

65<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Day

**HAMFEST**

West Texas Section Convention

**MORE PRIZES!**  
**AND -This Year Again--**  
**Buy ONE table, get one**  
**for half price!!**

**PRE REG. PRIZE**



**HEIL  
PR77  
MIC**

**SATURDAY  
March 21, 2020**

**At the Martin Luther King Center  
Midland, Texas**

<http://hamfest.w5qggg.org>

**Hamfest Location**

The Martin Luther King Activity Center is located at 2300 Butternut Lane, just off of E. Scharbauer Dr. in East Midland. The MLK Center has ample parking, with overflow at the high school across the street. On the grounds is a park, and a playground for kids.

**INFO: [www.visitmidland.com](http://www.visitmidland.com)**

General directions: From East: on I-20, take exit 143 Loop 250 North. Follow Loop signs and turn left at Fairgrounds Rd exit. Straight South until you hit Scharbauer Drive. Turn right and go four blocks, turn right on Butternut Lane at the high school football field.  
From West: On I-20, take Loop 250 exit at exit 131. Follow Loop 250 North around town to Fairgrounds exit. Go south to Scharbauer Dr. and turn right as above. There may be some construction under way.

**Closest Midland Hotel**

**Plaza Inn Midland**

4108 No. Big Spring

Midland, TX 79705

432-686-8733

**Call Early for best pricing!!**

**Hamfest Hours & Setup Times**

Exhibit set-up will be from 5:00pm until 7:00pm Friday afternoon. The doors will be locked at 7:00pm Friday, to be re-opened at 7:00 am Saturday morning for continued dealer and exhibitor set-up. The Hamfest will be open to the public at 8:00 am until main prize drawing. Forums will start at 8:00am.

Dealers and exhibitors will have special identifying badges. Only persons wearing these special badges may enter the hamfest building at the designated set-up times. Pre-Hamfest sales are discouraged by MARC and the rules of facility.

Pre-registration ticket and name tag pickup will take place in the main hallway entrance to the hamfest gymnasium, starting at 5:00 pm on Friday, March 20th, and lasting until 7:00 pm. Registrations "at the door" will also be available at these times if available. On Saturday morning, pre-registration ticket and name tag pickup as well as new registrations will continue at the gymnasium entrance at 8:00 am.

**PLEASE NOTE :**

All Table positions will be pre-assigned. All tables are rented on a first-come, first-served basis to registered Hamfest participants only and must have a rental tag displayed. No refunds for no-shows. Limited A/C outlets, specify in advance or bring a long extension cord if you need power.

All unclaimed tables become available for 1/2 price at 10:00am Saturday.

## Worked All States Award

Subject to time available

If you have QSL cards confirming contacts from all 50 states (District of Columbia counts as MD), bring your cards and proof of current ARRL membership to apply for the Worked All States Award. The basic award fee is \$12 for each WAS certificate, or \$15 for each WAS certificate and pin, and the endorsement fee is \$7.50. (Endorsements claimed with the initial award are included in the \$12 fee).

If you have confirmed contacts from at least 100 different grid squares, bring your cards and proof of current ARRL membership to apply for the VHF/UHF Century Club Award. The basic award fee is \$17 (certificate) and \$7 (pin). Application fee for ARRL members \$5, for non-members \$10.

If you intend to apply for either of these awards at the Hamfest, or if you have any questions, please contact either ARRL awards manager in advance for changes in fee schedules. We will be available from 8am 'til Noon.

Mark Cranford N5XXD - n5xxd@suddenlink.net  
Sara Gail Cranford N5ZMP - sgcranford@juno.com

## FORUMS & PROGRAMS

PLEASE CHECK WEB PAGE FOR UPDATES

<http://hamfest.w5qgg.org>

8:00 am TBA

9:00 am George Robertson

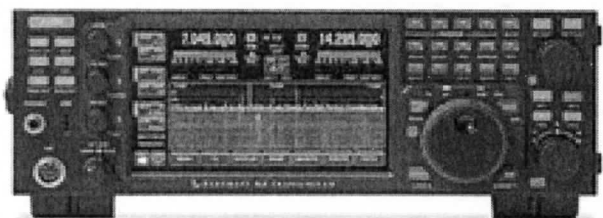
Internet Security in the Age of Independent Devices

10:00am

West Texas Section Convention Hour -

John Stratton, Dale Durham and More

11:00 am Bob Heil on Skype



### NEW!! K4 HF + 6 TRANSCEIVER << RAFFLE >>

Your chance to own the latest dream machine from Elecraft.

The Midland Amateur Radio club is this time raffling off a K4 - 100W transceiver with microphone and built in spectrum display. A space is provided in the Pre-Registration form on page 3 in case you want to buy a few chances. Only 400 tickets to be sold.

For more information - visit:

[k4raffle.w5qgg.org](http://k4raffle.w5qgg.org)

<http://www.elecraft.com>

## RV Hook-ups

**Due to city rules & reg's, overnight RV parking at the MLK Center is not permitted. -- Alternate parks are:**

Midland RV Campground 432-697-0801

< [www.midlandrvpark.com](http://www.midlandrvpark.com) >

Hidden Ranch RV park (South of Midland Int'l Airport)  
432-559-4631

Midessa Oilpatch RV park 4220 S County Rd 1290  
Odessa, TX 79765 432- 563-2368

**PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS EARLY !!**

## Examinations For Amateur Radio Licenses

The MIDLAND VE TEAM volunteer examiners headed by Mitchell Martin WA5ZAP will administer Amateur exams (all classes) on Saturday, March 16th at **1:00 pm** in the adjacent conference room. Ask for testing location at the registration desk.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

- ☒ YOUR CURRENT, ORIGINAL, SIGNED LICENSE (if you have one) plus a photocopy for us to keep.
- ☒ A photocopy plus the original of any CERTIFICATE OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF EXAMINATION (CSCE) that you plan to use for element or upgrade credit.
- ☒ You MUST bring two forms of ID, one with picture. If no photo ID is available, bring any two of the following items:
  - °Non-photo ID/driver's License.
  - °Birth certificate (must have appropriate seal).
  - °Minor's work permit or school report card.
  - °Utility bill; bank statement, or other correspondence that specifically names the person.

PLEASE BRING EXACT CHANGE of **\$15.00** for all examinations. Bring BLUE OR BLACK INK PENS, PENCILS, and Do not bring a completed FCC form 605, as they will be provided at the exam session, and must be signed at the session.

### ↓↓↓ PLEASE NOTE ! ↓↓↓

**WE PROMISE: THIS TIME WILL BE THE LAST YEAR FOR PAPER FLIERS. MAKE SURE YOUR CURRENT E-MAIL ADDRESS IS ON FILE WITH MIDLAND HAMFEST ORGANIZERS FOR FUTURE ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

web - [www.w5qgg.org](http://www.w5qgg.org)

email <[w5qgg@arrrl.net](mailto:w5qgg@arrrl.net)>

**Be sure to visit KC5ALH**

**\*\*\* Paul's Custom PC's \*\*\***

For New and Used Amateur Gear at the Midland Swapfest

# 2020 PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

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(Pre-registration prize of a HEIL PR77D "Retro" Mic to be given away Saturday at noon)

## The Package Deal!

1 Pre-registration plus  
25 Extra Chance Tickets!!

# @ \$25.00 ea \$

Pre-registration # @ \$10.00 ea \$

Extra Chances # @ \$1.00 ea \$

Table Rentals # @ \$12.00 ea \$

Extra Tables! # @ \$6.00 ea \$

K4S RAFFLE! # @ \$20.00 ea \$

TOTAL  
ENCLOSED \$

CREDIT  
CARDS  
ACCEPTED  
AT THE  
DOOR

- Registration is \$12.00 at the door
- Unclaimed tables become available for 1/2 price at 10:00am Saturday
- Sales Tax is the responsibility of Dealers and Sellers
- Fire-arms sales are not permitted on the premises
- Those who want tables together must send in registration together

Questions? e-mail to <marc.w5qgg@gmail.com>  
Or - call 432-520-4003. Please leave message!!

## Register Now!

Please mail Pre-Registrations to be Postmarked  
on or before Wednesday, March 11, 2020.  
- OR -

Use your credit card or PayPal to register on-line at  
<http://hamfest.w5qgg.org>

Name		Call
Address		
City	St	Zip
E-mail		
Phone		

Name		Call
Address		
City	St	Zip
E-mail		
Phone		

MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO M.A.R.C., MAIL TO: HAMFEST, 3511 PRINCETON AVE., MIDLAND, TX 79703

**DXCC Card Checking, Robert  
Wood, W5AJ**

Please inquire at registration desk  
or go to:

<[www.arrl.org/online-dxcc-application](http://www.arrl.org/online-dxcc-application)>

(OAK CALL SIGN PRIZES SUPPLIED BY:  
CLIFF, KC0SDV <[www.oakcallsigns.com](http://www.oakcallsigns.com)>)

## Talk-In Frequencies

Our primary talk-in frequency will be the 147.30 (+)  
W5QGG repeater, 88.5 tone. This repeater will operate  
as a closed, net controlled repeater beginning on Friday.  
We will also be glad to give you information on lodging,  
dining, and interesting places to go.

Here are some other repeaters available in our area:

147.38 (+) no tone	W5MAF	Midland/Odessa Area,
146.76 (-) 88.5 tone	KD5C	Local, Midland
146.90 (-) 88.5 tone	N5XXO	West Texas Connection
444.20 (+) 162.2 tone	W5QGG	Midland Area
443.3625(+)	MOTOTRBO CC14 KE5PL DMR	
147.22 (+)	KE5PL P25 NAC293 KE5PL, MIDLAND	

## HAMFEST PRIZES

Pre-Registration Prize \* -- HEIL PR77D PRO MIC & ARM  
To be given away Saturday at Noon



**Grand Prize**  
**ELECRAFT**  
**KX2**

80-10 QRP TRANSCEIVER

2nd Grand Prize

LDJ - Z100 AUTOTUNER

3th Grand Prize

ASTRON SS-30M P.S. W / METERS

4rd AND 5th Grand Prizes

AUSINC ALL MODE V.N. Analyzer

ONE CUSTOM OAK CALL SIGN  
EVERY HOUR 9-'til Noon!!



(Your Call ! Need not to be present to win!)