



Next Meeting:

Tuesday, November 5, 6pm.

At Bullock's BBQ

Program:

Building an open source ham radio transceiver

By:

Vance Vagell, KV4P

kv4p HT is a homebrew VHF radio kit that makes your phone capable of voice and text communication completely off-grid with at least a Technician class amateur radio license. Amateur radio is all about experimentation of which this is a good example.

President's Corner

Winter is around the corner so get your winter preps on the to do list. Things like tree limbs that could be troublesome if they were to ice up and come down, having extra food in the pantry, winterizing equipment, campers and the like. The club is still filling slots after recent events. Wilson W1BOH has filled the position of Treasurer, Pam KO4YAR has tentatively agreed to reprise her role as Secretary and would be happy to have an assistant. Tim KC1TWR has written this copy of The Link but is hoping someone else would like to do it. Tim has taken over the duties of webmaster and will publish the club directory. Please join me in thanking these individuals for their dedication and willingness to step up when the club needed them(insert thunderous applause)



Hope to see everyone at the meeting and please check in on the Thursday night net.

Sam KJ4VWG is our newest net control. You can hear him on the first Thursday of the month. If you have an interest in being a net control station let me know. I will get you a shift!

Bob Cook, W4FK

President of DFMA

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Get Involved!

With the departure of long time members of DFMA for parts out west, it leaves us with some positions that are calling out to be filled by DFMA members. I am temporarily filling the role of Newsletter Editor, but writing is not in my wheelhouse so looking for someone to take this position.

Below is from the last Link but bears repeating.

Newsletter Editor
Bylaws Committee Chair
Door Prize Coordinator
Public Service Coordinator
Nominating Committee
Field Day Coordinator
Emergency Coordinator
Hamfest Club Table Organizer

This is just a list and some of these tasks are already ably covered by your fellow members. But, there are quite a few that need a leader. You can probably also think of other things that need doing.

Another way to get involved is something that has recently started in the DFMA and OCRA - the Assistant officer. Some of the elected officers could really use help. Also, some offices involve considerable "learning" that is best done in advance if you are considering running for the office in the future. So, Paul (N2XZF) is now our Assistant Repeater Manager. OCRA recently appointed an Assistant Treasurer and he may become their next treasurer. Not all officers need or want an "assistant", but it can make life easier and allows for a potential, smoother transition.

So, whatever path you take, do get more involved. And I'll know that the DFMA, which I will miss, is in good hands.

73, Dee, KU4GC

Minutes

When approved by the DFMA Board.

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

Price \$175.00.

Sidney, W4QWM,

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.

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)

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 TimKC1TWR@gmail.com 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, Tim, KC1TWR

73 – Tim, KC1TWR, Temp Editor

Lenore, KF4PAB, Proofreader

Send copy to TimKC1TWR@gmail.com

Deadline: one week before the Club Meeting

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The DFMA Mailing Address

This is actually 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

Web Site: **dfma.org**

Upcoming Events (dfma.org for details)

11/05 DFMA Meeting, Bullock's BBQ, 6pm

11/11 OCRA Meeting, Efland Baha'i Center, 7:30pm

11/19 DFMA Board Meeting, virtual, 7pm

12/03 DFMA Meeting, Bullock's BBQ, 6pm

12/21 VE Test Session, Efland Baha'i Center, 10am