

Hamvention 2023

G G! Friday, May 19, 2023

G G! Saturday, May 20, 2023

G G! Sunday, May 21, 2023

Q Greene County Fairgrounds

120 Fairground Road, Xenia, OH 45385 [\[map it\]](#)

Hamvention, the world's largest amateur radio gathering at Greene County Fairgrounds.



0 **HAMVENTION 2023**

HAMVENTION TICKETS

Tickets include all three days.

Free Admission Sunday requires a free ticket obtained at ticket trailer.

Get your tickets for the show!

Tickets may be purchased at the box office!

[Buy Tickets Online](#)

**\$26 advanced registration
\$30 at the door**

Once tickets are mailed, they are non-refundable.

A ticket includes:

- Admission to the show for Friday, Saturday and Sunday
- All forums and special speakers in the show
- Prize Drawing

Student Tickets - Good for all three days!

2023 Mail Order Tickets (closed)

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[Mail Order Form \(closed\)](#)

Any orders postmarked after April 30• Will be returned unopened...You may need a PDF reader such as Adobe Acrobat to view the form

Questions??? contact information for the respective committees (Iickets, FleaMarket & Inside Exhibits) can be found on the contact us page!

If you have ordered online and did not receive anything in the mail please contact tickets@hamvention.org

Purchase Tickets during Hamvention:

Last day of advance ticket sales and start of Will Call pickup at the pedestrian entrance ticket booth Thursday May 18* 11 am to 5 pm. Will Call tickets available through Sunday May 21* during Iicket Booth Hours shown below.

Friday May 19 7:30 am to 5 pm
Saturday May 20 7:30 am to 5 pm
Sunday May 21 8 am to 1 pm

Tickets are available for advanced purchase at:

Parts Express
OX Engineering (in-store only)
R&L
Mi-*l*west Surplus Electronics

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Hamvention will be held May 19, 20 and 21, 2023 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, enjoy this photo tour of Hamvention's new home:



Future Shows

2022- May 20, 21 & 22

2023- May 19, 20 & 21

2024- May 17, 18 & 19

Hamvention History

Past General Chairmen 1952-Present

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 at John Willig, W8ACE. General Chairman Al Dinsmore, W8AUN, Arrangements Bob Sill, 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 11 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 leadtime. 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 TYI 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' x 11'. The growth of the Dayton Hamvention® can be attributed to caring, energetic people who enjoy being on a winning team.