



# Atlanta Hamfest

Saturday June 4, 2022

Jim R. Miller Park, Cobb Co.

ARRL Georgia State Convention

## IMPRESSIVE NEW CONVENTION CENTER SET TO HOST ATLANTA HAMFEST 2022

With all the craziness of the last few years, the Atlanta Hamfest was happy to hear that Jim R. Miller Park was again ready to host one of the longest running hamfests in the country on June 4th. Reeves Young recently completed construction services for the Jim R Miller Exhibit Hall and related site work. This project included demolition of the existing and aging exhibit halls and construction new exhibit hall. The new state of the art, air-conditioned, exhibit hall includes a large open exhibit area with movable partitions to allow the space to be divided, office space for park staff, office for event staff, a conference room, a concession area with exhaust hood and serving windows to allow concessions to be purchased inside and outside the building, public restrooms including family changing areas, and maintenance areas



*New 30,000 sq-ft Exhibit Hall at Jim R. Miller Park in Cobb Co.*

Atlanta Hamfest Chairman, John Talipsky N3ACK, said “this was a long time coming,” as he talked about the numerous plans Cobb County Parks and Recreation had envisioned when plans were announced back in 2000 for the replacement of existing and aging exhibit space at the park. This new space was another step in growing the Atlanta Hamfest, matching its glory days of 1986 when the event hosted the ARRL National Convention at the Georgia World Congress Center. “We finally have a space worthy and suitable for the hamfest that we had hoped for when the event was moved to Cobb County,” Talipsky said. The rest of the park has also benefitted through upgrades to paved areas and enhanced services in support of convention activities.

Activities this year include great vendors, flea market tables, one of the largest tailgating areas, great door prizes, Icom 7300 being the grand prize, free testing by the Laurel VE Group, the Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society’s famous Antenna Launching Contest, a simple dipole build, vhf ground-plane antenna build for your hand-held device, QSL card checking, R/V camping, Food, and a great line-up of forums covering topics of Winlink, AuxComm, POTA/SOTA, New Ham Help, and Radio Astronomy.

Other activities include a Special Event Station to celebrate the 90th hamfest and starting this year the Atlanta Hamfest is proud to announce they will be awarding a \$250 grant, given to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution educating and advancing youth in Amateur Radio. This individual will have a history of dedication to working with youth, being a role model, and advancing youth in the science of radio communication. Other awards this year include Georgia Club of the Year and Amateur of the Year. Details of these awards and other information can be found at [www.atlantahamfest.com](http://www.atlantahamfest.com).

Vendors or individuals that wish to attend/exhibit/sell should contact John Talipsky N3ACK to reserve a space inside the main exhibit hall. Tailgating and Entry Tickets are available the day of the event.

Join us June 4th 2022 kicking off a new era in this state of the art facility as we take another step in growing the Atlanta Hamfest. Thank you for your support!

