

Sunday May 21st		
Time	Room	Forum
9:15-10:15	Room 1	West Mountain Radio
		Moderator: Sholto Fisher K7TMG
		Getting started with JT65/JT9 on HF Description: Get up to speed with the JT HF modes and a few tips for seasoned operators! Presenter: Sholto Fisher, West Mountain Radio Bio: Sholto has been interested in digital modes since the 1980s. First licensed in 1995 as G7TMG he holds FCC amateur extra class license K7TMG and the GMDSS full license. For the last 6 years he has been working for West Mountain Radio in a technical support role.
9:15-10:15	Room 2	Learning Discovery and Fun
		Moderator: Tommy Gober N5DUX
		The next generation of ham radio operators are today's students. As an instructor for ARRL's Teachers Institute on Wireless Technology, Tommy Gober, N5DUX, introduces teachers to a variety of tools and curriculum to take back to their classrooms: intro to basic electronics, the science of radio, space technology and satellite communications, as well as weather science, introduction to micro-controllers and basic robotics. Tommy will share strategies and experiences to help motivate students to learn, and to inspire interest in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) fields. This forum is sponsored by ARRL, the national association for Amateur Radio®
9:15-10:15	Room 3	Receiving Antennas
		Moderator: Eric Nichols KL7AJ
		"Receiving antennas are DIFFERENT! Almost every amateur radio station can benefit from having a separate receiving antenna. Eric Nichols, KL7AJ will discuss the profound differences between the requirements of transmitting and receiving antennas, and how to optimize antennas for reception. As the overall noise floor in the HF band steadily increases, the deployment of well designed, low-noise receiving antennas will be increasingly important. Exciting new technologies make small, effective receiving antennas possible and practical." "Eric P. Nichols, KL7AJ is a two-time recipient of the William Orr, W6SAI Technical Writing Award, conferred by the ARRL. He is currently technical editor for the W5YI group, working closely with Gordon West. He has written dozens of articles for QST, and is the author of The Opus of Amateur Radio Knowledge and Lore, Radio Science for the Radio Amateur, Propagation and Radio Science, and, Digital Storage Oscilloscopes for Ham Radio. He is currently writing a book on active and passive receiving antennas for ARRL, the topic of this talk.
9:15-10:15	Room 4	Bicycle Mobile Hams of America (The 27th Annual BMHA forum at Hamvention)
		Moderator: Mike Nickolaus NFON

		<p>Bicycle Mobile Hams of America got its start in 1989 when a QST article by Hartley Alley, N40A asked hams who operate their radios while bicycle-mobile to get together and form a group. BMHA hosts a website along with the BMHA Yahoo Groups forum.</p> <p>Mike Nickolaus: NF0N : Review of 2017 BMHA Bicycle Trail Ride</p> <p>Keith Miller: NE9KM</p> <p>Keith will present the packing, planning, connections, experiences on the trail while riding and working National Parks on the Air. He will have the bike and gear that he used on both the Great Divide and GAP/C&O rides. While he changed the plan he presented last year and did not operate while bike mobile he used the radio for NPOTA during the evening while in camp. This presentation will help others prepare for a several week self supported bike trip.</p> <p>We plan to have bicycle mobile displays and demonstrations of each will be conducted.</p>
10:30-11:30	Room 1	Robotics in the Classroom
		Moderator: Ray Golembiewski KE8EIX
		<p>Speaker: Dave Dunn</p> <p>The FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) is a unique varsity sport of the mind designed to help high-school-aged students experience science and technology in a competition that feels more like the NCAA Final Four than a science fair. The competition challenges young people to work with mentors in just six weeks to design and build a 120lb robot to play a pre-defined game. This year's robots voyage back to the age of Jules Vern and H.G. Wells to power airships and at the end the robots climb on board by ascending a 5 foot rope. (They won't actually take flight, but it's the thought that counts!) Sounds a little crazy, right? You've really got to see it to believe it. The competition is designed by world-famous inventor Dean Kamen, MIT professor emeritus Dr. Woodie Flowers, and a committee of creatively minded innovators. Come listen to the BONDS robotics team describe the program and show off this year's robot "Skyfall"</p>
10:30-11:30	Room 2	ARRL National Parks On The Air Recap
		Moderators: Norm Fusaro, W3IZ, ARRL Radiosport Manager and Sean Kutzko, KX9X, ARRL Media and Public Relations Manager
		ARRL National Parks on the Air (NPOTA) commemorated the centennial of the US National Park Service in 2016. Activators and Chasers completed over one million radio contacts. Through NPOTA contacts, photographs, and stories...we were whisked away to mountain tops, seashores, monuments, and to some of the most treasured sites of our nation. If you were part of NPOTA in 2016, we want you to join us for this celebration and recap of one of the most popular on-air events of all time. This forum is sponsored by ARRL, the national association for Amateur Radio®
10:30-11:30	Room 3	Setting Up Disaster Communications In Asia

		<p>Moderator: S. Ram Mohan VU2MYH</p> <p>Special Achievement: S. Ram Mohan, VU2MYH</p> <p>S. Ram Mohan is the Executive Vice Chairman & Director National Institute of Amateur Radio, Hyderabad, India. He was Licensed as Radio Amateur Grade-I since 1988, conducted number of experiments on H.F. and V.H.F. communication equipment and carried out propagation tests, organized training programs, DX-pedition's, workshops, General Amateur Radio activities including public service Communication.</p> <p>As Chief Investigator for Dept. of Information Technology, Govt. of India funded Pilot Projects, he has successfully implemented the programs on Digital connectivity to Urban/Rural/Remote areas through amateur radio, Study on Propagation Conditions in Coastal Areas and Advanced Digital Amateur Radio Communication Network.</p> <p>He led team member for many emergency communications operations. Examples are: Nepal Earthquake 2015, Cyclone Hud 2014, Uttarakhand Floods 2013, West Bengal 'Ayla' Cyclone 2009, Indian Ocean Tsunami 2004, Gujarat earthquake 2001, and the Orissa Super Cyclone 1999.</p>
10:30-11:30	Room 4	<p>Tower Safety</p> <p>Moderator: Mark Allen W6PC</p> <p>Mark Allen, W6PC, will once again provide the popular presentation on tower safety, tips and techniques on planning, installation and maintenance of your tower, and answer questions about towers and poles typically used by amateur stations. The presentation will be conducted on PowerPoint and will review, good practices, accidents and regulations which may affect amateurs who have their own tower installations.</p> <p>Mr. Allen, Vice President, of ROHN Tower, has more than 45 years in the professional communications industry and has been involved in all aspects of towers during his career. This presentation always receives excellent reviews and is very informative. Bring your tower questions and plan to attend.</p>