



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Amateur Radio Clubs Announces Annual “Hamfest”

Stone Mountain, GA, October 18, 2024 - The Alford Memorial Radio Club (AMRC) in conjunction with the Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society (GARS) announces that the 52nd annual Stone Mountain Hamfest will be held Saturday, November 2 and Sunday, November 3.

What is a “Hamfest”? It’s part flea market, part educational seminars, part vendor displays and sales, and all about fellowship. Amateur radio operators and those interested in electronics and computers will gather to see and talk about ham radio equipment old and new and discuss the world-wide hobby.

As Steve Garrison, N4TTY, the AMRC President, put it, “There are more licensed amateur operators than ever before in the United States and the hamfest provides an opportunity for them and others who may have an interest in our hobby to get together to see and discuss what makes amateur radio a fun endeavor that at the same time can provide real community service.”

Garrison added, “This is the only two-day hamfest in Georgia, so we attract more exhibitors and more attendees than any other. That makes for a more rewarding and complete experience for all.”

Some of the highlights of the Hamfest include;

- Approximately twenty seminars will discuss many aspects of ham radio, including such things as assisting in emergency situations, computer integration with ham radio and digital communications over ham radio, just to name a few.
- Folks who have been studying will have an opportunity to take tests and, if they pass, acquire new amateur radio licenses or upgrade their existing ones.
- There will be a special “Student Shack”, where boys and girls can experience some of the aspects and skills that go into amateur radio.

The Hamfest runs from 8AM to 4PM on Saturday, November 2, and 8AM to 2PM on Sunday, November 3. The location is the Gwinnett County Fairground, 2045 Sugarloaf Pkwy, Lawrenceville, GA 30045 Free parking is provided.

Tickets good for both days are \$8 in advance, available online at www.stonemountainhamfest.com or \$10 at the gate. New this year, for folks who can’t make both days, tickets for Sunday only are \$5 at the gate. One raffle chance for radio equipment is included with each admission ticket and additional chances may be purchased onsite.

For interested hams who may need directions or information, the “talk-in” will be on frequency 147.075+ PL tone 82.5.

The Alford Memorial Radio Club was established in 1972 to provide amateur radio operators in the Atlanta area an opportunity to learn, communicate and provide community service. It meets on a monthly basis and operates four repeaters for the use of area operators. The club website is www.totr-radio.org.

Contact: Steve Vogel, W4PSV, Club PIO. 404-293-9920, email w4psv@arrl.net

###