



# The New England Amateur Radio Festival (NEAR-Fest) at

# DEERFIELD

**April 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> 2023**

ALL radio enthusiasts and hobbyists are invited to attend **NEAR-Fest XXXIII & XXXIV** at the magnificent Deerfield (NH) Fairgrounds. Thanks to you NEAR-Fest has become the Northeast's largest and best hamfester! We are NUMBER 1 and we are BAAACK!

Gates open Friday at 9:00 AM sharp. Admission is \$15.00 per person at the gate (\$10.00 in advance) and \$10.00 per vehicle into the flea market (RVs, Campers, Travel Trailers \$30.00 a night, tents, \$15.00 a night (such a deal). Ample free parking is available outside the fairgrounds. Campers - plan on joining us after 3:00 PM Thursday for the camp-over and pre-hamfest get-together and help get the fun started early! You may purchase advance tickets, vehicle passes by MAIL (316 Atlantic Avenue, Marblehead MA 01945, **SASE required**. You may buy them in person at Ham Radio Outlet in Salem NH and at RossW1EKG's clock repair shop at 40 Walnut St in Whitman, MA. Full details and latest news are available on the official NEAR-Fest Web Site: [www.near-fest.com](http://www.near-fest.com)

**Health and Safety Policies!** CONTRARY TO WHAT MANY PEOPLE MAY THINK COVID IS NOT OVER. We want everyone to attend with full confidence that it is safe to do so. Bring masks and hand sanitizer. We all need to respect other peoples' wishes; if someone is wearing a mask please wear yours when speaking with or getting close to them. There are NO mandates, rules or requirements; all we ask is just use some common sense and caution. We want everyone to STAY HEALTHY AND BE SAFE!

The Deerfield Fairgrounds are located on NH Route 43 approximately 15 miles NE of Manchester NH. Take Exit 3 off Highway 101 East and follow Highway 43 north to the fairgrounds on the right. GPS coordinates: N42° 5' 57.4" W71° 14' 33.5" (Lat 43.099286 Long - 71.242663). Talk-in on K1JEK/RPT 146.700 MHz (-600 PL 88.5).

**NOTE: The Deerfield Fair Association rules prohibit alcohol and open fires anywhere on the grounds.** Charcoal grills, barbeques, gas grills are okay!

**NOTE: the ARRL Convention, formerly at Boxboro, is now at a new location and new dates August 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> 2023. Full details at [www.hamxposition.org](http://www.hamxposition.org)**