<u>Meeting</u> - **February 20, 2007** is approaching.

Our guest speaker this month will be nationally known Homebrew expert **Ted Bruce <KX4OM>.**

He will be presenting construction techniques for home brewing amateur radio equipment. Specifically amateur radio related test gear. Ted is a regular on several high tech lists/blogs/newsgroups and will be a real treat. Don't miss this one. *<u>We expect a crowd so why not drop one of those fold up camp chairs in your trunk just in case.</u>*
http://tinyurl.com/24qrmv

This will be our second meeting of the new year. For those of you that have not been to one of our recent meetings, it is located at the Alpharetta Fire Station #1 at 2970 Webb Bridge Road. The meeting time is 7:30 PM and will end around 8:30-9:00 PM. The North Fulton ARES group meets there as well, on the same night, but at 6:30PM. You are also more than welcome to attend that meeting as well.

Remember, February 20, 2007 That is the 3ʳᵈ Tuesday of the month. This link is for directions to the meeting site http://tinyurl.com/yhd25e

<u>INVITE A STUDENT TO FEBRUARY MEETING</u> - Here is your opportunity to put NFARL way ahead of the pack. Go to: http://tinyurl.com/2jaadq and download, print and mail this flyer to a teacher you know. Hopefully they or some

key students they know will find this program very interesting and come to the meeting in February. Not all meetings will be of interest to non hams but this one will. If you don't know any science or math teachers in area high and middle schools send it to any teacher you know and ask those to forward to science, math, or other teachers *they* know. This could be done via email or by snail mail. In an email, just include the tinyURL above and let them forward it on. Come on you can do it! We know you can!!

NFARL Yahoo Group - One more thing, we are trying to get every NFARL member as well as friends of NFARL, to become members of the NFARL yahoo group. To become a member of that mailing list, just send a blank message to: nfarl-subscribe@yahoogroups.com Now if you would also like to read the archives online, see pictures from club members, etc, you may go to http://groups.yahoo.com/group/nfarl/ and click the **JOIN THIS GROUP** in upper right, and just follow the instructions from there. Come on, join the group. You also don't have to be a member of NFARL to join the group.

Remember, you don't actually have to have a Yahoo ID to be a yahoo group member to send/receive messages. However, you DO have to have a Yahoo ID if you intend on reading the archives online, looking at photos, etc. The ID is simple to get and once you have one, it's a snap to join other great yahoo ham groups such as the North GA QRP list (nogaqrp), the Atlanta Radio Club list (AtlantaRadioClub), and over 100 other yahoo lists dealing with ham radio.

It's official, Techs get 10M ssb on Feb. 23
Circle Friday, February 23, on your calendar. That's when the current 5 WPM Morse code requirement will officially

disappear from the Amateur Radio Service Part 97 rules in accordance with the FCC's *Report and Order* (*R&O*) in the "Morse code proceeding," WT Docket 05-235. Beginning on that date, applicants for a General or Amateur Extra class Amateur Radio license no longer will have to demonstrate proficiency in Morse code. They'll just have to pass the applicable written examination. [Publication](#) of the new rules in the January 24 *Federal Register* started a 30-day countdown for the new rules to become effective. Deletion of the Morse requirement -- still a matter of controversy within the amateur community -- is a landmark in Amateur Radio history.

Techs on 10 at 10 net - As part of NFARL's continuing emphasis on activities between meetings, we're sponsoring a net on the first night that Techs get 10M privileges. It will be at **February 23, 10PM, on 28.495 Mhz**. Now this is for *ALL hams - club members or not, Generals, Extras, etc*. It will be our way of welcoming Techs to 10M and get some activity on the band. If it is successful, we'll consider meeting for a short chat every Friday night at this time. So join us! Oh, don't have a 10M rig? Contact one of the club officers (see email info under Hamfest below) and we'll do our best to get you one of several loaners for this event.

Don't know the exact ruling on the following, but there is some conjecture that the Tech's will also have privileges on the following bands 80, 40, 15 meters using this thing called International Morse Code, along with RTTY on 10 meters.

Ever hear of ULS? The first link is a description of the **U**niversal **L**icensing **S**ystem. The **ULS** is a function of the **FCC**. I personally have used this system to update my call sign information, and it works. All you will need to do is get

a registration number which is painless and easy to get. Just go to this link for a description of ULS, look around the site and see what you think. If you have been hesitant in updating your information, maybe now is the time since everything is paperless.
http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/index.htm?job=about#d35e41

This second link will take you directly to the first step of getting your registration number if you don't already have one.

https://wireless2.fcc.gov/UlsEntry/licManager/login.jsp

Enough said on this subject.

Kennehoochee Hamfest for *March 17th*

NFARL will have a table at this Hamfest, but we need your help manning the NFARL table from 8AM – 4PM. We are developing a club "item" to sell at our table and also some demonstrations need to be developed. So even if you can't attend, can we get 3 or 4 to help with this? Please contact n4cla@nfarl.org, w4qo@nfarl.org, kj4he@nfarl.org, or kc4ybo@nfarl.org. It might even be possible to sell some of your STUFF off the table as well, or maybe sell off the table for a commission if you don't want to be there. We can talk about this at the club meeting.

Well that is all for now. Please plan on coming if you haven't been a meeting in a while. We would love to see you again. Last month we had 30 people in attendance and the attendance is growing each month.