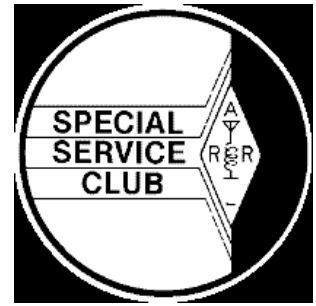




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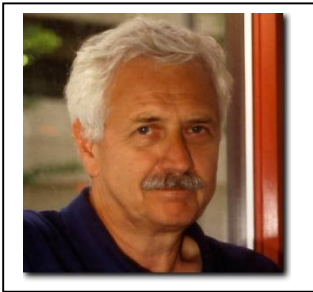
eNEWS is "what's happening" in **North Fulton!** Check the headlines of each item and mark your calendar. Go to arrl.org or eHAM.net for the national news, but here's your **North Fulton ARL eNEWS** for March 2009.



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** –March 21, 2009 – Kennehoochee Hamfest.
- ❑ **March 14, 2009** – VE Test Session – 10 AM – EOC behind Fire Station #1, Alpharetta
 - See this link for instructions <http://www.nfarl.org/testSessions.html>

Regular Club Meeting – Tuesday, March 17, 2009 - 7:30 PM -



We have an outstanding program this month, being presented by our very own **Bill Barr, N4NX**. Bill will be discussing the art of QSLing as well as his trip to Desecheo Island, K5D Dxpediton.

Bill was first licensed in Fitzgerald, Georgia at the age of 15. Since then, he has worked 351 countries, putting him at the top of the Honor Roll. He has also visited 51 countries, having operated in five of them and is currently active in the Southeastern DX Club. He has also just returned from the K5D Desecheo Island Dxpediton, and by the time of our March meeting, he will have operated the ARRL SSB DX Contest from Curacao. Bill also holds the coveted USA-CA Award from CQ Magazine.

You will not want to miss this meeting

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 are on the NFARL website. Plenty of seating and plenty of parking (including additional parking across the street at the old Milton high school) bring friends, relatives, neighbors...

We meet here: *Masonic Lodge Hall, 194 Milton Ave, Alpharetta, GA.* Go to map: <http://tinyurl.com/5t7swd> . The Lodge is located directly across from the old Milton High school on Milton Ave.

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 our **NEW LOCATION**, the **Golden Corral** just north of the Northpoint shopping district and east of GA400 and Haynes Bridge, located at 915 North Point Drive, Alpharetta, GA 30022. Click <http://tinyurl.com/cnseg5> to see a map. The advantage of eating at the **Golden Corral** is that it is all self service, no ordering off a menu, and no waiting for a waitress/waiter to serve you and is only about a mile from where we had been meeting and we should be able to comfortably finish in time to arrive at the meeting by 7:30 PM. The space will hold 50 and is reserved from 5:00 – 7:00 PM.

Presidents Corner



We had an awesome program in February with Gary Bush, W6GB, giving us practical tips on how to renovate vintage gear. Gary's presentation can be found on our website under "Archives". I've heard many people say how inspired they are to renovate that old piece of radio gear. For the February mid-month madness, the members who took the road trip to the Orlando HamCation had a blast and made many great purchases. It was a great ham fest with good attendance and super weather.

For March we will have an outstanding program presented by Bill Barr, N4NX, who was one of the main operators on the recent K5D Dxpediton. Bill will describe operations during this Dxpediton to one of the most requested DXCC entities in the world. Come early to get a seat as we expect a full house. Details for the March 17th 7:30 PM meeting may be found on our website under "Meetings". We are also excited to announce a new place to meet for dinner prior to the meeting. Please join us at the Golden Coral at 6 PM. Details and a map are also on our website under "Meetings".

Our second March Monthly Mid-Month madness activity will be our participation at the Kennehoochee Ham Fest on Saturday, March 21st from 8 AM until Noon. This will be a great opportunity to promote your club and help us with our fund raising activity by selling the Joule Thief kits. Please contact Bill Reed k4yji@nfarl.org to volunteer.

Finally, please remember our recurring monthly events with TechNet every Monday night at 8:30 PM on the 145.47 repeater with NCS, Joe N7QPP, and Hungry Hams every Wednesday at 11:30 AM. Details on all these activities may be found on our website.

You may contact me at wb4mak@nfarl.org or 770 753-4202 if you have any questions or concerns. We're now at 243 members and really need everyone to volunteer to help in activities as we continue to offer outstanding ham radio activities.

73,
Mack, WB4MAK

MMM – Mid Month Madness!! You say "What is this Mid Month Madness?"

Well, Mid-Month Madness is a great way to increase your learning and technical skills in a hands on fashion. Join the North Fulton Amateur Radio League on the first Saturday of each month for an exciting amateur radio activity. Some of our past activities included an antenna building party, kit building, and shack tours. These have all been well attended events that offered amateur radio operators exciting ways to learn more about ham radio.

This month , we met at the EOC, behind Fire Station #1 in Alpharetta on Saturday March 7th, to package the Joule Thief kit for our club fund raising project. You can see the detailed construction details at the bottom of the Mart page: http://www.nfarl.org/shop/mart_v2.php .



VE sessions announced – Our next VE sessions will be **March 14, May 16, July 18, Sept. 19, and November 14**. All are currently scheduled to be 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.

HEY! Is your QSL card on the website? – Bring your QSL card to the meeting, and we will place them on the NFARL 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 243 members and only 39 club member QSL's on the website. **Please bring your QSL CARD and HELP get our club cards on the page!!**

NFARES Update – NFARES **will NOT meet on 3/10/2009** as previously planned but **will meet on 3/24/2009** at COSS (City of Sandy Springs) City Hall at 7:00PM for the Skywarn Training. <http://www.nfarl.org/ares.html>
<http://www.nfarl.org/ares/SkywarnSpotterClassFlyer032409.pdf>

---This just in---
Thank you Tom Koch W4UOC

Sent: 3/5/2009 9:59:12 A.M. Eastern Standard Time
Subj: Disaster Drill 12/22/08

Tom,
I just wanted to drop you a note about how much we appreciate the assistance that we have received from you and the rest of the NFARES group, especially during our disaster drill on 12/22/08 and again for the severe weather drill on 2/4/09. Our corporate offices (HCA in Nashville, TN) were very impressed with our ability to contact them during the December drill. We are learning a great deal from you guys and I know we have a long way to go, but every time we make contact we get a little better on our end.
Thanks again and I look forward to working with NFARES in the future,
David

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NFARL TECH NET meets Mondays at 8:30 PM - Join us on **145.47** to discuss technical topics lead by **Joe N7QPP**. 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**. All the repeaters seem to be working as designed and are listed at the bottom of this eNEWS.

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. BUT GUESS what? For the longest time, our record attendance was 28 until March 4th. We had another record attendance on Wednesday March 4th. **32. Wow!**

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 hit **237** as of Feb 12, and at the time of this news letter, we are now at **243**?

Please welcome – our newest members. We wish to say thank you for choosing NFARL for your personal involvement in Amateur Radio. We also want to thank our members that have continued to show their support by renewing their membership. These people represent our membership activity for January, February and March 2009.

**Thank you for your support
New Members**

First Name	M.I.	Last Name	CALL SIGN	Member Since	ARRL Mbr	USER#
William		Bateman	K6WVB	2009-03	YES	511
Thomas	W	Tickle	KD5TFR	2009-02	Yes	510
Wayne		Chapman	KG5WU	2009-02	Yes	509
Neal		Starkley	NU4D	2009-02	Life	508
Eddie	L	Turner	KC4AWZ	2009-02	Yes	507
Alexander		Williamson	KI4IMZ	2009-02	Yes	506
Keith		Nelson	KJ4DFP	2009-02	Yes	505
David		Walls	KC4YBT	2009-01	No	504
Kevin		Trotman	N5PRE	2009-01	Yes	503
Ann		Streible	KB4SSS	2009-01	YES	502
Paul	J	Slagle	KB3SFH	2009-01	No	501
Daryl		Sarock	KJ4EMS	2009-01	Yes	500
James		Reed	N4BFR	2009-01	Yes	499

Cliff		Priebe	W2TGP	2009-01	No	498
William		Pierce	K1LP	2009-01	Yes	497
Cathy	A	Pierce	K1YMW	2009-01	No	496
Donald	E	Perry	WQ8J	2009-01	Yes	495
James	W	Penland	N4RAR	2009-01	Yes	494
Jeff		Otterson	N1KDO	2009-01	Yes	493
JP		O'conner	KJ4CUW	2009-01	Yes	492
Alex		Marquardt	KI4ZFI	2009-01	Yes	491
Clark		Macaulay	KE4RQ	2009-01	Yes	490
William		Klosowski	K4SVT	2009-01	Yes	489
Mark		Harris	KG4WIV	2009-01	Yes	488
Joseph		Denny	AA4PY	2009-01	no	487
Rick		DeLuco	KJ4SAM	2009-01	Yes	486
Bob		Dallis	KJ4IXI	2009-01	Yes	485

When you see these people at a meeting or here them on the repeaters, please welcome them.

Thank you to the following for their continued support

Name	CALL SIGN	USER#	Member Since	ARRL Mbr
Catledge, Chuck	AE4CW	386	2008-01	Yes
Streible, James	K4DLI	395	2008-01	Life
Streible, Ann	KB4SSSI	502	2009-01	Yes
McGee, Roger	K4RNM	294	2001-03	Expired
Kludt, John	K7SYS	344	2007-03	Yes
Staton, Shelia	KD4NKE	394	2008-01	Yes
Hazell, David	KD9RU	397	2008-02	Yes
Ziskind, David	KE4QLH	218	1996-06	Life
Mann, Richard	KF4BUH	306	2002-02	Expired
Cherian, Aj	KG4TTQ	402	2008-03	Yes
Parker, Scott	KG4ZLI	458	2008-09	No
Freeman, Robert	KI4SBL	390	2008-01	Yes
Freeman, Cathy	KI4SBk	389	2008-01	Yes
Hill, Ed	KI4SBU	337	2007-01	Expired
Powers, Tom	KJ4AJX	399	2008-02	Yes
Holland, Michael	KJ4BTB	392	2008-01	Yes
Crimm, Steve	KJ4CUR	403	2008-03	Yes
Roecker, Greg	N4OSJ	230	2008-02	Yes
Paine, Jim	N4SEC	407	2008-03	Yes
Floyd, Randy	N4ZAZ	336	2007-01	Yes
Harris, Curtis	W2IQA	325	2004-03	Life
Carroll, Robert	W2WG	396	2008-02	Yes
Corley, Len	W4COR	387	2008-01	Yes
Corley, Patrecia	K9TXI	388	2008-01	No
Knight, Kevin	W4DOK	393	2008-01	Yes
Reynolds, Billy Gar	W4IRZ	102	1994-10	Yes
Koch, Tom	W4UOC	338	2007-01	Yes
Ross, Robert	WA2EXZ	330	2006-02	Yes
Lemmon, Tim	WK4U	339	2007-01	Yes

Youth Membership - This month marks another milestone in NFARL. The executive committee voted to give all youth "FREE" membership in NFARL until their 18th birthday, regardless of whether you are a family member or not. Just go to the Mart page on our web site and complete the member information form

Interesting membership statistics –

	9	Honorary	Never	45	
	6	Life	Life*	24	
	28	Family	Expired	29	
243	199	Full	Active*	145	70%

We now have 243 members
9 – Honorary members
6 – Life members
28 – Family members
199 – Full members
Not in this number are
21 – Silent Keys

We also have 145 annual ARRL members and 24 Life ARRL members representing 70% of our membership to the league.

29 have expired memberships.
45 have never belonged

So, ya wanna learn code? - Jim, W4QO, Chuck AE4CW and Chris KJ4HYG, continue to make great progress with helping people learn Morse code in the **CW-SIG** (Special Interest Group). Recently a 5 word per minute code test was offered and the following people passed:

Chuck	Catledge	AE4CW
Mark	Conroy	K4PGR
Dave	Higdon	KD4ICT
Chris	Fowler	KI4YMD
Chris	Howard	KJ4HYG
Bob	Dallis	KJ4IXI
Dave	Moore	KU4MT
Fred	Moore	N4CLA
Don	Hinds	WD4ON

NFARL is continuing code practice on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays at 8 PM on the 145.47 repeater and each Friday, Jim W4QO, will offer a code test for those who would like an “unofficial” code endorsement on their ham license.

Did you notice? - One of our club members, K4DLI, made it into the MARCH 2009 QST. Congrats Jim! Look at the 3Y0X, Peter I article. You may want to replicate this antenna in your back yard.

ARRL Membership - Currently we are at 70% 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 thru NFARL. So help us out when you join or renew.**

It is 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.

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 worthy Item – I mentioned previously that we don't publish from other magazines or from other areas just to use as fill. However, I feel that as the editor / publisher, I am taking my artistic license on this one.

The copyright of "ALL" Heathkit documentation has been purchased by Data Professionals of Pleasanton California. This new company will make copies of the original Heathkit manuals to the marketplace via its website www.d8apro.com . There you have it.

Mentoring List – This is a first stab at this topic. What we are going to start doing is publishing a list of THINGS and NAMES associated with these THINGS. The purpose is this. There are a lot of people out there in the club as well as other areas that have questions about how THINGS work and don't seem to know who to ask about these things for help. So what we are starting to put together is a list of THINGS with NAMES associated with those THINGS. This list is by no means complete. This also means if you have an area that you need help with that is not in

this list, then YOU need to submit this information / question to enews@nfarl.org . DO NOT BE SHY, because what you may need help with, probably means there is someone else out there that needs the same help and won't ask because they don't know who to ask, or what to ask or how to ask. And here is the deal. If you think you have something to offer, in an area that is not mentioned, don't be shy. Everyone has a certain amount of expertise in something. How 'bout you computer guys? I know there are a few of you out there. Send us a note and say you want to be added to the list.

So here goes

Radio Merit badge (Boy Scouts)	W3WL Wes, KB7WO Rich, N4DJS Dave Ritchie, W4QO Jim
Digital communications	N4CUS John
Antenna help	AE4CW Chuck, K4DLI Jim, W2WG Bob, WK4U Tim
CW	W4QO Jim, AE4CW Chuck, KJ4HYG Chris
HRD assistance	N4CUS John
License Testing	W8BLA Verne
Tech Net	N7QPP Joe, WB4MAK Mack
Antique Radio Repair	W6GB Gary, W4UOC Tom
Contesting and DXing	W8BLA Verne, K3GO John, WB4MAK Mack, W5JR Mike
QRP and Homebrewing	W4QO Jim, WB4MAK Mack
WIRE Antennas	W4QO Jim
SDR Radios	WB4MAK Mack, AE4CW Chuck
ARES	W4UOC Tom, KD4NKE Shelia, AF4IA Lee
Field day	AK4IK Ian
Name badges	W4GKF Chaz
YOUTH	W4QO Jim, W3WL Wes, KJ4HYG Chris
Repeaters	N4CLA Fred, W5JR Mike, WB4MAK Mack, W4OO Bill
Website/Photography	K4YJJ Bill
10M/6M operating	K4ESA Bob
Hamfest/Service Projects	K4YJI Bill
Training classes/HamCrams	WB4MAK Mack

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

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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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