

AUSTIN SUMMERFEST 2018

August 3 & 4, 2018

Crowne Plaza - Austin
6121 North IH-35
NE Corner of IH-35N & US 290E

Austin, Texas
78752

Our 35th Anniversary!

Once again it's time for fun in the sun in central Texas as we make the Capital City the place to be in the middle of the Texas summer. Come and enjoy old friends, the swapfest, and all the events at Austin Summerfest 2018, the ARRL Texas State Convention. And as always, we also host the Summer Meeting of the Texas VHF-FM Society.

Same hotel as
last year !!!

Check out
www.austinsummerfest.org
for late breaking news!

Schedule

All the activity is concentrated on Friday night and Saturday, to allow you flexibility in your weekend travel plans. But do come early, as things fire up at 6 Friday evening and go 'till 9, and start up again Saturday at 8 am, with swapping 'till 3:30 and dealers & sessions 'till 4:30.

The Texas VHF-FM Society meeting will run from 1 to approximately 3 pm, so mark your schedule.

Prizes

Prizes Galore! You have a chance at a slew of them, including these Major Prizes:

- Grand prize is a **Yaesu FT-891** HF+50Mhz all-mode mobile transceiver.
- Our *Featured Prize* is a **Yaesu FTM-7250DR** 2M/70 CM C4FM/FM 50 Watt Mobile.
- A special *Bonus Prize* is a **Yaesu FT-70DR** 2M/440MHz 5W C4FM/FM Digital HT.



Bonus and Advance
Registration Prizes
2 Yaesu FT-70DRs

Furthermore, if you register in advance you have a shot at the Advance Registration Prize—another **Yaesu FT-70DR!**

With your registration you get one ticket good for Saturday's door prizes and the Major Prizes, and you can buy more tickets at \$1 each. Plus, if you rent a room at the Crowne Plaza, you'll get five bonus tickets for each room-night, up to a total of ten tickets. (See next page for prize rules.)



Grand Prize,
Yaesu FT-891



Featured Prize,
Yaesu FTM-
7250DR

Swapfest

For lots of folks, our main event—wall-to-wall goodies of every description, brought to you in carpeted, air-conditioned comfort on Friday evening and Saturday.

Rules:

- Full-sized tables: 6 feet by 30 inches. \$10 each, limit of 3 to a customer. First come, first served.
- AC power is available at an additional \$5 per customer, through advance registration only.
- We'll attempt to honor requests from groups of sellers for adjacent tables, if we receive your registrations in the same envelope.
- If you advance register for swap tables, we'll attempt to notify you in advance if they are unavailable due to being sold out (a rare occurrence). Be sure to give us your email address so we can notify you that way.
- Your table(s) will be held for you until 10 am Saturday.
- Swapfest hours are 6 to 9 pm Friday and 8 am to 3:30 pm Saturday. Opening times are for both sellers (for setup) and shoppers.
- Buyers and sellers must be registered at the convention.

We'll be holding a Tailgate swapfest on the east side of the Crowne Plaza Hotel. You need not be registered at the Convention to sell at the tailgate, but of course you'll want to attend the indoor swapfest and sessions, so it would be a good idea to register.

Technical Sessions

As in past years we will have a full compliment of
Technical sessions.

[Click here for the latest info!](http://austinsummerfest.org/index.php/technical-sessions.html)

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Driving Directions

The Crowne Plaza is at 6121 IH-35 North at US 290, Austin, TX, 78752. Phone (512)323-5466. Talk-in is on 146.34/94. Tone: 107.2Hz

Northbound on IH-35: Take Exit 238-A (RM 2222). Continue on the frontage road over US 290. Turn right into the west entrance of the Crowne Plaza parking lot.

Southbound on IH-35: Take Exit 238 B-A, marked East 290 Houston West 2222. As you go up the ramp, it splits. Bear right at the fork, taking the West 2222 ramp. As you get back down to ground level, stay in the left lane and take the U-turn under IH-35 to the northbound frontage road of IH-35. Get to the right side of the northbound frontage road as soon as possible and take the first right turn into the west entrance of the Crowne Plaza parking lot. If you miss the first turn into the lot, take the second one into the northmost end of the hotel parking lot and work your way back to the front of the hotel.

Westbound on US 290: Take the IH-35 North (Waco) exit. Shortly after the exit ramp, bear to the right; turn right into the south entrance of the Crowne Plaza parking lot. This turn comes up quick; if you overshoot, just follow the turn lane to the right onto the northbound frontage road and turn right into the west entrance of the Crowne Plaza parking lot.

Summerfest will be held in the hotel's convention center in the southeast side. The tailgate swapfest area will be made available Saturday morning in the parking lot section in the southeast corner of the hotel property.

Prize Rules

We'll award door prizes throughout the day Saturday, until noon. For these, you must claim your prize by 12:45 pm Saturday. We'll post your name/call or ticket number at the prize drawing table. Prize tickets are only valid for persons registered at the convention.

At 1:00, we begin drawings for our three Major Prizes.

For the Major and Advance Registration Prizes, you need not be present to win. If you're a winner, we'll post your name and hold your prize. If you haven't claimed it by the end of the day, we'll send it to you.

License Exams

An exam session Saturday afternoon will cover all elements. Bring a photo ID and one other form of identification, and \$15.00; if you're upgrading, bring your current license, any applicable CSCE's, and a photocopy of each. For more info email **Larry Gunter WB5BEK** at wb5bek@arrl.net

On Saturday morning **Jeff Schmidt N5MNW** has just what you need: **A Welcome and Information for New Hams.**

Amenities

Come on up to our hospitality suite. Room 505—that's where you'll find your old friends and new ones, too. There are soft drinks and munchies on Friday night, and refreshments on Saturday morning.

The Crowne Plaza's restaurant will serve a buffet lunch on Saturday.

Administration Matters

Exchange views with West Gulf Division Director **David Woolweaver K5RAV** and Vice Director **John Robert Stratton N5AUS**. Find out what's going on and offer your opinions and insights. The ideal way to get or stay involved!

As always, we host the Summer Meeting of the Texas VHF-FM Society, scheduled for 1:00 Saturday afternoon.

Craft and Skills Events

Rochelle Kinter KA5HHZ hosts our crafts session. No prior experience required. Come for a short while or the whole session and take home a completed crafts project. Did we mention, no charge? Children are welcome, but an adult must be with the children to supervise and help.

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The ARRL Texas State Convention The Texas VHF-FM Society Summer Meeting



A word about our special guests...

The Texas VHF-FM Society is a group of several hundred radio amateurs with a special interest in the design and operation of VHF and UHF repeaters. The first meeting of The Society was held on August 8, 1965 on the picnic grounds of Zilker Park in Austin, Texas. Forty-five licensed hams were in attendance, including five XYLs. The Society now counts as members the licensees or technical custodians of nearly all the repeaters in Texas. Today, it continues in that role, minimizing inter-community friction and helping the maximum number of amateurs operate and use repeaters. The Society educates, mediates, and arbitrates all matters of frequency coordination brought to its attention. The members of the Society invite you and your friends to join us; we know you will find it fun and rewarding to be a part of this organization.