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### NORTH FULTON AMATEUR RADIO LEAGUE

OCTOBER 1988

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#### \*\*\* MEETING NOTICE \*\*\*

The next meeting of the North Fulton Amateur Radio League will be on Wednesday Oct 12, 1988 at 7:30 p.m. at St David's Church on Old Roswell Road. This month's program will be done by Max Blood, N4WVV. Max is a weather forecaster for the National Weather Service. His presentation will cover various weather situations that we can expect in our area, what we can do to prepare for bad weather, and what hams can do to help report bad weather. Last year, Max put on a program that was enjoyed by everyone. This is a MUST meeting.

#### \*\* MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER NFARL MEETING \*\*

SEP 14  
The meeting was called to order by Dan, WB4PYL at 7:35 on August 18. The minutes of the August meeting were approved as published. Roswell Police Commissioner Terry Joyner, W4YBV, introduced Officer John Tolbert, who is the Roswell Hit-and-Run officer. Officer Tolbert asked the Hamwatch members to be on the lookout for two vehicles that were involved in hit-and-run accidents.

Vehicle #1 is a 1975 Chevy Camaro red in color, Ga tag NMT 194. Vehicle #2 is an older van, brown in color with a license plate A8-42616. The vehicle has bubble type rear windows and a sticker which reads "The family that prays together stays together." A third vehicle, described as a white pick-up truck with ladder racks, electrical boxes and wire in the bed, a black mesh in place of the tailgate and heavy front end damage, was involved in 3 separate hit-and-run accidents. If spotted, do not approach, as these people may be dangerous.

Alan, N4QXH, announced the following public service events:

- Roswell Youth Day - Oct 8
- ARES SET - Oct 15
- Alpharetta Disaster Drill - Oct 29

Dick Anthony, KC4EMM announced the Roswell Masonic Lodge barbeque on Oct 8.

An advanced/extra class is being held at the Church of Atonement, High Point Rd, near Northside Hospital. Contact Chuck, K8BBB 924-3524.

Al Zoller, W60TE, gave a report on repeater controller.

1. Club does not have resources, either capital or manpower, to market the new controller as a hardware project.
2. The club may have the resources to market the controller software.
3. More research must be done in the area of marketability of the software.

Dan, WB4PYL, read the report from the technical committee in the intermod problem on 145.47. The club then voted to pursue a remote receiver site.

#### 1988 HAMFEST CALENDAR

##### OCTOBER:

- 1.....TARA Hamfest, HUNTINGTON, WV
- 1-2.....Hamfest, BILOXI, MS
- 2.....Hamfest, ROME, GA
- 7-8.....Georgia Hamfest, WARNER ROBBINS, GA
- 8-9.....Hamfest, MEMPHIS, TN
- 8-9\*.....Hamfest, VERO BEACH, FL
- 9\*.....4th Annual Techfest, RICHMOND, VA
- 9\*.....Hamfest, MAYSVILLE, NC
- 14-16.....Ham Con-Vention, HOUSTON, TX
- 15.....Tri-Cities Hamfest, GRAY, TN
- 16.....Hamfest, ROCK HILL, SC
- 22-23.....Georgialina Hamfest, AUGUSTA, GA
- 29-30.....Hamfest and Computer, CHATTANOOGA, TN

##### NOVEMBER:

- 5-6.....Ham Radio/Comp. Expo BB LAWRENCEVILLE, GA
- 5-6\*.....Hamfest, LAS VEGAS, NV
- 5-6.....Hamfest, POMPANO BEACH, FL
- 6.....Hamfest, CONCORD, NC
- 12-13\*....Central Alabama Hamfest, MONTGOMERY, AL
- 15-16.....Hamfest, W. PALM BEACH, FL
- 19.....Hamfest, SUNTER, SC
- 19-20\*....Suncoast Convention, ST. PETERSBURG, FL
- 26-27.....Hamfest, GREENSBORO, NC

PLEASE NOTE: Hamfests marked with an Asterisk are NOT CONFIRMED.

First speed dial digit  
(this is the county #)  
Second and third speed dial digits collect number  
P.O. Box # POLICE agencies within the county.

Table with 2 columns: County and Police Agency. Includes entries for Dallas Co., Alpharetta, Atlanta, College Park, Marietta, Peachtree City, etc.

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If you have any emergency matter that should be in the table and is not there, please write a note at it on this line and return to the above address as the reporter can be updated.  
Your comments are encouraged and appreciated.  
NOTE: The 10 digit telephone numbers indicate changes since the last printing.

When operating the emergency patch, please use proper radio operating procedures such as "STOP" "STOP" "STOP". The operators at the receiving end will know that you are on the radio. The only thing they know is that this call is on the telephone line and if you are in a noisy area in the reporter, they think that they have a bad telephone connection and may actually hang up.  
Identify yourself as an amateur radio operator.  
Stand out if they can hear you before you go into a long disconnection.  
Be specific and exact. Do NOT ramble on and on.  
While short transmissions. Again they may think they are on a telephone by telephone call and may try to interrupt and won't be able to.  
If they want your name, give it to them. Do NOT try to impress them with the fact that you are in a car and you don't have a phone number for a call back number. Give them your home number or work number.  
After all, you are trying to help someone else, so help them.  
Try to familiarize yourself with the area of town that you drive in the area. This way you will know which county service you need to call without actually dialing "911". If you are not in the area that you live in, they will either transfer you or tell you to call the appropriate service. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT. Please understand that they also have rules.  
There are five methods of operating the emergency radio patch. They are as follows:  
1. "911" ACCESS  
2. "911-911" THE NUMBER NUMBER WITH NO PREFIX IN THE LIST BELOW  
3. "911" PREFIX  
4. "911" PREFIX  
5. "911" PREFIX  
The second method is to dial three (3) digits after the access of the emergency patch. There are nine counties in the metropolitan area that do not have a speed dial, and there are not covered. The three that are not covered are DALLAS CO., DENTON CO., and WILSON CO. This means that ONLY the speed dial function will not be operational for those counties. However, the emergency numbers 1-7 digit 1 for those counties will still be valid.

North Dallas Police Radio League  
P.O. Box 334  
North Dallas, Tex. 75207  
DUE 1/15/2008  
105.410 MHz / 146.810 MHz  
OPERATOR ALMIRA  
EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

When you access the emergency patch, you must identify your station, and enter "911" to access the patch or the normal access code.  
Wait for the controller to say "EMERGENCY 911".

Then enter:  
"101" SPEED DIAL, EMERGENCY NUMBER OR "101-1111" SEVEN DIGIT NUMBER  
The reporter will page a control operator.

After the page, you will then re-identify your station, or the control operator has been instructed to disconnect the call.  
Identify your station and log your call.

Now enter "911" to disconnect the patch.  
The three digit speed dial is broken down as follows:  
The first digit represents the type of service you are requesting.  
The second digit represents the city within the county.  
The third digit represents the city within the county.  
E.G. 10 = Police and 11 = Fire.  
E.G. 10 = County and 11 = Fire.

If you wanted the Cobb County Police, you would access the emergency patch with the "101" the microphone will request by saying "EMERGENCY 911".  
Two then dial 308.  
101...county police  
11...city  
1...county 3 = Cobb County

If you wanted the Marietta Police you would dial 301.  
301...county police  
11...city  
1...county 3 = Cobb County

If you wanted the Fayette County fire you would dial 411.  
411...county fire  
11...city  
1...county 3 = Fayette County

The counties are left in alphabetical order, therefore it will be such order for you the remember the order of the counties.

North Fulton Amateur Radio League  
Post Office Box 1741  
Roswell, Georgia 30077

Application for Membership

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Callsign: \_\_\_\_\_ License Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

A.R.R.L. Member: \_\_\_\_\_ A.R.E.S. Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Packet User: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have speed dial number? If so, what is it and what number should it be dialing? Speed dial \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

If not, would you like one? \_\_\_\_\_ Number to dial \_\_\_\_\_

One area in which the N.F.A.R.L. is excelling is interaction between the Club through our HAMWATCH program and the 3 major agencies in North Fulton who are very interested in our emergency capabilities. The Cities of Roswell and Alpharetta and the North Fulton Regional Hospital have been helped by us during potential life-threatening emergencies. In order to better help them, we would like to provide them with a list of callsigns and names to help identify the "GOOD GUYS." No other information will be give to them. Please check the appropriate box below.

Please list me as a member of the HAMWATCH program.

Please DO NOT list me as a member of the HAMWATCH program.

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1989 Dues Schedule

|                       |         |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Member only           | \$10.00 |
| Member with Autopatch | \$22.00 |
| Autopatch Only        | \$25.00 |
| Family Member         | \$2.00  |

Senior (over 65) and Junior (under 18) members

|                       |         |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Member only           | \$5.00  |
| Member with Autopatch | \$17.00 |

## USING THE EMERGENCY AUTOPATCH

Let me give you an idea of the perfect or near-perfect autopatch.

Ham: This is Ham Radio Operator, ABC123. HOW DO YOU COPY, OVER?

PD: Loud and clear.

Ham: I would like to report an accident at Holcomb Bridge Road and Highway 9, over.

PD: Any injuries?

Ham: No injuries, over.

PD: May I have your name, callsign, and repeater frequency?

Ham: My name is \_\_\_\_\_, call sign ABC123, frequency is 147.??.

PD: Thank you for your report.

Ham: You're welcome.

Usually one of the following happens: the PD can't tell that it is their turn to talk because the repeater doesn't have a courtesy tone, you use a Q-signal, you are marginal quality into the patch, you have trouble hearing the PD due to road noise, or the PD can't hear you because of background noise at their location.

What happens next? The PD says, "I hate it when those CBers call in." The hams say, "Why aren't those people trained?" There are two parts to solving this problem. First, hams MUST be aware and use good sense when making an emergency autopatch. Second, local police agencies need to become familiar with ham procedures.

The problem of making the agencies familiar with what we can do is best handled by your local Emergency Coordinator. Most E.C.s are currently in contact with the agencies and know who to talk with. Don't try to take care of the problem yourself. Chances are your E.C. is trying to make the right impression. A disgruntled ham can help to undo months of work.

With your help, we can demonstrate to local agencies that hams are an important resource that need to be noticed.

73

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