

DURHAM FM ASSOCIATION



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Tuesday November 3

MEETING LOCATION: Our Meeting will be held at Bullocks Barbeque. For more information, see <http://www.dfma.org> Durham FM Association

Program

Teaching with Robots Jeff Forbes in on the faculty of the Duke Computer Science Department
The goal of the Duke/Durham Public Schools Robotics program is to foster interest and competence in science, mathematics, and computers, while developing problem-solving skills, enabling creative thinking and design, and providing a domain for application of scientific concepts. Middle and high school students learn and apply the scientific, mathematical, and technological fundamentals behind the construction of robots and the design of control algorithms in weekly after school meetings with undergraduate student mentors. This talk describes the program and includes live demos of robotics projects.

(DFMA) Club Meeting Minutes – 10/06/2009 At Bullocks Barbeque Recorded By Lowell (KK4PH)
Attending: Lowell (KK4PH), BOB (W4RWC), Charlie (NC4CD), Derek (KO4T), Rhett (KE4HIH), Joanna (KE4QOZ), Steve (W3AHL), Wayne (KJ4GDW), Dee (KU4GC), MK (W4MKR), Dan (KD4AGQ), Pres (NoCall), Bill (KI4RAN), TeeDee (N4TDM), KEN (KI4OXJ), Wilson (W4BOH), Don (KE4UVJ), Jim (WA4OPI), Gail (NoCall), Bill (KG4CXY)
Total of 17 hams and two guests makes a total of 19.
Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Reports:

Treasurer-MK (W4MKR):

Checking	\$ 8,488.87
CD	<u>\$10,247.69</u>
Total	\$18,736.56

ARES:

- Training will be held next Saturday at Orange County EOC. Call Laurie (N1YXU)
- ARES Net is on Mondays, 9pm on the Durham 145.45 Repeater.
- The work day at Durham County Red Cross was very productive and our operating position is in better shape. Equipment is inventoried. One two meter radio is available for use but it does not maintain its memories. A replacement should be considered. The condition of the antennas is not yet known.

Vice-President – Dee (KU4GC):

- The Parkwood Fire Department, where our MCU is parked, is hosting its annual fundraiser BBQ from noon until 7pm next Saturday at Parkwood fire station number 1. Members are encouraged to participate.
- There is a VE Session next Saturday at the Orange County EOC Building, 510 Meadowland Drive, in Hillsborough
- The program for our next meeting will be given by Jeff Forbes on robotics

President – Wilson (W4BOH)

The "Lid" was given by Don (KE4UVJ) to Randy (KE4UCM) for his recent work to coordinate ARES in Durham County.

Secretary-Lowell (KK4PH):

Minutes from our last DFMA meeting and last DFMA board meeting were published in the Link.

Program: Helping Hams and Public Service - Bill (KG4CXY)

Bill presented an informative, educational and even entertaining presentation on how the Helping Ham organization was formed as a loose association of hams from areas communities and clubs that work together to participate in public service events.

This is for events of non-profit organizations, most often with the purpose of fundraising. Bill maintains a web site where there is additional information.

<http://www.hampublicservice.org/>

A few questions followed.

Meeting was Adjourned.

Board Meeting of the Durham F M Association

Office of Charles Durst 20 October 2009

Present: Pres. Wilson Lamb, V-pres. Dee Ramm, Treas. M K Ramm,
Repr. Manager Charlie Durst, Members-at-large, Bob
Clarke and Rhett George, and Joanna George

1. Pres. Wilson Lamb called the meeting to order at 1930. He noted that Chris Lamb is an Asst. Scout Master and has scouts working on merit badges for training in emergency situations and in communications. Wilson will communicate this opportunity for cooperation to Bill Cole of Carolina Helping Hams.
2. V-pres. Dee Ramm presented the planned dinner meeting program topics for November - Jeff Forbes speaking on Robotics, December - Christmas Party, and March, 2010 - Jeff Orrock or another member of NWS speaking on possible weather extremes in succeeding months.
3. Treas. M. K. Ramm presented the financial report:
checking - \$8900.92; C D - \$10,258.14.

Old business

4. Pres. Lamb noted that documents pulled together last month regarding MCU agreements and agreements dealing with DFMA equipment installed at the VA Hospital are to be put into the safety deposit box. Dee will move the documents to that place.

New business

5. OCRA has made a request to DFMA for 2 meter repeater usage in ARES matters. An agreement similar to that with Durham ARES for WR4AGC 147.225 MHz repeater may be put in place. Comments are welcome.
6. V-pres. Dee Ramm has prepared material for new member manuals. Content was discussed. A draft is forthcoming.
7. Repr. Manager Charlie Durst has renewed DFMA membership in SERA.
8. Choice times for a work party on the MCU were discussed by Charlie and Wilson. Time will be announced.
9. Desirability for additional communication devices in the MCU was noted by several present. Included in the wish list were computers for record keeping, equipment for digital modes, etc. A list of specifics is anticipated.
10. The meeting was adjourned about 2045 p.m.
Submitted by Rhett George, Acting Secretary

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