

Guidance for HamCon 2020 Poster Authors and Tabletop Displays

The HamCon Colorado 2020 Convention will provide the opportunity for members of the Amateur Radio Community to show off topics of interest including: experimentation, design and construction, testing, amateur related ideas via poster board presentations and tabletop displays. Posters and table-top displays will be available for viewing all day Saturday August 8th and Sunday August 9th during the event. Obviously, you do not have to be present when the Posters and Displays are available. But you should expect to answer questions and have discussions regarding your displays.

SOLICITATION AND TOPICS

Topics similar to those being sought for *Proceedings* articles and presentations, both technical and non-technical in nature, are being solicited for the Convention's poster board presentations and tabletop displays. Sometimes a good topic may not have enough meat for a full presentation or paper but is still of great interest to others. Perhaps your local club had a big operating event that would be of interest to or inspiration for others attending HamCon Colorado. A successful or not so successful! Field Day operation could pass along some useful ideas (and pitfalls) to others.

You might have photos and examples of a recent construction project of yours. Also, physical items for display as show-and-tell may be included with a poster as a table-top display. While the room containing posters and table-top displays will be monitored by event staff, HamCon Colorado Inc., the Convention sponsoring organization, or venue cannot be held responsible for loss or damage.

If you are a good teacher, consider covering some basic, yet important, Amateur Radio topics. Many of these Amateur Radio themes can be reviewed (or taught, if you will) via poster sessions or table-top displays. Such displays can then be used again in subsequent years in your own clubs. They also make excellent items to take as a part of a visit to other clubs when explaining Amateur Radio related items to others.

SUGGESTED MATERIALS

Tri-Fold poster boards, such as those used by students for science fair projects, are available at most office supply stores. The recommended board is "Elmer's Display Board Plus," which is 36" high x 48" wide. Some stores may not carry Elmer's but they should carry an equivalent.

Posters will be displayed on table-tops. This permits any show-and-tell to be placed in front of the poster to enhance the presentation. If your poster will not stand by itself on a table, you will need to provide an easel.

LAYOUT

Remember, the poster needs to tell the whole story... usually you won't be there to explain what's missing. Try to use a simple "story-telling" format, starting in the upper left corner. Go across and down the tri-fold; or down and then across to the center board. Like-wise on the

center board; go across and down or down and then across to the right-side tri-fold and end up your display in the lower right corner.

Posters will be viewed from a much larger distance than a printed page, so you need to use larger than usual type sizes. Typically, printed pages use 10 pt or 12 pt fonts. For a poster, consider using nothing smaller than 14 pt, or maybe even 16 pt type. Make titles and headings even larger: say 24 pt. Keep titles and headings simple. Pictures, maps, and charts are naturals for Posters. So are physical things that illustrate what your Poster is talking about. The front center (between the “wings” of the Poster) is a natural for placement of such additional items.

KEY SUBMISSION DEADLINE

- The deadline for NOTIFYING us that you will have a poster at the Convention is **July 1, 2020**. Please submit the title of the poster and an abstract briefly describing the poster to the HamCon Colorado Forum web site
<https://forum.hamconcolorado.com/event/1/abstracts/>
- Review of abstracts will start May 1, 2020, and you will be notified that the poster is accepted earlier. Space is finite so we can only accept a limited number of posters.
- **BRING YOUR POSTER WITH YOU** when you come to the Convention. This gives you additional time to prepare a Poster as opposed to a paper for the Proceedings. (The deadline for Proceedings submissions is July 1, 2020.)

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