



Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society TechFest 2009



Free Admission - Bring your friends

Free Tailgating - Bring equipment to sell or trade

Free Indoor table for demonstrations - Sign up to share your expertise or interest (reservations required).

What: TechFest 2009
When: January 10, 2009, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM
Tailgate from 8:00 AM till 12:00 Noon
Location: St Marguerite D'Youville Church
85 Gloster Rd NW, Lawrenceville, GA 30044
(Just off Highway 29, SW of Lawrenceville)
Price: Free!

You are invited to attend, participate and publicize this event in your Amateur Radio publications.

The Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society (GARS), with the help of The Gwinnett Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES), will host our 11th annual **TechFest**. Two years ago we began inviting regional radio groups to participate by setting up a table with information about their activities. This will be an opportunity for the community to become aware of several modes of operation of Radio Amateurs and view some of the preparations taking place by public service volunteers in the Ham radio community. Unlike Field day, this is not a contest or race. It is a chance to experience parts of our hobby that you might never have seen. Or show your friends and family what Ham Radio is about.

- See demonstrations of Packet Radio, APRS, IP-based communications.
- Learn how Amateur Radio and Scouting are having fun and working together to improve everyone's world, and how you can get your kids and grandkids involved.
- Take one of the Amateur Radio Exams (please read the VE testing requirements).
- See Amateur Radio Digital Modes in operation, including D-Star!
- Talk to Amateur Radio Emergency Services personnel.
- Visit the Tailgate lot for that special purchase.
- HF, VHF and UHF radios will be in operation.
- Eat and compete at the GARS Chili Cook-Off.
- Demonstrations of HF, VHF, UHF, QRP, CW, Satellite, digital, antennas, portable operations, electronic gadgets, Club and Ham Services

You are invited to EAT and COMPETE at the GARS Chili Cook-off at the GARS **TechFest**. Some of the best chili in North Georgia will be free for you to eat and enjoy. And if you think your version of your Grandma's chili is "the bomb" (sometimes literally), bring a crock pot full of it with you and compete for coveted honors among your amateur brethren.

The idea of **TechFest** was first tested 11 years ago when Kevin Berry, KF4RMA expressed interest in an event who's primary function was to expose members of the community to the many facets of Amateur Radio.

TechFest is a chance to hear the truth about radios and antennas, without the flashy spin that a salesperson might put on it. It is an event that encourages the free exchange of ideas and

knowledge. Watch the GARS web site for the latest information on this year's **TechFest**. It is an inside event, so unless there is some really strange weather, it should occur as scheduled.

The tailgating area outside in the parking lot at GARS **TechFest** has grown over the years. It has become a nice place to buy, sell, or trade radio gear, electronics, and other radio related items. Even towers have been known to be sold at **TechFest**. Tailgating starts at 8:00am and usually runs until about noon. Tailgate space is free and on a first come first serve basis. If you plan to set up some tailgate space, you will need to bring your own tables and chairs.

If you, or your club, have a special interest in some mode of amateur radio or electronics and would like to share your equipment and experiences with the community, please give David, KA4KKF, a call at 678-602-2690 or email him at ka4kkf@arrl.net to arrange for a table to showcase your project. Space is somewhat limited, so go ahead and reserve a table now. This is also a good time for our Elmers to show up and share some tales of Ham radio history.

TechFest setup starts at 9:00am and doors open to visitors at 10:00am. Lunch is served around noon along with the delicious GARS Chili Cook-off chili.

Be sure to invite your non-Ham friends. This should be a great family experience and a time for some of our younger citizens to become interested in the Magic of Amateur Radio.

TechFest 2008 photos: <http://www.gars.org/images/2008/jan/techfest2008/techfest08/index.html>

TechFest 2007 photos:

<http://www.gars.org/images/2007/TechFest%202007/index.html>

Questions or comments can be directed to me, Norm Schklar, WA4ZXV, home 770-840-9664, Cell 770-313-9410, wa4zxv@schklar.com or David Adcock, KA4KKF 678-602-2690 ka4kkf@arrl.net. **TechFest** information is available on the web site www.gars.org.

GARS TechFest 2009, January 10, 2009

Event Contact Info: www.gars.org

Contact Person: Norman Schklar Email: wa4zxv@arrl.net Phone: 770-313-9410

This is preliminary information and subject to change. June 13, 2008



TechFest Demonstration / Table Request

(Please Print / Write Clearly)

Your Name: _____

Organization: _____

Callsign if applicable: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Title of Demonstration: _____

Description of your demonstration: _____

Number of tables: ____

Do you need power? Yes No

Do you need access to outside antenna? Yes No

Thank you for participating in GARS TechFest.

Setup will start @ 9:00 AM

Mail to:
TechFest Chairman
3846 Thompson Lake Drive
BUFORD GA 30519

Email to: ka4kkf@arrl.net

Fax to: 770-755-5411



TECHFEST 2008

ARRL SANCTIONED HAMFEST

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Saturday January 10th, 2009

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For general information, contact:

- Norm Schklar (WA4ZXV) wa4zxv@arrl.net
or David Adcock (KA4KKF) ka4kkf@arrl.net

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