

WinterFest January 16 at NEM

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We will hold our annual joint WinterFest at the National Electronics Museum in Linthicum MD, near BWI. We will have an indoor swap meet, followed by an auction. We usually get some vendors at this meet who are not regulars at our monthly MAARC meetings, and you may see things you don't usually see, and you just might like them. And the Museum brings items donated to it in previous months, with many interesting items. There will be no presentation at the WinterFest meeting, just swap meet and auction.

There may be light snow (around one inch) in the morning and afternoon. Heavy snow is now predicted for evening hours.

Special Things to Know About WinterFest at NEM this Year

1. Masks required. Anne Arundel County and the building owners require masks on all people in the building.
2. Limited number of people in auditorium. The building owners have limited to 48 the number of people who can be in the auditorium (the space for both the swap meet and the auction) at one time. If you come early and others come later, we may ask you to move to the Museum exhibit halls for a while to give them a chance with the vendors. But that's OK because they have some really interesting exhibits at the Museum.
3. Entrance fee. To enter the Museum, you will pay a \$5.00 ticket fee unless you are a member of the Museum. (MAARC membership does not count for free admission.) There are some new exhibits added recently, so check them out while you are there.
4. All will be webcast live. See links below for Zoom and Facebook live.
5. Schedule
 - 8:00 Doors open for vendors only
 - 9:00 Doors open for buyers
 - 11:00 Webcast display of items on the auction table
 - 12:00 Auction starts
6. Proxy bidding. If you cannot attend in person, you can still see a video preview of the items which are consigned to the auction at 11:00 AM, but there will NOT be online bidding in this auction. Buyers must be present to bid or have a proxy bid for them. If you are interested in an item in the auction but cannot attend, phone a friend who is at the auction or arrange ahead of time, and ask them to act as proxy for you. If you have a proxy bidder, they must bid for the item, pay for it, and remove it after the auction. Items left behind will become property of the Club and the Club will dispose of them. You can give your proxy a maximum amount to bid for you, or stay on the phone with them during the auction, get caught up in the fever, and tell them to go even higher!

Join the Meeting Online

To join the meeting and watch the inside auction in Zoom click on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87197326013>.

When a box asks you to Open Zoom Meetings, do it.

The Meeting Number is 871 9732 6013; enter passcode 419152.

Please join the meeting by 10:45 to make sure everything is working properly if you wish to see the video review of consigned items at 11:00.

To join by regular telephone with no video (that is, not a "smart phone") dial one of the numbers below and enter the meeting number. You can speak and listen on the phone; press *6 to toggle mute/unmute.

Dial by your location and enter Meeting Number 871 9732 6013 and passcode 419152.

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You can watch the meeting on Facebook, either live or recorded. Click [here](#) and scroll down to the video.