

GREAT LAKES HAMCON AFFILIATED CLUB NEWSLETTER

VOLUME I, ISSUE 1

APRIL 2, 2017

www.glhamcon.org

Facebook: great lakes hamcon



GREAT LAKES HAMCON NEWS

Here is an update of what has been happening in recent months. Please keep in mind that there are a huge number of things that have to be discussed and ultimately resolved in order to move forward. Our discussions with Michigan International Speedway are continuing and we are getting close to having all issues resolved. Also, we needed to realize that MIS has never had any experience with a hamfest and we have never worked with a race track before, so there has been some serious "training" that has taken place on the part of both entities.

Advertising has begun in limited form at this point. There are some aspects of the event that have to wait for release until all the details are worked out with MIS. We expect to roll out a number of advertising avenues in the near future — probably shortly after Dayton.

We have secured our booth at Dayton (6612) and we will be handing out the stickers there possibly along with other items.

The GLARA management team has been meeting weekly on video conference calls as well as in person at

hamfests and at other opportunities.

The event schedule is being fine tuned as this is written. Here is what it looks like:

Friday, Oct 6—Inside exhibitors and large flea market displays allowed access (times TBD).

Sat and Sun Oct 7 & 8—the track will open at 0600 for exhibitor access with general admission at 8 AM. Track will be cleared of all guests at end of activities on all days. On Sunday, event ends at 1400 by 1700 the track will close with all attendees off premises.

GREAT LAKES HAMCON ACTIVITIES AND PLANS

Our event has been officially named the ARRL 2017 Great Lakes Division Convention and we are talking with the ARRL to get a high profile individual from HQ to be our keynote speaker at our banquet. We have around a dozen high quality forums scheduled and Dan Romanchik,

KB6NU will be doing a One Day Ham Class followed by VE testing which will be coordinated by the Ford Amateur Radio League VE team. We are organizing an online clothing store to sell Great Lakes HamCon shirts (Polo and probably T-shirts) and possibly hats and other items.



Would you like one of these 3"x 5" vinyl stickers? Send SASE to WB8R and I will send one your way!

GLARA Founding Member Clubs:

Arrow Communication Association
Branch County Amateur Radio Club
Central MI Amateur Radio Club
Cascades Amateur Radio Society
General Motors Amateur Radio Club
Hillsdale County Amateur Radio Club
Livingston Amateur Radio Klub
Livonia Amateur Radio Club
Livonia QRP Club
Monroe County Radio Comm. Assn.
Motor City Radio Club
Oakland County Amateur Radio Soc.
South Lyon Area Amateur Radio Club
Southern MI Amateur Radio Society

Tickets, Flea Market and Camping Facilities

Tickets will be available soon on our website. You will be able to purchase your ticket(s), a Flea Market spot(s), and camping space. MIS Ticket Office will handle the ticketing process.

Entrance tickets are \$17 in advance and \$20 the day of the event which covers both days of the event.

Parking is free. Flea Market spaces are \$40 for a 10 x 15 space. Additional adjacent spaces are available if purchase at same time. Camping prices will be set by MIS and published as soon as available.

Inside exhibits will be in the 20000 sq feet of permanent buildings with as many event tents as we need.

We will NOT sell out of indoor exhibit spaces or Flea Market spaces. Of course the best spaces go first!