



Huntsville Hamfest

The World's Friendliest Hamfest! Since 1954
& ARRL Alabama State Convention



Saturday, August 19: 9AM – 4:30PM

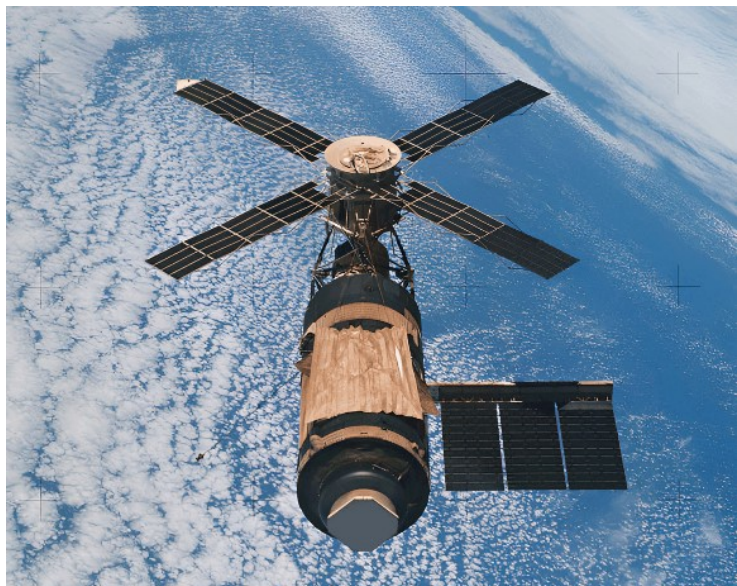
Sunday, August 20: 9AM – 3PM

2023

VON BRAUN CENTER

700 Monroe St SW,
Huntsville, AL 35801

Handy local repeaters during your stay:
146.94-, PL 100Hz (used for talk-in)
145.33-, PL 100Hz
<http://n4hsv.net/repeaters.html> for more.



Welcome to the Huntsville Hamfest and the ARRL Alabama State Convention. You're invited to download this mobile friendly guide to help manage your busy weekend.

Again in 2023 we're excited to bring together a great collection of commercial dealers, distributors, flea marketers, forum presenters, exam sessions, and the ever popular youth lounge, all in the air-conditioned comfort of the South Hall.

Back by popular demand, two adult solder classes will be offered on Sunday morning geared to budding kit-builders.

We hope you enjoy your stay in Huntsville and visit to the Huntsville Hamfest.

73,
The Huntsville Hamfest Committee

This year Huntsville Hamfest and the US Space & Rocket Center celebrate the 50 year anniversary of Skylab.

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2023 Event Schedule

(Forums listed separately)

Friday	
Doors open for move-in:	10:00 AM (earlier if VBC allows)
Hospitality Suite at Embassy Suites, Room 201 (near elevator)	5:30 PM to 10:30 PM
Downtown Huntsville Food Truck Rally near VBC & Big Spring Park	5:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Doors close for move-in	7:00 PM
Saturday	
Ticket Sales Start	7:30 AM
Back Doors open for move in	7:00 AM to 8:45 AM
Hamfest Doors open	9:00 AM
DXCC Card Checking (NADXC booth)	9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Youth Lounge opens	9:00 AM
License Exams (hallway)	10:00 AM
Door prize drawings (must claim before 4 PM drawing)	Hourly
Pico Balloon Launch @ Embassy Hotel entrance (subject to prevailing winds)	Noon-following WB8ELK forum
Grand Prize Drawing (winner need not be present)	4:00 PM
Doors close	4:30 PM
Hospitality Suite at Embassy Suites, Room 201 (near elevator)	5:30 PM to 10:30 PM
DX Banquet – Social hour @ SIGNALS - Museum of Information Explosion, 1806 University Drive NW, Huntsville, AL 35801 (advance purchase only, no tickets sales at the door)	5:30 PM
DX Banquet – Dinner Seating	6:30 PM
Sunday	
YL Breakfast - All are welcome. Cracker Barrel, 2001 Drake Ave, HSV 35801	7:00 AM
Hamfest Doors open	9:00 AM
DXCC Card Checking (NADXC booth)	9:00 AM to Noon
Youth Lounge opens	9:00 AM
License Exams (hallway)	10:00 AM
Door prize drawings (must claim before 2 PM drawing)	Hourly
Sunday main prize drawings: (must be present to win)	2:00 PM
Doors close	3:00 PM



2023 Door Prize Info

Provided by Hamfest with generous support from GigaParts

Saturday Grand Prize: Yaesu FT-710 AESS, do not have to be present to win. (drawing 4 PM)



Sunday Main Prize ICOM IC-705, MUST be present to win. (drawing 3 PM)



Plus over \$2500 in HOURLY Door Prizes on Saturday & Sunday (must be claimed before the final daily drawing)



2023 Vendors & Manufacturers

405 Laserworks	MFJ Enterprises
ABR Industries	Mirage Electronics
American Filament	Nightfire Electronics
Ameritron	N3ZN Keys
CushCraft Antennas	NCG/COMET Antenna
Diamond Antenna	PreppComm Amateur Radio
DigiRig	Quicksilver Radio
DX Engineering	Radioddity
Elecraft	Repeaterbook.com
EMP Shield	RFinder
FLEX Radio Systems	Shack In A Box
Geochron	SteppIR Communications
GigaParts	Tarheel Designs
Gold Medal Ideas	The RF Adapter Guy
Gotbackup?	The Signman
Ham Radio Outlet	The Wireman
Hamsource	TN07 Engineering
HAMWEARS/The Suspender Man	Tower Electronics
Happy Feet	Tropics Communications LLC
Heaven Sent Survival	Vectronics
Heil Sound	W2HVV Enclosures
HRD Software	Wild Sage Jewelry
Hy-Gain Antennas	William Perry Co.
ICOM America	Wired Communications
KM4MPF Sales/ Chatt Radio	Wolf River Coils
LeafGuard	YAESU USA
Max-Gain Systems	



2023 Clubs & Organizations

Alabama Contest Group ACG
Alabama Repeater Council ARC
Amateur Radio Digital Communications ARDC
Amateur Radio Newsline ARN
Amateur Contingency Ham Radio Network AHRN
American Radio Relay League ARRL
Amateur Radio on Int'l Space Station
AMSAT N8DEU
ARMY MARS
Atlanta Hamfest
Central Alabama Simplex Net
Dalton (GA) ARC
Dayton HAMVENTION
Georgia State POTA
Huntsville ARC - Flea Market Test Bench
HSV/Madison County Convention & Visitors Bureau
INDEXA
JHS22 Of NYC WB2JKJ
Limestone County ARES N4SEV
Madison County ARES
North Alabama DX CLUB
Orlando HAMCATION
OMIK
OMISS
Parks On The Air POTA
QSO Radio Show w/Ted Randall
U.S. Coast Guard Aux Div 24
W5KUB
Winter Field Day
Youth on the Air YOTA
YouTuber Groups



Forum Schedule, Huntsville Hamfest, 2023

Start Time	Saturday, August 19, 2023				
	Room 1	Room 2	Redstone	Big Spring D	Madison
9 AM	Hamfest Doors Open				
10 AM	Using RepeaterBook.com Charles F. Adams, Jr., KV4VT	AL Repeater Council Dennis Littleton, K4DL	APRS Forum Tim Cunningham, N8DEU	Lightning Research in Huntsville Monte Bateman, PhD, WB5RZX	Building Projects with Microcontrollers Glen Popiel, KW5GP
11 AM	Elecraft Update and Q&A Eric Swartz, WA6HHQ	Electric Vehicle Ham Radio Ops Rob Suggs, PhD, NN4NT	AMSAT Forum Tim Cunningham, N8DEU	Lightning Protection for Hams Monte Bateman, PhD, WB5RZX	Send an Amateur Radio Balloon Around the World Bill Brown, WB8ELK
12 PM	MARS	ARRL Members Forum Mickey Baker, N4MB	Two Hearts, One Hobby Joe, K4ASK, & Mary Catherine, K14HHI, Domaleski	Beginning Morse Code Keith Ford, K4KEF	The Museum of Information Explosion Bob DePierre, K8KI
1 PM		ARRL AL Section Forum Roger Parsons, KK4UDU & ARRL AL Section Radio Sport Forum Christopher Arthur, NV4B	RF Amplifiers Larry Savage, WA4CAX	Powering Your Fun from the Sun John Kalotai, N1OLO	Locating Powerline Noise Mike Rozar, N4CNZ
2 PM	Integrating HF Radio Stations with FlexRadio Power Genius XL Amp Michael Walker, VA3MW	AL ARES Roger Parsons, KK4UDU	Operating Procedures for Enhancing Your Microwave Contest Score Ben Lowe, K4QF	GA State Parks on the Air Claude Ray, AC4SH	What Physicists Don't Know About Electromagnetics Hans Shantz, PhD, KC5VLD
3 PM	ARDC Grants and 44Net Technology for the Amateur Radio community Jon Kemper, KA6NVY	Getting in the DX Station's Log Jay Slough, K4ZLE	Current Lunar Missions & Radio Science Heidi Haviland, PhD, KK6SZW	POTA Best Practices Mike Turner, W4OPS	Tips for Kit Building Success Joe Eisenberg, K0NEB
4 PM	Closing Ceremony				



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Date	Sunday, August 20, 2023	
Time	Room 1	Room 2
9 AM	Hamfest Doors Open	
10 AM	YouTube Group Panel Forum	Adult Soldering 101 Matthew Sager, KI4AJZ, and Kevin Hibbs, KG4TEI *Sign up Required
11 AM		
12 PM	POTA General Overview Mike Turner, W4OPS	
1 PM	Introduction to POTA Jerry Mitchell, KO4JVB	EDUCOM Joe Fairclough, WB2JKJ
2 PM	Closing Ceremony	
Schedule as of 8/14/23		

Link to Forum Descriptions

<https://hamfest.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/2023-Huntsville-Hamfest-Forum-List.pdf>

IF IT SMELLS LIKE CHICKEN...



...YOU'RE HOLDING IT WRONG.



Youth Lounge 2023

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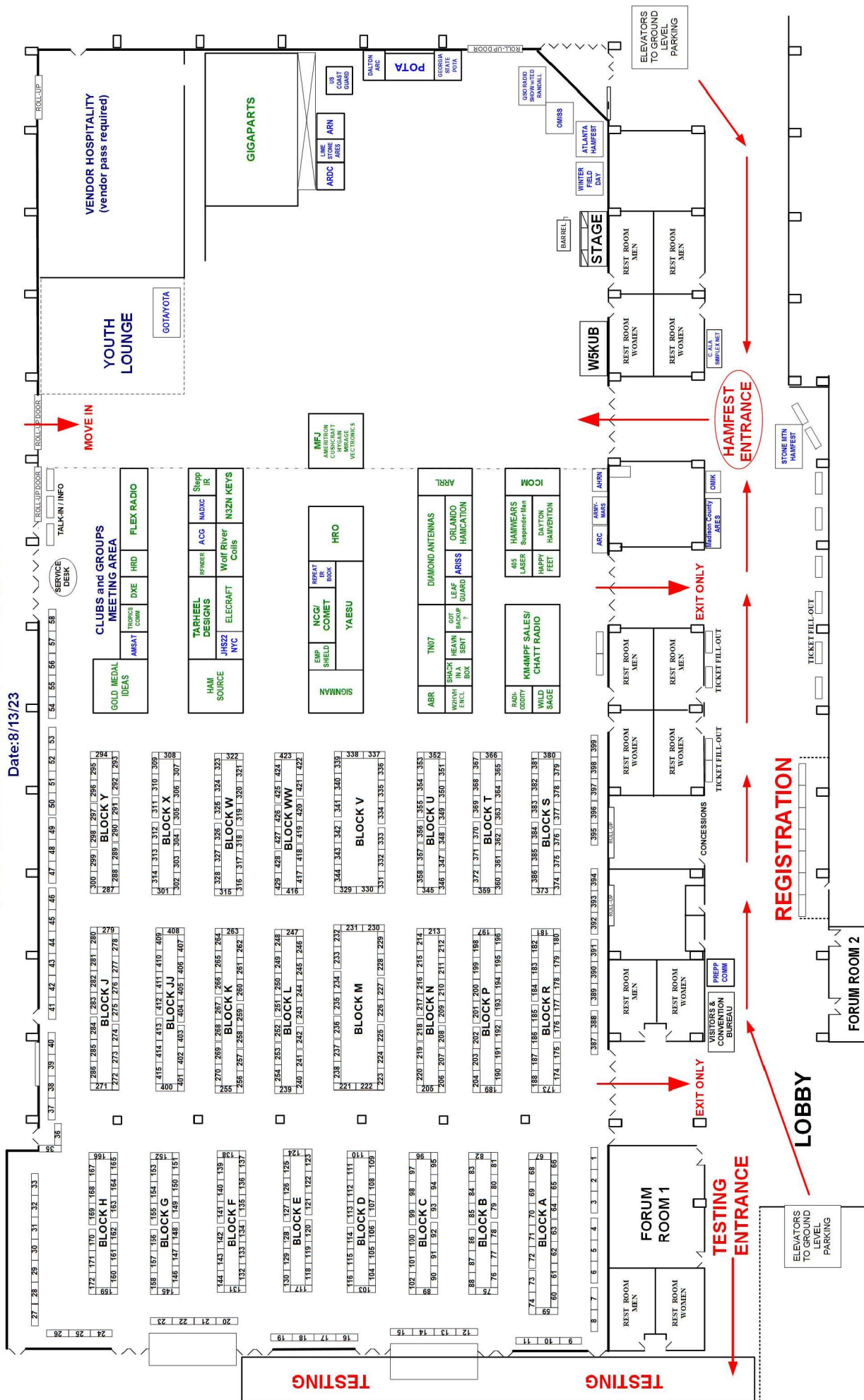
FlexRadio

Saturday		Solder Table	Arduino Table	Electronics Table
				Table
NEW THIS YEAR	9 AM			
Scout Radio Merit Badge				
starts promptly at 11 AM, ends at 3 PM with a break for lunch	10 AM	Solder Kit		Electronics Class
	11 AM	Solder Kit	Arduino Class	Electronics Class
Any Time	12 PM		Arduino Class	
Get on the Air (GOTA)				
Morse Code Bingo	1 PM	Solder Kit		Electronics Class
Morse Code Bracelets				
Drive a robot	2 PM	Solder Kit	Arduino Class	Electronics Class
Make a doodle bot				
3D Printer Demo	3 PM	Solder Kit	Arduino Class	
Earn the Achievement Award				
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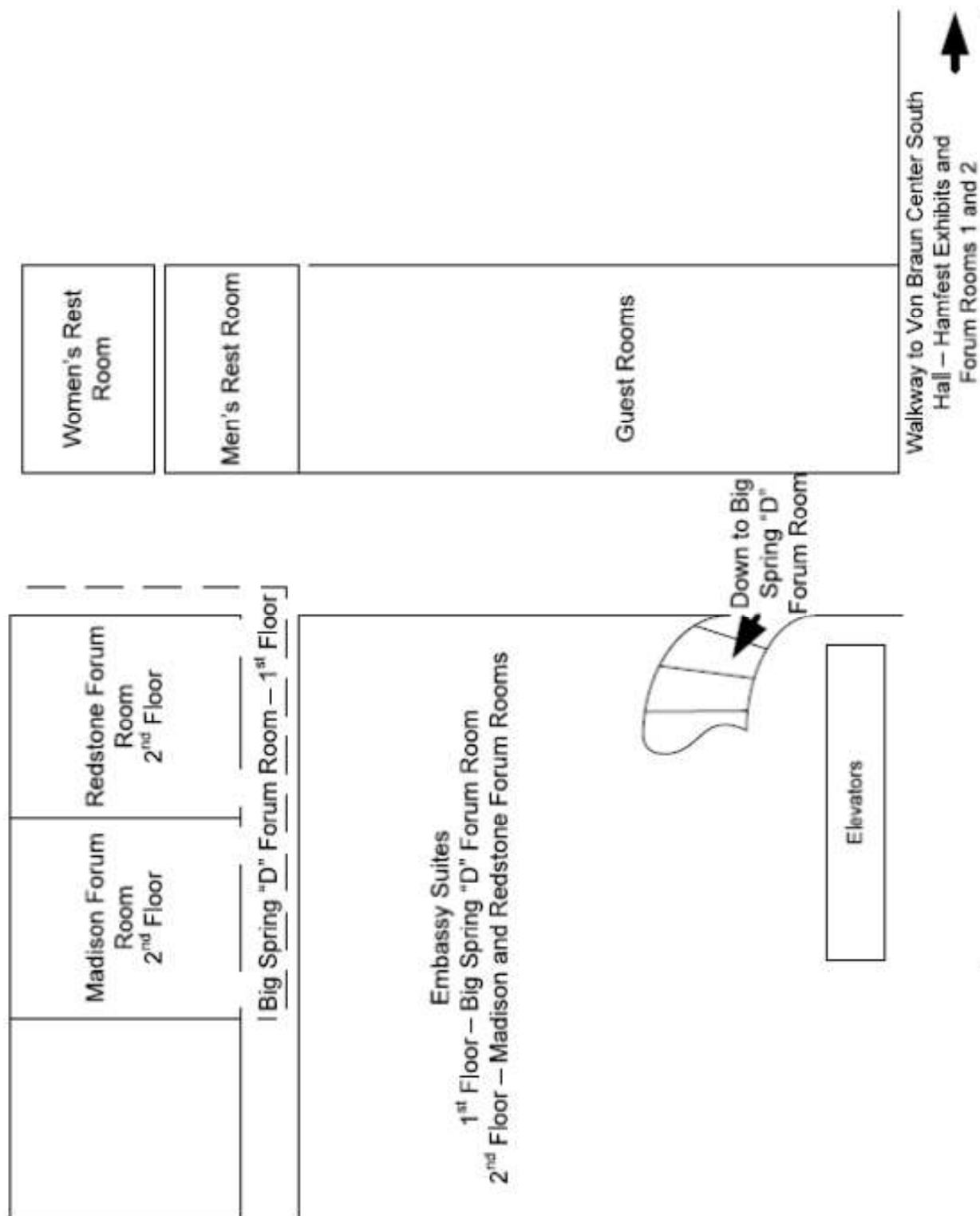
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VON BRAUN CENTER SOUTH HALL**

Date: 8/13/23





Embassy Suites Forum Rooms





Parking near the VBC

Construction in downtown Huntsville has outpaced the maps.

For Hamfest 2023, here is the parking detail for lots adjacent to the VBC.

City Garage \$5.

VEHICLE access via Clinton Ave ONLY, then PEDESTRIAN exit to southwest and follow sidewalk to VBC

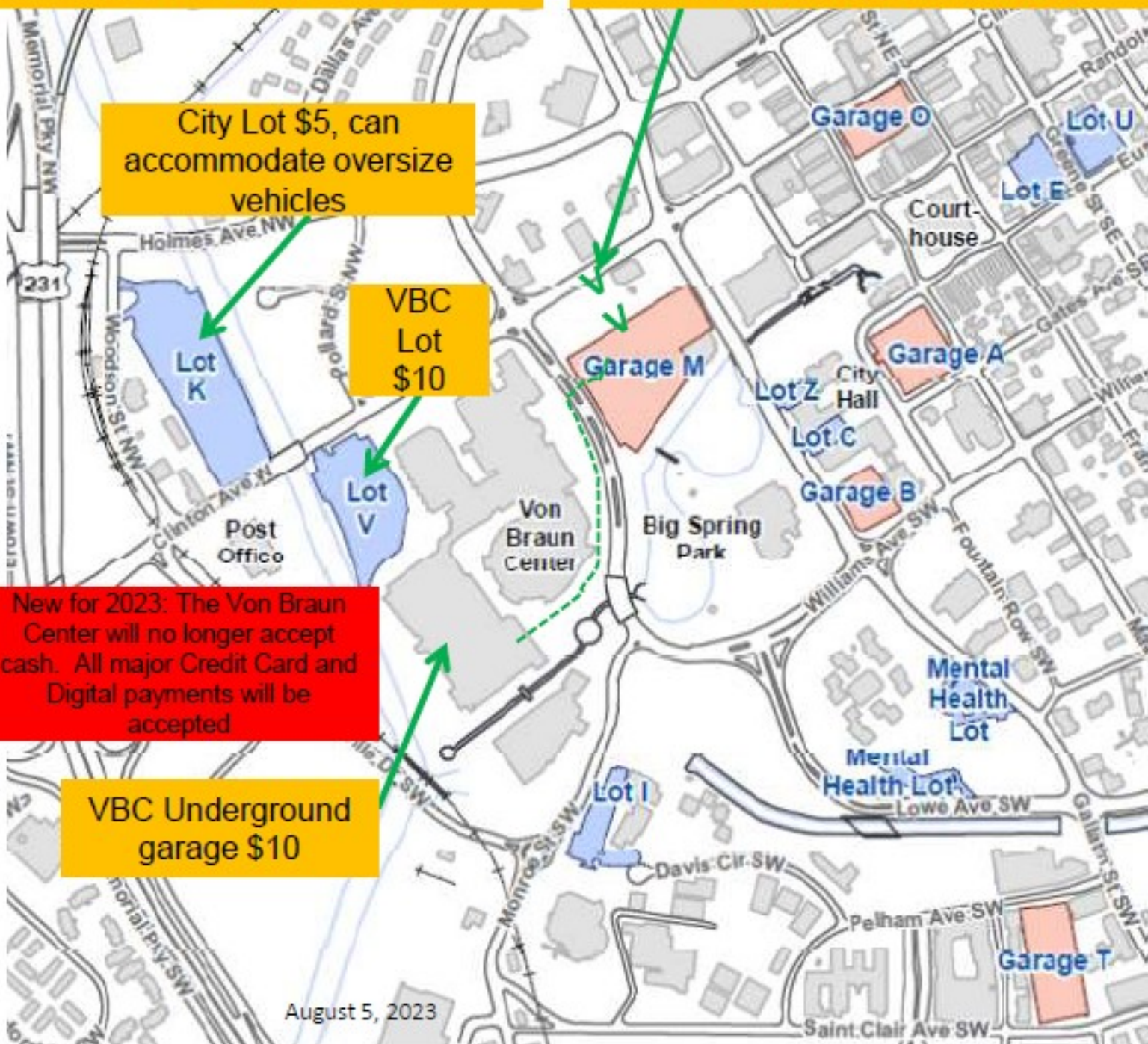
City Lot \$5, can accommodate oversized vehicles

VBC Lot \$10

New for 2023: The Von Braun Center will no longer accept cash. All major Credit Card and Digital payments will be accepted

VBC Underground garage \$10

August 5, 2023





Huntsville Hamfest thanks the following Vendors and Organizations for their help and support.

