W5SFA Repeater/Gateway/Hotspot Configuration



Accessing the Club Repeater from the Internet: What You Need

- A Digital Radio, either C4FM or DMR
 - Yaesu
 - Legacy Models: FT2DR, FTM-3200, FTM-3207, FTM-100
 - Current Models: FT70DR, FT5DR, FTM-200DR, FTM-300DR, FTM-400DR, FTM-500DR, also the FT991 HF/VHF/UHF transceiver
 - DMR
 - The Anytone AT-D878UVII is a good choice it's relatively easy to program, and several club members have them.
 - If you're buying new, the cheapest Yaesu C4FM digital radio is currently the FT-70DR, which sells for \$175.
- A Pi-Star Hotspot

Pi-Star Hotspots

- Buy commercial (\$120-\$400+) or build your own
- A typical BYO hotspot consists of:
 - Raspberry Pi 3B+, 4B, or ZeroW (\$50+)
 - RF Board that plugs into RPi's GPIO (\$50-\$100), can be simplex or duplex
 - Display, Case, Power brick (\$20-65)
- The chip shortage has jacked up RPi prices (a Pi ZeroW was \$10!)
- Requires an internet connection
 - Home ISP, cell phone, public wifi, etc.
- If you want portability, you'll need a 5V power source
- Install the Pi-Star software (free download) on the micro-SD card
- You **must** have digital transceiver, either Yaesu C4FM or DMR. The same hotspot can support both Yaesu C4FM and DMR radios

- Set up a memory channel on your transceiver for the frequency your hotspot will use
 - Most hotspot RF boards support both UHF & VHF
 - Make sure the channel is set to low power
 - Ensure your transceiver is in C4FM digital mode
- Power on your Pi-Star Hotspot, then open a web browser on your computer to connect:
 - Typically <u>http://pi-star</u>
 - Default username is *pi-star*, password is *raspberry*)
- Some useful resources on the web are
 - <u>https://amateurradionotes.com/pi-star.htm</u>
 - <u>https://www.pistar.uk/</u>

- Navigate to the Configuration page
 - Select MMDVMHost for Controller Software
 - You'll need to select the correct Radio/Modem type (your RF board) from the list
 - Set up your wifi parameters (unless using wired Ethernet)
 - This is usually followed by a reboot of the hotspot
- Once you've reconnected, log in and navigate to the Update page to update the Pi-Star software
- When update is complete, return to the Configuration page and complete the setup
 - The following slides are shown as an example
 - Test by keying up your transceiver (display should change)

					Pi-Sta	r:4.1.6 / Dashboard: 20221114				
Pi-Star Digital Voice - Configuration										
Dashboard Admin Expert Power Update Backup/Restore Factory Rese										
Gateway Hardware Information										
Hostname	Kernel	Platform		CPU Load		CPU Temp				
pi-star-zero2	5.10.17+	Raspberry Pi Zero W Rev 1.1		5.88 / 3.31 / 2.11		40.6°C / 105.1°F				
Control Software										
Setting	Setting Value									
Controller Software:	ODStarR	ODStarRepeater OMMDVMHost (DV-Mega Minimum Firmware 3.07 Required)								
Controller Mode:	Simple:	● Simplex Node ○ Duplex Repeater (or Half-Duplex on Hotspots)								
Apply Changes										
MMDV/MHost Configuration										
Setting Value										
DMR Mode:		RF Hangtime:	20	Net Hangtime:	20					
D-Star Mode:		RF Hangtime:	20	Net Hangtime:	20					
YSF Mode:		RF Hangtime:	20	Net Hangtime:	20					
P25 Mode:		RF Hangtime:	20	Net Hangtime:	20					
NXDN Mode:		RF Hangtime:	20	Net Hangtime:	20					
YSF2DMR:										
YSF2NXDN:										
YSF2P25:										
DMR2YSF:		Uses 7 prefix on DMRGateway								
DMR2NXDN:		Uses 7 prefix on DMRGateway								
POCSAG:		POCSAG Paging Features								
MMDVM Display Type:	OLED Typ	OLED Type 3 ♥ Port: /dev/ttyAMA0 ♥ Nextion Layout: G4KLX ♥								

General Configuration						
Setting			Va	Lue		
Hostname:	pi-star-zero2	Do not add suffixe	s such a	s .local		
Node Callsign:	N5RWK					
CCS7/DMR ID:	3182388]				
Radio Frequency:	439.000.000	MHz				
Latitude:	29.8778	degrees (positive	value fo	r North, negative for South)		
Longitude:	-96.48012	degrees (positive	value fo	r East, negative for West)		
Town:	New Ulm, EL19sv					
Country:	TX US					
URL:	http://www.qrz/com/db/n5rwk			🔿 Auto 💿 Manual		
Radio/Modem Type:	LoneStar - MMDVM	_HS_Dual_Hat for Pi	(GPIO)	*		
Node Type:	⊙Private ○Publi	ic				
APRS Host Enable:						
APRS Host:	noam.aprs2.net	~				
System Time Zone:	America/Chicago	*				
Dashboard Language:	english_us 🗸					
		Apply Changes				

Yaesu System Fusion Configuration

Setting	Value				
YSF Startup Host:	YSF87708 - XLX979 - XLXreflector ♥				
UPPERCASE Hostfiles:	Note: Update Required if changed				
WiresX Passthrough:					