

**NORTH FULTON AMATEUR RADIO LEAGUE
2010 CLUB OF THE YEAR NOMINATION**



SPECIAL CLUB AWARD



2010 DAYTON HAMVENTION AWARD NOMINATION

Nominator Data

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Club of the Year

Club Data

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| Name | North Fulton Amateur Radio League | Call Sign | NF4GA/K4JJ | | |
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| Date Organized | 1976 | | | | |

Form Instructions:

1. Only use one page of bullet statements to describe club's accomplishments. The font format may be no less than 12 pts. This will be the primary tool used for judging.
2. Any additional supporting data may be attach i.e news stories, etc.

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- In 2006 the NFARL was on the verge of extinction with only 6 to 12 people attending a low budget dinner and rag chew. Three years later the club has grown to 260 very active members. 81% of the members belong to the ARRL and 15% are youth.
- Exciting and dynamic club meetings are held monthly with notable speakers (see attached listing of our programs for the last 2 years). We also do a live video and audio broadcast of our meetings each month for those members who cannot attend.
- The club has a very active VE Testing team with over 300 people tested last year.
- Each week there is a youth net that has nationwide participation via Echolink.
- Each week the club sponsors a TechNet focusing on ham radio technical questions. It has participation globally and features a chat room and posting of links to additional information.
- Our adjunct North Fulton ARES group is very active in the community and directly supports the North American Mission Board and five north Fulton County communities during their disaster deployments.
- The Hungry Hams lunch each Wednesday continues to be a great place to gather with friends to share Ham stories and show-and-tell projects. 30 to 40 Hams regularly attend.
- The NFARL is very active in our community including hamfests, community running events, community fairs, parades, and the Chattahoochee Nature Center walks.
- HamCrams featuring one day classes to earn the Tech and General licenses have achieved a 99% success rate with over 200 people earning their licenses.
- We are very proud of our website at www.nfarl.org. We also implemented a Mart that allows members to manage their own contact information and order items from the web via PayPal.
- In 2009 the club became a 501(c)(3) charity with a yearly gross income of over \$20,000.
- The club sponsors Mid-Month Madness activities that feature kit building and field trips.
- The club has grown so dynamically that it now features Special Interest Groups on topics like CW, Contesting, and Antennas. These are typically attended by 20 to 40 members on a chosen Saturday each month and via weekly repeater-hosted discussion nets and chat room.
- Our 2009 Field Day included 260 attendees (first in the Country) and received proclamations for three local mayors, the County, and the Governor plus TV and News coverage.
- The club is very active in Scouting through JOTA with dozens of Scouts earning the radio merit badges and both scouts and adult leaders earning their Tech and General licenses.
- A major event for the club in 2009 was the Joint Greater-Atlanta Ham Clubs meeting featuring Joel Hallas W1ZR, of QST Ask the Doctor fame as our guest speaker. We had over two hundred Hams at this combined meeting representing 11 clubs in the Atlanta area.
- Each year we have a Holiday Dinner where gifts are collected for local less fortunate youth. Over 100 people attended in 2009, and special contributors to the club's goals received recognition.
- The club offers an Echolink and HF internet access base stations for 24 hour connectivity on 11 bands.
- The Club hosts a quarterly breakfast meeting of local club (Presidents) where ideas are exchanged and resources identified to further the causes of amateur radio in the Atlanta area.
- The club publishes a monthly newsletter, distributed to over 700 hams, promoting club and amateur radio activities (see example attached).

Greg Sarratt, W4OZK
Southeast Division Director, ARRL
230 Latigo Loop
Huntsville, AL 35806
March 5, 2010

Dayton Hamvention Club of the Year Committee
Frank Beafore, WS8B
David Crawford, KF4KWW
Box 964
Dayton, OH 45401-0964

Dear Frank and David:

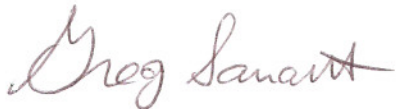
It is with great pleasure that I recommend the North Fulton Amateur Radio League as the Dayton Hamvention 2010 Club of the Year.

The North Fulton Amateur Radio club has become legendary in the Southeast as one of our very finest clubs. They consistently have outstanding programs, consistently large membership, and are very active supporters of the ARRL.

I've had the personal pleasure to spend time with this great club during many activities and the ham radio camaraderie is outstanding. They are a model for other clubs.

The North Fulton Amateur Radio League is very worthy of being the first recipient of the Dayton Hamvention Club of the year, and I am happy to give them my wholehearted endorsement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Greg Sarratt". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and legible.

Greg Sarratt
Division Director
Southeast Division
American Radio Relay League

Gene Clark, W4AYK
1604 Lynwood Lane
Albany, GA
March 8, 2010

Dayton Hamvention Club of the Year Committee
Frank Beafore, WS8B
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Box 964
Dayton, OH 45401-0964

Dear Frank and David:

Please accept my nomination of the North Fulton Amateur Radio League as the 2010 Dayton Hamvention Club of the Year.

The North Fulton Amateur Radio League is now the largest and most active club in Georgia with over 260 paid members, 81% of whom are ARRL members. They have also earned the distinction of being a Special Service Club. They also had the most participation of any club in Nation during Field Day 2009.

I can think of no other club that is more deserving of this special award.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eugene C. Clark". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Eugene C. Clark
Section Manager, Georgia