

North Fulton ARL

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Meeting – **March 20, 2007** is approaching.

Our guest speaker this month will be nationally known Homebrew expert **Tom Koch, W4UOC**

Tom, has been an Atlanta amateur radio fixture for years. He has an extensive background in restoring old equipment and his station could be a museum. His March meeting presentation will cover some basic history of how ham radio was founded from the early spark gap transmitters and related receiving equipment. It will touch on the various aspects of ham radio and the diversity of the hobby and a review of some of the vintage transmitters and receivers (AM, CW and SSB) that are still quite popular with those interested in "BOATAHCNORS". You don't want to miss this one – there something for everyone. Check out his web site at: <http://members.aol.com/w4uoc/index.html>



We expect a crowd so why not drop one of those fold up camp chairs in your trunk just in case.

<http://tinyurl.com/24qrmv>

This will be our third meeting of the new year. For those of you that have not been to one of our recent meetings, it is located at the **Alpharetta Fire Station #1** at **2970 Webb Bridge Road**. The meeting time is 7:30 PM and will end around 8:30-9:00 PM.

Remember, March 20, 2007 That is the 3rd Tuesday of the month. This link is for directions to the meeting site

<http://tinyurl.com/yhd25e>

NFARL Yahoo Group - One more thing, we are trying to get every NFARL member as well as friends of NFARL, to become members of the NFARL yahoo group. To become a member of that mailing list, just send a blank message to:

nfarl-subscribe@yahoogleroups.com Now if you would also like to read the archives online, see pictures from club members, etc, you may go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/nfarl/> and click the **JOIN THIS GROUP** in upper right, and just follow the instructions from there. Come on, join the group. You also don't have to be a member of NFARL to join the group. We would also like to thank those of you that have become NFARL-YAHOO members, thank you.

Remember, you don't actually have to have a Yahoo ID to be a yahoo group member to send/receive messages. However, you DO have to have a Yahoo ID if you intend on reading the archives online, looking at photos, etc. The ID is simple to get and once you have one, it's a snap to join other great yahoo ham groups such as the North GA QRP list (nogaqrp), the Atlanta Radio Club list (AtlantaRadioClub), and over 100 other yahoo lists dealing with ham radio.

It was official, Techs get 10M ssb on Feb. 23

That's when the current 5 WPM Morse code requirement will officially disappear from the Amateur Radio Service Part 97 rules in accordance with the FCC's *Report and Order (R&O)* in the "Morse code proceeding," WT Docket 05-235.

Beginning on that date, applicants for a General or Amateur Extra class Amateur Radio license no longer will have to demonstrate proficiency in Morse code. They'll just have to pass the applicable written examination. [Publication](#) of the new rules in the January 24 *Federal Register* started a 30-day countdown for the new rules to become effective.

Deletion of the Morse requirement -- still a matter of controversy within the amateur community -- is a landmark in Amateur Radio history.

Techs on 10 net - As part of NFARL's continuing emphasis on activities between meetings, we're sponsoring a net on the first night that Techs get 10M privileges. It will be at **Friday nights @ 8PM, on 28.495 Mhz**. Now this is for *ALL hams - club members or not, Generals, Extras, etc.* It will be our way of welcoming Techs to 10M and get some activity on the band.

According to our records, we had 29 check in's on that first night. That was a great turnout. I want to thank Jim, W4QO for the advertising he did for that night, Don, N4DK for being the assistant net control and all the rest of you for checking in. We have had 2 additional net nights and each of those has also been great. Bret, N4BTA, ran the net last Friday and thanks to him as well.

If it is successful, *and yes it has been successful*, we'll consider meeting for a short chat every Friday night at this time. So join us!

Oh, don't have a 10M rig? Contact one of the club officers (see email info under Hamfest below) and we'll do our best to get you one of several loaners for this event.

Don't know the exact ruling on the following, but there is some conjecture that the Tech's will also have privileges on the following bands 80, 40, 15 meters using this thing called International Morse Code, along with RTTY on 10 meters.

Kennehoochee Hamfest for March 17th

NFARL will have 2 tables at this Hamfest. Thanks to all of you that volunteered to help staff the tables. We are developing a club "item" to sell at our table and also some demonstrations need to be developed. It might even be

possible to sell some of your STUFF off the table as well, or maybe sell off the table for a commission if you don't want to be there. We can talk about this at the club meeting.

Well that is all for now. Please plan on coming if you haven't been a meeting in a while. We would love to see you again. Last month we had 35 people in attendance and the attendance is growing each month. How 'bout bringing one of your ham or non-ham friends. See you maybe Saturday at the Kennehoochee Hamfest and hopefully at the meeting.