

# DURHAM FM ASSOCIATION



## February 2010 Newsletter Sidney Edwards W4QWM Reporting

### Tuesday February 1

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

**Program:** Show and Tell Projects, techniques, experiences with equipment, reports of successes, reports of instructive failures, kits, home-brews, all sound good.

#### Durham FM Association (DFMA) Club Meeting Minutes – 01/04/2010

##### At Bullocks Restaurant, Recorded by Lowell Tieszen – KK4PH Secretary

Lowell(KK4PH),MK(W4MKR),Dee(KU4GC),Rhett(KE4HIH),Joanna(KE4QOZ),Ben(KB4NQH), Mark(KJ4NPF),Woody(K3VSA),Dan(KR4UB),Jim(WD4CEY),Vic(K0OUX),Steve(W3AHL), Wayne(KJ4GDW), Wilson(W4BOH),Sue(KA3AVM),Jim(WB4YYY),Charlie(NC4CD),Bob(W4RWC), Derek(KO4T), Lad(W4ORD),Bill(KI4RAN), Jim(KB4OT),Don(KE4UVJ),Jim(WA4OPI), Jim,(KI4HQO), Ken(KI4QXJ),Sam(KJ4VWG)

non-hams: Gail, Derek (ex KJ4DO), Pres

Total of 27 hams and 3 non-hams attended for a total of 30.

#### Called to order:

Wilson called the meeting to order.

Woody(K3VS) invited DFMA to participate in Maker Faire. This is an event where crafts and artisan skills are exhibited.

#### Reports

##### Treasurer's Report (Not reported at meeting):

CD: -----

Checking: -----

Total -----

#### Vice President:

- A topic has not been chosen for the February meeting
- There will be a VE Session at the next OCRA meeting
- Winston-Salem Hamfest is this weekend, January 8.

#### New Business:

There was no new business

#### Old Business:

It was approved at our December meeting to purchase a new antenna for the 147.225 repeater if it is found that is what is needed to resolve the repeater problems.

#### Program

Wayne (KJ4GDW) presented an interesting program, with many photos, on some of the events that caused outages in the North Carolina Public Television network. He explained the things that were done to "harden" or to reduce outages from weather events and power outages in the future.

#### Meeting was adjourned

Durham FM Association (DFMA) Board Meeting Minutes – 01/18/2011

Recorded By Lowell (KK4PH)

Attending: Lowell(KK4PH), Rhett(KE4HIH), Paul(KE4OXN), Wilson(W4BOH), Ken(KI4QXJ), Bob(W4RWC), Charlie (NC4CD), Dee(KU4GC), MK(W4MKR), Joanna(KE4QOZ)

#### Reports:

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

#### Secretary:

**Action 2011-01-18-01:** Minutes from the November 16, 2010, the January 4, 2011 club meeting and the MCU Project plan were given to the president.

#### Vice-President – Dee(KU4GC):

Next club meeting will be "show and tell". Bring your latest project or one from the closet that you would enjoy talking about.

#### Treasurer - MK(W4MKR):

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#### Repeater Manager-Charlie(NC4CD):

Repeater working OK but still null to the West. Charlie plans to switch out coax jumper

Have registered with SERA

**Action 2011-01-18-02:** – We authorize up to \$50 for a "business card" add in the SERA journal.

Charlie(NC4CD) delivered to Lowell(KK4PH) the packet equipment that was at Red Mountain and Gibbs Lane. This was the following items:

Alinco DR-1200 two-meter transceiver

MFJ-1200B TNC

PK-87 TNC

PK-88 TNC

Alinco DR-605 Dualband transceiver with inoperative on/off button that is fortunately stuck in the "on" position.

### Old Business

#### DFMA Web Site:

The web site is set up so that multiple people can update and add content. Dee would welcome other club members submitting items of interest.

**Action 2011-01-18-03:** – Dee will present a quick lesson on updating the website at our February meeting.

#### MCU:

2010-11-16:

- Tarheel antenna is ordered– NC4CD
- Permanent CB antenna mounted – KK4PH
- Waiting on Marine Radio

#### ARES:

There was no ARES report.

### New Business

#### Maker Faire:

Question about whether RARS would be involved since it is being held in Raleigh June 18 10am - 5pm.

This link describes exhibitor expectations: <http://makerfairenc.com/call-for-exhibitors/>

**Action 2011-01-18-04:** Wilson will talk with Woody suggesting that OCRA take the lead.

#### W-S Hamfest:

now January 29

#### Creekside Elementary Science Fair

We received a letter from Rick (KD6VK) about a science fair day March 2, 2011.

**Action 2011-01-18-05:** Rhett will coordinate with Rick.

#### Field Day

It was suggested that we nominate Dave Snyder as DFMA "Field Day" coordinator.

**Action 2011-01-18-06:** Dee will ask Dave if he will serve as Field Day coordinator.

Meeting adjourned

#### Creekside Elementary School Science Fair

DFMA has been invited to support the Science Fair at Creekside Elementary School on Wednesday, March 2, 2011. The invitation comes by way of Rich Baldwin, KD6VK. He writes that the Science Fair is held every year and gets bigger with each event. The students all do exhibits. Many local

groups including Duke University Department of Chemistry display their specialities such as astronomy, history of natural resources, and wild animals. The gymnasium is usually packed, additionally several classrooms are filled with interesting science displays.

The organizers are looking for a good spot to park the MCU so visitors have easy access. DFMA can have a room or part of a room where QSOs may be initiated. aspects of radio demonstrated, area club and ARRL information may be distributed, etc. It will be helpful to have four to six volunteers on hand to explain ham radio and perhaps discuss how it works well with the Internet. The building will be available for display set up at 1800, the Fair opens at 1830 and runs to 2100.

Hopefully Rich will join us at the February dinner meeting to share his thoughts and discuss issues that arise. He feels that this is a great opportunity to expose several hundred students and their parents to ham radio. He thinks the contribution made by ham radio to communications in public emergency situations may be a pleasant surprise to lots of Fair visitors. Let us support this activity in the fine style of DFMA.

Rhett - KE4HHH

Up for sale is an Ameritron AL- 811H h f amplifier .It comes with four 572B tubes installed and wired for 120 volt operation. Cosmetically it is an 8.5 out of 10. It covers 160m down to 10m

(mod. done for 10 meters), it has no box and manual can be downloaded from Ameritron website.

Sale is only made for pickup in central N C only and asking \$600 cash or bank money order.

Please contact by email [kg4nnt@yahoo.com](mailto:kg4nnt@yahoo.com) or phone 919-381-6088. Thanks, J R (kg4nnt)

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Meets First Tuesday Every Month 6:00 PM