



eNEWS NOV 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 or eHAM.net for the national news, but here's your **North Fulton ARL eNEWS** for November 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** - TBA
- ❑ **Holiday Party/Awards Banquet - December 16 - Mark your calendar - Don't miss!**

Regular Club Meeting - November 18 - 7:30 PM - Join us for another great meeting this month. **Jim Krause, AB4CZ**, will be our speaker. Jim is an engineer with Motorola in the safety division where he works with batteries all day long. The title of the talk will be, of course: **BATTERIES - Care and feeding to insure long life.**

++ **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> . We are located across from the old 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. Support HRO?

Club members eat - If you are interested, you can join us for dinner at the Alpha Soda, just south of Hwy 120 (Milton Parkway) on Haynes Bridge Road in the shopping center. We meet at 5:45 PM and leave at 7PM. It is about 5 minutes to the **meeting location.**

Country Ham Holiday Dinner - No, we won't be eating Country Ham but we encourage you to dress in your finest country attire - hats, boots, jeans, shirts, bandanas to celebrate the great year the club has had in 2008. We're having the dinner at the Southern Skillet, hence the country theme! Cost is \$15 per person and you don't have to bring a thing. This price includes all the fixin's and we'll be presenting awards for outstanding service to the club including the resurrected NFARL Ham of the Year! Reply to the Evite and pay either by check or PayPal on the MART page at nfarl.org. As has been our custom, plan to make a donation to a Christmas Fund for kids, at the door. The date is December 16 and the time is 6:30 PM. We are limited to 100 so sign up ASAP!

Election of Officers for 2009 at the NOVEMBER meeting! Here is the slate of officers which are proposed for next year. If you or someone you know would like to run for office, please get the name to w4qo@nfarl.org or make a nomination from the floor. Here you go:

President - Mack, WB4MAK	VP - Walt, KJ4HE
Secretary - Shelia, KD4NKE	Treas - Fred, N4CLA
Member (FD) - Ian, AK4IK	Member (Tech support) - Mike, W5JR
Member (EC) - Tom, W4UOC	Member (Past Pres) - Jim, W4QO

Bring a book to donate to the club library - We especially need license manuals of all classes. Remember these "expire" and you don't need it now that you've passed. Bring them to the meeting every month and pass to our librarian - Cathy, KI4SBK.

Mid Month Madness (activities between meetings) - *Lawrenceville Hamfest - Boneyard Walk-a-round ...* This was a very big hit with about a dozen folks joining in. We need a MMM for early December. Anyone have some ideas? And want to coordinate it?

Is your QSL card on the website? – **Bring your QSL card 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 now have over 200 members and only 33 club member QSL's on the website. Please bring your QSL CARD and HELP get our club cards on the page!!

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 in July 2008, 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 you are an ARES member or not. **Details are on the web.**

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 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**.

SERA NEWS - What is **SERA**? **S**outh **E**astern **R**epeater **A**ssociation. Do you get the SERA Journal? Go to: www.sera.org for info on how to join SERA and support the coordinating body that coordinates the repeaters in the South East.

Hungry Hams Lunch Bunch each Wednesday @11:45 till? We meet at Slopes BBQ on Crossville in Roswell. Talk in 145.47. All are welcome to attend, NFARL member or not. **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.** We have been having a consistent 20+ in attendance.

Club Membership – Remember back in January 2008, when we stated that our goal for 2008 was 150? And then 188!! Well we have now passed **200!!!**. Thank you to all of our supporters. Are we still havin' fun?

EASIER TO JOIN - We have made it even easier for you to continue your membership or join NFARL 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.

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 in May, 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 we have dropped to 66%. Our goal is to have as many NFARL members as possible be members of the ARRL. You can now use **PayPal** to join ARRL - using <http://www.nfarl.org/shop/mart.html> **NFARL benefits if you will join or renew your ARRL membership via NFARL. So help us out when you join or renew.**

Check out 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@yahogroups.com.

NFARL WEBSITE #1 – Thanks go to Bill, K4YJJ for the continued outstanding job that he is doing on the web site. 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.

Name Badges



NFARL now has a very nice name badge that sports our LOGO, Your First name, your City and State and has a magnetic back so it does not poke holes in your shirts. There are 38 people that have now ordered these badges. The last few badges that have recently been ordered have been single orders. I would like to place a big order after the meeting so if you are interested you can order off the web before the meeting or at the meeting for \$9/ea paid at order time.

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.

Susan		Swiderski	AF4FO	Renewal
Bob	E.	Mantell Jr.	K4ESA	New
Mike		Swiderski	K4HBI	Renewal
Mark		Conroy	K4PGR	New
Jonathan		Wittlin	K4WIT	New
Diane		Andrus	KB4LWS	Renewal
Laurence	H	Andrus	KB4LWT	Renewal
Paul	M	Russell	KD4APH	New
David	K	Higdon	KD4ICT	New
David		Salomon	KG4FJH	New
Sam		Wright	KI4UVV	New
Walter	D	Wilson	KI7A	Renewal
Lisa	W	Blackwell	KJ4HCF	New
Parker	M	Blackwell	KJ4HCG	New
Jim		Clay	KJ4HCH	New
Bob		Murphy	N4KOK	New
John		Camilli	N7QPP	Renewal
Adam		Burris	N7VLN	Renewal
Marvin	J	Moss	W4UXJ	Renewal
Gary		McConville	WB4SQ	New



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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