



### Next Meeting:

Tuesday, June 4, 6pm.  
At Bullock's BBQ

Program:

### Field Day 2024

By:

**Dave Snyder, W4SAR**

Dave will present the plans for this year's Field Day. He will review the past OCRA-DFMA collaboration and note our national successes. He will also cover the changes we've made in the last couple of years triggered by the COVID pandemic. The most obvious being the change from "field" station using batteries to a "home" station using regular AC power. We've also moved from QRP to 100 Watts to make life easier (less frustrating).

All are encouraged to participate and Dave will answer any questions you might have.  
**73, Dee, KU4GC**

### President's Corner

June is upon us and brings with it the Summer Solstice also known as the the longest day and also known as the first day of Summer. It also begins the start of Hurricane Season! That's right, the Carolina Hurricanes season is over but the "other" one begins and can be much more impactful. Please consider your preparations while it's still calm.

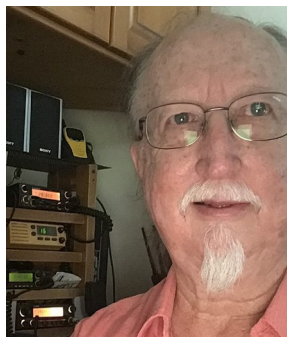
The biggest thing in HAM radio is on the horizon! That's right, Field Day is coming and will be on June 22-23. I urge everyone to get involved.

See you at the meeting and catch you on the nets!

Bob Cook, W4FK

President of DFMA

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### July Meeting – 3rd Tuesday

Ever since we've been meeting at Bullock's BBQ we have worked around their annual July break. They are closed for the first two weeks in July. So, we've been meeting on the third Tuesday for July only. **This year that is July 16<sup>th</sup>.** Put that in your calendar. I hope we see you then.

However, note that all times and dates can change with little notice. So, it is important that you follow the [OCRA-DFMA@groups.io](mailto:OCRA-DFMA@groups.io) mailing list. This has news of updates and changes.

**73, Dee, KU4GC**

### Field Day is Almost Here

This year we are again doing "live" Field Day. But, like last year, there are several important differences. First, it will be a hybrid operation. This means that we'll again be operating from the wonderful Lamb properties, but will have a home component like last year. People who have health and/or physical concerns can, and are encouraged to, work from their own homes. While we always want to do as well as possible, another goal is to have fun and make it interesting for new hams. We will pay less attention to trying to be one of the highest scoring operations in the nation.

In that vein, we will be operating at up to 100 Watts instead of our traditional 5 Watt (QRP) limit. This should make it easier for us to be heard (and thus less frustrating as when remote stations couldn't hear our low power signals). We will also be operating fewer stations with the hope of staffing the ones we do run for a better percentage of the 24 hour operating period.

Many other things should work as they have in past years. The actual operation (contest) will run from 2pm, Saturday, June 22nd thru 2pm, Sunday June 23rd. Most set up will be done during the day on Friday, June 21st (there will be some time Saturday morning, but it's best to plan to finish on Friday).

Friday's schedule will culminate in a Pot Luck Dinner. This is a great social event with spouses or SOs invited. Our host, Wilson, W4BOH, will cook some pork butts, but the rest is up to you. John, KM4MDR, is coordinating the Pot Luck to make sure that everybody doesn't bring the same thing and will

coordinate that sufficient chairs, tables, etc. are available. This dinner will be in the great HAM tradition of "Have Another Meal".

73, Dee, KU4GC

**FIELD DAY 2024 - KEY TIMES**

**Friday, 6/21**  
Set Up: 8am-6pm

**Saturday, 6/22**  
Final Set Up: 8am-2pm  
Operation: 2pm-Midnight

**Sunday, 6/23**  
Operation: Midnight-2pm  
Break Down: 2pm -

**MEALS (tentative)**

**Friday, 6/21**  
Lunch: 11am  
Potluck Dinner: 6pm

**Saturday, 6/22**  
Dinner: 5pm

**Sunday, 6/23**  
Breakfast: 9am

**Please Contribute to The Link**

No, we don't want your money. OK, I guess we wouldn't refuse it, but I'm just complaining again about the lack of articles for The Link.

Articles on almost any topic are welcome. Strong ham radio connections are a bonus. Also, technical content on most topics can be good. Ideal are things you're planning to do or have done. Even failures can be educational.

Last year, I mentioned reviving "Ham Bios". There are enough new members to make it interesting. I do plan to twist some arms to get some. (In May 2018 we had published 17 bios - I haven't counted since then.)

So please step forward.

TIA, Dee, KU4GC

**DFMA Elections in August**

August seems a way off, but it is not too early to think about running for a DFMA office or serving as an At Large DFMA Board member. The DFMA Board of Directors (the Board) consists of five officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Repeater Manager) and four At Large Board Members. Officers serve for one year terms while At

Large members serve for two year terms. In the DFMA, all official work is done by the Board. Sometimes the Board will submit decisions for membership approval, such as spending for large ticket items. The individual member elects the Board and then the Board is expected to represent the interest of the members. So, if you want to be involved in the DFMA decision making you need to run for a position.

While some of the present officers have agreed to run for reelection, there's no reason there can't be more than one candidate per slot. If you're unsure of whether you think you'd fit in, the ideal thing is to attend a Board meeting. Board meetings are open to all members and are virtual this year, so you can participate from home. Also note that normally it meets on the third Tuesday of the month, so you should be able to meet then if you run. Anyway, if you would like to be part of the fun, run!

The DFMA also has other positions that are technically not Board Members which are appointed by the Board, rather than elected. These include the editor of The Link (our newsletter), Webmaster, Field Day Coordinator and Net Manager. A fairly new innovation is to appoint assistants to the officers. So, we currently have an Assistant Repeater Manager. So, if you are interested in any of these positions, let any Board member know. (The appointments to these positions can be made at any time since they do not involve the election in August.)

So, get involved! We need your help! You can send email to [ku4gc@amsat.org](mailto:ku4gc@amsat.org) if interested.

DFMA Elections in August

73, Dee, KU4GC

**DFMA ByLaws Committee**

Most of you have probably never seen the DFMA ByLaws. The current version, last updated in 2001, should be on the DFMA website ([dfma.org](http://dfma.org)) under the "About" tab. At the last Board meeting, it was decided that it was time to update this document and synchronize it with present best practice. When the ByLaws were first written, email did not exist and snail mail was the way to communicate. Other things have changed "on the ground." If you are interested in being involved in the ByLaws Committee, please contact me by email ([ku4gc@amsat.org](mailto:ku4gc@amsat.org)). You can also suggest changes by email, without being on the committee.

73, Dee, KU4GC

## Minutes

### Durham FM Association (DFMA)

Board Meeting Minutes 4/18/2023 – Pending

### Durham FM Association (DFMA)

Board Meeting Minutes 5/16/2023 – Pending

### Durham FM Association (DFMA)

Club Meeting Minutes 6/6/2023 – Pending

### Durham FM Association (DFMA)

Board Meeting Minutes 6/20/2023 – Pending

### Durham FM Association (DFMA)

Club Meeting Minutes 7/18/2023 – Pending

### Durham FM Association (DFMA)

Board Meeting Minutes 8/15/2023 – (no quorum)

### Durham FM Association (DFMA)

Board Meeting Minutes 9/19/2023 – Pending

### Durham FM Association (DFMA)

Board Meeting Minutes 10/17/2023 – Pending

### Durham FM Association (DFMA)

Board Meeting Minutes 11/21/2023 – Pending

### Durham FM Association (DFMA)

Board Meeting Minutes 1/16/2024 – Pending

### Durham FM Association (DFMA)

Board Meeting Minutes 4/16/2024 – Pending

### Durham FM Association (DFMA)

Club Meeting Minutes 5/7/2024

Secretary - Pam (KO4YAR)

**President:** Bob (W4FK)

Bob called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Bob talked about the picnic and thanked everyone for coming, especially those who brought radios and operated.

The new DFMA banner was unveiled and we thanked Chris.

**Attending:** Banks (W4OFZ), Dave (NA4VY), Bill (KY4ZC), Daniel (KA4GOB), Dan (KK4CP), Chip (KF4WB), Book, John (KM4MDR), Martin (KA5JUJ), Bob (KD8FQM), Mike (KK4BPH), Pat (KO4QLU), Bob (W4FK), Charlie (NC4CD), Sid (W4QWM), Sandy, Mark (KJ4NPF), Chris (KY4OU), Jack (KM4MBG), Wilson (W4BOH), Jim (WB4YYY), Sue (KA4AVM), Dee (KU4GC), Robert (K6GRR), JR (N4JQR), Paul (N2XZF), Dave (W4SAR), Karen (KD4YJZ), Tom, Ted (KQ4AAP), Jose (KD4JWF). Online: Ed (KQ4GOZ), Lenore (KF4PAB) A total of 33 attendees, all of them hams except 3.

## OFFICER REPORTS

**Vice President** - Chris - Nothing to report.

**Secretary** - Pam - Nothing to report.

**Treasurer** – Jack

Cost of the shelter for the DFMA picnic in April was \$270..

**Repeater Manager** – Charlie

Installation of the propane generator at Hillsborough site is complete.

TV Hill 6m transmitter is repaired.

**Door Prizes** were awarded to Jose, Dave, Robert, Ted and Jim..

**Program:** Auxcomm

**By:** Jose Guzman

**Bob closed the meeting** at approximately 8:15.

## Buy – Sell – Trade

**AnyTone AT-D878UV.** It is fully programmed for this area. Works great and looks like new in box with accessories that come with it. I can reprogram it for whomever gets it changing their call and DMR id number if needed. I use it with a hotspot which could be changed with software on their web site. Full info is available on web site

[WWW.bridgecomsystems.com](http://WWW.bridgecomsystems.com)

Price \$175.00.

Sidney, W4QWM,

[edwards.sidney@gmail.com](mailto:edwards.sidney@gmail.com)

[Note: Sidney is one of the founding members of the DFMA.]

The following equipment was donated to OCRA and Wilson, W4BOH is overseeing its disposition.

**Heathkit SB-300**-Simple but very effective ham band receiver. Amazing condition, \$150.

**Kenwood TS-850**-Solid state transceiver, the K3 of the 90s. Recently tested, GREAT receiver, HI-FI analog audio and excellent filters, with speaker and PS, \$700. - **SOLD**

**Hallicrafters SX-99-Vintage** Receiver, works but needs love. Easy to work on. \$50. - **SOLD**

Please contact **Wilson, W4BOH** by email:

**infomet@embarqmail.com**

if interested or to get more info.

(Note. It is hard to keep up with Wilson's inventory and he has received even more equipment recently. If you are interested in used equipment, it could be worth your while contacting him. - Dee, KU4GC, editor)

**DOWN-SIZING SALE of RADIO & TEST EQUIPMENT**

A DFMA member is down-sizing to a location that does not allow antennas for a ham station. The following items are for sale at very reasonable prices.

- Drake TR4-C HF Transceiver
- Drake T4XC Transmitter
- Drake R4C Receiver
- Drake MS-4 Speakers w/ AC-4 Power Supplies
- Corsair CX750M Power Supply Upgrade for Drake AC4
- Drake TV-3300-LP Model 1608 Low Pass Filter
- Bird 612 Termaline Wattmeter
- Bird 6156 Termaline Wattmeter
- Almost All Digital Electronics DFD4 Frequency Counter
- Almost All Digital Electronics Precision Freq. Reference
- Heathkit Sine-Square Audio Generator IG-18
- Heathkit Antenna Noise Bridge HD-1422
- Micronta Clamp-On AC V-A Meter
- Hamtronics 2M Receiver Preamp
- Icom IC-V82 2M HT
- Icom IC-U82 440 MHz HT

Email [nc4cd@earthlink.net](mailto:nc4cd@earthlink.net) if you are interested in buying any of these items before they go on ebay.

**Do you have something that you need or something you want to get rid of?** There's this spot in The Link set aside just for you. Just email the appropriate info to [ku4gc@amsat.org](mailto:ku4gc@amsat.org) and it will be included with the next issue. Make sure to include contact info and feel free to include a picture (that is yours – please no copyrighted stuff from the web).

**73, Dee, KU4GC**

Web Site: [dfma.org](http://dfma.org)

**73 – Dee, KU4GC, Editor**  
**Lenore, KF4PAB, Proofreader**

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**The DFMA Mailing Address**

The DFMA has a new mailing address. This is a mail service which costs less than a post office box and provides some extra services.  
 Please address any mail you have for the club to:

**Durham FM Association**  
**9169 W State St #644**  
**Garden City ID 83714**

**Upcoming Events** ([dfma.org](http://dfma.org) for details)

- 6/04 DFMA Meeting, Bullock's BBQ, 6pm
- 6/10 OCRA Meeting, Efland Baha'i Center, 7:30pm
- 6/15 VE Test Session, Efland Baha'i Center, 110am
- 6/18 DFMA Board Meeting, virtual, 7pm
- Field Day Events at the W4BOH qth,  
 3117 Moorefields Rd., Hillsborough
- 6/21 Field Day Set Up, Morning&Afternoon
- 6/21 Field Day Potluck Dinner, ca 6pm
- 6/22 Field Day Start Operating, 2pm
- 6/22 Field Day Dinner ? TBA
- 6/23 Field Day Breakfast, ~9am
- 6/23 Field Day End Operating, 2pm
- 6/23 Field Day Cleanup, 2pm -

**7/16!!!** DFMA Meeting, Bullock's BBQ, 6pm  
 (note later date due to Bullock's 2 week vacation)