



eNEWS JULY 2008

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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.

Here's your **North Fulton ARL eNEWS for July 2008.**



Summary of upcoming events and dates

- ❑ **Every Wednesday** - Hungry Hams Lunch Bunch - 11:45 AM - Slopes BBQ
- ❑ **Every Sunday** - **NFARES net** - 8:30PM - 147.06 Mhz (+.600) & PL 100
- ❑ **Every Monday** - **Tech Net** - 8:30 PM - 145.47 Mhz (PL 100) - See details on page 2.
- ❑ **Mid Month Madness – D star demo - July 19 - WB4MAK's QTH - 9AM. RSVP.**

Regular Club Meeting – July 15 -7:30 PM - First things first - don't forget to bring your **camp chair**.

KG4IUM



Our July program this month is going to be presented by

Miss Andrea Hartlage, KG4IUM of Grayson, GA. Andrea is a sophomore at GT (that is Georgia Tech, people) and has been involved in promoting youth in ham radio since she received her license at age 12. She is a contributing editor for ARRL and is the recipient of the national Young Ham of the Year award in 2004. <http://www.yhoty.org/andrea-hartlage.htm> She will be speaking on Youth in Amateur Radio so bring the kids, grandkids, neighbor's kids, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, etc. **and then there will be a follow up on Field Day - KC4YBO and AK4IK.** Don't miss this. Future meeting topics may be found on the club website.

By the way, if you are interested, you can join us for dinner at the Alpha Soda on Haynes Bridge Road in the shopping center, just south of Hwy 120 (Milton Parkway). We meet at 6PM and leave @ 7PM. It is about 5 minutes from the Fire Station.

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We meet here: EOC –Located behind the Alpharetta Fire Station #1 at 2970 Webb Bridge Road, Alpharetta, GA. Go to this map: <http://tinyurl.com/yhd25e>

Door prizes- Toys for Techies - If everyone brings one good, clean item/book to give away as door prizes, then everyone will win one... +Gift Certificate from HRO. We appreciate HRO's support. Do you support HRO? There will also be the drawing for the \$100 Field Day HRO Gift Certificate and for the winner of the Photo Contest, a \$25 HRO Certificate.

ARES Meeting - The Amateur Radio Emergency Service has begun meeting on a different night from the regular club meeting. Both activities now have much to cover and trying to cram it all into one evening is just not easy. So in July ARES began meeting on the **second Tuesday** of each month at the Sandy **Springs City Council Chambers** at Morgan Falls. **All are welcome to attend whether ARES member or not so mark your calendars. Details on the web.**

Mid-Month Madness – July has 2 MMMs - The first was the antenna building party at WB4MAK,s QTH on July 12 where we built 9 Squalo antennas. The second is a D-star demo at Mack's QTH on July 19. RSVP to wb4mak@nfarl.org. Watch for our next MMM in August on the NFARL Yahoo reflector. Got any ideas for MMM Topics? Let us know.

Bring a book to donate to the club library - We're just getting this off the ground and need your books that you don't use much to be donated. Bring them to the meeting every month.

NFARL TECH NET meets Mondays at 8:30 PM - Join us on 145.47, to discuss technical topics lead by **WB4MAK**. As far as we know, no one else conducts a net quite like this one. It uses the repeater, Google, a chat room, and now **Echolink** to enhance the quality of this unique net. Go to the website and look 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 the repeater.

Repeater News - The next addition to our current repeater community will be a 220 repeater. It will be co located with the 145.47 and 444.475 repeater up on Sweat Mountain.

Hungry Hams Lunch Bunch each Wednesday @11:45 till? -. Our last 3 lunches, we have had 16, 17, and 16 respectively. **Remember, when you go through the line, be sure to ask them to print a receipt and include it in the Radio Club stack. It helps the cause.**

Club Membership – Remember back in January 2008, when we stated that Our goal for 2008 was 150? Well we are now at **163!!** Thank you to all of our supporters. Are we havin' fun yet?

Please welcome – our newest members (*) and our members that renewed. We wish to say thank you for choosing NFARL for your club involvement in Amateur Radio.

Christopher		Burgett*	N0CAL
Lionel		Bourn*	N0CAL
Bob		Citronberg*	KI4GHT
Charles	A	Daley	KD4LXQ
Rose	E	Daley	KE4MCW
Jim		DePrincipe*	KD1I
Matthew	T	DeLuca*	N0CAL
Vern		Fowler	W8BLA
Steve		Krosner	K2ZPF
Martin	L	Olson	N4JDO
Fred		Peters	N3FP
Stephen	K	Ralph*	W4SKR
Mark		Reich	AG4WY
Adrine		Shamblin*	KJ4CUY
Craig	L	Willison*	NZ4CW
Curtis		Wright*	N0CAL
Sue		Wright*	N0CAL

If you see any of these people at the next meeting, Please say hello and welcome them.

Renewal information - There has always been some question regarding when **dues are due**. The way the club dues / renewals are currently set up is they are due every 12 months from the date you joined NFARL. So if you joined May 22, your renewal date would be due on the next May. This basically does two things for the club. First it keeps a more constant cash flow for the club receivables, and second it makes it easier on you. If you find that you need to change your annual renewal date to fit your budget, just say so. It is just a click away on the computer.

Want to Join or renew your membership in NFARL? It is easy as 1-2-3 by taking advantage of the new secure PayPal or personal credit card function on our newly revamped NFARL web site. No more check writing, no more stamps, no more envelopes, no more electronic bill pays. Just go to the website, go to the MART section, complete the information page and continue on toward the bottom of the page, or click on this link www.nfarl.org/shop/mart_v2.php .

ARRL Membership - Currently **71% of NFARL are members of the ARRL**. You can now use **PayPal** to join ARRL - using <http://www.nfarl.org/shop/mart.html> **The club benefits if you join ARRL via our club. So help us out when you join or renew.**

Check our website & join our Yahoo reflector – Here’s how to keep in touch with your club. Visit our website - www.nfarl.org - You’ll find all kinds of valuable info there such as up to the minute news, how to become a ham or upgrade, **photos** of club events, a **ROSTER** of members, and a club **calendar**. While you’re there click on the **YAHOO GROUP** button and take a spin around. While you’re at the NFARL YAHOO GROUP, click on the **JOIN THIS GROUP** button and become part of the NFARL mailing list. You may also join by simply sending an email message with your **name** and **callsign** in the body to: nfarl-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

Thank you **Bill, K4YJJ** for the continued outstanding job you are doing on the web site. We think this is THE BEST web site, especially in the Atlanta area, if not on the web. The next time you see Bill, say thank you. BTW, if you haven't been to the Web Site recently, you need to do it. It is awesome.

You can also go to <http://www.nfarl.org/eNewsIndex.html> and get **previous issues of the eNEWS**. From now on, the newsletter will be stored on the website without being attached to your typical email newsletter notification and will be just a hot link in the email.

Is your QSL card on the website? – Bring your QSL cards to the meeting and we will place them on the web site <http://www.nfarl.org/gslMembers.html> . As time goes on, we will be incorporating areas for narrative BIO's and what ever else "YOU" may want to insert with your card.

Alive After Five – This is a once a month event, **every third Thursday April through November from 5PM – 9PM**, located in Historic Roswell along Canton St. It is designed to be more of a family outing. This is a "NON" Amateur radio event and is a perfect place for NFARL to stand out and show the "NON" Amateur Radio community what "HAM" radio is all about. This was also a perfect place to advertise Field Day to them as well. There are 200+ vendors that will be along Canton Street including all the restaurants and Art Galleries being open. There will be three bands along the street. Here is the web site for the Alive After Five event <http://www.aliveafterfiveroswell.com/> and here is the page advertising NFARL http://www.aliveafterfiveroswell.com/sponsors_n.htm .

The last Roswell Alive After Five event was 2 days after our June meeting. It is again going to be 2 days after our July meeting on July 17th. It will be from 5PM to 9PM. Last month we communicated with dozens of people walking by our space, gave them hand out material and actually had several of them show up at Field Day this year. We consider this event a very positive event to advertise what the Amateur Radio Community has to offer the non amateur radio communities. So please if you can, come up to the Canton Street area this coming Thursday July 17 and help us sell amateur radio to the community. We will be there around 4PM to set up on the street next to Go With The Flow. **RSVP to n4cla@nfarl.org if you can help set up and present NFARL.**

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Club Repeaters

145.470 (-)	100 Hz	Sweat Mtn
147.060 (+)	100 Hz	Roswell WaterTower
443.150 (+)	No Tone	Roswell WaterTower (MATPARC/NFARL)
444.475(+)	100 Hz	Sweat Mtn



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