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Apr 2020

MOTA

146.920 -offset PL 110.9

Simulcast with Zoom Webinar

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Welcome

- Directed Net, NCS Bob AF5RS, Alt NCS Tod WE5TR
 - Simulcast with Zoom Webinar
- Moment of Silence
- Check-ins of 1st Time Guests
- Check-ins of New or Upgraded Licensed Operators
- Check-ins of Membership
 - In 10 Group Callsign Alphabetical Order
 - A, K, KA-KD, KE, KF, KG, KI-KZ, N, W, WA-WZ

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Business Meeting

- Call for approval of minutes
 - Minutes as reported in the newsletter

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Business Meeting (cont.)

- Treasurer's Report
 - Balance Report

	Apr. 26, 2020	Mar. 23, 2020	Feb. 24, 2020	Jan 27, 2020
DATCU	\$11,325.12	\$10,724.54	\$10,520.55	\$10,559.36
PayPal	\$ 3,424.24	\$ 3,777.19	\$ 3,376.14	\$ 2,859.93
Total	\$14,749.36	\$14,501.73	\$13,896.69	\$13,419.29
Total Includes Reserve	\$ 5,000.00			

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Business Meeting (cont.)

- Fundraising

- Kroger Rewards Program

- Check out DCARA website for details
 - Sign up using your telephone number
 - Must renew donation intent to DCARA

- Amazon Smile

- Do you use Amazon? Please use the website <http://smile.amazon.com/> and select “Denton County Amateur Radio Club” as a beneficiary. 1/2% of all revenue will be donated to the club at no charge to purchaser.
 - Proceeds continue to roll in

- Thank you to members that have employer donations setup!

- Microsoft, Yahoo!, Verizon, Network for Good, HP Your Cause, AT&T, Dell

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- Media

- Website <https://www.dcara.net>
- HCOL <http://hamclubonline.com> Club Member Database
- Facebook [@DCARADenton](https://facebook.com/DCARADenton)
- Twitter [@W5NGU](https://twitter.com/w5ngu)
- WhatsApp Various Chat groups for different functions
 - General, Projects, Climbers, Hams On, etc.
- Broadcastify <https://www.broadcastify.com/>
 - W5NGU 146.920, W5NGU 444.050, W5FKN 145.1770 Streaming audio

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- NETS on the 146.92 repeater
 - Training & Information Net – Mondays (except meeting night) 20:00
 - SATERN Net – Tuesdays 19:00
 - WinLink Wednesday's – Wednesday Login - John Hill KF5VO kf5vo@arrl.net
 - Denton County ARES Training Net – 3rd Thursday 19:30
 - Digitally Speaking Net – Sundays 14:00
 - AR Newsline & ARRL News audio feed slots – Sat 19:00, Sun 13:00, Weds 20:00

For further information or NCS volunteers contact:

- Nancy Graff AG5MQ netmanager@dcara.net
- Sunshine Recap – Stewart KE5UT

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- ARES Report
 - Membership renewals – Contact Gerald
 - ARES training nets 3rd Thursday, 1930 hours, Update your Calendar
 - IS-100C, 200C, 700B, and 800C are required
 - Skywarn Class every 2 years.
 - Skywarn Training – RECAP
 - Submit Certificates, pdf via email to Gerald
 - Online Skywarn Training
 - https://www.meted.ucar.edu/training_course.php?id=23
 - Or <http://bit.ly/1ft9f0>
 - Photos (passport style) are required for ARES badges
 - Background check required for Denton County issued ARES badges
 - Minimum Reporting Criteria / Proper Check In / APRS requirement (!DCARES) tag

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- Testing

- Results – Mar. 22, 2020 Postponed until May+

- Technician –
- General –
- Extra –

- Next Session – TBD

- Training

- Nancy Graff AG5MQ is our Training Coordinator – training@dcara.net

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- University & Hospital Coordinator

Contact Leo Hogard N5DZO at lhogard@gmail.com

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- Elmer Coordinator
 - Rookie Roundup – SSB April 19, 2020 13:00 - CANCELLED
 - For those licensed in the last 3 years to operate the HF bands in the mode specified.

Contact Duane Baade at dbaade1944@frontier.com

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Business Meeting (cont.)

• Technical Report (1/4)

- Rosston Tower site **ALL OFFLINE**
 - D-Star – **Gateway Offline**
 - 145.49 WD5U Repeater (AllStar 41089) – **Online**
 - 927.0500 PL 110.9 MHz W5FKN Repeater – **Online**
 - 224.200 KE5GDB Repeater (AllStar 43409) – **Online**
 - 440.425 P25/Analog Repeater – **Online (pending upgrades)**
 - 440.6875 DMR Repeater – **Online**
 - Digipeaters – APRS **Offline** RMS **Online**
 - Camera package – **Online** – email Andrew ke5gdb@gmail.com
 - DCARALAN Guinn link – **Online**
 - AREDN Sector – **Online**

Business Meeting (cont.)

- Technical Report (2/4)

- EOC Site

- 145.170 MHz Repeater – Online – Scm retrofit pending
- 444.050 MHz Repeater – Online – Scm retrofit pending
- 927.6125 MHz Repeater – Online

D-Star Stack moved Outside

- IRLP / Echolink – Pending (444.050/R) – (IRLP: 3011 / EchoLink: 307770 “KE5GDB-L”)
- Tower Climb in Progress - Cables secured – AREDN, DCARALAN Pending

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• Technical Report (3/4)

• Guinn Dorm Site

- 146.92 MHz Repeater (AllStar 41087) – Online
 - More Voter remote site upgrades planned
 - Voters:
 - Justin, Frisco, Grapevine Upgraded
 - Rosston, Celina, Lewisville, UT Dallas (Richardson) - Pending

• Stark Dorm Site

- 224.920 Repeater (AllStar 43784) – Online
- 443.525 Repeater (Fusion Digital) – Online with Wires-X
- 440.6625 Repeater N5LS DMR – Online
- 927.6625 Repeater N5LS DMR – Online
- 462.600 GMRS DCS 624, chan 17 (3rd repeater chan) – Online
- UHF (Digital P25) – Pending stabilization of Inter-Repeater Network protocol

• Providence Water Tower

- Weather Station, AREDN, Camera – Online – Documentation Pending

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• Technical Report (4/4)

• DCARALAN

- N5LS Gateway > Guinn Link – Standby – Physical Obstructions
- KC5GOI Gateway > Guinn Link – Online
- Guinn / Stark link upgraded (new radio)
- Rosston > Guinn Link – Online
- LAARK – Online

• Mesh Network (AREDN)

- Mustang Hathaway Water Tower Project (Weather, 3 Cameras, DCARALAN Link)
- TWU and EOC sites – Online (CH -2, 5MHz channel width)
- Aubrey and Lewisville AREDN sites – Online – Tower climbs needed
- 3 Sectors installed on Little Elm Watertower

• LAARK Repeaters (The Colony)

- 147.380 MHz (AllStar 47668, new server) – Online
- 443.300 MHz (Fusion Digital w/ WIRES-X) – Online
- 224.000 MHz (AllStar 43670, new server) – Online

Business Meeting (cont.)

- Operations Report / Events
 - New signup method with groups.io
- Future Events
 - MS150 Ride May 15-16 – CANCELLED
 - Ham-Com Plano – June 12-13 – STILL ON - PENDING
 - Field Day – Pilot Knoll Park – June 27-28 – STILL ON – Likely Remote - PENDING
- Past Events
 - “Hams On” – Yagi Antennas – April 11th - POSTPONED
 - Medal of Honor – April 15th – CANCELLED
 - ARRL Mentorfest – Hella Shrine – April 18th - POSTPONED
 - Texas State Parks on the Air – LAARK – April 18-19 – RECONFIGURED as LAAARK Special Event - RECAP

Area Club Activities

- LAARK - k5lrk.com
 - Meetings 19:00 2nd Tues. 6804 Main St. (Next to City Hall)
 - Go-Kit Challenge Little Elm Park March 21, 2020 9am – POSTPONED
 - LAARK Special Event in lieu of TSPOTA
- LARA - w5lvc.org
 - Meetings 08:00 3rd Sat. Lewisville FD 188 N. Valley Parkway
- MARS – KB5A
- CARE – W5CPL
- ARRL - arrl.org
- ARRLNTX.ORG
 - DCARA W1AW/5 support planning for Ham-Com - PENDING
- Air Force - MARS Don KG6LE

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- OLD Business
 - Joint Field Day – PENDING
 - Ham-Com 2020 & DCARA support of W1AW/5 Station - PENDING

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- NEW Business

- Trailer Upgrade – Gerald RECAP
- Irving Micro Grant approval \$1,376.59 for camera upgraded
 - 50% Grant, 50% DCARA (\$688.30)
- Election Results – Lee K5WXR

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Presentation

Guy Story KC5GOI – POTA (Parks on the Air)

Door Prizes ? RF Prizes
Questions or Fills ?

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Goodbye all,

Be Safe out there!

Signing off at ?

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