

## **eNEWS - MAY, 2007**

eNEWS is "what's happening" in North Fulton! Check the headlines of each item and mark your calendar. Always be on the lookout for a way **YOU** can help on these activities/events. For news outside our area, read ARRL.org or eHAM.net! Here is your North Fulton ARL eNEWS - May edition:

**ARES Meeting - May 15 - 6:30 PM - Tom Koch, W4UOC**, our new Emergency Coordinator for North Fulton, has called his first meeting of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service for Tuesday before our regular meeting. Registered as ARES or not, try to attend this important meeting. See: <http://www.nfares.org/> Did you know that the North Fulton ARES **net** meets on 145.47 each Sunday at 7:30PM? Everyone check in and meet your ARES members/leaders. Give back a little (or a lot) to this great hobby - join ARES!

**Regular Club Meeting - May 15 - 7:30 PM - Ralph Siebert, K1TV**,

is our speaker for May. Ralph worked at the WCC Commercial Wireless Station on Cape Cod and will give us a tour of that facility via photos and video. This is where Marconi tests were run with Scotland, and much more. Location: Behind **Alpharetta Fire Station #1** at **2970 Webb Bridge Road**. Directions: <http://tinyurl.com/yhd25e> As you know, we are getting 35-40 at the meetings so **throw in**



**a folding camp chair** if you have one. **Door prizes- Toys for Techies - Bring good, clean items to give away as door prizes.** What do you have that is surplus - books, components, antenna parts, radios, transceivers, amplifiers, well, you get the idea. We still have the HRO Gift Certificate each month, but we want more! Make a note: **June 19th Meeting - K4BKD on "the fun of CW" and also last minute FD planning - More to follow!**

**Hungry Hams Lunch Bunch meets each Wednesday @11:45 -**

Members are congregating at the Slope's BBQ on Crossville Road each. Come join us. Bring a friend. Slope's is just EAST of Crabapple Road on Crossville in Roswell.

**Techs on Ten Net - Fridays 9PM -** The Techs on Ten net is not just for Techs. Everyone should check in. There is much trading of 10-10 numbers and there should be some new ones on this week. The freq is **28.470**. A thought provoking question is posed each week. We're getting 15-20 regular check-ins and we need you. If you have a question to provoke - send it to [w4qo@nfarl.org](mailto:w4qo@nfarl.org)

**ARC Hamfest - June 2** - Team Leader Lee, AF4IA, is calling for volunteers to be at the table at Miller Park. Drop him an email at: [AF4IA@nfarl.org](mailto:AF4IA@nfarl.org) For info, go to: <http://www.w4doc.org/hamfest/2007fullpage.pdf> We plan to promote the club, sign up new members and again sell the new club **NFARL Nuggets 2007**. This CD contains over 400 megs of fun stuff in several aspects of ham radio and is our club fund raiser for this year. If you do not have your copy, come to the hamfest - it is \$5 for club members and \$10 for others. If you would like one mailed, you could send the money to **N4CLA** but just come to the hamfest! For a summary of what is on the CD, check out <http://tinyurl.com/2qvp6q>

**Field Day 2007 - June 22/23** - Planning is underway for this year's FD. Like the "old" days it will be at Waller Park. Teams are forming now! They include Power, Antennas, Food, Shelter, Station 1, Station 2, and Bonus Points - the theme is **Fun, Family, and oh yes, Field Day**. Contact [kc4ybo@nfarl.org](mailto:kc4ybo@nfarl.org) if you have ideas or equipment that belongs to the club so he can inventory it soon. Work a little, work a lot - there is FOOD for all!! Mark your calendar and sign up at the meeting this month for a time slot and to be on a team to help.

**Shack Visits a success** - Each month we try to have activities between meetings. We call it **Mid-Month Madness (MMM)**. Early April, it was Field Trip to Fry's. On May 5, we had visits to shacks of **W4CNG** and **W4QO**. Those who attended gave rave reviews and want more. It's not how much you have to show but how much fun you have "shooting the bull" and meeting our members. We are a friendly club and this is just one reason. **MMM** for next month is the ARC Hamfest, and for the following month, it's Field Day. Stay tuned to the **YAHOO list** for info on **MMM** and other activities. **Hey, You're not on that list?** Well, to become a member of the NFARL mailing list, just send a message with your name and callsign in the body to: [nfarl-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:nfarl-subscribe@yahoogroups.com) Now if you would also like to read the archives online, see projects from club members, etc, you may go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/nfarl/> and click the **JOIN THIS GROUP** in upper right, and just follow the instructions from there. Come on, join the group. You don't have to be a member of NFARL to join the group. We would like to thank those of you that have become NFARL-YAHOO members.

**A-Team** - What's this? Well, it's the **Assist Team**. This now encompasses the previous Mentoring Team and is so much more. Special Projects? **Help** others when they need it. Need **help** with an antenna, **help** getting your ticket/upgrading? Need to borrow a rig, a key, a mic? So it's for NEW and OLD hams to get some **HELP!** If you would like to be a helper to a new or prospective ham or to a current ham who could use a hand, send your name to

[HELP@nfarl.org](mailto:HELP@nfarl.org) Or if you need **HELP**, do the same. We are now matching up helpers and helpees. We'll do our best!

**Membership** - The club is now standing at **66** paid members. We want a hundred before year's end. This will take initiatives on a number of fronts - old members to renew, telling others you know about the club (we have a small business card you should carry to give out which you can pick up at the meetings), bring a friend to the meeting, invite someone to the lunch bunch. In all, we need your help to **Hit A Hundred!**

**Feedback** - Have some news? Did you upgrade? Get a new callsign? Any new hams out there - let us know at [info@nfarl.org](mailto:info@nfarl.org) Need to contact us?

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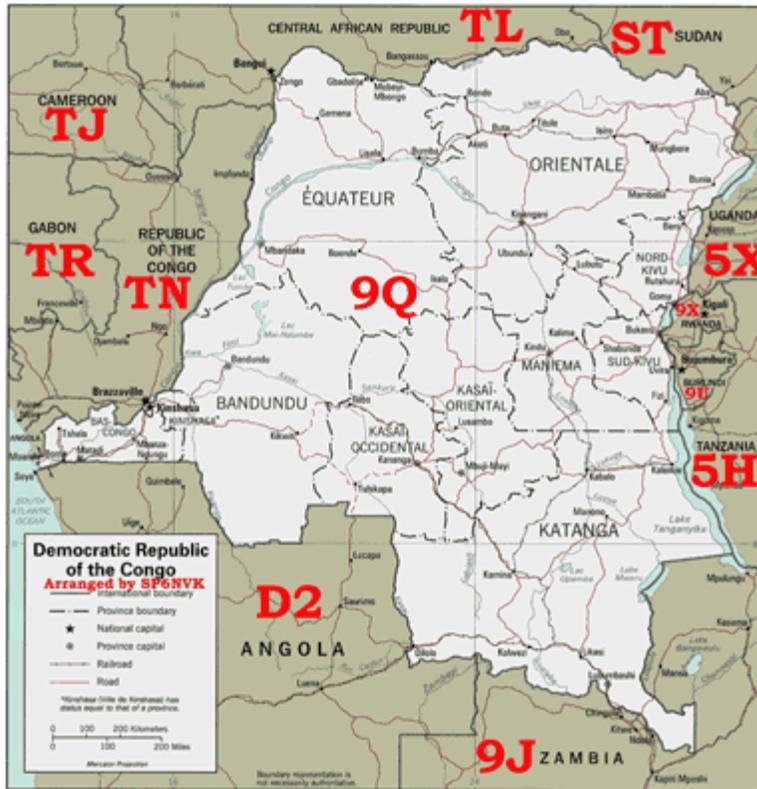
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**Note from the secretary/treasurer –**

My plans are firming up now and I now have my tickets to Kenya, Nigeria and DR Congo.





For those of you that may be interested, there is a complete list of "ALL" countries available for your download at [www.hamatlas.eu](http://www.hamatlas.eu)

Again, I am sorry that I will not be able to be a member of the FD team again this year, but the Lords work comes first. I will be leaving on May 22 for Kenya, then off to Nigeria on Jun 2, DR Congo on the Jun 18, Back to Nigeria on Jul 2 and back to the US on Jul 4.

What is really sad about these trips is that I will miss my wives birthday on May 23, mine on May 27 and our Wedding Anniversary on Jul 4. Seems like I do this every year. The other thing is that it is really difficult to get reciprocal licensing in Congo and Nigeria. Congo won't even acknowledge me and Nigeria says you have to be a resident of at least 6 months before they will consider. So the radio stays home, otherwise it would get confiscated.

OK, so I am expecting that all will go well with the club while I am gone and that the rest of the management team will provide you with continued great club activities.

I am also sorry that I will not be able to continue the (N3AIA @#\$%^&\* word) but I assure you that when I return I will again continue working on my wire projects.

Well that is about all from this corner, send your eNEWS reports to [w4go@nfarl.org](mailto:w4go@nfarl.org) while I am gone and I wish every one of you a blessed and great 6 weeks of HAM radio and BTW, 10M openings are starting every day now. Listen on the low end 28,200 – 28,500. I worked CA5WQO last week on 28,495. That is in southern Chile.

**Well that is all for now. Please plan on coming if you haven't been to a meeting in a while. We would love to see you again. We're growing each month. And remember - the club needs you to help. Do it!**

**"Ask not what your club can do for you, ask what you can do for your club."**

If you have questions or suggestions for the club, send email to: [help@nfarl.org](mailto:help@nfarl.org)

73's and hope to see you at the meeting on this coming Tuesday,

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