



# eNEWS January 2008

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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](http://ARRL.org) or [eHAM.net](http://eHAM.net)! Here's your **North Fulton ARL eNEWS for December.**

## Summary of upcoming events and dates

- **Every Wednesday** - Hungry Hams Lunch Bunch - 11:45 AM - Slopes BBQ
- **Every Sunday** - NF **ARES** net - 8:30PM - 145.47 Mhz
- **FEB. 19** - Regular Club Meeting - Topic: **Repeaters** - what's here and what's coming, what do they do, how do they do it.
- **FEB. 23** - 10AM - **VE Testing Session** - Regular meeting location. Upgrade now! Thanks to W8BLA, the club will again start testing for ham licenses. Tell your friends or anyone!

## Annual Christmas Party - a big success!

We had about 55 people at the Christmas party and it appeared that folks had a great time and plenty of food. Dave, KD4FKY, provided some neat magic and Cathy Moore (at the piano) lead carols. Thanks to all who came, brought food, brought children's gifts; and a big special thanks to Bob Beeman, K4BB, for getting the location which all agreed was top notch. See you next year!

## Regular Club Meeting - Jan. 15 -7:30 PM

**DX101** - Our speaker - **Wes Lamboley, W3WL**, will "teach" his mini-course on how to DX for the beginner. Don't miss this one. Wes has been on several DXpeditions and is a long time DXer. He gave this talk at the Huntsville Hamfest in August and we are excited to have NFARL and SE DX Club member, Wes, as our speaker this month. **Don't forget to bring your camp chair, please.**



**Meeting Location: EOC** - Located behind the Alpharetta Fire Station #1 at 2970 Webb Bridge Road, Alpharetta, GA. Where? Go to this map: <http://tinyurl.com/yhd25e>

**Door prizes- Toys for Techies** - If everyone **brings one** good, clean item/book to give away as door prizes, then everyone will win one!! + World Radio magazine subscription, + Gift Certificate from HRO



## Mid-Month Madness - Feb. 2 - 10 AM to 12:30

**Shack Visit - WB4MAK** Ok, you asked us to bring back this popular MMM event so here it is. Mack has agreed to open his shack on FEB. 1 so all can see what he has up his sleeve! He is on the air from HF all the way to 1296 MHz and he is on D Star. Digital modes? He has those too. His shack is located at 310 Dancers Way in Alpharetta.

For a map go to: <http://tinyurl.com/2lxtyw>. More details to follow, stay tuned.

### ***ARES Meeting - Jan. 15, 6:30PM***

All ARES members (and others who might be interested) are requested to continue to study the FEMA courses and get their certificates. Report your progress at the January meeting. Give back a little (or a lot) to this great hobby with your show of support for EmComm and **ARES**. To join the reflector: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/nfares/> Website: [www.nfares.org](http://www.nfares.org)

### ***Election of officers for 2008 -***

Come vote for your officers for this year. The proposed slate is as follows:

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| <b><i>President</i></b>         | <b><i>W4QO</i></b>                     |
| <b><i>VP</i></b>                | <b><i>WB4MAK</i></b>                   |
| <b><i>Sec/Treas</i></b>         | <b><i>N4CLA</i></b>                    |
| <b><i>Program Chmn</i></b>      | <b><i>KJ4HE</i></b>                    |
| <b><i>Exec team members</i></b> | <b><i>W4UOC AF4IA KC4YBO KS4KJ</i></b> |

Nominations are always accepted from the floor, however, campaign finance rules do limit you to spending no more than \$1000 on advertising to seek an office in the club so try to hold it down.



***Repeater News!*** - The replacement for the 147.06 repeater is complete and it has been installed. It features the same new controller as was installed on the 444.475 machine. It is located on the water tower in downtown Roswell where it shares space with the co-op machine from MATPARC on 443.150. We currently have the radio in hand that will be used as the replacement for the 145.47 repeater. Crystals are on order, and the controller card is also on order. Once the crystals and controller are received, the work will begin on completing the 145.47 radio conversion. I just want to say thanks for all the help I have received over the last year in rebuilding these club repeaters, as well as standing by the club. There are still bigger plans in the works for all the NFARL repeaters.

***Hungry Hams Lunch Bunch each Wednesday @11:45*** - Members are congregating at the **Slope's BBQ on Crossville Road** each Wednesday. Bring a friend. Slope's is just EAST of Crabapple Road on Crossville in Roswell. **One note: when you go through the line, be sure to ask them to print a receipt and include it in the Radio Club stack. The club fund gets 10% back!!**

***Membership*** - We'd like to thank everyone for joining the club and helping us "Hit a Hundred" by year end. We are currently at 110! Our goal is for 2008? **150!!**

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 say May 22, your renewal 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. Lastly, we are currently working to make it possible for you to make an online payment, thereby reducing the effort of writing a check, placing it in an envelope, then finding a stamp and getting it to the post office. Hopefully the way we plan to have it work is when you receive your electronic invoice, there will be a hot link in the email that will take you directly to the Pay Now icon

**ARRL Membership-** Currently 71% of the NFARL membership are members of the ARRL. My goal here is not to coerce you to become a member of the ARRL if you currently are not a member, however, if you do have plans to become a New member or to renew your membership in the ARRL, PLEASE use our club as your conduit for your ARRL affiliation. If you will use NFARL to process your membership, NFARL stands to make a few \$ for every membership that that we process. You have nothing to loose and NFARL has everything to gain.

**Joining our Yahoo reflector** - 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](mailto:nfarl-subscribe@yahoogroups.com). Check out the new club photo at the reflector home page: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/nfarl/>

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| <b>Club Repeater's</b>   |                        |  |
| <b>145.470</b>           | No Tone (yet)          | Sweat Mtn  |
| <b>147.060</b>           | <b>100 Hz</b>          | Roswell WaterTower   |
| <b>443.150</b>           | No Tone                | Roswell WaterTower<br>(MATPARC/NFARL)  |
| <b>444.475</b>           | <b>100 Hz</b>          | Sweat Mtn  |

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