



Next Meeting:

Tuesday, August 7

Bullock's BBQ 6:00pm

**Program: Colonial Roads in Hillsborough
by Tom Magnuson**

Tom will present a program on some colonial roads and the trading paths that came before them. Look at the web site of the Trading Path Association for more on this fascinating topic: <http://tradingpath.org>

This is one of our less technical programs. Those of you who have been asking for more general, low tech programs, here is your chance. (Dave, W4SAR, presented a program on his Revolutionary War reenacting. That was an excellent program, but quite some time ago.)

We will also have the annual Election of Officers.

President's Corner

Dear Members: I hope you all have been surviving this summer's heat and thunder storms. I will look forward to seeing you on the 7th of August at Bullock's. Try to stay cool.

73, Bob W4RWC

Election of Officers

Tuesday's meeting will include the annual election of officers. The DFMA Board, acting as an ad-hoc nominating committee, has nominated the following slate of members for election (or re-election).

Bob, W4RWC, President
Michael, KK4EIB, Vice President
MK, W4MKR, Treasurer
Dee, KU4GC, Secretary
Charlie, NC4CD, Repeater Manager
Karen, KD4YJZ, Board
Skip, N4SKP, Board
Sam, KJ4VWG, Board

Note that each year two Board members are elected for two-year terms. One of those elected will be filling an unexpired term and will only serve a one-year term. That person will be identified by a random drawing if no one volunteers for a one- rather than two-year term.

Important!!! There can be nominations (self-nominations included) from the floor. So if you'd like to run for one of these offices – Tuesday is your chance.

Many a person has said, I'd run for an office, but I don't think I'm ready. One suggestion is that you attend Board meetings (open to all members). That is where most of the DFMA business is done and you'll get a better sense for what it takes – and that it isn't really that hard. So, if you've considered running, but are not sure, join us at the Board meetings.

This Frequency is in Use

The 225 repeater is scheduled for use on Sunday, August 25 by hams providing support for **The Tour d'Orange**. This starts and finishes at the Visitor's Center in Hillsborough and benefits the **National MS Society**.

All hams in the area are invited and encouraged to become a ham volunteer to help out with providing communications for this event. Interested hams can contact John Snellen at: ai4rt@hotmail.com

Field Day: Shooting for a Win



Hi All-

I made the official submission via the web on 7/20; Tuesday 7/24 would have been the deadline.

We had 15,490 QSO points. We had 1980 bonus points. That gave us a grand total of 17,380 points-- which I believe is 450 points better than last year. Now the big wait begins.

Thanks all for making it a great Field Day!
-Dave, W4SAR

Wilson, W4BOH, Wayne, KJ4GDW, and Joe, K4SAR shoot up an antenna line.

Picture courtesy of KK4BPH

Mail: My dad "Lonesome George"

I am hoping that someone will remember my dad. His name is Pete Preddy. Dad passed away in 2007 and he left his ham radio equipment to me and yesterday it was stolen. We caught the thief and the deputy is trying to find the radios and power amps but we can't, so I am hoping to maybe find someone that would remember my dad that could help me. If someone could call me I would greatly appreciate it and could explain this better on the phone. We live in Durham on Cheek Road. 919-683-8373. Thank you so much -- I talk better than I type and could make better sense on the phone than I could on the email

Dad also was the one who started Oak Grove Athletic Association and was called "Pa Pa" by thousands of school kids by his volunteer work to school kids. If anyone could remember him and then maybe remember the kind of equipment he had, then that could help us in court to identify this to the judge at least to make this thief pay something. Thanks
-Randall Preddy Sr.

Open Durham: Bullock's BBQ

One of the great blogs/web sites in the area is "Open Durham". This site provides fascinating information on the history of Durham and its architecture. The site, by Gary Kueber, was formerly called "Endangered Durham" and has a huge archive of pictures of buildings, businesses, streets, etc. in Durham dating back as far as the late 19th Century.

Since one of the featured businesses at this time is Bullock's BBQ, it seemed like a good time to draw your attention to this resource on Durham history. Have a look:

<http://opendurham.org/buildings/bullocks-bbq?full>

-thanks to MK, W4MKR

Club Meeting Minutes**Durham FM Association (DFMA)**

DFMA Meeting - 7/3/12 - KU4GC Secretary

Location: Bennett Pointe Grill, Durham

Attending: Dewey, WA4AHR; Wilson, W4BOH; Mike, KK4BPH; Charlie, WD4CLT; Justin, KD4CPM; Terry, WD4CEE; Adriano, KV7D; David, W4DJK; Michael, KK4EIB; Dee, KU4GC; MK, W4MKR; Rhett, KE4HIH; Joanna, KE4QOZ; Frank, KK4JRZ; Jim, W4KSZ; Vic, K0OUX; Jim, KB4OT; Lowell, KK4PH; Ken, KI4QXJ; Bob, W4RWC; Dave, W4SAR; Karen, KD4YJZ; Skip, N4SKP; Derek, KO4T; Dan, KR4UB; Rene', AI4WJ; Larry, K1ZW; Kathe, KA2SBC.

A total of 28 attending, all hams.

President - Bob, W4RWC, called the business meeting to order at 7:20 pm and started with a round of self-introductions.

REPORTS

Vice President - Wilson, W4BOH

Nothing new to report.

Secretary - Dee, KU4GC

Several announcements:

- VE Session, Monday 7/9, 7:30pm Orange County EOC

- OCRA Meeting, Monday 7/9, 7:30pm Orange County EOC

- Cary Swapfest, Saturday, 7/21, 8:00am Ritter Park, Cary

Dee also reported that at the last Board meeting he had suggested creating a new policy on how to decide on the DFMA's support for various requests involving members and DFMA resources. He had suggested that persons requesting DFMA involvement first sign up enough volunteers to ensure success of our involvement. This is only a rough suggestion of what policies we might want to adopt. It needs a lot of work and suggestions are welcome.

Treasurer - MK, W4MKR

Members: 89 members in good standing (2012 dues paid by the end of the meeting)

Repeater Manager - Charlie, NC4CD was not able to attend.

Field Day Coordinator - Dave, W4SAR

Dave gave a preliminary report on Field Day 2012. Our score has improved from last year, probably by a few hundred points. Some bands, like 10 meters, were much worse than last year. He was still trying to make sure about the various bonus points such as for youth operators.

Upcoming DFMA Election of Officers

Bob announced that DFMA elections are planned for the August meeting.

Door Prizes

Kathe, KA2SBC, won a gift certificate for ARRL publications. Michael, KK4EIB, won a ground fault adapter.

PROGRAM - Field Day Pictures

Jim, W4KSZ and Mike KK4BPH

Both Jim and Mike showed pictures they had taken a Field Day. It was an impressive show. Both said that

their pictures would be available to put on the DFMA web site.

Meeting adjourned.

Board Meeting Minutes

Durham FM Association (DFMA)

Board Meeting - - 7/17/12 - KU4GC, Secretary

Location: 2019 Front Street, Durham

Attending: Charlie, NC4CD; Dee, KU4GC; MK, W4MKR; Bob, W4RWC; Michael, KK4EIB; Vic, K0OUX; Ken, KI4QXJ; Wilson, W4BOH; Randy, K4XRM

President - Bob, W4RWC, called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Minutes for the Board meeting of 6/19/12 and the Club meeting of 7/3/12 were approved as distributed.

REPORTS

Treasurer - MK, W4MKR

Current members: 89 are paid up so far for this year.

It was noted that the CD was earning close to 0% interest. Since it is a 9-month CD with no-penalty withdrawal at any time, it gets very low rates.

Secretary - Dee, KU4GC

Minutes had been approved at the opening of the meeting. Dee circulated a letter from the Little River Community Complex thanking us for our business. (It also included the return of our deposit.)

Dee also mentioned that he had prepared a policy guideline for involving the DFMA in outside events and we could get back to that later. Bob mentioned that he had been in touch with Tanner, KB4TYE, regarding his request for support for the Boy Scouts, and had told Tanner about this proposed policy. He said that Tanner was going to send a solicitation for help and that Bob would help him with it.

Repeater Manager - Charlie, NC4CD

Charlie reported that he had a good vacation. He was now working on the repeaters in the VA and on the Hill in Hillsborough, and was getting help with the programming from Michael, KK4EIB.

Charlie also reported that the re-roofing work for the DFMA shed at Hoover Road had been completed to his satisfaction. We now have a **proposal for extensive repair work at the Hillsborough site** including a new door (of metal this time rather than a sheet of plywood). The estimate is for \$1,976. They concur with our assessment of siding (near the concrete slab) that is

rotten and needing replacement....also some of the exterior corner boards. The roof also needs a shingle replacement. The Hillsborough roof and building is older than the Hoover Rd building....mid to late 80's I think. Also the door is a sheet of plywood and is beginning to warp, making a poor fit and difficult to close. They recommend a metal 3-0 X 6-8 metal door. This should significantly improve building security and reduce the chance of equipment damage caused by blowing rain. And a paint job for all ! !

Charlie moved and Bob seconded a motion to have the work done as proposed. The motion passed unanimously. It will now be brought to the next Club meeting for approval by the membership.

We received a request from Tom Snellen, AI4RT , to use the 225 repeater for public service events. There was unanimous support to allow this.

ARES - Randy, K4XRM

Randy noted that there had been some exchange of emails between him as EC and the State level ARES organization. There was some disagreement as to who should be considered an ARES member. Randy has the more inclusive view that any ham wanting to provide service could become an ARES member while some at the State level wanted a more restrictive policy limiting to hams that had passed certain of the FEMA ICS courses because that was required to work in EOCs. Randy felt there were many service opportunities that did not involve EOCs such as working with the Red Cross or helping in public service events.

Vice President - Wilson, W4BOH

Wilson reported that the tentative topic for the next meeting was the possibility of ham privileges in the 500 KHz band.

OLD BUSINESS

A Policy for "Requests for Involvement of the DFMA in Public Service Events"

Dee presented his more careful draft of a proposal that requires more prep work before proposing DFMA member involvement in public service or similar. The policy proposal is attached as an appendix. After some discussion **it was passed unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

- Charlie requested that the DFMA make the usual memorial gift in memory of former DFMA member, Bud Goodnight, WB4WRU. There was unanimous support for this, but it was noted that for former members such donations would not be automatic-- rather someone would have to feel it is important.

- Election of officers will be held at the August Club meeting. The Board, acting as a nominating committee discussed possible persons to solicit. At that time, President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Repeater Manager had agreed to be re-nominated. A candidate for Vice President and one Board position had been identified. Two more Board candidates are needed. Several names were suggested. Dee agreed to contact these until we had a full slate. (As always, the election is open and any DFMA member can be nominated for any of the offices. An actual vote at the meeting will then determine who "wins" the office.)

Meeting adjourned.

APPENDIX [to the DFMA minutes]

Requests for Involvement of the DFMA in Public Service Events

This policy is meant to provide guidelines for handling requests for DFMA participation in events that require active involvement of its members and the use of its name. Since they are only guidelines, the Board is free to use other criteria such as traditional involvement or conscious efforts to move activities in some desired direction.

1. Requests should be made by DFMA members. (This member can be "championing" a proposal brought by non-members.)
2. Before a proposal is brought to the DFMA, the requester should collect sufficient volunteers who are expecting to staff the event. If the MCU is to be involved, this means that sign-on is required from members checked out to operate the MCU. Otherwise, this list of expected participants need not consist of members only. All the request needs to do is show that it is unlikely that there will be last minute pressure on other members to help out to keep the DFMA from looking bad.
3. If the request involves any DFMA resources, this should be spelled out. Request for the MCU, for example, should involve estimates of fuel needed and make clear whether the requester or the DFMA is to pay for this.
4. This is not meant to preclude informal requests to see if a particular event might be seen as suitable for possible involvement. Persons planning to make a request should be free to announce possible events at Club meetings to recruit possible volunteers and to help raise awareness of public service opportunities.
(This policy was passed unanimously by the DFMA Board, 7/17/2012)

Upcoming Events (dfma.org for details)

8/7 6pm DFMA Meeting, Bullocks BBQ
8/11 10am VE Testing, Orange County EOC
8/13 7:30pm OCRA Meeting, Orange County EOC
8/21 7pm DFMA Board Meeting, NC4CD Offices
9/1-2 Shelby Hamfest, Dallas, NC
9/4 6pm DFMA Meeting, Bullocks BBQ

On the Internet

Check out the new portal. It is quite nice.

<http://qrzcq.com>

-Ed Best, AK4W

Buy – Sell – Trade

Wanted: HF Rig

I just passed my General exam and now need an HF rig. If you have something for sale, please let me know.
Dick Boynton - KK4CCX 919-471- 0103

Items for sale: Group Coax Buy - prices up ;-(

We can get the LMR-400 equivalent for **80 cents/ft**, delivered, in 1000' quantities.

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

Wanted: Dead Microwave Ovens

I can use dead/dying/unwanted microwave ovens. The power transformers can be used for power supply construction. Thanks.

Wilson – W4BOH

73 - Dee, KU4GC, editor

Send copy to ku4gc@amsat.org

Deadline: one week before the Club Meeting

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Web Page: dfma.org