



Next Meeting:

Tuesday, September 4

Bullock's BBQ 6:00pm

Program: Hurricane Preparedness

We are lucky to have **Virginia Enzor, NC4VA**, present a program on Hurricane Preparedness. This is a very timely topic as we watch Isaac approach New Orleans and in general, most people agree that our weather has been strange, to say the least.

Virginia is the Emergency Coordinator for the Central Carolina SKYWARN Information Network and has worked in this capacity for many years. She works tirelessly to promote SKYWARN and weather awareness and can often be heard on the 88 during weather events. She has worked with the National Weather Service to build our local SKYWARN organization into a respected source of current weather information to the point that TV weather programs sometimes allow SKYWARN repeater traffic to be heard in the background.

In "real life", Virginia is a counselor for the Wake County School System. She earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from East Carolina University and a Masters degree in Education from North Carolina State University.

President's Corner ---

Help from a new Ham

Fellow DFMA members:

One day last week I was returning from a truck stop on Buck Horn Rd., where I had gone to pick up a mag-mount antenna base for my car and realized I had forgotten to bring my cell phone. I was almost back home, on HWY 40 when my car's electrical system suddenly shut down. I pulled off to the side and rolled to a stop. The only communication device I had was my 2M radio, which I was able to get working by unplugging the bank of electrical devices I had previously been using. I put out a call on the 147.225 for someone to help me call AAA. The only ham that answered was young Will, KK4JSA, who said he would get his Mom to make the call for me. While he was doing that, I decided to try to restart the car, wondering if disconnecting my bank of devices would permit it to start. Well, to my delight, it did and I was on my way home again. I, then, called Will and thanked him for being available for help. It is great to know that in an

emergency there are hams like Will, KK4JSA monitoring the repeater.

73, Bob W4RWC

(Ed. note: Will, KK4JSA, is a "graduate" of Lowell's Tech Class and passed his exam at DurHamFest in May. He, his father, and two brothers were featured in the June Link – KU4GC)

The Shed on *The Hill*



The shed showing new door and some of the repairs.

Picture courtesy of NC4CD

At its last meeting, the membership confirmed a DFMA Board decision to spend almost \$2000 on repairs to The Shed at the repeater site in Hillsborough, often called "The Hill". Things have moved quickly since then.

The work included a new roof and a new door (of metal this time rather than a sheet of plywood). Siding repairs for rotting near the concrete slab were made and some of the exterior corner boards were replaced.

Finally, the package was wrapped in a complete exterior paint job.



After: With Paint!

Picture courtesy of NC4CD



**One of the many treasures in The Shed:
Romeo and Juliet's Possum Trot Certificate
Picture courtesy of NC4XCD**

(A more complete description of our facilities on *The Hill* will appear on the DFMA web site, dfma.org really soon now.)

New* Officers

At the last meeting, the following were elected to DFMA office:

Bob, W4RWC, President*

Michael, KK4EIB, Vice President

MK, W4MKR, Treasurer*

Dee, KU4GC, Secretary*

Charlie, NC4CD, Repeater Manager*

Karen, KD4YJZ, Board (2 yr)

Skip, N4SKP, Board (2 yr)

Sam, KJ4VWG, Board (1yr)

* (Well, some of them are not *new* – but *refurbished*?)

Vic, K0OUX, continues with the 2nd year of his term.
Sam is filling out the final year of Jim's, KI4HQ, term.
Thanks to those who stepped forward to serve.

Club Meeting Minutes

Durham FM Association (DFMA)

DFMA Meeting - 8/7/12 - KU4GC Secretary

Location: Bullock's BBQ, Durham

Attending: Dewey, WA4AHR; Mike, KK4BPH; Terry, WA4BVY; Charlie, NC4CD; Charles, WD4CLT; Terry, WD4CEE; Michael, KK4EIB; Dee, KU4GC; MK, W4MKR; Wayne, KJ4GDW; Edwin, N2HAK; Roy, WA2JLW; Meg, KI4LLL; Randy; Linda, KF4LJZ; Mark, KJ4NPF; Lad, W4ORD; Jim, KB4OT; Vic, K0OUX; Lowell, KK4PH; Ken, KI4QXJ; Bill, KI4RAN; Pres; Kitty; Bob, W4RWC; Skip, N4SKP; Derek, KO4T; Dan, KR4UB; Don, KE4UVJ; Sam, KJ4VWG; Dave, NA4VY; Rene', AI4WJ; Patty, PT3209; Marie, PT2485; Bill, KD4WNZ; Sue, KE4JYJ; Jim, WB4YYY; Sue, KA4AVM; Don; Tom;

A total of 40 attending, 34 of them hams.

President - Bob, W4RWC, called the business meeting to order at 7:00 pm and started with a round of self-introductions.

REPORTS

Treasurer - MK, W4MKR

Members: 88 members in good standing (2012 dues paid by the end of the meeting)

Secretary - Dee, KU4GC

Announcement:

- VE Session, Saturday, 8/11, 10:00am, Orange County EOC

Dee also pointed out that, if you receive the Link electronically, as most do, you can look at the text-only version. But there are also PDF and DOC versions attached which include pictures and formatting suitable for printing it out. So, if you have a mailer that deals with attachments, but missed the use of that option when reading the Link, you should try that out. [If you don't have such a mailer, gmail.com works very well.]

Repeater Manager - Charlie, NC4CD

At its last meeting, the DFMA Board unanimously passed a motion to have the following repair work done: Extensive repair work of the repeater shed at the Hillsborough site including a new roof and a new door (of metal this time rather than a sheet of plywood). The estimate is for \$1,976. This also includes repairs (near the concrete slab) for siding that is rotten and replacement of some of the exterior corner boards. Finally, it includes a complete exterior paint job. (The Hillsborough roof and building are older than the Hoover Rd building....mid to late 80's.)

Since it is Board policy that expenditures of more than \$500 be also approved by the members, a motion was made and seconded to approve the planned expenditure. The motion passed unanimously.

DFMA Election of Officers

The slate of officers nominated by the DFMA Board was:

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

There were no nominations from the floor. The persons listed were unanimously elected. One of the Board slots was to finish out the second year of an unfinished term. KJ4VWG was selected for the one year term by drawing a number for each candidate and using the lowest number for this purpose. Vic, K0OUX continues for the 2nd year of his term on the Board.

Door Prizes

Lad, W4ORD, won a power strip. Mike, KK4BPH, won a Sheffield multi-tool.

PROGRAM - Colonial Roads

Tom Magnuson, President of the Trading Path Association

Tom gave an interesting talk about his research about that period. He mentioned the physical artifacts and realities that determined where roads ended up. This included things like older Indian paths, fords and other means of crossing rivers, and the distance that heavily loaded pack animals (and porters) can travel in a day (approximately 15 miles in this area). While most of his work is based on the technology of the day, he also stressed the importance of understanding the history (or life of) the “small people”, not just the famous ones.

Meeting adjourned.

Board Meeting Minutes

Durham FM Association (DFMA)

Board Meeting - - 8/21/12 - KU4GC, Secretary

Location: 2019 Front Street, Durham

Attending: Charlie, NC4CD; Dee, KU4GC; MK, W4MKR; Bob, W4RWC; Michael, KK4EIB; Vic, K0OUX; Wilson, W4BOH; Skip, N4SKP; Karen, KD4YJZ; Dave, W4SAR; Sam, KJ4VWG

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

Minutes for the Board meeting of 7/17/12 and the Club meeting of 8/7/12 were approved as distributed.

REPORTS

Vice President - Michael, KK4EIB

Michael reported he hoped to settle on the September program on Friday.

Treasurer - MK, W4MKR

Current members: 90 are paid up so far for this year.

Secretary - Dee, KU4GC

Minutes had been approved at the opening of the

meeting. He also noted that OC ARES (OCRA) was having a “Ready Rally” on Winlink at the OC EOC on Saturday, 8/25. This is being run by Ken, KR4FM. This program is meant to help people with both the use and the setting up of Winlink stations.

Repeater Manager - Charlie, NC4CD

Charlie reported that the repairs to the shed on the “Hill” were almost complete. Pretty much only the painting was left to complete. He circulated some pictures showing some of the repairs.

Field Day Coordinator - Dave, W4SAR

He is still looking for possible Field Day locations for next year. Several sites were discussed but most had some obvious flaw.

NEW BUSINESS

Wilson, W4BOH, proposed that we should consider possibly giving a small honorarium to our speakers to support the organization being represented. This caused a fair amount of discussion. One issue is the principle of whether we should be giving money to various groups at all. The other is whether or not a particular program is deserving of our support. It was left at having the option of providing publicity for the program in the Link and on the DFMA web site. This would allow individuals to personally support the cause if they felt it was deserving. It would require that a DFMA member provide some supporting text to be published.

Charlie suggested we make a special effort to bring DFMA membership to 100. Ideas are solicited. Mailings were ruled out, for now, as being too costly with few results as suggested by previous attempts.

Meeting adjourned.

This Frequency is in Use

The 225 repeater is scheduled for use on **Saturday, September 22, 9:30am – 4:30pm**, 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**. (This was originally scheduled for 8/25.)

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

Upcoming Events (dfma.org for details)

- 9/1-2 Shelby Hamfest, Dallas, NC
- 9/4 6pm DFMA Meeting, Bullocks BBQ
- 9/10 7:30pm VE Testing, Orange County EOC
- 9/10 7:30pm OCRA Meeting, Orange County EOC
- 9/18 7pm DFMA Board Meeting, NC4CD Offices
- 10/2 6pm DFMA Meeting, Bullocks BBQ

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