

The Dayton Hamvention

(Now located at the Greene County
Fairgrounds in Xenia Ohio)

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Why go to Hamvention?

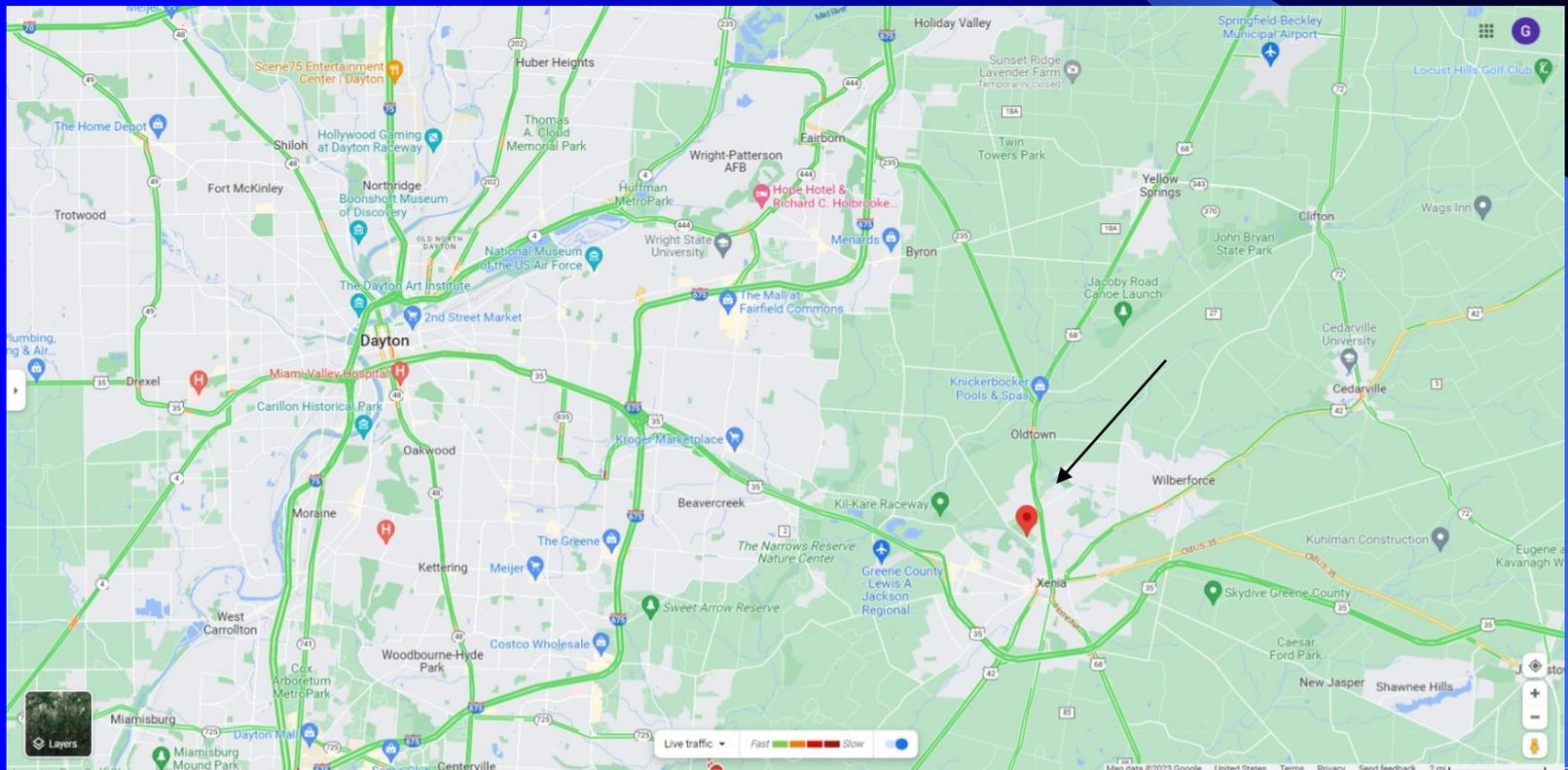
- A True Trade Show/Convention
- Unique Experience- You must see it once!
- 10% of the active hams in USA are there
- 171 Interior commercial vendors (361 booths)
- Talk directly to the engineers
- 620 Flea Market Vendors (1418 spaces)
- Forums on every aspect of Ham Radio
- Eyeball QSO's with almost everyone.
- Latest gear and literature
- Best prices of the year.

Dates & Times in 2023

- **Friday May 19th 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM**
- **Saturday May 20th 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM**
- **Sunday May 21st 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

Location - *Not in Dayton!*

Greene County Fair and Expo Center
210 Fairground Road, Xenia 45385
Coordinates are 39.702 N – 83.94

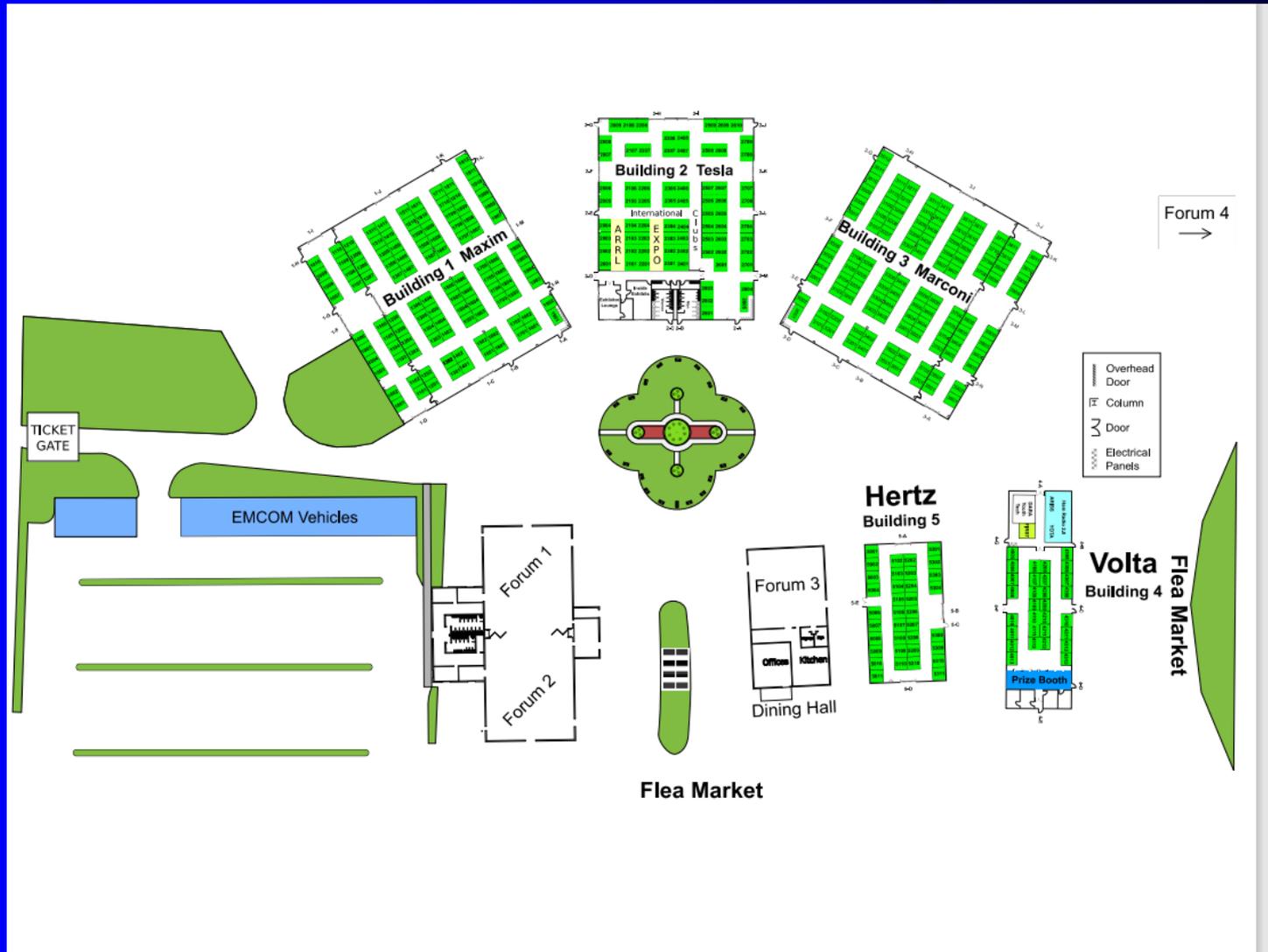


● Aerial View



Credit: DaytonDailyNews

Interior Exhibitor Building Layout



Forums

- **One to three hour sessions by the experts and authors in your area of interest.**
- **Just walk into whatever session you like, but popular ones might be crowded, so go early to get a chair.**
- **Schedule online about 1 May.**

Past Forum Topics

- **Teaching the New Tech Question Pool**
- **Amateur Radio and the Law**
- **YLRL**
- **ARES**
- **NFCC**
- **Hi-Fi SSB**
- **Proper Grounding Techniques**
- **AM**
- **Emergency Communications**
- **RF Safety**
- **County Hunters**

Forum Topics (Continued)

- **AMSAT**
- **RTTY**
- **ATV**
- **SSTV**
- **Collins**
- **Youth in Amateur Radio**
- **VHF/UHF Microwave**
- **Ten Ten International**
- **ARRL**
- **SATERN**
- **Big Coil, Center-loaded Whips**

Forum Topics (still continued)

- **MARS**
- **MidCars**
- **DX**
- **Contesting**
- **ARRL**
- **ARRL Technology Task Force**
- **Bicycle Hams of America**
- **HF Pedestrian**
- **HF Mobile**
- **Radio and TV Interference**

Lodging is the Key Consideration!

- Inexpensive if you reserve 9 to 12 months in advance; difficult 3 months in advance
- Make a reservation now! You can always cancel.
- Three clusters of Dayton hotels – North (Airport), East (Beaverbrook/Fairborn) and South (Dayton Mall)
- Also some hotels near Xenia.
- Some hotels known for different hobbyists:
 - Hope Hotel (Wright- Pat AFB) – Contest University
 - Holiday Inn Fairborn – QRP'ers FDIM event
 - Comfort Inn South– Collins collectors

Typical Costs

- Lodging \$180 per night double (\$90 each)
- Transportation, Tolls & Gas (carpool!)
- Food – varies (\$10 at fairground)
- 3 Day Ticket - \$26 in advance, \$30 there.

Suggested First time Schedule

- Drive to Dayton on Thursday (10 hours)
- Visit Hamfest on Friday & Saturday
- Get to paved Hamfest parking lot (Xenia High School) by 8AM
- Leave one hour before closing (4 or 5PM)
- Visit USAF Museum on Sunday
- Stay overnight in western PA
- Arrive home early Monday afternoon

Helpful Hints

- Book hotel now for Thurs to Sat (18-19-20 May 2023).
- Buy Hamvention tickets online and get them mailed.
- Park offsite on pavement and take shuttle buses.
- Bring Backpack, Hiking boots (Fleamarket can get muddy), Raingear, Sunscreen, Hat, water bottle, snacks.
- Dress in layers (short sleeves, fleece/gloves, rainshell, knit hat, and broad brim hat).
- HT's are useless; it's RF city! (220 with PL might work)
- Bring trail lunch or buy lunch by 11:30 AM from vendors
- Establish meeting times & place (Do things one hour earlier than most folks). A space to store things is nice.
- Pick your forums beforehand for breaks from walking.
- Bring a few hundred bucks in small bills for flea market.
- Restrooms in Forum Building are clean and uncrowded.

More Info at these websites

<https://hamvention.org/>

<https://www.contestuniversity.com/>

<https://www.qrparci.org/>

<https://www.greenecountyohio.org/>

<https://www.daytoncvb.com/>

www.nationalmuseum.af.mil

Panel Comments

Questions