



eNEWS - JULY, 2007

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 July.

Summary of upcoming events and dates (for those who are so busy they don't have time to read the entire eNEWS)!

Every Wednesday - Hungry Hams Lunch Bunch - 11:45 AM - Slopes BBQ

Every Sunday - NF ARES net - 7:30PM - 145.47 Mhz

Every Friday - NFARL Techs on Ten Net - 9 PM - 28.470 Mhz

North Fulton ARES meeting - Tuesday - July 17 - 6:30PM

NFARL July meeting - Tuesday, July 17 - 7:30 PM

Huntsville Hamfest - August 18 & 19 - NFARL will have a table - **FIELD TRIP!**

NFARL August meeting - Tuesday - August 21 - 7:30 PM

ARES Meeting - July 17 - 6:30 PM - Tom Koch, W4UOC, Emergency Coordinator for North Fulton, conducting. Every ham is welcome. See: <http://www.nfares.org/> Did you know that the No. Fulton ARES **net** meets on 145.47 each Sunday at 7:30PM? Everyone check in and meet your ARES members/leaders. Give back a little (or a lot) to this great hobby - join ARES!

Regular Club Meeting - July 17 - 7:30 PM - Walt, KJ4HE and Jim, W4QO, will "co-anchor" a program on ***QSLing from A to Z***. Walt and Jim are putting some effort into making this a real informative program. Everything from what has to be on a QSL, how to fill out a QSL, how to get DX QSL cards, what is eQSL and LoTW. Now read the fine print here - it will be up to you to help make this program a success. How you ask? 3 things -

First, bring a current QSL to donate to the club - your personal QSL card as we want to get every club member's QSL on the web.

Second, bring an interesting QSL to share during SHOW AND TELL. This could be a great contact, a neat looking QSL card, or one that has sentimental value. Each person will have one minute to tell about the card to pass around. You will get this one back!

Third, bring about 2 dozen QSLs to trade at the end of the meeting. QSLs from your fellow club members will be some of your most treasured memories down the road. Bring a pen to sign and date them as you trade them. This means IF you want to receive cards you need to bring some to trade!

Meeting Location: Behind Alpharetta Fire Station #1 at 2970 Webb Bridge Road. Directions: <http://tinyurl.com/yhd25e> As you know, we are getting 35-40 at the meetings so throw in a folding camp chair if you have one. ***Door prizes- Toys for Techies - Bring good, clean items to give away as door prizes.***

Hungry Hams Lunch Bunch each Wednesday @11:45 - Members are congregating at the **Slope's BBQ on Crossville Road** each Wednesday. Come join us. Bring a friend. Slope's is just EAST of Crabapple Road on Crossville in Roswell. Good to see 7 last WED!

Field Day 2007 - Well, things like "a good time was had by all" and "had a wonderful time, wish you had been there" don't quite say enough about FD. Here are some stats: 50 attendees, 3 stations (3A GA), best FD picnic in GA, 1037 contacts, every state but Alaska. BUT the real winners were each of us who participated. There are so many great "stories" such as 12 year old David Lemcoe whose eyes were as big as half dollars seeing and operating our setup, the "talk of the town" generator provided by Randy N4ZAZ, the almost military precision of the "tent setup team", Ray N5DVC showing up after he heard the announcement on the "47" repeater, our special FD button designed by kids at the Davis Academy and produced by Dave, KE4UMT, PSK-31 hysteria by KB4KBS and KI4VQQ! Share more of your stories on the club's yahoo reflector, please - simply send an email to nfarl@yahoogroups.com AND a special thank you to Steve, KC4YBO, for organizing this event for the **NEW** NFARL, the best little (not little for long) radio club in North Fulton!

Huntsville Hamfest - August 18 - Hamfest Team Leader Lee, AF4IA, is working on getting us a table at the BIG Huntsville Fest. NOTE: This is the 2007 ARRL National Convention - come meet your workers from the league who will be bringing a huge display they had at Dayton called the EXPO. NFARL will have a table and we'd like to have you join us to help and have FUN! A group plans to go over on Friday and stay overnight, coming home Saturday evening. But you can come over early Saturday too! Some may take a trip to the Space Museum Friday. An interest sheet will be passed around at the meeting. We'll be selling the club CD - ***NFARL Nuggets 2007*** If you do not have your copy, they are \$5 for club members and \$10 for others. If you would like one mailed, you could send the money to **N4CLA**. For a summary of what is on the CD, check out the files section of the [NFARL yahoo groups files](#).

Membership - With N4CLA back from Africa, he tells us that we now stand at 86 members. We need your help to ***Hit A Hundred!*** which is our goal for the year. If you have that renewal setting around, why not mail it in. If you are "thinking about joining" go ahead - we don't bite. \$20 is not too much for what we are trying to provide you from our club. If it's a second family member, it's only \$5. You do NOT have to be a ham to join NFARL, you have to just want to help us. We have a long list of initiatives ahead - some changes in our repeater systems, build-it parties, more field trips, shack visits this fall, etc. Bring a friend to the meeting - we think it's a slam dunk!

This will take action on a number of fronts - old members to renew, telling others you know about the club (we have a small business card you should carry to give out which you can pick up at the meetings), invite someone to the lunch bunch on Wednesdays.

Mid Month Madness - We try to do something each month between meetings. We have the organized trip to the Huntsville Hamfest before the next meeting but we also have an "event" that we're promoting - the **NAQP RTTY contest** on July 21 from 2PM to 6PM (local time). The contest actually runs for a total of 12 hours. See: <http://www.ncjweb.com/naqprules.php> This will be a mini-contest among NFARL club members and a way to test out that new digital interface and software. Many were excited after FD to get their digital stuff working. (Secret: it's not that difficult) If you still need help, we have club Elmers who will eagerly help you. The same interface that does PSK-31 will do RTTY and what better way to test it than during a contest. I plan to open my shack that Saturday PM to anyone who would like to try this mode. I'm also inviting a couple youngsters over to experience "not your daddy's ham radio". If you'd like to bring a neighbor kid or just drop by yourself, send w4qo@nfarl.org a note. Oh, and send me how many QSOs you made during this mini-contest if you would. First place prize - a trip to Hawaii for 4 (chipmunks - one way)!

Joining our Yahoo list - You're probably already signed up if you're getting this but in case you're not, here's how to be a part of the NFARL mailing list. Send a message with your name and callsign in the body to: nfarl-subscribe@yahoogroups.com Now if you would also like to read the archives online, see projects from club members, etc, you may go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/nfarl> and click the **JOIN THIS GROUP** in upper right, and just follow the instructions from there. Come on, join the group. You don't have to be a member of NFARL to join the group. We would like to thank those of you that have become NFARL-YAHOO members.

Feedback - Have some news? Did you upgrade? Get a new callsign? Any new hams out there - let us know at info@nfarl.org Need to contact us?

Repeater Status - Some of you may have noticed that the 145.47 repeater was rather deaf while I was gone. Steve Mays, KS4KJ and Jim Stafford, W4QO attempted to fix the deafness while I was gone but were basically unsuccessful. Last Monday, Jim and I went up to take a closer look at the receiver and found that the preamp on the receiver had been damaged by what appears to have been a near lightning strike. The preamp was removed and the receiver tuned up a little bit and all seems to be OK now. Thank you for your patience. I will be attempting to get 444.475 and 147.06 back on the air now that I have a little more time on my hands.

Sad news - I received notice today, 07/13/2007, that Hal Myers K4JHM's wife, Mary went to be with the Lord in the last 24 hours. There will be a viewing at the Roswell Funeral Home, 590 Mimosa Blvd, Roswell - (770) 993-4811 on Monday from 6PM to 8PM and her service will be held at the Roswell United Methodist Church @ 2PM Tuesday in the Chapel located at 814 Mimosa Boulevard - Roswell, GA 30075, Phone: 770.993.6218

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Club Repeater - 145.47 (-600khz) - No Tone!

147.060 (+600khz) and 444.475 (+5.0mhz) currently off the air. Back soon!

Backup - MATPARC - 145.41 (-.600) – No Tone!