



eNEWS

January 2012

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eNEWS is “what’s happening” in **North Fulton!** Check the headlines of each item and mark your calendar. Go to arrl.org or eHAM.net for the national news, but here is this month’s **North Fulton ARL eNEWS.**



Summary of Upcoming Events and Dates

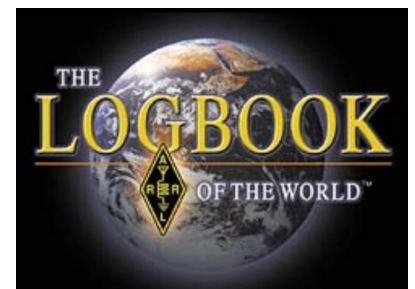
- **Every Wednesday** - Hungry Hams Lunch Bunch - 11:00 AM - Slopes BBQ, 34 East Crossville Road, Roswell
- **Every Sunday** - **NF ARES net** - 8:30PM - 147.06 MHz (PL 100)
- **Every Monday** - **Tech Net** - 8:30 PM - 145.47 MHz (PL 100) - Check website for “how to”
- **Every Friday** - **Youth Net** - 5:00 PM - 145.47 MHz (PL 100) - Join Edward Doyle KJ4NRN and others
- **Second Tuesday** - **NF ARES meeting** - 7:00 PM at the Sandy Springs City office complex
- **Mid-Month Madness** - **GARS TechFest** - January 14, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM (Boneyard opens at 8:00 AM) – Gwinnett Medical Resource Center, 665 Duluth Highway (Georgia 120), Lawrenceville
- **VE Testing Session** - January 14 - Alpharetta Adult Activity Center, 13450 Cogburn Road, Alpharetta - 10:00 AM
- **Third Tuesday** - **Club Meeting** - January 17 – Alpharetta Adult Activity Center - Paul Manno KG4UVU will give an insider’s look at the DXpedition to T32C

It’s January 14 ... Do You Know Where Your QSLs Are?

Come to TechFest on Saturday, January 14, at the Gwinnett Medical Resource Center in Lawrenceville. We can help you find your missing QSLs quickly and easily! NFARL and the SEDXC are teaming up to help hams get into the QSLing game with the two best tools available: Logbook of the World and Bureaus.

Attend the seminar on “The Art of QSLing” and visit the booth in the “main tent” where you will learn how to:

- Set up your personal Logbook of the World (LoTW) account (bring your laptop and make it extra easy)
- Set up to receive incoming QSLs coming through the U.S. bureaus (you will leave with everything you need)
- Send QSLs through the ARRL and SEDXC outgoing QSL services



Details on the time and location of TechFest can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/cc3wvca>

Program Update

When the best-laid plans are foiled three weeks before travel, you can still rely upon the resourcefulness, engineering, organizational, and operation skills of an excellent group to bring you a record-setting DXpedition. NFARL's own Paul Manno KG4UVU (at left) presents this tale of the recent East Kiribati T32C DXpedition to Christmas Island (Kiritimati) and how you came to be in the log.



Pre-meeting dinner

Some of our members and guests gather for dinner before the meeting at 6:00 PM at Dickey's Barbecue Pit, 13075 Highway 9 North, Milton. It's about a fourth of a mile north of Fry's on Highway 9 in the Target shopping center. Various types of BBQ pork, beef and chicken along with a large number of side dishes are available at reasonable prices. Plus there is free ice cream for dessert! Talk-in on 145.47. We finish dinner in time to arrive at the meeting site by 7:00 PM.

President's Corner for January

I am very excited and humbled over having the opportunity and privilege to serve as your new president for the 2012 calendar year. First of all, I would like to thank the outgoing officers and members of the executive board, along with the enthusiastic membership that achieved so many great accomplishments for the club in 2011. Under John Tramontanis's leadership our club continued to thrive and provide various opportunities for members to grow in and enjoy our wonderful hobby.

I am currently taking a drink from the proverbial "fire hose" and learning more about the inner workings of our club as I assume the role of president. Your executive board has had its first meeting of the year and is hard at work defining goals for 2012, such as additional construction projects and a more robust Elmer program. Your input is welcomed, and you are encouraged to make suggestions to any of the executive board members. The new club officers and executive team are:

Wes Lamboley W3WL - President
Dave Brackett AK4CL - Vice President and Training and Community Services Coordinator
Bill Reed K4YJI - Secretary and NFARL eNEWS Publisher
Fred Moore N4CLA - Treasurer
John Tramontanis N4TOL - Past President and HamJam 2012 Co-Planner
Chuck Catledge AE4CW - Education and Elmer Chairman
John Kludt K4SQC - Program and Mid-Month Madness Chairman
Scott Straw KB4KBS - Field Day Chairman
Jim Paine N4SEC - ARES Liaison
Mike Roden W5JR - Repeater Operations
Bill Cobb K4YJJ - Webmaster

We are here to serve you and the north metro ham community. Feel free to contact any of us at any time. Our e-mail addresses are "our call signs @nfarl.org."

Our goal is to continue to keep NFARL on a progressive track by providing programs of interest to the membership and activities to further develop our amateur radio skills. In addition, we want to continue to be prepared to serve the community in any time of need with our communications skills and resources. Of utmost importance, however, is to enhance the enjoyment that amateur radio provides to all our members and the ham community in general!



73 and Happy New Year!

Wes – W3WL

2011 Another Active Year for Club / John Tramontanis N4TOL



Happy New Year! NFARL closed out a memorable 2011 with a wonderful holiday party with fine food, great friends, and much celebration as we recognized the accomplishments of the club during the past year and many of the folks who contributed to them. I want to especially recognize Joe Urso KJ4IXJ and Bob Citronberg KI4GHT for their efforts in making the event a rousing success.

Additionally, that evening, the club recognized Dave Higdon Jr. KD4ICT as the NFARL 2011 "Ham of the Year" for his many contributions to the club, primarily in the area of promoting amateur youth activity and spearheading the club DXCC LoTW effort.

It was also an honor to present to Jim Stafford W4QO the NFARL "Distinguished Service Award".

It was another active and productive year for NFARL. The club again dominated the ARRL Field Day both nationally and regionally in several categories and all those who participated in our record attendance seemed to have a wonderful time at our signature event. Our gratitude goes out to outgoing Field Day Chairman Ian Kahn KM4IK, whose tireless efforts guided our club to four consecutive record-setting years in this event.

The year began with the TechFest in January, with NFARL members assisting 25 kids building kits, to a world-class event in October, HamJam 2011, to finish out the year.

HamJam 2011 was a huge success by raising funds for amateur youth scholarships and featured a presentation by ARRL President Kay Craigie N3KN. The event was topped off by earning recognition with a photo and mention in QST magazine. Special thanks to Jim Stafford W4QO and Chuck Catledge AE4CW, the co-chairmen who coordinated this special event for the enormous amount of hard work they put forth.

The club was involved in some notable DXpeditions as a sponsor and with members participating. The club was a sponsor for the T32C group to East Kiribati with club member Paul Manno KG4UVU as a member of the team. Incoming club president Wes Lamboley W3WL was a member of the VP8ORK team to South Orkney Islands.

NFARL participated in the International Day event at the Johns Creek NE/Spruill Oaks Library in March and demonstrated the international scope of ham radio to hundreds of visitors. Using a vertical antenna and 100-watt transceiver, club members and visitors contacted 36 countries using the club call sign NF4GA. We were pleased with the interest expressed by all, but especially by the large number of youth who enthusiastically put on the headset and made contacts on their own.

In April, NFARL again took honors in the Georgia QSO Party as the top club in the state for the third straight year.

North Fulton ARES had a busy year, working with the North American Mission Board, participating in Field Day, and conducting a highly successful Simulated Emergency Test in October.

The club again had an exciting outing at a Braves game in September with the home team winning in the bottom of the ninth inning. Thank you, Bob Citronberg KI4GHT for a wonderful treat.

More progress was made on the youth front with HamJam 2010 scholarships awarded to graduating high school seniors Frances Doyle AJ4JQ and Mike Almeter W4MJA. Additionally, Jon Wittlin K4WIT led initiatives with the Boy Scouts in conducting radio merit badge awards and the October Jamboree on the Air.

The club also conducted Technician and General Ham Crams as well as a CW SIG to help initiate new folks into the hobby and enhance their skills and privileges.

There were many other events that could be mentioned and many other members who contributed to the club's successes this past year. Thanks to all of you.

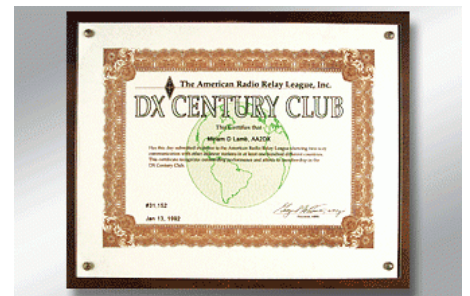
It has been a great pleasure to serve as club president for 2011. I encourage you all to volunteer and become more involved in club activities in the coming year.

I look forward to seeing you at the meetings in 2012, and I hope to hear you on the bands!

LoTW-DXCC Still Going Strong / Dave Higdon Jr. KD4ICT

Did everyone see the January issue of QST? You might recognize a few folks in one of the pictures. Thanks to Steve Mays KS4KJ for the group photo and thanks to everyone who helped us reach DXCC last year.

At the end of 2011, NFARL had 316 QSOs in the log with 187 confirmed contacts. We now have 118 confirmed entities and we have 156 contacts counting toward the DXCC Challenge award. Please continue to send your contacts to award@nfarl.org and see what we can achieve.



Now with the new year here, what would the club like to do for the next project? Anyone interested in the Triple Play Award? This is another LoTW award and is for working all states using three modes: voice, data and CW. We have had some discussion and would like to see if the interest is there.

One last thing, I still have certificates for the members who contributed to our DXCC award. If you have not received your copy, I can mail it to you. Otherwise, see me at Hungry Hams or a club meeting.

This project was a lot of fun. I am looking forward to what we can do this year.

Great Expectations for Field Day / Scott Straw KB4KBS

NFARL has been a national leader at providing maximum exposure of our hobby and our club to the general public and public officials during Field Day on the fourth full weekend of June each year. This tradition will continue. We have also fared well with our point tally in the contest aspect of the event. This will also continue. To help maintain our fine showings, we will try a different management style this year: one that is tried and proven, not too different from "the old way," and is organized and structured for efficiency and accountability.

The National Incident Management System (NIMS) is a comprehensive approach that is used to manage crises, emergencies, and events. It is adaptable, flexible, and scalable. My experience with this process has convinced me that this is an efficient way to assure that Field Day responsibilities are handled in a way that reduces each task to a manageable assignment.

Further, within the NIMS framework, the Incident Command System (ICS) divides the management of any event into four broad categories: Operations, Planning, Logistics, and Administration/Finance. Each area has distinct vertical responsibilities but there is a great deal of horizontal interaction as well. Not every incident requires the deployment of all four sections. Nor does a section need to be fully outfitted if it is used. That is the beauty of this design. Only the resources needed are activated.

For Field Day, we will use many aspects of this organizational structure, but not all. For example, under the Operations Section, we will have a branch for Visitors and Guests, Bonus Stations, Scoring Station, Antennas, and Power/Facilities. Each branch will have a director, and multiple divisions. Each division will have a supervisor, and if necessary the division will have units with designated leaders.

If you would like to be involved, now is the time to sign up. We will be doing many of the same activities as last year – two SSB stations, a Digital Station, and a CW station, a Get-On-The-Air (GOTA) station, a VHF station, and a Satellite station. We will be at the same place, Waller Park Extension off Oxbo Road in Roswell, and, of course, we will have a big dinner on Saturday evening. We will also be trying some new things that will be revealed later. Formal planning meetings will begin at the end of March. As always, please feel free to contact me with your ideas on how to improve the experience.

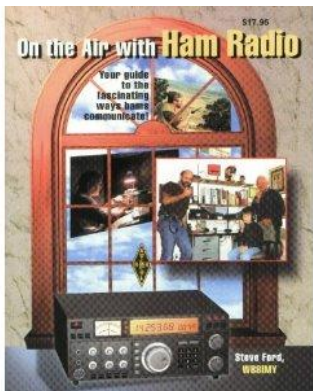
Here are some links with more information on how NIMS and ICS work:

<http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/AboutNIMS.shtm>

<http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/IncidentCommandSystem.shtm>

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/ICSResource/PositionChecklists.htm>

BROWSING THE LIBRARY / Keith Plossl K4KRX



On The Air With Ham Radio by Steve Ford WB8IMY will give you some idea what you can do and what you can expect from other hams after you first get your ticket. Don't expect this to be a how-to. Rather, it is a broad overview of the many segments of the amateur radio hobby for those of us just getting our feet wet. Good luck on your ham radio journey; the fun is just getting started.

We have this 183-page book in the NFARL Library and it is good for any beginning ham. The library is here for both experienced and inexperienced hams.

Denny Goodwin KF4BL (SK)

Denny Goodwin KF4BL died January 6 at Kennestone Hospital in Marietta of complications from pneumonia.

Denny was active in attending NFARL meetings and was a frequent diner at Hungry Hams lunches at Slopes BBQ. He could often be found roaming the aisles of Fry's before the monthly NFARL meeting, looking for parts for his latest electronics project. He served as a CW operator during the past couple of Field Day events. At Hungry Hams, he enjoyed conferring with fellow hams about homebrew projects and also often reminisced about his childhood and life in Mississippi and Alabama. Very down-to-earth, Denny enjoyed telling a good story although he said one of the aspects of being a preacher was that people would tell him jokes and stories that, because of his calling, he was unable to repeat.



An Advanced Class licensee who lived in Cherokee County, Dr. James Denton Goodwin was born September 10, 1942, in Pascagoula, Mississippi. He graduated from Pascagoula High School and received a B. A. from Mississippi College, a Master of Divinity Degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and the Doctor of Ministry Degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

He served churches in Alabama for more than 35 years. In 2007, he and his wife of 46 years, Barbara Davis Goodwin, moved to the Atlanta area to be near family.

The family has established a scholarship fund to benefit a graduating senior of the First Baptist Church of Demopolis. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the scholarship fund in Denny's name in care of the First Baptist Church of Demopolis, P.O. Box 1009, Demopolis, AL 36732. A memorial service was held at the First Baptist Church of Demopolis with burial at the Indianola Cemetery in Mississippi.

Public Service / Dave Brackett AK4CL

January

Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society -- TechFest 2012

This event (www.gars.org) is Saturday, January 14, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM (Boneyard opens at 8:00 AM) at its new location in the Gwinnett Medical Resources Center, 665 Duluth Highway (Georgia 120); Lawrenceville (33° 57.850'N, 84° 1.030'W).

Chuck Catledge AE4CW and Dave Higdon Jr. KD4ICT will be representing NFARL with their presentation covering QSLing using LoTW and ARRL DX QSL Bureaus.



There are a couple of positions available to assist with this effort and some knowledge/experience with LoTW would be appreciated. Send Chuck an [e-mail](mailto:) if you would like to help.

Pre-event breakfast convenes at the Waffle House (#1194), 1205 Lakes Parkway, Lawrenceville, 770-237-3363, at 7:00 AM (33° 57.832'N, 84° 2.264'W).

February



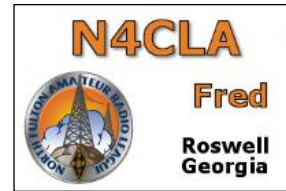
Chattahoochee Challenge Annual Road Race,
Saturday, February 11, 6:00 AM to 11:00 AM

If you are available, contact Charles Turner K0CZR [via email](mailto:) for more details and to volunteer.

More details on volunteer opportunities for all events are on the NFARL website in the [Public Service Section](#).

Need a Name Badge?

Go to the [NFARL Mart](#) and order one of these magnetic badges!



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Club Repeaters

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| 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 |



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