



AUSTIN SUMMERFEST 2007

August 3 & 4, 2007

Wyndham Garden Hotel
3401 S IH-35 (IH-35 & Woodward)

Austin, Texas

Continuing a Ham Tradition in its 24th Year!

Austin Amateur Radio Club makes the Capital City the place to be in the middle of the Texas summer. That's right--once again it's time for Austin Summerfest!

Note our new location !!!

As always, we also host the Summer Meeting of the Texas VHF-FM Society, and this year, the ARRL Texas State Convention.

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.

Prizes

Prizes Galore! You have a chance at three Premium Prizes: Grand prize is an Icom IC-706MK IIG all-band radio. And our Featured Prize is an Icom IC-T7H dual-band handie. This year we're offering an Icom IC-V8 as a Bonus prize.

Register in advance by mail and have a shot at still another prize--an ICOM IC-T2H SPORT 2 meter handie!

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 the Wyndham Garden, you'll get five bonus tickets for each room-night, up to a total of ten tickets.

The 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.

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.



Featured Prize,
an IC-T7H



Bonus Prize,
an IC-V8



Advance Registration Prize,
an IC-T2H SPORT



Grand Prize, an IC-706 MKIIG

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. Opening times are for both sellers (for setup) and shoppers.
- Buyers and sellers must be registered at the convention.

Note: Due to limited hotel parking space, we regret that we cannot offer a tailgate swapfest this year.

Technical Sessions

- Coy Day N5OK will conduct his perennial **ARRL Forum**.
- **Joel Hallas W1ZR** is Technical Editor of QST. Hear him offer his expertise on wide-ranging subjects, including a description of the QST equipment review process.
- The **Central Texas DX & Contest Club** once again has an 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.
- New to Ham Radio? Jeff Schmidt N5MNV and Ron Hambric N5SBN have just what you need: A Welcome and Information for New Hams.
- 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.

Administration Matters

Exchange views with West Gulf Division Director Coy Day N5OK, Vice 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!

And please welcome our special guest from ARRL Headquarters, Joel Hallas W1ZR, Technical Editor of QST and Managing Editor of the National Contest Journal.

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

License Exams

An exam session Saturday afternoon will cover all elements. Bring a photo ID and one other form of identification, and \$14.00; 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.

Directions

The Wyndham Garden Hotel is at 3401 S IH-35 in Austin. Phone 512-448-2444. Talk-in is on 146.34/94 and 449.1/444.1 MHz.

Northbound on I 35: Take Exit 230: "West 290 Johnson City Bastrop". Proceed 1.1 miles. Cross over TX71. Right onto Woodward St. Left into Hotel parking lot.

Southbound on I 35: Take Exit 231 "Woodward St." Left onto Woodward St. Cross over I-35 and frontage road. Left into Hotel parking lot.

Eastbound on US290/TX71: Take exit "35 South San Antonio." Continue on frontage road under I-35. Left on I-35 northbound frontage road. Right onto Woodward St. Left into Hotel parking lot.

Westbound on US 290: Take exit "Burleson Rd Woodward St 35 South." Proceed 1.75 miles. Right onto Woodward St. Proceed .47 mile. Right into Hotel parking lot.

Austin Summerfest will be held in the hotel's conference center in the north-east wing of the hotel, to the left of the hotel registration desk. Convention registration will be in the hallway of the northeast wing.

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.

Craft and Skills Events

Free! Free! Free! Did I mention "Free"?

This year, we have another "Make it and take it" workshop and it is also "Come and Go" from 9am-12pm.

You will learn how to make a Copper Wire Garden Ornament with marbles and dichroic glass...and take it home!

You may also participate in an Arbonne skin Care demo by Cathy Case, Area Manager. She will have sample products and you may register for free give-a-ways!

All are welcome, including children (accompanied by an adult).

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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.