

# DURHAM FM ASSOCIATION



## April 2010 Newsletter Sidney Edwards W4QWM Reporting

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### Tuesday April 6

**MEETING LOCATION:** Our Meeting will be held at **Bullocks Barbeque 6:00PM**. For more information, see <http://www.dfma.org> Durham FM Association

Program: Wilson W4BOH and Mac WQ8U will present a program on “Boat Anchors”

#### **Durham FM Association (DFMA) Club Meeting Minutes – 3/2/2010**

#### **At Bullocks Barbeque Recorded Lowell Tieszen – KK4PH Secretary**

Attending: Dee(KU4GC), MK(W4MKR), Rhett(KE4HIH), Joanna(KE4QOZ), Steve(W3AHL), Bob(W4RWC), Wayne(KJ4GDW), Lowell(KK4PH), Jim(WB4YYY), Sue(KA4AVM), Frank(KG4IHX), Dave(AD6Q), Charlie(NC4CD), James(N4CTR), Randy(K4XRM), ED(WA4MXA), Bill(KI4RAN), Ken(KI4QXJ), Andrew(N1PUC), Ben(KB4NQH), Pres, Debbie, Chris, and Michael

Total of 20 hams and four no non-hams makes a total of 24 who attended.

#### **Called to order:**

Dee called the meeting to order in Wilson’s absence.

#### **Reports**

##### **ARES Report:**

- SET was held in January
- Leaders meeting was held in February
- Net is moving from Monday evening to Sunday evening at 8pm

##### **Vice President’s Report:**

- The April meeting will be by Wilson on Boat anchors

##### **Treasurer’s Report:**

CD: -----

Checking: -----

Total -----

##### **Secretary:**

The secretary reported items from the board meeting.

- Hamfest is May 29, and flyers should be available for Rarsfest
- Anyone wanting to be checked out in the MCU can contact Wilson.
- Charlie will work with Dave(W4DAP) and Wilson to put together a plan to improve the radios in the MCU. A work day is planned for Saturday March 20.
- DFMA will be supporting Durham ARES in application for a grant from Pepsico.

##### **Repeater manager:**

Work is planned at Hillsborough on the 147.825 noise problem and to complete the controller interface for the 220 MHz repeater.

##### **New Business:**

##### **Program: Cancelled**

The program for the evening was canceled because the speaker had car trouble.

Dee invited each person attending to talk about some ham radio activity they were currently enjoying as we went around the room for the traditional introductions.

Door prizes were won by:

Joanna(KE4QOZ), Wayne(KJ4GDW), and Bob(W4RWC)

##### **Meeting was adjourned**

Durham FM Association (DFMA) Board Meeting Minutes – 03/16/2010

Recorded By Lowell (KK4PH) Attending: Rhett(KE4HIH), Joanna(KE4QOZ), Dee(KU4GC), Charlie(NC4CD), Lowell(KK4PH), Wilson(W4BOH), Bob (W4RWC), MK(W4MKR), Randy(??)

#### **Reports**

**President – Wilson(W4BOH):** Called the meeting to order.

**Secretary – Lowell(KK4PH):**

Minutes from the 2/16/2003 Board meeting were distributed.

**Action 2010-03-16-01:** Minutes from the 2/16/2003 Board Meeting were approved.

**Vice-President – Dee(KU4GC):**

##### **Future club meetings planned:**

- April – Next meeting Wilson & Rhett with “Boatanchors”
- May – Hamfest planning and report

**Treasurer-MK(W4MKR):**

Checking	-----
CD	-----
Total	-----

51 paid members

**Repeater Manager:**

There is noise on the 147.225 repeater. Some days the noise is worse than others. The plan is to isolate the problem to repeater or antenna by 1.) Replacing the repeater with the one planned to go on the VA. This should be rather simple because the repeaters are identical. 2.) Test with separate antennas.

**ARES:**

- o Net is now 8pm Sunday evenings. Locating Net controls
- o Talked about email groups and web hosting. Randy posts to the **dfmaspecial** Yahoo group
- o Concerns were raised about space available on the DFMA web site on RTPnet. It might be better to combine the DFMA site with the Durham county ARES site.

**Action: 2010-03-16-02:** The board has some concerns with capacity and ease of use as well as links and interface, with related web sites. Dee will investigate, and report, ways to improve and better connect the clubs web sites.

**Hamfest:**

Plans are similar to last year.

- o MK will get food.
- o Bob will do breakfast and coffee
- o Wilson will coordinate hamburgers and such
- o Need to confirm we have enough tickets
- o VE session is on

**Action: 2010-03-16-03:** Wilson will call Paul about flyers, space, and tickets. Wilson will call Linda if she has not been contacted.

**Action: 2010-03-16-04:** Randy will talk to printer about printing tickets. We do not need sequential numbers on the tickets. The order would be for 1,000 tickets.

**Action: 2010-02-16-01:** Dee will contact Paul to be sure flyers are available for distribution at Rarsfest. 2010-03-16: Dee reports that Flyers should be available for Raleigh.

Closing

**MCU:**

MCU Workday.

- o 10:00 Saturday 3-19-2010
- o .Install Kenwood dual-band for driver.
- o GPS
- o Outdoor speaker
- o 200-300' power cables & Reel

Still need to order an HF antenna.

**Action 2010-01-19-03:** The DFMA Board has asked Charlie to work with Dave(W4DAP) and Wilson to put a plan together to make the MCU more usable. Specific areas of concern are mobile HF, and digital text. Long range plan should include digital voice capability.

2010-03-16: Workday planned 3/20/2010.

**New Business**

Dan Sears would like to use the 147.225 repeater on April 3, 2010.

**Action 2010-03-19-05:** We authorize the use of the 147.225 repeater.

Randy has proposed that we send an email to all licensed amateurs in Durham County.

**Action 2010-03-19-06:** Wilson and Randy, will get with Sid to coordinate production and mailing of a special copy of "The Link" which will be sent to all licensed amateurs in Durham County. It should contain information such as Hamfest, Club meeting times, and Field Day.

Meeting Adjourned

**Silent Key William 'Bill' C. Scott WD4BZP**

DURHAM -- Mr. William 'Bill' C. Scott, resident of Durham, passed away Sunday, March 21, 2010 at Hock Family Pavilion. He was born in Efland, N.C. the son of the late Lillie Sykes Scott and Walter Watts Scott. He is also preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Gladys Hayes Scott. Mr. Scott retired from Suntrust Bank, formerly CCB after 31 years of service and was a WWII Naval Veteran and served in the Korean War. Surviving are his daughter, Denise S. Warren and husband, Bernard F. Warren of Durham and granddaughter, Elizabeth S. Warren.

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