

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN I.R.A. 'GOOD OLD DAYS' HAMFEST

Saturday, June 7, 2008 - 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.



We're bringing back the 'Good Old Days' at
West Michigan's Largest Hamfest & Computer Fair.
Support your Michigan linked repeater system. Be there!

Convenient location with spacious facilities at the Hudsonville Fairgrounds. Located 14 miles west of Grand Rapids, two miles north of I-196 at exit 62. FREE tables and FREE trunk sales spaces (tickets required). Friday night potluck, camping, demonstrations, and exhibits. We have listened to your suggestions!

OVER 22,000 SQUARE-FEET INDOOR FACILITIES with CONVENIENT ACCESS and FREE PARKING. FREE 8' tables (indoors) and FREE trunk sale spaces (outdoors). **Sellers and dealers must reserve tables and/or trunk sale spaces with a prepaid ticket order!** Tables/spaces first come, first served. Tickets: \$5.00 ea. through June 6th; \$6.00 ea. on June 7th. NOTE: Prepaid ticket reservations held until 0745 Saturday then released (no refunds). All reservations with SASE please. Camping, tables, and trunk spaces are not an admission to Hamfest; tickets are required. Friday night set-up available after 7 p.m. or 6:00 a.m. start on Saturday. CAMPING: \$10 fee, showers and electricity available for camping. There is a \$5 additional fee for any electrical hookup. Food and drinks available in comfortable indoor eating facilities. Many sit down "Eyeball QSO areas." Children under 12 years admitted free accompanying an adult. Handicapped parking and access. In case of rain, trunk sellers could move indoors if space is available.

•FAMOUS "ROADKILL-CHILI" POTLUCK FRIDAY EVENING

Bring a main dish to pass and join in the fun at 6:45 P.M. after helping with setup. Enjoy "Eye-ball QSOs," entertainment, awards, and surprises. Last opportunity to purchase reduced-price Hamfest tickets. GRARA Club meeting held immediately after the potluck. Over 125 people attended the potluck last year.

- NEWS-TV, SKYWARN & EMERGENCY VEHICLE EXHIBITS
- LINK REPEATER SYSTEM OPERATION EXHIBIT
- DX-PEDITION VIDEOS AND AWARDS EXHIBIT
- ARRL CERTIFICATION FOR DXCC, VUCC AND WAS AWARDS
- MDXA ISLAND ACTIVATIONS FORUM - 9:00 A.M.
- D-STAR WHAT IS IT? DEMO AND FORUM - 10:00 A.M.
- GETTING YOUTH INTO HAM RADIO FORUM - 11:00 A.M.
Dale Williams, ARRL Michigan Section Manager - Moderator
- VE AMATEUR EXAMS - 12:30 P.M. START
All walk-ins. Technician, General and Extra Class. Please bring original and a copy of your license, any C.S.C.E.'s with some form of photo ID and a check made out to "ARRL / VEC".
- GRAND RAPIDS FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS - DOWNTOWN

DEALERS: BRING YOUR HAM EQUIPMENT, COAX, COMPUTER EQUIPMENT, SOFTWARE, WIRE, ALTERNATIVE ENERGY EQUIPMENT, BOOKS, PARTS, JEWELRY, CAPS, SWEAT-SHIRTS, JACKETS, ETC, TO SELL BE THERE!

HAMS: BRING YOUR RADIOS, BOOKS, ANTENNAS, COAX, COMPUTERS, AND EQUIPMENT TO SHOW, TRADE OR SELL BE THERE!

COMPUTER HOBBYISTS: BRING YOUR EXCESS HARDWARE, BOOKS, SOFTWARE, PARTS, ETC., TO TRADE OR SELL BE THERE!

EVERYONE: LOOK AT ALL THE ACTIVITIES BE THERE!

Write for reservations & tickets to: I.R.A. Hamfest, 562 92nd Street SE, Byron Center, MI 49315. Camping fee: \$10.00; w/elec. \$5.00 more. Tickets: \$5.00 ea. before June 6th; \$6.00 ea. on June 7th.

INFO: Call Kathy at (616) 698-6627 after 4 p.m. (E.D.S.T.) for info and discount rate motels. Check out the IRA Web-site at: www.w8hvg.org. Talk-In will be on 147.160 link system (94.8 pl).

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 ADDRESS _____ COMPANY _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE () _____
 NUMBER OF TABLES ____ TRUNK SALES SPACES ____ NUMBER OF TICKETS ____ CAMPING: Y / N (circle)
 ELEC. REQ'D: Y / N (circle) KIND OF MERCHANDISE _____
 TOTAL ENC. _____ MAKE CHECKS OUT TO: INDEPENDENT REPEATER ASSOCIATION, INC.
 INCLUDE S.A.S.E. AND MAIL TO: I.R.A. HAMFEST, 562 92ND STREET SE, BYRON CENTER, MI 49315