

DURHAM FM ASSOCIATION



April 2008 Newsletter Sidney Edwards W4QWM Reporting

Tuesday April 1 DFMA Meeting 6:00 PM

Dinner: 6:00 PM Guests welcome.

Program: will present a program Lisa Armour, KB9MGU this month about Incident Command System - The Incident Command System with the process all agencies use today that handle emergencies. Anyone who wants to be involved in assisting during emergency situations must be trained in the Incident Command System or ICS as it is called. The IC system can easily be tailored to handle a small group responding to an emergency to a large group needed for a situation like Katrina. We will briefly be going over the structure of the IC System, who is using it and the requirements to become qualified.

Upcoming Events:

All DFMA members are encouraged to attend the monthly meetings. You are welcome to come at 6 PM and enjoy dinner; however, **you can just come around 7 PM and attend the presentation** and post meeting eyeball QSOs.

DFMA Meeting Minutes

4 March 08 7:30pm submitted by Lisa Amour

Mac opened the meeting and had everyone introduce themselves.

Mac gave a special welcome to those who are not hams that are attending the meeting. We are glad to have them at the meeting. He also welcomed those in attendance from other clubs.

The following people signed up to be net control for the following Thursday night nets:

March 6 – Rhett March 13 – Wilson March 20 – Bill Creery

March 27 – Dee

The following people signed up to be net control for the ARES net on Sunday nights:

March 9 – Thomas, KG4FTT March 16 – Dave, W4DAP March 23 – No net,
Easter March 30 – Lisa Armour, KB9MGU

Charlie Durst, Repeater Manager, stated that the .225 repeater in Hillsborough has a reoccurring problem. Currently, there are four receivers that are operational right now. Wilson is taking the lead for Field Day. It is going to be held June 27, 28 and 29. He is going to need help with Field Day. This would be a great opportunity for new hams to get a chance to experience and maybe talk on several different frequencies. Anyone who is interested in assisting Wilson with Field Day is asked to contact him.

Hamfest is coming up the end of May. Joseph talked about the possibility of setting aside blocks of time and then having people sign up for a specific time frame that is convenient for them. After some discussion, it was decided that it would be easier to assign a pool of people to specific jobs.

The toilet seat lid was presented to Rene for outstanding service by Bill Creery.

Upcoming Club meeting topics –

April – Lisa Armour is going to talk about Incident Command System (ICS)

May – Show and Tell. Hamfest is the end of May.

There were two door prizes given away. A Kill Watts and a peg board were given to two lucky winners.

The next board meeting will be on March 18th at Charles Durst office.

The meeting was adjourned and a presentation on Electric Cars was given. Peter Eckoff, President of the Triangle Electric Auto Association gave the presentation.

SUMMARY OF DFMA BOD MEETING March 18, 2008 submitted by Mac WQ8U

Lisa, KB9MGU, presented a status report on plans for providing communications support at the VA hospital during a planned telephone outage. She currently has 12 volunteers which should be sufficient; however, anyone interested in participating should contact her. The outage is now planned for the AM on April 5, 2008.

Dee, KU4GC, reported we have --- in savings and --- in checking.

Charlie, NC4CD, reported he has worked on the repeaters but the Cane Mt. audio is still low. It was also mentioned that the courtesy tone is still too loud.

Bill, KI4JWA, reported there will be robotics demonstrations at the DurHamfest and the Robotics Club will also provide the food service as they did last year. Also, The DurHamfest has been listed in the ARRL list of events.

Wilson, W4BOH, reported Field Day planning is proceeding. He will send an ad to Dee for inclusion on the DFMA web site.

Dave, W4DAP, and Wilson, W4BOH, reported that the generator in the MCU is again working. Also, Dee, KU4GC, is donating a battery for the MCU.

There was a lengthy discussion with tentative agreement on the following documents:
Memorandum of Support Between DFMA and the Durham County ARES

Addendum 1 to the above Memorandum

Operating Procedure: Non-Emergency Use of MCU

Operating Procedure: Requirements for Driving the MCU

Operating Procedure: Requirements for Being Control Operator In The MCU

Operating Procedure: Definition of Current Membership

Mac, WQ8U, will finalize these documents and distribute them to BOD members for a final vote at the next MOD meeting.

Dee KU4GC, made a motion that all who have paid dues for 2008 be accepted as members for the calendar year. Charlie, NC4CD, seconded, and the motion passes by a voice vote. This is required by the DFMA By-Laws.

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Meets First Tuesday Every Month 6:00 PM