

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

Saturday, June 6, 2009 - 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.



We're still 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 sale 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 5th; \$6.00 ea. on June 6th. NOTE: Prepaid ticket table/space reservations held until 7:45 a.m. Saturday then released (no refunds). All reservations with SASE please. Camping, tables, and trunk spaces are not an admission to Hamfest; tickets are required. \$5 fee for each electrical hookup for table, trunk space, or camping. Friday night set-up available after 7 p.m. or 6:00 a.m. start on Saturday. CAMPING: \$10 fee, showers and rest rooms available for camping. Food and drinks available in comfortable indoor facilities. Many sit down "Eyeball QSO areas." Children under 12 admitted free accompanied by 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 Friday 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.

• **LINK REPEATER SYSTEM OPERATION EXHIBIT**

• **VE AMATEUR EXAMS - 9:00 A.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".

• **"FOX HUNTING" DISCUSSIONS - 12 NOON**

• **2-METER "FOX HUNT" - 12:30 P.M. START**

Bring your fox-hunting equipment and participate.

• **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 5th; \$6.00 ea. on June 6th.

INFO: Call Don at (616) 532-7769 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 SALE SPACES ____ NUMBER OF TICKETS ____ CAMPING: Y / N (circle)
 ELEC. HOOKUP: Y ____ / N (circle) KIND OF MERCHANDISE _____
 TOTAL ENC. _____ MAKE CHECK 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