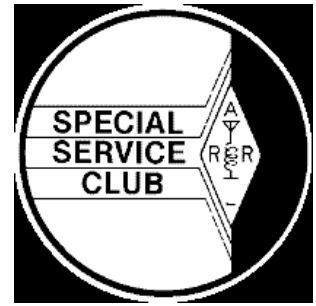




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eNEWS is "what's happening" in **North Fulton!** Check the headlines of each item and mark your calendar. Go to arrrl.org or eHAM.net for the national news, but here is your **North Fulton ARL eNEWS** for October 2009.



Summary of upcoming events and dates

- ❑ **Every Wednesday** - Hungry Hams Lunch Bunch - 11:30 AM - Slopes BBQ
- ❑ **Every Sunday** - **NF ARES net** - 8:30PM - 147.06 Mhz (+ 600) & PL 100
- ❑ **Every Monday** - **Tech Net** - 8:30 PM - 145.47 Mhz (PL 100) - Check website for "how to"
- ❑ **Every Friday** - **Youth Net** - 5:00 PM - 145.47 Mhz (PL 100) - Join AJ4JQ or others...
- ❑ **Second Tuesday** - **NF ARES** meeting - 7PM at the Sandy Springs office complex
- ❑ **Alive-After-Five** - **Oct. 15** = 5 - 9PM Downtown Roswell Street Fair with NFARL there.
- ❑ **Mid Month Madness** - **JOTA** - Oct. 17 - 10AM-2PM - Waller Park Extension, Roswell.
- ❑ **Chattahoochee NC Halloween Hikes** - Oct. 17,23,24,30 - Ham HELP needed.
- ❑ **October Club Meeting** - Oct. 20 - W3WL, W4QO, and W4VRX- History of Ham Radio.
- ❑ **NFARES S.E.T.** - Oct. 25 3 - 6 pm - Various North Fulton locations.
- ❑ **Lawrenceville Hamfest** - Nov. 7, 8 - Join the fun, work the booth, boneyard walk
- ❑ **November Club Meeting** - Nov. 19 - Joel Hallas, QST Technical Editor - Special Guest
- ❑ **December Holiday Party** - Dec. 20 - Smoke Jacks - Alpharetta - Mark your calendar!

Regular Club Meeting - Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2009 - 7:30 PM PROGRAM:

History of Ham Radio - With W4VRX, W3WL and W4QO. This is certain to be a enjoyable presentation on the history of our fine hobby.

Jimmy W4VRX was Born Oct. 13, 1916. Grew up in Bessimer, AL and flew 36 missions on a B-17 bomber in WWII.

Wes W3WL, is a long-time Dxr and has been associated with the A52A, FT5X0, and VP8THU/VP8GEO DXpeditions. He is a member and former officer of the Southeastern DX Association.

Jim W4QO - Licensed in 1958 as KN9MAF in southern Indiana town of Flat Rock. Worked all states when there were only 48 of them! Avid QRP enthusiast proudest operating achievement - DXCC 40 Meters QRP (wire loop antenna).

We meet here: **Masonic Lodge Hall, 194 Milton Ave, Alpharetta, GA.** Go to map: <http://tinyurl.com/5t7swd> . The Lodge is 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!**

We Eat before We meet - If you are interested in dinner before the meeting, you can join us at Smoke Jacks restaurant in Alpharetta directly on Main St (Hwy 9). It is located at 29 South Main St, (Hwy 9). <http://tinyurl.com/kjql93> . We meet between 5:30 and 6PM and leave @ 7PM for the meeting which is just 2 minutes away. The meal prices are \$6 and up. Hope to see you.

November Meeting: Don't miss our November 19 meeting - it's on **Thursday** night! Our speaker will be none other than Joel Hallas, W1ZR, Technical Editor of QST and the "doctor" in the monthly column - The Doctor is IN! He will fly in from CT for this meeting to be held at Roswell City Hall council chambers where we will have more space. **Invite ALL your Atlanta ham friends.**

Presidents Corner for October:



This month I'm going to focus on some key items in our future. First, we are going to have elections for 2010 this month since we'll be hosting Joel Hallas in November. The Board asked Jim Stafford, our immediate past President, to prepare a proposed slate of candidates.

The Board recommends the following candidates for 2010:

President – Chuck, AE4CW

VP - Wes, W3WL

Secretary – Bill, K4YJI

Treasurer – Fred, N4CLA

These board members serve at the request of the President:

At large – Mack, WB4MAK (Past Pres)

At large – Ian, AK4IK (Field Day Chairman)

At large – Mike, W5JR (Technical)

At large – Walt, KJ4HE (Program Chairman including MMM)

We will also accept nominations from the floor during the election process.

The November meeting will be very special. Joel Hallas, W1ZR, QST Technical Editor and author of many books and the Ask the Doctor Column will be our guest speaker. Because we expect a large crowd from the Atlanta area we will hold the meeting on **Thursday, November 19th, at 7:30 PM at the Roswell City Hall.** Please bring a friend and plan to attend this very special meeting. We also plan to have a very popular HF transceiver as a door prize. We'll publish more details soon using our other communications methods.

I'm very pleased to report that the NFARL is now recognized by the IRS as a 501(C)3 organization. This means that we can now accept charitable donations of money and equipment. A very special thanks goes to Chuck Catledge, AE4CW, who led the effort to obtain this approval. Thank you Chuck!

Finally, remember to mark your calendars for Sunday, December 20th, for our holiday party which will be held at Smoke Jacks in Alpharetta. The cost is \$15 per person and there will be a cash bar. Please plan to join in the holiday festivities with your fellow hams.

Alive-After-Five – This month the North Fulton Amateur Radio League is again going to take part in the MONTHLY event in the Historic district of Roswell which occurs on the 3rd Thursday of each month from April to October with a start time of **5PM and the ending time being 9PM.** This month, AA5 (as we call it) will be on October 15 and we need 3 to 4 volunteers to help us spread the word. You will find storefront merchants, street vendors with specials for the evening, restaurants ready to serve your favorite meal, galleries with fabulous art and craft, and nonprofit organizations to inform and educate!. This event proves to be a good time for everyone, ham or not. The purpose for our NFARL involvement is to be visible to the public and to try to help inform the public just exactly what ham radio is and how it can be a help in times of disasters as well as being an interesting and fun hobby. For further information of what will be there and



what / who the sponsors are, please check <http://www.aliveafterfiveroswell.com/> Please help out your club by sending Fred an email to n4cla@nfarl.org indicating your willingness to help. This is the final AA5 outing for 2009.



MMM –Mid Month Madness is a great way to increase your learning and technical skills in various ways. Join the North Fulton Amateur Radio League for an exciting amateur radio activity *between* meetings. These activities are announced on the web page at www.nfarl.org . This month - **October 17** – we will have hold our annual **Jamboree On The Air** for all the scouts in the area. This is like a mini-Field Day at the **Waller Park Extension** site. We'll set up one HF and one 2M station which the scouts can use to speak with other scouts all over the country (sometimes the world)!

There are also plans to work with the Boy Scouts on their Radio Merit Badges. Other activities are planned for Cub Scouts and other scouts. It will also be a place where NFarL members can operate HF radio in a field setting. Remember you do not have to be a General to operate 20M when a control op is present. Similarly, come and try out that new HF ticket you got at the club's HamCram on Oct. 3! For more info on Scouting and JOTA, go to: <http://www.arrl.org/scouts/jota/>

Service Opportunities Volunteers Need:

Chattahoochee Nature Center 2009 Halloween Hikes. Volunteers are need from 6 pm to 10 pm for each of the following nights about 15 volunteers are needed for each night.

Saturday - October 17

Friday night - October 23

Saturday - October 24

Friday night – October 30

The volunteers help keep the groups of children and their parents moving smoothly through the trail. The groups are about 20 People and about 3 minutes apart. The groups progress on a lighted trail through the woods. The volunteers help with the group timing and monitor the group's progress through the woods. They also help the characters get ready for the moving 10 minute breaks. What we do is not difficult, however, it is very important.

The volunteers need to bring a 2 Meter handheld and a flashlight. You might want to wear a light jacket as moving around in the woods on a lighted trail gets cool.

Contact Charles Turner, k0czzr@bellsouth.net, or by telephone - 770-943-7686 to volunteer.

Alford Memorial Radio Club Hamfest 2009 & Computer Expo, Gwinnett County Fairgrounds, Lawrenceville, GA, Saturday, November 7, 8:00am - 4:00pm and Sunday, November 8, 8:00am – 2:00pm.

Need at least 2 - 4 volunteers for table staffing every hour from 8 am to noon on Saturday. Volunteers must sign up for a least one hour of table staffing.

Need at least 5 - 7 volunteers for set-up at 7:30 am Saturday and tear-down at noon, Saturday.

As usual, the more volunteers we have, the easier the load is on all.

Contact Bill Reed, k4yji@nfarl.org to volunteer.

Club Membership – We are now over 243 active members at the time of this newsletter. We need your renewals so if you have received your renewal notice, please oblige.

Please welcome – our newest members at our upcoming meeting. Many have joined lately. 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.

This list represents the newest members that have joined since August 2009. Please welcome them the next time you see them.

Several of these people were members of the latest HamCram class. Congratulations

AB4CZ	James	Krause	Full Member
K4CQE	Ryland	Scott	Full Member
KD4RWO	Brian	Armstrong	Full Member
KJ4EQN	David	Sieg	Full Member
KJ4MRE	Vince	Pardinas	Full Member
KJ4MWA	Justin	Armstrong	Youth Member
KJ4NUB	David	Hosie	Full Member
KJ4OXX	Earl	Simmons	Full Member
KJ4PQR	Daniel	Albertus	Full Member
KJ4PQU	Fred	Boothe	Full Member
KJ4PQX	Kenneth	McIntire	Full Member
KJ4PRB	Scott	Dunbar	Full Member
N7VG	Roberto	Velez	Full Member
W4DU	Ken	Evans	Full Member

If you should have been on this list and are not, please excuse us. It was purely an administrative error.

Congratulations to following newly licensed or upgraded licensed HAM's that participated in the recent HAMCRAM. Please welcome and congratulate them the next time you see them.

Robert Graetz	KC9OHX	Extra	
Michael Rohaly	KD4APS	Gen	
William (Chip) Grant	KE4EOS	Gen	
Marq Collins	KE4YLB	Gen	
Ryan Duncan	KI4CSM	Gen	
Gary Dowling	KJ4DYL	Gen	Full Member
David Sieg	KJ4EQN	Gen	Full Member
Paul Redd	KJ4HCB	Gen	Full Member
Susan Redd	KJ4HCC	Gen	Family Member
joseph urso	KJ4IXJ	Gen	Full Member
Jonathan Doyle	KJ4IZB	Gen	Full Member
Sam Eades	KJ4MAR	Gen	

Hal Hubschman	KJ4MHG	Gen	
Vince Pardinas	KJ4MRE	Gen	Full Member
David Hosie	KJ4NUB	Gen	Full Member
Anna McCarthy	N9KHC	Gen	Family Member
Isaiah Woodruff	KJ4PQM	Tech	
Robert Woodruff	KJ4PQN	Tech	
Danial Fellerman	KJ4PQO	Tech	
Bill Edmondson	KJ4PQP	Tech	
Brendon Toler	KJ4PQQ	Tech	
Daniel Albertus	KJ4PQR	Tech	Full Member
Daniel Bushee	KJ4PQS	Tech	
Frank Carter	KJ4PQT	Tech	
Fred Boothe	KJ4PQU	Tech	Full Member
Jenna Marco	KJ4PQV	Tech	
Joe Scheaffer	KJ4PQW	Tech	
Kenneth McIntire	KJ4PQX	Tech	Full Member
Michael DiLuiig	KJ4PQY	Tech	
Michael Stebnicki	KJ4PQZ	Tech	
Paul Misere	KJ4PRA	Tech	
Scott Dunbar	KJ4PRB	Tech	Full Member
Susan Carter	KJ4PRC	Tech	
William Haynes	KJ4PRD	Tech	
Zac Hinds	KJ4PRE	Tech	
Philip Engle	KJ4PRF	Tech	
Richard Parkinson	KJ4PRG	Tech	
Mochamad Mirza	KJ4PRH	Tech	
Julie Teiberis	KJ4PRI	Tech	

ARRL Membership - NFARL is a **Special Service Club** affiliated with the ARRL. Currently we are at 70% of our club membership. Our goal is to have as many NFARL members as possible to be members of the ARRL, our voice in Washington. You can now use **PayPal** to join ARRL - using <http://www.nfarl.org/shop/mart.html> and this benefits NFARL! **Also, please go to the MART page to update your personal data including the status of your ARRL membership.**

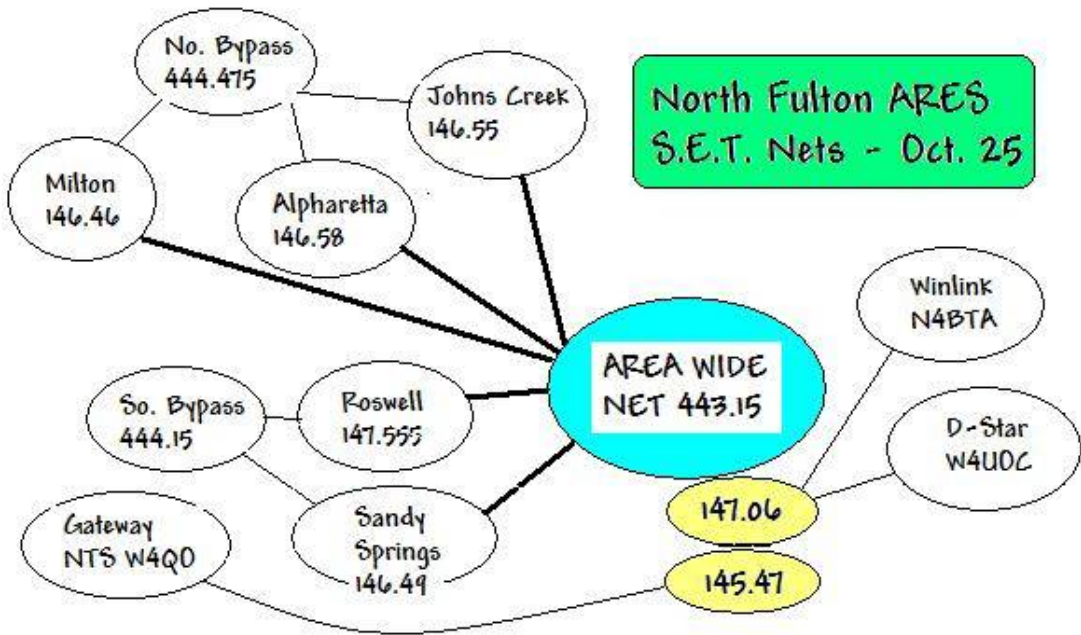


Amateur Radio Emergency Service Report The ARES group meets on the second Tuesday of each month (7:30PM) at the Sandy Springs City Hall for education and training. If you would like to join this very Special Interest Group, contact Tom (the NF Emergency Coordinator) at w4uoc@nfarl.org. A net meets every Sunday night at 8:30PM on the downtown Roswell repeater - 147.06 (PL 100). You do not have to be a member of the group to check in or participate in the training. You do **not** have to be a NFARL member to join NFARES.

NFARES Simulated Emergency Test - October 25, 2009

North Fulton Amateur Radio Emergency Service Members (NFARES) and all North Fulton Amateur Radio League (NFARL) members are invited and encouraged to help with the upcoming 2009 Simulated Emergency Test (SET) scheduled for October 25, 2009 between the hours of 3:00 and 6:00 p.m.

As you can see from the diagram of the exercise we will be establishing multiple communications networks to cover the five cities in North Fulton county as well as the Fire/Rescue, Police, hospitals and potential shelters that might be utilized during a real emergency.



We are looking for volunteers to establish VHF/UHF analog and digital communications sites as follows:

Alpharetta - 6 Fire Stations, 1 Police station, 1 Hospital and 1 shelter for a total of 9 locations.

Milton - 3 Fires Stations, 1 Police headquarters and 1 shelter for a total of 5 locations.

Johns Creek - 3 Fire Stations, 1 Police headquarters, 1 hospital and 1 shelter for a total of 5 locations.

Roswell - 7 Fire Stations, 1 Police headquarters, 1 hospital and 1 shelter for a total of 10 locations.

Sandy Springs - 4 Fire Stations, 1 Police headquarters, 1 hospital and 1 shelter for a total of 7 locations.

As you can see we need approximately 40 volunteers to successfully conduct this exercise. Volunteers will need to provide their own communications equipment, with at minimum, two meter VHF analog capabilities. Additional information on the mission and plans for this exercise will be discussed at the October 13th NFARES meeting which will be held at the Sandy Springs City Office Complex at 7:00 p.m. and at the next NFARL meeting scheduled for October 20, 2009 at the Roswell Masonic Temple. Jim Stafford W4QO and a team of NFARES members have prepared the plan and will assist in the coordination of the exercise. Be sure to sign-up for a slot and help with these Emergency Preparedness efforts. Remember, no experience is necessary to participate. Think of it only as a training and learning experience.

NFARL TECH NET meets Mondays at 8:30 PM - Join us on **145.47 mhz** to discuss **technical topics** lead by "**What do you know**" **Joe, N7QPP**. We believe that no one else conducts a net quite like TechNET. It uses the repeater, a chat room, and now **Echolink** to enhance the quality of this unique net. Go to 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 145.47.

YOUTH NEWS

- **AJ4JQ (Frances)** and **KJ4NRN (Ed)** attended the science workshop presented by Jim, AB2CD and Shelly, AB1CD on Saturday, Sept. 5 - WOW, what an event!
- **YOUTH NET** - Meets every Friday at 5:00 PM on 145.47 Mhz (PL 100). You also do NOT have to be a YOUTH to "check in" to the net. Join our very capable Net Control, Frances, AJ4JQ, for this fun net. Invite some youngsters, too.
 - **Remember-** Youth membership is FREE to those under 18. Just complete the form.

Mentoring - NFARL prides itself on helping members - both young and old - enjoy ham radio to the fullest. 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. Send us a note and say you want to be added to our list.

GREAT DEAL on HAM BOOKS - The **ARRL** has offered us a real deal on the **2010 Handbook for Radio Communications** and the **21st Edition Antenna Book**. But the time is short, and

you must act no later than Tuesday, October 20 (next club meeting). Every ham should have both of these in their personal library. Check them out here: <http://tinyurl.com/yey5pek>. The details: *2010 Handbook Hardcover Edition* for \$50 (regularly \$59.95) and the *21st Edition Antenna Book* for \$40 (regularly \$44.95) with FREE shipping and no tax. Place your cash or check order with Chuck, AE4CW or Jim, W4QO any time between now and October 20.

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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 *
444.475(+)	100 Hz	Sweat Mtn
927.0125(-)	146.2 Hz	Sweat Mtn

* Joint Venture with the MATPARC club. ** This repeater has Echolink - Node 381631

*** Primary ARES repeater



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For more announcements!

OK, here is some cool info:

Kennehoochee ARC Newsletter - <http://w4bti.org/img/LTRSep09.pdf>

Southeast DX Club Newsletter - <http://69.89.25.185/~trexsoft/trexsoftware.com/chazcone/sedxc/bulletins/sedx0909.pdf>

I would have posted more links but could not come onto them easily.