

DURHAM FM ASSOCIATION



November 2008 Newsletter Sidney Edwards W4QWM Reporting

Tuesday November 4 DFMA Meeting 6:00 PM

The next club meeting will be on Tuesday November 4th 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: Charles Durst NC4CD will have a program on Towers. Several videos including a video of a lighting strike on our Hillsborough tower.

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 October 7, 2008

Attendees: KO4T, KE4OXN, WA4AHR, KU4GC, W4MKR, KE4QOZ, KE4HIH, KE4UCM, Marc Bouchard, NC4CD, W4RWC, W4DAP, W4KSP, KI4IES, W4QWM, Pres Creery, KI4RAN, WA4BNT, KJ4GJP, KF4QYY, W4BOH, WQ8U, KG4ZWS, KI4QXJ, KB9MGU, KI4VAX

Dee (KU4GC, Pres.) opened the meeting. Introductions.

Officers Reports:

David (W4DAP, V.Pres.) D-Star presentation with Gary Pearce, KN4AQ, postponed until gateway is installed. November meeting to be determined; check the website for updates.

M.K. (W4MKR, Treasurer) Oct. 7 balances: Checking \$9,156.57, CD \$10,043.70 with \$19.80 earned but not paid.

Kelly (W4KSP, Sec.) Nothing to report.

Charlie (NC4CD, Repeater Manager) 147.225 has been single sited with the returned duplexer, and adjustments have been made to the courtesy tone although there is now scratchiness in the DVR. Work can now be done on the voting system.

Announcements and other club business:

Paul (KE4OXN, BOD) Nothing to report on HamFest at this time.

Lisa (KB9MGU, ARES EC) Durham Emergency Responder Showcase Wed. Oct 8 from 9:00a-12:00p. Lisa indicated that she and David (W4DAP) will attend and hopes Wilson (W4BOH) will bring the MCU.

Rhett (KE4HIH) HamNic at the George's on Sunday Oct. 12th. Please bring a covered dish and tall tales to share. See www.dfma.org calendar for directions.

Joseph (KF4QYY) wanted to thank Charlie and others who have helped Charlie work on the repeater. He appreciates the changes and the improvement, and wanted to thank Charlie at the meeting.

Jim Davis (KG4ZWS) thanked the DFMA for the donation to NAMI in honor of his son.

Dee (KU4GC) announced an OCRA VE Session for 10am, Sat. Oct 11th at the SunRise Church. He also mentioned additional VE sessions would be held in odd numbered months during the OCRA meetings, beginning Nov. (7:30p, 2nd Monday of the month, Orange EOC). He also mentioned the Benson HamFest in November.

Wilson (W4BOH) indicated a talk-in on the 145.450 for the Responder showcase.

Door Prizes: Dewey (WA4AHR) won a tool belt, and Bill (KI4RAN) won a torx set.

David (W4DAP) introduced DFMA member Randy McCray (KE4UCM) for the evening's program on Emergency Medical Service Communications. Randy presented background on the Emergency Medical service and radio use from the pre-WWII era beginnings on the battlefield, to the 1960's through current time in NC. He also indicated

that the medical community and other emergency communications would be switching to the 800MHz digital in the very near future.

Randy invited everyone to the 29th Annual Pork BBQ at the Parkwood Fire Station #1 on Saturday October 11, 12noon-6pm.

DFMA BOD Meeting Minutes, Tuesday Oct. 21, 2008

Attendees: KU4GC, NC4CD, W4MKR, KE4OXN, W4DAP, W4KSP

Dee (KU4GC, Pres.) opened the meeting. No corrections to the previous minutes

Officers Reports:

David (W4DAP, V.P.) indicated that November program is still in limbo since it will be election night. Bill Cole was unavailable for that date, and Charlie (NC4CD) indicated he had contacted someone about a possible program on VIPER, but had been unable to confirm the date for Nov. 4th. The December meeting will be the holiday dinner, and Bill Creery (KI4RAN) will present at the January meeting. David also indicated that he will write up a short paragraph about the Durham County Emergency Responders showcase, and he has some pictures for the website.

M.K. (W4MKR, Treasurer) Checking \$9,423.37 and CD \$10,064.92 as of 10/21/08.

Kelly (W4KSP, Sec.) Checking into registration for the Bahama Christmas Parade.

Charlie (NC4CD, Repeater Manager) Planning time with Sidney to work on noise on the DVR. Also hopes to pull the voter system to work on it. Dee asked about putting the equipment on the VA. Charlie indicated that once a decision was made regarding IRLP, the equipment could be installed. There was some discussion about going ahead with the install without IRLP, and Charlie will talk to Sidney about the 2M remote base.

Paul (KE4OXN, BOD) Prepared the 2009 DurHamFest flyer to distribute at the Benson HamFest. Little River community complex has the DFMA on the calendar for May 23, 2009. Rates have not changed. Discussion of possible interest-generating displays-robotics demo again, or other ideas? Dee mentioned an email based drawing from the tickets: he is working on an email announcement list for the HamFest, but many of the addresses are illegible or incomplete.

MCU report: David (W4DAP, MCU Co-Manager) mentioned that Wilson brought the MCU to the responder showcase, and it appeared to be running fine. However, there still needs to be work on the generator. Paul mentioned he had batteries for the MCU, and Charlie mentioned he has some stuff to be installed on the MCU.

ARES: David (W4DAP, ARES AEC) discussed the Durham County Emergency Responders showcase, and the interesting amount of equipment on display. Lisa Armour (KB9MGU, ARES EC) was interviewed in the Durham Herald Sun about amateur radio and ARES.

New Business:

Regarding the December dinner-the church is unavailable for the regular meeting night for the catered dinner. Bullock's barbeque has a room available for 20-30 people for the regular meeting night. Charlie made a motion that the DFMA have the December dinner at Bullocks, seconded by M.K., and the motion was approved. Dee will finalize the reservation for December 2nd, at 6pm. The club will cover the cost of meals ordered from the menu in lieu of the usual catered meal. Bullock's Barbeque is located at: 3330 Quebec Dr Durham, NC 27705.

- Members may bring gifts for children through the Durham Social services toy drive and/or donate to the Durham Rescue Mission at the holiday dinner. The BOD approved the annual donation to the Durham Rescue Mission from the club.

Silent Keys: Edward E. Buffington, W4VGVZ, former DFMA member.

Leo, VK3BSX Passed away Saturday, October 18TH in Melbourne, Australia after a long illness. A lot of us will miss him. He was a member during his time at RTP.

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