



eNEWS April 2011

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Summary of Upcoming Events and Dates

- **Every Wednesday - Hungry Hams Lunch Bunch** - 11:30 AM at Slopes BBQ
- **Every Sunday - NFARES net** - 8:30 PM - 147.06 MHz (PL 100)
- **Every Monday - Tech Net** - 8:30 PM - 145.47 MHz (PL 100) - Check website for “how to”
- **Every Friday - Youth Net** - 5:00 PM - 145.47 MHz (PL 100) - Join Frances Doyle AJ4JQ and others.
- **Second Tuesday - NFARES meeting** - 7:00 PM at the Sandy Springs city office complex
- **Third Tuesday - Club Meeting** - 7:30 PM April 19 - Mike Roden W5JR on Transmitter Hunting
- **VE Testing Sessions** - April 16 and June 25 - 10:00 AM at the Alpharetta Adult Activity Center

Program Update / John Kludt K7SYS

Something Special Before the Program

Whatever NFARL does, a number of us always seem to arrive early. For example, Hungry Hams starts at 1130 hours – get there much after 1115 and you sit at the “kids table.” Our monthly meetings start at 7:30 PM but many of us arrive around 7:00. We like to use that time for an informal “show and tell.” Each month a theme is picked with the intent of asking folks to bring in projects, objects, artifacts etc. to share. This month’s theme is the HT: Many of us own more than one. Some are ancient, predating factory installed PL and maybe even having frequency control via (yikes!) crystals. An anonymous source has donated two \$25 HRO gift certificates to be given to 1) the owner of the oldest working HT present (please bring documentation of manufacture date or date range) and 2) the newest HT present by date of purchase (bring your receipt).

April Program

As spring and summer approach, it is nice to find things to do outside. There is always “QRP in the Park.” Even better is combining radios with physical activity. Want to Fox Hunt but don’t own a horse? How about hiding a low-power transmitter in the woods (the “fox”) and using your radio and a directional antenna to find it (the “hunt”). Please join us as our own Mike Roden W5JR (right) walks us through the basics of this interesting and potentially energetic way to play with our radios.



April Mid-Month Madness

This month's Midmonth Madness was the Georgia QSO party April 9-10. This was probably for many of us our only chance to be the DX, to work the pile-up and not be in the pile-up. For those with mobile rigs, it was a great opportunity to help put rare counties on the air. NFARL went into the weekend as defending Georgia club champion and hopes its showing this year will be a repeat! Thanks to all NFARL members who took part – and don't forget to list NFARL on your entry. Every QSO counts!

President's Corner for April



I would like to begin with a nod of appreciation to our club Vice President Wes Lamboley W3WL and George Nicholson N4GRN for their presentation of a fantastic program sharing their experiences as part of the team on the recent DXpedition to South Orkney Island. Their anecdotes and wonderful slide show illustrating the experience were truly fascinating. The program also provided great insight as to what is involved in both cost and effort to accomplish a successful operation to a rare country.

Another highlight of the March meeting was the presentation of the 2010 HamJam Youth Scholarships. We were able to honor two special young amateur radio members of our community, Frances Doyle AJ4JQ and Mike Almeter W4MJA, by presenting them scholarship awards as they head off to college this fall. These scholarships were made possible with funds raised by the North Fulton Amateur Radio League and the Southeastern DX Club from HamJam in November 2010.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the next club meeting on Tuesday, April 19. Mike Roden W5JR will be sharing his tips and tricks on Transmitter Hunting. Possibly a club "Fox Hunt" is in the near future. It will be interesting to have Mike share the science and art on this subject, which has both practical and recreational applications.

By the time you all read this, most members should be basking in the glow of a successful run in the 2011 Georgia QSO Party, perhaps with the fire ignited to take contest operation to even higher levels. Please remember to denote NFARL as your affiliated club when you submit your GQP scores.

73 - I hope to see you at the meeting and to work you on the bands,

John N4TOL

NFARL Hams Demonstrate International Communication

/ Chuck Catledge AE4CW

A team of 16 NFARLites demonstrated the international scope of ham radio to hundreds of visitors to the International Day event at the Johns Creek NE/Spruill Oaks Library on Saturday, March 26.

Using a vertical antenna and 100-watt transceiver, club members and visitors contacted 36 countries using the club call sign NF4GA. The CQ Worldwide WPX SSB contest coincided with the event, so the bands were



active with stations from around the world calling CQ. We were pleased with the interest expressed by young and old alike but especially by the large number of youth who enthusiastically put on the headset and made contacts on their own.



The library staff was so impressed with our demonstration and the response of the visitors that we have been invited to present ham radio to a group of middle school students who meet there regularly. What a great way to introduce our exciting hobby to today's youth and their parents. Way to go,

NFARL!

NFARL Membership

We have **253** active members as of the writing of this newsletter. The following members have joined since January 2011.

Call	First N	Last N	License Class	Member Since
	Keith	Plossl		2011-03
	Marian	Plossl		2011-03
	Rich	Mosley		2011-03
K4RIP	Rip	Ripple	General	2011-03
K4ROZ	Dale	Schwartz	General	2011-01
KJ4VQI	Karen	Prescott	Extra	2011-03
KK4ATQ	Ernie	Floyd	Technician	2011-03
KK4AUZ	Alan	McKie	Technician	2011-03
N4MEP	Mike	Parrott	General	2011-03
WB4FGF	Larry	Whited	Extra	2011-03

Please greet our newest members and welcome them to the organization the next time you see them.

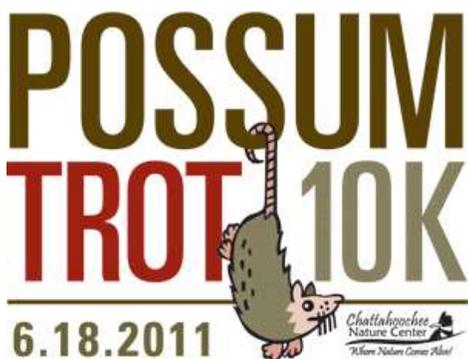
Service Opportunities

June

Atlanta Radio Club Hamfest, Saturday, June 4 from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Dave Brackett AK4CL will coordinate NFARL's participation in the hamfest. We are planning to have the "NFARL Cafe" set up.



Chattahoochee Nature Center Possum Trot 10K, Saturday, June 18. Ham volunteers will work with Charles Turner K0CZR, CNC Coordinator for ham volunteers.



NFARES Update / Jim Paine N4SEC

The April 12 NFARES meeting focused on two topics: 1) providing assistance to the North American Mission Board (NAMB) and 2) working on a Field Day project with NFARL.

The North American Mission Board is an international disaster relief agency headquartered in Alpharetta. On April 13, NFARES members participated in a daylong training session to evaluate and determine our role in their operation. Also, we checked out their ham gear and operating location. NAMB will be holding a Simulated Emergency Test on May 17, 18 and 19.

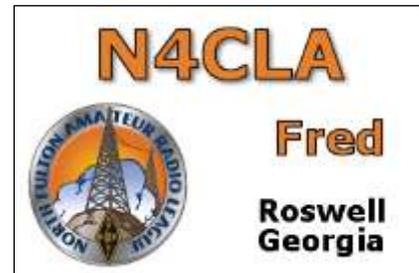
The NFARL Field Day Team has asked NFARES to take part in the club's Field Day event on June 25 and 26. Karen Mallory N4MPB has volunteered to head the ARES group and will be joined by Clyde McClain KJ4MIJ, Jim Paine N4SEC and others in planning ARES activities. There will also be demonstrations of digital communications and explanations of amateur radio emergency preparedness to visitors, among other events.

Important Information:

- Weekly NFARES Net is every Sunday night at 8:30 PM. ARES uses the NFARL Roswell water tower repeater operating on 147.060 + P/L 100. All ARES members from other groups, as well as non-ARES amateurs are encouraged to check in.
 - NFARES meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. The location is usually the City of Sandy Springs Council Chambers. Meeting participants frequently gather for a pre-meeting dinner at 5:45 pm at Tijuana Joe's restaurant (between Sandy Springs City Hall and QuikTrip).
 - Check out the NFARES web site at nfares.nfarl.org for additional information
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Club Repeaters

145.470 (-) EchoLink Node 560686 NF4GA-R	100 Hz	Sweat Mountain
147.060 (+) Primary ARES repeater	100 Hz	Roswell WaterTower
224.620 (-) Joint Venture with the MATPARC club	100 Hz	Sweat Mountain
443.150 (+)	No Tone	Roswell WaterTower
444.475(+)	100 Hz	Sweat Mountain
927.0125(-)	146.2 Hz	Sweat Mountain