

Hamvention 2022

After 2 years in which Hamvention was cancelled due to COVID 2019, it was again held in Xenia. By all reports Hamvention 2022 was a success and ECARS was well represented there.

The following information and pictures were collated by NJ2US, Jeff. During Hamvention 2022 he coordinated eyeball QSOs at the flagpole during the hamfest, and afterward, he provide the following information:

After heavy rain the early morning hours of Friday May 20, some muddy areas forced the Hamvention crew to funnel all attendees through one Roadway Gate, which did NOT create any outrageous delay. Tracy and I drove in from our hotel in Jeffersonville, about 15 miles east of Xenia, and despite the USUAL ADMONITION to park off site and take the bus, we blatantly drove direct to the fairgrounds and were granted easy access by the plentiful traffic volunteers and pulled into a reasonably dry and solid parking spot. Much to my surprise, Jim KE8LDB and his wife Beverly, coincidentally joined our 'conga line' about a half mile from the Hamvention site, and ended up parking right next to us! Wouldn't want to calculate those odds!

Having pre-purchased our tickets, we walked directly onto the ham fest grounds, leaving behind an agonizingly long ticket booth line. I have not seen the attendance numbers, but I would characterize the event as well attended, and quite comfortable moving through the Vendor Buildings. The flea market was busiest on Friday, although comments indicate that Saturday did not do as well, many empty spots, Probably due to the pending heavy rain forecast for Saturday afternoon.

Not a lot of new technology was announced this year, except that Icom did display some new SHF (5 ghz) transceivers and their new PW2 solid state amplifier, both of which are still at least a YEAR AWAY for availability. Quite remarkable.

Only a couple attendees were wearing face masks, generally everybody walking around with wide grins and beaming faces, and I doubt anybody will accuse DARA of hosting a "Super Spreader Event". COVID rarely came up in conversations. Food was plentiful, but not cheap, and there was a

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noticeable increase in the number of places to sit and dine this year. Although I programmed and monitored (and made calls) 146.40 simplex, not a peep was heard, the SLACK app seemed to be a more efficient way of coordinating movements, if for no other reason, it was impossible to "miss a transmission", you simply read the message as time permitted.

Although ECARS was not individually recognized at the ARRL Donor recognition dinner on Thursday evening in downtown Dayton, it was a well attended event with the ARRL CEO, Dave, providing sobering commentary on the challenge of the ARRL in attracting members, and mostly having to survive on some very generous benefactors and endowments.

I intend on attending again next year. (NJ2US, Jeff Doran)

From the ARRL Donor Dinner:.



ARRL Donor Dinner

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ARRL CEO at Donor Dinner



ARRL Speaker at Donor Dinner

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ECARS Members at Hamvention



KC8QWJ, Brian



Tracy and Young Ladies Radio League

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Saturday ECARS Group



NJ2US Jeff, KE8LDB Jim and Beverly (LDB YL)

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WX8V (Greg) and KI4SPO (Paul)



KE8LDB (Jim), NJ2US (Jeff), and Beverly (KE8LDB YL)

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KE8UIV (Joe) and YL



KA1MQ, Jim (Net Manager)

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KD4IZ (Jack)



Tracy, KE8LDB, and Beverly

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WA2SES, Dave



W8ZGN, Craig

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WA1KPD, Carl



K3YQL, Bill, and YL

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K4NEF, Bob



AC2YI, Brian

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K3YQA, KE8LDB, KA1MQ, N8EMA, VE3IPS, NJ2US, KC8YWL



NJ2US Jeff, N3EXA Brian and N3NJ Mark

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KC8YWL, Rick