



Next Meeting – IN PERSON

Tuesday, November 2, 6:00pm

Program:

Our Repeater Manager, Charlie, NC4CD, will update us on what has been going on with the DFMA's Repeater System. While Covid may have shut down most of our activities, Charlie has been busy working and upgrading the DFMA's capabilities.

What: The November DFMA Meeting!

When: Tuesday, November 2nd, 6pm to eat, 7pm meeting

Where: Bullock's Barbecue!! (once inside, head for the big room to the left)

What else: Door prizes! New directories for members!

President's Corner

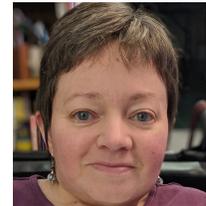
It is so nice to look forward to a meeting in-person. It's so much easier to go through the motions of presiding as president when you've seen someone else go through the motions a hundred times or more. At least, that's the idea. I'll have a bit of a challenge since I haven't seen many of the new hams in person, but I'm sure you all can help me out.

Speaking of helping, I'm thankful to know that our vice-president can step in and run the meeting in case something comes up and I'm unable to make it. Wait... I can't. We don't have one of those. Wouldn't it be nice if we did? Most other organizations with close to a hundred members don't have to go without a back-up president. Why do we? I know you're looking forward to the day when I don't complain about the vacant vice-presidential spot in the President's Corner. Believe me, so am I.

In the meantime, I'm looking forward to hearing about how you fared during our long absence and, of course, I'm looking forward to the barbecue. Remember, vaccinations are required for this event and a mask should be worn whenever you're not eating. Jack (KM4MBG) will send out live-streaming

information for those who need or want to stay home.

73, Lenore (KF4PAB)
DFMA President



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The Link is Short!

If you hadn't noticed, The Link is very, very short this month. I think it's the shortest Link I have ever edited. And, **it's up to you** to help do something about it!

Please contribute something for future editions. Ideally it should have something to do with ham radio, but that is not a strict rule. Just tell something about what you've done or learned that might be of interest to others. (But please don't send something you've seen somewhere else without the written permission of the original author. You can send a link to it if you think it's worthwhile.)

Something we've published in the past and I think is great is a Ham Bio. And since it's about you, it should be called a Autbio, but that's a mouthful. Tell us how you got into ham radio. Tell us what you've done. Tell us what you hope to do. And you can weave in as much of your personal life as you like. I'd especially like to hear from the newer members, but all are encouraged to contribute.

Please Help!

73, Dee, KU4GC

Durham FM Association (DFMA)

DFMA Board Meeting Minutes

for General Release to the Membership –
09/21/2021– Notes by NC4CD

Location: Big Blue Button Video Conference

Attendance

Present

Lenore, KF4PAB (President)

Jack, KM4MBG (Treasurer)

Dee, KU4GC (Durhamfest Chairman)

Paul, N2XZF (At-Large Board Member)

Charlie, NC4CD (Repeater Manager)

Wilson, W4BOH (Member)
Bob Shelton, KO4SZE (Guest/member-to-be)

Absent

Bob, K4VO (At-Large Board Member)
Chuck, KW4KZ (At-Large Board Member)
Karen, KD4YJZ (At-Large Board Member)
Dave, W4SAR (Field Day
Chairman)
Lad, W4ODRD (OCRA Liaison)

Meeting started at 7 pm.

Approval of Minutes

Paul moved to approve the minutes. Charlie seconds. Minutes approved by unanimous vote.

REPORTS.

Treasurer. Jack is working on transitioning into the office of Treasurer. No changes in checking and CD balances since last report. Paperwork is being done with our Bank of America accounts to add Jack to the signature list for the accounts.

Repeater Manager. AllStar hardware has been installed at Hillsborough to enable linking of our 224.26 repeater to the Virginia 220 Linked System. Adriano will be putting it on the air this week. The TV Hill 6 meter repeater has been moved from 53.63 MHz. to 53.61 MHz. and is on the air and working ok.

Durhamfest. Dee will be talking with the Durham School reps to determine if they will let us rent the Hillandale School site for the 2022 Durhamfest RARS has cancelled their 2022 RARS Fest.

MAIN TOPICS.

Possum Trot Net. The PT Net is now down to one net control station, Derwin, KN4KUO, after the passing of George Sackett, KA4MRN, on September 4. Derwin will be on vacation starting September 25 so the status of the net is undetermined. The PT Net has been held on DFMA 147.225 and 145.45 repeaters for many years. It is not an official DFMA function. DFMA provides the repeaters for the net. Net controls are not necessarily DFMA members and DFMA is not responsible for scheduling net control operators.

Officers. Vice President and Secretary. After the recent election of officers, DFMA still does not have a secretary or vice president. Several members have been asked to serve in one of these offices but no one has agreed to do so. A new member, Bob Shelton, KO4SZE, was asked by

Lenore if he would be willing to serve as Secretary. He will discuss the job with Lenore after the meeting.

Upcoming Meetings. The October meeting will be virtual due to COVID concerns. Tad, KA2DEW, is scheduled to give a program on his visit to Houston to observe a Space X launch. Board meetings will continue to be held virtually. Dee said that he wanted to resume door prizes at DFMA meetings. He suggested a \$20 gift certificate to Bullock's BBQ for members and a year's free membership in DFMA for non-members.

Paul moved to **adjourn at 810 pm** and Charlie seconded. Meeting concluded.

Welcome to our New Members

No new members joined the DFMA in the last month!

What are you going to do about that?

DFMA Bob Count
= 5 =

Club Meeting Minutes

Durham FM Association (DFMA)
DFMA Over-the-Air Meeting - 10/05/21 -- notes by KU4GC
Location: 145.450- PL82.5 Repeater

Attending (checking in): Jack, KM4MBG; Dee, KU4GC; JR, N4JQR; Bob, K4VO; Mark, AJ2X; Lenore, KF4PAB; Patrick, KO4QLU; Banks, W4OFZ; Dan, KR4UB; Bob, W4FK; Paul, N2XZF; Mark, KD7AAG; Skip, WA4BNT; Ken, KO4DHJ.
A total of 14 attendees, at least 14 of them hams.

President: Lenore, KF4PAB called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Announcements:

Lenore reported that there would be a door prize today. On checking in, everyone would be assigned a number. One would be picked at random. If the person selected was a DFMA member, they would win a \$25 gift certificate for Bullock's BBQ. A winning non-member would be offered a year's free DFMA membership.

Also, members checking in (or participating in any DFMA activity) will have the 2021 DFMA Directory mailed to them. (Others will have to wait to get them at an in-person meeting.)

REPORTS

Vice President - (office vacant)

Treasurer – Jack, KM4MBG (with some information provided by KU4GC):
Jack noted that things were still being set up and there were access problems.
Checking and CD balances of the first of the month were reported.
Members: 97 (whose dues are current).

Secretary – (office vacant)

Repeater Manager – Charlie, NC4CD (was not able to attend)

PROGRAM/rag-chew
There was no formal program but a rag-chew ensued.

Door Prize
KR4UB, using a random number generator, selected Patrick, KO4QLU, as the winner of the door prize. Since he was not a current member, he won 12 months free membership. Since he was a new ham, licensed in May, 2021, he is also eligible for a free membership through the anniversary month of his licensing. This resulted in a free membership through May, 2023.

Eight of the participants qualified to have the DFMA Directory mailed to them.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

Buy – Sell – Trade

Rohn 25 tower sections
I'm posting this for a friend.
"For sale are sixteen 10 foot tower sections that are used and recently removed professionally, without damage, by crane . The Rohn 25 tower was installed around 1988 but is in good shape with only some surface rust on a few sections; most are clean with no rust. One section is an antenna mount. I can send pictures or arrange for an appointment for inspection. Local delivery is possible for no extra charge. Price is currently: make an offer. If needed, I am willing to sell sections individually."
Please contact me by email: ku4gc@amsat.org
73, Dee, KU4GC

The DFMA has been given some **equipment from an estate**. We don't yet have all the details and prices have not been set. Included are: An **Astron RS 35A** power supply, a **Kenwood G707A**, a **Kenwood TS 570S**, and more. If you are interested in any of these, make an offer. All proceeds go to the DFMA. Please contact **Wilson, W4BOH** by email: infomet@embarqmail.com

to make an offer or to get more information.
73, Dee, KU4GC

Do you have something to sell? Do you have something that you need or something you want to get rid of? There's this spot in The Link set aside just for you. Just email the appropriate info to ku4gc@amsat.org and it will be included with the next issue. Make sure to include contact info.

Web Site: dfma.org

Upcoming Events (dfma.org for details)

- 11/02 DFMA Meeting, Bullock's BBQ, 6pm
- 11/08 OCRA Meeting on the Air? 7pm 442.150
- 10/16 DFMA Board Meeting, video conference 7pm
- 12/07 DFMA Christmas Party, Bullock's BBQ 6pm

*73 - Dee, KU4GC, Editor
Lenore, KF4PAB, Proofreader*

*Send copy to ku4gc@amsat.org
Deadline: one week before the Club Meeting
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