



eNEWS NOV. 2009

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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 is your **North Fulton ARL eNEWS** for November 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
- ❑ **November Club Meeting** - **Nov. 19** - Joel Hallas, QST Technical Editor - **Special Guest**
- ❑ **December Holiday Party** - Dec. 20 - Smoke Jacks - Alpharetta - Mark your calendar!

Special North Georgia Fall Ham Radio Program! NFARL will host Mr. Joel Hallas, W1ZR, technical editor of QST for a great program for the benefit of all North GA hams from all clubs. Mr. Hallas who writes the popular column "The Doctor is IN" each month in QST will fly in from CT for this presentation.



Highlights

- ◆ Outstanding program featuring the Technical Editor for QST
- ◆ Q&A opportunity to ask Joel your technical questions and obtain advice
- ◆ Interact with one of the technical leaders for the ARRL

Please note however!!!!!! We will meet at the Roswell City Hall, 38 Hill Street, Roswell, GA., 30075 at 7:30 PM, Thursday November 19, 2009 . WE WILL NOT MEET at our normal meeting place, day or time!

Invite ALL your Atlanta ham (and non-ham) friends. Talk in will be on the 145.47 repeater. Plenty of parking. Handicap access.

Yaesu FT-857D Drawing at Hallas meeting! - For a \$5 donation to help defray expenses, an attendee will get a chance on a brand new Yaesu FT-857D HF transceiver. For a \$20 donation, you get 5 tickets. No one is required to purchase a ticket, however, **you MUST be present to win, and it will be drawn immediately at the end of the meeting.** We say thank you to **HRO for their continued support in the Atlanta area Amateur community!**

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/kjq193>. We meet between 5:30 and 6PM and leave @ 7PM for the meeting which is just 15 minutes away. The meal prices are \$6 and up. Hope to see you.

Presidents Corner for November:



As I reported last month please remember that your club is now a **501(c)3** charity and can accept charitable contributions of money and equipment. Please consult your tax professional but these charitable contributions are usually deductible on your Federal tax return. Giving now is a great way to help further club activities and the community.

We'll have an exciting surface mount component soldering/desoldering demonstration and hands on experience at the GARS TechFest on Saturday, January 13th, 2010. You should definitely mark your calendars for this event. Clubs and hams from the region will be presenting different facets of the technical aspects of ham radio and your club will be featuring component level repair of modern radios. Most hams are reluctant to do surface mount component kits or repairs. We will demonstrate that it's not really that hard with a few tools. We'll also be giving hams the chance to try a few components on their own. Please plan to support your club with this event. Oh, did I mention, GARS offers free chili for lunch.

Finally, please remember the December Holiday Party on Sunday, December 20th, 7 PM, Smoke Jacks. An eVite and how to pay will be published shortly. Please plan on joining everyone as we wrap up a great year for the club. Speaking of a great year, please let Jim, W4QO w4qo@nfarl.org, know if you have someone you believe deserves to be named - Ham of the Year.

Alford Memorial Radio Club Hamfest - We had a good turnout for the HamFest. About a dozen members joined Mack and Chuck for a tour of the bone yard at 9AM looking for some great values. We also had a good first time activity at the club booth called HamBay. Quite a few people brought items to be sold at the table; not all of them sold but a good number did. Thank you to all of you who helped staff the table and to Bill, K4YJI, for coordinating this effort.

MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 252 active members as of the writing of this newsletter. Please welcome the following new members the next time you see them.

Call	First Name	Last Name	Nickname	Member Since
KJ4MRE	Vince	Pardinas	Vince	2009-09
W6IZT	Gregg	Marco	Gregg	2009-09
KJ4PQR	Daniel	Albertus	Dan	2009-09
N7VG	Roberto	Velez	Robert	2009-09
KJ4PQV	Jenna	Marco	Jenna	2009-09
KJ4PRH	Mochamad	Mirza	Mo	2009-10
N4SBD	Scott	Dunbar	Scott	2009-10
KJ4PQU	Fred	Boothe	Fred	2009-10
AB4CZ	James	Krause	Jim	2009-10
KJ4PQX	Kenneth	McIntire	Stork	2009-10
KJ4HMG	Hal	Hubschman	Hal	2009-10
W4DU	Ken	Evans	Ken	2009-10

KJ4PRF	Philip	Engle	Whit	2009-10
	Morton	Katz	Mort	2009-10
KJ4OXX	Earl	Simmons	Earl	2009-10
N8TKK	Dennis	Frederick	Dennis	2009-10
KJ4HCN	Thomas	Hamilton	Tom	2009-10
WV5R	Cameron	Clayson	Cam	2009-11
KF4BUL	Jennifer	Clayson	Jen	2009-11
n4mpb	Karen	Mallory	Karen	2009-11

This is just a friendly reminder regarding your membership. It was 25 weeks ago that we moved all of our membership to the NFARL.ORG web site from the QuickBooks environment. We have tried to make sure that all the bits and bytes are in their proper places for each membership record. This means that you should receive an automatic renewal notification 30 days before your membership expires. However, as with all database migrations, there will be exceptions. If you feel that your name is not on the membership roles, and should be, or it is incorrectly categorized, please send a note to [N4CLA @ NFARL dot ORG](mailto:N4CLA@NFARL.ORG). The other piece of this is that your name will automatically fall off the membership role exactly 365 days after you last renewed. You can automatically renew your membership at www.nfarl.org/mart.

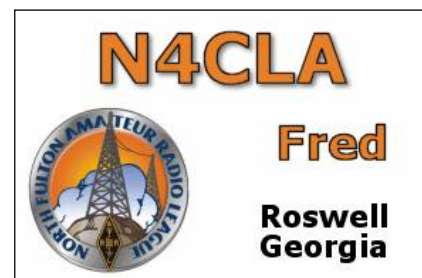
Please log in and update your membership record with any changes. This is your record. If you have moved, or your phone number has changed, or you want to change your User Logon or password, you can literally change any of this information. Your membership expiration is also located on www.nfarl.org and choose [MEMBERS](#) in the left column. If you have forgotten your password you can ask the system to send you a new one time password.

ARRL

Our percentage of ARRL membership in the club is now at **75%**. We highly encourage you to become an ARRL member and support your National organization. These are the people that help protect our/your frequency allocations with the FCC. They also provide a nice monthly publication for your membership. It is called QST. If you are not a member of the ARRL, please consider supporting them. You can make your ARRL membership renewals on our www.nfarl.org/mart.

Name badges

If you have been considering ordering your NFARL Name Badge, now would be an ideal time to do it. We just recently sent off another order on Wednesday November 11. These badges have magnetic backs so they will not poke holes in your clothing, they are NOT etched badges, they are made using a photographic full color process and the information on the badge will NOT wear off. This is an example of what the badge will look like, but with rounded corners and NO black border.



So if you are interested, they are \$9.00 ea. All you have to do is go to <http://www.nfarl.org/mart> log in and click on the badge icon.. We accept PayPal, personal credit cards, and checks to the club mailbox, NFARL, POBox 1741, Roswell, GA., 30077.

Annual Christmas Party

It is that time of year again that we need to start making arrangements and plans for our end of the year celebration party. This year we are going to celebrate at Smoke Jack, [29 S Main St, Alpharetta, GA 30009-1965](#) on December 20th at 7:30PM. The cost will be \$15 per person, same

as last year. There will **be limited seating to the first 100 people**. This will be the party where we pass out our annual awards for **Hams helping Hams, Ham of the year**, and many other awards, as well as the **changing of the Guards** and also just a good time. Our plans are again to send out an Evite invitation. If you have never received one of these invitations, it will be electronically sent to your email address on record with NFARL and in this Evite, you will be asked if you are planning to attend, not attend, or maybe. This is purely a planning tool for you as well as for us. Please, if you know that you will or will not attend, please take just a moment and acknowledge via the Evite what your intentions are. It is not a commitment; it will only be used for planning purposes. It is also not a guarantee for a reservation. The only guaranteed reservation is made by you by logging into the mart at www.nfarl.org/mart and purchasing your reservations. The dinner menu has not been selected yet, however, it will be placed in the Evite.

As in the past, NFARL has made a **Christmas gift donation to the Children's Hospital**. This gift can be a purchased toy, game, or something for a child that will be in the hospital over Christmas and bring it to the party. It does not need to be wrapped, however if it is wrapped, please indicate on the package what gender it is for as well as the age so they can get the gift to an appropriate child. If you prefer, there will also be a donation jar at the door for a cash donation as well. This cash donation will be used by us to go out and purchase additional toys.

Interesting Club Numbers

The North Fulton Amateur Radio is an extremely diverse organization. We currently have

Extra Class	92	Full Membership	203
Advanced	20	Family Membership	20
General	65	Youth	14
Technician	68	Honorary	9
Novice	1	Life	6
Not Licensed	6		

Our Most senior member is
 W4VRX, Jimmy Fitzpatrick (93 years), WWII B17 Pilot, 36 missions
 and our youngest is
 KJ4MWA, Justin Armstrong (8 years)

NFARES 2009 SIMULATED EMERGENCY TEST A SUCCESS!

The North Fulton Amateur Radio Emergency Service (NFARES) conducted its 2009 Simulated Emergency Test (SET) on Sunday, October 24, 2009. This was a test of amateur radio communication support for five cities in North Fulton County. These cities included; Sandy Springs, Roswell, Alpharetta, Johns Creek and Milton, Georgia. Each city had its own net control station that gathered simulated (test) messages from each locality and then forwarded them to other jurisdictions within the simulated tornado disaster area.

During the drill, 34 local amateur radio operators participated in the three hour exercise that included communications links between, sixteen Fire/Rescue and local law enforcement agencies, Northside, Emory Johns Creek and North Fulton Hospitals.

NFARES meets at Sandy Springs EOC/911 center - On Nov. 10, 16 ARES members met for a tour of the EOC/911 center where they were treated to an impressive array of technology and

service excellence. Chief Scarbrough arranged for this meeting location for November. Want to join ARES, send an email to W4UOC@nfarl.org and check out the nfares yahoo group.

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

- **The Living Science School to get radio station** - In Cherokee County, the school already has a license and will soon install an antenna to get their new station on the air.
 - **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, (and sometimes brother Ed, KJ4NRN) for this fun net. Invite some youngsters, too.
 - **Remember-** Youth membership is FREE to those under 18. Just complete the form.
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Special Interest Groups (SIGS) Coming in January! – **ANTENNA SIG** – The antenna SIG will focus on antenna topics that rated highest in the recent NFARL poll, namely: Wire Antenna Choices; Feedlines, Baluns and Chokes; SWR, Matching and Tuners; Wire Antenna Construction, and; Grounding for Lightning, Safety and RF. Watch for more details in the December newsletter and the NFARL Yahoo group. For more information contact Chuck, AE4CW.

CW SIG - The CW Special Interest Group will be kicking off in January again. This will occur right after Pete Riker, K4BKD, speaks on "Ten Reasons to Try Code!". In the meantime, if you want to get a jump on it, see W4QO at a club function for a copy of a CD to help you learn CW or use lcwo.net online to learn the code. Also, see Jim's BLOG at: <http://w4qo.blogspot.com/>

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.

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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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