

# Texas Linux Festival Report



**Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>**

I arrived on Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> after a long drive from Southeast Georgia in the early morning. After arriving, I decided to take a peek at where the booth was located and the event times. The first day was nothing but exams and a few corporate lectures that did not involve the public. The welcome area was set up ready to start, so, I picked up my badge and got signed in. I then ventured into where the booths were located and scoped out the power connections, network, and the general area. Set up times were from 2pm to 6pm that evening (3<sup>rd</sup>) and from 8am to 10am the following day (4<sup>th</sup>). The actual booth opening and open floor was to start at 10am on the 4<sup>th</sup>. I decided that the two hour time frame in the morning would be sufficient time to be setup and ready for the public.



In the morning I began to setup about 7:30am, I had just finished setting up the booth a few minutes before 8am and noticed the only other table being worked on was the Red Hat table right next to ours. Got to meet and talk with Thomas Cameron quite a bit that day. A wonderful and helpful person he is. I was sure glad both he and I were setup as early as we did, people started to show up and immediately after 8am and began asking questions about Fedora (at that time we were the only two booths setup). John Rose arrived and asked if I needed any assistance, or anything I needed to get started but I was ready to go.



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Shortly after that Adam Miller showed up. Great person and quite knowledgeable of Fedora and all the aspects of the operating system, I enjoyed working with Adam and can't wait until next year's TLF. Adam and I worked the booth together until late afternoon.

Booth Items on display;

- F17 Pressed Media
- Beefy Miracle Buttons
- Fedora Buttons
- Fedora Vinyl stickers
- Fedora Case badges
- Fedora Pens
- Fedora Tatoos

There was definitely a lot of interest in Fedora and its abilities. We a good showing at our booth with a good group of return customers that was quite pleased with the product. We also had a few that we had converted from other products to ours. I was very excited to explain our product as compared to others. While it wasn't as quite is busy, I got up and snapped a few shots of the other participants booths.



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*Adam Miller explaining the advantages of Fedora*

Fedora was definitely one of the most popular booths there. Of course the sponsor booth (Rackspace) was right across from ours. Both Rackspace and ours were show stoppers. To summarize the event was quite busy, I ran out of Pressed Media about 30 minutes before the end of the festival, Beefy buttons and stickers were also going fast. The event box I filled with buttons, pens, and media is now very light. Texas Linux Festival was in my opinion a very successful event. This event normally is held in Austin Texas, but I believe that San Antonio was a better choice. The Hotel "Spring Hill Suites" was fantastic, location couldn't have been a better choice. The evening before was a free Jazz Festival and convenient shopping in the mall. There was ample choice of restaurants in the area.



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*Me at the end of the day, notice there are only three pressed media discs on the table*

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*The Air Force Jazz Band*