



Huntsville Hamfest

The World's Friendliest Hamfest! Since 1954

& ARRL Southeastern Division Convention

Hamfest Final Edition 2.0



August 21: 9AM – 4:30PM

August 22: 9AM – 3PM

VON BRAUN CENTER

700 Monroe St SW, Huntsville, AL 35801

2021

Welcome to the Huntsville Hamfest and the ARRL Southeastern Division Convention. You're invited to download this mobile friendly guide to help manage your busy weekend.

The Board has worked closely with the VBC to offer an expanded layout to allow safe social distancing – the Vendor / Flea Market floor space grows from 80K sq feet to 140K square feet. The VBC will also provide hand sanitizing stations at key points in the venue.

This year we're excited to again bring together a great collection of commercial dealers, distributors, flea marketers, forum presenters exam sessions, and the ever popular youth lounge, all in the air-conditioned comfort of the South Hall.

For the first time two adult solder classes will be offered on Sunday morning geared to budding kit-builders. Also, we're setting up two Tom Duncan Memorial Storytelling Lounges in recognition of Tom Duncan, KG4CUY (SK) and his past contributions to the success of the Huntsville Hamfest. These quieter curtained off areas are completely free and will allow clubs and groups to meet in-person for 1 hour timeslots during Hamfest hours.

(mailto: webmaster@hamfest.org)

We hope you enjoy your stay in Huntsville and visit to the Huntsville Hamfest.

73,
The Huntsville Hamfest Committee



It's time to leave the basement and celebrate the return of in-person Hamfests!

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2021 Event Schedule

(Forums listed separately)

Friday

Doors open for move-in:	10:00 AM (earlier if VBC allows)
Hospitality Suite at Embassy Suites, Room 201 (near elevator)	5:30 PM to 10:30 PM
Downtown Huntsville Food Truck Rally near VBC & Big Spring Park	5:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Doors close for move-in	8:00 PM

Saturday

Ticket Sales Start	7:00 AM
Back Doors open for move in	7:00 AM to 8:45 AM
Event Doors open	9:00 AM
DX Card Checking (NADXC booth)	9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Youth Lounge opens	9:00 AM
License Exams (hallway)	10:00 AM
Door prize drawings (must claim before 4 PM drawing)	Hourly
Pico Balloon Launch @ Embassy Hotel entrance (subject to prevailing winds)	12:00 PM
Grand Prize Drawing (winner need not be present)	4:00 PM
Doors close	4:30 PM
Hospitality Suite at Embassy Suites, Room 201 (near elevator)	5:30 PM to 10:30 PM
DX Banquet – Social hour @ Spring Hill Suites, 745 Constellation Place Drive SW. (advance purchase only, no tickets sales at the door)	5:00 PM
DX Banquet – Dinner Seating	6:00 PM

Sunday

YL Breakfast - All are welcome. City Café Diner, 2003 Drake Ave SW, HSV 35801	7:30 AM
Event Doors open	9:00 AM
DX Card Checking @ NADXC booth	9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Youth Lounge opens	9:00 AM
License Exams (hallway)	10:00 AM
Door prize drawings (must claim before 2 PM drawing)	Hourly
Sunday main prize drawings: (must be present to win)	2:00 PM
Doors close	3:00 PM



2021 Saturday Door Prize Info

Provided by Hamfest with generous support from GigaParts

Saturday Grand Prize: Yaesu FTDX-10
(need not be present to win)



Late addition:

2nd Saturday Grand Prize – sponsored by StepIR:

StepIR Prize Certificate for:

- BigIR Vertical
- SDA 100 controller
- 100 feet of control cable

a value of \$1900 when including shipping.

(need not be present to win)

Plus over \$2500 in HOURLY Door Prizes
(must be claimed before the final daily drawing)



2021 Sunday Door Prize Info

(must be present to win either)

Main Prize 1: Yaesu FT-991A

Provided by Hamfest with generous support from GigaParts



Main Prize 2:

Sponsored by Shack-in-a-Box:

- Shack-in-a-Box Solaris 600Wh Solar Generator v1.0
- Bioenno Power BSP-100LITE solar panel
- 20' 12AWG solar panel cable
- Retail value \$1757.99

www.shack-in-a-box.com

Solaris 600Wh
Solar Generator v1.0



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2021 Vendors & Organizations

10-10 International
ABR Industries
Alabama Contest Group (ACG)
Alabama Historical Radio Society
Alabama Repeater Council
Alabama Service Corps
Aluma Towers
Amateur Radio Digital Communications
AMCON ARC Of Alabama
American Radio Relay League (ARRL)
ARES/RACES
ARISS
ARMY MARS
Atlanta Hamfest
Central Alabama Simplex Net
Chuck Penson-Heathkit Books
Compudigital Industries K6IOK
Computer & Telecom Recycling Svc
CWOPS
Dalton (GA) ARC
Dayton HAMVENTION
Don Keith N4KC (author)
Electric Guru Parts House
FLEX Radio Systems
Gigaparts
Gold Medal Ideas
Ham World, Inc.
Hamsource
Happy Feet
Heaven Sent Survival
Huntsville ARC - Flea Market Test Bench

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JHS22 Of NYC (WB2JKJ)
KM4MPF Sales
Makers Local 256
MGS-Max-Gain Systems
MTX Development
N. Alabama DX CLUB
N3ZN Keys
NCG/Comet Antenna
Ni4L Antennas & Electronics
Orlando HAMCATION
Phase Dock Inc
QSO Radio Show WTWW
Radio Club of America (RCA)
Remote Ham Radio
RT Systems
Shack In A Box
Stone Mtn Hamfest / GA State
Convention
Swap My Rigs
Tech Equipment Dist Inc. TEDI
The RF Adapter Guy
The Sign Man
The Wireman
TN07 Engineering
Tornado Alert
Tower Electronics
W5KUB
Wild Sage Jewelry
William Perry Co.
Wired Communications
Wolf River Coils

Forum Schedule, Huntsville Hamfest , 2021

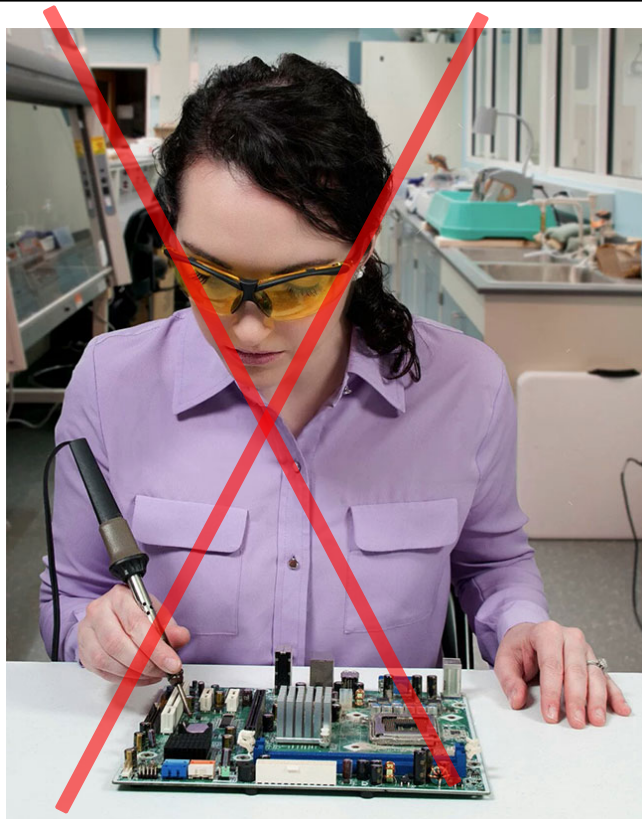
Start	Saturday, August 21, 2021			
Time	Room 1	Room 2	Restone	Madison
9 AM	Hamfest Doors Open			
10 AM	Youth Forum Carole Perry	Orlando Hamcation John Knott, N4JTK	Lighting Research in Huntsville Monte Bateman, PhD, WB5RZX	Arduino Forum Glen Popiel, KW5GP
11 AM	AL Repeater Council Dennis Littleton, K4DL	Shack-in-a-Box Hope Lea, ND2L	Lightning Protection for Hams Monte Bateman, PhD, WB5RZX	Send an Amateur Radio Balloon Around the World Bill Brown, WB8ELK
12 PM	ARRL Membership Town Hall Mickey Baker, N4MB	MARS John Briscoe Ralph Brigham	Wading into the Contest Ocean Rob Suggs, PhD, NN4NT	Having Fun with Portable Ham Radio, including POTA Joe, KI4ASK, and Mary Catherine, KI4HHI, Domaleski
1 PM	ARRL AL Section and ARES Volunteers Forum JVann Martin, W4JVM David Gillespie, W4LHQ		2020 VP8PJ South Orkney Islands DXpedition Gene Spinelli, K5GS	Summits on the Air (SOTA) Michael Fielder, PhD, KM4CRB
2 PM	Game Changer: ARRL's Intro to Radio Kit Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R	Software Defined Radio as a Platform Steve Hicks, N5AC, Flex Radio Systems	10 Meters Keith Schottman, KR7RK	The Schelkunoff-Smith Chart, Energy Flow and Small Antennas Hans Shantz, PhD KC5VLD
3 PM	ARISS: Current Status and Future Visions Frank Bauer, KA3HDO	Advances in Weather Detection Technology - Mickey Lee	AMSAT Tim Cunningham, N8DEU	What's the difference between Superhets and SDRs? Bob DePierre, K8KI
4 PM	Closing Ceremony			



Sunday Forum Schedule, 2021		
Start	Sunday, August 22, 2021	
Time	Room 1	Room 2
9 AM	Adult Soldering 101 Session 1 Matthew Sager, KI4AJZ and Kevin Hibbs, KG4Tei	Hamfest Doors Open
10 AM		YouTube Discussion Hosted by Jason Johnston, KC5HWB of Ham Radio 2.0
11 AM		Parachute Mobile Carlos Felix, KD9OLN
12 PM	Adult Soldering 101 Session 2 Matthew Sager, KI4AJZ and Kevin Hibbs, KG4TEI	Programming your DMR Radio Jeff Hilliard, AK6OK
1 PM		Using a Spectrum Analyser and Oscilloscope Jeff Hillard, AK6OK
2 PM	Closing Ceremony	

For more info, see:

<https://hamfest.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Hamfest2021-Forum-L1st-2021-08-12.pdf>



**This is the WRONG way to
hold a soldering iron!**



Youth Lounge 2021

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FlexRadio

		Solder Table	Arduino Table	Electronics Table
Any Time Remote Ham Radio Get on the Air (GOTA) Morse Code Bingo Morse Code Bracelets Drive a robot Make a doodle bot 3D Printer Demo Earn the Achievement Award	9 AM			
	10 AM	Solder Kit		Electronics Class
	11 AM	Solder Kit	Arduino Class	Electronics Class
	12 PM		Arduino Class	
	1 PM	Solder Kit		Electronics Class
	2 PM	Solder Kit	Arduino Class	Electronics Class
	3 PM	Solder Kit	Arduino Class	
	4 PM	Close	Close	Close

Sunday

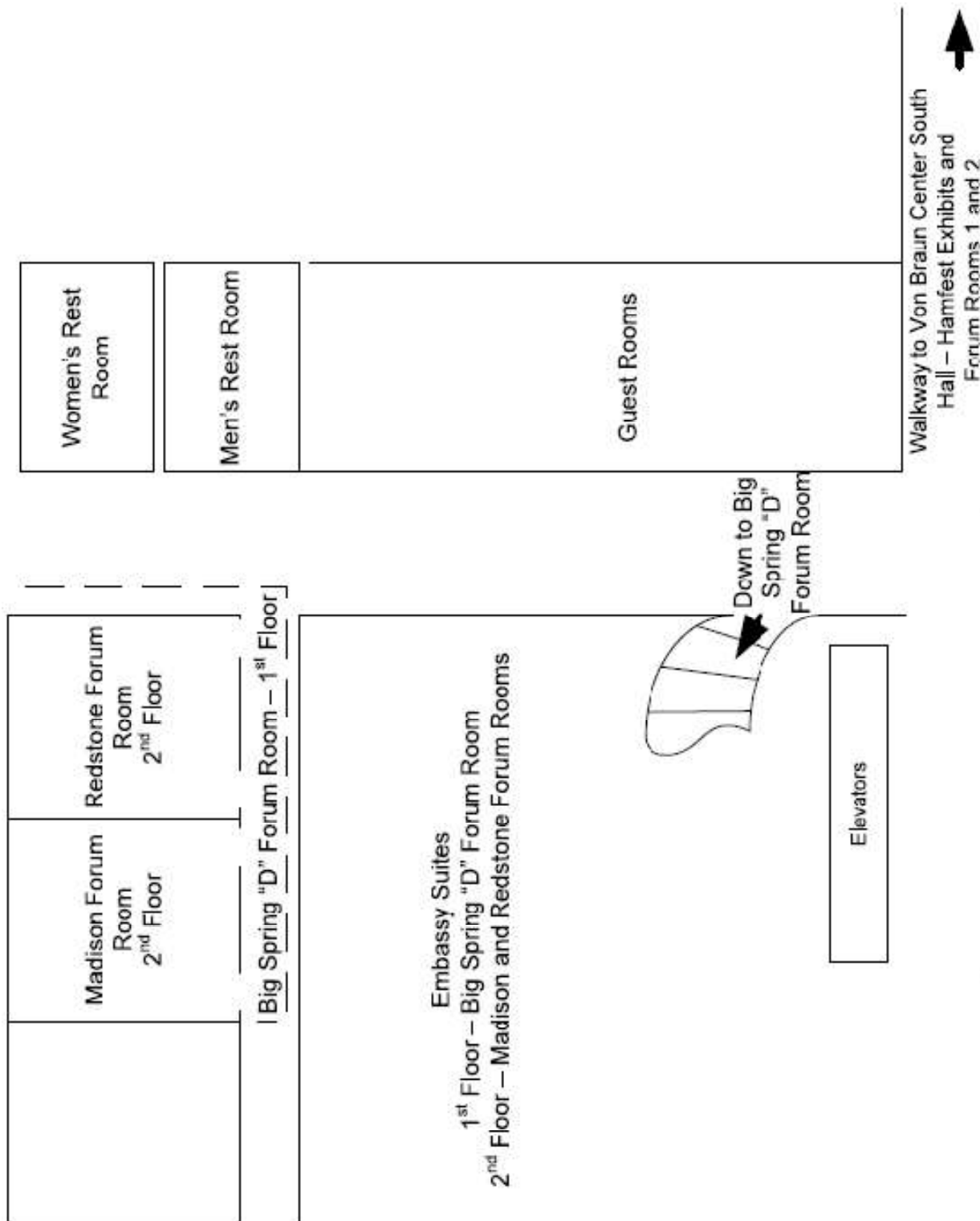
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REMOTE HAM RADIO



Embassy Suites Forum Rooms





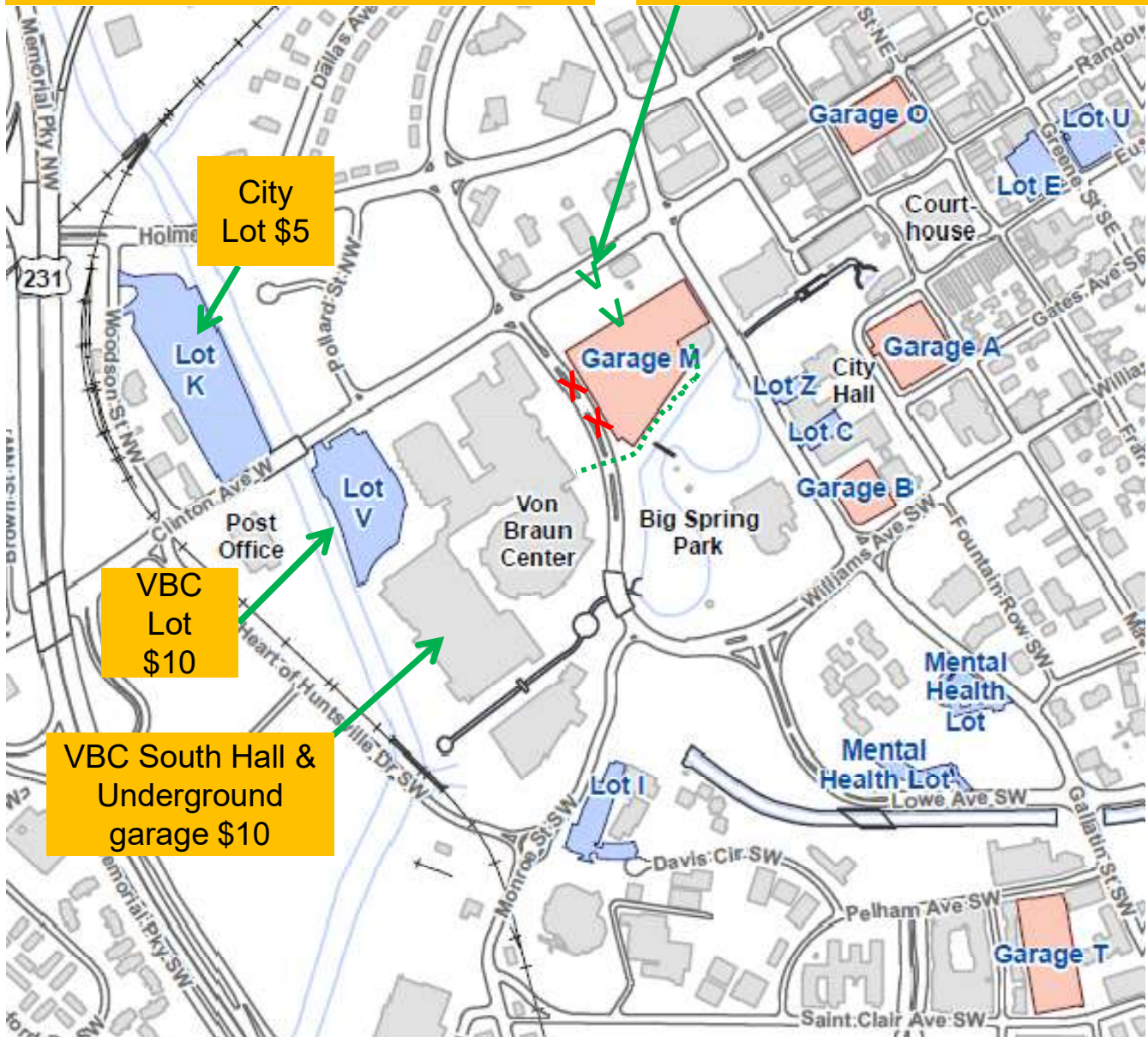
Parking near the VBC

Construction in downtown Huntsville has outpaced the maps.

For Hamfest 2021, here is the parking detail for lots adjacent to the VBC.

City Garage \$5.

VEHICLE access via Clinton Ave ONLY, then PEDESTRIAN exit to south and follow path along pond to VBC



City Lot \$5

VBC Lot \$10

VBC South Hall & Underground garage \$10



Local Dining Guide

Huntsville offers many area dining options across the city. For out of town guests, the list below are venues we can recommend either within walking distance to the nearby hotels, or a few minute drive from the Hamfest.

5 Minute Walking Distance from Embassy, Springhill, & Homewood Suites

Rhythm on Monroe – Rooftop bar & restaurant, featuring locally-sourced ingredients, Rhythm's menu provides delicious urban fare, craft brews, a curated wine list, and handmade cocktails.
700 Monroe St SW, Huntsville, AL, 35801 (above VBC North Hall)

Pan e Vino – Gourmet Pizza, Italian food & Craft Beers. Stylish, indoor/outdoor pizzeria at the Huntsville Museum of Art, overlooking Big Spring Park
300 Church St SW, Huntsville, AL 35801 (follow walkway around lake)

Many other downtown locations within a 15 minute walk can be found here:

Interactive Google Map of Downtown Restaurants

<https://www.google.com/maps/search/Restaurants/@34.7305226,-86.5876792,17z/data=!3m1!4b1>

A short drive SW on Clinton Ave

Campus 805 – a cluster of brewpubs and restaurants in a converted middle school. All these feature comfortable indoor & outdoor seating options.

2620 Clinton Ave West,
Huntsville, AL 35805

Straight to Ale & Ale's Kitchen – local brewer taproom from scratch kitchen featuring burgers, fresh cut fries, poutines, jumbo wings and creative sandwiches all served on locally made breads.

Yellowhammer Brewing Co & Earth And Stone Wood Fired Pizza, local brewer taproom with counter service for pizza, salads, calzones, desserts.

Rock & Roll Sushi – Planning to expand in late July. Excellent traditional sushi, rolls, and Japanese dishes from the kitchen. Chairman's favorite.

Hops & Guac - a fast-casual Mexican-fusion restaurant in Huntsville's Campus 805 Entertainment District.