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**Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club Operates at  
Boca Grande Lighthouse as Parks on the Air  
For the US National Lighthouse Week**

July 23, 2024, Fort Myers, Fl. - Are you ready for an exciting outdoor adventure that combines history, technology, and community? Join us for the Parks on the Air (POTA) event, an international radiosport award program that invites licensed amateur radio operators to explore and operate portable equipment in parks and public lands, all while respecting the environment and fellow park visitors.

This year, we're celebrating the US National Lighthouse Day and the National Lighthouse-Lightship Weekend (NLLW) with a special Parks on the Air (POTA) activation at Boca Grande/Gasparilla State Park, home to the historic Port Boca Grande Lighthouse. On Saturday, August 3, from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM, come experience the thrill of amateur radio in a stunning coastal setting.

Discover the rich history of the Port Boca Grande Lighthouse, built in 1890 to guide ships safely into Charlotte Harbor. This unique iron screw pile design lighthouse, visible from up to 12 miles away, is one of only six in Florida open to the public and the only one on the west coast. After 20 years of abandonment, it was beautifully restored and rededicated in 1986, and it now stands proudly on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club Inc. will be hosting this special event, offering you a chance to see amateur radio in action and learn about the fascinating world of radiosport. Whether you're a seasoned operator or new to the hobby, there's something for everyone. Plus, you'll get to enjoy the beautiful surroundings of Gasparilla State Park and support the efforts of the Barrier Island Parks Society, who help manage and operate the lighthouse.

Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to celebrate our maritime heritage, explore amateur radio, and enjoy a day at one of Florida's most picturesque state parks. Mark your calendars and join us for a day of fun, learning, and community!

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. Call 941-275-9145 to attend a meeting or visit [www.fmarc.net](http://www.fmarc.net) to learn more.

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