

Attention VE's:

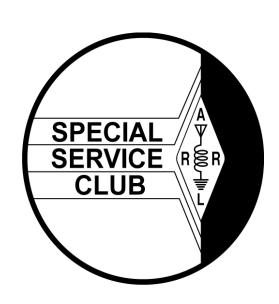
The licensing class at Schoolcraft College for this semester was cancelled due to lack of enrollment. That means that our next testing session will be Saturday, June 22, at Field Day. More details will be sent out as the date gets closer.

Are you interested in becoming a VE? We need more members of the VE Team. If you have a General or Extra Class license and are interested, please contact Don, KC8VCX for more information.

Sunday Night Net:

Our Sunday Night Net is every Sunday at 9:00 pm on the GCRA Repeater: 146.86 MHz, -600 offset with a 100HZ PL tone. You do not need to be a club member to participate - we'd love to hear from you.





Hamvention will be held May 17, 18 and 19, 2024 at the Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo Center. For more information, please select the tabs below or use the navigation menu above to visit pages of interest. If you have a specific question that isn't answered on the site, please contact us.

The entire staff of Hamvention volunteers is working hard behind the scenes to make our fourth year at Hamvention's new home at the Greene County Fairgrounds and Exposition Center even better. Details will be posted when they become available, so check back often. In the meantime, Where it all started...Since 1952 Hamvention® has been sponsored by Dayton Amateur Radio Association (DARA). For many years it has been the world\'s largest amateur radio gathering, attracting hams from throughout the globe. About 1950, John Willig, W8ACE, had asked the Dayton Amateur Radio Association to sponsor a HAM Convention but was turned down. John wanted to have a quality affair. Speakers and prizes would be a drawing point. John finally found a champion in Frank Schwab, W8YCP (W8OK), the newly elected president of the club. A meeting was held and the DARA Board allocated \$100 to get started. The first organizational meeting was held in January 1952. The Southwestern Ohio Ham-vention was born. The first committee consisted of: John Willig, W8ACE, General Chairman Al Dinsmore, W8AUN, Arrangements Bob Siff, W8QDI (K4AMG), Prizes and Exhibits Frank Schwab, W8YCP (W8OK), Publicity Bob Montgomery, W8CUJ, Finance Clem Wolford, W8ENH, Program Ellie Haburton, W8GJP (W4ZVW), Women\'s Committee. The next year the name became "Dayton Hamvention®" and was registered as a trademark. April was determined to be the best time but the Biltmore Hotel, in downtown Dayton was booked. March 22 was the chosen date, causing a short lead time. How far did \$100 go? Not far! A 12" TV was raffled off to help raise funds. The FCC agreed to give license exams and Phil Rand, W1BDM, a pioneer in TVI elimination was on the program. First prize, a Collins 75A2, was purchased locally. Hoping for 300 visitors, the committee was amazed that over 600 showed up! There were 7 exhibitors and 6 forums. The ladies program was successful with a luncheon at the Biltmore and a trip to a local TV station. In 1955 the Awards Program began with the "Amateur of the Year." The Flea Market has grown from 200 to more than 2000 spaces. In 1964 the Hamvention® moved to Hara Arena. Shuttle buses and handicapped parking were added in 1969. In 1973 it became a 2 day event with Sundays added in 1974. The program has grown to a "Souvenir Program" and in 1976 the dimensions changed from 6"x 9" to the current 8-1/2"x11". The growth of the Dayton Hamvention® can be attributed to caring, energetic people who enjoy being on a winning team. enjoy this photo tour of Hamvention's new home:



Dayton Bus Trip - 2024

The ARROW Communications Association is proud to sponsor a motor coach trip to the <u>Hamvention</u> in Dayton, Ohio. Started in 2002, this annual club activity has grown in size and reputation with Hams across Michigan. We have been host to over 700 Hams for this event.



Please join us! Tickets are \$70 per person.

Please note that this does not include the Hamvention ticket.

Register by March 10th 2024

ARROW reserves the right to cancel the bus if not enough people sign up by March 10. If bus is cancelled ARROW will issue refunds.

The bus departs from Ann Arbor (Pioneer High School, 601 W Stadium Blvd, Ann Arbor, MI) on Saturday, May 18th at 4:30 am, arriving in Dayton around 8:30 am. On board, you can stretch out, relax, chat with other Hams and enjoy a continental breakfast with coffee as the coach takes you directly to the door of the country's largest amateur radio event!

We arrive at Dayton early enough so that you can enjoy a full day!

- Visit exhibits
- See what's new from major manufacturers
- Attend seminars
- Take license tests
- Shop one of the largest outdoor swap meets in the United States

When <u>Hamvention</u> closes at 5:00 p.m., return to the entrance with your purchases and our bus will pick you up for the ride back home. No standing in lines waiting for a shuttle bus or fighting traffic!

Got Stuff to sell? We can help!!!

Got stuff you want to get rid of? We will have an attended booth space in the flea market. If you buy a bus ticket, you can sell your stuff at our booth.

This is no ordinary bus trip—it's an ADVENTURE!