

Northeast HamExposition Review 2024!

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On a sunny and warm Friday August 23, friend JT WA1TDH and I attended the 41st Northeast HamExposition and ARRL New England Division convention at the Marlboro Best Western hotel to see some new items, a speaker, scratch some fleas and meet up with old and new friends.

Bob K1IW and the FEMARA managers provided an impressive schedule of speakers whose topics included Skywarn Spotters classes, Winter Field Day, Aeronautical mobile, TinySA, kit building workshops, APRS, POTA, AREDN, power line RFI hunting, FEMA communications, and a grand banquet. Proceeds fund the ARRL Foundation Scholarship.

I saw WARS members Don KB1OTQ and YL Odette, Tom WA1UMU, Charlie WA3ITR, Leandra AF1R, Barbara KC1KGS, Stu N1SHS and others.

JT and I looked at the vendors inside and there were interesting new ones. Being the Northeast ARRL convention, the ARRL had a strong presence with a cohort of Newington folk. High-performance radio manufacturers Flex Radio and Elecraft were there, as well as Halibut Electronics, VE2DX Electronics.

Of particular interest is Mark N6MTS's promotion of an open headset interface standard (<https://ohis.org/>), and Halibut Electronics has interfaces (<https://electronics.halibut.com/>). VE2DX Electronics offers ICOM CIV and Kenwood interfaces, among other items (<https://ve2dx.com/>). It is great to see these new vendors providing innovative solutions.

JT and I saw Rob Sherwood's talk about modern SDR transceivers. Rob flew out from Denver to give his talk and he has evaluated many receivers and published performance data (<http://sherweng.com/>). We then perused the flea market outside where JT met up with longtime friend and ex club member Ted K1QAR. JT found a Yaesu mic for his transceiver and I found some audio gear-and more good eyeball QSOs!



The Lost Nation remote van.



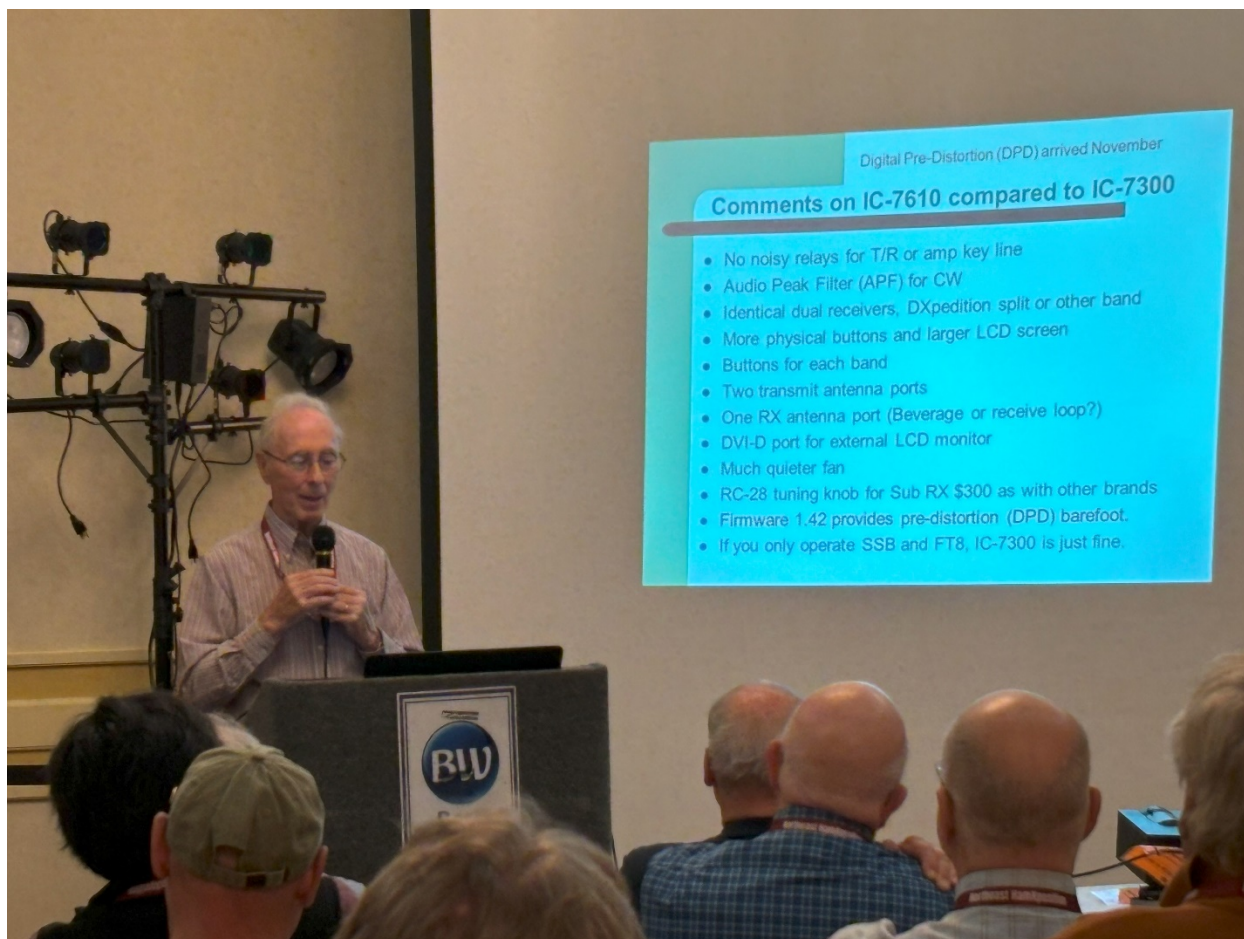
Tailgating...not for a football game but to sell some classic radios!



Scott KK6IK came out from California and bought this Tidoradio TD-H3 multiband HT for \$30 (<https://tidradio.com/products/h3-ham-radio>)



JT WA1TDH and Ted K1QAR catch up.



Bob Sherwood explaining the receive capabilities of some modern SDR rigs.



Some smart young hams work on DMR radios.



An old U.S. Coast Guard T-22 MOPA 5W AM transmitter from around 1932. The matching CGR-22 TRF receiver formed a portable station for 2.4-4MHz.



Past club member Gene K1NR clearing his basement!



Steve KC1LPZ notes "At the HamXposition Friday Dinner, Dr. Tamatha Skow, The Space Weather woman was sitting at our MMRA Table. She is a very interesting person and so down to earth rather than appear so geeky in her space weather videos. I bring this to your attention because if you look closely in the background, you will see Leandra." Photo by Steve KC1LPZ

The 41st convention booklet was well designed and has all you needed to know to navigate the convention. It included the program schedule, history of the convention, and an extensive listing of all the talks. At the back is a listing of all the FEMARA folk who pulled off this excellent convention. Club advertising consisted of some key radio clubs in the area: Providence Radio club, Algonquin club, NEDECN, PART of Westford, Hampden County radio, Sci-Tech amateur radio, Meriden CT amateur radio, Minuteman repeater Association, NESMC, Barnstable radio, FARA, Nantucket radio, Nashoba Valley radio, WARS, SEMARA, Merrimack radio.

Ham radio is a social and technical public service and avocation. The thriving Northeast HamExposition has it all, and we are very lucky to have this event in our back yard. Many thanks to President Mike K1TWF and Chairman Bob K1IW and their hard-working volunteers for an excellent event!

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