

# DURHAM FM ASSOCIATION



## June 2009 Newsletter Sidney Edwards W4QWM Reporting

### Tuesday June 2

## NEW MEETING LOCATION!! Bullock's Barbecue

**Address:** 3330 Quebec Dr, Durham, NC 27705. See [www.DFMA.org](http://www.DFMA.org) for more information. Please note: **Bullocks is CASH or CHECK ONLY!**

Tuesday June 02, 09 DFMA Meeting Program: DurHAMFest initial recap, Officer Elections, and Field Day information. Please join us in our new location.

DFMA Meeting minutes: May 5, 09:

KU4GC opened the meeting, Introductions. There were 27 attendees.

Officers Reports:

W4DAP: Upcoming presentation on digital modes of communications with Steve Ahlbom, W3AHL in June or July. Asst. manager of Mayflower wants to put our group in the small meeting area if 40 people aren't present; that space is unacceptable. Dee asked for alternative meeting place suggestions.

W4MKR: \$8589.20 in checking \$10203.60 in the CD. MCU insurance to be paid.

W4KSP: Club listing updated with ARRL as required annually.

NC4CD: Nothing new to report.

W4DAP, KE4UCM gave State ARES meeting update. (Info available at [ncarrl.org](http://ncarrl.org))

KE4UCM reminded the group that the Hurricane Hunter aircraft would be at RDU Wed.

KU4GC passed info regarding DurHAMfest from KE4OXN: More volunteers needed, contact Paul at [EliVanD@aol.com](mailto:EliVanD@aol.com) to volunteer. Early Tickets available.

Door prizes awarded:

Speaker Cindy Bailey, Director of Durham Animal Shelter, provided numerous handouts regarding emergency planning with regard to pets, and as well as info on CART and SART in Durham county. She spoke of numerous experiences, and the need her group has for Amateur radio assistance in emergencies as they are often a low priority when communication assistance is needed. She reminded the group that there are far more animals to be concerned with in the area than just household pets. Research facilities, museum/zoo animals, and farms are also important concerns in disasters. Ms. Bailey thanked the group for the opportunity to speak, and for the donations provided by the group. Sarah Liddy volunteered to transport the donations to the shelter.

DFMA BOD Meeting Minutes: May 19, 09:

KU4GC opened the meeting. Attendees: NC4CD, W4RWC, W4BOH, KE4QOZ, KE4HIH, W4DAP, W4KSP, W4MKR, KU4GC

Officers Reports:

W4DAP: June meeting, Hamfest recap, Field day info. July 7 meeting: Digital modes with W3AHL.

Manager from Mayflower is unwilling to allow continued use of the larger room without commitment of 30-35 people. KU4GC indicated that Bullocks Barbecue and Bennett Pointe Grill had available rooms.

W4DAP mentioned that KE4HIH also offered Rudino's as a suggestion. Group voted to try Bullocks in June and BPG in July before making a decision. Nothing to report on ARES.

W4MKR: \$7910.40 in checking, \$10204.98 in CD. Insurance on MCU paid.

W4KSP: Directory ready for printing, staple, and distribution at HamFest.

NC4CD: Nothing new to report.

Nominating Committee needed for June elections. W4BOH asked to participate. Any members wishing to serve as officers or BOD please contact W4BOH ([infomet@embarqmail.com](mailto:infomet@embarqmail.com)).

New Business:

KU4GC promoted the DurHAMFest on [mync.com](http://mync.com), and was asked for an interview.

Tim Slay N4IB forwarded a request from Southern High earth science teacher looking for an amateur radio operator to speak on solar activity and radio. KE4HIH suggested Jimmy Wallace. NC4CD had a request from Linda Greenwood to bring some day camp kids out for Field Day. KU4GC would forward the info to W4SAR.

DurHAMFEST!! This Saturday May 23, 09 at Little River Community complex. KE4OXN had some donations of drinks. Volunteers for setup should arrive around 4pm. KE4OXN would be emailing those who had volunteered. Breakfast would be offered at club table, and lunch would be cooked beginning about 10:30a.

### DurHamFest, Sat. May 23, 09:

Beautiful weather brought out a fair number of vendors and attendees to this years' HamFest. W4MKR's suggestion of free coffee and W4RWC's excellent coffee making skills made many happy attendees.

Thanks Bob and MK! Thank you to KE4OXN, KF4LJZ for all your hard work to make this a successful HamFest. Thank you to KU4GC and W4MKR for supplying the groceries and breakfast biscuits, and W4BOH and KE4UVJ for cooking up a fabulous lunch and doing much of the heavy hauling. Thanks to W4DAP for bringing the MCU. Thanks to N4TMD and KF4QYY for Talk-in in the MCU. A Huge THANK YOU to the many volunteers (and their spouses) too numerous to name for parking, ticket sales,

club table, set-up, and take down staffing during the Hamfest. Above all, THANK YOU for attending! Please join us again next year.

## President's Corner

Well, another DurHamFest is history, and I think it was a great one! Indications are that attendance was up about 20% from last year. We don't have all of the figures yet, but I'm sure we came out ahead. Since we consciously decided several years ago that running a hamfest was a good thing to do for amateur radio community, even if we don't make a profit, then coming out ahead is just that much sweeter.

Of course, it was a lot of work and again there are those club members that require our special thanks. First, there's Paul, KE4OXN, who coordinated the whole operation and made sure there were no missing pieces. Then Linda, KE4LJZ, did her usual great job with the vendors. Maybe the fact the we had more vendors wasn't just an accident.

We had a last minute crisis when our food vendor dropped out. Thanks to Bob, W4RWC, who provided us with excellent coffee and dealt with "breakfast" and Wilson, W4BOH, who cooked (grilled) lunch, and MK, W4MKR, who, with her years of OCRA Field Day food experience, purchased the food and drinks at the lowest possible cost without sacrificing quality.

Again we had a fabulous Friday evening set-up crew. This included Jim, WB4YYY, and sister Martha; Sue, KA4AVM; Ken, KI4QXJ; Charlie, NC4CD; Randy, KE4UCM; MK, W4MKR; Don, KE4UVJ; Paul, KE4OXN; Kelly, W4KSP; Dave, W4DAP; Wilson, W4BOH; Linda, KE4LJZ; Bob, W4RWC; TD; and Paul, KB4VAN. Saturday breakdown involved many of the same performers plus Joseph, KF4QYY. It seemed the Dan, KD4AGQ, almost single-handedly broke down most of the tables. I probably missed a few of you -- my apologies!

Ken, KI4QXJ, was up bright and early to help with the parking after the hard work the night before. TD did a great job with talk-in (and, by the way, has a new call sign: N4TMD). The Club Table was run by the Pegrams; Sid, W4QWM; and Dave, AD6Q; with great results.

As usual, Dave, W4SAR, came through with the area's premiere (I'm biased, but right) VE team to add to and advance the membership of the amateur community.

The 50-50 raffle, aimed at raising funds for the MCU, was staffed by Randy, KE4UCM and XYL Wanda. Receipts were much higher than last year. Randy also produced many of the helpful signs to direct and inform our visitors. MK and Wanda, with help from Lenore, KF4PAB did most of the ticket sales. Wanda also collected money for lunch sales.

Special thanks go to Lisa, KG4PFB, and daughter Michaela, and to Camilla all of whom, while not technically club members, did great work in support of food sales and other activities.

Finally, I want to thank, again, four people who (in addition to our leaders mentioned above) were there pretty much the whole time, helping with anything and everything that needed doing. They are Wilson, Don, Kelly and Dave. Thanks!  
And thank you all who supported DurHamFest 2009, even if just by attending.

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