

DURHAM FM ASSOCIATION



October 2010 Newsletter Sidney Edwards W4QWM Reporting

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Tuesday October 5

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

Jeff Orrock, KI4KKX, National Weather Service

Will talk about tornadoes highlighting the November tornadoes which struck Johnston County as well as look ahead to winter and summarize hurricane season.

Durham FM Association (DFMA) Club Meeting Minutes – 9/7/2010

At Bullocks Restaurant, Recorded by Lowell Tieszen – KK4PH Secretary

Lowell(KK4PH), Terry(WA4BVY), Joanna (KE4QOZ), Rhett(KE4HIH), Randy(K4XRM), Ken(KR4FM), Dewey(WA4AHR), Wayne(KJ4GDW), Sam(KJ4VWG), Charlie(NC4CD), Vic(K0OUX), Bob(W4RWC), MK(W4MKR), Dee(KU4GC), George(WB4DVP), Woody(K3VSA), Meg(KI4LLL), Paul(KE4OXN), Jim(NN4JW), Don(KE4UVJ), Jim(KI4HQO), Wilson(W4BOH), Jim(KB4OT), Ken(KI4QXJ), and LeAnne.
Total of 24 hams and 1 non-ham attended for a total of 25.

Called to order:

Wilson called the meeting to order.

Reports

Vice-President:

- It is planned that the October meeting be on weather with Jeff Orrock from the National Weather Service presenting.
- Ham-nic scheduled for October 10, arrive between 3 & 4. Please bring a covered dish. The grill will be available. Ice Tea will be available as will cups, plates, and utensils.

Treasurer's Report:

CD: \$10,302.19
Checking: 9,102.05
Total \$19,404.24

Secretary:

The secretary reported items from the board meeting.

- MCU Status, operational objectives and requirements for those objectives.

ARES:

- The weekly ARES net has moved to the 147.225 Mhz repeater. It is 8pm Sunday evenings
- Also will have brief ARES net at 8:45pm prior to the 9pm DFMA net.

New Business:

Dee is asking approval of the club to change parts of the DFMA website to a "members only" section that would require login. This section would contain items such as the minutes which is information that should be for club members only. It was requested that personal information not be available even when logged into the site.

Program: HSMM-MASH

- Ken (KR4FM) presented a technical description of the HSMM-MASH implementation being done in Orange County and a general description of the technology.
- Ken frequently referenced an informative web site on the subject:

<http://hsmm-mesh.org/>

Meeting was adjourned

Durham FM Association (DFMA)
Board Meeting Minutes – 09/21/2010
Recorded By Lowell (KK4PH)

Attending: Dee(KU4GC), Lowell(KK4PH), MK(W4MKR), Rhett(KE4HHH), Paul(WA4OXN), Wilson(W4BOH), Ken(KI4QXJ), Bob(W4RWC), Charlie (NC4CD)

Reports:

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

Vice-President – Dee (KU4GC):

- October program will be Jeff Orrock on weather.
- The web site is in the process of changing to point at the new host. Process was manual and involved copying files and uploading. Informal decision to send login id's to all board members. No limits on space for normal use.

Treasurer-MK (W4MKR):

Checking	\$ 8,671.39
CD	<u>\$10,303.94</u>
Total	\$18,975.33

There are 71 paid members.

Repeater Manager-Charlie(NC4CD):

- Nothing to report
- Clarification that 224.26 is no longer linked to any other repeater.

Secretary – Lowell(KK4PH):

Minutes from the board meeting were distributed, reviewed and approved.

Action 2010-09-21-01: Minutes from the 8/17/2010 Board Meeting were approved.

Old Business

DFMA Web Site:

2010-09-21-The site has been moved to a new host. Complete

MCU:

2010-09-21: Call Wilson if you can help with any of these. Status:

- Two versions of manuals for the generator have been received. Neither are exactly correct for our unit.
- HF Tarheel antenna not yet ordered.
- Wilson will send NEMA number of shore-power connector to Dee
- Waiting on CB antenna (KK4PH)
- Waiting on Marine radio equipment.
- 220 Radio Power, antenna, and acknowledgement of receipt. Radio is installed awaiting power and antenna connections.

ARES:

No Report

Ham-nic:

Action 2010-06-15-04: Rhett and Joanna will propose a day at a future meeting.

2010-09-21 – Date for the Ham-nic is October 10. Please arrive between 3 to 4pm. Their phone # is 732-8492

Cub Scout Campout:

DFMA member Ben Liddy (KB4NQ) Will be driving the MCU to Carthage, NC the weekend of October 8 with Wilson to set up a demonstration of Ham Radio at a Cub Scout and Boy Scout campout.

2010-09-21-Still planned. No updates.

New Business

Ideas discussed about ways to make DurHamFest more interesting and draw more people. Ideas about pricing for tailgating and such were discussed.

Concern was voiced about poor audio quality on the 225 repeater. A work party is planned for Friday 9/24/2010. Charlie (NC4CD) will coordinate.

There was discussion regarding general interest in the club and what might bring more life to the club.

Meeting adjourned

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Meets First Tuesday Every Month 6:00 PM