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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 January 2009.



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)
- ❑ **Mid Month Madness** –January 17, 2009 – HamCram – General Class – 8 AM – Masonic Lodge
- ❑ **January 17, 2009** – VE Test Session – 10 AM – EOC behind Fire Station #1, Alpharetta

Regular Club Meeting - January 20, 2009 - 7:30 PM - a crew of our own members will be presenting a great program called Everything Sound Card. This is every mode you can work using your sound card, a simple interface, and your rig. All modes, such as PSK31, Heilscriber, Olivia, RTTY, Slow Scan TC, and yes, even MORSE code will be shown with audio! Of course, most of these modes take place on HF in the General class bands, so upgrade at HamCram and get on these fun modes. Don't miss this one – it's digital, it's analog, it's computers and ham radio – the future of our hobby! See you at our "new" regular meeting location.

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?

Let's eat before the meeting - 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 7 PM. It is about 5 minutes to the meeting location.

Presidents Corner



It was great to see everyone at the NFARL Holiday Hams party last month. I'd like to again thank Jim, W4QO, and the other board members for their phenomenal leadership over the past two years. This club has truly grown into a world class organization. We are presently at 227 very active members.

January has begun with a lot of activities. We started with the GARS TechFest where your club showed Ham Radio Now and Then with special event station W4T using a Collins KWM-2 and Flex-Radio 5000A. Next the club will conduct a one-day General Class HamCram on Saturday, January 17th. We have 45 people registered for the class and hope to have many new General Class hams on the HF bands. There will also be license testing at 10:00 AM on Saturday, Jan 17th for all license classes. Finally, Jim, W4QO, is beginning a CW tutoring session that will meet each week beginning on January 22nd. This is an excellent opportunity to learn CW and use the other major portion of our band allocations.

I'm honored you've chosen me to lead this fantastic club. Please let me know your ideas on programs and how to continue our meteoric rise. You may contact me at wb4mak@nfarl.org or 770 753-4202.

73,
Mack

MMMM – More Mid Month Madness!! *HamCram – General class edition on January 17 starting at 8 AM...* If you are a TECH class now or expect to be by then, enroll in this special HamCram... and we do mean CRAM! There is much material to cover and we're not sure it has ever been done in ONE DAY, but let's go for it – think positive! You must register by the end of this year because there is a set of notes that you need to go through THREE times before the event. The cost is \$22 which covers a pizza lunch and the test administration at 4 PM.

VE sessions announced – Our **VE** coordinator, **VERne (W8BLA)**, has set the dates for 2009 testing. The first is January 17, the same day as HamCram. This is followed by March 14, May 16, July 18, Sept. 19, and November 14. All are held at the EOC behind Fire Station #1 on Webb Bridge Road, which was our old meeting location. Full details are on the club website; click on TEST SESSIONS.

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/qslMembers.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 **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. ARES meets on the **second Tuesday** of each month at the **Sandy Springs City Council Chambers** located at the Morgan Falls Office Park. All are welcome to attend whether you are an ARES member or not. **Details are on the website.**

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 - Don't forget the club's newest repeater. This is a joint venture with the MATPARC club and is located on 224.620 Mhz. Set your rig for MINUS 1.6 MHZ and a PL100. If you do not have PLL, dial **7411**. The 444.475 repeater has been off the air for repair. We are looking on having it reinstalled shortly. Thank you for your patience.

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 Rd in Roswell. Talk in 145.47. All are welcome to attend, whether you are a 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.

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.

Club Membership - Remember back in January 2008, when we stated that our goal for 2008 would be **150**? And then before year end we hit **188!!** Well, would you believe we are now at **227 as of Jan 12?**

Please welcome - our newest members. We wish to say thank you for choosing NFARL for your personal involvement in Amateur Radio.

2009-01	AA4PY	Denny	Joseph
2009-01	K1LP	Pierce	William
2009-01	K1YMW	Pierce	Cathy
2009-01	K4SVT	Klosowski	William
2008-12	K9QV	Cook	Andrew
2009-01	KB4SSS	Streible	Ann
2009-01	KC4YBT	Walls	David
2008-12	KD8DVY	Hawkins	Harold
2009-01	KE4RQ	Macaulay	Clark
2009-01	KJ4EMS	Sarock	Daryl
2008-12	KJ4FZO	Scholberg	Lisa
2009-01	KJ4SAM	DeLuco	Rick
2009-01	N4BFR	Reed	James
2009-01	N4RAR	Penland	James
2009-01	N5PRE	Trotman	Kevin
2008-12	W4AYF	Pease	Bill
2008-12	WA4ZXV	Schklar	Norm

When you hear these people on the air or see them at the meeting, welcome them to NFARL.

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 are at 66% of our club membership. 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 financially 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@yahoogroups.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 **club LOGO, Call Sign, First name, City and State** and has a magnetic back so it does not poke holes in your shirts. We are going to place another order after the meeting so if you are interested in ordering one of these badges, you can order off the web before the meeting or at the meeting for \$9/ea. paid at order time.

http://www.nfarl.org/shop/mart_v2_badgeSpecs.php

News Letter suggestions – As a suggestion, if you know anyone in the immediate area that you feel needs to be introduced to Ham radio or to our club, please forward their email address along with their name or any other information to info1@nfarl.org and we will get them on the monthly eNEWS distribution.

NAFRL hopes that you had a wonderful holiday season and that the new year will be a prosperous and safe New Year

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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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