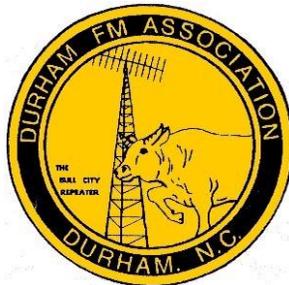


DURHAM FM ASSOCIATION



March 2009 Newsletter Sidney Edwards W4QWM Reporting

Tuesday March 3

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

Tuesday, March 3 Meeting: Program will be given by Dave Snyder W4SAR who will discuss the first joint OCRA/DFMA Field Day.

DFMA Meeting Minutes February 2, 2009

Attendees: WB4YYY, KA4AVM, WA4BNT, W4DAP, W4KSP, AC1Y, K3VSA, KD4PBJ, K9LCJ, KD4AGQ, KU4GC, W4KR, AD6Q, W4RWC, N3GO, KE4QOZ, KE4HIH, NC4CD, KG4FTT, AJ4MS, KO4T, KF4QYY, W4BOH

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

Officers Reports:

David (W4DAP, VP) March meeting still to be decided, MCU still at Wilson's, nothing to report for ARES.

M.K. (W4MKR, Treasurer): Checking \$7444.61, CD \$10,130.26

Charlie (NC4CD, Repeater Manager): Currently rebuilding the voter system for the 147.225.

Wilson (W4BOH, MCU): Has received the voltage booster, but is not installed. Took the MCU into the garage for inspection, but a broken down van was on the lift, so it will be inspected at a later date.

Old Business:

Dee mentioned he had forwarded the list of volunteers for the UNC phone bank to Gary Pearce, KN4AQ of RARS.

New Business:

The DFMA has received an official invitation to join OCRA for Field Day this July. The OCRA field day is held at Blackwood farms off of NC86/ New Hope Church Rd. It will be a QRP operation, with Dave Snyder (W4SAR) heading up the event. Dee indicated that joint field day would be voted on at the BOD meeting, and invited anyone with comments or concerns to attend or speak with a board member.

Ryerson Gewalt (K9LCJ) mentioned that he had been checking local libraries and was disappointed with amount and quality of amateur radio information available. He suggested for \$150/library system, a group could provide a fairly complete set of books for prospective hams. Rye encouraged the group to consider doing this for the Durham library. Woody (K3VSA) said ARRL actually had a deal for books, and that OCRA had provided the Orange Co. library a number of books in honor of a former member. Dee said the club had received a bill from SERA for the hamfest ad, so plans were progressing for the HamFest.

Dee also reminded everyone that there would be a VE session Sat. Feb 14th at the Orange Co. EOC, Meadowlands Drive. Rhett (KE4HIH) also pointed out it was Valentine's Day.

Door Prizes:

Dan (KD4ADQ) won a 100 ft tape measure, and Chris (KD4PBJ) won a mini laser level.

Program:

Light Beam Communications with Rye Gewalt, Gary O'Neil, and Chris Waldrup. The Knightlites group are experimenting with non-coherent light beam communications using LEDs, low noise FET amplifiers, and digital processing programs. Rye talked about how he had gotten into the field, the information that was available and the history of it. They brought a very interesting array of equipment but were unable to demo their work due to the size of the room.

Submitted by Kelly W4KSP

DFMA Meeting Board Minutes

The DFMA Board met in Charlie Durst's office Tuesday evening, February 17th. Attending were KU4GC, KE4OXN, W4RWC, KE4HIH, KE4QOZ, NC4CD and W4MKR.

KU4GC announced that on March 3rd, Dave Snyder of OCRA would present a program about how the OCRA Field Day operates. The DFMA Board voted unanimously to join ORCA at their Field Day festivities this year.

NC4CD, our repeater manager told us that he felt it would be a good idea for the club to purchase a backup Kenwood TKR750 for \$925 to be programmed to substitute at either the Hillsborough or VA site in case of problems. The Board agreed and the matter will be voted on by the club members at the next meeting.

KE4OXN reported that things are on schedule for the Durhamfest. We have a nice ad in the SERA Journal and he plans to take fliers to hand out at other hamfests that occur before ours.

Submitted by MK Ramm W4MKR

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 Jim McCulloch WA4RJS

Mr. James Engle McCulloch, age 75, of Tahoe Drive, Durham, passed away Thursday, February 19, 2009 at Hugh Chatham Nursing Center. Mr. McCulloch was born November 16, 1933 in Lancaster, Penn. to Norman Bowman & Elizabeth Engle McCulloch.

Jim grew up in Raleigh. A graduate of Broughton High School and the University of North Carolina, Jim was also a veteran of the US Army. Jim had a long and storied career in audio engineering, beginning with his work on The Lost Colony productions while Andy Griffith was a cast member. He got his first taste of audio engineering for television when, while a student at UNC Chapel Hill, he began working with C.D. Chesley on television broadcast of ACC basketball games. Jim continued his career working for public television in Maryland, where he worked at the Watergate Hearings and with the popular children's television show, Romper Room. Of all the work he did, Jim most enjoyed his work in the sports television, both for major networks as well as for professional sports broadcasting corporations such as Raycom/Jefferson Pilot. Jim earned an Emmy for his work on the 1988 Seoul Olympics. An amateur radio fan and a longtime member of the Parkwood Volunteer Fire Department, Jim retired from the Department of Radio, Television and Motion Pictures at the University of North Carolina.

Survivors include his wife, Eleanor Teschler McCulloch of the home; two sons, Jeffrey N. McCulloch and wife, Adelaide, of Wilmington, Joseph E. McCulloch and wife, Cicely, of Elkin; a brother, Norman 'Sandy' McCulloch of Oregon; two grandchildren, Diana McCulloch and Coley McCulloch.

Submitted by Jim Langley WB4YYY

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