

Dayton Hamvention 2026

Flea Market Rules & Information

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Basic

Information

The Hamvention® 2026 will be held on May 15-17. Unassisted installation of Flea Market displays may be done on Thursday May 14th, from 7:00 am until 6:00 pm and on May 15, 16 and 17 from 7:00-8:30 am.

IMPORTANT Due to final space preparations, **ABSOLUTELY NO** vendor vehicles are permitted anywhere, in any of the Flea Market areas, prior to Thursday morning, without previous permission from the Flea Market Chairman. Unauthorized vehicles are subject to being towed, at the owner's expense.

PLEASE NOTE On any day, Thursday through Saturday, after the Flea Market office has closed, any arrivals not having their Flea Market pass in-hand, **WILL NOT** be permitted entry, until obtaining their packet from the Flea Market office, the following morning. Dismantling will take place on Sunday, May 17th, from the time the displays close until 3:00 pm. Any other times will require the approval of the Flea Market Chairman. Regardless of the day, Thursday thru Saturday, the infield and track areas of the Flea Market **MUST BE VACATED** by 7:00 pm and on Sunday, no later than 3:00 pm. This rule will be strictly enforced. There will be **NO** exceptions.

TO ALL FLEA MARKET VENDORS

The approximate size of each Flea Market space is 10 x 17 feet or 170 square feet and 9 x 17 feet or 153 square feet. Any vehicle(s) that cannot fit within the boundaries of your Flea Market space(s) must be parked outside of the Flea Market area. See the Hamvention® Flea Market Rule Sheet.

Vendors planning on having a canopy, tent, fly or pop-up shelter of any kind, covering more than 400 square feet, may be required to have valid permits, from either the City of Xenia Zoning Department or Xenia Township, as well as an approval from the Greene County Building Department. In addition, a final inspection will need to be conducted by the Xenia Fire Inspector. Upon the issuance of the permit, you must submit a copy of the permit to the Hamvention® Flea Market Committee.

ADMISSION TICKETS

There are a maximum of two Flea Market Vendor Admission tickets available per Flea Market space. Vendor Admission tickets allow access to the Flea Market area for set-up, prior to the Flea Market being opened to the general public. If more than two tickets per space are needed, the additional tickets must be General Admission tickets. General Admission tickets allow access to the entire Dayton Hamvention®, ie: Inside Exhibits, Forums, Flea Market, etc. If persons holding General Admission tickets are needed by Flea Market vendors, to assist with the setup and operation of their Flea Market space(s) prior to the Flea Market opening, those persons with General Admission tickets may enter, if escorted by someone holding a Vendor Admission ticket.

Any vendor, who has not previously used the website for making their reservations, may need to e-mail: fleamarket@hamvention.org, to receive logon information, for reserving spaces via the website.

FLEA MARKET SPACE PASS

A Flea Market Space Pass is required for any vehicle needing to enter the Flea Market area. Since each Space Pass has ALL of a vendor's space numbers printed on it, it will identify all of the spaces in a vendor's reservation. In past years, many vendors have used spaces to park multiple vehicles, rather than using the spaces to sell products. Given the lack of Flea Market spaces available, in an effort to reduce the

number of vehicles taking up much needed selling space, only a single space pass will be provided to each vendor. If more than one vehicle is required to bring products into the Flea Market area, after one vehicle is unloaded, it can be parked in the Flea Market Parking area and the space pass can be used to bring the next vehicle in. There is no charge for a space pass and you may receive up to one pass per Flea Market space, as needed. Any vehicle entering the Flea Market gate must have its Space Pass displayed, so it is visible through the front windshield. Space Passes must remain displayed, at all times when the vehicle is on the Greene County Fairgrounds property and within the Flea Market area. Vehicles found without a valid space pass displayed, will be subject to being towed from the property, at the owner's expense.

SPACE IDENTIFICATION

Flea Market spaces are identified by a four-digit number. This four-digit number indicates the specific space, within the Hamvention® event. Spaces numbered in the 7000 series or the 8000 series are located inside the Flea Market infield area any spaces that are outside the race track will be numbered in the 9000. These four-digit numbers are never duplicated, anywhere in the Flea Market or Inside Exhibit areas.

SPACE RENTALS

As the Hamvention® Flea Market area is intended for selling amateur radio equipment and since the number of available spaces is limited, space rental will be limited anyone who will be **ACTIVELY SELLING** products related to the hobby of amateur radio. No spaces will be rented for the sole purpose of parking a vehicle, without actually selling products out of the vehicle. Any vehicles found unattended and not involved in the active sales of products will be subject to being towed from the space, at the owner's expense. Vehicles will be permitted into the Flea Market area, for either unloading or selling directly out of, however, once unloaded, vehicles must be removed and parked in a courtesy parking area.

HAM CLUB SPACES

In the spirit of promoting the hobby of amateur radio, the Dayton Amateur Radio Association and the Hamvention® wholeheartedly supports membership in ham radio clubs, as well as participation in club activities. As a show of our support for any amateur radio clubs wishing to attend the Dayton Hamvention®, we offer a discount for Ham Club spaces, making it more affordable for a club's members to attend. To qualify for the discount, a club reservation must comply with the following criteria:

- Groups requesting Ham Club status must be actively involved in amateur radio activities.
- Club space requests **CANNOT** be accomplished automatically, in the online reservation system.
- Club space requests must be approved by the Flea Market Chairman or Assistant.
- Club spaces must be positioned adjacent to each other, either side-by-side or back-to-back.
- An individual having been approved for a Ham Club request may have another reservation in their name however; that individual may not be approved for a second club request.
- Ham Club spaces will be priced at the rate of: 2 spaces - \$105, with any additional spaces available at the standard rates of \$75 each for an internal space or \$105 for an end cap space.
- We cannot guarantee the positioning of multiple clubs collocated, next to each other.
- A group of Ham Club spaces cannot be granted to include end spaces that are along an aisle. Although end spaces may be included in a reservation, their price will not be discounted as part of the group.
- All requests for Ham Club spaces must be submitted to the Hamvention® Flea Market Committee, either by mail, fax or e-mail and can only be approved by the Flea Market Chairman or Assistant Chairman.
- Club space request forms can be downloaded from the Hamvention® website and completed for submission.
- Club space request forms must be accompanied by one of the following, to provide validation of a club's existence:

1. Copy of the club's FCC callsign license.

2. Copy of the club's ARRL registration.
3. Certificate of the club's "Not-for-Profit" status.

NOTE: A copy of a club newsletter may be provided, in support of the above listed documentation however, a newsletter by itself will not be accepted as the sole form of validation documentation.

- A Ham Club reservation must include a minimum of one (1) Vendor Admission Ticket per space, ie: two (2) club spaces - two (2) Vendor Admission tickets.

NOTE: Any Ham Club reservation request not providing one of the three forms of validation and/or not including the minimum number of Vendor Admission tickets **WILL NOT** be considered for approval.

Upon receipt of an application and validation of a request, the reservation will be manually processed. If the Flea Market Committee has previously approved a club to receive the Ham Club discount, unless there have been changes in the approved information (vendor's name, contact information, etc.), it will not be necessary to resubmit the validation information each year however, the Flea Market Committee must be contacted, before any Ham Club discount can be applied to a reservation.

PLEASE NOTE: Club spaces are only available in a group of up to two (2) spaces. Only one group of spaces is available to any one club that meets the aforementioned requirements. Only one group of club spaces is available to be reserved, as a Club, under any one individual's name.

VEHICLES IN THE FLEA MARKET

Although a Flea Market Space Pass is included with every reservation, Flea Market spaces are intended for the selling of products, not for parking vehicles. Motorized vehicles in the Flea Market selling area must be positioned to either be selling directly out of a vehicle in a single space or the vehicles must be positioned across the backs of spaces, allowing the fronts of the spaces to be used for selling. These types of vehicles include, but are not limited to motor homes, campers, trailers or other similar vehicles. Vendors intending to bring such a vehicle or one that is larger than a standard sized car or pickup truck need to consider arriving earlier on Thursday, to position the vehicles and avoid conflicts with neighboring vendors. Reservations found to have vehicles occupying spaces that are intended for selling may be subject to losing those spaces from future reservations.

MOTORIZED VEHICLES IN THE FLEA MARKET

Motorized vehicles in the Flea Market area are limited to those cars, trucks and/or trailers, necessary for vendors to move products into their spaces. In addition, any vehicles necessary to transport handicapped vendors or visitors are permitted. Such vehicles may be personally provided or are available for rent; ie: Scoot-Around.

PROHIBITED VEHICLES

Motorized vehicles in the Flea Market are permitted for handicapped vendors and/or visitors however, vehicles that are prohibited are motorized carts, 2-wheeled scooters or similar, including Segways. ALL of these are prohibited throughout the week of Hamvention®, beginning on the Monday prior to and the Sunday ending Hamvention®.

FLEA MARKET VENDOR PARKING PERMIT

A Flea Market Vendor Parking Permit allows a vendor to park a vehicle in the race track area surrounding the infield Flea Market area or in the front lot area, which is used for early morning staging of vehicles. Due to the limited number of spaces and passes available in the Vendor Parking area, one (1) pass per Flea Market space will be permitted, up to a **MAXIMUM** of three (3) passes per vendor or club. Vendor Parking Permits are available on a "First Come, First Served" basis. Any vehicles parked in the Flea Market Vendor

Parking area **MUST** have a valid Vendor Parking Permit visibly displayed in a position where the vendor's information may be viewed. As the track area is an active horse training track, vehicles will not be permitted entry until 6:00 am and **MUST BE REMOVED** no later than 7:00 pm. Under no circumstances will overnight parking be permitted in the Vendor Parking areas. Although vehicles must have a Flea Market Space Pass to enter the infield area of the Flea Market, a Flea Market Space Pass **IS NOT** a pass to park in the Vendor Parking area. Any vehicles parked in the Vendor Parking area **MUST HAVE** a Vendor Parking Permit. Any vehicle without a valid permit or a pass that the vendor information is not visible is subject to being towed, at the owner's expense. Due to the limited number of spaces, additional Parking Permits are available, for \$5.00 each, while the quantity lasts. Quantities and distribution will be at the discretion of the Flea Market Chairman.

FLEA MARKET MAP (Floor Plan)

The Flea Market map will be viewable in a PDF format, which will provide all of the details of the entire Flea Market area. Additional printed copies of maps will be available, upon request, at the Flea Market office and the Flea Market Will Call area, while supplies last.

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION

The Dayton Amateur Radio Association (dba DARA) and/or the Dayton Hamvention® are not responsible for any sales taxes collected, during the Hamvention®. Any sales tax collected for transactions are the sole responsibility of the individual vendors. Please refer to the Ohio Department of Taxation's website, for any details, questions or forms, related to vendor's sales taxes: <http://www.tax.ohio.gov/forms.aspx> Once at this site, type "Vendor" in the space for "Form Title" and this will take you to the forms that will be applicable.

The volunteers of the Flea Market Committee are looking forward to seeing you at the Hamvention® 2026 and will do everything possible, to make your visit an enjoyable one.

FLEA MARKET RULES

1. During the Hamvention®, the Flea Market will be opened to the general public, at 9:00 am each day and will close at 5:00 pm on Friday and Saturday.
2. A standard Flea Market space size is nominally 10 x 17 feet and 9 x 17 feet for a premium space. No vehicle and/or setup may exceed the designated marked area of the space(s) purchased. This is enforced by the Xenia Township Fire Inspector.
3. Flea Market spaces are non-transferable. Please contact the Hamvention® Flea Market Committee if you need to dispose of or make any changes regarding your rented spaces.
4. A Dayton Hamvention® 2025 admission ticket marked "Flea Market" is required for each individual to access the Flea Market area, prior to 9 am, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
5. No Flea Market vendor's vehicles are permitted on Greene County Fairgrounds Complex prior to 7:00 am, Thursday, except by prior arrangement with the Flea Market Chairman or Co-Chairman.
6. Vendors will have access to this area on Thursday, from 7:00 am through 7:00 pm, to set up their spaces.
7. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, vendor access to the Flea Market will begin at 6:00 am, **NOT BEFORE**.
8. Vendors must be clear of the Flea Market area, no later than 7:00 pm on ALL days. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
9. Flea Market vendors must be clear of the premises by 6:00 pm, Sunday.

10. **NO OVERNIGHT STAYS** will be permitted in the Flea Market or any other areas of the Greene County Fairground complex, other than those specifically designated as Camping areas. This will be strictly enforced by the Hamvention® Security Staff and/or local law enforcement personnel.
11. Vendors may begin staging, at the Flea Market entrance, prior to its opening, at 6:00 am on Thursday and Sunday and at 5:00 am on Friday and Saturday.
12. Motorized traffic in the Flea Market area, during the show, **IS NOT PERMITTED**. All vehicles must be located within their assigned Flea Market space(s) or out of the Flea Market vendor area, 30 minutes prior to show opening time, by 8:30 am each day. Vehicles that do not comply may be towed at the owner's expense. Vehicles inside the Flea Market selling areas may not leave until the Flea Market closes, each day. If for any reason a vendor must leave the Flea Market area during OPEN hours, they must be escorted by Flea Market or Security personnel. Please contact the Flea Market Office or Hamvention® Security, to arrange for an escort during OPEN hours.
13. Any vendors that have not entered the Flea Market area, prior to 8:30 am, will be escorted to their space(s), by a Flea Market golf cart escort. Late vendor arrivals must go to the Flea Market Office to coordinate an escort to access the Flea Market area, after the Flea Market has opened to the general public. Vehicles granted access **MUST** be escorted by Flea Market personnel. You may then obtain a Courtesy Parking Pass, which will allow you to park your vehicle in those designated areas.
14. The aisles of the infield area of the Flea Market must be cleared of all vehicles, prior to 8:45 am, each morning (Friday, Saturday and Sunday), as the Fire Marshall will not permit opening to the public, with any aisles being obstructed. No vehicles are permitted to occupy any aisle areas, during the hours of operation. Vehicles in violation will be subject to being towed, at the owner's expense.
15. Any vendors needing to leave the Flea Market area, prior to the 5:00 pm closing time, must be escorted by a Flea Market golf cart.
16. Vendors not needing to drive into the infield Flea Market area may continue to have access to the Flea Market Vendor Parking area, throughout the day, between the hours of 6:00 am and 7:00 pm.
17. The Flea Market Vendor Parking area is located in the track area, which surrounds the infield Flea Market area. In addition, Flea Market Vendor Parking is available in the Front Lot area, used for early morning staging of vendor's vehicles. Vehicles with a valid Flea Market Vendor Parking Permit will be permitted to park in these areas, between the hours of 6:00 am and 7:00 pm. Vehicles parked in these areas, without a valid permit or during hours other than previously defined, will be subject to being towed at the owner's expense.
18. The Flea Market Vendor Parking area is on the race track surrounding the infield, as well as in the Front Lot area. Access to the Vendor Parking area will **ONLY** be between the hours of 6:00 am and 7:00 pm. Any vehicles still parked in the either of these areas, outside of these hours will be towed, at the owner's expense. There will absolutely be **NO PARKING** on the track outside of these hours!
19. Any and all powered and non-powered means of personal transportation, other than Hamvention® authorized/required handicapped vehicles, are strictly prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, golf carts and Segways. Except for working assistance animals, pets are not permitted in the Flea Market area.

20. Flea Market spaces are for the purpose of selling or trading amateur radio, electronic or related equipment or supplies. Spaces not being used for this purpose may be reclaimed and reallocated by the Flea Market Chairman.
21. The sale of any food and/or beverages, by anyone other than those authorized by the Greene County Fairgrounds, is not permitted on the premises.
22. Open flames, cooking grills, stoves, portable propane tanks or other potential flammable hazards are not permitted in the Flea Market area. Any propane tank intended for use on a camper or similar trailer must be secured in a bracket, intended for the purpose of the lawful transportation of the tank/container, approved by the Department of Transportation (DOT).
23. The use of portable generators in the Flea Market area is strongly discouraged by the Fire Marshall. In addition, complaints of noise and/or fumes from generators will be resolved in favor of the individuals being disturbed by the generator. In many cases, this is a judgment call. In the event of any dispute(s), the decision of the Hamvention® General Chairman/Assistant Chairman is final.
24. No firearms or weapons are permitted on the Greene County Fairgrounds complex property. There are **NO EXCEPTIONS**. Violations will be addressed by the Greene County Sheriff's department or other local law enforcement agency.
25. No excessively loud music, voices or noise (including portable generators) is permitted, per the City of Xenia and Xenia Township Zoning Regulations. Complaints will be investigated by Hamvention® staff. In the event of any dispute(s), the decision of the Hamvention® General Chairman/Assistant Chairman is final.
26. For the duration of the Hamvention®, the air space above the Greene County Fairgrounds Complex is restricted and shall be considered to be a "No Fly Zone", for any type of remote controlled model or commercial aircraft. This includes, but is not limited to, helicopters, fixed wing aircraft, drones, quadcopters or any other type of Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV). Flying them anywhere above the Greene County Fairgrounds Complex is prohibited, without the consent of the Hamvention® General Chairman. Violators risk potential expulsion from the Hamvention® event.
27. Any vehicle that is found in violation of any of the vehicle restrictions may be towed, at the owner's expense. Enforcement will be handled by the Hamvention® Security team or local law enforcement personnel, via multiple on-site tow vehicles.
28. Excessive trash and refuse left by a Flea Market vendor will result in an additional charge to the vendor, for disposal, by the Greene County Fairgrounds personnel.
29. Any violations to the above rules may result in expulsion, without refund, from the Hamvention®.
30. Any tables, chairs or shelters, for use in the Flea Market, must be provided by the vendor. No tables or chairs are available for the Flea Market from the Hamvention® or Greene County Fairgrounds Complex.
31. There are no electrical connections or internet connectivity in the Flea Market area.
32. Security personnel will be in the area however, the Hamvention® is not responsible for the security of an exhibitor's property.

PROHIBITED SALES

Sales of the following items is prohibited, **ANYWHERE** on the Greene County Fairgrounds property:

- 1 – Adult Oriented Material
- 2 – Stun guns, firearms, dangerous ordinance or weapons of any type.
- 3 – Food or beverages, other than those authorized/licensed by the Greene County Fairgrounds.

Any other items, actions or activities that may be questionable, may be prohibited, at the discretion of the Hamvention® Chairman or Assistant Chairman.

PRICING SCHEDULE

With the exception of “End-of-Aisle” and “Ham Club” spaces, all regular Flea Market vendor spaces will cost \$75 each. End-of-Aisle spaces will cost \$105 each. Ham club spaces consist of two (2) regular spaces (excluding end-of-aisle spaces) at a total cost of \$105. Please refer to the Ham Club Spaces section for more details.