

## **Hamfest Photos**

Aside from talking over their radios, a ham's second most favorite activity is to get together with other hams and talk <u>about</u> radios. And the place to do that is at a hamfest. Hamfests are part buying and selling, with both vintage and state-of-the-art equipment available. But they are also about the fellowship and pleasure of getting together and maybe putting a face next to that voice you've been talking to over the air for many a day or night. All four of the Sections within the Roanoke Division have regular, well-known hamfests. Some are huge, and others are small, but all of them are great fun!



Ron Curry, WA4GSS, and Phillip Coffee, KM4UCT, look over a vendor's wares at the 2016 Tri-State Amateur Radio Association's hamfest in Huntington WV. (Credit photo: Sholton Singer /The Herald-Dispatch)



Frostfest is one of the larger hamfests in Virginia and takes place annually early in February at the Richmond Raceway complex. It is the largest winter hamfest within the Mid Atlantic area. This image was from Frostfest 2013. (Photo courtesy Richmond Amateur Telecommunications Society)



A gorgeous National HRO Sr. receiver from the late 1930s or early 1940s destined for a flea market table at the Greenwood SC Hamfest. Vintage equipment abounds at these events, and hams love to reminisce over rigs they've owned or desired. Herbert Hoover Jr, W6ZH, the son of US President Herbert Hoover, is credited with designing the electronics for this radio. (Photo courtesy The SWLing Post)



Here is but a small part of the half-city-block-square outside flea market of the Shelby Hamfest. The inside portion fills multiple buildings, and this hamfest, which takes place annually over the Labor Day weekend, is North Carolina's most famous and well attended. (Photo courtesy Shelby Amateur Radio Club)



Yeah, sure you do! Keep this up, Pinocchio, and some day your nose will be half a wavelength long at 160 meters. (Image copyright the Walt Disney Company)

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