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## Welcome To The New Look!

by Jeff Weinberg, AA4RC

**W**elcome to the quarterly N.F.A.R.L. newsletter, and its brand new look. I know it's quite a bit different from the previous style and layout, but I believe that this layout will allow us more functionality in the long run. For instance, we can now make effective use of fonts and imported pictures. The sample NFARL logo just to the right was drawn in Aldus Type Twister, and imported into this program, Microsoft Publisher. This means we can now have articles complete with drawings, sketches, diagrams, and scanned-in images. So how about it? What we need is more input from our members and readers. All you need to do is submit an article and any associated material, and I'll do the rest.

Last year we had only 4 or 5 people contribute to the newsletter. I'd like this to be the start of a wider base of contributions. Remember, this is YOUR newsletter. If you want to see new and different things in it, then all you have to do is contribute.

By-the-way, I remembered to add something to this news letter that has been consistently missing in the past. An oversight on our part. What was missing? The time and location of the monthly meeting, that's all! We had a lot of new hams who got copies of



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Squelch Tales, and didn't know where to come to join us for dinner and a program. So, on page 2 you will find the needed information along with other club related information.

Another change in this month's newsletter is that KD4APK is no

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## Farewell to a Good Friend

by Jeff Weinberg, AA4RC

You know, when David Fellows, KD4APK, first told me that he was moving away from Atlanta, I had mixed feelings. Ever since I first joined the club 3 years ago, he has been a major part of the N.F.A.R.L. He was literally everywhere, doing everything.

I will never forget the Blizzard of '93. When most people were just trying to survive with no electricity, Dave was by his radio talking to people, offering comfort during an uncertain time, making telephone calls for those who couldn't, and arranging for people with 4-wheel drive vehicles to get firewood to those without heat. But, you see that's the kind of person David is.

And he didn't just do for other people, he did for the N.F.A.R.L. too. When the club needed a vice-president, he was there offering his services, and doing a great job. When Dave Vanderwall decided not to seek a second term, several people came to me to ask me to run for president. Before I gave my answer, I asked David if he wanted the position, since he was the vice-president.

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## Monthly Meetings:

Second Wednesday of Each Month at the  
Cherokee Cattle Company  
11205 Alpharetta Highway, Roswell  
664-0490  
Dinner - 6:30 PM  
Meeting & Program - 7:30 PM

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# North Fulton Amateur Radio League Quick Repeater Guide 145.470 & 147.060

## Open Commands

- #1 Echo Test
- #2 Deviation Test
- #3 DTMF Test
- #4 Time
- #5 Sinad Test
- #6 Frequency Test
- #7 Display Mail
- #8 Send Command Out Link
- #9 Play Announcement

## User Commands

- \*0\*N Emergency Patch
- \*1\*N User Patch
- \*2 Patch Redial
- \*7 Mailbox
- \*8 Open Mail
- \*10 Change Password
- \*12 Record User Name
- \*15 User Profile
- \*20 Speedial
- Maintenance
- \*25 User Hang-up Code
- \*30 CTCSS Command

N = Number To Dial

## Only from Phone Line

- 1 Reverse Patch
- 2 Monitor Air
- 3 Non-directed Patch Page
- 4 Directed Patch Page

**Additional copies of the repeater manual are available for \$5 each. Contact Jeff Weinberg at 740-7939 for details. All checks should be made payable to the N.F.A.R.L.**

# ARRL Membership Reminder

Did you know that you can join, or renew your membership to the American Radio Relay League through the N.F.A.R.L.? That's right. For each new member that joins the ARRL through our club, the N.F.A.R.L. gets \$5. For each renewal, the club gets \$2.

You can get new member forms from any issue of QST, or from the ARRL. For renewals, the ARRL asks that we submit your renewal dues along with the form the League sent to you.

The process is easy. For new members, bring any N.F.A.R.L. officer a completed membership form and make out a check for the appropriate amount to the NFARL. For renewals, give any club officer your renewal form complete with any changes, and a check for your membership made out to the N.F.A.R.L. The club will take the application and money, and send this material (minus the money for the club) to the ARRL for processing.

Please don't wait until the last minute to give us your renewal form and ARRL dues. Processing takes several days, and you could miss out on an issue of QST if your form doesn't get to League Headquarters on time.

# Amateur-Of-The-Year Award

It's time again to consider who deserves the N.F.A.R.L. Amateur-Of-The-Year Award. If you have a nominee, please contact Jeff Weinberg, at 740-7939. An A.T.O.Y. nominee should be a person who has significantly given of themselves to the club, community, and Amateur Radio during the previous year.

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longer listed as the vice-president of the N.F.A.R.L. In case you haven't heard, Dave Fellows got a great job opportunity in Virginia and has moved from our fair state. In fact, Dave has moved to the exact same town I grew up in over 27 years ago. Talk about a small world!

Later in the newsletter, there is information about Sci-Trek needing volunteers to work the station. George Scott, KC4WHZ, is one of the main "movers and shakers" in this effort. From what I've heard, he's already done an outstanding job. George tells me that they especially need volunteer help on weekends. One possible activity that has been discussed is an overnight "lock-in" at the museum for station volunteers and others interested in Amateur Radio. Doing this during a contest weekend was even discussed. Talk about dedication and fun.... contesting and teaching all at the same time.

By now you probably have heard that after reconsideration, the N.F.A.R.L. has decided not to participate in the Southeastern Hamfest this year. This decision was made after careful consideration, and was agreed to by a majority of the board. The N.F.A.R.L. wishes the hamfest well in 1994, and we look forward to an exciting event.

Well, that's it. I hope you like the new newsletter format. Until the next newsletter in October, 73's, and have a safe Summer.

#### Needed:

**Squelch Tales advertisers. If you know of someone who would like to advertise in this newsletter, please contact Jeff at 740-7939.**

### Farewell to a Good Friend

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David said that he felt that I would do a better job for the club, and told me that he would support me in any way he could to help insure the success of the N.F.A.R.L. I can honestly say that he always did that.

If I needed advice, he was always there, never more than a telephone call away. Even if he was in the middle of a job, if he could, he would call me back and take the time to discuss a concern or idea. I could always count on David to provide me with sound advice. But, wasn't he like that for everyone?

Field Days just won't be the same without David. With the addition of his "trailer", David not only offered the services of his generators, radios, and antennas, he made a fun event even more fun, if that's possible. Over the past two Field Days, David had the trailer set-up, and a tent for sleeping. When I headed home, he was still on-the-air, or chatting with someone. You see, my idea of camping out is a Motel 6 with black-and-white TV. David loves this sort of thing.

David also gave back to the local community. Ask Chuck, KD4LXQ, how many events David worked for Roswell/Alpharetta HamWatch. Ask Frank, WA2OTJ, how much David contributed to his scout group and license class.

Now at the beginning of this piece, I noted that I had mixed emotions about David's leaving. You see, David chose to move away to the home town I grew up in many years ago. Talk about small worlds, and small towns. It's the type of place that David will do very well in and enjoy. I always told my Dad that if I could ever get David to come to Virginia, he could help answer a lot of computer questions that could not be answered

locally. Well, it appears that David may have that chance, after all.

And as for me, other than the times David makes it back down to Atlanta, I'll get to see him when I go back to visit my folks.

In any event, David has been made a life-time member of the N.F.A.R.L. in recognition of his service to the club and the community. He will get this newsletter, and still have repeater privileges. Who knows, maybe he'll exercise his reverse patch privileges every now and then and say "Hi y'all" during rush hour.

I'm going to miss David Fellows' help, his cheerful on-air greetings, his enthusiasm, his unselfish volunteer spirit, his dedication to the club and other people, and most importantly, his day-to-day friendship.

Anyway, thank you for your help and friendship David. We all wish you the best in building your new life in Virginia.

### Emergency #'s To The Rescue?

Ever wonder why the emergency numbers for the repeater seem to be a secret? Well, they aren't.

The reason why the club hasn't published speed dial numbers for local emergency agencies (police and fire) is that with the implementation of 911 by all metro counties, repeater calls to this service have become a puzzle. Why?

Well consider this. Take for example the Sweat Mountain repeater. If you dial '911' thru the repeater, the emergency call gets routed to Woodstock in Cherokee County. The telephone for the repeater is in a Woodstock exchange. Let's say you were in Marietta, and you

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needed to make an emergency call. You dial '911' or we program in '911' to a speed dial. When your call goes through to Woodstock, they have to route it to Marietta. When it gets routed to Marietta, it does not come in on Marietta's 911 line. Since emergency telephone personnel are trained to answer 911 calls first, and calls coming in on other lines in a lower priority, your call through Woodstock doesn't get the priority that a call straight to Cobb County 911 would have.

The same holds true for calls to regular telephone emergency numbers that are not 911. These incoming calls get secondary treatment to any incoming 911 calls.

The puzzle is this. With a repeater that serves the entire Metro area, and is linked into Cherokee County's 911 service, how do we provide reliable emergency telephone service to people in other counties?

If you have a solution, or could help come up with a solution, the club would be glad to hear it. But be forewarned. He or she who has a good idea is a prime candidate to head up the effort to make the idea happen.

## Yearly Dues Statements Mailed to Club Members

In June, the club began billing its members for renewal of their dues. No more will you have to remember if your "dues are due", as Fred says on the repeater.

When you get your statement, take a few moments to review the information to see

if we have made any errors. If you do, please return the statement, with any corrections, to the club P.O. Box with your dues so that we can correct our user database.

Also, please check your mailing label. If your membership date is 6/30/94, your membership has expired. So please continue your support of the N.F.A.R.L., and renew your membership today!

## Availability of User Numbers

Effective with the membership renewal period in June, all un-renewed user numbers will be made available for reuse after one month of the lapse of a user's membership.

Here's how the system will work:

- Upon lapse of a membership, the user's account will simply be deactivated, not deleted. The account will remain deactivated for a period of one month.
- After one month, the user number will be released for reassignment. However, the account will not be deleted until it is reassigned. Upon reassignment, the old account will be deleted, and a new account using the same user number will be created. This will initialize the user profile and delete all old speed dial numbers for use by the new user.

Additionally, there are a small number of user numbers in the 1 - 20 range available. However, these numbers are reserved for assignment to members who consistently volunteer for club activities. Here is a chance to get a lower user number on all N.F.A.R.L. repeaters, if you want one. It's simple, just become a regular volunteer for N.F.A.R.L. activities and ask. If a number is

available, you'll get it. That's all there is to it. So become a volunteer.

## HAMFEST CALENDAR

*courtesy of the SERA Repeater Journal  
and the ARRL*

**Southeastern Amateur Radio  
Convention, Atlanta, GA**

July 23-24

**Central Georgia National Hamfest,  
Perry, GA**

August 6 (New Date)

**Jacksonville Hamfest, Jacksonville,  
FL**

August 6-7

**Huntsville Hamfest, Huntsville, AL**

August 20-21

**Confederate Signal Corps Hamfest,  
Madison, GA**

August 27

**Shelby Hamfest, Shelby, NC**

September 3-4

**Statesboro Hamfest, Statesboro, GA**

September 10

**Lanierland Hamfest, Gainesville, GA**

September 24

**Anniston Hamfest, Anniston, AL**

September 24 (not verified)

**Fallfest, South Boston, VA**

September 24

**Rome Hamfest, Rome, GA**

October 1

**Augusta Hamfest, Augusta, GA**

October 8

**Ham Expo, Lawrenceville, GA**

November 5-6

## Atlanta VEC Schedule

(All days are once a month for  
each notation)

1st Saturday 9:00 AM	Jonesboro George White KN4NG 361-6850
1st Sunday 2:00 PM	Lawrenceville Duane Reynolds WB2YAD 962-9582
1st Monday 7:45 PM	Roswell/Marietta Delaine McCarthy KM4FV 993-9758
2nd Sunday 3:00 PM	Cartersville Mark Swicord KD4EYF 975-1309
2nd Tuesday 7:00 PM	Snellville Wayne Taylor WD4CCA 498-7759
2nd Saturday 8:30 AM	Stone Mountain Hal Martin KI4RD 978-9160
3rd Saturday 9:00 AM	Marietta Larry Huff WA4CQZ 955-3171
4th Sunday 2:30 PM	Atlanta John King AB4GK 381-5291
4th Friday 7:00 PM	Lilburn Howie Gould W4NVF 921-8362

## May Auction Results

Total Money Spent: \$1,311.00  
Club Share: \$ 315.75

Thanks to everyone who brought things to sell, and especially to everyone who bid and bought. You made the auction a success, again!

## Sci-Trek Update and Request for Volunteers

Dear Friends:

Throughout the greater Atlanta area, most Hams have heard something about STARS. Although they may recognize the name, and know that it is connected in some way with the Science and Technology Museum of Atlanta, (SciTrek), many still do not know what it contains, how it is operated, and how they may participate in it. Please share this letter with your members and encourage their support.

STARS is a fully equipped and operating Ham station located in the SciTrek building in the Atlanta Civic Center complex at 395 Piedmont Road. It is capable of operating in virtually every mode open to U.S. amateurs. STARS is designed to demonstrate the many faces of amateur radio, to encourage visitors to become a part of this fascinating hobby, and to provide information on how amateurs all over the country are ready and willing to help. As 250,000 children and countless adults and teens visit SciTrek each year, the opportunities for expanding our hobby and preserving our frequencies and privileges are enormous.

The operating schedule is 11:00 am to 2:00 PM Tuesday through Saturday, and from Noon to 3:00 PM Sunday. SciTrek is not normally open on Monday. Ever since the "soft" opening on February 26, staffing has been provided by a very small group of dedicated volunteers, many of whom have worked two or more times each week. During these past months, most of the bugs have been chased out of the system, and simple operating procedures have been prepared for each piece of equipment.

However, it is now absolutely essential to greatly broaden the base of available volunteers. First, we must avoid even the appearance of a "clique", but more importantly, we must involve all the radio clubs and all the amateurs in the area so that this project will truly reflect the magnitude, the vitality, and the enthusiasm of the local Ham community.

The following schedule suggests a way for each club to share in both the responsibility and the opportunity of keeping Ham radio alive and well, and in expanding interest in our hobby.

This letter is being sent to out-of-town clubs as well as to local clubs, but only local clubs are shown on the schedule. This recognizes the time and travel requirements for the more distant clubs. However, members of such clubs are most welcome to share in this project by coming in to operate and demonstrate the station on any days convenient to them.

Staffing requirements are minimal on the days the STARS station is open. One volunteer can easily run the station if necessary. However, the public's interests are better served if two or more volunteers are available. When possible, one volunteer should be a General class or higher.

Talking to the many visitors about our hobby is both interesting and rewarding. While promoting amateur radio is our main reason for being in the station, the "quiet" times are a lot of fun. Here we have a great chance to play with some fancy equipment we would all like to have in our own shack. To be able to do this without having some sales person standing over us is a real treat. This time can also be used to work with modes or frequencies not covered by our own licenses. Life is never dull in the STARS station!!!!

As we are confident that all clubs will want to play a significant role in this exciting project, we have reserved some specific days for each club. Unless you have a serious problem in making this

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commitment, please call George Scott, KC4WHZ, at 992-7999 to confirm that your club will make every effort to manage the STARS station on the days indicated at least for the month of June, or until the schedule can be revised. An early response will be very much appreciated.

*Jim Stafford, W4QO*  
*George Scott, KC4WHZ*

#### **Suggested Schedule for Participating Radio Clubs in the Atlanta Area**

1st and 3rd Saturday -  
*Alford Memorial Radio Club*

1st and 3rd Tuesday -  
*Atlanta Radio Club*

4th Saturday -  
*Athens Radio Club*

2nd and 4th Tuesday -  
*Big Shanty Repeater Group*

1st Sunday and 4th Wednesday -  
*Conyers Amateur Radio Group*

2nd and 4th Friday -  
*Georgia Tech Radio Club*

3rd Sunday and 4th Thursday -  
*Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society*

2nd Thursday and 5th Sunday -  
*IBM Radio Club of Atlanta*

4th Sunday and 5th Thursday -  
*Kennehoochee Amateur Radio Club*

1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday -  
*MATPARC*

1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday -  
*North Fulton Amateur Radio League*

2nd Wednesday and 5th Saturday -  
*Quarter Century Wireless Association*

2nd Saturday and 5th Friday -  
*Skint Chestnut Amateur Radio Society*

1st and 3rd Friday and 2nd Sunday -  
*Southeastern DX Club*

## **Letters to the Editor**

If you have a comment about the club, the repeaters, this publication, or Ham Radio in general, you can submit your letter to Letters to the Editor, *Squelch Tales*, P.O. Box 1741, Roswell, GA 30077.

Each issue, we will publish the letters that we receive. And, if through some fortunate event, we receive a lot of letters, the Editor of the *Squelch Tales* will publish the best of the lot.

Take for example two letters I've included in this edition.

### **Credit Where Credit Is Due**

I was totally humbled upon the receipt of your letter advising me that I had been nominated for an honorary lifetime membership in the N.F.A.R.L. I am confident that there are many others more deserving than I am, but I also want you to know that I appreciate it very much.

What little I have done to deserve this was done in the interest of furthering amateur radio, especially among the young people in our schools. I really do it for fun, because I receive such satisfaction from it.

I am proud to know that many in the club give me some kind of credit toward getting their licenses. I hope that I can continue to extend the boundaries of our hobby and the N.F.A.R.L. in the future.

Thank you again for this honor, and I look forward to helping in any way that I can. Similarly, if there are members who would like to become more involved in the RadioActive Schools project, please have them call me at 993-9500.

*Jim Stafford, W4QO*

## **Legislative Action**

Dear Al (Al Fischer):

Thank you for sharing my letter with supporters of S.J.Res.90. Jill Parrish, of my Washington staff, recently met with a Washington area coordinator of the American Radio Relay League. The information supplied to me will be useful in learning more about your legislative efforts. I was pleased to see the bipartisan support S.J.Res.90 has gained.

Again, I appreciate your update.

*Paul D. Coverdell*  
*United States Senator*

## **Habitat For Humanity Needs Our Help**

The NFARL has agreed to provide volunteer parking and security assistance to the First Annual Habitat for Humanity Fund Raiser, to be held on Thursday and Friday, August 18 and 19. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please contact any club officer A.S.A.P!

## **News From The FCC**

*courtesy of the ARRL*

- Novice testing is now entirely under the VEC program.
- New Question Pools:  
General Class — July 1, 1994  
Advanced Class — July 1, 1995  
Extra Class — July 1, 1996
- Effective March 1, 1994, only FCC Form 610 dated November, 1993, and expiring August 31, 1996 will be accepted by the FCC.

# Membership Roster

(As of June 30)

AA4RC	700	Joy	Watts	KD4ATP	301	John	Keown
AA4ZC	004	Jeffrey	Weinberg	KD4DLV	325	Brian	Greer
AA5NQ	072	Larry	Boden	KD4FTZ	800	Ina	Earhart
AD4FB	121	Jack	Brabham	KD4FYJ	303	Bill	Pickens
AD4GJ	341	Daniel	Ortiz	KD4HDE	292	Chris	Craig
AG6R	063	Pat	Patterson	KD4HFR	320	Mario	Ruhnke
	336	Bryan	Carl	KD4HLM	312	Doug	Allen
K3GA	062	Stuart	Kravitz	KD4HYX	304	Donna	Pickens
K3PPY	059	David	McBride	KD4IKZ	327	David	Jacoby
K4AHJ	097	Tom	Knight	KD4ILA	326	David	Mayer
K4FLS	046	Sam	Agee	KD4ION	091	Clayton	Wagar
K4GLZ	260	Everett	Thomas	KD4KEY	333	Martha	Clark
K4IHP	032	Joe	Mehaffey	KD4KPS	110	Crista	Leroy
K4JHM	071	Hal	Myers	KD4LJG	165	Chris	Cammons
K4JMX	020	Alan	Dages	KD4LJI	169	Richard	Cammons
K4UAF	252	Don	Rogers	KD4LXQ	335	Chuck	Daley
K6EID	092	Phil	Finkle	KD4MZQ	313	Ron	Greer
KA4GGI	030	Joe	Pastuch	KD4NC	001	Doug	Drye
KB4KBS	131	Scott	Straw	KD4NHR	066	Jim	Lynch
KB4KHQ	317	Lane	Watts	KD4NUH	146	Andrew	Leroy
KB4LWS	124	Diane	Andrus	KD4ORJ	328	Mike	Del Pozzo
KB4LWT	125	Larry	Andrus	KD4PEN	021	Joel	Garrett
KB4NUC	064	John	Hess	KD4RFK	060	Richard	Patchin
KC4AZR	256	Kathleen	Foulkes	KD4RTY	300	Caroline	Keown
KC4KHA	255	Russ	Akridge	KD4RUA	148	Phil	Butler
KC4NQT	075	Leigh	Discon	KD4RUC	352	Chuck	Tinsley
KC4RIB	089	Al	Fischer	KD4SGK	351	Alan	Manning
KC4ROW	220	Ken	Snyder	KD4SGR	079	Bill	Reynolds
KC4VZQ	357	Brian	Dugger	KD4SHE	037	Marshall	Magee
KC4WHE	143	Alex	Leroy	KD4SHH	094	David	Rice
KC4WHZ	275	George	Scott	KD4TFG	053	Jeff	Medin
KC4WZE	126	Randall	Routh	KD4TWN	237	Ann	Seay
KC4YBO	231	Steve	Knittel	KD4UMM	065	Jim	Moore
KC4YBT	042	David	Walls	KD4VHU	095	Kim	Rice
KC4YCF	248	Mike	Hough	KD4VTX	078	Dale	Lovell
KC4YRW	268	Bill	Slatton	KD4WLC	033	Jim	Booth
KC4ZLU	209	Paul	Grether	KD4YDD	069	Scott	Brown
KC4ZTP	122	Mike	Brooks	KD4YRA	038	Luis	Velazquez
KC4ZTY	262	Steve	Sheppard	KD4ZDX	123	Erwin	Valdez
KD4APF	281	Brint	McClellan	KD4ZNP	076	Bill	Agee
KD4APK	010	David	Fellows	KE4AQP	114	John	Strika
KD4APN	291	Brenda	Munk	KE4ATI	163	Ray	Cammons
KD4APO	289	Pat	Munk	KE4AXH	201	Brandon	Howard
KD4APP	259	Don	Woodward	KE4BPM	118	Bill	Collins
KD4APT	283	Shiona	Cavaliere	KE4BSB	189	Ted	Cromey
				KE4CQG	087	Jonathan	Lorber
				KE4CWG	088	Ken	Bishop

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KE4EGD	101	Terry	Smith	N4UAY	203	Hamp	Smith
KE4ENH	099	Adam	Lee	N4UCK	391	Jim	Altman
KE4EPS	054	Judie	Medin	N4UJO	202	Larry	Richardson
KE4EPU	050	Gregory	Wieland	N4UUO	207	Walter	Wilson
KE4FOS	048	Ed	Hotchkiss	N4VTH	205	Patty	Smith
KE4FOV	068	Bert	Bruner	N4VYP	285	Dorothy	McKinney
KE4FT	002	Sam	Osborne	N4WTA	213	Nancy	Vogt
KE4GBB	093	Steve	Mays	N4YIE	280	David	Gibson
KE4GBE	191	Mike	Hall	N4ZCX	261	George	Price
KE4GFN	267	Dan	Reid	N4ZUQ	282	David	Cavaliere
KE4GXG	108	Steve	Potter	N9MUT	083	Rick	Forbes
KE4HMN	104	Oliver	Stanley	N9SXJ	244	Art	Sandberg
KE4HNN	106	Susan	Gutkes	NC4E	073	Jack	Sanders
KE4HNP	105	Mike	Langley	ND4D	090	Chuck	McGinnis
KE4IGA	113	Sam	Freeman	NK4U	120	Nancy	Draheim
KE4IHB	239	Kaushik	Mehta	W2HIK	247	Fred	Holcomb
KE4IHC	115	John	Dowdney	W4DQT	181	Bill	Plage
KE4IKA	103	David	Hunt	W4EJF	018	Forrest	Shelton
KE4ILT	111	Tony	Flowers	W4IRZ	253	Bill	Reynolds
KE4JKN	112	Suzanne	Mays	W4LDD	274	Howard	Holley
KE4JKR	116	Creed	Crutchfield	W4NAR	334	George	Ryan
KE4JTX	119	John	Vlad	W4QO	019	Jim	Stafford
KE4MJX	117	Bill	Kimes	W4SHP	035	Jack	Van Hutten
KF4ZZ	170	Justin	Converse	W4UXJ	049	Marvin	Moss
KG8EN	096	Dave	Vanderwall	W4WKP	321	Johnny	Fearon
KI4XO	008	John	Smith	W4YBV	152	Terry	Joyner
KM4FV	286	Delaine	McCarthy	W8BLA	400	Vern	Fowler
KM4KB	056	Charles	Earhart	W8SOA	055	Jack	Conrad
KM4MG	022	Marty	Stern	WA2OTJ	332	Frank	Grantham
KM4OB	212	John	Vogt	WA4BJO	043	Frank	Peterson
KO4CA	270	Mac	Brown	WA4BNN	061	Mike	Henry
KQ4BG	337	Richard	Seay	WA4BRO	005	Dan	Turner
KQ4WZ	342	Donald	Reed	WA4BVI	230	Marvin	Ramos
KR4OX	322	Bob	Underwood	WA4FNJ	006	Mike	Connell
N0AL	084	Alan	Cassel	WA4POU	347	Gilbert	Butler
N1ABM	025	Jim	Alderdice	WA4VLV	109	John	Leroy
N2EST	086	Jim	Massara	WA4WSP	276	Michelle	Weinberg
N3FDT	330	Michelle	Bonelli	WA4YNZ	305	Bill	Hampton
N3FDU	329	Mike	Bonelli	WB2HMG	082	Frank	Lombardi
N4CLA	003	Fred	Moore	WB3JAU	100	Larry	Mottley
N4GFF	085	Carl	McKinney	WB4GTL	081	Duane	Farmer
N4HRA	011	Lewis	Cason	WB4PYL	028	Dan	Gustafson
N4JJH	070	Lawrence	Boden, Sr.	WB4RTP	192	Avery	Davis
N4LPU	074	Cliff	Walker	WB4RUJ	245	Hal	Orego
N4MU	199	Bill	Howard	WB4ZBV	045	Kimball	Clough
N4OSQ	264	Diana	Hess	WB4ZTA	145	Ginny	Clough
N4PUB	077	Dan	Wingate	WD4BWP	034	Randal	DePriest
N4PZA	185	Patton	McKinney	WD4FSU	040	Owen	Adair
N4QVP	251	Bob	Stam	WD4NIT	029	Warren	Coleman
N4QXH	016	Alan	Stern	WV5R	039	Cam	Clayson
N4SE	265	George	McCarthy				
N4SHO	044	Chuck	Rann				

## Want Ads

### Space for Rent!

Picture your Want Ad here. And, here is the perfect space for you to place your ad for something you need, want to sell, or trade away.

Prices are very reasonable. Rates are \$1 per ad. This buys you up to 25 words. Additional words are 2 cents each.

The Editor has the right to edit the ads for content.

Send your ads to Want Ads, *Squelch Tales*, P.O. Box 1741, Roswell, GA 30077. Please make your check out to the N.F.A.R.L.

## Announcements

### Got a message you need to get out to the membership?

Here is the perfect spot to do it. Submit your announcement, and get the word out. Public Service announcements are free!

All other announcements (hamfests, up-coming events, other commercial events) will be subject to the same extremely low rates that are applied to the Want Ads.

Hey! Such a deal!

Send your announcement to Announcements, *Squelch Tales*, P.O. Box 1741, Roswell, GA 30077. Please make your check out to the N.F.A.R.L.

## Everyone's Responsibility

On Wednesday, June 22, and Thursday, June 23, the 145.470 N.F.A.R.L. repeater was disabled due to a stuck, open microphone button that caused a continuous carrier to be put on the repeater's input frequency. When this happens, there is only so much the control operators can do. One solution, which we put in place on Thursday, was to PL the repeater's receiver. This was only a stop-gap measure.

The "stars" of the day, however, were Scott Brown, KD4YDD, and Brian Dugger, KC4VZQ. Scott and Brian spent most of Thursday DFing the transmitted signal. Through their hard work and efforts, they finally located the transmitter almost 24 hours after it went on-the-air.

When this type of situation arises, it is not just the responsibility of the repeater control operators to do something, but also the responsibility of each amateur operator. Amateurs monitor our own bands, and work within the system to solve our own problems.

Thanks again Scott and Brian!

## Vanity Callsign Update

*Courtesy ARRL*

The topic of most interest during recent months seems to be the FCC's "vanity" call sign proposal (PR Docket 93-305). In response to a number of questions asked the FCC on how the program might work, the ARRL filed comments in April with the FCC based on a large number of member ideas. Some of these ideas included:

- A one time processing fee, rather than a \$7 annual fee.
- A phase-in period, with previous holders of calls going first, then Extra Class, Advanced Class, etc.
- A special form (Form 610-V) would be required.
- The FCC's database would be made available for distribution (on the ARRL BBS, for example) so amateurs could know what their "pool" is.

The best guess now is that the program won't start until early 1995.

## Field Day '94 Update

Well, if you missed Field Day '94, you missed a great event. KE4GBB, Steve Mays, did a fantastic job in his first year heading up Field Day. Of course, as Steve said, "I couldn't have done it without the help and guidance of KC4YBO (Steve Knittle)". Other people to thank for making this one of the best Field Day events yet are KD4YRA - Luis Velasquez, AD4GJ - Pat Patterson, KE4GXX - Steve Potter, KD4YDD - Scott Brown, KC4YBT - David Walls, KD4FKY - David Smith, WA4WSP - Michelle Weinberg, KE4JKN - Susan Mays, Ann Slatton, and Nicole Reynolds. And, of course, thanks to *everyone* who showed up for the event.

Now for some VERY preliminary results from the 24 hours of operation:

CW	700± contacts
Phone	1000± contacts
6 meters	20± contacts
2 meters	12 contacts
Packet	12 contacts
ATV	3 contacts

Full event details and scores will be in the October *Squelch Tales*.

## New Vice- President Elected

At the June 8, 1994, meeting of the North Fulton Amateur Radio League, Steve Mays, KE4GBB, was elected to fill the unexpired term of vice-president vacated by David Fellows, KD4APK, when David moved out-of-state to take advantage of a new business opportunity. The election of Steve Mays to this position was unanimous.

Though one of our newer hams, Steve has shown great interest and dedication to the club and the Amateur Radio Service during the past several months.

This year, Steve was Field Day chairman, taking over event duties from last year's chairman, Steve Knittle, KC4YBO.

Steve accepted the opportunity to be offered to the membership for nomination and election after a one month period of open nominations had been completed.

The membership of the N.F.A.R.L. welcomes our new vice-president, and the board pledges its commitment to help him in any way that it can.

Steve will complete this term of vice-president until regular elections are held at the November club meeting.

*All member addresses and telephone numbers are strictly confidential and can not be given out to any member. However, names, addresses, telephone numbers, and call signs can be used by coordinators of authorized club activities such as the annual auction, Field Day, and the Christmas Party. All other uses of this information without prior consent of the board of directors is strictly prohibited.*

# Quarterly Treasurer's Report

## N.F.A.R.L. Profit and Loss Statement January 1 through June 17, 1994

<b>Income:</b>	
ARRL Renewals	250.00
Auction Income	827.50
50/50	35.00
Dues Income	3,870.00
Interest Income	8.45
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 4,990.95</b>
<b>Expense:</b>	
ARRL Expense	260.00
Auction Expense	511.75
Bank	3.89
Contributions	50.00
Equipment Purchases	389.00
Liability Insurance	314.00
Licenses	15.00
Office Supplies	39.19
Hardware	488.74
Postage	90.66
P.O. Box Rent	35.00
Speaker Meals	40.00
145.470 Telephone	125.92
147.060 Telephone	102.92
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 2,466.07</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 2,524.88</b>

## Balance Sheet As of June 17, 1994

<b>Assets</b>	
NFARL Checking	1,613.75
Petty Cash	66.35
Receivables	1,925.00
Savings Acct.	4,493.52
Undeposited Funds	65.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 8,163.62</b>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	
Opening Balance Equity	3,239.50
Retained Earnings	2,399.24
Net Income	2,524.88
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>\$ 8,163.62</b>

# Quarterly Secretary's Report

## April 13, 1994

The meeting was called to order by Jeff Weinberg (AA4RC) at 7:30 PM.

The treasurer and secretary's report stand as written. The technical committee had no report. A special thank you was extended to Rick (KD4RFK) for his contribution and printing of the newsletter. Remember your membership renewal date can be found on the newsletter label.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Steve (KC4YBO) mentioned Field Day was the last weekend in June (6/25-6/26/94). The new chairman this year will be Steve (KE4GBB). He will need all our help and advice for setting up and running a successful Field Day. Daniel (AD4FB) mentioned he would only be doing CW this year at Field Day!
2. Steve (KE4GBB) is heading up security for the Atlanta Hamfest. He needs 24 people to assist him. It is at the Cobb Galleria Convention Center on Saturday and Sunday, July 23 - July 24, 1994. If you volunteer, you will receive free admission to the hamfest. The club will make \$700.00 for doing security and \$200.00 for handling alternate events.

3. Vern Fowler mentioned that John Devoler (ON4UN) would be speaking at a theater near Perimeter Mall on 5/2/94 at 7:30 PM. He is from Belgium and is very interesting. If you want more information, contact Vern at 993-2909.

4. Steve (KE4GBB) reminded everyone to sign-in in the membership book.

### License Upgrades:

General	2
New Members	2
Visitors	3, all

friends of Vern Fowler

5. Jeff (AA4RC) discussed the new format for the newsletter. He is switching to this new format because David Fellows (KD4APK) can no longer do the newsletter, and Rick (KD4RFK) can no longer print it for the club. Printing will cost approximately \$100 - \$110 per issue, unless we can find a cheaper printer than Kinko's. It will come out once a quarter, before that month's meeting. The new format can include graphics. Also, we will solicit for ads to help defray the cost of the printing. Any questions, see Jeff Weinberg.

6. Jeff will be bowing out of the Monday Night Net. Steve (KE4GBB) will take over the net temporarily. We will need a permanent replacement. If interested, please see Steve Mays.

7. The May program will be the yearly club auction. Gordon Clement will again be the auctioneer. All the rules for the auction are in the April newsletter. Please bring your computer and radio items for sale. **Most important, there will be No Pre-Auction Sales!!**

The meeting was concluded at 8:00 PM. Tonight's program is on repeaters.

Respectfully submitted by Judie Medin, KE4EPS.

## May 11, 1994

The meeting was called to order by Jeff Weinberg (AA4RC) at 7:35 PM.

The treasurer and secretary's report will be published in the July newsletter. Jeff again discussed the format of the next newsletter, and stated he will be the editor until 1995. Contact Jeff if you are interested in working on the newsletter.

### Announcements:

1. Mike (N3FDU) was asking for volunteers to assist with the Georgia Special Olympics on

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5/27-5/29/94. They are really needed!! He will be sending around a sign-up sheet.

- Adam (KE4ENH) and Sue (KE4HNN) are trying to start a Friday Night Bowling league. It will be at the Roswell Brunswick Lanes on Friday 5/13/94 at 8 PM. Contact them for further details.

- Steve (KE4GBB) still needs volunteers for the July Hamfest and Field Day activities. Please contact him if you are interested in either event.

- The June meeting will be about Field Day.

- A thank you letter was read to the club from Jim Stafford (W4QO) for his life membership in the N.F.A.R.L.

- Jeff announced that David Fellows (KD4APK), vice-president of the N.F.A.R.L., had moved to Farmville, VA, to work at a school.

- Jeff asked for anyone interested in the VP position in the club to please contact him, and we will vote on a new VP at the June meeting.

#### New Licenses:

Advanced	1
Tech Plus	3
General	1
New Members:	4
Visitors:	2

- Jeff mentioned a need to vote on the club by-laws. They were published in the April newsletter. A motion was made to accept the by-laws. The motion was seconded. There was a call for the vote. The by-laws were accepted by the majority.

The meeting concluded at 7:50 PM. Tonight's program is the annual club

auction.

Respectfully submitted by Judie Medin, KE4EPS.



## June 8, 1994

The meeting was called to order by Jeff Weinberg (AA4RC) at 7:27 PM.

The treasurer's report will be published in the next newsletter. The secretary's report will also be published in the next newsletter. Jeff once again mentioned the new format and publishing schedule of *Squelch Tales*. It will include a member roster, and other columns for our members. It will be published and mailed before the July meeting. If you want to put an article or ad in *Squelch Tales*, the cutoff date is 6/28/94.

The technical committee reported that the repeater power is still at 10 watts. After the cavities have been re-tuned, the power will be boosted back to 100 watts.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Steve (KE4GBB) was asked to run for vice-president of the club. The nomination was brought to the floor and seconded. The vote was unanimous in his favor. **Welcome Steve, and thank you!!**

- Jeff asked for volunteers to assist with the IRS 501C3 forms for non-profit status. He will check with another organization and see how theirs was done.

#### New Licenses:

Congratulations to Rose Daly (KE4MCW)	
General	1

Extra written	1
New Members:	None
Visitors:	2

- Remember: Members with membership expiration dates of 6/30/94, your dues are due by that date.** All accounts not paid by July 2 will be deactivated. If dues are not paid by July 31, your repeater number will be made available to new members.

- Future programs will be the National Weather Service and a talk on Sci-Trek. These will be for the July and August meetings. The September meeting will be about the QSL Bureau.

- Jeff Medin (KD4TFG) reminded everyone that Radio Shack has their Weather Alert Radio on sale.

The meeting concluded at 7:50 PM. Tonight's program is on Field Day by Steve Mays (KE4GBB).

Respectfully submitted by Judie Medin, KE4EPS.

## One Day Hamfests Have Prevailed

*Courtesy of S.E.R.A. Repeater Journal*

Over the years, the trend had been 2-day hamfests for most. Times have changed, and most hamfest sponsors see their second day a total disaster.

This year, there is a large movement to one day only. Attendance patterns have changed over the past 5 years, and hamfest sponsors are beginning to recognize what has happened - everyone comes the first day, and less than 10% come the second day.

The new pattern is, get the hamfest in on one day, and rest the second, thereby cutting expenses for the club.

An Editorial by  
Jeff Weinberg, AA4RC

## In My Opinion...

A critical part of any good publication is a place where opinions can be freely expressed in an open forum. I would like the "In My Opinion..." column to be that forum. Not just for the people working on this newsletter, or in the club, but for anyone within the Amateur Community. This column should examine all types of activities and instances, and be able to offer constructive comment, and, when necessary, criticism.

It should be noted that comments and opinions expressed in this column do not necessarily represent the views of other newsletter participants, the club itself, club members, advertisers, authors, or contributors. Opinions expressed in this column will always be offered as just that, opinions, whose intent and purpose will be to try and contribute to the overall quality of Amateur Radio in this area.

I do not see the contributors to this column shying away from controversial topics. In fact, I would encourage the exploration of such ideas. A wise man (or woman) once said that out of controversy and chaos comes progress. We are a society who draws its strength from the sharing of different views and ideas. This column should promote and extend that concept. You won't always agree with what's written here, or disagree with it, for that matter. But, if after reading this column you come away thinking about some topic a little more, the writer will have done his or her job.

It should also be noted that it will be up to the editor's discretion to offer professional editing of any column

submitted to be printed here. Not so much for content, but for presentation, good form, and good communications. Hopefully along these lines, I offer this first editorial for your consideration.

I would like to spend a few moments talking about commitment. There are many levels of commitment in our lives. Person-to-person, person-to-company, person-to-society, etc. However, in this case, I would like to explore the commitment of individual Amateur Radio operators to the concept of promoting and extending our hobby throughout this region of the country.

Make no mistake about it, the amateurs in Atlanta have a responsibility that is unique to other amateurs in the region. Atlanta, because of its location and importance as a transportation, communications, and economic hub for the Southeast, bestows upon its citizens the responsibility to offer up good examples for other areas of our region to build upon.

For example, have you ever asked yourself why, with the quality of amateur operators in this area, the clubs in this area don't offer more overall leadership in our hobby than they currently do? Two areas that immediately spring to mind are the support of Sci-Trek and a good, strong, regional super-hamfest.

Let's first take a brief look at the amateur station and exhibit at Sci-Trek. The Sci-Trek station, known as STARS, was deliberately created from the efforts of multiple clubs in the area. There was a conscience decision made from the onset to create a completely independent entity, supported by everyone. As the work on the development of the design and

installation of the station proceeded, the talents of individuals in many clubs were drawn upon. And now a reality, the volunteer coordinators of the station are still maintaining that tradition. The latest, suggested, club volunteer schedule reflects this desire to draw upon the strength and diversity of the area.

(See the Sci-Trek update in this issue of Squelch Tales.)

Here is an excellent opportunity for all area amateurs to contribute their time and effort to the continual development and maintenance of what will become a key asset for our hobby in the future. Here is also an opportunity to touch the lives of many people directly interested in science and technology. And, many of these people are children. Throughout the year, but most especially during the school year, thousands of children tour Sci-Trek experiencing the fascination of science. The STARS station will add significantly to that learning experience. It's a perfect opportunity for us, as amateurs, to be a valuable part of the lives of our young people. And, we will find that some of these same young people will want to join our ranks and become valued members of our hobby, adding significantly to us all.

The Sci-Trek station also offers unique opportunities for current amateur operators to explore new modes of operation they would not normally have access to. This also promotes growth of the individual, and stimulates interests in new areas of the hobby.

And, let's not forget the potential that the STARS station can play in promoting our city to the world during the upcoming centennial Olympic games. Though the

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station will probably not be an official part of the Olympic proceedings, the STARS station could initiate activities on its own that would tie into the world games.

Opportunities for international contacts during 1996 will abound as amateur operators from all over the world focus on trying to contact local stations. A special QSL card could be created to celebrate the games, and since STARS is not affiliated with any one person or group, QSL's from the station will truly be from all of the amateurs of this area.

In essence, many good people have put a lot of hard work into establishing a remarkable asset for Amateur Radio here in Atlanta. We owe it to ourselves to support it fully, contribute a bit of ourselves to it in some way, and promote its continued existence.

The second item I would like to discuss is the creation of a truly, regional-wide "Superfest", whose primary goal would be to create an event equal to, or exceeding, the yearly goings-on held in Dayton, Ohio.

I know, I know, I can hear the snickers now.... The Dayton Hamfestival is literally the "Granddaddy of them all". It is the single most important yearly event in Amateur Radio in this country. And, one of the most important Amateur Radio events in the world. How can we ever consider building an event that would come close to equaling something as large as the Dayton Hamvention? After all, it takes time, a great deal of money, and close coordination to build something that size. Well, yes it does. But, so what?

Go anywhere in this country, and I dare anyone to find an area filled with a better quality of Ham that is as cordial, talented, and capable as the amateurs in this area. Sure Dayton packs them in. But, why can't Atlanta? I'm familiar with the Dayton

area, and the Hara Arena. My in-laws live less than 4 miles from there. There is nothing there that we don't have here. I have never found a good reason why an event like the Dayton Hamvention can't be done here. In fact, think about some of these "facts":

- Fact: Atlanta offers *better* transportation in and out of the area than does Dayton. This makes it easier for distributors, flea-marketers, and guests to get here.
- Fact: Atlanta offers *more* things to do than does Dayton. We offer great attractions, excellent restaurants, professional sports, mountains, lakes, and outstanding recreational parks.
- Fact: Atlanta has *better* convention facilities than does Dayton. If we tried, anyone of us could come up with a list of at least 3 or 4 facilities in this area that are better than the Hara Arena.
- Fact: Atlanta has *more* accommodations than does Dayton. Staying in Richmond, Indiana, or Columbus, Ohio, and driving to the hamfest is OK. But, if we can accommodate Comdex, we certainly can accommodate a great hamfest, *locally*.
- Fact: The amateur community in Atlanta is at least the equal of the amateur community in Dayton. In fact, I would put our organizational and technical expertise up against *a n y o n e*, anywhere, anytime.

I'm sure you could come up with additional "facts" on your own. But, the most important fact remains, if Dayton can have its Hamvention, why can't we have a Superfest too? There is no reason we can't.

So, what needs to be done to create a first-class Superfest for our city and region? Well, here are a few of my recommendations to get you *started* thinking:

- *The Superfest should be incorporated from the very start.*
- The Superfest should be run like a business, period. It should deal with people and other businesses - like a business.
- The Superfest should have officers and a board of directors.
- The officers and board of directors should be *directly* answerable to the amateurs of this area, be it through their clubs or as individuals dealing directly with the corporation.
- The Superfest should be completely independent of any one organization. It should be an area-wide function, like Sci-Trek.
- Proceeds from the Superfest should be funnelled back into running the Superfest, and also contributed to a worthy regional community-based organization such as a children's hospital, museum, or a park (like the Zoo).

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- Every club in the area should have one share of "stock" in the corporation, and be responsible for contributing representation to the board of directors.
- Officers of the corporation should be rotated on a regular basis so that all clubs have an equal opportunity to provide leadership to the Superfest.
- The Superfest should be held in a central Atlanta location, near MARTA, and in an area where good restaurants and shopping are immediately available.
- The Superfest must take advantage of all of the resources of the area including transportation, restaurants, accommodations, shopping, entertainment, etc.
- The Superfest should not be held during the hottest months of the year here. Atlanta is blessed with great weather when other parts of the country are buried deep in cold or heat. We should recognize this as a resource and use it.
- Every effort should be made to tap into all of the amateur resources in the Southeast, realizing that we live in the biggest, fastest growing, amateur region in the United States today.

I firmly believe that the potential to create a first-class, annual event, which attracts tens of thousands of people from all over the country and world, can be done here too. And, it can be done fairly soon. All we need is the dedication of each of the clubs

and individuals in this area to create this event.

In my opinion, this is doable, and it can happen. All it takes is commitment.

Both an on-going, first-class, Sci-Trek operation, and an annual Superfest are very real possibilities, and good starts towards achieving the goal of Atlanta's hams setting great examples for others to consider and build upon in the years to come.

## Contester's Corner

In this corner, we'll try to take some time to look at Contesting on the Ham bands. I'll gather some dates and times for upcoming contests, plus hope to publish some hints, tips, techniques, and stories that readers have about contesting.

If you have material you would like to submit to this column, please send it to the Contester's Corner, *Squelch Tales*, P.O. Box 1741, Roswell, GA 30077.

## Upcoming Contests

July 9-10	IARU HF World Championship
	CQ World-Wide VHF WPX Contest
July 16-17	AGCW-DL QRP Contest
July 23-24	SEANET Contest
July 30-31	Connecticut QSO Party

RSGB IOTA Contest

August 6-7 ARRL UHF Contest

August 12-14 ATV Quest Contest

Europe DX Contest

August 20-21 ARRL 10-GHz Cumulative Contest

KCJ Contest

New Jersey QSO Party

## DX'ers Unlimited

In this column, we'll take time to look at the pursuit of DXing among our members and readers. Topics of interest will be:

- upcoming DXpeditions,
- tips and techniques,
- how to best use the solar flux index,
- projected solar flux indices for the next 30 days,
- etc.

If you have material you would like to submit to this column, please send it to the DX'ers Unlimited, *Squelch Tales*, P.O. Box 1741, Roswell, GA 30077.



## Upcoming Programs

### July 13 - National Weather Service

*Program:* Severe weather and weather spotting. Walt Zaleski, NOAA severe weather expert.

### August 10 - Sci-Trek update

*Program:* An up-to-the-minute update on one of Atlanta's newest Amateur Radio assets, the Sci-Trek station called STARS.

### September 14 - QSL Bureau

*Program:* NK4U, Nancy Draheim, will give us information on the work-

ings of the QSL bureaus. If you are interested in QSLing foreign stations, this program's for you.

**October 12 - Open.** *Suggestions welcome.*

### November 9 - Election of Officers and General Meeting

*Program:* An open forum where you can ask the officers club related questions, and help make policy and set the club's direction for the up-coming year.

### December 14 - Annual Christmas party

*Program:* Presentation of the Amateur-of-the-Year Award. Christmas family banquet.

## Our Goal

Our goal is simply to be the best newsletter of its type in Atlanta. The N.F.A.R.L. newsletter should be something people look forward to getting 4 times a year.

To help support this effort, effective with the June mailing, meeting reminder cards will no longer be mailed each month to N.F.A.R.L. members. Instead, this money will be used to help insure, and improve, the quality of *Squelch Tales*.

If you have any comments or suggestions about this newsletter, please send them to the attention of the *Squelch Tales* Editor, P.O. Box 1741, Roswell, GA 30077.

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