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eNEWS is "what's happening" in **North Fulton!** Check the headlines of each item and mark your calendar. Go to arrrl.org or eHAM.net for the national news, but here's your **North Fulton ARL eNEWS** for October 2008.



Summary of upcoming events and dates

- ❑ **Every Wednesday** - Hungry Hams Lunch Bunch - 11:45 AM - Slopes BBQ
- ❑ **Every Sunday** - **NFARES net** - 8:30PM - 147.06 Mhz (+.600) & PL 100
- ❑ **Every Monday** - **Tech Net** - 8:30 PM - 145.47 Mhz (PL 100) - See details on page 3.
- ❑ **Mid Month Madness - JOTA + mini..Field Day - Oct. 18 - Waller Park Extension**
- ❑ **VE Test Session - Oct. 25 - EOC behind Fire Stn. #1, Alpharetta - 10 AM.**
- ❑ **Mid Month Madness - Lawrenceville Hamfest NOV. 1, 8AM - Bone Yard Tour**
- ❑ **Holiday Party/Awards Banquet - December 16 - Mark you calendar - Don't miss!**

Jamboree on the Air - This annual event is to expose Scouts to amateur radio. This year, we'll be going back to Waller Park Extension to set up ONE station in the shelter with an area for demos of various ham related activities - HF-SSB and Echolink. Also, we are offering the RADIO merit badge class (we had 6 Scouts achieve this at FD). Plans are to **set up around 8AM - begin around 9AM** - close down around 4 PM or maybe earlier. If you would like to help or operate the station in a more relaxed atmosphere, drop a line to w4go@nfarl.org. Scouts must register for the Merit Badge class but everyone (especially kids) are invited to participate in using the JOTA station - just drop in. We will be using the special event callsign - **W4S** for JOTA. There also will be a Fox Hunt and other activities for younger Scouters!! **This Saturday, Oct. 18 - Waller Park Ext. - off OXBO, check out and register at website: www.nfarl.org and click on JOTA....**



Regular Club Meeting - October 21 - 7:30 PM -

Join us for another great meeting this month. **Bob Lear, W4ZST**, of the Four Landers VHF Contest Group will be our speaker at our October 21 meeting. Bob has been a long time spark plug in that group which focuses on frequencies above 50 MHz. You may not believe the contacts this group can make when they go to "their" mountain. The title of the talk will be: **Weak Signal Contesting** If you would like to see more photos of the 2007 event, go to:

http://shermanbanks.net/June_VHF_2007.html



++ **Doors open - 6:45 PM** - FREE refreshments - meet friends - socialize - bring a show and tell item to talk about - Enjoy the space - Wear your NFARL shirts, name tags, etc.

Talk in - 145.47 MHz. Details/maps/photos on website. Plenty of seating and plenty of parking (including across the street at high school) so bring friends, relatives, neighbors...

We meet here: Masonic Lodge Hall, 194 Milton Ave, Alpharetta, GA. Go to map: <http://tinyurl.com/5t7swd> . We are located across from ex-Milton high school.

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. We appreciate HRO's support. Do you support HRO?

Club members eat - If you are interested, you can join us for dinner at the Alpha Soda, just south of Hwy 120 (Milton Parkway) on Haynes Bridge Road in the shopping center. We meet at 6PM and leave at 7PM. It is about 5 minutes to the **new meeting location**.

Bring a book to donate to the club library - We're just getting this off the ground and need your books that you don't use much to be donated. Bring them to the meeting every month.

Nominations from the floor - The club is accepting nominations from the floor for positions in 2009 - President, VP, Sec, Treasurer, and Board Member. If you or someone you'd like to nominate would be interested in serving, please send email to w4go@nfarl.org A full slate of nominations will appear in the November eNEWS and voting will occur at the NOV meeting.

Ham Cram - Great news for 18 new Technician class hams. YOU DID IT. Welcome aboard. Yes, we had 18 pass at our recent session. Another HamCram is tentatively planned for the Spring. WB4MAK was the team leader for this one. We need a team leader for our next HamCram. Step up to the plate and contact WB4MAK@nfarl.org to take on this service to the ham community.

Mid Month Madness (activities between meetings) - **Lawrenceville Hamfest - Boneyard Walk-a-round ...** Several folks have expressed an interest in walking around the boneyard as a group to look for bargains, explain what things are, help each other carry off the "steals". Come join Mack and Jim at 8AM on November 1 for this fun activity. Since you'll be going to the hamfest anyway, why not volunteer to work the club table. Email to AF4IA@nfarl.org

Is your QSL card on the website? – **Bring your QSL card to the meeting** and we will place them on the web site <http://www.nfarl.org/qslMembers.html> . As time goes on, we will be incorporating areas for narrative BIO's and what ever else that "YOU" want to insert with your card. We have over 188 members and only 33 club member QSLs on the website. HELP!!

ARES Meeting - The **Amateur Radio Emergency Service** has begun meeting on a different night from the regular club meeting. Both activities now have much to cover and trying to cram it all into one evening is just not easy. So in July 2008, ARES began meeting on the **second Tuesday** of each month at the **Sandy Springs City Council Chambers** at Morgan Falls. All are

welcome to attend whether you are an ARES member or not so mark your calendars. **Details on the web.**

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 repeater, Google, a chat room, and now **Echolink** to enhance the quality of this unique net. Go to the website and look www.nfarl.org/nets.html there 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.

Repeater News - The club's newest repeater (a joint venture with the MATPARC club) is the 224.62 repeater. Set your rig for MINUS 1.6 MHZ and PL100. If you do not have PLL, dial **7411**.

Some of you may have noticed that there is currently an underlying mix of very low level music that has recently been introduced to the 145.47 repeater. We are currently working on resolving the removal of that from the repeater. The physical environment that our repeaters as well as most other repeaters live in, is typically a very nasty RF environment. As an example, 145.47, 224.62 and 444.475 all co-habitate with 2 FM broadcast stations and 5 TV stations all within a 100 foot radius, and all of these stations transmit in excess of 20,000 watts ERP. So please bear with us as we try to correct this problem, and we do appreciate your patience.

SERA NEWS - What is **SERA**? **S**outh **E**astern **R**epeater **A**ssociation. Do you get the SERA Journal? Go to: www.sera.org for info on how to join SERA.

Hungry Hams Lunch Bunch each Wednesday @11:45 till? We meet at Slopes BBQ on Crossville in Roswell. Talk in 145.47. All are welcome to attend, NFARL member or not. **Remember, when you go through the line, be sure to ask them to print a receipt and credit the Radio Club. It helps the cause.**

Club Membership – Remember back in January 2008, when we stated that our goal for 2008 was 150? Well, we are now at **188!!** Thank you to all of our supporters. Are we havin' fun yet?

EASIER TO JOIN - We have made it even easier for you to continue your membership or join NFARL 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.

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 in May, your renewal date 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.

ARRL Membership - Currently **68% of NFARL are members of the ARRL FLASH**: You can now use **PayPal** to join ARRL using <http://www.nfarl.org/shop/mart.html> **NFARL benefits if you join ARRL via our club. So help us out when you join.**

Check out our website & join our Yahoo reflector – Here’s how to keep in touch with your club. Visit our website - www.nfarl.org - 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.

NFARL WEBSITE #1 - Thank you Bill, K4YJJ for the continued outstanding job you are doing on the web site. The next time you see Bill, say thank you. 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.

Please welcome – our new members and our members that renewed. We wish to say thank you for choosing NFARL for your personal involvement in Amateur Radio.

Diane		Andrus	KB4LWS	Renewal
Laurence	H	Andrus	KB4LWT	Renewal
James		Chrisholm	KC0LQW	New Member
Dick		Anthony	KC4EMM	Welcome back after many many years
Steve	S	Knittel	KC4YBO	Renewal
Shane		Kelley	KF4TJY	New Member
Scott		Parker	KG4ZLI	New Member
Aaron		Denunzio	KJ4ECM	New Member
Larry		Adelberg	KJ4GYZ	New Member
Paul		Redd	KJ4HCB	New Member
Susan		Redd	KJ4HCC	New Member
Jack		Richardson	KV1E	New Member
Kim		Parker-Cunningham	N0CAL - KG4ZLI	New Member
Doug		Reed	N3AIA	Renewal
Bill		Barr	N4NX	New Member
Marvin	J	Moss	W4UXJ	Renewal

Please also welcome – our **NEWEST Amateur Radio HamCram graduates**. If you hear any of them on the air, please welcome them to the hobby. **We had 18 graduates**.

				Members
Jason		Bourn	KJ4HBZ	
Lional		Bourn	KJ4HCA	
Paul		Redd	KJ4HCB	*
Susan		Redd	KJ4HCC	*
Ernest	C	Stedman IV	KJ4HCD	
Joseph		Lamboley	KJ4HCE	

Lisa		Blackwell	KJ4HCF	
Parker	M	Blackwell	KJ4HCG	
Jim		Clay	KJ4HCH	
Sharon		Reich	KJ4HCI	
Andy		Clement	KJ4HCJ	
Deanne		Barr	KJ4HCK	
John		Tanner	KJ4HCL	
Thomas		Shores	KJ4HCM	
Thomas		Hamilton	KJ4HCN	
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Club Repeaters

145.470 (-)	100 Hz	Sweat Mtn
147.060 (+)	100 Hz	Roswell WaterTower
224.620 (-)	100 Hz	Sweat Mtn
443.150 (+)	No Tone	Roswell WaterTower (MATPARC/NFARL)
444.475(+)	100 Hz	Sweat Mtn



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