



eNEWS - August, 2007

eNEWS is "what's happening" in North Fulton! Check the headlines of each item and mark your calendar. Always be on the lookout for a way **YOU** can help on these activities/events. For news outside our area, read ARRL.org or eHAM.net! But here's your North Fulton ARL eNEWS for August.

Summary of upcoming events and dates (for those who are so busy they don't have time to read the entire eNEWS)!

Every Wednesday - Hungry Hams Lunch Bunch - 11:45 AM - Slopes BBQ

Every Sunday - NF ARES net - 7:30PM - 145.47 Mhz

Every Friday - NFARL Techs on Ten Net - 9 PM - 28.470 Mhz

North Fulton ARES meeting - Tuesday – August 21 - 6:30PM

NFARL August meeting - Tuesday, August 21 - 7:30 PM – Joy of QRP!

NFARL September meeting - Tuesday – September 18 - 7:30 PM

Huntsville Hamfest - August 18 - NFARL will have a table - **FIELD TRIP!**

Several club members will be leaving at 5:30AM for Huntsville on Saturday and return the same day. Yes, it's a long day but hey, it's the ARRL National Convention! We'll be selling NFARL Nuggets CDs and having fun sharing a corner setup with the NoGA QRP Club. Contact w4go@nfarl.org if you would like to get one of the few seats left.

ARES Meeting – August 21 - 6:30 PM – Topic: Powerpoles! Every ham is welcome. See: www.nfares.org Did you know that the No. Fulton ARES net meets on 145.47 each Sunday at the **NEW TIME= 8:30PM?** Everyone check in and meet your ARES members/leaders. Give back a little (or a lot) to this great hobby - join ARES! Also, Tom, W4UOC, EC NF has great plans for this year's S.E.T. – stay tuned....

Regular Club Meeting – August 21 - 7:30 PM -

The Joy of QRP – Steve Hudson, AA4BW. Steve will explain how to get on QRP and have lots of fun. He'll also have two QRP rigs to make a contact right in the meeting room. Don't miss this! Here is Steve at one of his famous "Build Days" where dozens have built QRP equipment.



Meeting Location: Behind Alpharetta Fire Station #1 at 2970 Webb Bridge Road. Directions:

<http://tinyurl.com/yhd25e> As you know, we are getting 30+ at the meetings so throw in a folding camp chair if you have one. **Door prizes- Toys for Techies - Bring good, clean items to give away as door prizes.**

Future Meetings -

Mark your calendars!

Look at this lineup...

September 18 – Software for the SWL – Tim, WK4U

October 16 – Scarborough Reef – Paul, K4UJ

November 20 – Yagi Antennas – Don, N4DK

December 18 – Christmas Party

Hungry Hams Lunch Bunch each Wednesday @11:45 - Members are congregating at the **Slope's BBQ on Crossville Road** each Wednesday. Come join us. Bring a friend. Slope's is just EAST of Crabapple Road on Crossville in Roswell. Good to see 7 last WED! This week we had 5 in attendance. One was "new" ham Bill Reed, KI4YJI. Bill had a ham license in the 50s and let it expire. Now he's taken the test and has his new TECH ticket. He's joined our Yahoo list (see below) and we hope he joins the club soon. He was invited by KC4NRX, Charles. If Bill joins, Charles get the certificate (see next item).

Membership – N4CLA tells us that we now stand at 90 members. That's up 4 from last month. We need your help to ***Hit A Hundred!*** which is our goal for the year. If you have that renewal setting around, why not mail it in. If you are "thinking about joining" go ahead - we don't bite. \$20 is not too much for what we are trying to provide you from our club. If it's a second family member, it's only \$5. You do NOT have to be a ham to join NFARL, you have to just want to help us. We have a long list of initiatives ahead - some changes in our repeater systems, build-it parties, more field trips, shack visits this fall, etc. Bring a friend to the meeting - we think it's a slam dunk!

This will take action on a number of fronts - old members to renew, telling others you know about the club (we have a small business card you should carry to give out which you can pick up at the meetings), invite someone to the lunch bunch on Wednesdays. If the person you invite joins the club, you'll get a **very unique certificate** so don't be left out. Invite a friend to the next function and help us "hit a hundred"!

Repeater Status – Since the last months report on the repeaters we started generating some complaints about the power level of the repeater and yes it was down. We had a visit from mother nature. She came into the building in a roar and took a tour of the power amplifier and left us with quite a mess. One of the cardinal rules is that you don't ever mess with mother nature. Currently we are attempting to get the amplifier fixed but have been having some problems making power from the amplifier boards I have. In case you are wondering, the power level the repeater is currently radiating is 200 milliwatts. Yes that's correct 2/10ths of a watt. Coverage is not really all that bad considering we are actually running QRP. Well tonight, 8/16/2007 I am putting a 5 watt amp up there just to help fill in some of the holes. If all works according to hoyle, which it hasn't been for several weeks now, within a week we should be back up to power again. See you at the meeting on tuesday.

Mid Month Madness – Huntsville Hamfest is this month. Stay tuned to the Yahoo list for an event between the August and September meetings. Do you have an idea? Send it to: w4qo@nfarl.org

Joining our Yahoo list - You're probably already signed up if you're getting this but in case you're not, here's how to be a part of the NFARL mailing list. Send a message with your name and callsign in the body to: nfarl-subscribe@yahoogroups.com Now if you would also like to read the archives online, see projects 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 don't have to be a member of NFARL to join the group. We would like to thank those of you that have become NFARL-YAHOO members.

Feedback - Have some news? Did you upgrade? Get a new callsign? Any new hams out there - let us know at info@nfarl.org Need to contact us?

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Club Repeater - 145.47 (-600khz) - No Tone!

147.060 (+600khz) and 444.475 (+5.0mhz) currently off the air. Back soon!

Backup - MATPARC - 145.41 (-600khz) – No Tone!

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