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Final Report

Ham Radio again drawing in international friends of radio after a two-year break – High-quality supporting program impresses crowds with notable speakers – Exhibitors report brisk sales

Visitors to the International Amateur Radio Exhibition celebrate relaunch of annual event

Friedrichshafen – Enthusiasm for technology, maker culture, and technical skill are the glue that bind radio enthusiasts from all over the world. These fans of everything to do with amateur radio gathered at the exhibition center in Friedrichshafen from June 24 to 26 in order to meet other radio fans in person, celebrate reunions with old friends, and upgrade their equipment. “We’re back! After a hiatus of two years, the Ham Radio pointed the way forward by again bringing to life the special spirit of camaraderie that you only find at a gathering of amateur radio fans. The exhibitors who presented themselves here were able to conclude or initiate a good deal of new business. It has once again been shown that the show is the most important buying and trading venue for radio enthusiasts in Europe. Together with our outstanding partner German Amateur Radio Club (DARC), we have put on a top-notch trade fair with a wide-ranging supporting program,” say Messe Friedrichshafen Managing Director Klaus Wellmann and Project Manager Petra Rathgeber. Over the three days of the show, the Ham Radio attracted 10,200 (2019: 14,300) amateur radio enthusiasts from 52 countries.

The air in the exhibition halls was filled with inventiveness, creativity, and an affinity for technology. At this reunion event held on the fairgrounds, the



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amateur radio community was awaited by 394 participants, including 129 commercial exhibitors and associations as well as 265 flea market exhibitors from 27 countries. There was everything a radio operator's heart could desire, from radios to transceivers to antennas. The flea market held quite a few treasures in store for the resourceful radio enthusiasts. A special highlight was DARC's diverse and fascinating supporting program. "After the long break, the fair completely exceeded our expectations. We hit the bull's eye with our slogan of "Seeing Friends Again." Through our high-quality presentation program, we were once again able to demonstrate how much expertise and specialized knowledge volunteer radio amateurs have. Ham Radio creates a unique space for meeting others in person, making it indispensable for us as a driver of the future of amateur radio. We saw the partnership between the Lake Constance Emergency Radio Association, Airbus, and DARC as particularly successful. Together we laid the foundation for the regional emergency radio groups at the fair, and we will launch a nationwide concept for emergency communications" in the near future, emphasizes DARC Press Spokesperson Stephanie Heine and DARC Chair Christian Entsfellner.

In conversation with the exhibitors, many exhibiting companies reported a positive trade show experience, including Hans Hilberling of Hilberling GmbH: "Ham Radio is the most important trade event and point of contact for us; we spotted not only many familiar faces but also many new ones at our stand. We've been coming here for 15 years, and the fair was an event we simply had to attend again this year. We are glad that the fair is taking place again after going on hiatus for two years, allowing us to celebrate this reunion with friends together here." Christian Jansen of CJ-Elektronik GmbH: "The atmosphere at the Ham Radio was good, and we were pleasantly surprised. In the run-up to the fair, we heard that a few of the larger exhibitors had canceled, which made us curious to see how this would affect the number of visitors. We made very good sales, but it was also important for us to be here for non-material reasons quite apart from the financial aspect. The visitors were happy that the fair was able to take place again – what more could you want?" Frank Dathe of Funktechnik Dathe expressed a similar sentiment: "The number of visitors to our stand this year was slightly higher than at the previous fair. With its supporting program and the many opportunities to meet other people, Ham Radio has an overall



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package on offer that is incomparable. It was the right decision to come here, and we will be back again next year!" Managing Director of Joachims HF & EDV Beratungs GmbH Richard Joachims says the following to summarize the event: "The interest in our product range was overwhelming. We are very satisfied with how the Ham Radio has gone. Thanks to the many visitors who were eager to make purchases, a lot of our products were quickly sold out. Our expectations were absolutely exceeded. We are already looking forward to attending the new fair in 2023!"

The next Ham Radio will again be held in Friedrichshafen, Germany, from June 23 to 25, 2023. Further information is available at www.hamradio-friedrichshafen.de.



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