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## Hamfests 2024

What Are Hamfests? (Per [WIKIPEDIA](#))

*A Hamfest is a convention of amateur radio enthusiasts, often combining a trade show, flea market, and various other activities of interest to amateur radio operators. In the United Kingdom the term rally is more commonly used for amateur radio conventions. "Hamfests" were noted as early as 1924 in the U.S.*

The biggest Hamfest (Hamvention) in the world is Dayton (Xenia). Hamvention is copyright of DARA, Dayton Amateur Radio Association.

Hara Arena (old Dayton) 2016 was the last Hamvention in Hara Arena



A May 28, 2019 Tornado took out most of Hara Arena. The city of Trotwood, OH demolished the rest.



See: <https://www.daytondailynews.com/news/local/photos-what-tornado-damaged-hara-arena-looks-like-from-above/vY64e0Pk6j7USx4qr6Omql/> for more pictures of the 2019 Tornado damage. Many Hams have fond memories of the place.

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Xenia (new Dayton)



Xenia Inside Display





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## Xenia FLEA Market



## Hamfests and Ham Radio Conventions.

- ARRL National and Sectional Conventions
- Flea Market
- Retail Vendors
- Seminars
- Net Meetings
- Fox Hunts

## Why Attend a Hamfest ?

All industries have sectional, national, and International conventions. There are companies that specialize in putting on these conventions.

Many companies send representatives to these meetings at great cost. Such commercial meetings are the CTIA (Cellular Telephone Internet Association), NAB (National Association of Broadcasters), Cosmetology, Doctors, Electric Industry, etc...

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A Hamfest is Amateur Radio's version of these commercial conventions. In Ohio and surrounding states, there are normally a number of hamfests every weekend. These hamfests are put on by local clubs to support their activities. Hamfests fund their local repeaters, club activities, club public service event expenditures.

Many hamfests have meeting rooms for FCC testing, talks and specialized ham groups.

- Traffic net meetings
- DMR, DSTAR, Fusion
- SDR
- Antennas
- Raspberry Pi, Android, Hot Spots
- VEC / FCC License Exams\*\*\*.

Note:

Free license exams will be given across the street from Hamvention at:  
Memorial United Presbyterian Church  
343 West Ankeney Mill Road, (Fairgrounds Road).

**\*\*\*Due to recent changes by the FCC it is very important that new license applicants obtain an FCC FRN registration before arriving to test. Failure to do so will delay being able to test\*\*\***

**The FCC is now charging for the initial license. License upgrades and Administrative Modification are free.**

**See <https://hamvention.org/event-details/exams/> and [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org) for more information.**

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## FLEA MARKET

This is why most hams go to hamfests. **Parts R US**

- New and used equipment
- Connectors
- Coax
- Towers & tower supplies
- Soldering stations and tools
- Specialized parts
- Collectors' items
- Old Boat Anchors ...err... treasures

How to prepare for a Hamfest.

Items you may need

- An admission ticket: Usually sold at the gate or website or email.
- Money: Cash. Dealers will usually take credit cards.
- Cart: To haul all your treasures
- HT: To communicate with your friends in case you get lost.
- **Clothing: Make sure you are properly dressed for the conditions including proper shoes**
- **Food: Bring your own if you like. Make sure you have plenty of fluids to stay hydrated.**

Purchasing Items

- If you're new to ham radio, buddy up with a more experienced ham who can help you spend your money ... err.. advise you on your purchases
- Most prices are negotiable, especially in the afternoon of the day. Deals go quickly.
- Most vendors aren't interested in trades, but no harm in asking.
- Hamfests are good places to buy accessories for your radio. Batteries, mobile mounts, power supplies, etc at reduced prices..
- Many hamfests have electricity available. If at all possible, try out the item before leaving.

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## HAMFESTS

### Upcoming ARRL Section, State, and Division Conventions

- May 17 - 19 | Dayton Hamvention®, 2024 ARRL National Convention, Xenia, Ohio
- May 31 - June 2 | SEA-PAC, ARRL Northwestern Division Convention, Seaside, Oregon.
- June 28 - 30 | HAM RADIO, Friedrichshafen, Germany.
- August 17 - 18 | Huntsville Hamfest, ARRL Southeastern Division Convention, Huntsville, Alabama.

### Hamfests / Conventions OHIO

#### Hamfest/Convention

04/13/2024 - [Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club 68th Hamfest](#)

Location: Cuyahoga Falls, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Website: <http://www.w8vpv.org/hamfest>

[Learn More](#)

#### Hamfest/Convention

04/13/2024 - [Mid-Ohio Valley Amateur Radio Club](#)

Location: Bidwell, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Mid-Ohio Valley Amateur Radio Club

[Learn More](#)

#### Hamfest/Convention

04/27/2024 - [Tusco Amateur Radio Club Hamfest, Electronics, and Computer Show](#)

Location: Dover, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Tusco Amateur Radio Club W8ZX

Website: <http://www.w8zx.net/hamfest>

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## Hamfest/Convention

04/28/2024 - [Athens Hamfest](#)

Location: Athens, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Athens County Amateur Radio Association

Website: <https://www.ac-ara.org/>

[Learn More](#)

## Hamfest/Convention

05/05/2024 - [Lucas County ARES Trunk Sale & Swap Meet](#)

Location: Toledo, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Lucas County ARES

Website: <http://lucasares.org>

[Learn More](#)

## Hamfest/Convention

05/11/2024 - 05/16/2024

[RV Radio Network](#)

Location: Millersburg, OH

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: RV Radio Network

[Learn More](#)

## Hamfest/Convention

05/16/2024 - 05/19/2024

[Four Days In May](#)

Location: Fairborn, OH

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: QRP Amateur Radio Club International

Website: <http://qrparci.org/fdim>

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## Great Lakes Division Convention!!

05/17/2024 - 05/19/2024 [Dayton Hamvention](#)

Location: Xenia, OH

Sponsor: Dayton Amateur Radio Association

Website: <http://Hamvention.org>

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### Hamfest/Convention

06/01/2024 - [FCARC Summer Hamfest](#)

Location: Wauseon, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Fulton County Amateur Radio Club

Website: <https://k8bxq.org/hamfest>

[Learn More](#)

### Hamfest/Convention

07/06/2024 - [Mansfield Mid Summer Trunkfest](#)

Location: Mansfield, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Intercity Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://W8WE.ORG>

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### Hamfest/Convention

07/20/2024 - [Ashtabula County Hamfest 2024](#)

Location: Pierpont, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Amigos Radio Club Ashtabula

Website: <https://sites.google.com/view/arca-home/>

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## Hamfest/Convention

07/21/2024 - [Van Wert Hamfest](#)

Location: Van Wert, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Van Wert Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://w8fy.org>

[Learn More](#)

## Hamfest/Convention

08/03/2024 - [2024 Columbus Hamfest](#)

Location: Grove City, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Aladdin Shrine Audio Unit

Website: <http://www.columbushamfest.com>

[Learn More](#)

## Hamfest/Convention

08/10/2024 - [Cincinnati Hamfest](#)

Location: Owensville, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Milford ARC

Website: <https://CincinnatiHamfest.org>

[Learn More](#)

## Hamfest/Convention

08/18/2024 - [Warren Hamfest](#)

Location: Cortland, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Warren Amateur Radio Association

Website: <https://www.w8vtd.com/>

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## Hamfest/Convention

09/08/2024 - [Findlay Hamfest](#)

Location: Findlay, OH  
Type: ARRL Hamfest  
Sponsor: Findlay Radio Club  
Website: <http://w8ft.org>  
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## Hamfest/Convention

09/22/2024 - [Cleveland Hamfest](#)

Location: Berea, OH  
Type: ARRL Hamfest  
Sponsor: Hamfest Association of Cleveland  
Website: <https://www.hac.org>  
[Learn More](#)

## Hamfest/Convention

10/05/2024 - [Northwest Ohio Amateur Radio Club \(NWOARC\) Hamfest](#)

Location: Lima, OH  
Type: ARRL Hamfest  
Sponsor: Northwest Ohio Amateur Radio Club, Inc.  
Website: <http://www.nwoarc.com>  
[Learn More](#)

## Hamfest/Convention

10/27/2024 - [2024 MARC Hamfest at MAPS](#)

Location: N. Canton, OH  
Type: ARRL Hamfest  
Sponsor: Massillon Amateur Radio Club  
Website: <https://www.w8np.net>  
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12/07/2024 - [Winter Hamfest](#)

Location: Archbold, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: FCARC

Website: <https://k8bxq.org/hamfest>

[Learn More](#)

## Dayton Hamvention Program Supplements

The Hamvention 2022 Program is available at:

[https://hamvention.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2022-Program\\_Web.pdf](https://hamvention.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2022-Program_Web.pdf)

The Hamvention 2023 Program is available at:

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## ARRL National Convention DAYTON (XENIA), OHIO

**Get Ready for the 2024 ARRL National Convention and Youth Rally**

<http://www.arrl.org/news/get-ready-for-the-2024-arrl-national-convention-and-youth-rally>