

DURHAM FM ASSOCIATION



February 2009 Newsletter Sidney Edwards W4QWM Reporting

Tuesday February 3

DFMA Meeting 6:00 PM will be held at Mayflower Restaurant.

Tuesday, February 3 Meeting:

Rye Gewalt (K9LCJ), Gary O'Neil (N3GO), Chris Waldrup (KD4PBJ), and Bob Kellogg (AE4IC), members of a local QRP group the Knightlites, will present their experimentation on light beam communications.

They're currently using very sensitive PIN diode receivers with big Fresnel lens systems and 3 Watt red LEDs in preparation for an upcoming long shot of 5 miles.

<http://www.knightlites.org/>

DFMA Meeting Minutes Jan 06, 2009

Attendees: WB4YYY, KA4AVM, NC4CD, WA4BNT, W4RWC, KO4T, W4MKR, KU4GC, N2JFP, KE4HIH, KE4QOZ, KI4RAN, Pres Creery, Kitty Creery, AI4WJ, W4DAP, WQ8U, W4BOH, WA4BVY, KA4ZBJ, W4KSP

Dee (KU4GC, Pres.) opened the meeting. Introductions.

Officer's reports:

David (W4DAP, V.P): Feb. program still to be determined. No report.

M.K. (W4MKR, Treasurer): Checking: \$7,898.32 CD: \$10,108.19 after tower rent and the Christmas dinner.

Dee reminded everyone that annual dues are now due.

Charlie (NC4CD, Repeater Manager): Problem with the 147.225. When the forward power is low or reflected power is high, the system pages Charlie for service. It paged several times, so Charlie went to Hillsborough and found the 100 watt amplifier on 225 to be defective. He removed the PA and went to TV Hill to fire up the TV Hill backup, which functioned well for about a day then went down. The repeater designated for the VA was pressed into service, and the Kenwood repeater from the 225 was sent for repair. It is now repaired under warranty and back with a free PA upgrade.

Wilson (W4BOH, BOD, MCU co-manager): MCU got a bit of a cleaning for the Bahama Christmas parade. It ran well for the parade. Power module for battery booster will be here soon and be ready for installation along with new wiring.

ARES: Nothing to report.

Hamfest: Nothing to report.

Announcements:

VE Session next Monday (Jan 12) during the OCRA meeting, held at the Orange Co. EOC, 7:30pm.

Dee received an email through the DFMA website about equipment for sale. Queried the members about having a trading group or swap page on the website, and received no strong response either way.

Dee mentioned a proposal from Tim Slay (N4IB) requesting ham radio volunteers to staff the phone bank at UNC-TV Feb 18-20 to help answer questions regarding the switchover from analog to digital TV. The changeover date is Feb.17, 09.

Rhett indicated he felt this was good opportunity for public service, and encouraged people to participate.

Dee also mentioned an email from NC4DT seeking participants in an NCER Emergency Disaster Communications Team. For more information, see:

<http://www.dfma.org/index.php/content/view/106/2/>

Wilson mentioned the Saturday inauguration for Gov. Perdue, and that ham radio operators were needed for shadowing, crowd control and communication.

Mac (WQ8U) mentioned a reported increase in ham operators by 1.2% in 2008.

Door Prizes: Terry Rogers (WA4BVY) won the Leatherman micro tool, and Kitty Creery won the home office power strip.

Bill (KI4RAN) and family presented a DVD on Courage North Handihams program. For more information: <http://www.couragecamps.org>

BOD Meeting Jan 20, 09 was canceled due to inclement weather.

Renewal Time

It is time to renew your membership in DFMA. See our web site for necessary forms

<http://www.dfma.org/index.php/content/view/40/31/>

Silent Key WA4LZD

Ermon Honeycutt Godwin* January 16, 2009

Dateline - Spivey's Corner Sampson County

For – Ermon Honeycutt Godwin Age - 81 Address – Spivey's Corner

Date of Death- Friday, January 16, 2009

Mr. Godwin was a devoted member of Shady Grove Original Freewill Baptist Church. He was an active deacon and former Chairman of the Deacon Board, former Sunday School Superintendent and teacher, former Building Fund Treasurer, and was instrumental in the origination of the Shady Grove Outreach Radio Program, also former member of the Board of Directors of the Ayden Freewill Baptist Press.

Mr. Godwin served as the Assistant Vice President of First Citizens Bank & Trust Company for 38 years in Dunn and was an amateur photographer. He was the Co-Founder and President of the National Hollering Contest, Inc. in Spivey's Corner. Mr. Ermon Godwin was also a long standing Mason and Past Master in 1960 of the Mingo Lodge No. 206. He was a past member of the Scottish Right, Past President and member of the Dunn Shiner's and was also awarded Man of the Year by the Dunn Shiner's Club. He was a charter member of The Dunn Clowns and also a member and Past President of the Dunn Kiwanis Club. Mr. Godwin was also the Founder and a Past President of the Dunn Investment Club and a member for 30 years. He was the Founder of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Club and also a former member of the Spivey's Corner Lions Club. He was the Past President and a member of the Sampson County Historical Society. He held a seat as a Board Member and Past President of the Sampson County Department of Social Services. Mr. Godwin was also a former Board Member of the Department of North Carolina Travel and Tourism. Former Governor Bob Scott awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine to Mr. Godwin for his contributions to the promotion of North Carolina.

Memorials may be made to the Shady Grove Church Building Fund

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Condolences may be sent to www.westanddunn.com

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