



eNEWS July 2010

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eNEWS is "what's happening" in North Fulton! Check the headlines of each item and mark your calendar. Go to arrl.org or eHAM.net for the national news, but here is your **North Fulton ARL eNEWS** for July 2010.



New Meeting Location! **Alpharetta Adult Activity Center** **Alpharetta North Park - 13450 Cogburn Road**

Summary of Upcoming Events and Dates

- **Every Wednesday** - Hungry Hams Lunch Bunch - 11:30 AM - Slopes BBQ
- **Every Sunday** - **NF ARES net** - 8:30 PM - 147.06 MHz (+ 600) & PL 100
- **Every Monday** - **Tech Net** – On sabbatical until September
- **Every Friday** - **Youth Net** - 5:00 PM - 145.47 MHz (PL 100) - Join AJ4JQ and others...
- **Second Tuesday** - **NF ARES meeting** – 7 PM at the Sandy Springs City office complex
- **VE Test Session** - **July 17** – Alpharetta Adult Activity Center, 10 AM - Noon
- **July Club Meeting** - **July 20** – **Ham Radio 2010 from Friedrichshafen, WB4MAK & W4QO**
- **Mid-Month Madness** - **July 25** – Flight of the Bumble Bees – QRP mini Field Day & QSO Party
- **August Club Meeting** - **August 17** – **VHF/UHF For Beginners, Bob Mantell, K4ESA**
- **General HamCram** - **Sept 18** – Living Science Center – Enroll now!
- **September Club Meeting** - **September 21** – **Mobile Rig Installation, Mike Roden, W5JR**

Regular Club Meeting - Tuesday, July 20, 2010 - 7:30 PM

PROGRAM: Ham Radio 2010 from Friedrichshafen.

Our two past presidents - Jim and Mack - just returned from the Hamfest in Friedrichshafen Germany called HAM RADIO 2010. Come hear a full report on their findings, fully supported by slides covering the similarities and differences between this hamfest and the Dayton Hamvention. They will also cover the trip itself via Zurich Switzerland and the countryside around the hamfest. We think you'll find it very entertaining including Jim's first experience on the German Autobahn! The July meeting is Tuesday, July 20, 7:30 PM at the Alpharetta North Park Adult Activities Center. Details on the meeting location can be found [here](#).

Pre-Meeting show & Tell: NFARL Garage Sale. The club will be offering a variety of ham radio related items that you won't be able to resist. Plus, you can bring your own items to sell. See the complete details in the article following. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. COME EARLY for the best selection and best seats!

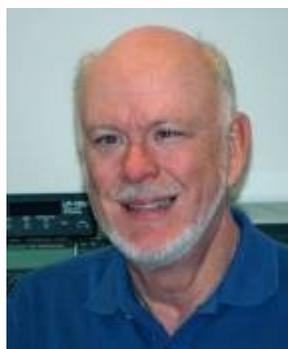
We meet here: Please note our new meeting location - **Alpharetta Adult Activity Center, Alpharetta North Park, 13450 Cogburn Road**. Turn onto North Park to reach the AAAC drive & parking lot. There is ample parking for all! Talk-in will be on 145.47. Click [here](#) for a map.

Door prizes - Toys for Techies: Bring a door prize this month! If everyone brings one good, clean item/book to give away as door prizes, then everyone will win one! Pass on your little used Ham goodies.

We Eat before We meet: **We are trying a new restaurant this month!** If you are interested in dinner before the meeting, you can join us at **Dickey's Barbecue Pit** in Alpharetta. It is located at 13075 Highway 9 N, about ¼ mile north of Fry's. Click [here](#) for a map. We meet between 5:30 and 6 PM and leave by 7 PM for the meeting which is just 5 minutes away. The meal prices are \$5 and up. Hope to see you.

Hungry Hams: Come join us at **Slopes BBQ** in Roswell, Tuesdays at 11:30 AM.!! Over 35 Hams regularly enjoy great B-B-Q and swap the latest information. Click [here](#) for a map.

President's Corner



What a GREAT Field Day! Nearly 250 NFARLiteS, guests and visitors joined us in Waller Park Extension for one of the best events ever. The food was excellent and plentiful thanks to our outstanding food team and all of you who brought an almost endless variety of side dishes and desserts. The chance to meet our extended ham families and share in the camaraderie was even better.

One of the highlights this year was the amazing activity on the GOTA (Get On The Air) station. Our new Hams, both young and older, burned up the airwaves and set a NFARL record of over 450 contacts, nearly double the contacts achieved last year! Isn't it great to see so many new Hams coming into our hobby?! Who said Ham Radio is a dying sport? Not at NFARL!!

Did anyone notice it was **HOT**? Well, thanks to the provision of Joel, W4JNM, Brian, NX9O and Lt. Robinson of the Alpharetta Fire Dept., all three of our HF stations operated in air conditioned comfort. With temperatures in the high 90's these trailers allowed us to have a safe operating environment that all could enjoy.

Band conditions were quite variable, but the operators persisted and racked up some pretty amazing scores, certainly the best in recently NFARL history. The final results are still being tabulated but your club made around 3000 contacts which is a pretty darned respectable showing for our operating class. My guess is we will be in the top 10%.

I want to say a HUGE THANK YOU to Ian, AK4IK and the entire Field Day team for helping make this a Field Day to remember.

I hope you will spend a few more minute reading the rest of this eNEWS. NFARL has a lot in the works including our youth and educators programs, HamCrams, Mid-Month Madness activities, equipment loaner program and much more. Find something that peaks you interest and dive in. The fun is great and we would love to have your participation.

73, Chuck, AE4CW

GEORGIA QSO PARTY - NFARL WINS AGAIN!

Thanks to everyone who entered the GA QSO Party as part of the NFARL club! With your help NFARL captured the Georgia Club Championship for the second year in a row. Several of our members also won plaques for winning in their category: N4NX, K4SSU, W4GKF, W4QO, and K4ESA. Our Missouri member, W7FB, almost won the US prize for QRP. The participation by our club is very outstanding. Let's do it again next year! Check out your score in the table below or go to: gqp.contesting.com to see all the scores.

Score	Call	St	Mode	Class	Pwr	TotQs	CW-Qs	CWPnts	CWMult	PH-Qs	PHPnts	PHMult
130707	N4NX	GA	MIXED	SO	LP	815	454	908	48	361	361	55
84780	K4SSU	GA	PH	SO	HP	1413	0	0	0	1413	1413	60
51471	AE4CW	GA	PH	SO	HP	903	0	0	0	903	903	57
33055	W4GKF	GA	PH	SO	LP	601	0	0	0	601	601	55
29100	NE4S	GA	MIXED	RS	HP	273	212	424	35	61	61	25
28796	KJ4HYG	GA	CW	SO	LP	313	313	626	46	0	0	0
26572	W7FB	MO	CW	SO	QRP	146	146	292	91	0	0	0
24346	W4QO	GA	CW	SO	QRP	259	259	518	46	0	0	1
20910	AK4IK	GA	PH	SO	LP	410	0	0	0	410	410	51
19504	AA4FA	GA	PH	SO	LP	424	0	0	0	424	424	46
17064	N4TOL	GA	MIXED	SO	LP	285	31	62	7	254	254	47
12300	W5JR	GA	CW	RS	LP	246	246	492	25	0	0	0
9720	K4JJ	GA	CW	RS	LP	135	135	270	36	0	0	0
9108	NZ6O	GA	MIXED	SO	LP	112	95	190	34	17	17	10
5408	K4ESA	GA	PH	RS	LP	208	0	0	0	208	208	26
2760	KU4MT	GA	MIXED	SO	LP	90	2	4	1	88	88	29
1827	K4DLI	GA	PH	SO	HP	63	0	0	0	63	63	29
1638	AJ4NT	GA	CW	SO	LP	39	39	78	21	0	0	0
1173	N4CUS	GA	MIXED	SO	LP	50	1	2	1	49	49	22
660	W4JNM	GA	PH	SO	LP	44	0	0	0	44	44	15
620	K4YJJ	GA	PH	SO	LP	31	0	0	0	31	31	20
414	KJ4JEY	GA	PH	SO	LP	46	0	0	0	46	46	9
396	KC4YBO	GA	PH	RS	LP	44	0	0	0	44	44	9
264	KJ4IXI	GA	PH	RS	LP	33	0	0	0	33	33	8
209	K4YJI	GA	PH	SO	LP	19	0	0	0	19	19	11
50	KE4UW	GA	MIXED	SO	LP	6	4	8	3	2	2	2
28	K4ZPF	GA	PH	SO	QRP	7	0	0	0	7	7	4
6	KJ4OXX	GA	PH	SO	LP	6	0	0	0	6	6	1
4	KD4ICT	IN	PH	SO	LP	2	0	0	0	2	2	2

Alive After 5 - Thursday, July 15

Join us in downtown Roswell along side the Go With The Flow store to help us with ***Sidewalk Radio*** - telling the public about ham radio and NFARL. Each month we feature some aspect of amateur radio. This month it will be Morse Code. Kids love to send their names in CW and win a stick of bubble gum! We'll have working 2M and HF stations. So come by and help us or just enjoy a cool bottle of water between 5 and 9 PM. We have loads of fun.



Oldest NFARL member begins study for Extra Class!



Jimmy Fitzpatrick, W4VRX, our 93 year old member who we often see at club events such as Hungry Hams is looking into getting his EXTRA class license. In order to help him, our club secretary Bill, K4YJI called Gordon West, WB6NOA, and asked if he would donate a set of his 6 Extra Class Study CDs for Jimmy to study and he did! W4VRX is blind and in assisted living but really loves to talk ham radio. We think it is a great gesture for Gordo to come through with the CDs. If you hear Jimmy on the repeater, be sure to ask him how his studying is coming along. And thanks to good guy

Gordon West for the donation. Show your appreciation by using his study guides to upgrade.

Mid Month Madness

Sunday, July 25 - 1PM to 5PM - Flight of the Bumblebees

Club members are invited to attend a mini-Field Day at [Lieta Thompson Park](#) on Woodstock Road, just west of the Target Shopping Center and west of Hardscrabble Road. We'll be setting up some QRP stations to work the Flight of the Bumblebees QSO party. K4JJ has been assigned Bumble Bee number 125 and KJ4HE's number is 137. We'll be everywhere and YOU can operate. Yes, it will be CW but we'll also have a SSB station set up for you to use to make contacts. Don't get on much from your "antenna restricted town house with no trees?" This is your chance to get some fresh air and operate. Mark your calendars ... more details to follow....



GENERAL CLASS HamCram set for September 18

NFARL's next HamCram will be of the General Class variety on Sept. 18 at the [Living Science Center](#) on North Arnold Mill Road. Full details are on the website and you do need to register. The cost is \$25 which covers the exam fee (\$15) and a pizza lunch/soft drinks/water all day/etc! People doubt you can learn enough for the General test in one day - YOU CAN'T! You must do preparation work for 3 weeks (minimum) prior to the HamCram Saturday. You should go ahead and get a General Class study guide of some variety (Gordon West?) and begin going through it. Also, once you enroll, you will receive a link to "Crib Notes" which you must study intently prior to the class. Sign up now for the HamCram - General Class. And don't forget that our local North Fulton Library branches and our own Club "Library" may have study guides you can use; just check.



July Pre-meeting - Garage Sale! 7 to 7:30 PM



We'll have some tables to set up things for sale from your excess. This includes the club's excess stuff we've accumulated. Many items will actually be free or you can throw some money in the coffee can if you feel like it! Members may also bring a limited amount of stuff that will fit in say a 2 foot section of table with prices and callsign clearly marked. No FULL GARAGE EMPTYING PLEASE and no item over \$20! And again your FREE items are encouraged. If you sell some stuff, you might also throw a little in the club "kitty". Nickel, dime, 50c - let's keep it fun and "cheap"!

NFARL PROMOTES YOUTH with new YOUTH INCENTIVE PROGRAM (YIP)

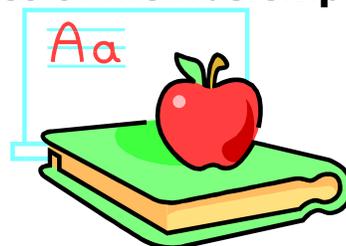
We're introducing some new activities for our YOUTH members to encourage them in the hobby. We have had for some time free membership for those (licensed or unlicensed) YOUTH members under 18. They do have to fill out a membership form and indicate that they wish to apply as a YOUTH member. Now we're going even further. Take a look at what our YOUTH can attain:

1. Attend a NFARL VE test session and pass - get a FREE NFARL Tee Shirt
2. Attend 3 NFARL meetings and get a FREE NFARL name badge.
3. Check into the NFARL YOUTH net 6 times and get a wooden callsign plaque.
4. Learn CW and pass the 5 WPM test and get a FREE electronic keyer kit.

Other levels may be added in the future. Just give us some ideas. Remember NFARL PROMOTES YOUTH!

NFARL honors Ham Teachers with new EDUCATOR class of membership

Starting immediately all active teachers who are licensed amateur radio operators may join NFARL for FREE! You must be a certified teacher with a current amateur radio license and be teaching in some capacity. Just go on the website into the MART page and fill out an application form. You do not pay dues but you must send an email to n4cla@nfarl.org explaining what you teach, where you teach, and any other info you'd like to offer about your work. And it goes without saying that any teacher may ask for help of a ham radio nature from the club. We can provide speakers, mentors, and science programs if scheduled.



Ideas for your consideration - NFARL LOAN-AROUND PROGRAM by Jim Stafford, W4QO

As youth/school coordinator for NFARL, I would like to mention something you may not have thought about. We are getting many new youth members in the club (and also are assisting school clubs as well). In our excitement over meeting a new ham, we sometimes offer to give this new ham a piece of equipment, even a nice HF transceiver. This is certainly a great gesture, and you can absolutely do what you want with your equipment, but let me give you an alternative - donate the equipment to the NFARL club and let us administer it as part of our **Loan-Around Program** to the long term benefit of all concerned.

Here are some reasons why:

1. You may not be aware of all the youth/schools that we are working with or who have just come on board. Just because you hear of an "opportunity" that could use a radio, you may not be aware that four other "opportunities" that have been waiting longer, have more exposure, or have higher classes of licenses where the equipment could be more fully used. Even if you prefer to have the rig used in a specific situation, we can handle that for you - you can designate where you want the equipment to be used and we can make that happen.
2. People and schools move on and may acquire their own equipment of say a later vintage, or may (heaven forbid) lose interest. What happens to your equipment? If it is a loaner from the club, the equipment can be moved to the next "opportunity". Otherwise it is often stranded and sits on the shelf collecting dust. If you would like multiple examples, talk to me personally. I have been doing this for over 25 years.
3. Equipment may need minor (or major) repairs or instruction on using the equipment. Who will do this? Are you "close enough" geographically or capable of doing what's required to keep the

youth on the air. Equipment owned by the club will be managed by the club, perhaps even with a substitute rig during repairs or in many cases a simpler rig to use than the one you donate. It depends on the person and situation.

4. While not always a big thing for you - when you donate to the club, you can write it off your taxes as we are now 501c3. We'll give you a letter for your tax file.

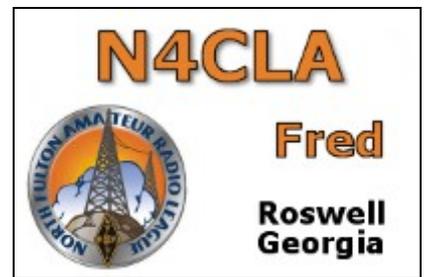
5. We have equipment already in our "pool" that a person can use and we try to get the right equipment to the right "opportunity" so as to maximize the good for everyone. Will your rig also require an antenna tuner? We have some in our pool. How about a telegraph key? We have those as well. Mic? Same thing. Is your rig too complex to use in say a school environment?

So if you have equipment that you would like to see being used, why not donate it to the club for "loan" to new hams - young AND old. If you would like to discuss specific opportunities, give me a call (phone on website under DONATIONS) or email me at w4qo@nfarl.org You may also donate funds to be used in our "loan around" program. Thank you for all your support.

Jim Stafford, W4QO

Name badges

If you have been considering ordering your NFARL Name Badge, now would be an ideal time to do it. We just sent another order off for 13 more badges last week. These badges have magnetic backs so they will not poke holes in your clothing, they are NOT etched badges, they are made using a photographic full color process and the information on the badge will NOT wear off. This is an example of what the badge will look like, but with rounded corners and NO black border. So if you are interested, they are \$9.00 ea. All you have to do is go to www.nfarl.org/mart in and click on the badge icon. We accept PayPal, personal credit cards, and checks sent to the club mailbox,



NFARL, PO Box 1741, Roswell, GA., 30077. See me at the meeting or go to the mart and make your order.

ARRL Membership



Thank you for supporting our National organization, ARRL. Our current percentage of ARRL membership in the club is now at **74.9%** down from **80.5%** last month, that represents 209 ARRL members out of 279 club members. We highly encourage you to become an ARRL member and support your National organization. These are the people that help protect our/your frequency allocations with the FCC. They also provide a nice monthly publication for your membership. It is called QST. If you are not a member of the ARRL, please consider supporting them. You can join or renew your ARRL membership through NFARL. You can make your ARRL membership renewals at www.nfarl.org/mart . If you renew directly with the ARRL, thank you, but please send me an email to n4cla@nfarl.org indicating that you did renew so we can update your club record and also keep current on the memberships.

NFARL Membership

We currently have 279 active members as of the writing of this newsletter. The following members have joined since the first of the year. The list is sorted by the newest members, then alphabetically by CALL sign. **Please our newest members the next time you see them.**

fname	lname	call	mbr since	role	class
Dave	Kirschner	K4BWV	2010-06	NFARL Full Member	Extra
Dawn	Redd	KB3UUD	2010-06	NFARL Youth Member	Technician
Chris	McBride	KI4APG	2010-06	NFARL Full Member	Technician
Stephen	Schreiman	KJ4MWF	2010-06	NFARL Full Member	General
Samuel	Ernst-Fortin	KJ4VPI	2010-06	NFARL Full Member	Technician
Christian	Kuhtz	KJ4VPK	2010-06	NFARL Full Member	Technician
Jacob	Caldwell	KJ4VWL	2010-06	NFARL Youth Member	Technician
Jessie	Gay	KJ4VWO	2010-06	NFARL Youth Member	Technician
Blake	Muscara	KJ4VWS	2010-06	NFARL Youth Member	Technician
Kenneth	Perry	KJ4VWT	2010-06	NFARL Full Member	Technician
Justin	Wolozin	KJ4VWW	2010-06	NFARL Youth Member	Technician
Richard	Weinstein	K1EKF	2010-05	NFARL Full Member	Advanced
John	Law	KB4QXI	2010-05	NFARL Full Member	General
Albert	Miles	KG4VIB	2010-05	NFARL Full Member	Extra
Jeffrey	Anderson	KJ4TMP	2010-05	NFARL Youth Member	Technician
Al	Savio	N2OBH	2010-05	NFARL Full Member	Extra
Wayne	Rand	W4CJV	2010-05	NFARL Full Member	Extra
Christopher	Fowler	K4FH	2010-04	NFARL Full Member	Extra
Tom	McMurrain	K4YFA	2010-04	NFARL Full Member	General
Jack	Nelson	K5FSE	2010-04	NFARL Full Member	Extra
Charlotte	Nelson	KJ4EDM	2010-04	NFARL Family Member	Technician
Bob	Flavin	KJ4SPK	2010-04	NFARL Full Member	Technician
Don	Nesbitt	N4HH	2010-04	NFARL Full Member	Extra
Ron	StJean	NZ6O	2010-04	NFARL Full Member	Extra
Allen L.	Shulman	W4ALS	2010-04	NFARL Full Member	Extra
Neal	Blochinger	W4LKL	2010-04	NFARL Full Member	Extra
Lawrence	Stewart	KA2HJH	2010-03	NFARL Full Member	General
Andy	Craig	KJ4SJJ	2010-03	NFARL Full Member	General
Chris	Caldwell	W4CCH	2010-03	NFARL Full Member	General
Tom	Redmon	W4MVP	2010-03	NFARL Full Member	Extra
Robert	Gross	KE3EM	2010-02	NFARL Full Member	Advanced
Stuart	Williams	KJ4RTD	2010-02	NFARL Full Member	General
Jonathan	Kiger	KJ4RWS	2010-02	NFARL Youth Member	Technician
Steve	Kaney	N7MUT	2010-02	NFARL Full Member	Extra
David	Kuechenmeister	WB8LRL	2010-02	NFARL Full Member	General
Shelly	Phillips	AB1CD	2010-01	NFARL Family Member	Extra
Jim & Shelly	Phillips	AB2CD	2010-01	NFARL Full Member	Extra
Hermann	Wagner	DL8MCP / AJ4ZS	2010-01	NFARL Hon Member	Extra
Mike	Combs	K4LMS	2010-01	NFARL Full Member	Extra
Bruce	Snyder	KC4BB	2010-01	NFARL Full Member	Extra
Carl	Alper	KD4UGA	2010-01	NFARL Full Member	Technician
Neil	Holland	KJ4QJY	2010-01	NFARL Family Member	Technician
William	Helbig	KJ4RBJ	2010-01	NFARL Full Member	Technician
Lanier	Deal, Jr	KJ4RSW	2010-01	NFARL Full Member	Technician
Steve	Garrison	N4SEG	2010-01	NFARL Full Member	Extra
Ron	Gill	NV4U	2010-01	NFARL Full Member	Extra

This is just a friendly reminder regarding your NFARL and ARRL memberships. It has now been 59 weeks ago that we moved all of our membership to the NFARL.ORG web site from the QuickBooks environment. We have tried to make sure that all the bits and bytes are in their proper places for each membership record. You should now be receiving automatic renewal notification for your NFARL and ARRL memberships 30 days before your membership expires, and then one after it does expire. This should give you plenty of time to renew on line before your expiration occurs. However, as with all database migrations, there will be exceptions. If you feel that your name is not on the membership roles, and should be, or it is incorrectly categorized, please send a note to n4cla@nfal.org. The other piece of this is that your name will automatically fall off the membership roles exactly 365 days after the expiration date. You can, however, automatically renew your membership at any time prior to the expiration and the renewal is just added to the current expiration date. Please, if you change your email address or are not sure that it is correct, or you have a question about why you are not receiving notifications you can check this by logging into www.nfarl.org/mart. and verifying that your email address is correct

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Club Repeaters

145.470 (-) Echolink Node 381631	100 Hz	Sweet Mtn
147.060 (+) Primary ARES repeater	100 Hz	Roswell WaterTower
224.620 (-) Joint Venture with the MATPARC club	100 Hz	Sweet Mtn
443.150 (+)	No Tone	Roswell WaterTower
444.475(+)	100 Hz	Sweet Mtn
927.0125(-)	146.2 Hz	Sweet Mtn



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