction to last month’s minutes: M.K. Ramm not Lenore Ramm is on the nominating committee.

Treasurer’s Report: 4/30/08 -Checking: ---; Savings: --- with pending deposits

Several years worth of accounting data compiled in Quicken available for review.

Old Business:

MCU Update: MCU is fully operational. Wilson has acquired wood for cabinetry; Charlie acquired a bargain Turbo Tuner at Dayton HamFest to be used with new TarHeel HF antenna.

Upcoming Program: June 3<sup>rd</sup>-DurHam Fest report, Field Day planning, Elections.

A standing Net Control schedule has been established and is available on the website.

Field Day: Friday set-up: June 27<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Wilson W4BOH to assist. WE NEED OPERATORS- especially CW!!

DurHAM Fest: Set-up 4-6 Friday afternoon. Don Watt (KE4UVJ) will pick up supplies from Hoover Rd site, and Rhett (KE4HHH) will be picking up robot. Wilson W4BOH will be bringing MCU.

Repeater Manager’s Report: Some concerns aired at May meeting will be addressed this week. For the 147.225: Charlie (NC4CD) will single- site the 825-225 repeater while rebuilding the voter system. The back-up 825-225 repeater at TV Hill has a de-sense problem and this will be worked on as well. Courtesy tone levels at Hillsborough are very difficult to adjust because the entire controller must be pulled out to adjust the levels but this will be done as well. For 145.450 at the VA: We still need the 2Meter remote

base and IRLP/Echo-link software programming before the new system can be installed at the VA.

Durham Regional Hospital is asking for discussion on using their site as a repeater location; information forwarded by Randy McCray (KE4UCM). David (W4DAP) will speak to Randy to determine exactly what they intended.

New Business:

Tanner Lovelace (KB4TYE) requested use of MCU as communication support vehicle for hams assisting the American Diabetes Assoc. Tour De Cure on June 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. BOD approved use of MCU pending completion of check out procedures.

TV Hill site will have temporary D-Star capability (digital voice and slow speed data) beginning in June courtesy of Rhett Isley (KB4HG).

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Meets First Tuesday Every Month 6:00 PM