

Dear Club/Organization President:

NEAR-Fest, the premier radio hobby event in the northeast is pleased to invite your club/organization to become a member club at our Hamfest.

Since 2008 bona fide clubs and organizations have been able to designate a "usual" location in the Fairgrounds that is known to their members so they can be found easily.

This is to encourage club members to attend the Fester as a club activity. Each club was given two passes allowing two vehicles to enter the grounds through Gate G for the purpose of "staking out" and holding their traditional location.

As part of this special privilege going forward we will be asking each club/organization wishing to apply for early entry to "take ownership of the hamfest" by providing us with one volunteer at 3:00 Saturday to assist us with the clean-up operation. This is necessary because we desperately need help with this aspect of running the hamfest.

Additionally, clubs and organizations enjoying the early entry privileges will be asked to assist us in making sure that all campers and tents around their immediate area have a current Friday night permit prominently displayed on their camper/tent.

As part of the Club Early Entry Pass program each participating Club is being asked to act as a "Site Monitor" and keep an eye on the grounds surrounding their area. This would include helping us to keep other sellers to make sure they don't leave any garbage or junk behind in an unattended "free pile".

We encourage clubs to post a link on their Club web site to the NEAR-Fest Site so their members can find out more information about the Fester.

Early entry for clubs and organizations will commence at 8:00AM through Gate G.

Please note: Club Passes do not provide for free admission or, as some would like to believe, free camping. All vehicles entering early are expected to have advance vehicle passes and each person an admission ticket. These may be obtained by mail or at HRO. However they will not be for sale at the fairgrounds. If you don't have these you will not be admitted.

Finally, we ask that no merchandise for sale be placed on tables until 9:00AM.

We all want NEAR-Fest to continue in its present format. However it has become obvious that we need all clubs and organizations enjoying the early entry pass privileges to "take ownership" of the hamfest and help us do whatever needs to be done to keep it going.

This document contains the rules and conditions under which the Club/Organization Early Entry Program passes are issued.

73,

MrMike, W1RC
Benevolent Dictator