



## **eNEWS AUGUST 2008**

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eNEWS is "what's happening" in **North Fulton!** Check the headlines of each item and mark your calendar. Go to [arrrl.org](http://arrrl.org) or [eHAM.net](http://eHAM.net) for the national news, but here's your **North Fulton ARL eNEWS** for August 2008.



### ***Summary of upcoming events and dates***

- **Every Wednesday** - Hungry Hams Lunch Bunch - 11:45 AM - Slopes BBQ
- **Every Sunday** - **NFARES net** - 8:30PM - 147.06 Mhz (+.600) & PL 100
- **Every Monday** - **Tech Net** - 8:30 PM - 145.47 Mhz (PL 100) - See details on page 3.
- **Mid Month Madness -- Alive After Five - Roswell Street Festival - August 21.**

**Regular Club Meeting - August 19 - 7:30 PM - First things first - don't bring your camp chair. Second, NEW LOCATION - 194 Milton Ave, Alpharetta.** One mile west of current location. **Talk in - 145.47 MHz.** Details/maps/photos on website.. Plenty of seating and plenty of parking so bring friends, relatives, neighbors...

***Our program for August is  
Radio on the Railroads***



**Darrell Kreuger, KI4RXJ** - The role RF plays in the operation of today's mainline railroads, including voice and telemetry, along with an in depth look at how dispatchers keep the freight moving with Centralized Traffic Control over radio.

**++ Doors open - 6:45 PM** - FREE refreshments - meet friends - chew the rag - bring a show and tell item to pass around - Enjoy the space - Wear your NFARL shirts - Surprises too!

**We meet here: *NEW LOCATION* Masonic Lodge Hall, 194 Milton Ave,**  
Alpharetta, GA. Go to map: <http://tinyurl.com/5t7swd> across from ex-Milton high school.

**Door prizes- *Toys for Techies*** - If everyone **brings one** good, clean item/book to give away as door prizes, then everyone will win one... + Gift Certificate from HRO. We appreciate HRO's support. Do you support HRO?

**Club members eat** - If you are interested, you can join us for dinner at the Alpha Soda on Haynes Bridge Road in the shopping center, just south of Hwy 120 (Milton Parkway). We meet at 6PM and leave at 7PM. It is about 5 minutes to the ***new meeting location***.

**Bring a book to donate to the club library** - We're just getting this off the ground and need your books that you don't use much to be donated. Bring them to the meeting every month.

**Is your QSL card on the website?** – Bring your QSL cards to the meeting and we will place them on the web site <http://www.nfarl.org/gslMembers.html> . As time goes on, we will be incorporating areas for narrative BIO's and what ever else that "YOU" want to insert with your card.

**Alive After Five – August 21** - This is a once a month event, **every third Thursday April through November from 5PM – 9PM**, located in Historic Roswell along Canton St. Help operate the club booth/station by contacting [N4CLA@nfarl.org](mailto:N4CLA@nfarl.org) to volunteer. Our booth is next to GO WITH THE FLOW kayak store. This event is designed to be more of a family outing. It is a "NON" Amateur radio event and is a perfect place for NFARL to stand out and show the "NON" Amateur Radio community what "HAM" radio is all about. There are 200+ vendors that will be along Canton Street including all the restaurants and Art Galleries. There will be three bands along the street and many restaurants with street service. Here is the web site for the Alive After Five event <http://www.aliveafterfiveroswell.com/> and here is the page advertising NFARL [http://www.aliveafterfiveroswell.com/sponsors\\_n.htm](http://www.aliveafterfiveroswell.com/sponsors_n.htm) .

**ARES Meeting** - The **Amateur Radio Emergency Service** has begun meeting on a different night from the regular club meeting. Both activities now have much to cover and trying to cram it all into one evening is just not easy. So beginning in July, ARES began meeting on the **second Tuesday** of each month at the Sandy **Springs City Council Chambers** at Morgan Falls. All are welcome to attend whether ARES member or not so mark your calendars. **Details on the web, go to <http://www.nfarl.org/ares.html> .**

**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 repeater, Google, a chat room, and now **Echolink** to enhance the quality of this unique net. Go to the website and look [www.nfarl.org/nets.html](http://www.nfarl.org/nets.html) there you'll find the link to the CHAT room. Some great links are posted each week as participants search for answers on the web and listen to experienced members explain things on the repeater.

**Repeater News** - The club's newest repeater (a joint venture with the MATPARC club) is the 224.62 repeater. Set your rig for MINUS 1.6 MHZ and PL100. If you do not have PLL, dial **7411** to turn off the PL tone and **7410** to turn the PL on..

**SERA NEWS** - What is SERA? **S**outh**E**astern **R**epeater **A**ssociation. Do you get the SERA Journal? GA Correspondent John Talipsky, N3ACK had a great article this quarter on NFARL and what we're up too. Thanks, John. Go to: [www.sera.org](http://www.sera.org) for info on how to join SERA. Remember, SERA is the repeater coordinating body for the South East USA, which includes Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia. If you feel so inclined, you can go to their web site and make a contribution to help support their efforts as well as receive a very nice quarterly publication.

**Hungry Hams Lunch Bunch each Wednesday @11:45 till?** -. Our last 3 lunches, we have had 18 to 25. **Remember, when you go through the line, be sure to ask them to print a receipt and credit the Radio Club. It helps the cause.**

**Club Membership** – Remember back in January 2008, when we stated that our goal for 2008 was 150? Well, we are now at **165!!** Thank you to all of our supporters. Are we havin' fun yet? A related item - at the club's test session last week, we had 4 new TECHs and 1 new General pass! Just as some trivia since NFARL started doing VE Testing.

7	Sessions (Including Ham Cram)
67	Applicants
65	Passing Grades
6	Extra
14	General
45	Technician
9	Members on the VE team

**EASIER TO JOIN** - 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.

**Please welcome** – our new (\*) members and we thank our other members for renewing. Thank you for choosing NFARL for your personal involvement in Amateur Radio. You did have a choice

Michael	*	Sandfer	KF4ZTP
Kelly	*	Sandfer	KG4BDI
David	*	Engbritson	N0CAL
Bill		Reed	K4YJI
Bill		Cobb	K4YJJ
Denny		Goodwin	KF4BL

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 date 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.

**ARRL Membership** - Currently **72%** of NFARL are members of the ARRL **FLASH:** You can now use **PayPal** to join ARRL - using <http://www.nfarl.org/shop/mart.html> **The club benefits if you join ARRL via our club. So help us out when you join.**

**Check our website & join our Yahoo reflector** – Here's how to keep in touch with your club. Visit our website - [www.nfarl.org](http://www.nfarl.org) - 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 at the NFARL YAHOO GROUP, click on the **JOIN THIS GROUP** button and become part of the NFARL mailing list. You may also join by simply sending an email message with your **name** and **callsign** in the body to: [nfarl-subscribe@yahogroups.com](mailto:nfarl-subscribe@yahogroups.com).

**NFARL WEBSITE is #1** - Thank you Bill, K4YJJ for the continued outstanding job you are doing on the web site. We think this is THE BEST web site, especially in the Atlanta area, if not on the web. The next time you see Bill, say thank you.

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.

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**Club Repeaters**

<b>145.47 (-)</b>	<b>100 Hz</b>	Sweat Mtn
<b>147.06 (+)</b>	<b>100 Hz</b>	Roswell WaterTower
<b>224.62 (-)</b>	<b>100 PL</b>	Sweat Mtn (MATPARC/NFARL)
<b>443.15 (+)</b>	No Tone	Roswell WaterTower (MATPARC/NFARL)
<b>444.475(+)</b>	<b>100 Hz</b>	Sweat Mtn



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