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## OFARC Monthly Meeting Minutes 2024\_0323

Martin started the meeting at 0915.

\$351 donations was received from the BVARC HamFest equipment sales. Stephen Flowers did a presentation about antenna simulations and will probably give the presentation in June or July this year.

The simplex competition for DX contacts this ends next month no using computer. Propagation is really good lately and they have been getting China, Russia, and other Asian countries.

The MS-150 bike ride is happening on the same date as our next meeting. Nobody in our group is participating so the meeting date will stay the same.

Volunteers for the Tuesday on the air meeting were asked for at this meeting for "Net Controller".

Our Zoom account is expiring in May. We will continue with the Zoom being recorded and put on YouTube.

KOKON DX-pedition to SABA 1983 PowerPoint Presentation was given regarding a trip that Roger Matice took and will be posted on the Reflector.

Martin talked about the Solar Index, it is 198 today. Good communication on 10 and 6 meters. For a while he thought 6 Meters was dead, he even changed antennas, and then he got a contact from Phoenix which was 5X5.

Slow Scan TV: For a phone sized image you transmit for about 90 seconds. He turned his transmitter to 10 watts to send a photo to Phoenix. Martin has gotten amateur TV to work with 5 Watts, 3 miles range into Downtown. There is no ATV repeater in Houston, maybe in Dallas. He is looking into getting an ATV repeater set up in Houston. He has built a HD camera 1080 going to an ATV transceiver.

A greyline propagation video from YouTube was played at the meeting and should have a link on the Reflector.

[dr2w.de/dx-propagation/](http://dr2w.de/dx-propagation/) is a Propagation website showing the state of the world radio propagation.

There was a green box full of stuff left over from HamFest, and the parts in it were offered to the members, free for the taking.

Mark (WB5ANN), our Treasurer gave a report on money, ~\$3K in our bank account.

We had 7 people pass their tests for new or upgraded licenses.

There are some maintenance needed on some of the repeater towers. Mark is taking experienced volunteers. The repeaters are located in Kingwood and down south.

Anthony Morones W5LIC "Parks on the Air", their new idea is to get people who hand around the park to participate while they are out there. They are not going to be restricted to one club, but are not expanding to be inclusive of all clubs. 1000-1700 are going to be the hours and 146.52 will be the simplex frequency. Contact them when you get to the park. April 20th at Stephen F Austin State Park will be the next POTA event. They are going to be participating 6 months of the year in the program. Anthony has been to 55 of 213 Texas Parks. You can use their radios that are set up at the park, or you can bring your own radio, they will have antenna set up, tuned and ready to use,

End of meeting 1051

*Minutes Recorded by Ken Wenzel, KW5KEN*