



eNEWS SEPT 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 arrl.org or eHAM.net for the national news, but here's your **North Fulton ARL eNEWS** for September 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.
- ❑ **Ham Cram** -- **October 4** - **Get your license in ONE day!! 9 to 6PM**
- ❑ **Mid Month Madness** - **JOTA** + mini..Field Day - **Oct. 18** - **Waller Park Extension**

Regular Club Meeting - September 16 -7:30 PM - We had 93 at our last meeting -- join us for another great meeting this month.

Our program is

Tim Lemmon, WK4U - Using LINUX in Amateur Radio - Tired of



spending money for non-ham software such as Office and not on ham radio. This month Tim will discuss LINUX and how to save money so you can buy more radios!! A CD will be given to all who attend to get you going on LINUX. The following Tech Net sessions (Mondays) will deal with any questions you may have about LINUX so get going and SAVE money!

++ **Doors open - 6:45 PM** - FREE refreshments - meet friends - socialize - bring a show and tell item to talk about - Enjoy the space - Wear your NFARL shirts, name tags, etc.

Talk in - 145.47 MHz. Details/maps/photos on website. Plenty of seating and plenty of parking (including across the street at high school) so bring friends, relatives, neighbors...

We meet here: 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?

Dinner before meeting - 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.

Ham Cram - After 22 passed the spring Ham Cram, we're excited about doing a fall version. Sign up now online for our **October 4** class. We will hold this at our "new" location - the Masonic Lodge (same as our meeting location). The cost will be \$20 which includes the cost of the test and a pizza lunch. There is some pre-class study involved so get your registration in NOW. Go to the website, <http://www.nfarl.org> then click on **Ham Cram** - get your TECHNICIAN ticket in ONE full day. Fill in the form and press send. Study begins at 9AM and the test around 4PM. WB4MAK@nfarl.org is our leader and will answer your questions.

Mid Month Madness (activities between meetings) - ***JOTA & Mini Field Day - Jamboree on the Air*** - This annual event is to expose Scouts to amateur radio. This year, we'll be going back to Waller Park Extension to set up ONE station in the shelter with an area for demos of various ham related activities - CW, PSK, etc. Also, we plan to offer the RADIO merit badge class (we had 6 Scouts achieve this at FD). Plans are to set up around 8AM - begin around 9AM - close down around 3 PM or maybe earlier. If you would like to help or operate the station in a more relaxed atmosphere, mark you calendar and stay tuned - **October 18**.

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. We have over 170 members and only 33 club member QSLs on the website. HELP!!

Alive After Five – **Sept. 18** - 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 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 .

ARES Meeting - The **A**mateur **R**adio **E**mergency **S**ervice 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 two months ago in July, ARES began meeting on the **second Tuesday** of each month at the Sandy **Spring City Council Chambers** at Morgan Falls. All are welcome to attend whether you are an ARES member or not so mark your calendars. **Details on the web.**

NFARL TECH NET meets Mondays at 8:30 PM on 145.47 - 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 at 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 offset and a PL of 100. If you do not have PLL, dial **7411**.

SERA NEWS - What is **SERA**? **S**outheastern **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 for info on how to join SERA.

Hungry Hams Lunch Bunch each Wednesday @11:45 till? -. Our last 3 lunches, we have had 16, 17, and 16 respectively. **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 **174!!** Thank you to all of our supporters. Are we havin' fun yet?

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 our members that renewed. We wish to say thank you for choosing NFARL for your personal involvement in Amateur Radio.

Richard	I	Adams	KB7WO *
Chaz		Cone	W4GKF
Brian		Marston	KI4ZIW
Anna	I	McCarthy	N9KHC *
Brian	E	McCarthy	NX9O *
William	Clay	Powell	AJ4CH
James	Mike	Roden	W5JR

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 financially if you join ARRL via our club. So help us out when you join or renew.

Check our website & join our Yahoo reflector – Here's how to keep in touch with your club. Visit our website - 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@yahoogroups.com.

NFARL WEBSITE #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.

In case you did not notice, and we hope that you didn't, the NFARL website was transferred from GoDaddy to StartLogic over the last holiday weekend. Once again, Bill - K4YJJ did an outstanding job of keeping this move as transparent as possible so you would not notice any down time. Thanks again Bill.

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.

Name Badges - NFARL is now offering what we think is one of the finest looking name badges in the ranks of Amateur radio. It is 2" x 3", and has a magnetic pin back so as NOT to poke a hole in your shirt. They are absolutely smooth with no etching or routing of the lettering. These are \$9 each and takes about 2 to 3 weeks to receive them once ordered. The reason for the 2 to 3 week delay is that we wait for a number of orders to accumulate, then send them off to Chaz Cone W4GKF for design, and he then sends the order off to the manufacturer where they are assembled and then mailed to your home address when completed. These are also available from the MART section on the web page as well at the meetings.

There will be several of these badges being sported at this upcoming meeting. 27 badges were ordered last time.



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Club Repeaters

145.470 (-)	100 Hz	Sweat Mtn
147.060 (+)	100 Hz	Roswell WaterTower
224.620 (-)	100 Hz	Sweat Mtn
443.150 (+)	No Tone	Roswell WaterTower (MATPARC/NFARL)
444.475(+)	100 Hz	Sweat Mtn



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