



Happy New Year!

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, January 3

Bullock's BBQ 6:00pm

Program: Show and Tell

It's been a while since we dedicated a full meeting to show and tell. It's always very popular and interesting. Bring something of interest to hams and be prepared to spend about 5 minutes talking about it. Maybe you got an interesting Christmas present. That's fair game. Projects, techniques, experiences with equipment, reports of successes, reports of instructive failures, kits, and home-brews, all sound good. Use your imagination and share!

President's Corner

DFMA Members: I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and will have a safe and prosperous New first meeting in 2012, next Tuesday, January 3, 2012, at Bullock's Barbeque.

73 Bob, W4RWC

And a good time was had by all...

What a Party!

The December DFMA meeting was attended by 59 people. That must be a record for this century! This included 21 couples making it more of a family-style rather than the normal technical event. We were all there to celebrate the holidays and the 40th anniversary of the founding of the DFMA. As usual, the meeting was held at Bullock's BBQ and everyone could choose from their extensive menu, but the Club picked up the tab.

Three of the 13 founding members of the DFMA were present. Charlie Durst, NC4CD, the DFMA's first president was there with his wife, Lee,



Part of the DFMA Crowd at Bullock's

WA4HYL. Charlie brought the Lids from the Hill. The "Lid" has, by tradition, recorded awards for either outstanding service, or for doing something dumb. Charlie related some of the more humorous Lid awards made in the earlier years of the Club.

Sid Edwards, W4QWM, accompanied by his wife, Sandy, made a few comments. Sid was the Club's first secretary and holder of other Club's offices at one time or other. Most recently Sid was our newsletter editor for many years.

Herman Cone, N4CH, joined by his wife Donna, N4RXL, was the third founding member present for the festivities. The Cones made a special trip from Goode, Virginia, to join us for this occasion. Herman also shared several anecdotes illuminating the history of the DFMA.



DFMA founders Herman, NC4CH, and Charlie, NC4CD Holding a modified Heathkit Twoer presented by Herman at the "Birthday" dinner

He brought some of the early equipment used in the seventies. His "show and tell" included a "huge" HT and several models of the Heathkit "Twoers". These were small, relatively inexpensive, crystal-controlled, 2m AM transceivers capable of about 5W. He showed a basic model and one with an enhanced receiver add-on. Finally he presented Charlie with a seriously modified model that Charlie had once owned.

Dee, KU4GC, made some additional comments based on his browsing of historic DFMA newsletters lent to him by Charlie. He noted that the first repeater was a 440 repeater and that autopatch was a high priority but took some time to implement. He also noted that typical DFMA treasury balances in the first few years were around \$200. He then called on the current treasurer, MK, W4MKR, for a report: checking and CD -- about

\$10 thousand each (before paying for the dinner :-). This is quite a change! (Of course, there has been inflation.) Another interesting comparison to the early days is dues. The first dues were \$10 per year and by 1973 they were \$12 per year. Our dues are still \$12 per year! Other early fund raising included having a DFMA Club Table at various hamfests with 10% going to the club. This naturally led to our own DurHamFest in October, 1973. Finally, Dee shared a "DFMA Newsletter" dating from 1984. It was on the back of a postcard and read:

DFMA
NEWSLETTER
(SHORT FORM)

MEETING: NOVEMBER 13TH 1984 - TUESDAY

THE GOLDEN CORRAL
6:00PM

"COME OR WE BREAK YOUR LEGS."

Certainly one way to get out the word!

This year's DFMA holiday party also engaged in its more traditional holiday activities. Thirty-seven Christmas gifts for children were collected (and were delivered to Durham Social Services for distribution). \$407.50 for the Durham Rescue mission was collected at the dinner "passing the hat" as well as \$20 for the Food Bank of North Carolina. Supplemented by the traditional \$350 check from the DFMA treasury, this yielded \$777.50 for charity.

And a good time was had by all...

DFMA Dues are Due

Your DFMA *dues* are *due* in January. A PDF of the dues form(s) is attached with this mailing. You can always find the form on our web page: dfma.org (click on Membership at the top to get to the right page). Thirty years ago they were \$12 a year! They are still \$12 a year – now there's a real bargain.

Club Meeting Minutes

Durham FM Association (DFMA)
DFMA Meeting - 12/6/11 - KU4GC Secretary

Location: Bullock's BBQ, Durham

Attending:

Dewey, WA4AHR; Rosie; Skip, WA4BNT; Tanya; Wilson, W4BOH; Dee; Mike, KK4BPH; Sandy; Terry, WD4CEE; Charlie, NC4CD; Lee, WA4HYL; Herm, N4CH; Donna, N4RXL; Justin, KD4CPM; Adriano, KV7D; Valley; Michael, KK4EIB; Dee, KU4GC; MK,

W4MKR; Wayne, KJ4GDW; Janet; Rhett, KE4HHH; Joanna, KE4QOZ; Jim, W4KSZ; Betty; Linda, KF4LJZ; J.R., KG4NNT; Connita; Meg, KI4LLL; Randy; Mark, KJ4NPF; Kristy; Lad, W4ORD; Donna; Jim, KB4OT; Margie, KE4DGF; Vic, K0OUX; Lowell, KK4PH; Sharyn, KB4VFW; Bill, KI4RAN; Kitty; Pres; Dick, WA2ROC; Bob, W4RWC; Dave, W4SAR; Karen, KD4YJZ; Derek, KO4T; Mac, WQ8U; Karen; Dan, KR4UB; Jean; Don, KE4UVJ; Rich, KD6VK; Sam, KJ4VWG; Jim, WB4YYY; Sue, KA4AVM; Larry, K1ZW; xyl; Jim, KG4ZWS; Nancy;
A total of 59 attending, including 41 hams, 21 couples (4 of these routinely attend meetings), 2 other family members

Since it was the Holiday Dinner Meeting, things started up before 6:00pm. Everyone was served by about 7:20 and President - Bob, W4RWC, called the meeting to order with a round of self-introductions.

REPORTS and DFMA 40th Birthday Reminiscences.

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Financial balances.

Members: 89 (by the end of the meeting)

This balance shows a nice increase from the early years! However, the first dues were \$10 per year and by 1973 they were \$12 per year. Our dues are still \$12 per year!

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Christmas Toys for Children

37 Christmas gifts for children were collected

Collection for the Durham Rescue Mission

The hat was passed and \$407.50 was collected from individuals (including 5 checks) plus \$20 for the NC Food Bank (check). In addition, the annual Club contribution is \$350.

Meeting adjourned.

On the Web

73 Magazine is now available online through the Internet Archive: <http://www.archive.org/details/73-magazine>
Thanks to Woody, K3VSA, ARRL PIO for NC

Upcoming Events (dfma.org for details)

1/03 6pm DFMA Meeting, Bullocks BBQ
1/09 7:30pm VE Testing, Orange County EOC
1/09 7:30pm OCRA Meeting, Orange County EOC
2/04 8am Richmond Frost Fest
2/07 6pm DFMA Meeting, Bullocks BBQ

Buy – Sell – Trade

FOR SALE: Alpha 87A and 4510 Alpha Power/SWR

The 87A is just back from Alpha; it had work done on rs-232 input. It was completely gone thru, tubes tested full output. I have the invoice from RF Concepts and will forward it to anyone interested.

The Alpha 4510 meter was hooked up in and works FB. The serial number of the amp is 8703041421. Built in 4th week of 2003, 1500 87A were produced and this one is 1421. I want \$4500 for amp and meter or \$4100 for amp and \$600 for the meter. I'll travel 150 miles to deliver or meet. Prices are firm.

Larry – K1ZW lclarks@nc.rr.com

WANTED: AM Transmitter

Looking for a 100 watt class "Hollow State" (vacuum tube) AM transmitter in working condition.

Viking II, Apache, DX-100, etc.

Mods OK but documentation would be appreciated.

Thanks - Dick WA2ROC

Group Coax Buy

We can still get the LMR-400 equivalent for **50 cents/ft**, delivered, in 1000' quantities. *The price shown is retail, so don't faint.*

http://moonblinkwifi.com/pd_lmr400_type.cfm

I don't need any more, but if we can get an order for 1000' or more, I'm willing to handle it. Contact:

Wilson – W4BOH infomet@embarqmail.com

73 - Dee, KU4GC, editor

Send copy to ku4gc@amsat.org

Deadline: one week before the Club Meeting

(Photos KU4GC or as credited)

Web Page: **dfma.org**