

AUSTIN SUMMERFEST 2009

August 7 & 8, 2009

Austin Airport Marriott South
4415 South IH-35

Austin, Texas
78744

Continuing a Ham tradition for over a quarter century!

Once again it's time for fun in the sun in central Texas as we make the Capital City the place to be in the middle of the Texas summer. Come and enjoy old friends, the swapfest, and all the events at Austin Summerfest 2009, the ARRL Texas State Convention. And as always, we also host the Summer Meeting of the Texas VHF-FM Society.

New location,
more room !!!

Check out
www.austinsummerfest.org
for late breaking news!

Schedule

All the activity is concentrated on Friday night and Saturday, to allow you flexibility in your weekend travel plans. But do come early, as things fire up at 6 Friday evening and go 'till 9, and start up again Saturday at 8 am, with swapping 'till 3:30 and dealers & sessions 'till 4:30.

The Texas VHF-FM Society meeting will run from 1 to approximately 3 pm, so mark your schedule.

Dealers

There'll be our usual fine contingent of dealers, ready to help you with their knowledge of the latest products, and a great selection of them too. Think of those little odds and ends that you've been thinking of getting for the shack—well, here's your chance to get them while they're on your mind.

Prizes

Prizes Galore! You have a chance at three *Premium Prizes*: Grand prize is a **Yaesu FT-450AT** HF/50 MHz 100W all-mode transceiver with built-in automatic antenna tuner.

- Our Featured Prize is a **Yaesu FT-60R** heavy duty 2M/70CM dual band 5W FM handheld.
- This year we offer a **Yaesu VX-170** 2M 5W handheld as a bonus prize.
- Finally, if you register in advance by mail you have a shot at another prize—yet another **Yaesu VX-170!**

With your registration you get one ticket good for Saturday's door prizes and the Premium Prizes, and you can buy more at \$1 each. Plus, if you rent a room at one of the Convention Hotels, you'll get five bonus tickets for each room-night, up to a total of ten tickets.

Advance Registration and
Bonus Prize,
Yaesu VX-170

(See next page for Prize rules)



Featured Prize,
Yaesu FT-60R



Grand Prize,
Yaesu FT-450AT

Swapfest

For lots of folks, our main event—wall-to-wall goodies of every description, brought to you in carpeted, air-conditioned comfort on Friday evening and Saturday.

Rules:

- Full-sized tables: 6 feet by 30 inches. \$10 each, limit of 3 to a customer. First come, first served.
- AC power is available at an additional \$5 per customer, through advance registration only.
- We'll attempt to honor requests from groups of sellers for adjacent tables, if we receive your registrations in the same envelope.
- If you advance register for swap tables, we'll attempt to notify you in advance if they are unavailable due to being sold out (a rare occurrence). Be sure to give us your email address so we can notify you that way.

- Your table(s) will be held for you until 10 am Saturday.
- Swapfest hours are 6 to 9 pm Friday and 8 am to 3:30 pm Saturday.
- Buyers and sellers must be registered at the convention.

We'll be holding a Tailgate Swapfest on the east side of the Marriott hotel. You need not be registered at the Convention to sell at the tailgate, but of course you'll want to attend the indoor swapfest and sessions, so it would be a good idea to register. indoor swapfest and sessions, so it would be a good idea to register.

Technical Sessions

- New director of the ARRL West Gulf Division David Woolweaver K5RAV conducts this year's ARRL Forum, and welcomes a special guest from League Headquarters.
- A representative of **ARRL HQ** will be on hand to discuss his area of expertise, and Ham topics of national importance.
- The Central Texas DX & Contest Club, widely recognized for its excellent Summerfest presentations, has yet another outstanding program lined up for us.
- Gerald Youngblood K5SDR gives us the latest on his **Software Defined Radio** project.
- Find out how to do "the mostest with the leastest" in our **QRP workshop**.
- The **Roadrunners Microwave Group** hold their annual meeting and host a session on the latest topics on the "high end."
- Keith Pugh W5IU leads a wide-ranging discussion on communications through **Amateur Radio Satellites**.
- Joe Fisher K5EJL, District Emergency Coordinator, hosts a session on **Emergency Communications**.
- **Weather?** Learn about the latest in forecasting technology, and learn about recent weather events with leading Austin meteorologists. Hosted by Troy Kimmel KE5BCK of Austin Radio and the University of Texas and featuring a host of experts from Central Texas.

License Exams

An exam session Saturday afternoon will cover all elements. Bring a photo ID and one other form of identification, and \$15.00; if you're upgrading, bring your current license, any applicable CSCE's, and a photocopy of each. For more info email Larry Gunter WB5BEK at wb5bek@arrl.net

After the exams, Jeff Schmidt N5MNV and Ron Hambric N5SBN have just what you need: **A Welcome and Information for New Hams**.

Amenities

Come on up to our hospitality suite—that's where you'll find your old friends and new ones too. There are soft drinks and munchies on Friday night, and refreshments on Saturday morning. Saturday evening we'll serve soft drinks, munchies and eyeball QSOs lasting into the night.

Administration Matters

Exchange views with West Gulf Division Director David Woolweaver K5RAV, and other ARRL representatives. Find out what's going on and offer your opinions and insights. The ideal way to get or stay involved!

As always, we host the Summer Meeting of the Texas VHF-FM Society, scheduled for 1:00 Saturday afternoon.

Craft and Skills Events

FREE! FREE! FREE!

Come and enjoy making different beaded bracelets. No prior experience required. Come for a short while or the whole session and take home a beaded bracelet. Did we mention, no charge? Children are welcome, but an adult must be with the children to supervise and help them with their bracelets.

Directions

The Austin Marriott Airport South is at 4415 South IH 35, Austin TX 78744. The SpringHill Suites are in the same complex, at 4501 South IH 35. Talk-in is on 146.34/94 and 449.1/444.1 MHz.

IH 35 Southbound: Take Exit 239, go 1.3 Mi. to E. Stassney Lane and turn left. Turn left again onto IH 35 northbound service road and travel 1.0 Mi. to Marriott Hotel.

IH 35 Northbound: Take Exit 229/228 and travel 2.3 miles north on IH 35 service road to Marriott Hotel.

US Hwy 71 East or Westbound: At intersection with IH 35 go south on IH 35 service road 1.3 Mi. to E. Stassney Lane and turn left. Turn left again onto IH 35 northbound service road and travel 1.0 Mi. to Marriott Hotel.

Prize Rules:

We'll award door prizes throughout the day Saturday, until noon. For these, you must claim your prize within one (1) hour of the announcement. We'll post your name/call or ticket number at the prize drawing area.

At 1:00, we begin drawings for any remaining unclaimed door prizes. Then come our Premium prizes, culminating in the Grand Prize.

For the Premium and Advance Registration prizes, you need not be present to win. If you're a winner, we'll post your name and hold your prize. If you haven't claimed it by the end of the day, we'll send it to you.

AUSTIN SUMMERFEST 2009 Advance Registration

**Mail before
July 29, 2009 !!!**

Name _____ Call _____
 Name _____ Call _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Day Telephone (____) _____ Evening Telephone (____) _____
 E-Mail Address _____

	Each	Qty	Total
General Admission	\$8.00	_____	_____
<small>(Per individual. Includes all hams and guests. Admission at door will be \$10.00. Children 17 and under admitted free.)</small>			
Swapfest Table	\$10.00	_____	_____
Friday (6-9) and Saturday (8-3:30)			
Electrical Power	\$5.00	_____	_____
<small>(Limit of 3 tables to a registrant; first come first served; tables unclaimed by 10:00 A.M. Saturday will be released.)</small>			
Extra Prize Tickets	\$1.00	_____	_____
		TOTAL	_____

Representatives of the Texas VHF-FM Society will be on duty to collect your dues at the Convention.

Make check or money order payable to **AUSTIN SUMMERFEST** and mail before July 29, 2009 to:
 Austin Summerfest, 8609 Tallwood Drive, Austin, TX 78759-8126

Advance Registration

Simply fill out the form above, indicating all options you desire, and mail in your form and payment to the address shown above. You save \$2 a head, and get a chance at the advance registration prize of a Yaesu VX-170 2M 5W handheld, by registering in advance. Note: No confirmation of advance registration will be sent.

Accommodations

Enjoy the facilities of the Austin Airport Marriott South, or its sister facility in the same complex, the SpringHill Suites Austin South.

If you're visiting Austin, please consider staying at one of these hotels for the special Convention rate of \$85 per room night. (As a bonus, the SpringHill Suites have a complimentary continental breakfast.) Showing support for our hotels helps to ensure that we can continue to stage our Convention in high-quality surroundings.

The hotel needs your reservation July 24th to guarantee room availability at the convention rate.

Phone the toll-free Marriott reservation center at 1 (800) 228-9290; request rooms at either the Austin Airport Marriott South or the SpringHill Suites Austin South, and that you are requesting a room in the Austin Summerfest block, to get the Convention rate.

Further Info

Write to:

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 8609 Tallwood Drive
 Austin, TX 78759-8126

Call:

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w5hs@arrl.net

Go to:

www.austinsummerfest.org

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The Austin Amateur Radio Club presents:

The ARRL Texas State Convention

The Texas VHF-FM Society Summer Meeting



A word about our special guests...

The Texas VHF-FM Society is a group of several hundred amateurs with a special interest in the design and operation of VHF and UHF repeaters. Starting with a small group of hams over 40 years ago, the Society now counts as members the licensees or technical custodians of nearly all the repeaters in Texas. It is affiliated with the ARRL. The Society initiated frequency coordination in Texas. Today, it continues in that role, minimizing intercommunity friction and helping the maximum number of amateurs operate and use repeaters. The Society educates, mediates, and arbitrates all matters of frequency coordination brought to its attention. The members of the Society invite you and your friends to join us; we know you will find it fun and rewarding to be a part of this organization.