

**Happy New Year** - Well here we are, now approaching the second week in the new year of 2007. Christmas has come and gone. It seemed like it happened at the blink of an eye. You know, this happens to you the older you get. Time goes by faster and faster each year. Can you remember when you were a youngster, you always wanted things to get here sooner. You wanted time to go faster. Now you are probably saying that you wish time would go by just a little bit slower. Well sorry, that is the way it is. Can't change it.

**NFARL Christmas Party** - I would like to personally thank those of you that came to the Christmas party at my house, and brought a gift for a child. Those gifts went to the Children's hospital, Scottish Rite, also now known as [Children's Healthcare of Atlanta](#) down at "Pill Hill" for those children that were not fortunate enough to be home for Christmas. We personally do not know who they specifically went to, but I am sure that the hospital staff delivered them to some needy child that had to spend Christmas in the hospital.

**Meeting Information** - January 16, 2007 is approaching. It will be our first 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, **January 16, 2007** That is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month.***

This link is for directions the meeting site

<http://tinyurl.com/yhd25e>

Our guest speaker this month will be *Robin Cutshaw*

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He will be presenting the ICOM approach to the new digital communications

***NFARL Yahoo Group*** - One more thing, we are trying to get our NFARL membership as well as friends of NFARL, to become members of the NFARL yahoogroup. To become a member of that mailing list, just send a blank message to: [nfarl-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto: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, 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.

You don't actually have to have a Yahoo ID to be a yahoo group member to send/receiver messages. However, you DO have to have a Yahoo ID if you intend on reading the archives online, looking at photos, etc.

***NFARL FUN EVENT*** - NFARL is committed to having some FUN stuff each month outside the meetings. For example, we had a 60M TEST last month and had 8 check-ins. We want to do it again. However, we want to try it during the day. The best time seems to be Sunday, Jan. 14 at 3PM. We will meet on channel 2 of the 60M band plan - 5348 KHz (center freq). See:

<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/faq-60.html#two>

**GARS Techfest this Saturday** - GARS Techfest Jan. 13 It is entirely free INCLUDING the chili!! This figures to be a ton of fun. Car pool anyone?? **N4CLA** Fred [n4cla@nfarl.org](mailto:n4cla@nfarl.org) , **W4QO** Jim [w4qo@nfarl.org](mailto:w4qo@nfarl.org) and **KJ4HE** Walt [kj4he@nfarl.org](mailto:kj4he@nfarl.org) are planning on going to represent NFARL. Please email one of us if you wish to hitch a ride. We will also have a table there. Any others want to join in?

You can do any type of display as long as it involves Amateur Radio. Alford Memorial will be there, SEDX will be there and ARC is invited. There will be small table signs for each group.

There is no fee, and a free lunch. **Attn Chuck Daley** **KD4LXQ!!!!** Does someone have a Chili formula they are proud of that they can enter for the Chili Cook-off Contest. Entries need to be in a crock pot and entered before 11:00.

Anyone interested can come for the TailGate starting at 8:00 Set up at 9:00 TechFest starts at 10:00.

More on TechFest is on the GARS web site. see: <http://www.gars.org/>

**That's all for now** - Maybe we will see you at the next meeting, or on 60 meters, or at the GARS TechFest or at a couple of these events.