The Link

Newsletter of the Durham FM Association

February 2025



Next Meeting:

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

Program: TBD

President's Korner

Winter is very different this year. Hope everyone is managing the snow and ice well and you have plenty of supplies and charged up HT's!

February brings us Valentines Day. I know some of you have spouses, either YLs or Oms, who may not enjoy the hobby as much as you do. It's a good time to thank them for their cooperation and mean it!

Please join our nets and think of things for the club to do. It is your club!

Bob Cook, W4FK President of DFMA 73

Get Involved!

Welcome new member (and new HAM) K4GBA Ian Jones!

The DFMA club is still in need of a volunteer for the position of Secretary to take minutes of the Board and Business club meetings.

If you would like to help the club by volunteering for the 2025 year please contact club President Bob Cook, W4FK.

Thank those that provided some feedback on the DFMA web pages. Some pages like for ARES and AUXCOMM were removed for now. TimKC1TWR@gmail.com

Please check your membership dues status on the **DFMA Membership Page** even if you think you are caught up. Best to be on the safe side. :)

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DFMA Minutes

DFMA Club Meeting January 7, 2025 Secretary - Office **vacant** President: Bob (W4FK)

Meeting started at 7:09 pm local time. Bob passed the microphone for introductions. Bob also announced looking at holding the club picnic in May as last April it was very cold.

Presentation - A presentation was given by Bob (W4FK) on his work using Peroxide to make old yellowed marine radio cases white again.

Attending: Tim (KC1TWR), Bob (KD8FQM), Ralph (KF4WBK), Bob (KO4SZE), Pat (KO4QLU), Dan (KR4UB), Paul (N0US), Paul (N2XZF), Charlie (NC4CD), Wilson (W1BOH) Bob (W4FK), Tom Beckett. Attending remotely: Dave (W4SAR), Karen (KD4YJZ), and Bill (N8BR).

OFFICER REPORTS

Vice President - Chris KY40U - Absent as stuck in New York.

Secretary - Office vacant

Treasurer – Wilson W1BOH provided an update on current expenses and balances.

Repeater Manager – Charlie NC4CD - Repeaters are in good shape. Some linking issues being attended to.

Door Prizes were not awarded due to few attendees. Meeting ended at 7:55 pm local time. Meeting Minutes were approved at the Jan 21st DFMA Board Meeting.

On Air Activities

Sunday February 23 - North Carolina QSO Party

Did you know that Larry K4LBX set up a VHF Winlink Gateway during Winter Field Day? It might still be up as K4LBX-10 on 145.030 MHz. Originally on 145.050, but he found QRM so moved.

Saturday/Sunday February 1 - 2 - The 10-10 Int'l Winter Contest SSB (phone). If do not have a 10-10 number then why not work on that while we have Solar Maximum?

Buy - Sell - Trade

ICOM PW-1 Solid State Amplifier.

Selling for friend, good shape. Price **\$2,000.00**.

Wilson, W4BOH

Contact: infomet@embarqmail.com

Kenwood SP-31 Speaker

Superfluous to my needs. In good shape. Price \$50.00.

Tim, KC1TWR

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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

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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

Upcoming Events (dfma.org for details)

02/04 DFMA Meeting, Bullock's BBQ, 6pm 02/10 OCRA Meeting, Efland Baha'i Center, 7:30pm 02/15 VE Test Session, Efland Baha'i Center, 10am 02/18 DFMA Board Meeting, 7pm, Virtual 03/04 DFMA Meeting, Bullock's BBQ, 6pm

Web Site: dfma.org