



Military Radio Collectors Association

MILITARY RADIO MEET

West End Fairgrounds, Gilbert, Pa.

19-20 September 2008

The Military Radio Collectors Association will hold its 2008 annual meet at the West End Fairgrounds, Gilbert, Pa. The event will, once again, be held in conjunction with the Red Ball Military Transport Annual Vehicle Rally. This is a golden opportunity for anyone interested in vintage military electronics. Activities will include equipment displays, on-the-air operation, formal presentations, and tailgating.

The Site: We have comfortable indoor space for displays and presentations. Please bring your own chairs and display tables. Indoor space is not available for equipment sales. There is ample outdoor space for tailgating. Primitive camping is permitted on site. Well-kept bathrooms and hot showers are available. You're welcome to show up Thursday PM and stay over until Sunday AM. Fairground management is concerned about risks associated with hanging antennas in trees. To keep our tree mounted antenna exposure to the minimum please plan to bring appropriate supports if you intend to erect a vertical or a skywire.

Equipment Displays: This is **THE** place to show off some of your prize pieces to an understanding public. Signage identifying your equipment is really helpful and educational. There will be an organized, walk-around, "show-and-tell" session following the formal presentations on Saturday. Deployment of operating radio stations is encouraged.

A Tactical Field Radio Exercise: On Friday afternoon we will once again send radio squads to Big Pocono Mt. Saturday morning's activities will include a Squad Radio Exercise with BC-654 and GRC-9 type field sets. Saturday afternoon there will be a short range net with HT (BC-611 and MAB type radios) and back-pack radios.

Presentations: Formal presentations will be given at 10 AM Saturday..

Tailgating: Selling is encouraged at anytime during the meet. Due to our arrangements with the Red Ball Military transport group we cannot permit any vehicle related parts or items to be sold in our swap meet area. Radios, military electronics, and accessory items only. **NO EXCEPTIONS. FAIR WARNING:** Over the years, the swap meet has devolved into a very much secondary activity for MRCA. If you're coming just for a major military-radio swap, you may be disappointed.

Red Ball Military Transport: The Annual Rally is the army-truck version of a hamfest. Many restored vehicles are on display, and there is an extensive swapmeet including vehicles, parts, and general militaria (even some radio stuff!). They also operate a "chow line" providing reasonable on-site food.

Fees and Registration: (Tentative) \$5.00 MRCA Participation fee, \$5.00 General Fairgrounds Admission fee and a \$5.00 Swap Meet fee (for sellers only.).

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