





From GRAND RAPIDS all areas except South Suburbs

East on I-196 Ford Expressway, merges with I-96 east end of city. Take second exit after merge, Lowell exit #39 / Hwy M-21 / Fulton St. Stay on M-21 for 12 miles, past Ada, to 3rd traffic light in Lowell. Turn right / south on S Hudson St. Go 1/2 mile, turn left into Fairgrounds.

From South Suburbs GRAND RAPIDS

East on M-6 Henry Expressway to I-96 East / Lansing. Continue 6 miles to Lowell exit #52 / Hwy M-50 / Alden Nash Ave. Turn left / North 4 miles. Entrance is just after you cross the Grand River on your right.

From LANSING

West on I-96 expressway to Lowell exit #52 / Hwy M-50 /Alden Nash Ave. Turn right / North 4 miles to Fairgrounds. Entrance is just after you cross the Grand River on your right.

From HOLLAND

East on I-196 Ford Expressway to Lansing exit #64 / M-6 Henry Expressway. Continue 19 miles East on M-6 Henry Expressway to I-96, East / Lansing. Continue 6 miles to Lowell exit #52 / Hwy M-50 / Alden Nash Ave. Turn left / North 4 miles. Entrance is just after you cross the Grand River on your right.

From MUSKEGON

East on I-96 expressway to Lowell exit #39 / Hwy M-21 / Fulton St. Stay on M-21 for 12 miles, past Ada, to 3rd traffic light in Lowell. Turn right / south on S Hudson St. Go 1/2 mile, turn left into Fairgrounds.

From KALAMAZOO

North on US-131 expressway to Lansing exit #77 / East bound M-6 Henry Expressway. Continue 11 miles East to end of M-6 at I-96 East / Lansing. Continue 6 miles to Lowell exit #52 / Hwy M-50 / Alden Nash Ave. Turn left / North 4 miles. Entrance is just after you cross the Grand River on your right.

From CADILLAC and BIG RAPIDS "EASY WAY"

South on US-131 expressway to Lansing exit #89A / East bound I-96 expressway. Continue 6 miles to Lowell exit #39 / Hwy M-21 / Fulton St. Stay on M-21 for 12 miles, past Ada, to 3rd traffic light in Lowell. Turn right / south on S Hudson St. Go 1/2 Mile, turn left into Fairgrounds.

From CADILLAC and BIG RAPIDS "MORE DIRECT, QUICKER WAY"

South on US-131 expressway to Greenville exit #101 / Hwy M-57 / 14 Mile Rd. Turn left / East, continue 11 miles to Lincoln Lake Ave w/traffic light. There is a green "Lincoln Lake Ave" sign just prior to this intersection. Turn right / South, continue for 17 miles, crossing Hwy M-44 along the way, to the main intersection w/traffic light in Lowell at Hwy M-21. When entering Lowell, road changes name to Hudson St. Continue south for another 1/2 mile, turn left into Fairgrounds.

GRAHamfest 2008

(Grand Rapids Area Hamfest)



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Saturday, September 6, 2008

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WELCOME TO GRAHAMFEST 2008!

As my ninth year as hamfest chairman, I would like to extend our invitation to you to display at this year's GRAHamfest (Grand Rapids Area Hamfest), Saturday, September 6, 2008, at the Kent County Fairgrounds in Lowell, Michigan, 15 miles east of Grand Rapids. This hamfest is sponsored by the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association (GRARA).

- All 8 foot reserved rectangle tables are still only \$10 each.
Or you can BYOB (Bring Your Own Tables) for inside sales at no additional charge. Ticket(s) required.
Or you can use as many spaces as you need for outside "trunk" sales at no additional charge. Ticket(s) required.
Note: BYOB and outside sales are NON-RESERVE, exception for Commercial vendors. Just show up, buy your ticket(s) and start setting up. Wall tables will be assigned exclusively to commercial vendors until August 25, after will be available to the general public. Reservation deadline is September 2.
- **Commercial** vendors are not required to purchase tickets. Vendor passes issued.
Non-profit organizations, related to the theme of this show, receive one complementary table. Additional tables at normal rate. Reservation required.
- Friday evening setup available both indoor and outdoor about 6PM to 10PM. Saturday 6AM to 8AM.
Vehicles may enter the inside sales building during setup and teardown periods. Building is locked overnight.
Reserved tables not claimed by 7:45AM may be resold **unless we hear from you**. Cell phone number will be provided or Talk-in can pass a message. No refunds on unclaimed tables.
GRARA is not responsible for items left unattended.
- **This is a family show.** Adult material or weapons may not be displayed or sold.
- **ELECTRICITY** is available at all inside locations, however take note: All electrical outlets are 12 ft high on outside walls and overhead trusses throughout the building. All AC outlets are two wire **WITHOUT GROUND**. If you use a grounding adapter, you do so **AT YOUR OWN RISK**. We will have a ladder, personnel, and limited number of grounding adapters to help get your power cord connected.
- Plenty of overnight camping sites with electric and water (\$15)
Motels located about 15 miles from the fairgrounds in Cascade / Kentwood (Grand Rapids SE area), and about 20 miles in Ionia. Visit our website for links to area accommodations.
- If you have any questions or special needs, contact me, Jack NY8D directly, and I'll do whatever I can to accommodate. Evenings/weekends (616)897-6885, Days (616)493-8736, or e-mail grahamfest08@w8dc.org.
Because spambots will hit this address, include **Hamfest** in the subject line.

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IN OUR CONTINUING EFFORT TO KEEP THIS HAMFEST VIBRANT:

- Hamfest fliers distributed at other hamfests and shows since March.
- ARRL approved hamfest. <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests.html>
- An aggressive direct mailing campaign. Include previous attendees at this and the Amateur Radio Group of Youth (ARGYL) hamfests <http://www.argyl.org>. FCC database for hams who have had **ANY** action since the previous GRAHamfest in a 30 mile radius. This targets new hams, new to the area, and new license upgrades.
- Listings in the hobby magazines, ARRL online hamfest listing <http://www.arrl.org>
- Offer area non-profit clubs and organizations, related to the theme of this show (amateur, CB, shortwave, scanner, computer, etc.), each a complimentary table to showcase their organization, membership information, sell stuff.
- K-12 students are admitted free. Let's encourage ham youth participation, bring the kids and their friends along.
- VE exams, ARRL/VEC. Beginning at 10AM, giving the examinees attending the swap time to shop.
- Hourly prizes
- Updated information available at website <http://www.grahamfest.org>
- Attendance peaked at about 800 a few years ago. Sadly, the entire industry has had declining participation. We have managed to level off at about 600. There are a lot of hamfests that no longer exist. The future is up to all of us. Come on out, bring a friend, and have fun.
- **Hamfest gypsies note:** The Findlay, Ohio hamfest is the following day. <http://www.findlaywireless.com>. Findlay is about 220 miles, all expressway, southeast of Grand Rapids.

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TABLE RESERVATION SHEET. Deadline **SEPTEMBER 2.**

If you are BYOB (Bring Your Own Table) or outside "Trunk" sales, do not submit this form. Just show up, buy your ticket(s), and we'll direct you to the appropriate non-reserve area.

Company / Club-Organization _____
non-business individuals, leave blank

Contact Person _____ Callsign (if licensed) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # Days _____ Evenings _____

Fax # _____ E-mail _____

Indoor 8 foot tables _____ x \$10 each (non-profit organization, first table complimentary).....\$ _____
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Tickets _____ x \$6 (Commercial vendors-not required, commercial vendor passes issued).....\$ _____

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Please note on back any special needs or requests.

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MICHIGAN SALES TAX INFORMATION

Sales of tangible items, other than casual sales by individuals, is subject to Michigan 6% sales tax.

It is the responsibility of the vendor to collect sales tax for, and submit to, the State of Michigan Department of Treasury.

From <http://www.michigan.gov/treasury>

Business Tax: I want to sell my product at one show in Michigan and I don't have a Michigan sales tax license. Do I need to register?

Answer: If you are selling at one or two events per year in Michigan, you must file a Concessionaire's Sales Tax Return and Payment, Form 2271. If you will be selling at more than two shows per year, you must obtain a Michigan Sales Tax License by filing Form 518.

Form 2271, Concessionaire's sales tax return and payment, may be downloaded as an Adobe pdf file at http://www.michigan.gov/documents/2771f_2901_7.pdf

Form 518, Registration for Michigan Taxes, may be downloaded as an Adobe pdf file at http://www.michigan.gov/documents/518f_2877_7.pdf

If you prefer, you can also order forms from the Michigan Department of Treasury by calling **1-800-367-6263**.