**MEETING NOTICE**

The next meeting of the North Fulton Amateur Radio League will be on Wednesday October 12, 1988 at 7:30 p.m. at St. David’s Church on Old Roswell Road. This month’s program will be done by Max Blood, N4MVV. Max is a weather forecaster for the National Weather Service. His presentation will cover various weather situations that we can expect in our area, what we can do to prepare for bad weather, and what hams can do to help report bad weather. Last year, Max put on a program that was enjoyed by everyone. This is a MUST meeting.

**MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER NFARL MEETING**

The meeting was called to order by Dan, WB4PYL at 7:35 on August 18. The minutes of the August meeting were approved as published. Roswell Police Commissioner Terry Joyner, W4YBV, introduced Officer John Tolbert, who is the Roswell Hit-and-Run officer. Officer Tolbert asked the Hamwatch members to be on the lookout for two vehicles that were involved in hit-and-run accidents.

Vehicle #1 is a 1975 Chevy Camaro red in color, 5a tag NHM 194. Vehicle #2 is an older van, brown in color with a license plate AB-42616. The vehicle has bubble type rear windows and a sticker which reads "the family that prays together stays together." A third vehicle, described as a white pick-up truck with ladder racks, electrical boxes and wire in the bed, a black mesh in place of the tailgate and heavy front end damage, was involved in 3 separate hit-and-run accidents. If spotted, do not approach, as these people may be dangerous.

Al Zoller, W6OFE, gave a report on repeater controller.

1. Club does not have resources, either capital or manpower, to market the new controller as a hardware project.

2. The club may have the resources to market the controller software.

3. More research must be done in the area of marketability of the software.

Dan, WB4PYL, read the report from the technical committee in the iambic problem on 145.47. The club then voted to pursue a remote receiver site.

**1988 HAMFEST CALENDAR**

OCTOBER:

1. TARA-Hamfest, HUNTINGTON, WV
2-3. Hamfest, BILOXI, MS
4. Georgia Hamfest, WARNER ROBBINS, GA
5. Hamfest, MEMPHIS, TN
8-9. Hamfest, VERO BEACH, FL
9. 4th Annual Techfest, RICHMOND, VA
14-16. Ham Com-Vention, HOUSTON, TX
15. Tri-Cities Hamfest, GRAY, TN
16. Hamfest, ROCK HILL, SC
22-23. Georgia Hamfest, AUGUSTA, GA
29-30. Hamfest and Computer, CHATTANOOGA, TN

NOVEMBER:

5-6*. Ham Radio/Comp. Expo 88, LAURENCEVILLE, GA
5-6. Hamfest, LAS VEGAS, NV
5-6. Hamfest, POMPANO BEACH, FL
6. Hamfest, CONCORD, NC
12-13*. Central Alabama Hamfest, MONTGOMERY, AL
15-16. Hamfest, PALM BEACH, FL
19. Hamfest, SUMTER, SC
19-20*. Suncoast Convention, ST. PETERSBURG, FL
26-27. Hamfest, GREENSBORO, NC

PLEASE NOTE: Hamfests marked with an Asterisk are NOT CONFIRMED.
When operating the emergency patch, please use proper radio operating procedure such as "EVERY SIXSECOND 'HOLD'." The operator at the receiving end MUST know that you are on the radio. The only thing they know is that this call is on the telephone line and if you are in a relay area to the repeater, they think that they have a bad telephone connection and may possibly hang up.

Identify yourself as an amateur radio operator.

Find out if they can hear you before you go into a long dissertation.

Be specific and exact. DO NOT ramble on and on.

Make short transmissions. Again they may think you are on a telephone to telephone call and try to interrupt and won't be able to.

If you want your name, give it to them. DON'T try to impress them with the fact that you are in a car and you don't have a phone number for a call back number. Give them your home number or work number.

After all, you are trying to help someone else, so help them.

Try to familiarize yourself with the area that they drive in the most. This way you will know which county service you need to call without arbitrarily dialing "911." If you are not in the area that 911 services, they will either transfer you or call to call the appropriate service. THIS TIME, TIME IS IMPORTANT. Please understand that they also have rules.

There are two methods of operating the emergency auto patch. They are as follows:

"A" ACCESS

"B" ACCESS

"C" ACCESS

The second method is to dial those 10 digits after the access of the emergency patch. There are nine counties in the metropolitan area that we cover with speed dial, and three that are not covered. The three that are not covered are PARISH CO., DOUBLEDAY, and WALTER CO. This means that ONLY the speed dial function will not be operational for those counties. However, the emergency numbers 6 and 11 for those counties. However, the emergency numbers 6 and 11 for the

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If you know any emergency number that should be in the table and is not there, please make a note of it on this form and return to the above address to the repeater can be updated. Your comments are encouraged and appreciated. NICE: This list will be forwarded weekly indicate changes since the last printing.
Application for Membership

Name: ________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________

City, State, Zip: ____________________________________________

Callsign: ___________________ License Class: ___________ Exp Date: ________

Home Phone: ___________________ Business phone: ___________________

Occupation: ____________________________________________

A.R.R.L. Member: _______ A.R.E.S. Member: _______ Packet User: _______

Do you have speed dial number? If so, what is it and what number should it be dialing? Speed dial ______ Phone number ______________

If not, would you like one? ______ Number to dial ______________

One area in which the N.F.A.R.L. is excelling is interaction between the Club through our HAMWATCH program and the 3 major agencies in North Fulton who are very interested in our emergency capabilities. The Cities of Roswell and Alpharetta and the North Fulton Regional Hospital have been helped by us during potential life-threatening emergencies. In order to better help them, we would like to provide them with a list of callsigns and names to help identify the "GOOD GUYS." No other information will be given to them. Please check the appropriate box below.

( ) Please list me as a member of the HAMWATCH program.
( ) Please DO NOT list me as a member of the HAMWATCH program.

1989 Dues Schedule

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USING THE EMERGENCY AUTOPATCH

Let me give you an idea of the perfect or near-perfect autopatch.

Ham: This is Ham Radio Operator, ABC123. HOW DO YOU COPY, OVER?
PD: Loud and clear.
Ham: I would like to report an accident at Holcomb Bridge Road and Highway 9, over.
PD: Any injuries?
Ham: No injuries, over.
PD: May I have your name, callsign, and repeater frequency?
Ham: My name is ..., call sign ABC123, frequency is 147.99.
PD: Thank you for your report.
Ham: You're welcome.

Usually one of the following happens: the PD can't tell that it is their turn to talk because the repeater doesn't have a courtesy tone, you use a Q-signal, you are marginal quality into the patch, you have trouble hearing the PD due to road noise, or the PD can't hear you because of background noise at their location.

What happens next? The PD says, "I hate it when those CBers call in." The hams say, "Why aren't those people trained?" There are two parts to solving this problem. First, hams MUST be aware and use good sense when making an emergency autopatch. Second, local police agencies need to become familiar with ham procedures.

The problem of making the agencies familiar with what we can do is best handled by your local Emergency Coordinator. Most E.C.'s are currently in contact with the agencies and know who to talk with. Don't try to take care of the problem yourself. Chances are your E.C. is trying to make the right impression. A disgruntled ham can help to undo months of work.

With your help, we can demonstrate to local agencies that hams are an important resource that need to be noticed.

73

Alan Stern, N4JHM
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