

eNEWS APRIL 2008

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eNEWS is "what's happening" in **North Fulton!** Check the headlines of each item and mark your calendar. Always be on the lookout for a way **YOU** can help on these activities/events.

For news outside our area, read ARRL.org or eHAM.net!

Here's your **North Fulton ARL eNEWS for April 2008.**



Summary of upcoming events and dates

- ❑ **Every Wednesday** - Hungry Hams Lunch Bunch - 11:45 AM - Slopes BBQ
- ❑ **Every Sunday** - **NFARES net** - 8:30PM - 145.47 Mhz
- ❑ **Every Monday** - **Tech Net** - 8:30 PM - 145.47 Mhz - See details on page 2.
- ❑ **HamCram** - **May 3 - 8:30 AM- EOC - Study and take test in ONE day**
- ❑ **VE testing** - **May 10 - 10 AM - EOC - Tests for all license levels.**

Regular Club Meeting - April 15 -7:30 PM - First things first - we had a record 55 at our last meeting so don't forget to bring your **camp chair, please and if you can - bring 2!!** **We had many standing last month or sitting on the floor.**

April program - RF on the Railroad: Introduction to RF technology in American Railroading - Darrell Krueger, KI4RXJ Our speaker is up to date on all matters RF in the railroad industry. Lest we think everything has gone to cell phones, and fiber optic, you'll be surprised how much RF is floating around the railroad industry. There are even ways for the public to avail themselves of some of this RF and enjoy railroading even more.

By the way, if you are interested, you can join us for dinner at the Alpha Soda on Haynes Bridge Road in the shopping center, just south of Hwy 120 (Milton Parkway). We meet at 6PM and leave @ 7PM. It is about 5 minutes from the Fire Station.

ARES Meeting - April 15 - 6:30PM

All ARES members (and others who might be interested) invited to attend and hear Tom Ollie, KG4VUB discuss new methods of transmitting error free messages via ham radio. To join the ARES reflector: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/nfares/>

Meeting Location: EOC –Located behind the Alpharetta Fire Station #1 at 2970 Webb Bridge Road, Alpharetta, GA. Go to this map: <http://tinyurl.com/yhd25e> **Door prizes- Toys for Techies - If everyone brings one good, clean item/book to give away as door prizes, then everyone will win one... + Gift Certificate from HRO.**

Mid-Month Madness – May 3 - Ham Cram - This is a one day class to teach you the material to pass the Technician class test. Invite everyone you know. The test will be given at the end of the day while the material is fresh in your mind. Register on the website: <http://www.nfarl.org/hamCram.html> Cost is \$20 which includes lunch and the test fee.

NFARL TECH NET meets Mondays at 8:30 PM - Join us on **145.47**, to discuss technical topics lead by **WB4MAK**. As far as we know, no one else conducts a net quite like this one. It uses the internet, Google, and a chat room to find and convey information. Go to the website and look under ACTIVITIES/NETS and you'll find the link to the CHAT room. Some great links are posted each week as participants search for answers on the web and listen to experienced members explain things on the repeater.

Davis Academy RadioDay. Club members **KR4MM**, **W3WL**, **KJ4AJX**, and **W4QO** led a RadioDay at the Davis Academy in Dunwoody on April 4. About 80 students during 3 class periods heard all about CODES not just Morse code but various secret codes used to convey messages throughout history. W3WL discussed the ENIGMA machine and KR4MM explained ASCII/computer codes. Students really jumped into Morse code and had a whole bunch of fun decoding words for W4QO. Teacher and club member Dave Moore, **KU4MT**, arranged the program for his school. **WK4U** and daughter showed up for moral support. Thanks to all who helped.



Repeater News - Water in the air core dielectric feedline crippled the **444.475** repeater for a time last month. However with some minor adjustments to the hanging of the feed line, forcing the water to drain, we were able bring it back to normal operation. All other repeaters are solidly operating. Please add **100Hz PL** to your radio for **145.47** repeater. This also needs to be added to YOUR transmit. You can also add 100hz to your receive on 145.47 as well, but that is not totally necessary. **444.475** seems to be working quite well now.

Club Auction – In case you haven't heard, the first NFARL online auction was a great success with the club earning over \$475 during the event. This may be done again in the FALL.

Hungry Hams Lunch Bunch each Wednesday @11:45 till? -. The last 3 lunches had attendance of 16, 17, and 16. **Remember, when you go through the line, be sure to ask them to print a receipt and include it in the Radio Club stack.**

Club Membership – Our goal is for 2008? **150!!** We are now into **APRIL** and are currently at **137!** --There has always been some question regarding when **dues are due**. The way the club dues / renewals are currently set up is they are due every 12 months from the date you joined NFARL. So if you joined May 22, your renewal would be due on the next May. This basically does two things for the club. First it keeps a more constant cash flow for the club receivables, and second it makes it easier on you. If you find that you need to change your annual renewal date to fit your budget, just say so. It is just a click away on the computer. **BIG NEWS-** We have made it even easier for you to continue your membership by simply clicking on this link <http://www.nfarl.org/shop/mart.html> and taking advantage of the new secure PayPal or personal credit card function on our newly revamped NFARL web site. No more check writing, no more stamps, no more envelopes, no more electronic bill pays.

ARRL Membership - Currently **69%** of NFARL are members of the ARRL **FLASH:** You can now use **PayPal** to join ARRL - using <http://www.nfarl.org/shop/mart.html>

Check our website - join our Yahoo reflector – Here’s how to keep in touch with your club. Visit our website - www.nfarl.org - which was recently upgraded by Bill, K4YJJ. You’ll find all kinds of valuable info there such as up to the minute news, how to become a ham or upgrade, **photos** of club events, a **ROSTER** of members, and a club **calendar**. While you’re there click on the **YAHOO GROUP** button and take a spin around. While you’re at the NFARL YAHOO GROUP, click on the **JOIN THIS GROUP** button and become part of the NFARL mailing list. You may also join by simply sending an email message with your **name** and **callsign** in the body to: nfarl-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

Check our website – You can also go to <http://www.nfarl.org/eNewsIndex.html> and get **previous issues of the eNEWS**. From now on, the newsletter will be stored on the website without being attached to your typical email newsletter notification and will be just a hot link in the email.

VE Exams –PLEASE pass this information along. Testing is local. Rules and guidelines are on the club website. <http://www.nfarl.org/licenseExamInfo.html> . Begin your ham radio experience or upgrade now! **NEXT TEST SESSION May 10, 2008 10AM at the EOC, our regular meeting location.** <http://tinyurl.com/yhd25e>.

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Club Repeaters

145.470 (-)	100 Hz	Sweat Mtn
147.060 (+)	100 Hz	Roswell WaterTower
443.150 (+)	No Tone	Roswell WaterTower (MATPARC/NFARL)
444.475(+)	100 Hz	Sweat Mtn



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