



eNEWS JUNE 2008

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Here's your **North Fulton ARL eNEWS for June 2008.**



Field Day Edition

Full details at the June meeting - June 17 - 7:30 PM - EOC - Be there!

Field Day (June 28/29) will again be held at Waller Park Extension. The location is 198 Dobbs Drive, Roswell, GA, 30075, off OXBO Road. Go to www.nfarl.org/fieldDay.html for a map of the location.

We will have the following stations in operation this year: 40M Phone, 20M Phone, All band CW, Digital, GOTA, and VHF/UHF. Your FD captains - KC4YBO and AK4IK - have worked hard to get bonus points and are working with our FOOD captain Shelia - KD4NKE - to have a really great dinner Saturday evening around 6 PM - bring the entire family for some good eatin' -see www.nfarl.org for info.

We also need at least 12 folks to sign up for **each** of the stations to keep them running throughout the night. Remember, the idea behind **Field Day** is to **test and demonstrate our equipment and skills in an "emergency" type environment**, to ourselves as well as the non Ham/Amateur that would depend on our expertise. So we all need to stretch ourselves to work these very NICE early morning shifts (such as 2AM). That means we'd need to shoot for 72 people to take 2 hour shifts to cover all the stations. Of course, some of you will likely do 4 or

even 6 hour shifts - great! But here is the point. Try to take a couple hours of "prime" time and a couple of the "off shift" times so we can get as many as possible involved. The point is, you need to sign up NOW. Tell the captains what mode and generally what time(s) you can operate. Send an email to ak4ik@farl.org ASAP.

Experience **GOTA - Get on the AIR!** Coaches and other helpers will be available for **you**. This station is for all of our "newbies" (anyone licensed since last year's Field Day) and "oldies who have not worked HF in the past 2 years". There are a lot of you out there that fit this category. This is your opportunity to help your club and a HUGE incentive for those of you that fit this category. It means that by you sitting down and operating GOTA, the club gets LOTS of extra/bonus points for those making contacts on the GOTA station. Basically, for every contact you make on the GOTA station, you can make 2 to 3 times the points for us for every contact you make. If you have not been very active in the hobby, you may qualify to take part in this annual event with your club at GOTA, now is the time to come out and have some fun, show your support and if you come around dinner, guess what? You can eat too. So come on out and sign up

for a GOTA tour and then for a "regular" tour on one of the other stations. You don't even have to be licensed if there is a control OP available so bring out your friends, your kids, your grandkids, wives, etc.

Field Day PINS - The first 80 who show up will take away one of our collectible FD pins specially designed for NFARL (above right). So even if you can only come to eat, or make a surprise visit, be sure to sign in and get your pin. Wear your NFARL shirts and caps if you have them too. There is an effort to have various and interesting **technologies** for show at FD. This would

include a HEX BEAM, a VOICE KEYS, an Elecraft K3 transceiver, a (digital) PSK 31 station, a GAP vertical, a ZL Special beam, and much more - all the more reason to join the fun at the **2008 NFARL Field Day**.

Now there is one more thing that would really be appreciated, can you PLEASE RSVP to ak4ik@nfarl.org and indicate how many people will be in your party for the 6PM dinner. This is really necessary for the food preparation. Oh BTW, Emily Post would really be proud of you if you did this. It's just the nice and polite thing to do.

SETUP and TAKE DOWN - Your help is also needed here: You can help **setup (8AM Saturday - June 28)** Or you can help **take down (2PM Sunday, June 29) or both** - Or you can you help with food?, or you can operate? Please let the captains know of your intentions - NOW!

You can also help with bonus points. You may say, What's that? There are various ways to collect 100 bonus points. Do you realize that it would take 100 individual contacts in some cases to reach 100 points. So BONUS points are very valuable. Each category is listed below and basically what it takes to acquire:

- 7.3.1. 100% Emergency Power:** 100 points per station-We will be on generators -100%.
- 7.3.2. Media Publicity:** 100 points.
- 7.3.3. Public Location:** 100 points.
- 7.3.4. Public Information Table:** 100 points - Public Information Table
- 7.3.5. Message Origination to Section Manager:** 100 points for origination of a National Traffic System (NTS) style formal message to the ARRL Section Manager **<- HELP!!**
- 7.3.6. Message Handling:** 10 points for each formal NTS style originated, relayed or received and delivered during the Field Day period, up to a maximum of 100 points
- 7.3.7. Satellite QSO:** 100 points for at least one QSO via a satellite. Stations are limited to one (1) completed QSO on any single channel FM satellite.
- 7.3.8. Alternate Power:** 100 points for five QSOs "alternate" energy
- 7.3.9. W1AW Bulletin:** 100 points for copying the special Field Day bulletin **<- HELP!!**
- 7.3.10. Educational activity bonus:** One (1) 100 point bonus may be claimed if your Field Day operation includes a specific educational-related activity. **<- HELP!!**
- 7.3.11. Site Visitation by an elected governmental official:** One (1) 100-point bonus
- 7.3.12. Site Visitation by a representative of an agency:** One (1) 100-point bonus
- 7.3.13. GOTA Bonus. Class A and F stations operating a GOTA station may earn the following bonus points:** When a GOTA operator successfully completes 20 QSOs, they receive 20 bonus points. If there is a coach during these QSOs, 20 points.

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As you can see we could get over 1500 bonus points for doing our homework! A good score in Field Day is 3000 to 4000 point so bonus points play a large part in the final score.... Help is needed in all of the above areas but especially the ones marked <- **HELP!!**

Field Day is a GROUP effort, so come on out and be part of the winning team effort.

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) - See details on page 3.
- **Mid Month Madness -- Field Day** -June 28-29 -Waller Park Extension - www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/fd/

Regular Club Meeting - June 17 -7:30 PM - First things first - don't forget to bring your **camp chair**. **June program** - Echolink Tutorial - Mack, WB4MAK and Field Day - KC4YBO and AK4IK. Following a short tutorial and "manners" discussion about Echolink, the remainder of the evening will address our FD plans.

By the way, if you are interested, you can join us for dinner at the Alpha Soda on Haynes Bridge Road in the shopping center, just south of Hwy 120 (Milton Parkway). We meet at 6PM and leave @ 7PM. It is about 5 minutes from the Fire Station.

We meet here: EOC -Located behind the Alpharetta Fire Station #1 at 2970 Webb Bridge Road, Alpharetta, GA. 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... +Gift Certificate from HRO.

ARES Meeting - No Meeting in June - Next Meeting - July 8-7PM

The Amateur Radio Emergency Service will begin meeting on a different night from the regular club meeting. Both activities now have much to cover and trying to cram it all into one evening is just not easy. So beginning in July ARES will be meeting on the second Tuesday of each month at the Sandy Springs City Council Chambers at Morgan Falls. **All are welcome to attend whether ARES member or not so mark your calendars. Details on the web.**

Mid-Month Madness - Our MMM for July will actually be in June and it's Field Day!! Watch for the next one in August. Topics? Let us know.

NFARL TECH NET meets Mondays at 8:30 PM - Join us on 145.47, to discuss technical topics lead by **WB4MAK**. 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 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.

Repeater News - Echolink is here! The 145.47 repeater now has Echolink. This allows you to connect to the repeater when you are out of town VIA THE INTERNET! This is just one of the capabilities. It also allows the repeater to be connected to other repeaters for general chatting or during emergencies to link to repeaters all over the world. It is complex, so go to a web page www.echolink.org/ that devoted entirely to Echolink or you can go to our NFARL website: <http://nfarl.org/echolinkOverview.html> for more information info.

Hungry Hams Lunch Bunch each Wednesday @11:45 till? - Our last 3 lunches, we have had 16, 17, and 16 respectively. **Remember, when you go through the line, be sure to ask them to print a receipt and include it in the Radio Club stack. It helps the cause.**

Club Membership – Remember back in January 2008, when we stated that Our goal for 2008 was **150!!** Well, we are now into **June** and we have done it. We are now at **151!** Thank you to all of our supporters. Are we havin' fun yet?

Please welcome –

W4IH, Robert S. Rosenthal as our newest member. He joined at the ARC Hamfest last weekend
KI4SGU, Jorge de la Torre who joined us back in May,

CONGRATULATIONS to for their success in HamCram

KJ4DYD, John Sibley, who is now known as **WX4JMS**

KJ4DYG, Ray Whitelock

KJ4DYH, Lynn Kahn, wife of Ian AK4IK

KJ4DYK, Kristen Smith, Daughter of the Dave and Dixie show.

KJ4DYL, Gary Dowling,

KJ4DYN and **KJ4DYO**, Karen and Mike Vaughn

KJ4DYP, Earl Huddleston, second eldest to W4VRX Jimmy Fitzpatrick. Both served during WWII

KJ4DYT, Jorge Blanco

KJ4EBZ, Geni Staley, wife of KE4HMN, Ollie

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 May 22, 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. **BIG NEWS-** We have made it even easier for you to continue your membership 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.

ARRL Membership - Currently **70% of NFARL are members of the ARRL FLASH:** You can now use **PayPal** to join ARRL - using <http://www.nfarl.org/shop/mart.html> **The club benefits if you join ARRL via our club. So help us out when you join.**

Check our website & join our Yahoo reflector – Here's how to keep in touch with your club. Visit our website - 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 to: nfarl-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

Thank you Bill, K4YJJ for the continued outstanding job you are doing on the web site. We think this is THE BEST web site, especially in the Atlanta area, if not on the web.

Check our website – 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.

Bring your QSL cards – Bring your QSL cards to the meeting and we will place them on the 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.

Alive After Five – This is a once a month event, **every third Thursday April through November from 5PM – 9PM**, located in Historic Roswell along Canton St. It is designed to be more of a family outing. This is a "NON" Amateur radio event and is a perfect place for NFARL to stand out and show the "NON" Amateur Radio community what "HAM" radio is all about. This is also a perfect place to advertise Field Day to them as well. There are 200+ vendors that will be along Canton Street including all the restaurants and Art Galleries. There will be three bands along the street. Here is the web site for the Alive After Five event <http://www.aliveafterfiveroswell.com/> and here is the page advertising NFARL http://www.aliveafterfiveroswell.com/sponsors_n.htm

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Club Repeaters

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



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