

Well here I am again writing to you fellow and gal amateurs out there in radio land. And guess what, another month has passed. It is now September 1st.

We had our last meeting last month on the 4th Thursday, August 24th and had a fairly decent turnout at Sonny's Bar-B-Q.

Just to let you know, the majority at the meeting agreed to **change the meeting night to the 3rd Wednesday**, so we will be having our **next meeting at Sonny's on September 20th. That is the 3rd Wednesday @ 6:30 for dinner and 7:30 for the meeting**. Susan Swiderski, AF4FO, will be our featured speaker and she will be speaking to us about anything she wishes but that we need some helpful suggestions at rejuvenating our club. Amateur Radio Clubs in general seem to be having this problem all over the country.

We would like to see you at this next meeting and have you voice some suggestions and not criticism's about how to improve / rejuvenate the club membership. We all know that nobody wants to do any work or volunteer for a non paying job. After all, doesn't this world revolve around the almighty \$, and if it doesn't pay we don't want it. Seriously, Amateur Radio is good for something, isn't it? Yes there is ARES, MARS, HF, VHF, UHF, SHF, Moon Bounce, and all the other acronyms out there that we have all done and now don't need anymore, or just want to try something new, but there has to be something out there that we as an amateur radio community are actually good at doing and that the community needs and then be appreciated for it, isn't there? And what if we aren't appreciated for it? So what. We did a good deed. Yes we have done the bike rides, the parade details and all those other things. We need to offer something to the community. Lets put our heads together and try. Y'all probably have, as I know I have, invested a lot of money in our hobby. It doesn't have to be 2 meters or 440, but it just happens that we have a couple of pretty good repeaters here in the north Atlanta area, and they have been here for the last 25+ years with pretty good reliability for being there when you needed them to be there. I am probably a little biased, but that is the way it goes.

As an update, I spoke to N4HRA, Lew Cason, yesterday and he informed me that there is now a group involved in resurrecting the

146.73 digi-peter on Sweat Mountain. When that project gets completed the main thrust for usage will be to support the Cobb, Cherokee and Fulton ARES groups.

Victor, I would like to get some input from you regarding the Sunday check-in's on the Emergency nets held on 145.47.

Hope all of you had a safe and enjoyable holiday yesterday.

Anyway, I will send another note about 1 week prior just for a reminder.

73's
Fred
N4CLA

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Fred Moore". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.