



Huntsville Hamfest

The World's Friendliest Hamfest! Since 1954

& ARRL National Convention

Saturday, August 22: 9AM – 4:30PM

Sunday, August 23: 9AM – 3PM

VON BRAUN CENTER

700 Monroe St SW,
Huntsville, AL 35801

2026

The week before Hamfest...

A group of hams and YouTubers will be gathered at Monte Sano State Park for what's become known as **Four Days in August (FDIA)**.

For details visit: <https://go.temporarilyoffline.com/FDIA>

Also on Friday before Hamfest...

The **ARRL** will host a series of day-long Training Tracks and a National Convention Luncheon at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Huntsville.



Then join ARRL on Friday night for a very special National Convention Dinner under a full-size Saturn V rocket at the nearby U.S. Space & Rocket Center.

Pre-Registration is required at these events.

Visit: <https://hamfest.org/2026-arrrl-national-convention>

The most popular local repeaters:

146.94-, PL 100Hz (used for talk-in)

145.33-, PL 100Hz

<http://n4hsv.net/repeaters.html> for more.

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2026 Event Schedule

(Forums listed separately)

Friday

ARRL Forums at Embassy Suites (\$90 & pre-registration required)	8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Doors open for move-in:	10:00 AM (earlier if VBC allows)
Hospitality Suite at Embassy Suites, Mayor's Suite - 10th floor	5:30 PM to 10:00 PM
Downtown Huntsville Food Truck Rally near VBC & Big Spring Park	5:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Doors close for move-in	6:00 PM
ARRL National Convention Dinner @ US Space & Rocket Center (\$100)	6:00 PM

Saturday

Ticket Sales Start	7:30 AM
Back Doors open for move in	7:00 AM to tbd
Hamfest Doors open	9:00 AM
DXCC Card Checking (NADXC booth)	9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Youth Lounge opens	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
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, Mayor's Suite - 10th floor	5:30 PM to 10:00 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)	5:15 PM
DX Banquet – Dinner Seating	6:15 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 tbd
Youth Lounge opens	9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
License Exams (hallway)	10:00 AM
Door prize drawings (must claim before 2 PM drawing)	Hourly
Sunday main prize drawing: (must be present to win)	2:00 PM
Doors close	3:00 PM

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is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.*



Forum Schedule, Huntsville Hamfest, 2026

Start Time	Saturday, August 22, 2026					
	Room 1	Room 2	Redstone	Big Spring D	Madison	Monte Sano
9 AM	Hamfest Doors Open					
10 AM	Elecraft Update and Q&A Eric Swartz, WA6HHQ	Growing Amateur Radio through Vibrant Radio Clubs Josh Johnston, KE5MHV & Dr. Lisa Shier, N3WQL	Creating Fun Projects With The Arduino and Other Microcontrollers Glen Popiel, KW5GP	Lightning Research in Huntsville Monte Bateman, PhD, WB5RZX	ASCTE WX Balloon - Third Try's a Charm, Chris Brown, PhD, W9SBS	Signals Museum Bob DePierre, K8KI
11 AM	DX Engineering New Products & Customer Program Offerings Tim Duffy, K3LR	Engaging the Next Generation Radio Amateur Max Freedman, N4ML	Kit Building Techniques for Success Joe Eisenberg, K0NEB	Lightning Protection for Hams Monte Bateman, PhD, WB5RZX	BalloonSats Bill Brown, WB8ELK	GA State Parks on the Air Claude Ray, AC4SH
12 PM	Joint MARS Meeting	ARRL AL Section and ARES Meeting Dennis Littleton, K4DL	National Weather Service Robert Boyd, KC5ZJO	How NOT to Learn Morse Code Keith Ford, K4KEF & Jerry Poplin, KF4BOE	ARISS Frank Bauer, KA3HDO, Jim Reed, N4BFR, & Tanya Anderson, KD9BQZ	QCWA, Daryl Stout, NK5LA
1 PM	What's New at Chameleon Antenna Steve Krumm, KV4AN	AL Repeater Council Grady Evans, W4GLE	Did Heaviside Delete Maxwell? Dr. Hans Schantz, KC5VLD	Using Free Propagation Resources to Make Better Operating Decisions Martin Buehring, KB4MG	AMSAT Forum Tim Cunningham, N8DEU	National Amateur Radio Alliance Mikel Turner, W4OPS
2 PM	Flex Radio Udate Michael Walker, VA3MW	ARRL Membership Forum Mickey Baker, N4MB	Microwave I Ben Lowe, K4QF	Dxing 101 Wes Lamboley, W3WL	Meteor Scatter Communication Dr. Rob Suggs, NN4NT	Hams Over IP Dr. Gary Pike, KA4KBX
3 PM	Fox Hunting 101 Joe (KI4ASK) and Mary Catherine Domaleski (KI4HHI)	Salty Walt's Portable Antennas Walt Hudson, K4OGO	Microwave II Ben Lowe, K4QF	There More to DXing than DXCC Jay Slough. K4ZLE	Lunar Mission Updates, Dr.Heidi Haviland, KK6SZW	YOTA Huntsville 2026, a Retrospective Neil Rapp, WB9VPG
4 PM	Closing Ceremony					
Schedule as of 7/23/26						



Forum Schedule, Huntsville Hamfest, 2026		
Date	Sunday, August 23, 2026	
Time	Room 1	Room 2
9 AM	Hamfest Doors Open	
10 AM	YouTube Group Hosted by Jason, Ham Radio 2.0	Adult Soldering 101 Matthew Sager, KI4AJZ, Kevin Hibbs, KG4TEI, Joe Eisenberg, K0NEB, Gary Dion, N4TXI
11 AM		
12 PM	POTA James Mon, KE8PZN	
1 PM	How Huntsville's YL Club Started Thriving Again Dr. Lisa Shier, N3WQL	
2 PM	Closing Ceremony	

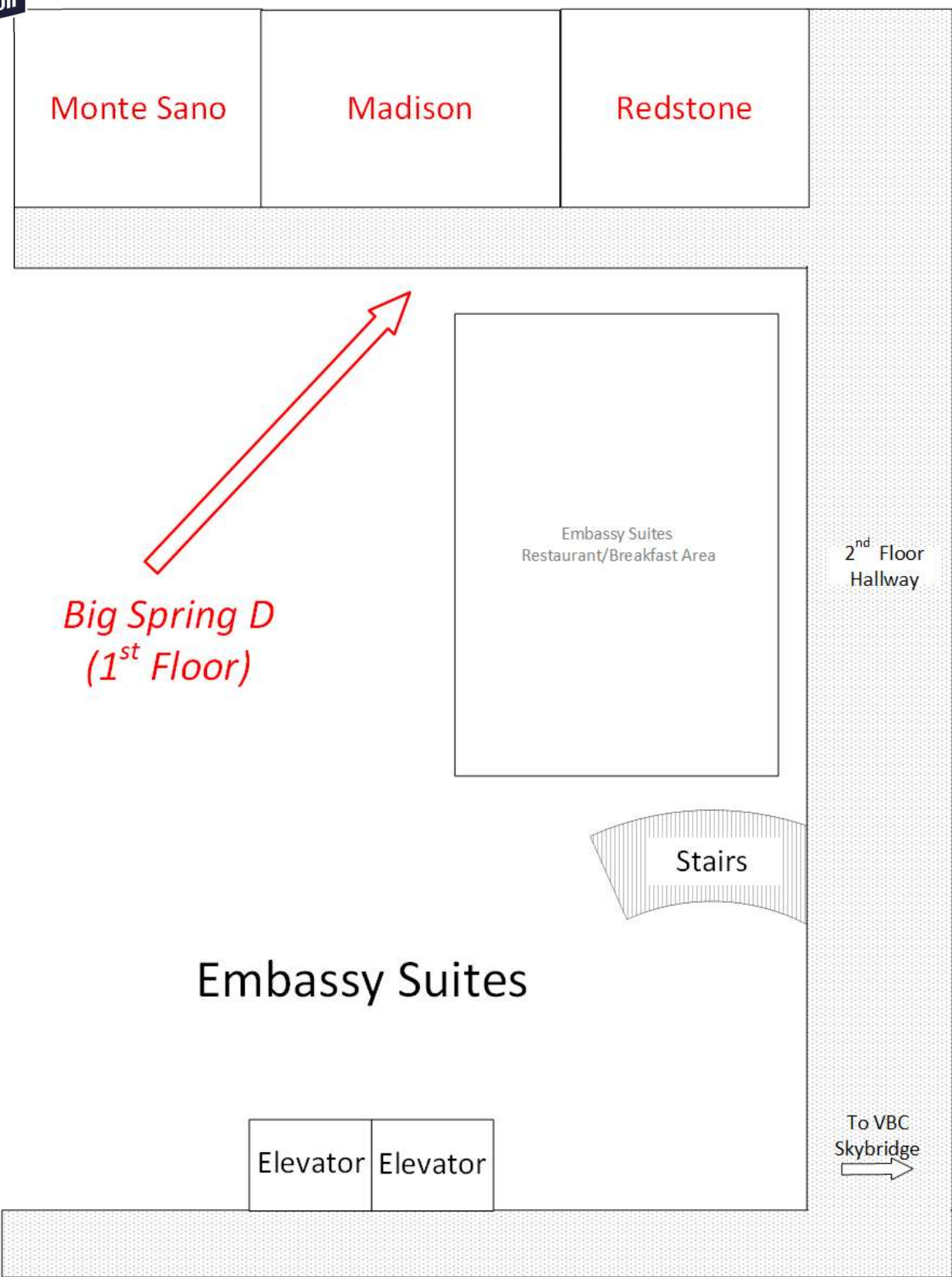
Link to Forum Descriptions

<https://hamfest.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/2026-Huntsville-Hamfest-Forum-List.pdf>

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Embassy Suites Forum Rooms





Parking near the VBC

For Hamfest 2026, 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

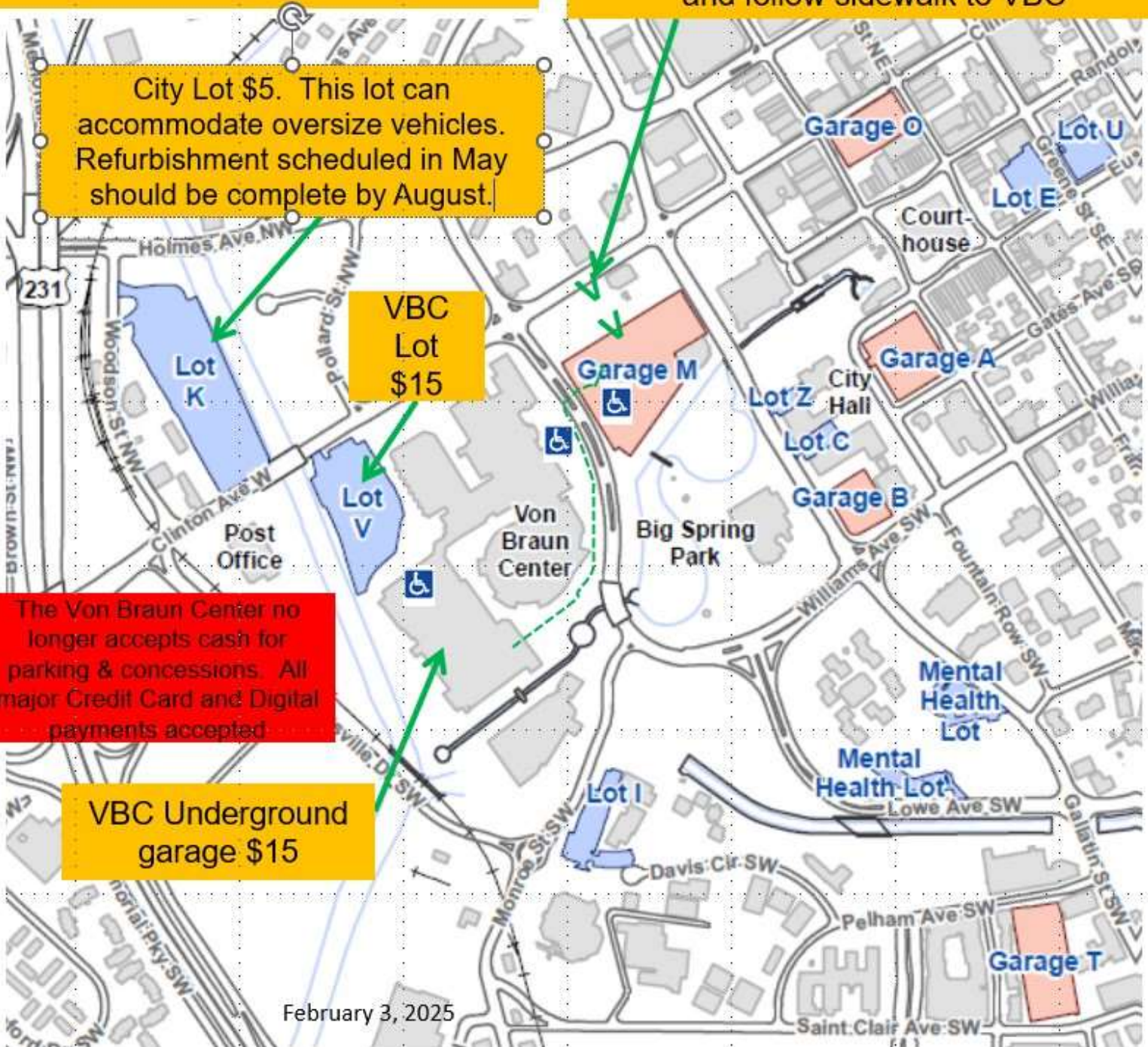
City Lot \$5. This lot can
accommodate oversize vehicles.
Refurbishment scheduled in May
should be complete by August.

VBC
Lot
\$15

The Von Braun Center no
longer accepts cash for
parking & concessions. All
major Credit Card and Digital
payments accepted

VBC Underground
garage \$15

February 3, 2025





2026 Vendors & Manufacturers

12V Power - Comet Antenna
ABR Industries
ARRL
Bird RF
Buddipole
C. T. Morgan & Assoc
C2 Power Solutions
C3 Electronics
Chatt Radio
Computer & Telecom Recycling Service (CTRS)
Dayton Hamvention
Diamond Antenna
Digirig
Donna Snow King (Author) / Don "Doc" Ballard MOH Recipient
DX Engineering
Elecraft
Explorer
Flex Radio Systems
Geochron
Gigaparts
Gold Medal Ideas
Ham Radio Deluxe
Ham Radio Outlet
Ham Radio Prep
Hamsource
Hamthreads
HDW Systems
Heil Ham Radio
Helioclock
Hollow-State Designs
Icom America
Intellitron
KM4CFT Technologies Llc
Lido Radio Products
Long Island CW Club
Lowmesh LLC
M&L Radio Technology

MakerNova
March Magnetic Paddles
Mastrant
Max-Gain Systems Inc.
Messi & Paoloni
Modern Morse
Morse Nexus
N3ZN Keys
Orlando Hamcation
QRQ Crew & BKG
Quicksilver Radio
Radio Club Of JHS22
Radioddity
Rig Expert
Rigol Technologies
Rocket Machine Worx
Sseed Technology Co. Ltd
SpecFive LLC
Spooltenna
Tarheel Designs
TAS Technology
The Elmer Brand
The Ham Stop
The Laser Ham
The Signman Of Baton Rouge
TN07 Engineering
Tower Electronics
Transel Corporation
True Ladder Line
Uni-Trend Technologies
VHQ Hex
W5YI Licensing Svcs
WA4MCMkits
Wild Sage Jewelry
William Perry Co.
Wired Communications
Yaesu USA



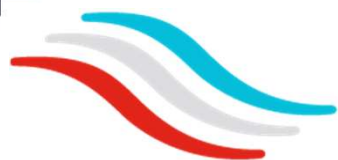
2026 Clubs & Organizations

Alabama Contest Group
Alabama Repeater Council
Alford Memorial Radio Club
AMSAT
ARISS
Birmingham / Alabama Mesh
Central Alabama Simplex Net
Chattanooga Hamfest
CW Ops
DC256
Flag & Torch Society
HamSCI
Jeffrey Dahn Memorial Foundation
Limestone ARES
Long Island CW Club
Madison County ARES
Madison County Cert Ass'n
National Amateur Radio Alliance
North Alabama DX Club
OMIK ARA
OMISS
Parks On The Air (POTA)
Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA)
Radio Club of America
Rambler Radio Club
RARSfest
SKCC
Southeastern VHF Society
W4DXCC DX & Contest Convention
Youth On The Air (YOTA)



Youth Lounge 2026

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Saturday

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 Get on the Air (GOTA)
 Morse Code Bingo
 Morse Code Bracelets
 Drive a robot
 Make a doodle bot
 3D Printer Demo
 Earn the Achievement Award

	Solder Table	Arduino Table	Electronics Table
9 AM			
10 AM	Solder Kit		Electronics Class
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4 PM	Close	Close	Close

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