

NFARL Executive Board Meeting, August 2, 2010

6 PM, IHOP, 3130 Johnsons Ferry Road

- Club Programs - Walt
 - August Meeting: Bob Mantell K4ESA, “How to Maximize Your Shack for VHF/UHF”
 - Pre-meeting – **High Gain Antenna for VHF and UHF**
 - MMM – August 21st, Huntsville Hamfest
 - September Meeting: Mobile Rig Installation, Mike W5JR
 - Pre-meeting – Show and tell of Mobile Rig Installations
 - MMM - **SHELBY HAMFEST AT DALLAS, NC 2010, Saturday and Sunday, September 4th and 5th. General HamCram, Saturday, September 18th.**
 - October Meeting: “Big Event”, **may be swapped for November Meeting depending upon availability of speakers.**
 - Mack has good prospects on outstanding general interest speaker.
 - SEDXC will be asked to provide a DX interest speaker.
 - November Meeting: May swap with October Meeting depending on speaker availability.
 - Considering Youth based and presented subjects. Jim (QO) to work with Walt
 - December – Holiday Party – need to decide on location
 - Propose that the party be held at the AAAC with catered meal. Saturday, Dec. 11th is reserved. **Plans were approved by the Board.**
- Dinner Before Meetings - Chuck
 - Recommend we continue at Dickey’s. Reaction seems to be favorable. **Location was approved by the Board.**
- Technet – Guest speaker each month - Chuck
 - Need guest speakers for September and October. **Volunteers for recruiting speakers are Jim W4QO for September, Wes W3WL for October, Bill K4JI for November, Jim N4SEC for December and Ian IK for January.**
- Current Financial Report and Membership - Fred
 - Membership - **Currently 287 with 248 paid memberships. Honorary Membership category will be redefined by Wes W3WL and committee.**
 - Treasury –
 - Recommendation from W4QO that we honor Todd McGinnis, KB4KAY with a 2 year honorary membership
- ARES Update – Jim(SEC)
 - Chatcomm alert **Alert did not occur, thanks to all for volunteering to help.**
 - Next meeting: August 10, Topics: **October SET plans and Winmor: the sound card TNC**
- Special Interest Groups (SIGS) – Jim (QO), Mack, Chuck others
 - Any plans or ideas for fall / winter? **CW Sig will start again in January 2011. ANT will be going again this Fall possible interest will be on antenna modeling.**
- Web Master Update – Bill (YJJ)
 - Restricted Club Roster – Exec Team has access to e-mail and telephone information via the Mart User List selection
 - Open Club Roster – Mart members have access to Nickname, Call Sign and License Class via the Mart Members selection
- Repeater Operations – Mike
 - Repeater Controller modernization plans / status update. Awaiting software testing. **Mike W5JR offered a suggestion for exploring updating present controllers to expedite the upgrading of repeaters. Investment for updating could be in the range of \$500. Board approved exploring this option.**

- Sawnee Mountain opportunity – Proposal presented to site owner. Awaiting response.
- EchoLink – Members (2) offer to host EchoLink of club repeaters
- Club Remote Base Station – Mack
 - Proposal to decommission **Chuck AE4CW and Jim W4QO will explore identifying club member to take over providing technical assistance for station and to providing a location for the station.**
- Volunteer Opportunities – Bill (YJI)
 - Alive After Five – volunteers – Jim W4QO has a small group of frequent volunteers, but would like to more members drop by and spend an hour or so helping out.
 - Stone Mt. HamFest - Saturday, November 6th **Mack WB4MAK will contact club to negotiate booth cost, Jim W4QO will contact GAQRP club to explore combining booths.**
 - GARS TechFest – Saturday, January 8, 2011 **Mack WB4MAK and Jim W4QO are still exploring kit building exercise for Kids for TechFest.**
- JOTA and Club Picnic – Wes and Jim (QO)
 - Recommend we combine JOTA, Merit Badge class and Club Picnic into one event on **Saturday, October 16**, possibly at the Alpharetta North Park / AAAC
- Club Assets – Chuck and Jim (QO)
 - Recommend we sell donated Kenwood TS-480HX and use proceeds to purchase two or three loaner radios. **Board agreed that this should be tabled at this time.**
- HamCram, Tech / General Mentoring and Extra Training - Wes
 - General HamCram scheduled for Sept. 18 at the Living Science School