

eNEWS MARCH 2008

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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! Here's your **North Fulton ARL eNEWS for March 2008.**



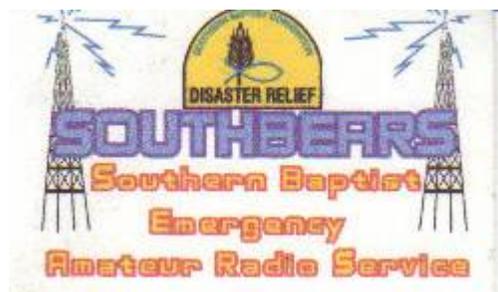
Summary of upcoming events and dates

- **Every Wednesday** - Hungry Hams Lunch Bunch - 11:45 AM - Slopes BBQ
- **Every Sunday** - **NF ARES net** - 8:30PM - 145.47 Mhz
- **Every Monday** - **Tech Net** - 8:30 PM - 145.47 Mhz - See details on page 2.
- **MAR. 15 - Kennehoochee Hamfest** – Miller Park, Marietta (again). **Volunteer to help.**

 **Amateur Radio Saves the Day** - On Feb. 23, NFARL hosted its first VE Testing session in years under the direction of Vern, W8BLA. At that session, 17 applicants took tests and all passed - 9 Technicians, 7 Generals, and one EXTRA class. A great story but it doesn't end there. Sometime last week, one new ham from that session **Carey, KI4CJX**, received her ticket but she had been reluctant to get on the air (her husband is club member Brian, KR4MM). On March 5, Carey was in an automobile accident while driving alone. She was not hurt seriously but she did not have a cell phone handy and so she took the leap. Bringing up our 145.47 repeater, she caught **Walt, KI7A**, who coincidentally was one of the examiners two weeks ago. Walt was able to calm her, call in the accident, and stick with her until the police arrived. The driver at fault had fled the scene, but Carey was a real "pro" on the microphone. We hope she gets well soon and we hear a lot more of her on the club repeater. What a great story, don't you think?

Regular Club Meeting - Mar.18 -7:30 PM

Southern Baptist Emergency Service- Our speaker **Terry Jones W4TL**, will inform us on this highly organized and effective public service team. We've heard rave reviews already on this one. Don't miss this one if you want to know more about the fine points of how to do public service. **We had a record 54 at our last meeting so don't forget to bring your camp chair, please.**



ARES Meeting - Mar. 18 - 6:30PM

All ARES members (and others who might be interested) are in for a retreat at the March meeting. William Smith, (who was scheduled for last month) Operations Officer for the Atlanta-Fulton County Emergency Management Agency, will present a program on the emergency preparedness plans and **Skywarn**. To join the ARES reflector: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/nfares/>

Meeting Location: EOC –Located behind the Alpharetta Fire Station #1 at 2970 Webb Bridge Road, Alpharetta, GA. Go to this map: <http://tinyurl.com/yhd25e>

Door prizes- Toys for Techies - If everyone brings one good, clean item/book to give away as door prizes, then everyone will win one!! + World Radio magazine subscription, + Gift Certificate from HRO

NEW NFARL TECH NET meets Mondays at 8:30 PM - Join us on 145.47, to discuss technical topics lead by WB4MAK. As far as we know, no one else conducts a net quite like this one. It uses the internet, Google, and a chat room to find and convey information.

Mid-Month Madness – March 1 –Build-a-thon – 14 club members built digital interfaces at this event. This will let them connect their HF rig and computer to use such modes as PSK-31, RTTY, and SSTV, to name a few. Check the clubs website under “**ACTIVITIES**” for more info and photos. **April 6 - Hot Ham Topics** - Back at the EOC for this MMM event. We'll be covering CONNECTORS - both RF and Powerpole. Come find out what's what and how to install these properly. Bring any cables and connectors you'd like; we'll help you finish them off.

Repeater News - Water in the air core dielectric feedline crippled the 444.475 repeater for a time this month. However with some minor adjustments to the hanging of the feed line, forcing the water to drain, we were able bring it back to normal operation. All other repeaters are solidly operating. Please add 100Hz PL to your radio for 145.47. Where this is added is to YOUR transmit. You can also add 100hz to your receive on 145.47 as well but that is not totally necessary.

Club Auction – In case you haven't heard, NFARL is having a silent auction. Check the website - www.nfarl.org - for a list of items and how to bid. Proceeds will help with our repeater replacements and to pay ongoing expenses. Winners will be announced prior to the March meeting. Help the club and help yourself.

Hungry Hams Lunch Bunch each Wednesday @11:45 - Members are congregating at the **Slope's BBQ on Crossville Road** each Wednesday. Bring a friend. Slope's is just EAST of Crabapple Road on Crossville in Roswell. **One note: when you go through the line, be sure to ask them to print a receipt and include it in the Radio Club stack. The club fund gets 10% back!!**

Club Membership –We'd like to thank everyone for joining the club and helping us “Hit a Hundred” by year end 2007. We are now into **MARCH** and are currently at **127!** Our goal is for 2008? **150!!**--There has always been some question regarding when **dues are due**. The way the club dues / renewals are currently set up is they are due every 12 months from the date you joined NFARL. So if you joined May 22, your renewal would be due on the next May. This basically does two things for the club. First it keeps a more constant cash flow for the club receivables, and second it makes it easier on you. If you find that you need to change your annual renewal date to fit your budget, just say so. It is just a click away on the computer. **BIG NEWS- We have made it even easier for you to continue your membership by simply clicking on this link <http://www.nfarl.org/shop/mart.html> and taking advantage of the new secure PayPal or personal credit card function on our newly revamped NFARL web site. No more check writing, no more stamps, no more envelopes, no more electronic bill pays. Bill, KI4YJJ has again done another outstanding job on this addition. Our thanks go to Bill.**

ARRL Membership - Currently **73% of NFARL are members of the ARRL**. Our goal here is not to coerce you to become a member of the ARRL, however, if you currently are not a member, and if you do have plans to renew or become a **NEW** member of ARRL, PLEASE use NFARL as your conduit for your ARRL affiliation. When you use NFARL to process your ARRL membership, NFARL stands to make a few \$ for every membership that that we process. You have nothing to loose, you still pay the same, and NFARL has everything to gain. ARRL is your government voice, so consider supporting them. **FLASH:** You can now use **PayPal** to join ARRL - use <http://www.nfarl.org/shop/mart.html>

Check our website - join our Yahoo reflector – Here’s how to keep in touch with your club. Visit our website - www.nfarl.org - which was recently upgraded by Bill, KI4YJJ. You’ll find all kinds of valuable info there such as up to the minute news, how to become a ham or upgrade, photos of club events, a ROSTER of members, and a club calendar. While you’re there click on the **YAHOO GROUP** button and take a spin around. While you’re there, click on the **JOIN THIS GROUP** button and become part of the NFARL mailing list. You may also join by simply sending a message with your name and callsign in the body to: nfarl-subscribe@yahogroups.com.

Check our website – You can also go to <http://www.nfarl.org/eNewsIndex.html> and get **previous issues of the eNEWS**. From now on, the newsletter will be stored on the website without being attached to your typical email newsletter notification and will be just a hot link in the email.

Did you know? – Do you know there are only 6, yes SIX clubs in Georgia with the **ARRL Special Services Club** classification!

VE Exams – PLEASE pass this information along. Testing is local. Rules and guidelines are on the club website. <http://www.nfarl.org/licenseExamInfo.html> . Begin your ham radio experience or upgrade now!

May 10, 2008

10AM

Regular meeting location <http://tinyurl.com/yhd25e>.

Thanks to Verne, W8BLA@arrl.net

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Club Repeaters

145.470 (-)	100 Hz	Sweat Mtn
147.060 (+)	100 Hz	Roswell Water Tower
443.150 (+)	No Tone	Roswell Water Tower (MATPARC/NFARL)
444.475(+)	100 Hz	Sweat Mtn

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