



TOP OF THE ROCK



The Newsletter of the Alford Memorial Radio Club

October 2015

<http://totr-radio.org/>

Nov. 7th & 8th Stone Mountain Hamfest, All HANDS ON Deck!!



Alford Memorial Radio Club Special Event Station.

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Message from the President

Fall has begun. Next up on the horizon is the Stone Mountain HamFest on November 7th and 8th, 2015. That's just a few short weeks' away folks. A good number of folks are working in the background to make this HamFest one of the best we have had in years. But this isn't going to happen if everyone in the club doesn't turn out to lend a hand at some point on that weekend. We actually start setup on Thursday the 5th around noon time. We knockoff around 6:00 PM after just a short day. So if Thursday, is the only day you could help, come on out and lend a hand. We can definitely find a task to assign you to. Then we meet for breakfast at the Steak-N-Shake on GA124 in Snellville at 7:00 AM. Come join us before we 'adjourn' to the fairgrounds for a full day of activities beginning at 8:00 AM. There are a lot of things to be done on Friday, so we need a lot of help with those assignments. Most of the work is finished by 5:00 or 6:00 PM, but we do need a few volunteers to stay around until 9:00 PM to provide some 'security' for our vendors getting their displays ready for Saturday morning.

Saturday morning November 7th arrives, and now the real fun begins. Several real die hard hams meet for breakfast at the Waffle House new Webb Gin House Road on GA124 at 4:00 AM. If you really want the feel of the HamFest from these die hard hams, come on out and join them. Then a large group of volunteers gather at the back gate (the vendor's entrance) at 5:30 AM, in preparation for opening the back gate for commercial vendors, tailgaters, and flea market vendors to enter and begin, or finish, their setup for the 8:00 AM opening of the General Admission gates off of the main parking lot. If you want to work at the front gate selling tickets and greeting our HamFest attendees, please get in touch with my XYL, Puddin, KJ4QIB. She

has a good list of volunteers from past years but is always looking for more.

We close the gates at 4:00 PM on Saturday, but again need some volunteers to act as 'security' until we lock up the main exhibit hall and flea market building. Now everyone heads home for a much deserved night's rest. We usually get an extra hours sleep on Saturday night because of the time change of coming off of Daylight Saving Time, but this year that happens the weekend before the HamFest. On Sunday the vendor gate opens at 7:00 AM and then the General Admission gates open at 8:00 AM again. The gates remain open until 2:00 PM when the HamFest officially closes. But now the real work begins. Here is where we really need to have some help. We have the job of cleaning up the fairgrounds and leaving it in as clean or even cleaner shape than when we began. This task goes much quicker the more help we have. Last year was one of the quickest cleanups I have ever seen. I think we were out by around 5:00 PM, but I have seen it take until as late as 7:00 PM. Let's make it 5:00 PM again this year and it will be a GREAT HAMFEST!

I Hope to see every one of you on the first full weekend in November!

Steve,
N4TTY



AMRC October Meeting Program

“Gear up for The Stone Mountain Hamfest”

Thursday October 8th at 7:00 pm

Meet at Shane’s Rib Shack for supper before the meeting

Meeting are held at the Annistown Road Baptist Church
at 4554 Annistown Road, Snellville, Ga. 30039

The Alford Memorial Radio Club 76 Repeater is located on top of Stone Mountain, approximately 110 ft. up the TV transmission tower. Echolink is available on this repeater.



Located at Exchange Park, up and running beautifully,



In February of 2015 the old Micor 145 and 444 repeaters and the cabinets associated with that equipment were

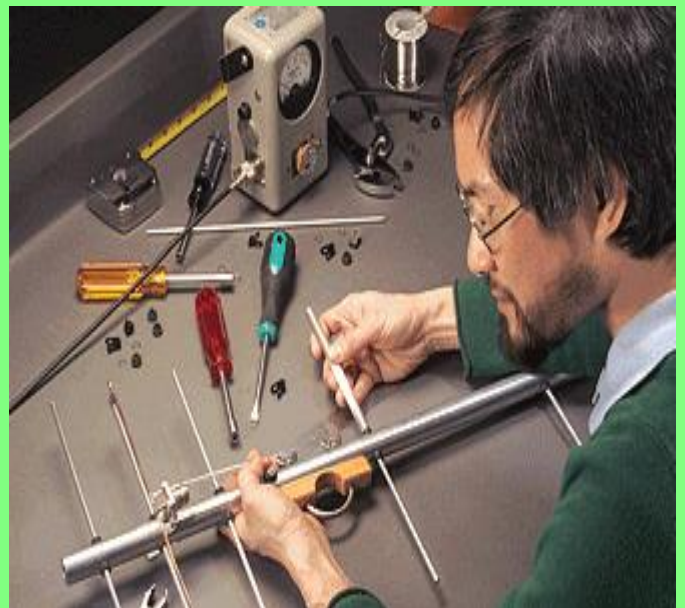
replaced with brand new Kenwood commercial grade repeater equipment .



Being relocated to Exchange Park, currently not operational.

Get ready for the Upcoming Special Event Club Meeting!!!!

At the Nov. 12th meeting we'll have the Homemade Show and Tell. So get your gadgets ready, open to all members, or bring a buddy who you think needs to share his gizmo. *Contact Mike KK4KHS*



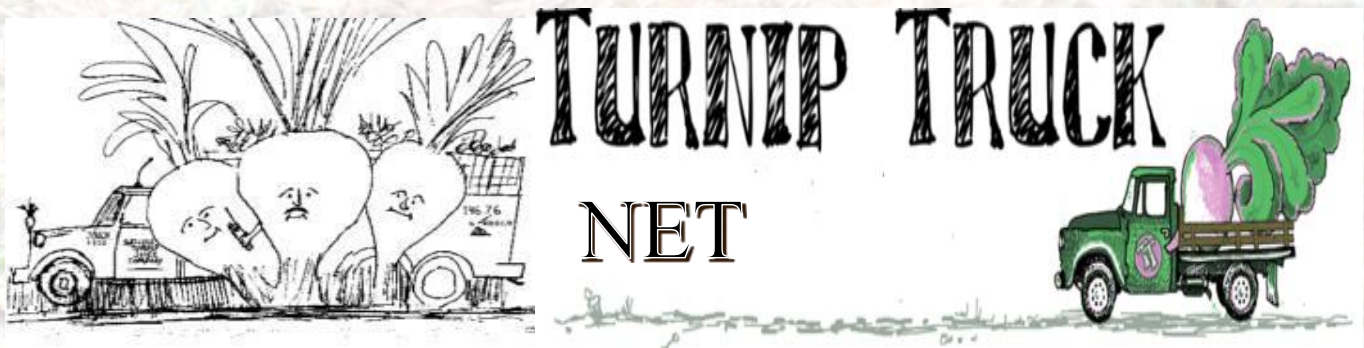
Special Event Station, Downtown Stone Mountain



Maker Faire Atlanta 2015.



Join tens of thousands of enthusiastic and excited adults, teens and kids as they gather in **downtown Decatur, October 3-4** for the **5th Annual Maker Faire Atlanta**. Known as the Greatest Show and Tell on Earth, Maker Faire is a family-friendly showcase of invention, creativity and resourcefulness, a place where people show what they are making and share what they are learning.



Join us on the "Turnip Truck Net" Saturdays 10:30pm-1am 146.760 pl107.2

Turnip Truck Badges now available for Turnips from The Sign Man.

<http://www.thesignman.com/>

Bill and Sam receive their Turnip Truck Badges.

Get Yours at Stone Mountain Hamfest!!



Send me a picture of your Turnip Truck Net Name Badge, Check in late Saturday Nights

Agnes Scott College Is On The Air !

After a more than two-year-long process and with the generous assistance of the Alford Memorial Radio Club, several of its individual members, and the College itself, an amateur radio station has been established at Agnes Scott College. Research into FCC licensing records seems to indicate that this is the first amateur station on a women's college campus in the country.

The station is a natural addition to the College's already strong programs in Physics and Astrophysics, with the College having the second largest reflecting telescope in the southeastern US as well as a comprehensive program in radio astronomy. With the ability to communicate internationally via voice and digital data as well as serve emergency communications if necessary, it also complements the College's curriculum in physics and other sciences and well as the public health and international relations programs. The College is formulating plans for students to be licensed and become operators as well as establishing a station license with an appropriate vanity call sign.

Dr Amy Lovell KK4ZII, an Agnes Scott alumna, Professor of Astronomy, and Dr Nicole Ackerman K8PHA, Assistant Professor of Physics, along with Dr Chris DePree, Professor of Astronomy and Department Chair, were the driving forces behind the effort from the College. The College provided in-kind services while the Alford Memorial Radio Club and several individual members contributed equipment and monetary support.

The station is located on the highest point of the College campus, in a well suited room directly under the telescope at the Bradley Observatory.

At the moment the shack consists of:

- An Icom 725 HF transceiver.
- The HF antenna is a 7 band Buckmaster Worldwide DX, no tuner required, Off-Center-Fed (OCF) Dipole hung in a general north-south orientation between two trees about 40 feet above the ground.
- An MFJ antenna tuner in line with the antenna, but preliminary experience is that, as advertised, it is not required. No reflection at all was observed on both 20 and 40 meters with the tuner patched straight through and acceptable reflection was seen with limited testing on some other bands.
- An Alinco 30 amp power supply, sufficient to supply the current radio and one or two more.
- The College is going to supply a PC for digital communications and logging.
- There are plans to add a 2 meter station as well.

Three contacts were made within the first 30 minutes of going on the air, with all three giving excellent signal reports.

Again, thanks to all involved for past and ongoing support.

Agnes Scott College Is On The Air !



Station Setup

Making Contacts

Dr. Amy Lovell KK4ZII, an Agnes Scott alumna, Professor of Astronomy, and Dr. Nicole Ackerman K8PHA, Assistant Professor of Physics,



Antenna

AMRC Membership Page

New AMRC Members since September Meeting

Gail Massara N2ART
Jim Massara N2EST
Larry Bentley KM4FQV
Matt Bogenberger
Steve Smith KM4NHW

New Members: 5

Total Members as of Oct. 1, 2015:
158

**Join us for our weekly
breakfast gathering at
7AM most Saturdays at:**

Metro Café Diner
1905 Rockbridge Rd. *Stone Mountain, GA 30087*

**The following members are
celebrating birthdays
in October:**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!
From All of Us at AMRC

KK4HUB Nancy
KD4HPD Lee
Diana Diggs
K4TEX Tex
KI4WLW Ed
KK4HUF Jean
WD4IJE Forrest
KM4FPQ Rob
KE4UXY Walt
W4PSV Steve

AMRC MEMBERSHIP

To become a AMRC member, or to renew your AMRC membership, please visit our website—

http://totr-radio.org/membership_files/membership.htm

To make changes to your AMRC membership (moved, new email address, new phone number, etc.), please email the Membership Committee - steve.n4tty@gmail.com

You can **renew or update** your Amateur Radio license information with the FCC at their website for free
<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/index.htm?job=home>

To update your ARRL information, please visit their website - <http://www.arrl.org>

Membership Chair: Steve Garrison steve.n4tty@gmail.com

ARRL CONTESTING INFO

+ SARL 80m QSO Party	1700Z-2000Z, Oct 1
+ TARA PSK Rumble Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Oct 3
+ German Telegraphy Contest	0700Z-0959Z, Oct 3
+ Oceania DX Contest, Phone	0800Z, Oct 3 to 0800Z, Oct 4
+ California QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 3 to 2159Z, Oct 4
+ Makrothen RTTY Contest	0000Z, Oct 10 to 1559Z, Oct 11
+ 10-10 Int. 10-10 Day Sprint	0001Z-2359Z, Oct 10
+ Oceania DX Contest, CW	0800Z, Oct 10 to 0800Z, Oct 11
+ SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, Oct 10 to 2359Z, Oct 11
+ Scandinavian Activity Contest, SSB	1200Z, Oct 10 to 1200Z, Oct 11
+ Arizona QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 10 to 2359Z, Oct 11
+ Pennsylvania QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 10 to 2200Z, Oct 11
+ FISTS Fall Unlimited Sprint	1700Z-2100Z, Oct 10
+ 10-10 Int. Fall Contest, CW	0001Z, Oct 17 to 2359Z, Oct 18
+ New York QSO Party	1400Z, Oct 17 to 0200Z, Oct 18
+ Worked All Germany Contest	1500Z, Oct 17 to 1459Z, Oct 18
+ Asia-Pacific Fall Sprint, CW	0000Z-0200Z, Oct 18
+ Illinois QSO Party	1700Z, Oct 18 to 0100Z, Oct 19
+ Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Oct 19
+ CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Oct 24 to 2400Z, Oct 25
+ SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Oct 28

DX Contesting and Operations links.

425 DX NEWS

[Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society - World List of Lights](#)

[Announced DX Operations by NG3K](#)

[Asia \(\(\(DX\)\)\) Window \(ASIA HF DX WebCluster\)](#)

[BOLETIN DE DX EN ESPAÑOL by CE1RKV \(Spanish\)](#)

[DX News Letter by DL1EK & DL7VOA \(at NG3K Web Site\)](#)

[DX SUMMIT \(last 250 DX-spots\)](#)

[hfradio.org - propagation by NW7US](#)

[Hot DX Tips From the NJDXA by NA2M](#)

[IOTA \(Islands On The Air\) Web Site](#)

[LES NOUVELLES DX \(French\)](#)

[LY4A "Daily Dx News"](#)

[Near-Real-Time MUF Map](#)

[Propagation by N6RT](#)

[Solar Activity Information - from DX-Listeners' Club, Norway](#)

[The OPDX Bulletin - Internet Edition by KB8NW](#)

HAMFEST CALENDAR

Southeast US

10/10/2015 | LaGrange Hamfest

Location: LaGrange, GA

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: LaGrange Amateur Radio Club

10/17/2015 | Al Brock Memorial Hamfest

Location: Rome, GA

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Northwest Georgia Amateur Radio Club

STONE MOUNTAIN HAMFEST/CONVENTION 11/07-08/2015 |

Georgia Section Convention (Stone Mountain Hamfest)

Location: Lawrenceville, GA

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Alford Memorial Radio Club

Website: [http://](http://www.stonemountainhamfest.com)

www.stonemountainhamfest.com

Stay In The Loop!!!!

Get email notification from you clubs events, updates, announcements. Sign up for these links:

<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/alfordmemorialradioclub/info>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/AMRC.TOTR/>

<https://www.facebook.com/DekalbCountyEMA?fref=ts>

<https://twitter.com/StoneMtnRadioCl>

Hamfest Online
Ticket Booth is
OPEN!!!
Click on the below
hyperlink to
purchase tickets now
via PayPal!!

<http://stonemountainhamfest.com/tickets.php>

Upcoming Ham Radio Events

SUPER IMPORTANT, MUST READ

We are planning for the 2015 Stone Mountain Hamfest.

If you want to be more involved, have a positive influence in the club and have more responsibility, let us know. We have lots that needs to be done and we are trying to spread the wealth to allow more member involvement. Email any club officer for more information.

Click on the below link, follow the instructions.
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1AyPsr-f6hU0Aj65Nm25jfQdzlpb7ETedn5bFwKhhiA/edit#gid=1226729268>

UPCOMING PROGRAMS FOR ALFORD MEMORIAL RADIO CLUB.

October - 8th Preparing for Hamfest

November - 12th Homemade Show and Tell

December - Christmas Party

**Bring you're Homemade "homebrew" things
you've made, show and tell to the Nov.
meeting. Contact Mike KK4KHS@arrl.net and
let him know what you're bringing to the
"show and tell" program in November.**

AMRC Officers and Committee Chairs

Steve Garrison, N4TTY
President



Mike Smith
Vice President



Dave McWhirter
Secretary



Barry Kanne, W4TGA
Treasurer



Chris Balch KS4MM
Hamfest Chairman



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W4BOC Trustee



George Olive .. AI4UR
DeKalb ARES EC



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Counsel

Steve Garrison, N4TTY
Membership Chair

Al Hughes NZ4A
Field Day Chair

Frank Haynes, KV4SP
VE Team Chair

Opportunities

NORTHWEST DIGITAL NET: The Northwest District holds a digital net every Tuesday evening at 7:30pm taking check-ins on 3.583 with PSK125 centered between 1000 and 1500 depending on nearby traffic. Look for NCS to be call sign W4NWG.

Georgia State SECTION HF NETS!!!!

- Georgia ARES Statewide 3975 KHz 2200 UTC Sunday K4GK Net Manager
- Georgia ARES Digital 3583 KHz 2100 UTC Sunday K4GO Net Manager
- Georgia Single Sideband Net 3975 KHz 7 PM Daily KE4VPD Net Manager
- Georgia Traffic & Emergency Net 3982.5 KHz 7:15 Daily KI4NGD Net Manager
- Georgia Cracker Net 3995 KHz 7 AM M-Sa & 8 AM Sun AF4XZ Net Manager
- Georgia Traffic Net 7287.5 KHz (3587.5 Alt) Mon-Sat; WA0CGZ Net Manager
- Georgia Training (CW) Net 3549 KHz slow speed CW; 9 PM Daily; KG4FXG Net Manager
- Georgia State Net (GSN) 3549 KHz 7 PM & 10 PM Daily; K4GK Net Manager

ARMS Recurring Calendar

- ◆ Monthly club meeting is the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30pm
- ◆ Every Sunday at 7:00 pm: AMRC Sunday Night Net on the 146.760 repeater.
- ◆ Every Sunday at 8:00 pm: DeKalb ARES Net on the 145.450 repeater.
- ◆ Every Saturday at 7:00 am: AMRC Weekly Breakfast, Metro Café Diner, Stone Mtn, Ga.
- ◆ Turnip Truck Net at 11pm Every Saturday Night

Stone Mountain Hamfest

Part flea market, part educational seminars, part vendor displays and sales.
All Club Members Are Needed To Help Out!!!!

The Alford Memorial Radio Club announces its 44th annual Stone Mountain Hamfest which will be held Saturday, Nov. 7 and Sunday, Nov. 8. It's part flea market, part educational seminars, part vendor displays and sales. Amateur radio operators and those interested in electronics and computers will gather to see and talk about ham radio equipment old and new and discuss the world-wide hobby.

As Club President Steve Garrison put it, "There are more licensed amateur operators than ever before in the United States and the Hamfest provides an opportunity for ham operators, and those who may have an interest, in our hobby to get together to see and discuss what makes amateur radio a fun endeavor that at the same time can provide real community service."

The Hamfest runs from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday. The location is the Gwinnett County Fairground, 2405 Sugarloaf Pkwy. Lawrenceville, GA 30045. Free parking is provided. Advance tickets for \$6 are available online. Tickets at the gate are \$8. One raffle chance for radio equipment is included with each admission ticket and additional chances may be purchased onsite. The Alford Memorial Radio Club was established in 1972 to provide amateur radio operators in the Atlanta area an opportunity to learn, communicate and provide community service. Club website

Club Member News Page

Who was Alford? And Why, is your club named for him?

Being a fairly new ham myself, I was also curious about the history of the name-sake to the Alford Memorial Radio Club. After many questions to many members, Al Hughes, Past Club Trustee, has discovered archived articles with information about Dick Alford, W4BOC.

The Alford Memorial Radio Club is dedicated to the memory of Dick Alford, a well-known and respected Atlanta Ham whom passed away several years ago. Dick Alford was versatile and operated CW, Phone, and Teletype, and was a pioneer on Two Meter FM in the Atlanta area.

Dick was an operator of the old Atlanta Police Radio Station WDPY, beginning in 1936. He entered World War II as a lieutenant in the Signal Corps. While working on a transmitter located on Green Island in the Pacific, Dick was injured in a high voltage accident. He was discharged with the rank of Captain and again affiliated himself with the Atlanta Police department. His injury later forced his retirement and he devoted a great amount of time to his hobby, Ham radio.

One of his avid interests was helping the new Ham get started. Many area amateurs will also remember Dick was once a Vice Director of the ARRL. It is with great pleasure that we take this opportunity to honor Dick Alford, a Ham whose friendship and helpfulness will occupy a warm place within the memory of all Atlanta area hams.

The Alford Memorial Radio Club was founded with then primary purpose of building and installing an amateur repeater for Atlanta, Ga.

More information on Dick Alford in the November TOTR.

Generators For Sale, Carter Bennett

EX350 Honda 2-stroke engine and inverter. Super light weight. 150 and 300 watt selection. Nice and quiet for camping. Used to operate test equipment in the field. In good working condition. \$225

Honda EX800 Easily portable unit. Has 12V charging cable. Easy to start and runs well. Has easy-open lid for access to circuit breakers and spark plug wrench. \$400.

Honda EX1000 The generator with a full KW of power. Has an easy-open lid to expose spark plug wrench, circuit breakers, etc. Very nice unit. Includes 12V charging cable. \$475

EU1000i, Still in the original box and has never been run. Includes storage cover. \$650

EU200i Everyone seems to appreciate the 2KW inverter-powered generator. It has been started but only for testing. Then the fuel has been drained out. Very nice unit. \$790 Contact: Carter Bennett. carterebennett@bellsouth.net

An update on Ham Happenings in the Atlanta Area this Fall/Winter

Please share with your organizations membership if appropriate.

1. Stone Mountain Hamfest November 7 and 8, 2015

<http://stonemountainhamfest.com>

Stone Mountain Hamfest Forums

Saturday

Dr. Eugene Clark/W4AYK, ARRL Section Manager

Review ARRL activities in the Southeastern Division

Dave Benoist/AG4ZR, SEC Georgia ARES

Georgia ARES Mission, When Disaster Strikes

Bob Heil/K9EID, via Skype

Audio in the Modern Ham Station

John Davis/WB4QDX

DSTAR

Catherine Todd/KK4UBQ Ladies in Amateur Radio; Nets, HF, and Contesting

MARS Military Auxiliary Radio System and how you can help!

Megan Brown/KM4HFY & Martha Muir/W4MSA

Mill Springs Academy Amateur Radio Class “Advancing Youth in Radio”

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Sunday

Dr. John Kludt/K4SQC

AMSAT, Introduction into Amateur Radio Satellites.

A Combined Forum on Networking

Rial F. Sloan II/N0OTZ, Georgia AMPRNet Coordinator

AMateur Packet Radio Network, TCP/IP Networking in Ham Radio

Georgia Amateur Radio Data Network, Team Members Rial F. Sloan II/N0OTZ, Sam Kuonen/KK4UVL, Bobby Lacey/KF4GTA

Putting It All Together: Creating a Network Services Platform for Georgia's Radio Amateurs

Steve Garrison/N4TTY

Mesh Networking for Beginners

1. Youth Lounge and Special Event Station - W4Y at Stone Mountain Hamfest.

Look for the announcement in QST November issue. The bulk of the activities will be focused on the period from 10AM to 3PM Saturday with a specific frequency on 40M SSB and 20M digital. Of course, contacts will be made throughout the operation of the youth lounge but to garner a lot of QSOs (somewhat contest style), we are attempting focus attention during the 5 hour period. Youth operators will make contacts much the way that GOTA stations operate at FD. The digital station will be against a wall, nearby. Special QSL cards would be handed out to passersby and available with an SASE to the Mill Springs club. We plan to have teens using portable FT 817s on 40M SSB frequency as they roam the boneyard and Hamfest soliciting QSOs from young and old alike, especially youngsters. They will be pointed to the youth lounge to pick up their special event QSL card! The Mill Springs hams will be studying Arduino this fall and we plan to have some of their work on display. The oscilloscope exhibit will be available for hands on manipulation by youth. Likewise the CW setup. Younger folks will be filling out and adding color to the QSL cards for sending out or handing out at the booth! Look for additional announcements on the youth lounge.

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2. Youth Net - <http://nfarl.org/nets.html#YouthNet>

Please encourage young hams and young people interested in amateur radio to join in Youth Net. Young people will have the opportunity to chat with their peers across the metro Atlanta area, across Georgia, and perhaps across the country via this net. Youth 18 and under are invited to participate. The net will meet on Wednesdays, starting on August 19, beginning at 7PM EDT. It will be held on the NFARL 145.47 Sweat Mountain repeater. Echolink participation is encouraged. Connect to node NF4GA-R (number 560686). The Youth Net is a project of the Mill Springs Academy RC. Questions? Contact Martha W4MSA See QRZ.COM for her email or to inquire.

--Setting up for Youth Net Here's how to get set up to participate in the net: Tune your radio to 145.47 (-) PL 100.0Hz or log into 145.47 repeater Echolink node 560686 (NF4GA-R). For more on Echolink, visit the Echolink Overview page. When the net opens, we will ask for check-ins. Please check-in with your name, call-sign, and location. Optionally, Open a web browser (i.e. Internet Explorer, Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, etc.) to the NFARL chat room hosted at <http://nfarl.dodropin.org> if possible. Sign into the chat room by entering your callsign-yourname (i.e. W4MSA-Martha).

4. HamJam - November 14 <http://hamjam.info/>

The North Fulton ARL will again host the annual HamJam event in Alpharetta GA on Saturday. Not a hamfest, but presentation of 3 world class speakers for the enjoyment of the North Georgia ham community. Past speakers have included Kay Craigie, N3KN, president of ARRL; Nobel Laureate Joe Taylor, W1JT; and Steve Galchutt, wG0AT, of QRP and mountain climbing fame with his goats! Headlining this year's event is Jamie Dupree, Cox Radio news reporter stationed in Washington, DC who has agreed to speak at HamJam. You can hear Jamie everyday on the Herman Cain show on WSB radio <http://www.wsbradio.com/s/dupree/>. Besides being a famous journalist, Jamie is also an Extra Class Amateur Radio Operator, NS3T. He loves contesting. After being inundated daily with politics in the news, it will be interesting to see what Jamie has to say about the world of amateur radio. For a review of past speakers, go to <http://hamjam.info/about.html>. A key feature of this event is the HamJam raffle ticket. Prizes have not been announced but they typically are worth thousands of dollars. The purchase of tickets offsets expenses to bring in outside speakers. Plus, and this is the motivation for everyone... the proceeds go to the youth education effort spearheaded by the NFARL YESA (Youth Education, Scholarship and Activities) group.

Join this FREE admission event at the Metropolitan Club, 5895 Windward Pkwy, Alpharetta, GA at 9AM to 1 PM, November 14.

5. TechFest <http://techfest.info> January 9, 2016

The Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society (GARS) will be hosting our annual TechFest in January. In recent years we have invited regional radio groups to participate by setting up a table with information about their activities and to demonstrate some type of amateur radio mode, method, technology or experience. This is an opportunity for the community to become aware of the many modes of operation of Radio Amateurs and view some of the preparations taking place by public service volunteers in the Ham radio community. Unlike Field day, or the typical swap meet, this is not a contest or race. It is a chance to experience modes of our hobby that you might have never seen. Or to show your friends and family what Amateur Radio is about. We want to thank all the exhibitors and guests for great participation over the past 17 years.



"AMRC OCTOBER NETS REPORT"

AMRC Net		DeKalb ARES Net			Turnip Truck Net	
Sunday Night Net			RF	Winlink		
6-Sep	25	6-Sep	11	6	5-Sep	13
13-Sep	19	13-Sep	12	9	12-Sep	16
20-Sep	21	20-Sep	17	11	19-Sep	17
27-Sep	19	27-Sep	17	8	26-Sep	23

AMRC CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 October	2	3 7:00– 8:30 am Maker Faire Breakfast at Metro Café Diner Turnip Truck 10:30pm
4 7pm AMRC Sunday Night Net 8pm DeKalb ARES NET	5	6	7	8 5:00 - 6:30 PM Dinner at Shane Rib Shack 7:00-9:30pm ARMC Meeting	9	10 7:00– 8:30 am Breakfast at Metro Café Diner Turnip Truck 10:30pm
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Metro Testing Sessions	Ham Exam Results	Metro Club Meetings
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