



Next Meeting:

Tuesday, September 2,
6pm at Bullock's BBQ.
Business Meeting starts at 7pm

Program: Parks On The Air

By: Matthew Stafford KQ4ZYW
Matthew's presentation should
give you all you need to know to
get out there and do your first, of
25th, park!

President's Korner

Hello DFMA!

This month we say goodbye to Summer and hello Fall! Time to check antennas to see how summer treated them. Did you know that September is the longest month? No? Well at least it has the most letters in it. Another September fact? Okay did you know that September 19th is Talk like a Pirate day? Aye it's true me hearties.

There are some exciting developments with Durham Co EOC and we will cooperate with them as much as possible. Till then I'll see you at the meeting and catch you on the nets!
73

Bob Cook
W4FK
President of DFMA

Interesting Items:

From: Mike K3LOE
Conn Elementary in Raleigh will be making an ISS contact in 2026! Kids think up questions to ask astronauts and the whole thing lasts 4 or 5 minutes as they pass over the sky.

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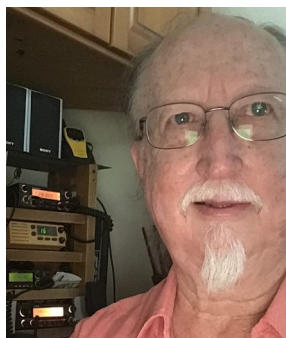
There was an exam session held at Wilson's, there were four candidates, resulting in three new Techs, and one upgrade to General. All were offered the opportunity to try the next level, but were unable to make it. – Paul N2XZF

Fun Time at the August DFMA Meeting

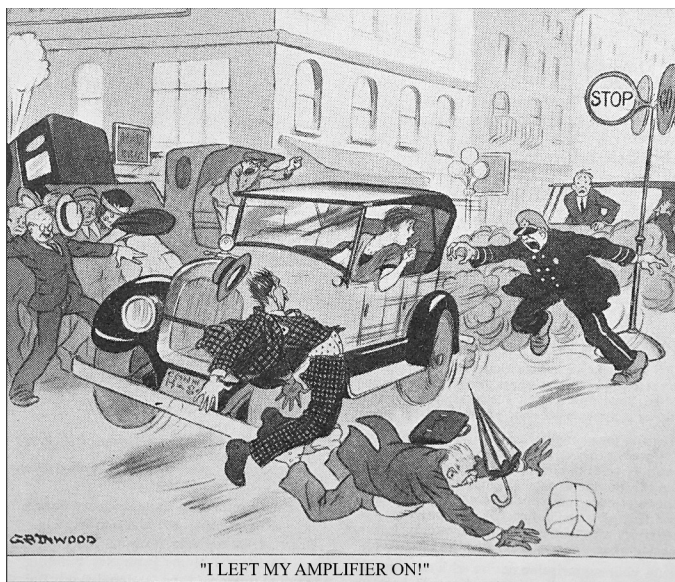
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Some Bits of Humor:



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Some Obituaries are just fun to read!!!

I checked to make sure it was legit, and found it at:
<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/holly-blair-obituary?id=53012614>

OBITUARIES

Holly Blair



Holly Blair exploded into glitter and bats on Aug. 17, 2020. She is survived by four spoiled cats, two stinky dogs, three bad birds, a turtle and an utterly useless frog named Fred, as well as three children and a husband of little to no importance. Her remains will be interred under a tree with the ridiculous multitude of animals she rescued, both wild and domestic.

Her future plans include drinking beer with Terry Pratchett and flying across the moon on her broomstick on Halloween. She has also promised to communicate with us from the beyond via the cockatiel

psyche. We ask that everyone carve extra jack-o'-lanterns on Halloween this year in her honor. All hail the wicked witch of Juniper Road!

Arrangements are under the care of Wood River Chapel of Hailey, Idaho. Please visit her memorial page at woodriverchapel.com to share a condolence, memory or photo.

Once in a while it needs to be said:

When you see the phrase LOM or "Land Of Magic", it is referring to a special place at the home of Wilson Lamb W4BOH. Go ahead, ask him about it.

DFMA Website:

Tim KC1TWR and Dan KR4UB are working on creating a new DFMA web site using WordPress. This is similar in back end to the OCRA web page.

The look and feel will be different from OCRA, as even though our clubs work closely together each club has it's own personality, goals, and motivations.

This will also allow DFMA to send out current dues status in a club email almost automatically. This will benefit members to be reminded of when their dues are due. I know I am one of those that forget when I am paid up through, and the club does not have an annual dues collection month. Members may pay for how ever many months they wish.

Please be patient as this will take some time to create. Any ideas you have please feel free to pass on to Dan or myself. - Tim KC1TWR

Just Ahead in Radiosport from ARRL:

September 1 - 2 -- MI QRP Labor Day CW Sprint (CW)
 September 3 -- UKEICC 80m Contest (phone)
 September 4 -- NRAU 10-Meter Activity Contest (CW, phone, digital)
 September 6 -- CWOps CW Open (CW)
 September 6 - 7 -- SARL Field Day Contest (CW, phone, digital)
 September 6 - 7 -- IARU Region 1 Field Day, SSB (phone)
 September 6 - 7 -- RSGB SSB Field Day (phone)
 September 7 - 8 -- Tennessee QSO Party (CW, phone, digital)
 September 10 -- RSGB 80-Meter Autumn Series, CW (CW)

More contest events listed at WA7BNM:

<https://www.contestcalendar.com/index.php>

Buy – Sell – Trade

Heathkit Mohawk and Apache

Classics from the age of chrome. Condition unknown, but looking OK. \$100 each. Proceeds to DFMA
Wilson W4BOH

TenTec Century 21, another classic.

Great little CW transceiver, with antenna tuner, \$150 Proceeds to OCRA.
Wilson W4BOH

FS: Nice coax jumper for connecting HTs to antennae.

Six inches long, SMA male to UHF female (like SO-239).
Coax is very small and flexible, RG-174.
Available in the LOM or at DFMA/OCRA meetings.
\$4. Financing available. Beat the rush, send email to my QRZ address.
Wilson W4BOH

Drake MN-2000 antenna tuner.

A classic, built for more power than you can give it.
\$250, currently in the LOM
Wilson, W4BOH
Contact: infomet@embarqmail.com

Box of Cat.6 LAN cable.

I have a near full, I think, box of Cat.6 LAN cable.

This stuff is \$125+ at Amazon, so \$50 seems reasonable for this one.
Estate stuff, money goes to DFMA.
Wilson, W4BOH
Contact: infomet@embarqmail.com

ICOM PW-1 Solid State Amplifier.

Selling for friend, good shape.
Price \$2,000.00.
Wilson, W4BOH
Contact: infomet@embarqmail.com

Icom Microphones IC-HM9 and IC-HM14

NEW in boxes
HM9 has two pin plug, for handhelds. \$20
HM14 has 8 pin plug and 16 key keypad. \$30
Pick up in Hillsborough OR I will mail for \$10 each.
Wilson W4BOH
Contact: infomet@embarqmail.com

Alliance HD-73-1 Rotator Controller SK Stuff

Untested, no rotator available, so returnable.
Two Speed, six wire controller.
Picture available.
\$50, in Hillsborough.
Wilson W4BOH
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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

Durham FM Association (DFMA)

Member Meeting Minutes,

August 5, 2025

Held at Bullock's BBQ, Durham NC

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

Member Introductions.

President - Bobby W4FK

Bobby W4FK introduced a new game for the door prizes called "Porch pirate door prize pursuit".

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OFFICER REPORTS

Vice President -Matthew KQ4ZYW – Working on getting presentations lined up. Next month might be about POTA.

Secretary Tim KC1TWR – Added a link to The Link in the monthly email he sends out with The Link pdf. He would like feedback if there were a good amount of interest in a web page version of The Link for use on cell phones. He will be working on the club Directory and warns the format may change due to different publishing software being used.

Treasurer - Wilson W4BOH – No totals given, but we have more in the bank than last month, with about \$200 income from items sold.

Repeater Manager - Charlie NC4CD

The Hillsborough repeater lost power from 11 pm to 3 am but was powered successfully by the backup generator. Now everything is back to normal. 224.26 repeater has an audio level issue he will be looking into. Charlie received two boxes of Possum Trot Net memorabilia from Wilson W4BOH and is working on a presentation possibly in October. He is looking for help from past Possum Trot Members.

Durham EOC: Charlie NC4CD reported a group will be going to the EOC next week with radios to test connecting to local repeaters and the condition of the antennas. The new EOC is at least two years out to be built. Chip KF4WBK asked how to get the Red Cross (RC) involved, and a current RC radio status was discussed. He said RC is looking for emergency communication between their offices.

Presentation: JR N4JQR talked about his DMR radio and UHF amplifier. Charlie NC4CD mentioned there is a DMR linked repeater system in NC. More info to be found at NCPRN.net.

Health and Welfare: Charlie NC4CD relayed an article about the passing of Ambrose "Tripp" L Owens N4NTO. He was erecting an antenna on July 4th, 2025, for POTA when it came into contact with a power line. He was an avid participant with POTA, activating over 660 parks. Owens was an ARRL member and belonged to the Potomac Valley Radio Club.

Show and Tell: Daniel KQ4GOB gave a review of his Tough-Book laptop. Dave NA4VY showed a small vintage microphone he found at a thrift store. Bobby W4FK showed his Baofeng K6 Tri-band HT radio.

Attending Members:

K4DJW	David Warwick
KC1TWR	Timothy Rodgers
KD8FQM	Robert Carr
KF4WBK	Ralph Blach
KJ4VWG	Sam Tannous
KO4QLU	Patrick Connelly
KQ4GOB	Daniel Berzinskas
KQ4TNF	Charles Harris
KQ4ZGL	Janice Howell
KQ4ZYW	Matthew Stafford
KR4BTP	Thomas Beckett
KR4UB	Dan Eddleman

KW4KZ	Charles Anoia
N0US	Paul Schnoes
N2XZF	Paul Robertson
N4JQR	James Reid
NC4CD	Charles Durst
W4BOH	Wilson Lamb
W4FK	Bobby Cook
W4OFZ	William Anderson
WA4UJM	Wallace Pasour
WW1H	Bill Berzinskas

The meeting concluded at 8:17 pm.

Minutes taken by:

Secretary Tim Rodgers KC1TWR

Web Site: dfma.org

Upcoming Events (dfma.org for details)

09/02 DFMA Meeting, Bullock's BBQ, 6pm

09/08 OCRA Meeting, Efland Baha'i Center, 7:30pm

09/16 DFMA Board Meeting, 7pm on Zoom

10/07 DFMA Meeting, Bullock's BBQ, 6pm

10/18 VE Test Session, Efland Baha'i Center, 10am

73 - Tim KC1TWR, Newsletter Editor

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:

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