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### **Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club to Hold Hamfest January 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>**

Fort Myers FL, January 2, 2024 -- Step into the vibrant world of amateur radio enthusiasts at the Southwest Florida Hamfest, a thrilling blend of flea market finds, FCC license testing, and captivating workshops. With over 48,000 amateur radio operators in Florida, this event is more than just a gathering—it's a celebration of the crucial role amateur radio plays in emergency communications.

Hosted by the Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club (FMARC), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 1957, the Hamfest is set to unfold on Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> from noon until 5 pm and Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> from 8 am until 3 pm at Florida Southwestern College Building U in Fort Myers. This dynamic event isn't just for seasoned hams; it's a golden opportunity for anyone fascinated by amateur radio to connect with like-minded individuals, share stories, and forge new friendships. You might even see how they connect to the International Space Station!

Established in 1957, the Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club, Inc. has been dedicated to fostering camaraderie among individuals with a shared passion for Amateur Radio. With a commitment to facilitating the exchange of information, promoting electronics and amateur radio knowledge, advocating for good radio operating practices, and advancing the art of Amateur Radio, the club strives to create a vibrant community. Additionally, the club actively sponsors and promotes various activities related to amateur radio, provides crucial public service during emergencies, and actively engages in other community initiatives. FMARC is affiliated with and sponsored by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), which is the national association for amateur radio, connecting hams around the U.S. with news, information and resources.

For more information about Southwest Florida Hamfest, please visit <https://swflhamfest.info/> or by email hamfest@fmarc.net.

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