



2026 Charlotte Hamfest – March 6 & 7, 2026

Friday: 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Saturday: 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Same Location & Same *FREE* Parking!

The weekend of March 6 & 7, 2026, marks when many ham radio operators, their friends, and families will gather and shop at the **2026 Charlotte Hamfest™!** In 2026, we continue to be in the **Gold Hall** at the **Cabarrus Arena & Events Center**, 4751 Highway 49 North, Concord, NC. The Arena is conveniently located a short distance from I-85, I-485, and the Concord Mills Mall.

**Don't miss celebrating the end of winter at the best indoor,
climate controlled Hamfest in the Southeast!**



The Charlotte Hamfest is an ARRL Sanctioned Hamfest. We actively run paid advertisements for our Hamfest in regional publications, Facebook and notice pages such as the SERA Repeater Journal. We also reach out to prior attendees by emails to promote attendance.



Again this year we are providing **FREE Parking** for everyone attending the Charlotte Hamfest. Our Free parking is paid by the Charlotte Hamfest Committee, as this bonus draws many hams back to our event over and over again.

Our prime tables sell out very quickly. We only have **161** indoor flea market tables. This year we have combined the dealer and flea market tables on both sides of the Gold Hall. We recommend you get your table order in *early*. **There are new layouts so choosing your tables is essential!** Don't be left out by delaying your order until it is too late. By working as a team, we can make the combination of our venue, advertising and support, along with your reputation for high quality products, a profitable enterprise for both of us.

NOTE: This is now a combined packet for all vendors. There are different Flea Market Registration and Dealer Agreement forms.



The Mecklenburg Amateur Radio Society, Inc., W4BFB of Charlotte, NC, proudly sponsors this annual event through the Charlotte Hamfest Committee. Spark your new year by being at our 2026 Charlotte Hamfest.

Hamfest Vendor Information

Hamfest Show Hours: 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM – Friday
8:30 AM - 3:00 PM – Saturday

Setup Times: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM – Friday
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM – Saturday

Loading and Unloading: Each area of the building has its own separate doors for unloading at the back of the Gold Hall 1 and 2. **No Vehicles may drive inside the building due to very limited space after all the tables are set up. There will be dollies available to use with unloading or you can bring your own dolly.** We ask that you pull up by the building, unload your vehicles and then park across the drive and not next to the building. Handicap vehicles may park next to the building in designated areas - but must have visible handicap placards. If you have a large load, please contact us at vendors@charlottehamfest.org and we'll determine if we can make any accommodations.

Electricity will be provided if requested for \$45 per outlet used. Electricity can be ordered at the show office as late as Monday, March 2, 2026. You may want to bring your own extension cords; MARS can provide gaffer's tape to secure the cords to the floor.

Security: There will be adequate security, including one uniformed officer at the Hamfest Entrance at the Gold Hall. The Dealer area is secured and restricted Friday evening until the 8:30 am opening on Saturday. Overnight security remains in the area.

Registration Deadlines: On February 27, 2026, pre-registration ends. You can check with the Show Office the morning of the show to see if there are any other tables available for purchase.

No outside tailgating



Rates & Table Selection

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Dealer Tables	\$50.00 each
Flea-Market Tables	\$35.00 each
Chairs	\$3.00 each
115v Duplex Electrical Outlet	\$45.00 each
Pre-Registration Tickets	\$12.00 each
Admission Tickets	\$14.00 each
Extra Prize Tickets	\$1.00 each or \$5.00 for six

All Prices include both days of the show. All people who will be working with you in the Hamfest area, including setup personnel, must have an admission ticket purchased. Please order all your tickets in advance. If you have table numbers 1 through 42, you can purchase additional tables against the wall for \$25.00 per table to be used for storage. Please note that the aisles must be maintained to the Fire Marshall's requirements.

We are using an "a la carte" approach to tables so that the options meet your specific needs. Each Dealer Table includes an undraped table and one (1) chair. Each Flea-Market Table includes an undraped table. Other items may be purchased on the www.charlottehamfest.org website.

Terms: Payment *in full* with your reservation on or by January 31, 2026. Partial payments will hold your reservation until that date. Partial payment must be at least 50% of the total order.

Only Flea Market vendors will be able to pay for tables, chairs and electricity through PayPal. Just go out to <https://charlottehamfest.org> and select Vendor tickets (PayPal) under the Vendor Information menu Item. Complete the order form and your tickets and table reservations will be mailed to you. All Dealers must send checks with their signed Agreement.

If you have additional questions, our information line is 704-948-7373 from 10:00 am until 8:00 pm EST or send an email to vendors@charlottehamfest.org. More information is also available at the Hamfest web site at <https://charlottehamfest.org>. We hope to see you at the 2026 Charlotte Hamfest.



Refunds: Full refund up to February 15, 2026. Sorry, but absolutely **NO REFUNDS after February 15, 2026 unless the event is cancelled.**

Tax Man (Dealers ONLY): North Carolina law requires that we have on file a copy of your **NC Sales and Use Tax license**. Please attach a copy to your registration application.

PLEASE BE ADVISED: You must either provide a copy of this license or apply for one before you will be allowed to set up. Absolutely no one will be allowed to exhibit without it. It's the law!!!!

EXCEPTION: Manufacturers who are only displaying items and not taking orders are exempt from purchasing a Sales and Use Tax license.

Although cell connections have improved, reliable Cell Phone connections are unpredictable for making or receiving calls from within the metal-framed Gold Hall. If you will need reliable/constant telephone service during the 2026 Charlotte Hamfest™, let us know and we will email you an Event Center order form for a dedicated (at an additional cost) phone line. The Event Center has demonstrated to us that this is a secure internet connection that is managed by Cabarrus County.

Table Selection When you select a location in the Gold Hall 1 or 2, please give us a 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice preference for your table locations, *along with your full payment*.

We will do our best to fill your requests – but – ***full payment must accompany your request***. Send your registration in **early**, so you have the best chance to get your preferred table locations.

Table assignments will be mailed to you as soon as possible after receiving your application/payment or your payment via PayPal. Please allow adequate time for processing and mailing before calling.

FLEA MARKET LOYALTY SPECIAL

Did you have 5 or more tables at the 2025 Charlotte Hamfest? If so, you may reserve that same location for the 2026 Hamfest if they are available in the new layout or we will work with you on another suitable location. In order to return to your 2025 or nearby locations, we must receive your *full payment* by December 31, 2025. If you wish, a new, different or



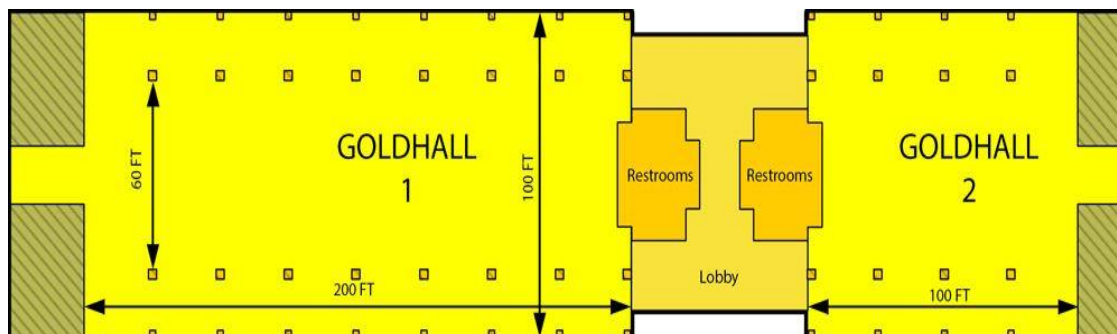
additional table location please request it, and send it along with your *full* payment. In any case, when you select a location, please give us a 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice preference for your table locations, *along with your full payment*.

Camping and Hotel Information

If camping at an event site is your thing, there are plenty of camping spaces available at the Cabarrus Arena and Events Center. To obtain a Camping Reservation go out to www.visitcabarrus.com. Camping is managed by the Cabarrus Arena and Event Center and you must check in at their Office. The Charlotte Hamfest does not handle any camping activities; you must contact the Arena. **Flea Market sales will not be permitted in the Camping Area.**

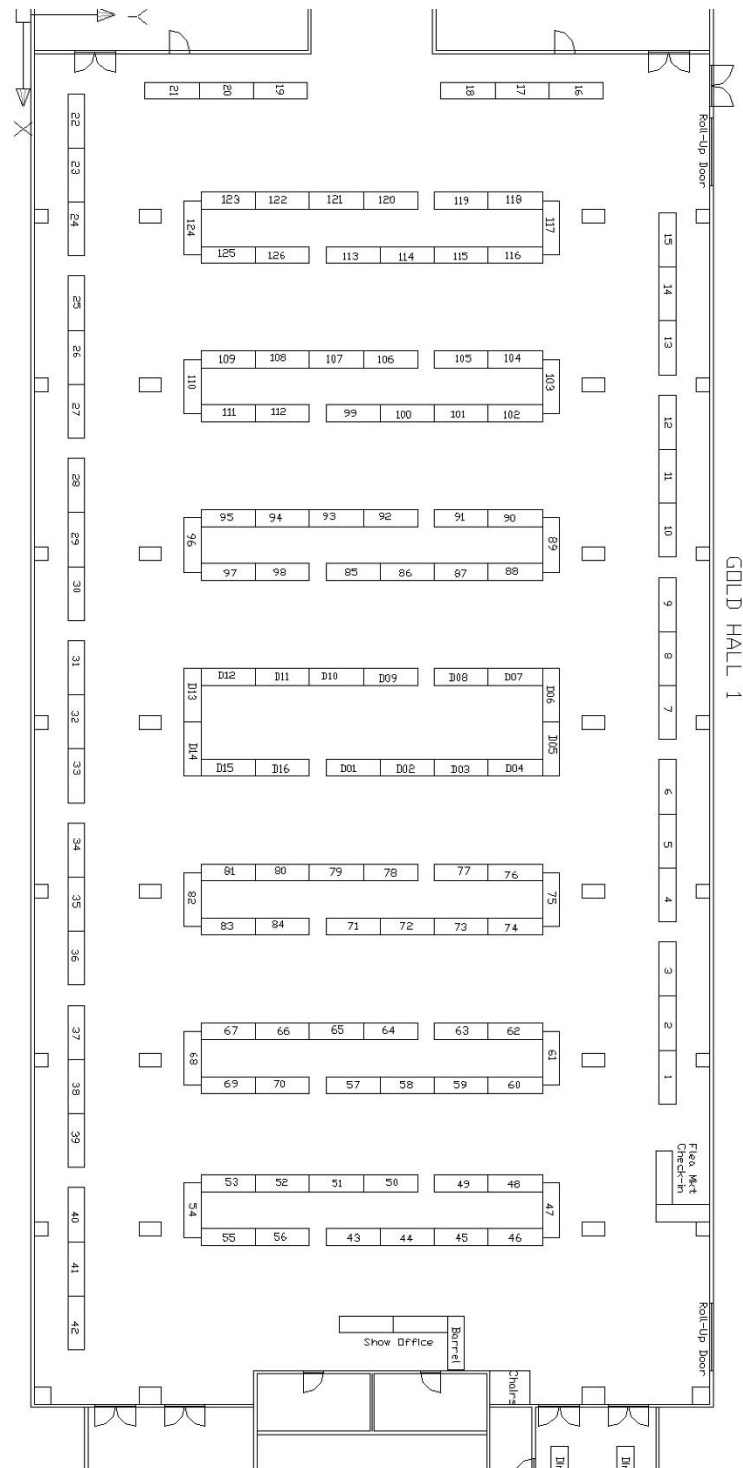
For information on local hotels, please visit www.visitcabarrus.com.

Overall Gold Hall Design



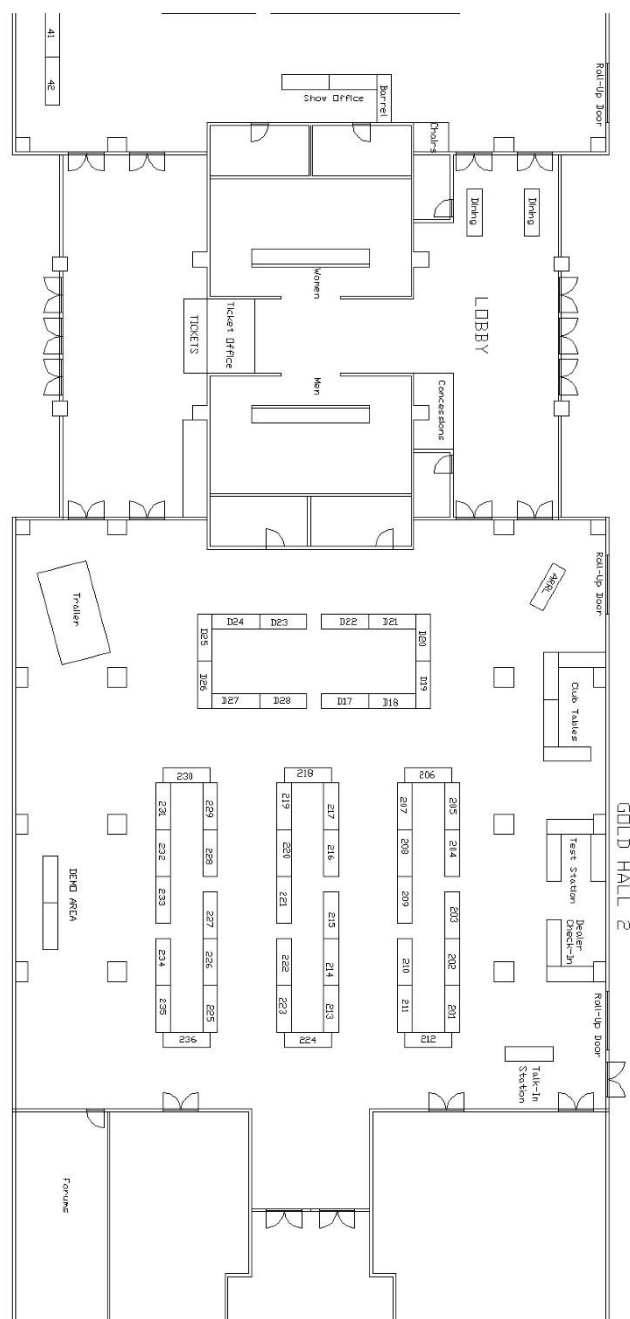


GOLD HALL 1





GOLD HALL 2





TAX INFORMATION

REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

North Carolina Law requires that any dealer in the Flea Market Area must have a valid North Carolina Sales and Use Tax License **unless**, you qualify for and sign a sales tax exemption certificate.

If you have a North Carolina Sales and Use Tax License, then please provide your number in the box on the Pre-registration form which is enclosed.

If you do *NOT* have a license, and should, then you must complete an application and return it to the North Carolina Department of Revenue. You will then need to sign the certification on the pre-registration form indicating you have applied for your license. If you do not have an application form and need one, we will be happy to send you one by return mail or you can go to the NC Dept of Revenue Web Site and download the form.
<http://www.dor.state.nc.us/downloads/sales.html>

If you are not required to have a Sales and Use Tax license, you must complete the enclosed exemption certificate indicating the reason that you are exempt.

The Charlotte Hamfest assumes no liability if you are not properly licensed, or you fail to comply with existing statutes.

NO table assignments will be made without a properly completed EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE, SALES TAX LICENSE APPLICATION, or NC SALES TAX LICENSE NUMBER.



**NC SALES AND USE TAX LICENSE
EXEMPTION CERTIFICATION STATEMENT
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

This is to certify that _____
qualifies for an EXEMPTION from the licensing requirements as stated in NORTH
CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTES, Section 105-53 for the following reason(s):
{Check all that apply}

____ I sell farm or nursery products that are produced by me.

____ I sell crafts or goods made by me, or my own household personal property.

____ I am a nonprofit charitable, educational, religious, scientific, or civic
organization.

____ I sell printed material, wood for fuel, ice, seafood, meat, poultry, livestock,
eggs, dairy products, bread, cakes, or pies.

____ I am an authorized automobile dealer licensed pursuant to Chapter 20
of the North Carolina General Statutes.

Signed the ____ day of _____, 20__

Printed Name

Signature

This information is required by the NC Department of Revenue



MARKET AREAS 'USE POLICY'

- No 'new radio' sales allowed by Flea Market Vendors.
- No 'new' computer sales allowed by Flea Market Vendors.
- No 'new' or 'bootlegged' CD ROM/DVD sales allowed.
- No '11 Meter' or 'FCC illegal' devices allowed.
- No Cap and Badge Vendors allowed by Flea Market Vendors.
- No Food sales or alcoholic beverages allowed.
- No Pornography allowed in any form or format.
- No registered sex offenders allowed on the premises.
- No Firearms or Flammables allowed on the premises.
- No active strobe lights within the Gold Hall.
- High power laser lights must be used with discretion to avoid eye and skin injuries.
- Tables may not be Sublet.
- No Smoking allowed anywhere at the Event Center.
- Everyone in the Event Center must have a valid ticket.
- No Tailgating
- No table rearranging will be allowed due to Fire Code.

NOTICE: Violation of the Use Policy shall result in ejection from the Event Center grounds, without recourse to refund of any kind. Local law enforcement and/or the FCC shall be informed of any illegal activities found or suspected – no exceptions!



Dealer Registration Agreement

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Company _____

Owner's Name: _____

Contact: _____

Address: _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Business Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____ Web Site URL: _____

Special requirements: _____

Check all appropriate boxes that describe your business:

☐ Ham Radio ☐ Computers ☐ Antennas ☐ Manufacturer ☐ Software Retailer

☐ Publisher ☐ Other: (Specify) _____

*******All Dealers are required to provide a North Carolina tax license *******

*******IT'S THE LAW*******

List your NC Department of Revenue tax number _____

You must attach a copy of your license.

Please send me an application for a tax number ☐ YES ☐ NO

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Dealer Registration Agreement

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Booth Space Selections: 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____ 3rd Choice _____

____ Dealer Tables @ \$50 each	= \$ _____
____ Table Skirt @ \$15 each	= \$ _____
____ Extra Table @ \$25 each	= \$ _____
____ Electricity Outlet @ \$45 each	= \$ _____
____ Extra Chair @ \$3 each	= \$ _____
____ Pre-Reg Tickets @ \$12	= \$ _____

TOTAL ORDER \$ _____

Mail your check and SIGNED Vendor Registration Agreement to:
Charlotte Hamfest, c/o Mary Hunt, 1205 Waypoint Court, Matthews, NC 28104

IMPORTANT: We cannot honor any registration request unless the following section is filled out completely, signed and dated.

THIS AGREEMENT made by and between MECKLENBURG AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC. d/b/a CHARLOTTE HAMFEST™ (hereinafter referred to as "HAMFEST"), and _____ (hereinafter referred to as "VENDOR") the day and date written below.
 SPACE & TABLES: In consideration for the amount paid, HAMFEST will provide and assign to the VENDOR an appropriate location with one (1) undraped table and one (1) chair. HAMFEST will provide other chairs, drapes, electricity as ordered and paid for by the VENDOR.

VENDOR RESPONSIBILITIES: VENDOR will be solely responsible for the erection and removal of his exhibit, and for the operation of his assigned area. All activities shall be carried out in compliance with and subject to the rules, regulations, and obligations imposed upon HAMFEST by reason of the Master Lease Agreement with the **Cabarrus Arena & Events Center**. VENDOR shall be responsible for compliance with all applicable local, state, and federal regulations, including safety, licensing and/or taxing regulations, applicable to VENDOR and/or the HAMFEST. VENDOR agrees to indemnify and hold harmless HAMFEST, its agents, servants, employees or members from all liability that may result either directly or indirectly from any activity of VENDOR. The HAMFEST reserves the right to refund booth consideration paid, and remove from the premises any VENDOR found to be in material violation of any responsibility imposed under this paragraph.

This Agreement shall be construed under the laws of the State of North Carolina.

Vendor Signature _____

Date: _____

You must sign, date and return ORIGINAL copy with your check. _____

NOTE: Print 2 COPIES of this page. Sign and return ORIGINAL copy -
to the Hamfest. Keep the 2nd



FLEA MARKET REGISTRATION FORM

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Name: _____ Call: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please read attached Tax Information Sheet. No tables will be assigned without providing the requested Tax Information. No Exceptions!

N.C. Sales Tax Number: _____

OR

North Carolina Sales tax license applied for on _____ (date)

Signature _____

OR

N.C. Sales tax exemption certificate attached

____ Pre-Reg Tickets	@ \$ 12.00 Each	\$ _____
____ Prize Tickets	@ \$ 1.00 Each	\$ _____
____ Prize Tickets	@ 6 for \$5.00	\$ _____
____ Flea Mkt Tables	@ \$35.00 Each	\$ _____
____ Chairs	@ \$ 3.00 Each	\$ _____
____ Extra Tables	@ \$25.00 Each	\$ _____
____ Electricity	@ \$45.00 Each	\$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to “**Charlotte Hamfest**”. Also PLEASE ENCLOSE a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope and mail to:

Charlotte Hamfest
Shawn Goodin
8301 Scarlet Oak Court
Harrisburg, NC 28075