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**Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club Commemorates National Train Day
with Morse Code Transmission at the Railroad Museum of South Florida**

Fort Myers, FL - As National Train Day approaches on May 11, the Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club gears up for a unique celebration at the Railroad Museum of South Florida. Marking the occasion, the club will be on-site and on the airwaves, transmitting in Morse code—a homage to the historic role of telegraphy in railway operations.

National Train Day, observed annually on the Saturday closest to May 10, traces its origins back to 2008 when Amtrak introduced the holiday to highlight the significance of railways in American history and promote rail travel's eco-friendly attributes. This year, the Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club, in collaboration with the Railroad Museum of South Florida, will pay homage to this tradition by showcasing the intersection of old and new technologies.

Located in Lakes Park at 7330 Gladiolus Dr, Fort Myers, FL 33907, the event promises an immersive experience for visitors. Attendees will have the opportunity to explore the rich history of the Railroad Museum of South Florida while witnessing Morse code transmissions reminiscent of the telegraph's heyday. Attendees will also discover the voice and digital options demonstrated by licensed amateur radio operators.

"The telegraph was once the lifeline of railways, facilitating the smooth operation of train arrivals and departures. Today, Amateur Radio serves a similar purpose, especially during emergencies when conventional communication systems fail," said Bob Lewis, President of the Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club.

The event aims to educate visitors about the vital role of railways in transportation and the enduring legacy of Morse code in telecommunications. Additionally, attendees will learn about the innovative applications of Amateur Radio in emergency situations, ensuring the timely dissemination of critical information.

Join the Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club on May 11 from 10 am until 4 pm to celebrate National Train Day, explore the Railroad Museum of South Florida, and discover the enduring legacy of Morse code in the digital age. 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. The club meets at 7 pm on the last Tuesday of the month at the Lee County Emergency Operations Center. Learn more about ham radio and the club at www.fmarc.net and to learn more about the Railroad Museum of South Florida by visiting rrmsf.org.

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