

# TV TechCheck

The Weekly NAB Newsletter for TV Broadcast Engineers



## Amateur Radio Operator's Reception – an NAB Tradition

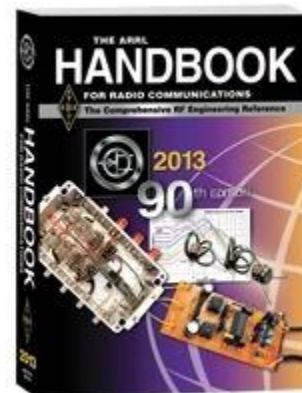
The annual Amateur Radio Operator's Reception, more affectionately known as the *HAM Reception*, is a free-of-charge event at the 2013 NAB Show which is open to all attendees. This year's event will be held in Ballroom B of the Las Vegas Hotel & Casino (formerly the Las Vegas Hilton) on Wednesday, April 10, 2013 from 6PM-8PM.



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 sponsor) Bob (at left) and the eager crowd (at right) which shows up 2 hours before the event begins to get a good place in line! 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](mailto:dlayer@nab.org).

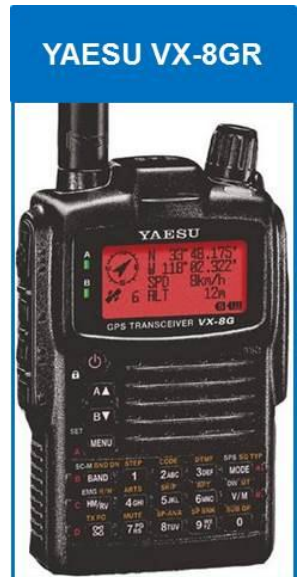


### Amateur radio-related prizes:

- The ARRL Repeater Directory (pocket edition) 2012/13 ([ARRL](#) – 5 of these)
- Yaesu FT-60R dual band FM transceiver ([Cavell, Mertz & Associates, Inc.](#))
- Model LV16-20-S3 16 uH, 20 amp variable inductor ([Kintronic Laboratories](#))
- The ARRL Antenna Designer's Notebook ([ARRL](#) – 5 of these)
- Antenna Modeling for Beginners Radio ([Turner Engineering](#) – 2 of these)
- Dataworld HAM contact locator map 34" x 44" ([BIA/Kelsey](#))
- 100 ft. TMS LMR-240 low-loss coaxial cable ([Times Microwave Systems](#))
- Yaesu VX-8GR, 430 MHz, FM Transceiver with GPS ([Cavell, Mertz & Associates, Inc.](#))
- MFJ-259B HF/VHF/UHF SWR/antenna analyzer ([Harris Broadcast](#))
- 100 ft. TMS LMR-400 low-loss coaxial cable ([Times Microwave Systems](#))
- Baofeng F-11 Ultra Compact Dual Band Transceiver ([Nautel & RF Specialties of Texas](#))
- Yaesu FT-250R/E handheld transceiver ([Cavell, Mertz & Associates, Inc.](#) – 3 of these)



- The ARRL Storm Spotting and Amateur Radio book ([ARRL](#) – 5 of these)
- Uniden BCD396XT Compact APCO 25 handheld scanner with USB-1 scanner radio PC interface cable ([CEA](#))
- Jetstream JTPS28M 25 A DC power supply w/meters ([R&L Electronics](#))
- The ARRL Field Day Handbook for Radio Amateurs ([ARRL](#) – 5 of these)
- Pocket Ref Book ([Radio Magazine](#) - 3 of these)
- 2 rolls TMS Rapid-tite silicone weather sealing tape ([Times Microwave Systems](#))
- Model 43 ThruLine Wattmeter ([Bird Technologies](#))
- The ARRL Handbook – 2013 edition ([ARRL](#) – 8 of these)
- TMS "Protect" series lightning protector/surge arrestor (LP-BTR50NFF) ([Times Microwave Systems](#))
- The ARRL Antenna Book – 22nd edition ([ARRL](#) – 6 of these)
- Icom IC-R6 Communications Receiver ([Hammett & Edison](#))
- The ARRL Satellite Handbook – 1st edition ([ARRL](#) – 5 of these)
- Kenwood Model TM-281A 2-meter FM amateur radio transceiver ([Hammett & Edison](#))
- The ARRL Operating Manual – 10th edition ([ARRL](#) – 5 of these)
- The Care & Feeding of Transmission Lines ([Turner Engineering](#) – 2 of these)
- TMS "Protect" series DC pass lightning protector (LP-GTRNFF) ([Times Microwave Systems](#))
- Yaesu FT-60R dual band FM transceiver with FNB-83 battery and charger ([ROAM Consulting](#))
- The ARRL Guide to Antenna Tuners ([Turner Engineering](#) – 2 of these)



### **Broadcasting-related prizes:**

- Shure SRH440 Professional Studio Headphones ([The Durst Organization](#) – 4 of these)
- Certificate for one 100 foot roll of Belden 9913 RG-8/U type 50 ohm coax ([Belden](#))
- SBE \$40 gift certificate (for book or on-line University), SBE laptop lock and SBE tumbler with straw ([SBE](#))
- Certificate for 100 foot Belden 10GX32 Category 6a 10GbaseT 4-Pair data cable ([Belden](#))
- Radio World t-shirt ([NewBay Media](#) – 10 of these)
- Telos HX2 Digital Hybrid Unit with AES ([Telos/Omnia](#))
- Heil Sound The Fin (Deco Series Microphone) ([The Durst Organization](#))
- Certificate for 100 foot Belden 7810A ultra-low loss RG-8 coaxial cable ([Belden](#))
- Heil Sound PR 40 from the Pro Series Microphone ([CBS Radio](#))
- Certificate for 100 foot Belden 1172A Starquad low noise microphone cable ([Belden](#))
- Vorsis M1 Digital Microphone/Voice Processor ([Wheatstone Corporation](#))



### **Miscellaneous:**

- CCRadio-SW with AM/FM and shortwave ([C. Crane Co.](#))
- Garmin nuvi 2495 LMT HD ([iBiquity Digital Corp.](#))
- American Express gift card - \$50 ([Henry Engineering](#) – 2 of these)
- Insignia - HD Radio tabletop radio ([iBiquity Digital Corp.](#) – 2 of these)
- CC Pocket Radio with AM/FM/WX & 55 Presets ([C. Crane Co.](#))
- HD Car Connect radio ([CBS Radio](#) – 5 of these)
- American Express gift card - \$25 ([Henry Engineering](#) – 4 of these)
- CC Spotlight LED Light w/ High, Low & Flash Lighting Modes ([C. Crane Co.](#))
- 4 GB logo flash drive ([IEEE Broadcast Technology Society](#) – 10 of these)
- Honeybaked Ham gift certificate - \$50 ([ATSC](#) – 2 of these)
- 12 TaylorMade Penta TP5 golf balls ([Kathrein, Inc., Scala Division](#) – 2 of these)
- CCRadio-2 with FM, emergency radio with weather band and 2-meter Ham band ([C. Crane Co.](#))



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