

# 2025 NEWS



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This is a list of things that you need to be aware of in 2025. Some are new, some are old, some have changed.

## VIP PASSES

VIP Passes are back again. They were such a hit in 2023 and 2024 that we brought them back for 2025. Want to get in early and rub elbows with your favorite vendor? This pass allows visitors to get into the show area during setup on Friday 8/15/24 at 10 AM and during the show on Saturday 8/16/24 and Sunday 8/17/24 at 9 AM. Cost is \$100/person and is good for the entire weekend. The pass can be purchased as follows:

- Thursday afternoon 8/14/24 at registration in the Ocean Center;
- Thursday night 8/14/24 at early vendor registration at the Dayton Hilton;
- Friday morning 8/15/24 at registration in the Ocean Center;
- Saturday morning 8/16/24 at registration in the Ocean Center;
- Sunday morning 8/17/24 at registration in the Ocean Center;

## VENDOR EARLY REGISTRATION

Thursday night early vendor registration is back again. Vendors can pre-register and get their badges early on Thursday night 8/14/24 at the Daytona Hilton from 7:30 PM to 10:00 PM. The location of the early registration room will be announced soon.

## EASIER VENDOR UNLOADING FOR ROOM TWO

Room 2 vendor unloading will be easier again this year. They will be allowed to unload through the ballroom entrance instead of going through room 1 to reach their tables in room 2. Directions will be given at Vendor Registration as well as signage to direct Vendors to the ballroom unloading area.

## QUICKER PURCHASE OF WRISTBANDS AND T-SHIRTS

The new wristband sales kiosks and the separate t-shirt sales area worked exceedingly well in 2023 and 2024. Sales were quick and no one had to stand out in the sun. The 3 kiosks for wristband sales and 1 line for t-shirt sales will be back in 2025.

## HOTEL RESERVATIONS

We try to block out as many rooms as possible at the Daytona Hilton Hotel with an Expo discount. However, the block sells out each year. So, if you want to stay at the Hilton, make your reservations as early as possible. Go to the HOTEL tab on this website for a link to make reservations at the Hilton.

Like last year, we reserved an overflow block of rooms with an Expo discount at the Daytona Grande Hotel. The new Daytona Grande Hotel is located just 3 blocks north of the Ocean Center on the water across the street from the IHOP. Rates are a very reasonable \$??? (coming soon) per night with no resort fee. Go to the HOTEL tab on this website for a link to make reservations at the Daytona Grande.