

# DURHAM FM ASSOCIATION



## July 1 2008 Newsletter Sidney Edwards W4QWM Reporting

**Tuesday July 1** DFMA Meeting 6:00 PM

**The next club meeting will be on Tuesday June 3rd at the Mayflower Restaurant. Dinner will start at 6 PM followed by a brief business meeting and the program starting at 7 PM.**

**Dinner: 6:00 PM Guests welcome.**

**Program:** Tom Rose, of Duke's [Pratt School of Engineering](#), about the Duke Smart Home Program.

### 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 Club Meeting

DFMA Meeting June 3, 2008

25 Attendees: KG4FTT, W4BOH, WQ8U, KA4AVM, WB4YYY, W4RWC, KE4QOZ, KE4HHI, KO4T, W4DAP, W4KSP, N2JFP, KE4OXN, KD4AGQ, KU4GC, NC4CD, KE4UCM, W4QWM, KK4PH, W4MKR, KF4QYY, KF4QYX, AI4WJ, KE4UVJ, KB4TYE

J.D. "Mac" MacAulay, WQ8U, opened the meeting. Introduction of attendees.

KU4GC Treasurer's report: Checking ---, Savings ---

NC4CD Repeater Manager's Report: The 220 receiver is experiencing technical difficulties, and will be single-sited. The 825-225 repeater will be single-sited while rebuilding the voter system. The duplexer at TV Hill is having a de-sense problem- Danny Hampton will tweak duplexer. The D-Star repeater, KB4HG, is active at TV Hill, 442.53750+, with slow-speed data and digital voice. See <http://dstarusers.org/> for more information.

KU4GC DurHamFest Report: Attendance: 231 ticket stubs collected. Vendor report: 30 tables, 18 tailgate spaces, and 5 spaces sold. MCU 50-50 raffle winner: James Fields, KF4QYX. VE Session: 9 candidates. Club table did well in sales for the club and for Travis Brown estate.

Special thanks to Paul and Linda, our HamFest committee, and the many other club members who donated time, effort, cookies, and proceeds to make the hamfest successful. Thanks to all who attended.

Door Prizes: Wilson (W4BOH) -Field day T-shirt. Chris (N2JFP) -Field day T-shirt. MK (W4MKR) -ARRL Antenna Book.

W4BOH Field Day Planning: Set-up begins Friday June 27. Field Day official start : June 28, 2:00 pm thru Sunday 2pm. Directions and map online, [www.dfma.org](http://www.dfma.org). MCU will be present. Contact Wilson (W4BOH) to help with set up. We still need operators!! Please join us!

New /Other Business:

- OCRA VE Session at the Sun Rise Church (New Hope Road) June 14, 10am.
- KQ4RP has equipment he would like to sell.
- ICS courses for ARES to be held at N. Durham branch library June 14 (IS 100, IS 700), and July 19 (IS 200). See [www.durhamares.org](http://www.durhamares.org) for more information.
- Parkwood #1 FD Chicken BBQ Saturday June 14 from 12-7.
- Join us on Thursday night net!

Lid of the Month: Derek Tattersall (KO4T), Calendar Award: Rene' Couch (AI4WJ). Both awarded by Joanna George (KE4QOZ).

Nomination Committee: Paul VanDoren (KE4OXN) indicated not many nominations or volunteers rec'd. Opened floor for nominees and volunteers. Committee recommended nominations: Dietolf Ramm (KU4GC), President; David Pegram (W4DAP), Vice President; Charles Durst (NC4CD), Repeater Manager; M.K. Ramm (W4MKR), Treasurer; Kelly Pegram (W4KSP), Secretary. Board Members (3 positions): Wilson Lamb (W4BOH), Bob Clarke (W4RWC), Lisa Armour (KB9MGU), and Rene' Couch (AI4WJ). Nominations were closed without additional volunteers; each office was voted on, and written ballots for 3 Board member positions were cast. DFMA officers for 2008: Dietolf Ramm (KU4GC), President; David Pegram (W4DAP), Vice President; Charles Durst (NC4CD), Repeater Manager; M.K. Ramm (W4MKR), Treasurer; Kelly Pegram (W4KSP), Secretary. Board members elected: Rene' Couch

(AI4WJ) and Wilson Lamb (W4BOH)-2 yr terms. Bob Clarke (W4RWC)-1yr term. Paul remains on BOD for 1 year.

Mac (WQ8U) thanked everybody for their help and participation during the past year and congratulated the new officers. A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting.

## DFMA BOD Meeting Minutes June 17, 2008

J. D. "Mac" MacAulay (WQ8U) opened the meeting.

### Announcements:

Governor Mike Easley has declared June 22-28 Amateur Radio Appreciation week.

July 1 program: Presentation by Tom Rose, of Duke's [Pratt School of Engineering](#), about the Duke Smart Home Program. The Smart Home is a research-based approach to smart living that creates a dynamic "living laboratory" environment. Projects contribute to the innovation of future residential building technology opportunity with the opportunity for practical hands- on engineering.

KU4GC Treasurer's Report: Savings \$6981; checking \$12307

Includes HamFest deposits, with some bills pending.

MCU: The power supply was remounted with space for better cooling, and the front step support has been fixed. Don and David had to replace the alternator belt before Tanner Lovelace (KB4TYE) used the MCU in the ADA Tour de Cure, June 7&8. Hope to get new Tarheel antenna and turbo tuner on before Field day if get lift mechanism installed.

NC4CD Repeater Manager's Report: The 825-225 repeater will be single- sited while rebuilding the voter system. The TV Hill backup machine is online. The duplexer at TV Hill is having a de-sense problem- Danny Hampton has volunteered to help fix TV Hill duplexer, and 220 duplexer will also be looked at. 220 input not up and running. Coordinating time with Lowell.

Some discussion regarding possibility of minutes on DFMA website. Discussion regarding use of MCU- need pictures and write up for events for website posting.

Meeting Adjourned.

## Rhett George Humor

rePeter Cottontail

Here comes rePeter Cottontail,  
Hopping down the voter trail,  
Hippity hop, hoppity skip, hop hop.

Voter knows just what to do,  
Makes rePeter skip-to-my-loo,  
Hippity hop, hoppity skip, hop hop.

When the voter hears just you,  
Surely it's time to turn the screw,  
Hippity hop, hoppity skip, hop hop.

rePeter knows just where you are,  
And makes it sound real, real far,  
Hippity hop, hoppity skip, hop hop.

And now you know a thing or two  
About what rePeter's gonna do,  
Hippity hop, hoppity skip, hop hop.

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