

DURHAM FM ASSOCIATION



March 2010 Newsletter Sidney Edwards W4QWM Reporting

NOTE: If you did not receive this by email, but would like to please email mk.ramm@gmail.com.

Tuesday March 2

MEETING LOCATION: Our Meeting will be held at **Bullocks Barbeque 6:00PM**. For more information, see <http://www.dfma.org> Durham FM Association

Program

Jeff Orrock, KI4KKX, of the National Weather Service, will present on severe weather typical of this time of year. He will focus on Tornado Damage, Storm Surveys and the Enhanced Fujita Scale.

Durham FM Association (DFMA) Club Meeting Minutes – 2/2/2010

At Bullocks Barbeque Recorded Lowell Tieszen – KK4PH Secretary

Attending: Dee(KU4GC), MK(W4MKR), Rhett(KE4HIH), Joanna(KE4QOZ), Steve(W3AHL), Bob(W4RWC), Wilson(W4BOH), Wayne(KJ4GDW), Lowell(KK4PH), Don(KE4UVJ), Jim(KB4OT), Jim(WB4YYY), Sue(KA4AVM), Frank(KG4IHX), Derek(KO4T), Vic(K00UX), Dave(AD6Q)

Total of 17 hams and no non-hams makes a total of 17 who attended.

Called to order:

Wilson called the meeting to order

Reports

Treasurer's Report:

CD: -----
Checking: -----
Total -----

Secretary:

The secretary will be presenting to the club meetings a review of actions taken at the DFMA board meetings.

A correction of the minutes from the 11/17/2009 board meeting was reported that a change was made in Action 2009-11-17-03 to clarify that one year free membership was only being offered to new hams. This is the new wording of the action:

Action 2009-11-17-03: We will offer one year membership to DFMA to any new ham passing a license. The candidate must attend a club meeting to claim the membership. After the one free year is over, then the membership will be pro-rated to the end of the year.

Vice President

For March, Jeff Orrock will present a program specifically on Tornadoes.

New Business:

PT Net Control - Rhett has asked for additional Net Controls. Bob(W4RWC) and Jim(WB4YYY) will be net control one day a week each.

Classic Exchange - Wilson(W4BOH) reported that Mac(WQ8U) has helped to organize the CX. CW was January 31 and worked by Wilson. AM/SSB/FM is scheduled for 2/14/2010. Points are based on number of receivers and age of receivers. You can find out more by looking at: <http://qsl.asti.com/CX/feb10announcement.html>

Program: Show and Tell

The program was in interesting variety consisting of the following:

Wilson(W4BOH) – Demonstrated a Software Defined Receiver (SDR).

Dee(KU4GC) – Demonstrated an easy way to evaluate and test 12 volt gel-cell batteries.

Jim(WB4YYY) – Demonstrated a hat that effectively improves the appearance of middle-aged men with hair deficiencies.

Jim(KB4OT) – passed around an interesting code key.

Rhett(KE4HIH) – demonstrated an ARC5 radio. It is a tube radio from World War II that was used in planes as well as tanks and other vehicles. The radio was available in different frequency bands but Rhett's was an example that would receive the Broadcast AM band.

Wayne(KJ4GDW) – showed a 10 Meter extended dipole antenna from 2009 July QST, (and check for later corrections) that provides gain. Wayne has seen good improvements on the OCRA 10 Meter net at 8:00pm Mondays on 28.450 Mhz.

Steve(W3AHL) – brought, and described, a ¼ coaxial stub that can be used with an impedance meter to measure the velocity factor of coax. This information is needed to calculate dimensions when using feed line as part of antennas.

Meeting was adjourned

Durham FM Association (DFMA)
Board Meeting Minutes – 02/16/2010
Recorded By Lowell (KK4PH)

Attending: Rhett(KE4HIH), Joanna(KE4QOZ), Dee(KU4GC), Charlie(NC4CD), Lowell(KK4PH), Wilson(W4BOH), Bob (W4RWC), MK(W4MKR)

Reports

President – Wilson(W4BOH): Called the meeting to order.

Treasurer-MK(W4MKR):

Checking	----
CD	----
Total	----

Vice-President – Dee(KU4GC):

Dan(KR4UB) from OCRA has asked about backup capabilities since 147.225 is a backup repeater for OCRA. Charlie gave specifications to Dee, who will respond.

Future club meetings planned:

- o March – Jeff Orrock.
- o April – Wilson & “Boat Anchor Presentation”

Hamfest:

Paul (KE4OXN) has said that VE sessions are on. Plans are as last year.

- o MK will get food.
- o Bob will do breakfast and coffee
- o Wilson will coordinate hamburgers and such

Paul has been taking fliers to the hamfests in the area. We should have flyers available for Raleigh.

Action: 2010-02-16-01: Dee will contact Paul to be sure flyers are available for distribution at Rarsfest.

We need to have an accounting of returns from tables, tailgating, and food.

MCU: Anyone wishing to be checked out in the MCU, please review the information on the DFMA web page related to the MCU, then call Wilson to schedule a time.

Action 2010-01-19-03: The DFMA Board has asked Charlie to work with Dave(W4DAP) and Wilson to put a plan together to make the MCU more usable.

Specific areas of concern are mobile HF, and digital text. Long range plan should include digital voice capability.

New Business

ARES: Randy has heard of an organization that is accepting grant proposals to fund equipment for ARES operations.

Action: 2010-02-16-02: DFMA will work with Durham County ARES as needed to evaluate and submit this proposal.

Late Breaking ---

[Durham-ARES] ARES Weekly Net Change effective March 1, 2010.

Due to some increasing conflicts with our Weekly Monday ARES net , with reference to the availability of Net Control Operators, Non-ARES meeting conflicts on Mondays, and other net activity on Monday evening, The Durham ARES leadership team at our February Meeting resolved to move the net back to Sunday evenings effective March 1, 2010.

The Sunday evening time will be 8pm. The telephone invitation at 730p as well as the email reminders from the Yahoo Group will reflect the new day for our weekly net. Additionally, we'll be adding on the air training sessions twice / month with associated

power point downloads to view during the training session .

Finally, we'll also be rotating Net Control Operators through the ARES leadership, and there will be open slots for anyone who would like to learn Net Control Operations to participate as well. Any ARES members who would like to operate as an NCO in the rotation, send me an email and I'll add your name to our list.

If anyone has comments or questions, Please email me at ec@durhamares.org

From: rwmccray@gmail.com Randy McCrayEC/Durham ARES

Durham FM Association, Inc.

Post Office Box 2411

Durham, NC 27715-2411



Meets First Tuesday Every Month 6:00 PM