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North Fulton Amateur Radio League

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MINUTES NFARL

Meeting, June 1989

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To assure newsletter publication, Jack, WA4FIB will collect the camera ready materials from Lew, N4HRA and see to it that the materials are dealt with by the appropriate individuals.

Harold, WA4PZY, has moved to Lawrenceville.

Doug, KD4NC, has been elected President of GRAPES for the remainder of the current term.

OLD BUSINESS Committee Reports

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE: Fred, N4CLA, Chairman
There is a new building on Sweet Mtn owned by Marietta Repeater Services. We have been asked to move in to the new building. We have to move our antennas off the existing tower too. We will be permitted to erect our own tower for our antennas. To do this will cost \$5,000 to \$6,000 for a cadillac system or \$500-\$600 to \$1,500-\$2,000 for a chevy system. Remember that 145.47 is essentially a clear channel in GA.

TRAINING COMMITTEE:

Jack, WA4FIB, Acting Chairman
We want to have a Novice class in September. Jim, W4QO, said that a summer class would require a "class of [school] teachers" so that they could

carry Amateur Radio back to their class rooms in the fall.

FIELD DAY: Alan, N4QXH, Chairman
The Chairman made a motion that club Field Day Activity be cancelled due to lack of member response. The motion received a second. The motion was defeated by votes:

AYE 1, NAY 8, ABSTAIN 2.

During the discussion, the lack of member response was blamed on late newsletters for the past two months. In addition, it was suggested that a telephone canvas be conducted. Fred, N4CLA, stated that he felt that the club has an obligation for at least two family events each year and that field day should not be cancelled.

NEW BUSINESS

SOAP BOX: Jim Ferguson -- We have a few good projects and we need participation. -- Past officers never show up after new officers take over. Why? -- Its always been that 5 or 6 people ran the club and others just tag along. -- "Every time I go to a meeting I swear that I won't come back but I do because I don't want this club to fail..."

PROPOSAL: Dan, WB4PYL

The Officers should present an agenda, up to date Constitution and By-Laws and a fund raising plan at the next meeting. Fred, N4CLA, added that a list of Speed Dial Numbers should be published. (A list continued page 2

was immediately distributed to each member present.] Jack, WA4FIB, reminded everyone that a "club kit" is available from ARRL. We should ask for Rosalie.

FUND RAISER

GRAPES has a 501c(3) [non-profit organization] designation. Perhaps NFARL could receive "grants" from deductible donations made to GRAPES.

NEW MEMBER.

George Hawkins, WA4YWA, visits from Florida twice each year. He sent \$20 "donation" to support the repeater.

CLUB HATS.

Whom ever has the club hats [Morris, K4KEF ?] please bring the hats to the next meeting.

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

JULY: Bob, W4TFL on "Fox Hunting"

AUGUST: Randy Mulineaux on "How They Build Fox Tower"

JULY MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting of NFARL will be held at 7:30 on July 12 at St. David's Episcopal Church in Roswell. Our speaker will be Bob, W4TFL, on foxhunting. So rig up a directional antenna and make your plans to attend. Directions are as follows: From Highway 9 and Holcomb Bridge road take Holcomb Bridge East toward Ga. 400. Take a left at the first traffic light which will be Old Roswell Road. The church will be 3/4 of a mile on your right. Talk in on 145.47 or 147.06.

FROM THE EDITOR

I am sorry that there is no news this month. I could not find it on the normal BBS. Also on Field Day I was given a disk with a item for the newsletter, if this person would resend it to me the disk file is bad. sorry.
Don't forget the cutoff date for the news letter is the

25 of the month. Items for the news letter can be sent by the following.

1. Packet via WA4YMY PBBS
2. LARC BBS (494 5272)
3. US MAIL to:
Lewis Cason (N4HRA)
749 Barnsmill Trace
Marietta, Ga. 30062
73's Lew (N4HRA)

WHERE WAS EVERYONE???

First, let me say, at the present time there is no call sign after my name so some of you will say "What does he know?" The excitement of helping out on Field Day is still with me. I have doubled my efforts to get that TICKET. I was only able to get to FD for the last 12 hours due to a job conflict, but I had a BALL!

At 3 am Jack (WA4FIB) and I were the only ones there. It took me a while to get into the swing of calling CQ and catching those stations I could "just" hear. When, after seven tries, I hooked up with the Virgin Islands, I thought "Hey this is really fun; have to get that license SOON."

Having been to other Field Days many years ago I was surprised we did not have more operators or at least more members to give moral support. FD is a great place to bring out new hams and prospective ones.

Where were the CW operators? I understand that you can make 2 to 3 contacts on CW for every one on phone. Is this really true? I was really looking forward to seeing how the "pros" do it. It would have been a great time for novices or techs to work on the "real" bands.

OK, getting a big score for the club may not be number 1. Some use Field Day as a social event, which is great. The only thing is scoring or

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Field Day 1989

Field Day this year was held at the Roswell soccer complex by the water tower. Although there were not many participants, those who did show up had a great time, as we can see from these photos taken by WA4FIB.



Future ham Steve Knittel logging at 3 am.



WB4RTP asks:
"Can we really get juice out of this thing?"



"Sure hope these lines don't get messed up again before next year!"



KG6TW at the 40 meter phone station. The 807 final behind the microphone gave Jim extra punch!

socializing is hard when so few people turn out. The set up committee did a great job and I heard the food was great. I really wanted to meet more of the club members as I was sure ALL would turn out for Field Day.

So, **WHERE WAS EVERYONE?**

73's Steve Knittle



Why is this man smiling?

This month's meeting: Fox Hunting!

Meeting date: Wednesday, July 12.

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