



## From The Prez:

Just a quick note to remind you to join us in Midland for the Winter General Membership Meeting. We're traveling out to West Texas again this year to be a part of the 54th annual St Patrick's Day Hamfest, produced by the Midland Amateur Radio club. There's always lots of stuff you just can't live without on the swap tables, and there will be Austin Amateur Radio supply with lots of boxes full of brand new treasures.

Our Board meeting is scheduled for 11am in the upstairs conference room at the Lions Club. Board meetings are open meetings, so you are welcome to join us for that meeting. I am anticipating a short meeting, with only a couple of agenda items, so there will be time for a quick lunch before the General Meeting.

Our Winter General Membership Meeting will be at 1:00pm, at the Midtown Hotel, 3100 W. Wall St, just a few blocks from the Lions Club.

Agenda Items for the General Meeting include the first public demonstration of the electronic voting system that we will use to elect our 5 directors this summer. Many thanks to our Treasurer, Mark Stennett, NA6M and his crew for this system.

AND, the first 90 members attending the meeting will win a door prize! This is a unique and rare item, you won't want to miss it! (You must be present to win!)

See you there!

Dave

Dave Davis, WB5WIA  
President  
Texas VHF-FM Society



# Swapfest!

## Midland Amateur Radio Club

### Presents the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual

# Saint Patrick's Day

# HAMFEST



An  
ARRL  
Sanctioned  
Event  
!!!



**West Texas Section Convention**  
VHF-FM Society Winter Meeting

Saturday  
**March 21, 2009**

**Forums, Prizes**  
**Flea Market**



<http://hamfest.w5qgg.org>



**Eats!**

### Headquarters Hotel

**THE MIDTOWN HOTEL**

3100 West Wall St.

Phone 1-432-699-4144 for reservations.

Take exit #134 from Interstate 20, north on Midkiff Road, right on Wall St., proceed about 1/2 mile to motel on the Left.

Special Hamfest Rate -- \$90.00  
(Newly remodeled rooms. Just mention you are attending the Hamfest)

### Hamfest Location

**MIDLAND LIONS CLUB**

200 Plaza Ave.

Take exit #134 from Interstate 20, north on Midkiff Road, right on Wall St., proceed about a mile to signal at Missouri. Left on Missouri. Right on Plaza. Use repeater 147.30 for directions.

GPS N 31° 59.622' / W 102° 06.087'

### Hamfest Hours & Setup Times

Exhibit set-up will begin at 3:00 pm Friday afternoon. The doors will be locked at 9:00 pm Friday, to be re-opened at 7:00 am Saturday morning for continued dealer and exhibitor set-up. The Hamfest will be open to the public at 8:00 am.

Dealers and exhibitors will have special identifying badges. Only persons wearing these special badges may enter the hamfest building at the designated set-up times. Pre-Hamfest sales are discouraged.

Pre-registration ticket and name tag pickup will take place in the Lions Club Building lobby, starting at 3:00 pm on Friday, March 20th, and lasting until 9:00 pm. Registrations "at the door" will also be available at these times. On Saturday morning pre-registration ticket and name tag pickup as well as new registrations will continue in the Lions Club Building lobby at 8:00 am.

All Table positions will be pre-assigned. All tables are rented on a first -come first -served basis to registered Hamfest participants only and must have a rental tag displayed. No refunds for no-shows.

All unclaimed tables become available for resale at 10:00am Saturday.

NEW EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTORS

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