

DURHAM FM ASSOCIATION



September 2 2008 Newsletter Sidney Edwards W4QWM Reporting

Tuesday September 2 DFMA Meeting 6:00 PM

The next club meeting will be on Tuesday September 2nd 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:

Bruce Meier, N1LN, will be talking about the super HF station he and Laurie, N1YXU, have been putting together. With multiple towers, scads of antennas, and two operating positions, there is no contest too large...

Upcoming Events:

CERT training in Durham Co. Beginning Sept 6, contact Betty Moore at Durham EOC.

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 Minutes: August 5, 2008

Attendees: WB4YYY, KA4AVM, NC4CD, W4DAP, W4KSP, W4MKR, W4RWC, KE4QOZ, KE4HIH, KU4GC, KR4UB, KI4JWA, KI4VAX, KB9MGU, KD4AGQ, WA4BVY, KA4ZBJ, KE4OXN, KM4UO, KF4TMS, KG4FTT, KI4RAN, PRES, WQ8U, KJ4EWZ, KI4QXJ

Dee Ramm (KU4GC, President) opened the meeting. Introductions. Welcome and congratulations to new ham KJ4EWZ, Ken.

Officer's Reports:

David (W4DAP, V.Pres.): Sept. 2,08 Bruce Meier (N1LN) will give a presentation on his antennas and towers.

M.K. Ramm (W4MKR, Treasurer): 08/05/08 Checking balance: \$8602 with deposits pending; CD: \$10,000 with \$19.01 interest earned.

Charlie (NC4CD, Repeater Manager): 2 Duplexers tuned and ready to be installed at TV Hill.

Dee (KU4GC, Pres): Demonstrated the Phoenix flashlight that had inspired him to build his show and tell LED flashlight.

MCU Report: Wilson (W4BOH, BOD) reports the MCU is at his house pending some work on generator and wiring.

Door Prizes: Richard (KI4VAX) won a Leatherman multi-tool, Charlie (NC4CD) won an organizer box. Rhett (KE4HIH) had some small format QSTs to give away.

Announcements:

Lisa (KB9MGU, ARES EC): Emergency Responder Showcase, Wed. Oct 8, 08 9a-12noon, Durham County Stadium.

Former DFMA member Chris Pope (KG4CFX) hospitalized with Guillain-Barré syndrome. He is slowly improving, and welcomes visitors. Contact Dee for more information.

Old Business:

Final DurHamfest report pending final receipts.

Presentation: Dan Eddleman (KR4UB) gave an informative presentation on vehicle On-Board Diagnostic II (OBDII) systems. Using an inexpensive decoder, owners can use the information provided by OBDII to avoid improperly diagnosed problems and potentially improve fuel economy and performance. Links to information used in the presentation:

<http://www.4x4wire.com/toyota/4Runner/tech/BR-3/>

http://www.4x4wire.com/toyota/4Runner/tech/OBDII_ECU/

http://www.4x4wire.com/toyota/4Runner/tech/O2_Sensor/

<http://obddiagnostics.com/>

DFMA BOD Meeting Minutes August 19, 2008

Attendees: KU4GC, W4MKR, W4RWC, W4DAP, W4KSP.

No changes to previous minutes.

Vice Pres. Report: Upcoming Programs Sept-Bruce Meier (N1LN) Antennas and Towers, Oct (tentative)-Randy McCray (KE4UCM) Hospital and County Emergency Radio systems, Nov (tentative)-D-Star information.

Treasurer's Report: 08/19/08 Checking \$9,424, CD: \$10,021.83

MCU report: W4DAP reported the MCU was still at Wilson's, and Jim Langley (WB4YYY) had donated heavy gauge wire for upgrading battery bank to radio supply line.

Announcements:

"HamNic" at the George's October 12, 08. Bring yourself, your family, AND your potluck dish. Time to be announced.

Dee made some very stylish DFMA NC4CD QSL cards for club use.

Other News:

James William "Will" Davis, son of DFMA member Jim Davis (KG4ZWS), died Friday August 15, 2008. Will's memorial service will be Saturday 8/23/2008, at St. Philips Episcopal Church in Durham, North Carolina. Remembrances in his honor can be made to NAMI North Carolina.

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