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Annual Southwest Regional Hamfest Brings Amateur Radio Enthusiasts to Fort Myers

Fort Myers, FL – Mark your calendars! On **Friday, January 10th**, and **Saturday, January 11th**, the **Southwest Florida Regional Hamfest** will transform Fort Myers into a hub for amateur radio enthusiasts from across the state. This exciting annual event, hosted by the **Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club (FMARC)**, showcases the vibrant world of radio communication while inviting newcomers to explore this fascinating and practical hobby.

Held at **Florida Southwestern State College** in an air-conditioned exhibit hall, the event features **FCC license testing**, **educational workshops**, and a lively **outdoor flea market** complete with food trucks and live demonstrations. Whether you're a seasoned “ham” or a curious beginner, there’s something for everyone to enjoy.

Event Details:

- **What:** Southwest Regional Hamfest Convention
- **When:**
 - **Friday, January 10:** Noon to 5 PM
 - **Saturday, January 11:** 8 AM to 3 PM
- **Where:** Florida Southwestern State College, Building U, Fort Myers
- **Hosted by:** Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
- **Cost:** \$10 General Admission, open to the public

The Hamfest arrives at a perfect time, as interest in radio communication grows following recent hurricane seasons. Attendees will learn firsthand how amateur radio plays a critical role in emergency preparedness. The event also offers an excellent opportunity for businesses specializing in radio and electronics to connect with potential buyers. Vendor space is available.

Explore the latest radios and equipment, attend informative forums, and enjoy the lively flea market where seasoned operators turn unwanted gear into treasure for others.

Don't miss this unique event! For more information, visit swflhamfest.com.

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Editorial Note: Amateur Radio Operator John Wells demonstrates radio operations during the Winter Field Day event, one of many activities that ham radio enthusiasts enjoy

throughout the year. Whether it's chatting with neighbors or connecting with friends around the globe, amateur radio brings people together in unique and meaningful ways. Photo by the Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

