We had another successful JOTA event on October 15, 2011 and a strong amateur showing. This year we were invited to participate with the Milton District of the Atlanta Area Council at the annual Scout Expo. Several hundred scouts were in attendance.

We had some tough venues competing for our time; like, zip lines, air rockets, climbing bridges, BB shooting range, etc. We did manage to get scouts on the air and had many fine contacts into Iceland, Indonesia, Europe, Canada and several US states.

We ran 4 unique stations as NF4GA and covered a good portion on the HF spectrum plus VHF. The stations were:

- 40M/15M on a AA2HT Vertical Shield Loop @ 70'
- 20M on a G5RV @ 35'
- 10M on a Mobile Mount Antenna
- 2M on a Mag Mount + digital + echolink + misc

The following operators donated their time, knowledge, equipment and resources and contributed water, gas, coffee and donuts - and - had some fun:

Roger Anders  AA2HT   Steve Cseh  KC6KNL
Chuck Catledge  AE4CW   Mike Lozano  KF4UPO
Clyde McCain  AK4TL   Chris Balch  KJ4NAX
Jason Dutremble  K1OGR   Brian Mallard  N2EYI
Jon Wittlin  K4WIT   Roger Shaddick  N7BU
Steve Knittle  KC4YBO   Brian McCarty  NX9O
                      Wes Lamboley  W3WL

Our next scouting event is tentatively in February in Johns Creek, GA. We will do the Radio Merit Badge and the Electronics Merit Badge at a merit badge clinic.

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