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Hamvention and ARISS Work Together

The Amateur Radio on the International Space Station team (ARISS) is pleased to announce that it is working together again with Hamvention this year. Hamvention's 2019 theme is, "Mentoring the Next Generation." ARISS's mission is all about mentoring and inspiring. Tens of thousands of people have been touched by the program: students, educators, community members, and new hams--all wanting to explore STEM and Amateur Radio through ARISS.

Hamvention's support to ARISS began with approval for their first-ever ARISS Forum; it is Friday at 1:15-2:15 PM in Room 3. A group of speakers will present current and future lifelong learning activities for hams and students via ARISS SSTV, APRS, voice repeaters, radio experiments and robots. Attendees will hear about the next gen on-orbit hardware systems, updates on school activities, ARISS's visionary initiative to fly ham radio on the human spaceflight lunar Gateway, how to maximize hams' opportunities to make ARISS connections and listen to the ISS crew in home stations, and meet special guests.

Hamvention will boost up ARISS by once again featuring a special ticket-drawing just minutes before the convention's famous Sunday drawing for bonus prizes. One ticket will be pulled from the drum for a lucky person to win an ARISS display case with coins. ARISS donated two ARISS Challenge Coins positioned side by side, showcased in a handsome wooden case with a brass plate. A challenge coin is the premium received by donors who give \$100 or more to ARISS; the case allows the view of each of the coin's sides. The winning ticket will be tossed in the drum for a chance at all other prizes. 2019 Hamvention Prize Committee Chair Liz Cline, KE8FMJ, wrote,

"I will give you [ARISS] the same spot [at Sunday's prize event] as in previous years. As a collector of challenge coins, myself, I think this is a fabulous thing you do."

The ARISS team welcomes Hamvention-goers at the ARISS booth in Building 1. A version will be featured of the Multi-Voltage Power Supply (MVPS) that ARISS will launch to replace the current aging ISS amateur radio station. ARISS hopes to boost its 2019 fund-raising campaign to help with the expensive space-rated parts required to finish building the MVPS units, and some costs of continuing ARISS operations. When Hamvention visitors donate \$10, they will receive a new ARISS lapel pin and a chance in a

raffle to win an ARISS Challenge Coin--the winning ticket to be drawn at the booth, 10:30 AM Sunday; the winner need not be present.

For those unable to travel to Xenia, readers can donate any amount right now by going to <http://www.ariss.org/donate.html> And surprise—if you donate after May 16 on FundRazr.com, an anonymous benefactor will match your amount dollar for dollar, for which ARISS is very grateful. The match ends July 17, 2019.

ARISS thanked everyone on the Hamvention staff whose efforts are aiding ARISS in its publicity and fund-raising goals. ARRL ARISS-US Delegate Rosalie White, K1STO, added: "We are so pleased and proud to know that Hamvention believes in the ARISS team and its goals of inspiring and mentoring STEM and Amateur Radio."

About ARISS

Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) is a cooperative venture of international amateur radio societies and the space agencies that support the International Space Station (ISS). In the United States, sponsors are the Radio Amateur Satellite Corporation (AMSAT), the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), the ISS National Lab and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). The primary goal of ARISS is to promote exploration of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) topics by organizing scheduled contacts via amateur radio between crew members aboard the ISS and students in classrooms or public forms. Before and during these radio contacts, students, educators, parents, and communities learn about space, space technologies, and amateur radio. For more information, see www.ariss.org.

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