

DURHAM FM ASSOCIATION



December 2009 Newsletter Sidney Edwards W4QWM Reporting

Tuesday December 1

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

Program

Continuing a tradition of having the DFMA pick up the tab for our December Holiday Dinner Meeting, we will meet at Bullock's Barbecue Restaurant in Durham starting at 6:00pm. You will be able to order from the menu.

This is our Holiday Meeting! In that tradition you may (optionally):
Bring a Christmas gift for a child to be distributed to Durham's needy. If wrapped, mark gender and age range on the outside. (Last year DSS expressed a preference for not having the gifts wrapped -- a gift bag would work, though.)

The Club will make its annual gift to the Durham Rescue Mission. We will be passing the "hat" for additional personal contributions to that cause.

Durham FM Association (DFMA) Club Meeting Minutes – 11/03/2009

At Bullocks Barbeque Recorded Wilson Lamb in the absence of the Secretary
Attending: Dee(KU4GC), Randy(KE4UCM), Ben(KB4NQH), Bob(W4RWC), Bill(KI4RAN), Paul(KE4OXN), Linda(KF4LJZ), Sue(KA4AVM), Jim(WB4YYY), Rhett(KE4HIH), Steve(W3AHL), Wayne(KJ4GDW), MK(W4MKR) Lenore(KF4PAB), Joanna(KE4QOZ), Mark (KJ4NPF), Woody(K3VSA), Charlie(NC4CD), Dewey(WA4AHR), Ken(KI4QXJ), Wilson(W4BOH), Jim(KB4OT)

Total of 22 hams and five guests makes a total of 27.

Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Secretary:

The secretary was absent. See Board meeting minutes for business items.

Program: Robotics

Jeff Forbes, who is an Assistant Professor of Computer Science at Duke did the overall talk. Tony Thomas, a Duke undergraduate student and Brook Osborne who just graduated from Duke both contributed to the program. Both are working with Dr. Forbes to get Durham grammar school students interested in computing and science using the Lego Mindstorm Robots.

Meeting was adjourned.

Durham FM Association (DFMA) Board Meeting Minutes – 011/17/2009

Recorded By Lowell (KK4PH)

Attending: Rhett(KE4HIH), Joanna(KE4QOZ), Dee(KU4GC), MK(W4MKR), Charlie(NC4CD), Lowell(KK4PH), Don(KE4UVJ), Wilson(W4BOH), Bob (W4RWC), Jim (KB4OT)

Reports

President – Wilson: Called the meeting to order at 7:35

Secretary – Lowell(KK4PH): Hardcopy minutes of our last board meeting were made available.

Action 2009-11-17-02: Minutes approved.

Treasurer-MK(W4MKR):

Checking	\$ 8,066.81
CD	<u>\$10,268.94</u>
Total	\$18,335.75

Vice-President – Dee(KU4GC):

No program is planned yet for January.

Operating agreement with the VA was placed in the safety deposit box.

Repeater Manager-Charlie(NC4CD):

Battery charger for batteries at the hill are ready to go.

MCU Report-Wilson(W4BOH):

- MCU was cleaned inside and out.
- Battery for Generator on MCU needs to be replaced. Working to plan the project.

ARES Report - Don(KE4UVJ):

- Working on idea for Red Cross. Two radios vs dual band.
- There was a request by OCRA to use the 147.225 repeater for an ARES exercise in Orange County. Dee said that he would bring it to the board meeting.

Action 2009-11-17-02 : OCRA use of 147.225 Saturday 11/21/2009 is approved.

Action 2009-09-15-02: Don will ask Randy about doing a program early next year on Go Kits and being prepared.

2009-11-17 – Possible program for January

Old Business

New Business

It was suggested that DFMA offer one year free club membership to newly licensed hams. General discussion was positive.

Action 2009-11-17-03: We will offer one year membership to DFMA to any ham passing a new license. The candidate must attend a club meeting to claim the membership. After the one free year is over, then the membership will be pro-rated to the end of the year.

Action 2009-11-17-04: The secretary will provide a summary of actions made at prior club meetings and Board meetings.

Note for Members:

There was discussion regarding making the newsletter available electronically. This would either be emailed, or available on a web page where it could be downloaded. Members should make their thoughts on this known, particularly if you feel strongly that you would like to receive “The Link” by traditional mail. No action taken at this time.

Rhett has asked for net control operators for the Possum Trot Net

Dee asked for Net control ops for the Thursday Evening Net.

Lowell will take 2nd Thursday

Wilson will do the 3rd Thursday

Meeting adjourned

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Meets First Tuesday Every Month 6:00 PM