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**Subject:** Swaptoberfest Ham Fair 2021 UPDATE INFORMATION

Greetings!

We have heard that many Hams are concerned about the CoViD-19 pandemic and its affect on the Swaptoberfest Ham Fair 2021 which is scheduled for October 16, 2021 at the Polk County Fairgrounds in Rickreall, Oregon.

FIRST, Swaptoberfest 2021 will happen as scheduled.

The flyer with attendance information is available on the internet at address

<https://swaptoberfest.org/Swaptoberfest-Oct-16-2021-Flyer.pdf>

The Swaptoberfest 2021 planning committee decided in July to sponsor the Swaptoberfest 2021 ham fair under the Oregon State Health Authority and Polk County guidelines in effect at the time of the event.

Currently, the state and county guidelines allow public gatherings, both indoor and outdoor, but do require mandatory usage of masks at public gathering places, both indoors and outdoors. There is no state or county requirement for proof of CoViD-19 vaccination for public events. Current Federal, State and local vaccination requirements apply only to employment, not to the general public.

See full text of the regulation at internet URL

[https://urldefense.com/v3/\\_\\_https://secure.sos.state.or.us/oard/viewSingleRule.action?ruleVrsnRsn=280702\\_\\_;!!C5qS4YX3!T7kn6igKvevx\\_-6XsuBsBeHLap-GgH8bJezMYbEVrYnK1aK9T-xfLGyxP0\\_WG\\_0-uA\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://secure.sos.state.or.us/oard/viewSingleRule.action?ruleVrsnRsn=280702__;!!C5qS4YX3!T7kn6igKvevx_-6XsuBsBeHLap-GgH8bJezMYbEVrYnK1aK9T-xfLGyxP0_WG_0-uA$)

Neither Polk County Health Department nor the Polk Fair have issued any additional, more restrictive regulations or procedures. We have been in

weekly contact with the staff at Polk County Fair, and will continue to monitor local pandemic news.

Hence, as of this time (September 27, 2021) the Swaptoberfest 2021 Ham Fair/Swap Meet event - will proceed as advertised on October 16, 2021 at the Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S Pacific Highway W, Rickreall, OR 97371,

- will require participants to wear face masks to prevent the spread of the respiratory droplets that carry the CoViD-19 virus and will encourage participants to maintain a physical distance of six feet between participants, but
- will not require proof of CoViD-19 vaccination from participants.

Although I, and several other board members, strongly believe that science overwhelmingly supports the efficacy and safety of vaccination, an attendance requirement for vaccination is not legally required and would be very contentious and extremely difficult to enforce.

We hope that participants will be reasonable and conscientious in protecting the community from all communicable diseases, including flu, colds, CoViD-19 and others, by:

- stay home if you are sick;
- cover your coughs and sneezes; and
- wash your hands often and vigorously with soap and water.

The Swaptoberfest organizers

- will post signs at all entrances reminding participants of the "rules,"
- will provide free face masks and hand sanitizer to all participants,
- will attempt to provide adequate ventilation,
- will encourage responsible behavior from all participants to ensure physical distancing and to avoid other "risky behaviors," and
- will ask flagrant violators of these rules to leave the event.

We have sought community input and given considerable thought to the problem, and believe that there is a need for a ham fair/swap meet (a socially and economically "essential service" for some people) and that the risks are manageable if everyone cooperates.

SECOND, we have extended the date for vendor reservations due to the understandable hesitation of many people to make commitments given the uncertainties of the pandemic.

Because of the CoViD-19 pandemic, we have changed the registration process.

Registration now includes email access, and all payments will be made at the door at check-in time **DO NOT SEND ANY PAYMENT WITH YOUR TABLE RESERVATION.**

Also, there are no advance sales of admission tickets this year.

We will begin making table assignments on Tuesday, October 5, 2021.

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## INSTRUCTIONS TO RESERVE A VENDOR TABLE

1. Go to the web page at internet URL address

<https://swaptoberfest.org/Swaptoberfest-Oct-16-2021-Flyer.pdf>

The vendor reservation form is on page 1. It is a "fillable" Adobe Acrobat file with a .pdf extension.

2. Save the file to your computer -- be certain you know the file location so that you can find it for the next step.

3. Open the file on your computer. (double click on the file name)

4. Fill in the data for your table request. The file is a "fillable" Adobe Acrobat file -- just type your data into the colored fields.

5. Save the file to your computer -- be certain you know the file location so that you can find it for step 7.

6. Create a new email message on your computer addressed to  
Info@Swaptoberfest.org

Subject

Vendor Registration Swaptoberfest 2021

7. Attach to the email the Adobe Acrobat .pdf file containing your vendor reservation form that you created in steps 4 and 5.

8. Send the email

**DO NOT SEND ANY PAYMENT!**

All fees will be collected when you check in at the vendor table on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning

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**VENDOR LOAD-IN**

The location and driving directions for Swaptobefest at the Polk County Fairgrounds in Rickreall, Oregon are on page 2 of the flyer, see step 1 above

Vendor load-in time for the Ham Fair is either

4:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Friday, October 15 or

6:30 am to 8:15 am on Saturday, October 16.

Check-in and payment for your table(s) and admission ticket(s) will be collected at the door during those times.

Please park your vehicle in the load-in area as directed, and immediately walk to the check in station to pay your fees and get your table assignment.

Table fees are \$20 each for tables without electrical power, and \$25 each for tables with power.

Admission tickets are \$10 per person for all age 16 years and older.

Payment can be made with cash or check only bank cards or electronic payment will not be accepted.

There is an ATM available in the building.

You will be given a table card to identify your table(s), and your wristband/admission ticket(s).

You may then proceed to unload your vehicle.

Pallets will be available to help you move merchandise from your vehicle to your table.

The table card will allow the pallet "driver" to find your table.

As soon as your merchandise is on the pallet, please move your vehicle to the long-term parking area.

Your merchandise will be waiting for you at your assigned table.

As a reminder, no guns, ammunition, knives or other weapons may be offered for sale at the Ham Fair.

Please limit merchandise to items related to the amateur radio hobby.

Due the CoViD-19 pandemic, the Swaptoberfest event will adhere to all public health recommendations for large group events, as issued by the Oregon State Health Authority for the date of the event.

The Swaptoberfest Committee reserves the right to refuse admission to anyone, for any reason.

Looking forward to a successful Ham Fair,  
(signed)

Swaptoberfest Committee

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