

Mount Tom Amateur Repeater Association, Inc.



HAMFEST 2015

As chairperson for the 27th *Amateur Radio & Electronics Hamfest*, sponsored by the Mount Tom Amateur Repeater Association (MTARA), I would like to invite you to participate in this year's hamfest on Saturday, March 7, 2015 at the *Moose Family Center*, 244 Fuller Road, Chicopee, MA, 01020. ***This is the same location as last year!***

Please note that the fee for an indoor 6'/8' table remains at \$15.00. There is no tailgating available at this location.

There is no online registration. A paper application, which you can complete and submit by mail, is available on the flyer included in this mailing.

Completed applications and checks (made out to MTARA for the appropriate amount) should be sent to Mary Elkins – KB1ME, 24 Shoreline Drive, Ware, MA 01082. (For questions or special arrangements, please contact me at 413-222-1990.)

Requests for power have increased each year and unfortunately, I cannot accommodate everyone because of the limitations of the building we are using. If you do not need constant power, please be aware that we will be having a "Power Station" so that equipment can be tested by potential buyers. If you do need 120 VAC for your display, please let me know in advance and I will do my best to accommodate you.

Once again, volunteers will be available to help unload and load.

We all look forward to your participation in this year's MTARA Hamfest and our thanks to those of you who have helped make it such a successful event over the years.

73,

Mary, KB1ME

2015 MTARA Hamfest Information for Vendors – PLEASE READ

Based on previous years' experiences, we've decided to write up a few guidelines and expectations so that there are no surprises for anyone on the day of the Hamfest. They are designed to make everyone's life easier on the day of the event. Thanks for your cooperation.

Getting there

- **Moose Family Center**, 244 Fuller Road, Chicopee, MA Look for bright yellow **HAMFEST** signs to guide your way!
- Talk-in will be on 146.940 with PL =127.3

Upon Arrival

- Doors open at 6:30 AM for vendor setup.
- Remember to sign-in with the Vendor Registration folks first thing!!!
- All **UNPAID** vendors, are expected to be *checked- in* by 7:30 AM.
All **PRE-PAID** vendors (**including clubs**) are expected to be *checked in* by 8:00 AM.

If you have not checked-in OR notified us by the above times, we will feel free to sell your table(s) to folks on the Waiting List. See Contact Information below so you can communicate with us if problems arise! We'll try to accommodate you.

VENDOR Admittance Guidelines

of Tables Purchased by Individual

1 - 2
3 - 4
5 - 6
7 - 8

Admission(s) Included

1 (Each assistant pays \$5)
2 (Each additional assistant pays \$5)
3 (Each additional assistant pays \$5)
4 (Each additional assistant pays \$5)

Vendors are defined as individuals who have purchased a table and who will be stationed at the table during the hamfest. **Assistants** help vendors and are also stationed at the table(s). Early admission for buyers is not available. Please help us make this event fair for everyone!

MTARA staff will be available in the parking lot to help you load and unload.

Food/Snacks

We **anticipate** that coffee and donuts will be available at 7:30 AM, with lunch items available about 10:30 AM. Since we cannot **guarantee** food items will be available, if your situation requires you to have food/drink at certain times, please plan ahead and bring something to see you through.

Setting Up

- Power will be available on outside walls only. Because of fire safety codes and liability issues, no cables may cross the aisles between rows of tables. Aisles must be kept safe for foot traffic. (Cables between two adjacent vendor tables are fine. We just want to prevent our shoppers from being tripped up!)
- Power (120 VAC) will be available for testing equipment at the Power Table.
- Remember to bring your own extension cords!

Getting Ready to Leave

- Do not throw away electronics pieces and parts (e.g., old computers, computer parts, printers, radios, tubes, etc.) in the trash at the *Moose Family Center*. We don't want to abuse the privilege of using this space and prevent its use in years to come. **If you bring it in and it doesn't sell, please take it home with you.** Thank you!

CONTACT INFORMATION: Mary – KB1ME (kb1me@arrl.net, 413-222-1990)

(If you cannot make contact by phone or email, ask the Talk-in Station (146.940, PL 127.3) to relay a message.)

We look forward to seeing you and making this another successful MTARA Hamfest for everyone.