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50 Years of Service

July 2012



Members Fete DERA's 50th Anniversary

DERA members and guests celebrated DERA's 50th anniversary in its birthplace, Asheville, NC, June 15-17, with a preparedness workshop, reception at the lovely Grove Park Inn, and field trip to the top of Mt. Mitchell to demonstrate emergency communications.

DERA's three surviving charter members, Paul F. Folmsbee (first President, 1962), Robert Dockery (first Trustee) and Jay Wilson (first Secretary), attended the conference and festivities as did distinguished guests Mr. S. Suri and Ms. M. Bhanumathy of sister organization NIAR, Hyderabad, India. Long-time members as well as new members attended. A special welcome was extended to representatives from Western Carolina University's Emergency Management program, Profs. Carlie Merritt, Robert Berry and Thomas Johnson who gave overviews of their department's programs.

Keynote speaker, meteorologist William Haggard, presented a talk on *Weather Data, Forecasts, Climate Change, and Disaster Emergency Planning*, generating an animated discussion both in the workshop and in the local Asheville newspaper.

Although a number of DERA's leadership team were absent due to various disaster deployments, we enjoyed presentations by several DERA leaders: Georg Grosse-Hohl on *Dynamics of International Preparedness*, Catherine Lawhun Stevens on *Faith-Based Response and Recovery Missions*, Kevin J.D. Wilson on *The Politics and Policy of Funding for Search and Rescue Missions*, Raphael LaRocca on *Domestic Violence: An Emerging Issue in Emergency Management*, an overview of DERA's history and vision for the future by Paul Folmsbee and Jay Wilson,

Dr. Patricia Hooper on *A New Perspective on Access and Functional Needs*, Mr. Sri. S. Suri and Ms. M. Bhanumathy on *Organizing Amateur Radio for Emergency Communications*, and Bascombe J. Wilson (CEM) on *Disaster Emergency Communications*. DERA Director Stefan Pollack led a discussion on future mission opportunities.



DERA-NIAR Partnership Renewed

Mr. S. Suri and DERA Executive Director Jay Wilson exchange partnership documents in the company of Paul Folmsbee (l) first DERA president, Robert Dockery (c), first DERA treasurer, and Catherine Lawhun Stevens (r), DERA senior director. Paul (K5PF), Robert (WD4CNZ) and Jay (WØAIR) were Charter Members of DERA in 1962. DERA and NIAR have been partnership organizations since 1995.

Thank you to our attending members and guests--from India to Pennsylvania, Germany to Colorado, and from Washington State to Florida--for making this celebration so very warm, rewarding, and memorable.

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New Member Roster

Welcome to DERA!

Dr. Julius Magliochetti
Santiago, Chile

Eric Ritter
Cary, North Carolina

JoAnnah Michael
Asheville, North Carolina

Mark A. Phillips
Leicester, North Carolina

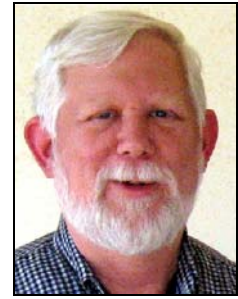
Paul Fetcho, K4PAF
Black Mountain, North Carolina

Len Adams
Los Angeles, California

Members:

**Please invite friends and
colleagues to join.**

Our future depends on you.



Letter from the Chair

"Thank you" to Jerry VeHaun and B.J. Freeman for making our Asheville workshop and anniversary celebration a success. Thanks also to JoAnnah Michael for assisting with last minute tasks and helping our workshop staff with a thousand details.

Thanks also to Lee Champagne for hosting our member's reception, Dr. Patricia Hooper, Bob and Pat Dockery for hosting our Saturday luncheon and to Stefan Pollack for providing a world-class sound system for our events.

Sincere thanks to our speakers and field exercise participants. Our aim was to provide an important networking opportunity for attendees, while presenting highly relevant information about the increasingly complex field of emergency management.

I regret I was not able to attend in person because I was on disaster deployment in Pennsylvania, but I did enjoy participating over teleconference and radio.

Our hearty congratulations and best wishes go out to Mr. and Mrs. Danny Stevens on the occasion of their happy marriage. Mrs. Stevens is on our Board of Directors, and you may recognize her more readily as Catherine Lawhun Stevens. I was also very pleased that Catherine's son, Chase, took leave from the U.S. Coast Guard to join Catherine and Danny at our workshop.

Congratulations to our friend and partner, Mr. S. Suri, VU2MY, Amateur Radio Operator of the Year for 2012.

Finally, thanks to everyone who attended the Asheville workshop and made the event a success.

Best Wishes,

Howard Pierpont
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Asheville Workshop, Cont'd



Workshop opening by Jerry VeHaun, CEM
*Director of Emergency Services
Buncombe County, North Carolina
DERA Member and
Past President, International Association of
Emergency Managers*



Keynote address by William H. Haggard
*Weather Data, Forecasts, Climate Change and
Emergency Planning*



**Professor Carlie Merritt
Dr. Robert Berry, CEM**
Western Carolina University
Cullowhee, North Carolina
Overview of Emergency Management Education



Paul F. Folmsbee, K5PF
Charter Member and First President
DERA's 50-Year History of Service



Stefan Pollack, CEO, IML Corporation
DERA Board of Directors
Preparing DERA for Future Missions

***The workshop used a
Sound Commander System
provided by Stefan Pollack
and the IML Corporation***



Bascombe J. Wilson, CEM, WØAIR
DERA Executive Director
Disaster Emergency Communications



Georg Grosse-Hohl
***Terrorism Preparedness and Response:
Dynamics of the International Challenge***



Ms M. Bhanumathy, VU2BL
International Amateur Radio Service



Howard F. Pierpont, CRM, CBCP, KDØJAZ
Chair, DERA Board of Directors
Strength through Membership
DERA's Proud Past & Shining Future
***By teleconference from field deployment in
Pennsylvania***



Mr. S. Suri, VU2MY
Amateur Radio – When All Else Fails
National Institute of Amateur Radio
Hyderabad, India



Kevin J. Dunlevy-Wilson
***The Politics and Policy of Funding Search and
Rescue Missions***



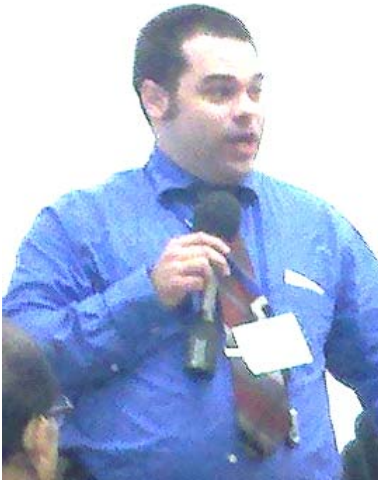
Dr. Patricia Hooper

*Keeping Ahead of the Learning Curve:
Access and Functional Needs in Emergency
Management*



Carl Smith, K4AA

Mr. Suri, VU2MY and Ms. Bhanumathy, VU2BL



Raphael LaRocca

*Domestic Violence: An Emerging Issue for Emergency
Management*



Catherine Stevens, K4ECM

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Faith-Based and Compassionate Disaster Response



Mark Phillips

*Emergency Management Programs at
Western Carolina University*



JoAnnah Michael
Workshop Dynamo

With Mr. Suri and Ms. Bhanumathy



VU2BL and K5PF Operating N4D on 20 Meters
Radio Field Exercise at Mount Mitchell



VU2MY and WD4CNZ Operating N4D on Two Meters and 440 MHz



Paul, K5PF, outlines the DERA N4D field exercise to Virginia, KK4BRE and Reid, KK4BRF



Pat and Robert Dockery, WD4CNZ
Dr. Patricia Hooper
Hosts of Saturday Luncheon
Mount Mitchell, North Carolina



Jerry VeHaun hosts Ms Bhanumathy, Mr. Suri and DERA members on a tour of the Buncombe County Emergency Operations Center



Mr. Suri, Kathryn Dunlevy-Wilson, Jean Dunlevy Culpepper and Ms Bhanumathy
Member's Reception at the Grove Park Inn, courtesy of Lee Champagne

Membership Invitation



Founded in 1962

MISSION

Preparedness - Response - Recovery - Professional Association

DERA is a Nonprofit Disaster Service and Professional Organization.

Our members work together as an active, world-wide network of disaster preparedness specialists, response and recovery teams, trainers, consultants, technical experts, researchers and project managers.

We help disaster victims by improving planning, communications and logistics, reducing risks and mitigating hazards, conducting community preparedness programs, and by sponsoring emergency response missions.

We sponsor a school awards program that encourages students to study the effects of disasters and to conduct projects that reduce local hazards and improve community preparedness, safety and environmental protection.

As a prominent international professional association, our membership is composed of key leaders in the field of emergency management from around the world, including key government officials, volunteers, consultants, business managers, researchers, educators, students and wide range of charitable groups.

Our quarterly newsletter, DisasterCom, brings current information about developments in emergency management and reports on the activities of our global membership.

We sponsor research projects and the publication of emergency management guides, case studies, technical assessments, and preparedness materials.

If you share our vision of commitment and service, we would welcome you as a member.

Please complete the application that follows or contact us for further information.

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