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Amateur Radio Operators Reception – an NAB Tradition

The annual Amateur Radio Operators Reception, more affectionately known as the *HAM Reception*, is a free-of-charge event at the 2012 NAB Show which is open to all attendees. This year's event will be held in Ballroom B of the Las Vegas Hotel & Casino (formerly the Las Vegas Hilton) on Wednesday, April 18, 2012 from 6 - 8 p.m.

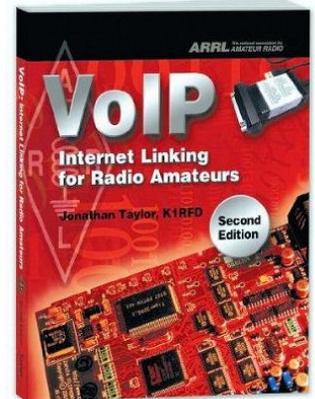


NAB's HAM Reception is a big draw for both amateur radio operators as well as those who have never "pushed-to-talk" nor learned Morse code, with hundreds lining up outside hours before the doors open. Typically over 600 people pack the ballroom, each hoping that they will be the lucky winner of one of the fabulous (and sometimes very expensive) door prizes (over \$14,000 worth of prizes in all this year!). Shown in the photos above are perennial host and hostess (and sponsors) Bob and Sarah Heil (at left); the eager crowd (at center) which shows up 2 hours before the event begins to get a good place in line, and at right, John Marino of NAB reading off someone's lucky number! This year the HAM Reception is co-sponsored by [Heil Sound Ltd.](#), [Broadcast Supply Worldwide](#), and [Turner Engineering](#).

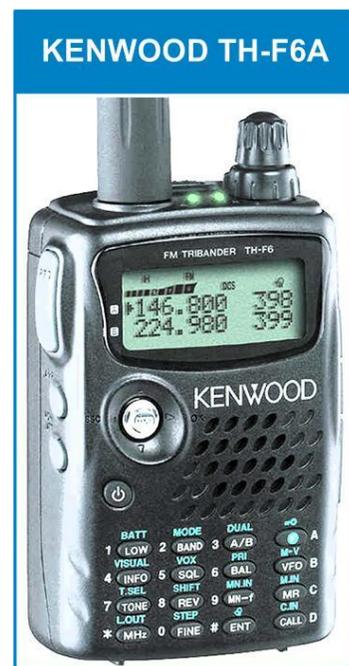
Everyone attending the HAM Reception is eligible to win a door prize, and is handed a raffle ticket upon entering the ballroom. This year there are over 140 prizes to be handed out which have been generously donated by broadcast equipment manufacturers, engineering consulting firms, the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), and others – many of these prizes are listed below along with who they were donated by (in parentheses, including a link to the donor's Web page). If you are interested in becoming part of this tradition and donating a prize, please contact David Layer at dlayer@nab.org.

Amateur radio-related prizes:

- ICOM IC-V80 sport 2m handheld transceiver ([Cavell, Mertz & Associates, Inc.](#))
- 2 rolls TMS Rapid-tite silicone weather sealing tape ([Times Microwave Systems](#))
- The ARRL Repeater Directory (pocket edition) 2011/12 ([ARRL](#) – 5 of these)
- Yaesu FT-60R dual band FM transceiver ([Cavell, Mertz & Associates, Inc.](#))
- 100 ft. TMS LMR-400 low-loss coaxial cable ([Times Microwave Systems](#))
- The ARRL Antenna Designer's Notebook ([ARRL](#) – 6 of these)



- WinRADIO WR-G31DDC "EXCALIBUR" shortwave software receiver ([Nautel](#) & [RF Specialties of Texas](#))
- Dataworld HAM contact locator map 34" x 44" ([BIA/Kelsey](#))
- 100 ft. TMS LMR-240 low-loss coaxial cable ([Times Microwave Systems](#))
- The ABC's of Software Defined Radio ([Turner Engineering](#) – 2 of these)
- SRH77CA 2M/70cm HT antenna ([RF Parts Co.](#) – 5 of these)
- MFJ-269 HF/VHF/UHF SWR/antenna analyzer ([Harris Broadcast Communications](#))
- Kenwood Model TH-F6A tri-band (2m/1.25m/70cm) FM amateur radio transceiver ([Hammett & Edison](#))
- 3CX1500A7/8877 tube ([Eimac](#) – 2 of these)
- The ARRL Antenna Book – 22nd edition ([ARRL](#) – 6 of these)
- Jetstream JTPS28M 25 A DC power supply w/meters ([R&L Electronics](#))
- 3CX1500A7 tube ([RF Parts Co.](#) – 2 of these)
- The ARRL Handbook – 2012 edition ([ARRL](#) – 6 of these)
- TMS "Protect" series lightning protector/surge arrester (LP-BTR50NFF) ([Times Microwave Systems](#))
- The ARRL Satellite Handbook – 1st edition ([ARRL](#) – 5 of these)
- VoIP Internet Linking for Radio Amateurs – 2nd Edition ([Turner Engineering](#) – 2 of these)
- The ARRL Storm Spotting and Amateur Radio book ([ARRL](#) – 5 of these)
- Wouxun KG-UV3D dual band multifunctional two-way radio ([Cavell, Mertz & Associates, Inc.](#))
- The ARRL Field Day Handbook for Radio Amateurs ([ARRL](#) – 5 of these)
- The ARRL Operating Manual – 9th edition ([ARRL](#) – 5 of these)
- GZV6000 60 A 1-15 VDC switching power supply ([RF Parts Co.](#))
- The ARRL HF Digital Handbook – 4th edition ([Turner Engineering](#) – 2 of these)
- Yaesu FT-250R/E handheld transceiver ([Cavell, Mertz & Associates, Inc.](#))
- X-50 2M/70cm base station antenna ([RF Parts Co.](#))
- Yaesu FT-270R/E VHF FM transceiver ([Cavell, Mertz & Associates, Inc.](#))
- TMS "Protect" series DC pass lightning protector (LP-GTRNFF) ([Times Microwave Systems](#))
- ICOM Model IC-V82 handheld VHF transceiver ([Cavell, Mertz & Associates, Inc.](#))
- Yaesu FT-60R dual band FM transceiver with FNB-83 battery and charger ([ROAM Consulting](#))
- The ARRL RFI Book – 21st edition ([Turner Engineering](#) – 2 of these)
- Kenwood TH-K20A 144 MHz FM transceiver ([Cavell, Mertz & Associates, Inc.](#))



Broadcasting-related prizes:

- Samson Zoom H4N recorder ([The Durst Organization](#))
- Certificate for 100 foot Belden 1800F high-performance microphone cable ([Belden](#))
- SBE \$40 gift certificate (for book or on-line University) and SBE tumbler with straw ([SBE](#))
- Certificate for 100 foot Belden 1700A high-performance category 5e 4-pair data cable ([Belden](#))
- Certificate for ANT450D single-bay dipole antenna ([Telewave](#))
- Samson Zoom H4N recorder ([Broadcaster's General Store](#))
- Certificate for 100 foot Belden 7810A ultra-low loss RG-8 coaxial cable ([Belden](#))
- Heil Gold Elite dual element studio microphone ([CBS Radio](#))
- Certificate for 100 foot Belden 1172A Starquad low noise microphone cable ([Belden](#))
- Certificate for 100 foot Belden 9913 low-loss RG-8 coaxial cable ([Belden](#))
- Radio World t-shirt ([NewBay Media](#) – 10 of these)
- Omnia A/XE software package ([Telos/Omnia](#))

Miscellaneous:

- CCRadio-SW with AM/FM and shortwave ([C. Crane Co.](#))
- Long Range HDTV antenna ([AntennasDirect](#))
- LG Xenon mobile phone ([LG](#))
- TiVo Premiere Full HDTV 1080p ([AntennasDirect](#))
- Insignia HD Radio boombox ([iBiquity Digital Corp.](#) - 2 of these)
- LG dLite mobile phone ([LG](#))
- Samsung Galaxy Tab 10.1 ([CEA](#))
- HD Car Connect radio ([CBS Radio](#) - 5 of these)
- CC Gozo AM/FM radio with high fidelity audio ([C. Crane Co.](#))
- LG DP570MH portable DVD player with mobile DTV ([LG](#))
- American Express gift card - \$50 ([Henry Engineering](#) - 2 of these)
- 4 GB logo flash drive ([IEEE Broadcast Technology Society](#) - 10 of these)
- LED flashlight w/3 AAA batteries ([IEEE Broadcast Technology Society](#) - 2 of these)
- American Express gift card - \$25 ([Henry Engineering](#) - 4 of these)
- Ratcheting screwdriver ([Kathrein, Inc., Scala Division](#) - 5 of these)
- CCRadio-2 with FM, emergency radio with weather band and 2-meter Ham band ([C. Crane Co.](#))



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