

# Alamo Inventors<sup>SM</sup>



## A Living Legend Speaks to Alamo Inventors

### Forrest Mims III

Mr. Forrest M. Mims III, renowned electronics author, is the featured presenter for November's program. Forrest will speak about several of the inventions he created over the years, during and after his time attending Texas A&M University.

Forrest will bring some of his inventions for display, discuss his visit to the US Patent Office and suggest ways to profit from inventions without seeking patent protection. Among the inventions he will speak about include a primitive analog-digital hybrid computer that translated English words into Russian, a light wave communications system, an eyeglass-mounted infrared travel aid for the blind, and a novel method of rocket control.

In 1969, Mims co-founded Micro Instrumentation and Telemetry Systems (MITS), a company that created the Altair 8800, a microcomputer which sparked the personal computer era in 1975.

His invention of novel sun photometers and radiometers led to assignments from the EPA and NOAA and two NASA-sponsored research campaigns to utilize satellites to measure biomass smoke and the ozone layer over Brazil.

Mr. Mims' atmospheric research has led to numerous publications in scientific journals. Forrest was named one of the "50 Best Brains in Science" by Discover Magazine, and his design of a hand-held instrument that measures the ozone layer earned him a 1993 Rolex Award.

His many books about electronics have sold 7.5 million copies. Forrest authored 36 popular electronic books for Radio Shack between 1972 and 2003 and wrote a monthly column for Popular Electronics and Modern Electronics.

Currently, Mr. Mims writes about science in a weekly column for the Seguin Gazette (1998 to present) and the San Antonio Express-News, The Country Scientist, (2006 to present).

Mr. Mims' science is featured at [www.forrestmims.org](http://www.forrestmims.org). For a more detailed listing of Forrest's numerous world class accomplishments, visit [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Forrest\\_Mims](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Forrest_Mims).

Also, please take this opportunity to pay your annual dues (\$25/\$95 Corporate), thanks!

## Wednesday, November 13, 2013

5:30-6:30 Networking 6:30-8:00 PM - Presentation

San Antonio Technology Center

3463 Magic Drive

(North of I-410 Between Callaghan and Fredericksburg Roads)

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