

# DURHAM FM ASSOCIATION



## December 2005 Newsletter Sidney Edwards W4QWM Reporting

### Program for Tuesday December 13

The December DFMA meeting will be held at McMannen United Methodist Church beginning at 6:00 PM. We are planning to have a club sponsored supper for our December meeting. The club will supply the meal. Club members can bring a desert if possible. I need to know how many plan to attend. I have to tell the caterer by **Sunday December 11** how many will be eating. If possible please send me email or call my by telephone if you are coming. Of course you and your family are invited. My email address is Edwards@tunl.duke.edu. My phone number is 919-489-2933. Come help us celebrate a Happy Holiday with all our friends. We also ask club members to bring gifts for the needy children as we have done in past. Please mark them for a boy or girl and age. Also bring a gag gift to exchange with those who attend.

### Minutes from November Meeting

Minutes taken by Lenore Ramm.

Attendees: Dee (KU4GC, Treasurer), Lenore (KF4PAB, Secretary), Sidney (W4QWM), Gene (KI4MGA), Rhett (KE4HIH, Vice President), Joanna (KE4QOZ), Joseph (KF4QYY), Don (KE4UVJ), Mark F., Wilson (W4BOH, President), Nate (KK6FK), Ed (AA4BB), Al (KE4IHX), Charlie (WA4WTX, Repeater Manager), Derek (KO4T), TD (KG4FTT), Woody (K3VSA), Jim (WB4YYY), Sue (KA4AVM)

Wilson presided over the meeting, using a television for the podium.

Vice-president's report: Rhett thanked Sidney for arranging that night's program. He reminded everyone that the Christmas meeting would be held back at the original location within the McMannen United Methodist Church, in the fellowship hall. Everyone is encouraged to bring a covered dish at 6pm. Please come even if you don't bring anything. The DFMA will provide the meat dish. The club will make its annual donation to the Durham rescue mission and will pass the hat. Members are encouraged to bring toys wrapped and marked as either for a boy or girl and the appropriate age, which will be given to Durham Social Services. Money will also be accepted. Finally, members will exchange small or "gag" gifts. Rhett stressed that this should be something that the giver would be happy receiving.

Treasurer's report: The bank statement was late, but this should be savings of --- after interest. Checking contains ---.

Repeater Manager's report: A pickup truck was needed to move a 6 foot cabinet to TV Hill.

Al reported about recent public service efforts. He attended the Habitat for Humanity 100. He was embarrassed by the lack of ham support, because only 3 people showed, including him. There were 600 riders spread out over a 31 mile course and there were not enough people to cover it. People volunteered who did not show up. The race required 10-12 people in order to be beneficial. Al argued that if we say we're going to provide help, then we need to do it. There was a lot of food available for the volunteers. Al wants a registry of people willing to participate in such events. Dee pointed out that it all depends on how much reminding people get. Hillsborough recently had a comparatively small walk and 9 people showed up. That was more than was needed for that event. Wilson said he went to the Habitat for Humanity race because someone called

him.

Secretary's report: nothing to report. A draft of the membership list was requested to be completed by the next meeting. TD requested a membership form for dues.

Door prizes were awarded. Rhett brought issues of QST that people were welcome to borrow. He thanked Sidney again for the program and introduced Ed Cox who spoke about Green Power. The meeting was adjourned.

## **Minutes from the Board Meeting**

DFMA Board Meeting Minutes for November 28, 2005

Minutes taken by Lenore Ramm.

Attendees: Sidney (W4QWM, Member at Large), Dee (KU4GC, Treasurer), Lenore (KF4PAB, Secretary), Rhett (KE4HIH, Vice President), Joanna KE4QOZ, Charlie (WA4WTX, repeater manager)

Rhett, Vice President, presided over the meeting.

Rhett said that the Christmas party needed to be advertised, but he thought that all the regular checkins to the DFMA Thursday Night Net already knew. It was estimated that between 25 and 35 members would attend. Sidney proposed that the Shrimp Boat cater the entire thing, at \$8.50 a person, paid for by the club treasury. Alternatively, they could just provide the meat for a flat fee. It would be a buffet. It was decided that the dessert would continue to be potluck, but everything else would be catered by Shrimboat. Dee offered to take care of vegetarian meals, if needed. Members planning to attend should let us know before the meeting if they have any dietary restrictions. We would truly appreciate a RSVP for the meeting, but we encourage members to attend even if they have forgotten. Dee will take care of extra beverages and Sidney will arrange the catering.

Dee brought up the question of a replacement for Tanner, KB4TYE, on the board, since he resigned at a previous meeting. Various candidates were discussed and Charlie will contact them. The board looked over the first drafts of the new membership directory, which Dee put together based on information from our mailing list and dues he has collected. The board agreed that only paid members should receive directories.

There was discussion about the lettering on the MCU. Everyone thought that it would be nice to have it done by the Christmas party, because it would be a nice present to the club. Rhett pointed out that once decorated, the MCU could be in things like the Durham Christmas parade. Charlie was put in charge of the committee to ensure that this gets accomplished.

The board talked briefly about members' bringing their own food before most meetings, but we agreed to wait and see how the Christmas meeting goes. Rhett thought that at some point we should pass the hat for the church, but it was thought that we should not do this at the same time we are collecting for the Durham Rescue Mission, which we will do in December.

It was suggested that it was time to ask Joseph, KF4QYY, to put an ad in the SEARA journal for our annual DurHamFest. First we must ask Paul, KE4OXN, to secure our location at the National Guard Armory and verify availability on that date.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Every Month 7:00 PM