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Southwest Florida Regional Hamfest 2026 Returns to Fort Myers

FORT MYERS, FL – December 29, 2025 –The *Southwest Florida Regional Hamfest* returns to Fort Myers! Mark your calendars for **Friday, January 16 (Noon–5 PM)** and **Saturday, January 17 (8 AM–3 PM), 2026**, when the air-conditioned halls of **Florida Southwestern State College** transform into the epicenter of innovation, education, and excitement for radio enthusiasts from across the region.

Hosted by the **Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club (FMARC)**, this annual event is much more than a swap meet — it’s a celebration of discovery, community, and the science behind radio communication.

“Our Hamfest isn’t just about buying and selling equipment; it’s a celebration of learning and discovery,” said **Carmine Ventrano**, President of FMARC. “We’re here to empower people with the knowledge and skills to engage with amateur radio—whether for emergency preparedness, scientific exploration, or simply connecting with others around the world.”

Hamfest 2026 will feature a dynamic lineup of presentations from industry experts and innovators, covering today’s hottest topics in amateur radio technology and operation.

Featured Presentations Include:

- **ARRL Southern Florida Section Meeting** – *Barry Porter, KB1PA*
- **What’s New at DX Engineering** – *Tim Duffy, K3LR, President, DX Engineering*
- **C4FM Fusion** – *Bill “Bucky” Buckwalter, W0SUN*
- **Remote Operations** – *Alex Cochran, KB4LX*
- **DC in the Hamshack by Paradan Radio** – *Dan Gavereaux, N1ZZ*

- **Ham2K Parks on the Air App** – *Sebastian Delmont, KI2D*
- **Flex Radio** – *Michael Walker, VA3MW*
- **DigiRig** – *Denis Grisak, K0TX*
- **Digital Confusion** – *Bucky Buckwalter, W0SUN*
- **Introduction to NXDN** – *Paul Toth, NB9X*

With exhibits, equipment vendors, demonstrations, and educational sessions, Hamfest 2026 promises something for everyone—from newcomers curious about the world of radio communication to seasoned operators eager to connect, learn, and exchange ideas.

Get Licensed

The SWFL Regional Hamfests offer FCC license testing on-site. If you've been thinking about becoming a licensed operator, this is a convenient opportunity to take the test and join the community.

Fun for All Ages

Hamfests aren't just for hardcore techies—they're family-friendly and full of excitement. Some events even have food trucks, raffles, and fun activities for kids.

So, why should you go? Because a hamfest is your gateway to exploring a rewarding hobby, meeting great people, and maybe even discovering a passion for radio communication that lasts a lifetime. Learn more at <https://swflhamfest.com>

About the Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club (FMARC)

Founded in **1957**, FMARC is dedicated to advancing the art and science of amateur radio. It is an affiliate member of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), which is the national association for amateur radio in the United States. As an **ARRL-affiliated organization**, the club promotes technical education, fellowship among radio operators, and vital public service communication during emergencies. Learn more at www.fmarc.net