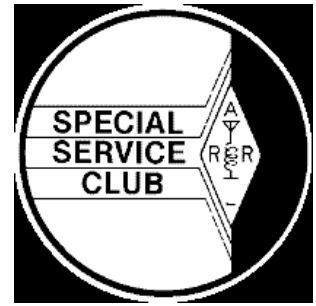




## **eNEWS May 2009**

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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](http://arrrl.org) or [eHAM.net](http://eHAM.net) for the national news, but here is your **North Fulton ARL eNEWS** for May 2009.



### ***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)
- ❑ **Every Friday** - **Youth Net** - 5:00 PM - 145.47 Mhz (PL 100)
- ❑ **Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday** - **Code practice** 8:00 PM - 145.47 Mhz (PL 100)
- ❑ **Alive-After-Five – May 21.** 5PM – 9PM

***Regular Club Meeting - Tuesday, May 19, 2009 - 7:30 PM*** -This months meeting is going to be presented by ARRL member Randal DePriest, who received his Novice license in 1977 at age 15 with the call WD4BWP. Although he was relatively quiet on the bands while attending Auburn University in the early '80s while studying Applied Math. He has since been active following his education. Always trying new things in amateur radio, his current interest is satellite communications. He was Richard Garriott's first contact while Garriott W5KWQ, was a tourist aboard the **I**nternational **S**pace **S**tation, and also worked the K5D DXpedition via satellite. Sometimes considered lucky by his peers, his definition of luck is when preparation meets opportunity. Now with a much more CW-friendly call, Randal is better known as N4AC and is involved with amateur radio groups in the Forsyth County area. Randal has been in the high tech industry for over 20 years and specializes in Unified Communications. He can be reached at [n4ac@amsat.org](mailto:n4ac@amsat.org). You don't want to miss this meeting.

***We meet here: Masonic Lodge Hall, 194 Milton Ave, Alpharetta, GA.*** Go to map: <http://tinyurl.com/5t7swd> . The Lodge is located directly across from the old Milton High school on Milton Ave.

***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. Are you supporting HRO?

***Eat before We meet*** - If you are interested in dinner before the meeting, you can join us at our **NEW LOCATION**, the **Golden Corral** just north of the Northpoint Mall shopping district and east of GA400 and Haynes Bridge, located at 915 North Point Drive, Alpharetta, GA 30022. Click <http://tinyurl.com/cnseg5> to see a map. The advantage of eating at the **Golden Corral** is that it is all self service, no ordering off a menu, and no waiting for a waitress/waiter to serve you and is only about a mile from where we had been meeting and we should be able to comfortably

finish in time to arrive at the meeting by 7:30 PM. The space will hold 50 and is reserved from 5:00 – 7:00 PM.



**Presidents Corner** - I continue to be so impressed by the quality of our presentations. In April we were honored to have Don Nesbitt, N4HH, share with us his "Radio Merry Go Round" experiences. Don shared a wealth of knowledge about how to evaluate radios and offered his opinion on which radio is best. In case you missed the presentation, **the best radio is: "The one you like the best"!**

For our May speaker we are very fortunate to have Randall DePriest, N4AC, talk with us about amateur satellite communications. In case you don't know, Randall was the first ham operator to speak with Richard Garriott, ham radio operator and space tourist on the International Space Station. If you've ever wanted to discover this aspect of ham radio, which is open to all license classes, this is the presentation for you. Details for the May 19<sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM meeting may be found on our website under "[Meetings](#)". Please join us at the Golden Corral at 6 PM. Details and a map are also on our website [www.nfarl.org](http://www.nfarl.org) under "[Meetings](#)".

By the time we have our next club meeting the Dayton Hamvention will be over. Several of your club members are headed to Dayton and will report back with first hand observations and pictures of the largest ham gathering in the world.

The club plans to have a big presence at the upcoming Atlanta Radio Club Hamfest on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to support this Hamfest and spend time at the NFARL table recruiting new members and selling Joule Thief kits. We've made over \$300 so far selling these kits and they're a great fund raiser for the club.

I have a favor to ask of all club members. We need more people to volunteer to lead or co-lead club activities. With 260 people in our club we need everyone to pitch in even if it's just a couple of hours per year. When there are opportunities to volunteer please sign up to help. If you have an idea for a Mid Month Madness program that you can lead then please contact me. I'll find others to help support you and help with the logistics. For the folks who already have generously given so much of your time, Thank You!

You may contact me at [wb4mak@nfarl.org](mailto:wb4mak@nfarl.org) or 770-753-4202 if you have any questions or concerns. Your executive team is working hard to have the best ham radio club in the United States.

73, Mack, WB4MAK

**CW SIG** - Jim, W4QO, is wrapping up the CW SIG until the fall when he'll again help more hams learn CW. This special interest group has been a tremendous success with over a dozen hams learning Morse code. 4 members have earned the Code 10 award for completing at least 10 CW contacts on the HF bands. 2 people have certified their code speed at 13 words per minute with a total of 8 people entering the CW SIG program. This SIG has opened new frontiers for these hams. Thank you Jim for your constant encouragement and contagious zeal for CW.

**Contest SIG** - Vern, W8BLA, and Mack, WB4MAK, have been hosting the newest SIG for people interested in learning how to contest and be better HF operators. The first meeting was held on April 18<sup>th</sup> with a dozen members attending. Vern provided an introduction to contesting and answered questions. It was a big success. The next meeting is on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at Mack's QTH where we'll explore operating in a contest as a multi-multi operation for a couple of hours. Everyone will get an opportunity to participate and be coached on improving your operating technique. Everyone is invited to attend even if you missed the first session.

**Field Day Update** - Our biggest event of the year, Field Day, is also in June on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up to help with Field Day. We need the support of everyone. We'll have stations on 40M, 80M, CW, and **Get On the Air (GOTA)**. There is a lot of help still needed to set up and tear down as well. Last year we had over 200 people attend Field Day and with your support, we hope to have over 300 attend this year. Bring your friends, even if they're not hams, and visit Field Day. We have most of our elected government officials attending to show their support. We will also be supporting the Boy Scouts with Radio Merit Badge classes. Please plan to help your club with this most fun event.

**MMM – Mid Month Madness!! You say "What is this Mid Month Madness?**  
Well, Mid-Month Madness is a great way to increase your learning and technical skills in a hands on fashion. Join the North Fulton Amateur Radio League for an exciting amateur radio activity. These activities are announced on the web page at [www.nfarl.org](http://www.nfarl.org). Some of our past activities included an antenna building party, kit building, and shack tours. These have all been well attended events that offered amateur radio operators exciting ways to learn more about ham radio.

### **Field Day 2009 (June 27-28, 2009)**

Well, everyone. It's that time again. Field Day will soon be upon us. For those new to ham radio, Field Day is the ARRL's annual emergency preparedness practice, public demonstration of amateur radio, and an all around fun filled couple of days.

Again this year, the NFARL Field Day operations will take place at Waller Park Extension, 160 Dobbs Drive, Roswell, GA, 30075. The Field Day committee has been hard at work to make this year's event a roaring success. We'll have operating activities on 20m phone, 40m phone, CW, GOTA, and VHF/UHF. We'll also continue a tradition we started last year and teach a radio merit badge class beginning around 9:00 AM Saturday morning. Field Day captains are now taking sign-ups for operators, and have been posting requests on the Yahoo! Reflector. Please volunteer for as much time as you can. Captains are as follows:

CW – Mack McCormick, WB4MAK [wb4mak@nfarl.org](mailto:wb4mak@nfarl.org)  
20m Phone – Chuck Catledge, AE4CW and Steve Mays, KS4KJ [ks4kj@nfarl.org](mailto:ks4kj@nfarl.org)  
40m Phone – John Kludt, K7SYS and Joe Camilli, N7QPP  
GOTA/Radio Merit Badge – Wes Lamboley, W3WL  
VHF/UHF – Sean Morgan, K4ZF  
Set-up – David Moore, KU4MT  
Tear-Down – Bob Dallis, KJ4IXI

We will also be serving dinner Saturday evening, and again it will be catered by Spiced Right Barbeque. Stay tuned for more details and RSVP information on that.

If you have any questions about Field Day, or would like more information, please contact any of the people listed above, or **Ian Kahn, AK4IK**, 2009 Field Day chairman at [ak4ik@nfarl.org](mailto:ak4ik@nfarl.org). You can also find information at <http://www.nfarl.org>.

**HEY! Is your QSL card on the website? – Bring your QSL card to the meeting,** and we will place them on the NFARL 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 now have over 253 members and only 39 club member QSL's on the website. **Please bring your QSL CARD and HELP get our club cards on the page!!**

**NFARES Update** –NFARES would like to recognize the following volunteers who tirelessly gave of their time on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, to provide communications for the Sandy Springs Challenge bicycle race: Bill **K4YJI**, Tom **W4UOC**, Ernie **K0OCC**, Lee **AF4IA**, Joe **KJ4IXJ**, Jim **W4QO**, John **K4AMM**, Matt **AJ4NT**, Don **KG4WQO**, Rosemary **KG4WQN**, Dan **KI4YDJ**, Wayne **KG5WU**, Bill **KI4YJJ** (Who had not volunteered, but came and spent most of the day as a floater/lifesaver!), Alan **N4QXH** (Who volunteered, but was ill. Honorable mention goes to him for volunteering.) and Shelia **KD4NKE**.

This group of people spotted pedestrian issues and worked with the Fire/Police to resolve them. They were the eyes and ears that otherwise would have been absent during this race. The timely information they collected was then sent to the Fire Department which assisted them in responding to the crashes that occurred on the course.

Thank you for keeping the spirit of amateur radio alive and well!

**Shelia Staton – KD4NKE**

**NFARL TECH NET meets Mondays at 8:30 PM** - Join us on **145.47** to discuss technical topics lead by **Joe N7QPP**. 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](http://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.

**YOUTH NET** – Meets every Friday at 5:00 PM on 145.47 Mhz (PL 100). You also do NOT have to be a YOUTH to join the net. Let help get this net going.

**Repeater News** - Don't forget the club's newest repeater. This is a joint venture with the MATPARC club and is located on 224.620 Mhz. Program your radio to listen to 224.62, set that channel for MINUS 1.6 MHZ offset and a PL100. If you do not have PLL, dial **7411**. All the repeaters seem to be working as designed and are listed at the bottom of this eNEWS.

During the month of April, we made several major improvements to the antennas and feed lines for the 440M and 220M repeaters on Sweat Mountain as well as adding a 900Mhz antenna. This should improve the coverage and performance of these repeaters in our coverage area. We also have plans, in the not too distant future, to install a 900 MHz repeater for club member use. Special thanks go to Fred, N4CLA, and Mike, W5JR, for leading this effort.

Also special thanks goes to Mike, W5JR, for modifying a Motorola Maxtrac 2M radio to enable carrier operated squelch keying of the club Echolink node. I'm sure you'll agree that Echolink performance has been greatly improved. Thank you Mike!

**SERA NEWS** - What is **SERA**? **S**outh **E**astern **R**epeater **A**ssociation. Do you get the SERA Journal? Go to: [www.sera.org](http://www.sera.org) for info on how to join SERA and support the coordinating body that coordinates the repeaters in the South East.

**Hungry Hams Lunch Bunch each Wednesday @11:45 till?** We meet at Slopes BBQ on Crossville Rd in Roswell. Talk in 145.47. All are welcome to attend, whether you are a 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.** We have been having a consistent 20+ in attendance. BUT GUESS what? For the longest time, our record attendance was 28 until March 4<sup>th</sup>. We had another record attendance on Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup>. **32**. I can not find the date, but it was in April that we went over **38** in attendance. Yet another record to break.

**Bring a book to donate to the club library** - We especially need license manuals of all classes. Remember these "expire" and you don't need it now that you've passed. Bring them to the meeting every month and pass to our librarian - Cathy, KI4SBK.

**Club Membership** – Remember back in January 2008, when we stated that our goal for 2008 would be **150**? And then before year end we hit **188!!** Well, would you believe we hit **237** as of Feb 12, and at the time of this news letter, we are now at **255** at the time of this news letter. We need your renewals so if you have received your renewal notice, please oblige.

**Please welcome** – our newest members. We wish to say thank you for choosing NFARL for your personal involvement in Amateur Radio. We also want to thank our members that have continued to show their support by renewing their membership. These people represent our membership activity for January, February and March 2009.

**When you see these people at a meeting or here them on the repeaters, please welcome these NEW MEMBERS.**

Fname	Lname	Call	Joined date	Mbr#	ARRL Mbr
Mark	Wolozin	KJ4JEY	2009-04	525	y
Bob	Gallion	KI4LWG	2004-04	524	y
Kendra	Reed	WX4WWV	2009-04	523	y
Bill	Worley	W4CUX	2009-05	526	y

**Youth Membership** - The executive committee voted to give all youth "FREE" membership in NFARL until the end of their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, regardless of whether you are a family member or not. Just go to the Mart page on our web site and complete the member information form

**So, ya wanna learn code?** - Jim, W4QO, Chuck AE4CW and Chris KJ4HYG, continue to make great progress with helping people learn Morse code in the **CW-SIG (Special Interest Group)**. NFARL is continuing code practice on **Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays at 8 PM on**



the **145.47 repeater** and each Friday, Jim W4QO, will offer a code test for those who would like an "unofficial" code endorsement on their ham license.

**ARRL Membership** - Currently we are at 70% of our club membership. Our goal is to have as many NFARL members as possible be members of the ARRL. You can now use **PayPal** to join ARRL - using <http://www.nfarl.org/shop/mart.html>. **NFARL benefits financially if you will join or renew your ARRL membership thru NFARL. So help us out when you join or renew.**

**It is EASIER TO JOIN and renew** - 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.

**Check out our website & join our Yahoo reflector** – Here's how to keep in touch with your club. Visit our website - [www.nfarl.org](http://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 of the message to: [nfarl-subscribe@yahogroups.com](mailto:nfarl-subscribe@yahogroups.com).

**NFARL WEBSITE #1** – Thanks go to Bill, K4YJJ for the continued outstanding job that he is 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.

## **Name Badges**



NFARL now has a very nice name badge that sports our **club LOGO, Call Sign, First name, City and State** and has a magnetic back so it does not poke holes in your shirts. We are going to place another order after the meeting so if you are interested in ordering one of these badges, you can order off the web before the meeting or at the meeting for \$9/ea. paid at order time.

[http://www.nfarl.org/shop/mart\\_v2\\_badgeSpecs.php](http://www.nfarl.org/shop/mart_v2_badgeSpecs.php)

The badge is 3" wide by 2" high and comes with a magnetic back. We've found a vendor who will provide them to us for \$9.00 each including postage. Below is the ordering process

**When we receive your specifications and payment we'll place your badge order into our badge design & production process.** This is a batch process, and the ordering process does not begin until we have several badge orders in hand. The entire process can take up to four weeks so please be patient.

Here are the steps involved:

1. You order and pay for your badge via the webpage (or you can pay with cash or a check)
2. Several orders are gathered into a batch
3. The batch is then sent to the graphic designer for mock up
4. Your mock up is then emailed back to you for approval
5. Once we have approval from everyone in the batch, the order is then placed with the supplier.
6. Your badge is then made and mailed directly to you

Thanks for ordering from the NFARL Mart!!

*We are now starting another **BADGE** order. Submit your order via the internet or see me, N4CLA, at the meeting.* Those of you that ordered on the last batch, please be patient. The invoice for this last batch just arrived on Monday, so this tells me that the manufacturer does have the list in hand, so you should be receiving them **HOPEFULLY** before the end of the week, and possibly not later than Monday of next week.

### ***Mentoring List – Remember last month, and the First stab at the list? -***

Well here is the list and how it got started. Last month was a first stab at this topic. We are going to continue publishing this list of **THINGS** and **NAMES**. Again the purpose of this list is this. There are a lot of people out there in the club as well as other non members that have questions about how **THINGS** work and don't seem to know who to ask about these things for help. So we are putting together a list of **THINGS**, with **NAMES** associated with those **THINGS**. This list is by no means complete. This also means if you have an area that you need help with that is not in this list, then YOU need to submit this information / question to [enews@nfarl.org](mailto:enews@nfarl.org) . DO NOT BE SHY, because what you may need help with, probably means there is someone else out there that needs the same help and won't ask because they don't know who to ask, or what to ask or how to ask. And here is the deal. If you think you have something to offer, in an area that is not mentioned, don't be shy. Everyone has a certain amount of expertise in something. How 'bout you computer guys? I know there are a few of you out there. Send us a note and say you want to be added to the list.

10M / 6M operating	K4ESA Bob, K4RNA Aaron
Antenna help	AE4CW Chuck, K4DLI Jim, W2WG Bob, WK4U Tim
Antennas, Wire	W4QO Jim, N4OSJ Greg
Antique Radio Repair	W6GB Gary, W4UOC Tom, N4OSJ Greg
ARES	W4UOC Tom, KD4NKE Shelia, AF4IA Lee, KE4QLH David
Contesting and DXing	W8BLA Verne, K3GO John, WB4MAK Mack, W5JR Mike
CW	W4QO Jim, AE4CW Chuck, KJ4HYG Chris
Digital communications	N4CUS John, WK4U Tim
Field day	AK4IK Ian
Hamfest/Service Projects	K4YJI Bill
HRD assistance	N4CUS John
License Testing	W8BLA Verne
Name badges	W4GKF Chaz

Photography	W4OO Bill
QRP and Homebrewing	W4QO Jim, WB4MAK Mack
Radio Merit badge, (Boy Scouts)	W3WL Wes, KB7WO Rich, N4DJS Dave Ritchie, W4QO Jim
Repeaters	N4CLA Fred, W5JR Mike, WB4MAK Mack, W4OO Bill
SDR Radios	WB4MAK Mack, W2FMU Ernie, AE4CW Chuck, WK4U Tim
Tech Net	N7QPP Joe, WB4MAK Mack
Training classes/HamCrams	WB4MAK Mack
Website	K4YJJ Bill
YOUTH	W4QO Jim, W3WL Wes, KJ4HYG Chris

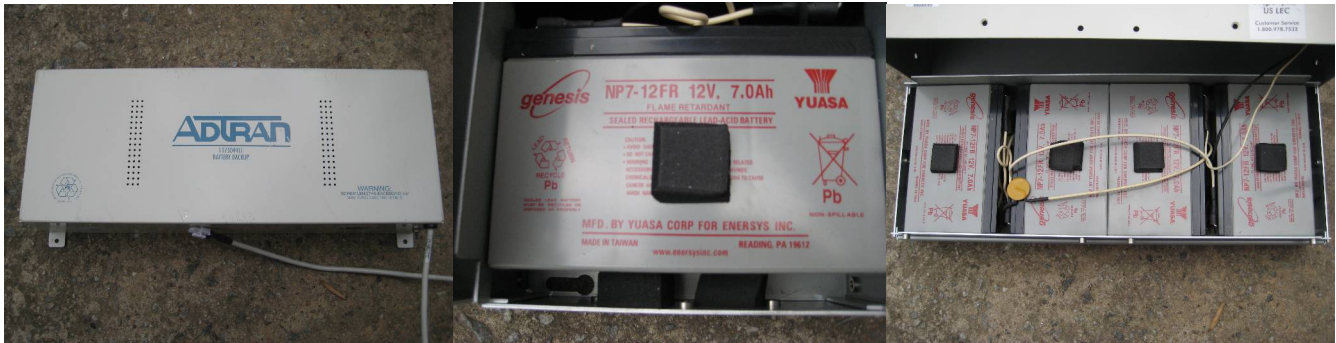
**Special Interest Group (Contesting)** - This newest **Special Interest Group** on **contesting** was hosted by **Verne W8BLA** and **Mack WB4MAK** at the home of WB4MAK on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. Details are located at <http://www.nfarl.org/contestingSIG/contestingSIG.html> . If you find that you really enjoy contesting or want to know more, then we encourage you to contact either Vern or Mack and possibly join the Southeast DX Club where you can take your learning to the next level <http://www.sedxc.org/> .

**So you think Sunspots are LOW, Listen to this** – In the morning, after you eat breakfast, how far can you communicate on 40 meters? How far can you HEAR signals on 7 MHz from Atlanta? 500 miles? 1000 miles?? California maybe??? Probably not that far – right? What if I said you CAN hear signals from thousands of miles away on 7 MHz. Would you believe me? Tune your radio to **7575** in the AM mode (8-10am Atlanta time) and you'll hear the Voice Of America (VOA) broadcasting to the Far East in their evening hours from ... Thailand. Yep, even a little bit of power (250,000 watts) can overcome the lack of sun spots. How about China? Tune your radio to **7325** (6-10am Atlanta time) and hear China Radio International directly from China. Two other interesting signals to hear on 7 MHz: Tune to **7405** (8-10am Atlanta time) and hear Radio Marti. Google it if you don't know about it. Signals are from Greenville, North Carolina, but Cuba works diligently to jam their signals. Due to propagation, sometimes we can hear Marti pretty well here in Atlanta over the jamming, although it's all in Spanish. Amazing that jamming still happens in the 21st century! Often after 10am, Radio Marti goes off the air, but the jammer is still on! Hear it for yourself. And finally, tune to **7811** (in USB mode) to hear our own AFRTS broadcasts to the U.S. military in the Caribbean area. Signals are broadcast from Key West, Florida. By the way, can anyone email me and tell me where the Latin music is coming from on **15410** and **17680**? Really great stuff. (HINT: what do you get outside in the Winter?) Oh, and if you like Mediterranean music, tune to **15630** for almost non stop Greek music. This station is on all morning and well into our afternoons. Remember, HF signals are not always reliable! One day, Thailand may hardly be heard, but the next day it's arm chair copy. Next month, we'll move into our lunch time hour and find more interesting stations to hear. Till then, best of [sun spotless] DX. Time for me to find some fresh Mediterranean olives to snack on :) Tim, WK4U. [tim\\_lemmon@yahoo.com](mailto:tim_lemmon@yahoo.com)

**Battery Packs for sale** – We are still selling 12V 7Ah Sealed Led Acid batteries. These batteries are “NEW” still in the box. The batteries are configured in 48V strings, in a metal box and in the original shipping box. They can be easily removed from the metal boxes and used as 4 individual 12V batteries or paralleled into higher current capacity 12V systems. They can be



purchased from outside sources for @ \$25 each. We are asking **\$40** for the entire package of 4 batteries. These batteries will be available at the Wednesday Lunches and the monthly meetings. I have 19 left. When these are gone, there are no more...Contact [n4cla@nfarl.org](mailto:n4cla@nfarl.org).



**Alive-After-Five** – This month the North Fulton Amateur Radio League is again going to take part in the MONTHLY event in the Historic district of Roswell which occurs on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month from April to October with a start time of 5PM and the ending time being 9PM. Last month this event happened just before our meeting, but this month it will be 2 days after our meeting, May 21, 2009. You will find storefront merchants, street vendors with specials for the evening, restaurants ready to serve your favorite meal, galleries with fabulous art and craft, and nonprofit organizations to inform and educate!. This event proves to be a good time for everyone, Ham or Not. The purpose for our NFARL involvement is to be visible to the public and to try to help inform the public just exactly what ham radio is and how it can be a help in times of disasters as well as being an interesting and fun hobby. We are looking for 3 or 4 volunteers to be present on these nights to represent our organization and to meet the public. For further information of what will be there and what / who the sponsors are, please check <http://www.aliveafterfiveroswell.com/>

**News Letter suggestions / Letters to the editor** – We are always open to suggestions, and if you know of anyone in the immediate area that you feel needs or would like to be introduced to Ham radio or to our club, please forward their email address along with their name or any other information to [eNEWS@nfarl.org](mailto:eNEWS@nfarl.org) and we will be more than happy to get them on the monthly eNEWS distribution.

### **NFARL Reflector Etiquette**

From the group moderators for your thoughtful consideration. Thanks.

- 1.** Remember that what you write is seen by over 200 subscribers so try to keep your postings as succinct as possible. We are currently running over 400 emails per month on our reflector and this is not a bad thing in any sense. Still, think twice about what you send - does it add to the "cause"?
- 2.** If the message is to announce things where a response to the originator, rather than the list, would be more appropriate, then send ONLY to the originator. This would apply to FOR SALE items, comments back and forth between two people, etc. Remember, if you simply hit the REPLY key, it goes to the entire list. You will have to pick out the email of the sender and be sure your email goes to him/her, again, IF that is what you intended.
- 3.** If you hit the REPLY key and DO intend for it to go back to the entire list, delete as much of the quoted material as you can without losing the meaning. Quoted material is what gets automatically put in your email. Many folks get their mail in a Digest and it can be overwhelming

seeing the same info bouncing back and forth attached to REPLIES. Your email software determines whether things are quoted in replies - most have it set that way.

**4.** It is fine to ask educational questions on the list, but remember you may also ask those individuals on our mentoring teams found in the eNEWS and yes, all past issues of eNEWS are on the website. Also, there is the TECH net on Mondays at 8:30 PM. And actually many questions are answered on our thorough website if you nose around. We in no way wish to discourage users of the list/reflector but we must consider that there are many "lurkers" out there that can be overwhelmed by rather trivial posts.

With that said, here are some tips for reflector users who might feel they are getting too much mail:

**1.** Most mail browsers can sort mail into folders. If you feel you are getting too much mail, you might try a folder approach, or...

**2.** You may also set your subscription to DIGEST mode which will net you about one email per day. Just go to the yahoo page for our reflector, <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/nfarl/> and right above the GREEN line with the group title, you'll see a button labeled EDIT MEMBERSHIP. Click that and select DIGEST mode. Most mail reader programs will show your title and jump directly to the messages you wish to view.

**3.** There is also the option of turning off all mail coming to you, yet retaining your membership. It is called WEB ONLY. **Please do this rather than unsubscribing from the list.** That way you can still send mail to the list but you won't receive any mail. You can read it online instead at the group URL above. However, we would suggest that you consider selecting SPECIAL NOTICES. Once in a great while, the moderator wants to send out a message of a special nature. You would still get these but nothing else. If you would like to send private comments (or questions) on this message, send to [nfarl-owner@yahogroups.com](mailto:nfarl-owner@yahogroups.com) but feel free to make your thoughts known to the entire list.

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



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