Parks On The Air
POTA

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  - Run two current repeaters (with a third in testing)
  - Run WiresX, linked to San Antonio Digital Radio Club (SADRC)
  - Use our repeaters when we support CERTS activities with local officials
  - Participate in the SADRC Wednesday night net
  - Run an occasional net on Sunday, which tends to devolve into a ragchew

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  - Annual participation in ARRL Field Day event
  - WSPR station operating from tower site
  - Many Elmers in station setup, antenna design, digital modes, CW, etc.

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Fortunate enough to be both.

Ben (K5AYR) and I were looking for club type activities, and at the same time increase our operating proficiency
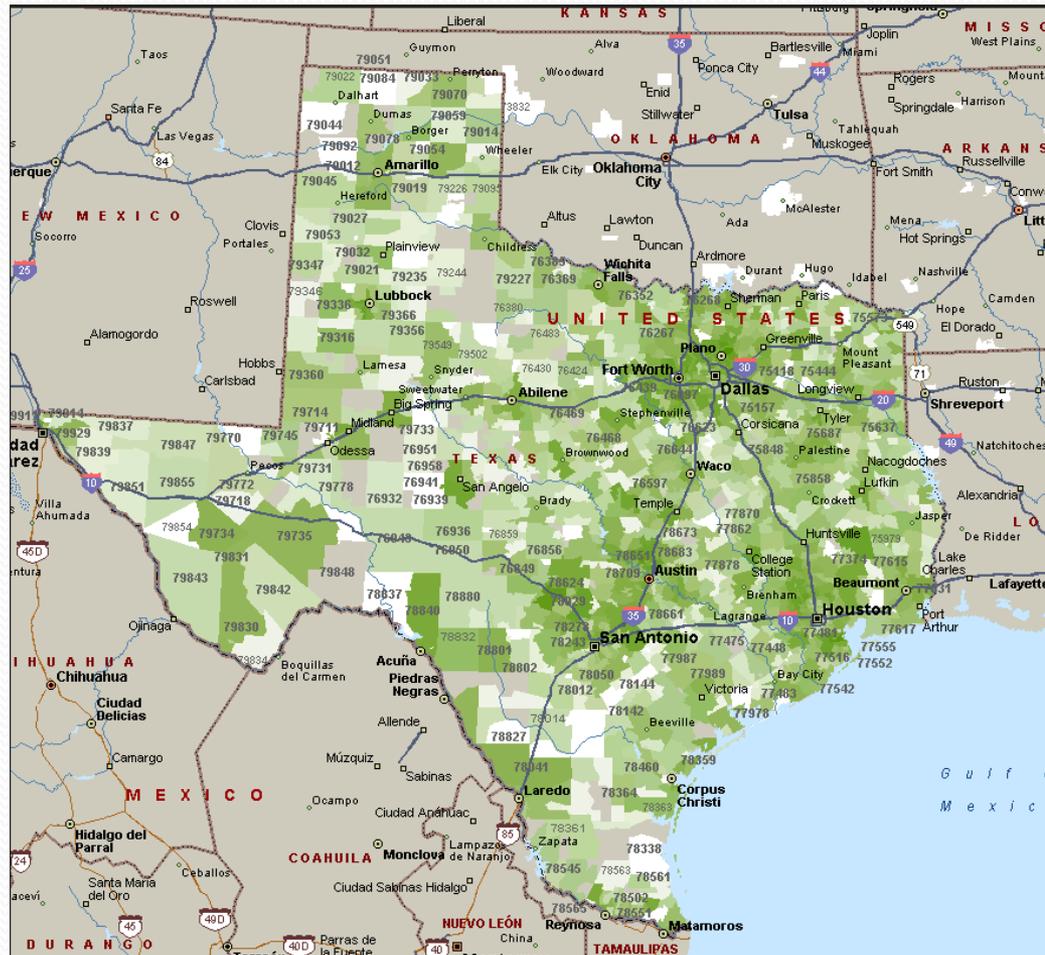
Considered:

- Grid activation
- Parks on the Air

POTA goals (pota.us)

POTA has to goal of supporting "portable amateur radio operations that promote emergency awareness and communications from national and state/province level parks."
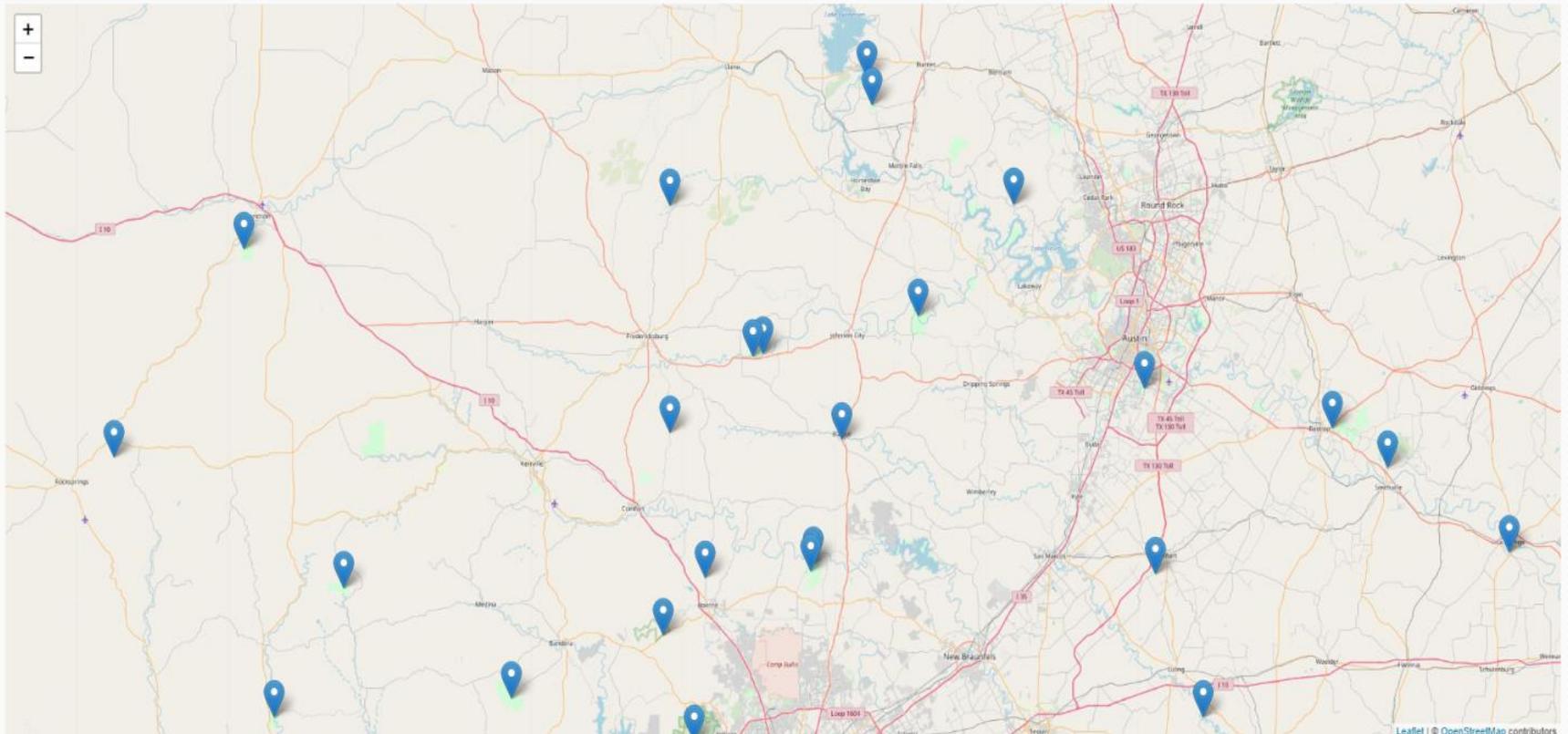
Grid Activation

- Took all members from FCC ULS database
- Extracted Texas addresses only
- Grouped/totaled Texas licenses by zip code
- Finally plotted a heat map by zip code

- Unfortunately, lightly "hamed" areas were too far away…..

Grid Activation

Lots of Parks in our area (pota.us)

Activate a park on (pota.us)

☰ ⬡ **Activations**	Park ID Search	🏠 HOME 📄 SPOTS 📅 ACTIVATIONS 🌐 MAP ADD SPOT

AB1ZJ @ K-2442 Lake Wyola State Park

- 📍 K-2442 Lake Wyola State Park,
- 📶 20m, 40m
- 🕐 2020-01-31 14:00 to 2020-01-31 16:00 UTC

Last activation for this month.

W1PQO @ K-2399 Owls Head State Park

- 📍 K-2399 Owls Head State Park,
- 📶 40
- 🕐 2020-01-31 15:30 to 2020-01-31 16:30 UTC

time is approx

KN4CQB @ K-2883 Andrew Jackson State Park

- 📍 K-2883 Andrew Jackson State Park,
- 📶 20,40,80
- 🕐 2020-01-31 16:30 to 0000-00-00 00:00 UTC

first activation

KB2IOF @ K-4422 W. Goodrich Jones State Forest

- 📍 K-4422 W. Goodrich Jones State Forest,
- 📶 14.044
- 🕐 2020-01-31 16:53 to 2020-01-31 19:00 UTC

Starting with CW

KD5PCK @ K-0300 Big Branch Marsh National Wildlife Refuge

- 📍 K-0300 Big Branch Marsh National Wildlife Refuge,
- 📶 40m, 20m
- 🕐 2020-02-01 14:00 to 2020-02-01 16:00 UTC

I plan to start near 7.235. If conditions are not good I will try 14.235. Weather permitting. Please spot if heard.

KN7D @ K-5922 Echo State Park State Park

- 📍 K-5922 Echo State Park State Park,
- 📶 40, 30, 20, 17
- 🕐 2020-02-01 15:00 to 2020-02-01 23:00 UTC

de KN7D, Val

KN7D @ K-5913 Historic Union Pacific Rail Trail State Park

- 📍 K-5913 Historic Union Pacific Rail Trail State Park,
- 📶 40, 30, 20, 17
- 🕐 2020-02-01 15:00 to 2020-02-01 23:00 UTC

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KN7D @ K-5950 This Is The Place Heritage Park State Park

- 📍 K-5950 This Is The Place Heritage Park State Park,
- 📶 40, 30, 20, 17
- 🕐 2020-02-01 15:00 to 2020-02-01 23:00 UTC

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KN7D @ K-5926 Fort Douglas National Historical Park

- 📍 K-5926 Fort Douglas National Historical Park,
- 📶 40, 30, 20, 17
- 🕐 2020-02-01 15:00 to 2020-02-01 23:00 UTC

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Activation Spots (pota.us)

What do you need?

Proposal

That the club consider a POTA activation. It would give new hams a chance to operate different modes. It would allow us to test ecomm capabilities. It would expand our non repeater activities. It might provide an opportunity for new members.

To start with, we might activate a park for a few hours on a Saturday. The activation being posted to the various sites should give it the visibility to the POTA hunters. If there is enough interest, we could schedule a POTA activation quarterly.

Some sites

- https://www.tspota.org/
- https://parksontheair.com/
- https://pota.us/#/
- http://www.hamparks.org/