DMR Workshop

Colorado DMR/TRBO





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Agenda

- DMR Basics New to TRBO/DMR?
- DMR Resources
 - World Wide
 - Local
- Programming Basics
- Operation DOs and DON'Ts
- Resources



ARES Region 3

- ARES R3 uses UHF DMR for emergency Support – RM Ham TRBO network
 - Numerous Front Range Repeaters
 - Repeaters in Ft. Morgan and Akron
 - Looking to expand to Sterling
- RM Ham North Talkgroup available to all R3 Districts on a non-exclusive basis (more later)



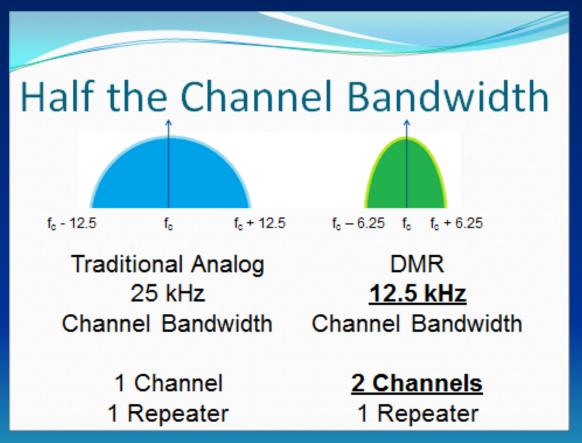
DMR (<u>Digital Mobile Radio</u>)

- DMR: European Telecommunications Standards Institute Standard
- Commercial radio standard and equipment adopted for Amateur use (VHF & UHF)
- DMR Association MOU between major manufacturers to manage compatibility. Motorola TRBO is a superset of the DMR standard (Encryption and Roaming features)
- Transmission of both Voice and Data



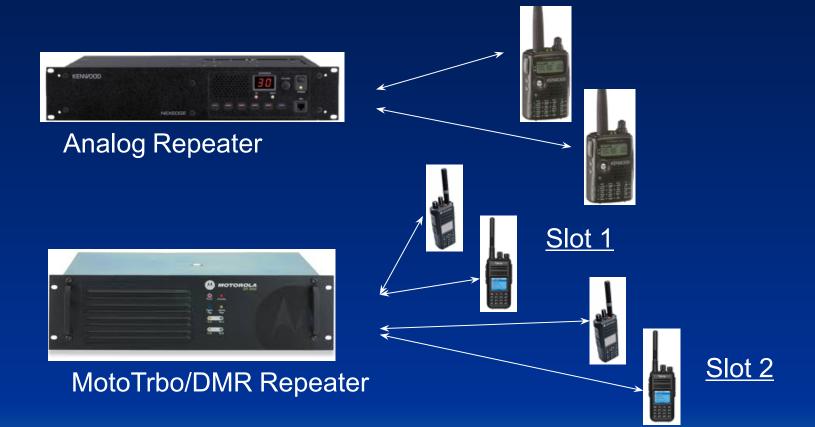
Efficient Use of Amateur Spectrum

Two Slot System – two repeaters in one – Two Time Slots Or "channels" in 12.5kHz Bandwidth – TDMA digital encoding





TWO Repeaters in One!



DMR: Two simultaneous channels per repeater



Commercial Equipment for Amateur Use















Connect Systems



Baofeng

50+ different Manufacturers listed @ http://dmrassociation.org/members-of-the-association/



Misbehaving Radios

- As of this presentation, several new "inexpensive" DMR radios are tying up both time slots when operating. This disrupts the IPSEC network and may NOT be used until they are fixed (if possible) – they are NOT spec compliant.
- Baofeng DM5R
- TYT MD398 & Radioodity GD-55
- See Rmham.org for the updated list

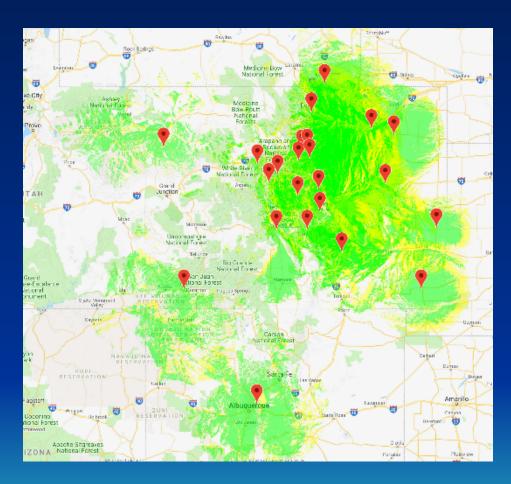


Local DMR/Trbo Networks

- Mostly Motorola Repeaters
 - IP Site Connect Repeaters Connected via IP (Private Backbone or via Internet)
 - Individual Repeater networks may be interconnected via a device called a C-Bridge
- Local Networks
 - RM Ham: https://www.rmham.org
 - NoCo: http://www.w0dmr.org/



R3 Uses the RM Ham Trbo Network 40+ Networked Repeaters



Albuquerque NM to Cheyenne WY

Primarily UHF TRBO
with two VHF Mixed Mode
repeaters on Squaw and
Almagre
and a DMR-MARC linked
repeater on Lee Hill/Boulder

Info and Sample Code Plugs: www.rmham.org

Additions to map: Granby CO



Region 3 ARES & RM HAM

- DMR is a key operating mode for R3
 - R3 Code Plugs are available for:
 - XPR 6550
 - CS700 (Excel utility to generate CS750 and CS701A plugs)
 - TYT MD380
 - XPR 5550
- Due to planned expansion, R3 is looking at transitioning to the Sample Code Plugs found at www.rmham.org
- Podcomms with Trbo available in Fort Morgan and Stratton (K0MC EC) (including a cache of HTs)
- Portable repeater (on the air) in Fort Morgan and full time Repeater in Akron and Genoa



Digital Subscriber ID

- Required for networked communications
- Used for TRBO IPSEC repeater routing
- Geographically based:
 - Individuals: CO = 3108xxx
 - Repeaters: CO = 3108xx
 - The Colorado has run out of 3108xxx
 numbers use the address below for new #s
- New Register address: https://radioid.net
 - Dmr-marc.net has an ID link to above



World Wide Communications Brandmeister Network

- Subscriber Repeaters typically use Slot 1 for the International and National talk groups
 - Slot 2 is generally local talk groups
- Your Digital Subscriber/DMR-Marc ID is required to use this system
- RM Ham and NoCo have repeaters dedicated to the Brandmeister Network
- Many talkgroups supported
- Originally the DMR-Marc network
- https://brandmeister.network/

DMR/TRBO Operations

- User Identification (generally voice) is required as per Part 97
- Radio ID (Subscriber ID) is not legal identification – Transmits numeric data only



DOs and DON'Ts: Private Calls

- DMR radios have the ability to allow exclusive connection between two users via the contact list.
- This mode ties up the repeater without others ability to hear traffic.
- Use this mode for sensitive data and for a limited duration. (There is discussion as to the legality of this mode since it can not be monitored unless you know the subscriber ID of the individuals involved – but it is not encryption!)

DOs and DON'Ts: Encryption

- DMR supports encryption of the digital stream
 - This is usually manufacturer specific
- Programmed via CPS
- NOT ALLOWED FOR AMATUER APPLICATIONS

DOs and DON'Ts: GPS/APRS

- DMR supports automatic GPS reporting over one time slot
- Programmed in CPS
- AGAIN, NOT ALLOWED FOR AMATEUR USE
 - NO CALL SIGN IDENTIFICATION CAPABILITY
 - Note some DMR users have been experimenting with DMR simplex and manual Identification of the GPS time slot.

Making a Call on DMR Networks

- Key up and wait for permit tone
- Make you call and add the name of the talkgroup you are using
- WA7BNG this is WØFT on North
 - This lets listeners know which system and talkgroup you are using.
 - Periodic ID required same as analog repeaters

Some Basic Programming Terms

- Code Plug Radio Programming File
- Digital Subscriber IDs (Colorado is 3108xxx)
- Talkgroups & Contacts
- Slots (time slots 1&2)
- Color Codes
- Zones
- Channels
- Scan Groups
- Roam Groups
- Receive Groups
- Talkaround
- IPsite Connect



Programming Introduction

- Start with the sample code plugs from <u>www.rmham.org</u> or R3 Code plug from WØFT, modify & add as required or desired.
- Connect Systems & Tytera CPS
- Motorola CPS
- See Rmham.org for the latest supported Radios

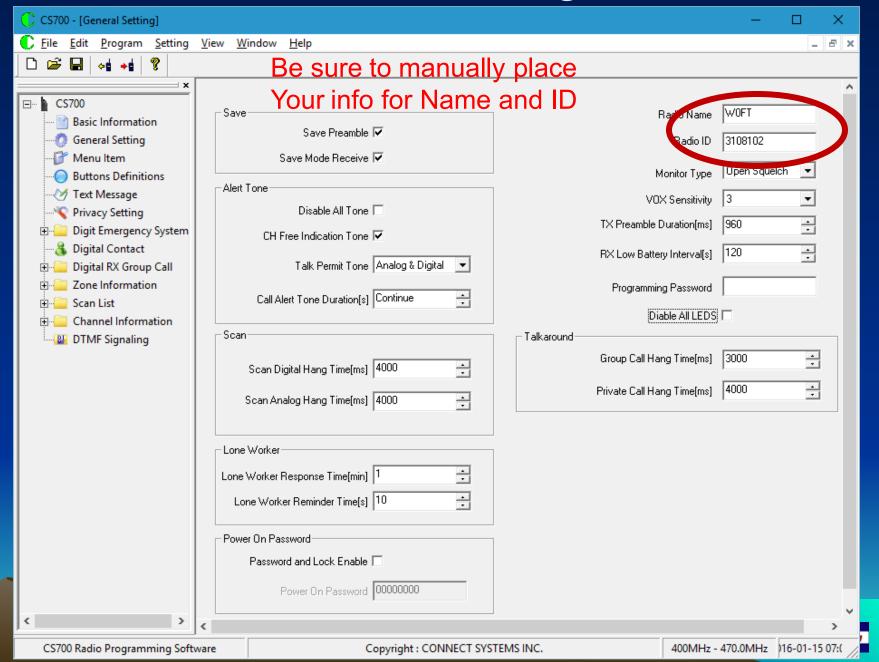


CS700 & MD380 Programming

- General Setting
- Menu Item Talkaround
- Buttons
- Digital Contact (same as Moto Contacts)
- Digital RX Group Call (Moto Rx Group Lists)
- Zone Information
- Scan List
- Channel Information (Repeaters)



General Settings

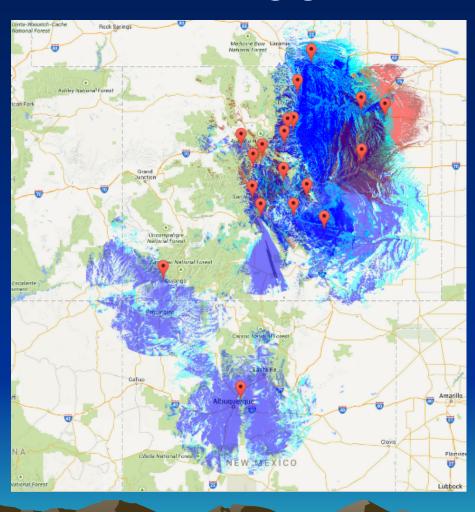


Digital Contact Menu

- Group Call
 - ID for Talkgroups like a party line
 - Examples:
 - RM Ham Colorado talkgroup:
 - 700 Rocky Mountain (whole system, slot 1)
 - 719 South (Slot 2)
 - 720 Central (Slot 2)
 - 721 North (Slot 2)
 - DMR-MARC Group Call numbers 1,2,3, etc.
- Private Call
 - Individual subscriber IDs or contacts
 - Associates the transmitted ID to a call sign and name within your radio – Mainly DMR-MARC IDs (see DMR-MARC slide)

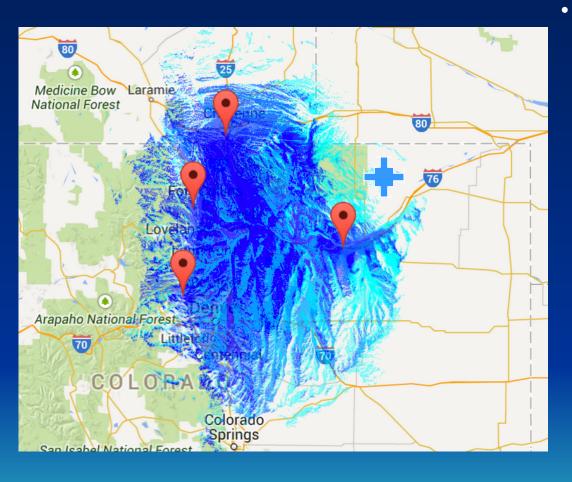


RM Ham System Talkgroups 700 - Rk Mtn



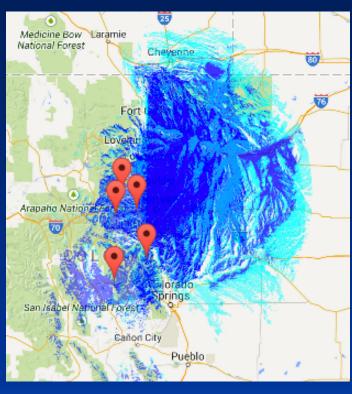
- Rk Mtn Talkgroup
 - Rocky Mountain Wide
 - Entire linked system
 - Formerly Colo Wide
 - Slot 1

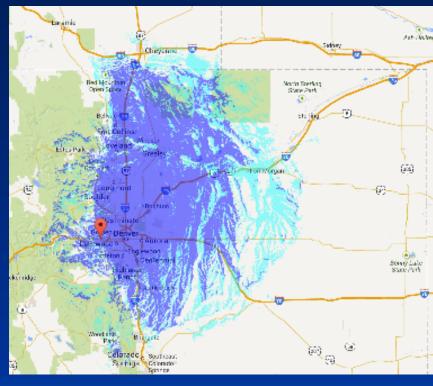
RM Ham System Talkgroups 721 - North



- North Talkgroup
 - North of Denver
 - Slot 2

RM Ham System Talkgroups 720 - Central



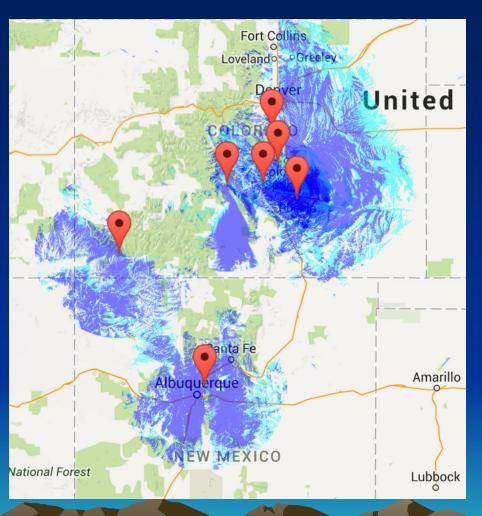


UHF VHF

Central Talk Group Denver Area, Slot 2, formerly "Denver"



RM Ham SystemTalkgroups 719 - Rk Mtn



- Southern Talkgroup
 - South of Denver
 - Slot 2

RM Ham System Talkgroups For Brandmeister

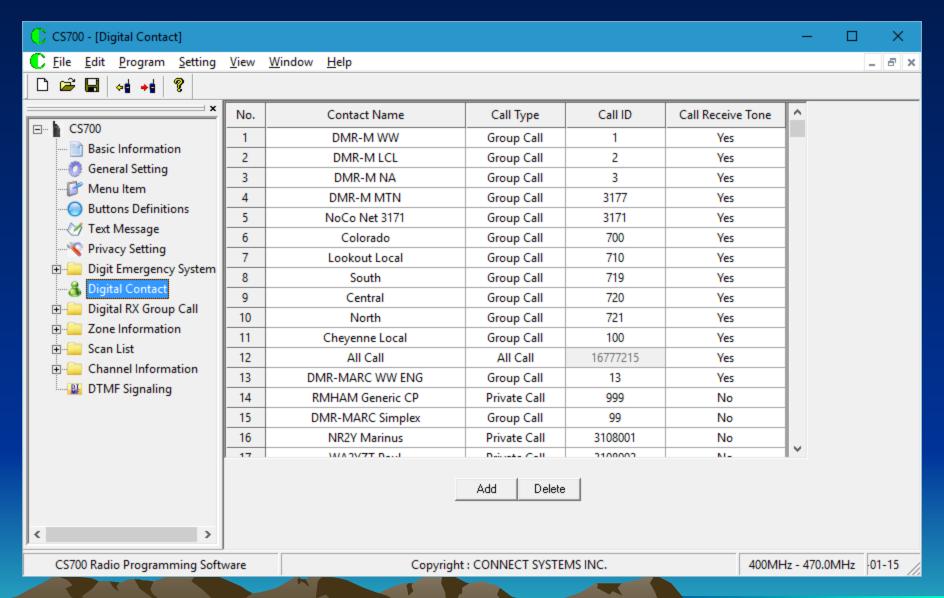
Dedicated DMR-MARC Repeaters:

Boulder – Lee Hill and Cheyenne

- 1 DMR-MARC World Wide
- 2 DMR-MARC Local
- 3 DMR-MARC North America
- 13- DMR-MARC World Wide English Speaking



Digital Contacts – Group (talkgroups) and Private (individuals)





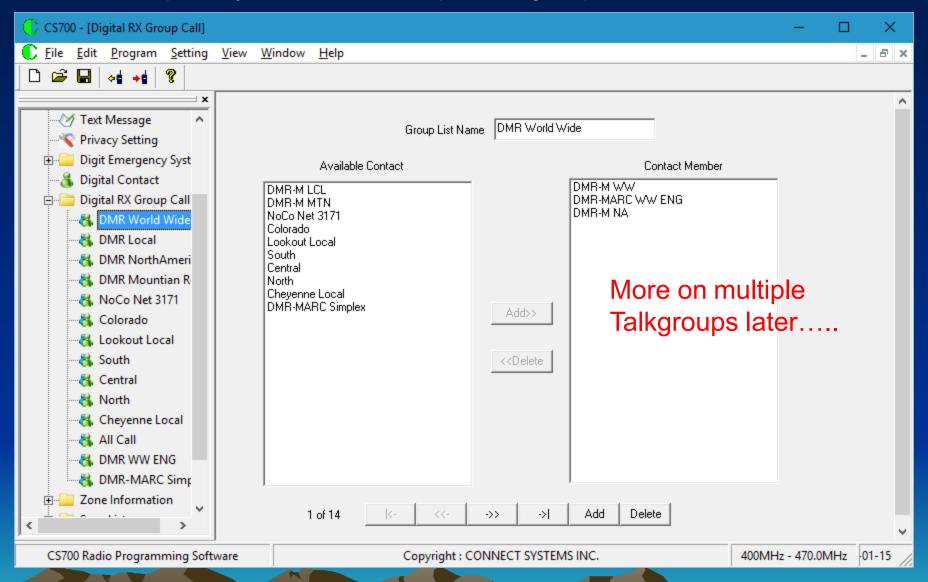
Receive Groups

- Allows monitoring* of multiple Talkgroups (Group Calls)
- Each RX Group can only monitor channels on the same time slot
- Name the RX group, Enter the Talkgroups desired and add this name to the Receive Contact box in the Repeater Channel

^{*} Receive function only - Channel Transmit Contact info must be on active Talkgroup to transmit

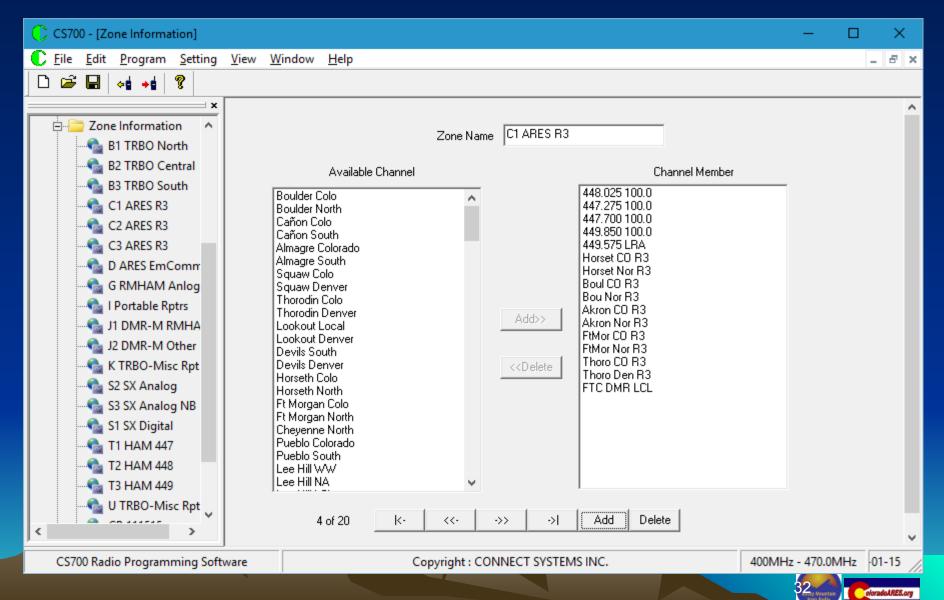


Rx Groups let you monitor multiple Talkgroups on the same Slot





Zones are just a grouping of Channels (Digital & Analog) Some radios have a 16 channel limit per zone

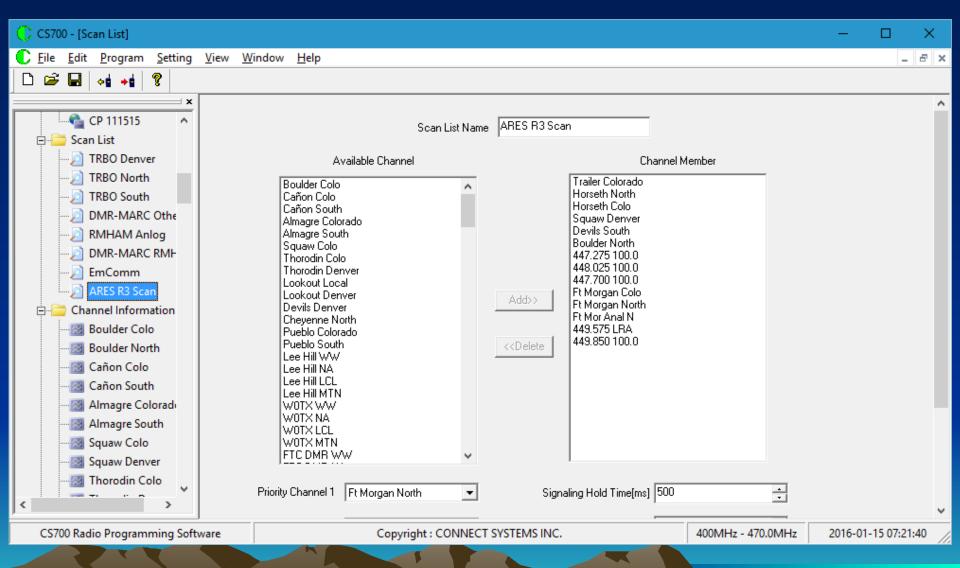


Scanning Function

- Scan Lists contain the channels desired for the Scan Function
 - Any Channel can have any Scan List
 - Scan works for both Digital and Analog repeaters
 - Scan Lists can scan either Time Slot



Scan List: Group of Channels that can be assigned to any Channel when using the Scan Function





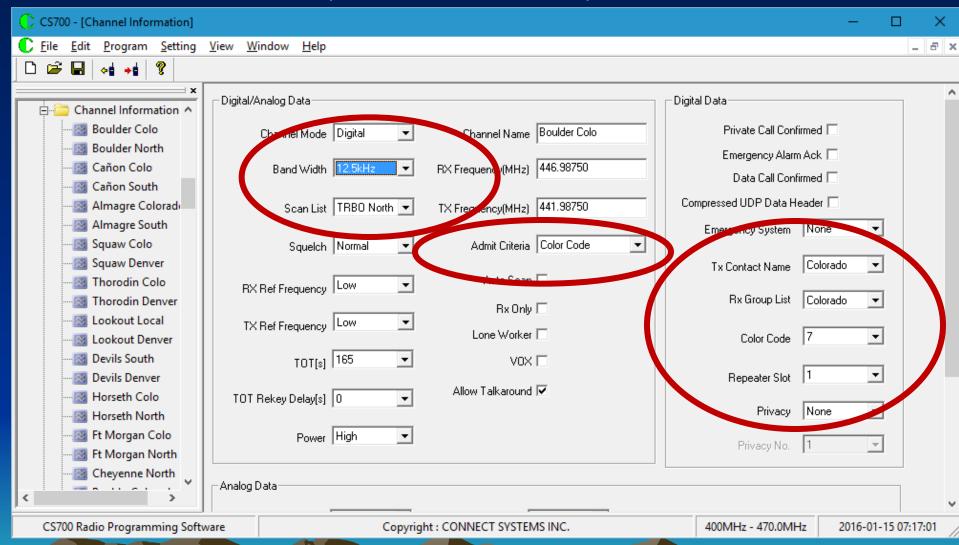
Repeater Channels

- Individual Repeater Information
- Analog or Digital
 - Analog: FM Wide (25KHz) or FM Narrow (12KHz)
 - Digital: Both time slots = 12.5K
- Digital:
 - Time Slot Number (one of two)
 - Color Code (like analog PL)
 - RX Group List- RX (List of multiple Talkgroups)
 - If left blank the receive group equals the Transmit Contact
 - Transmit Contact Name (Talkgroup for transmit)



Channel Information (repeater setup) — Digital Example

Note: You can have multiple versions of the same repeater with different scan lists





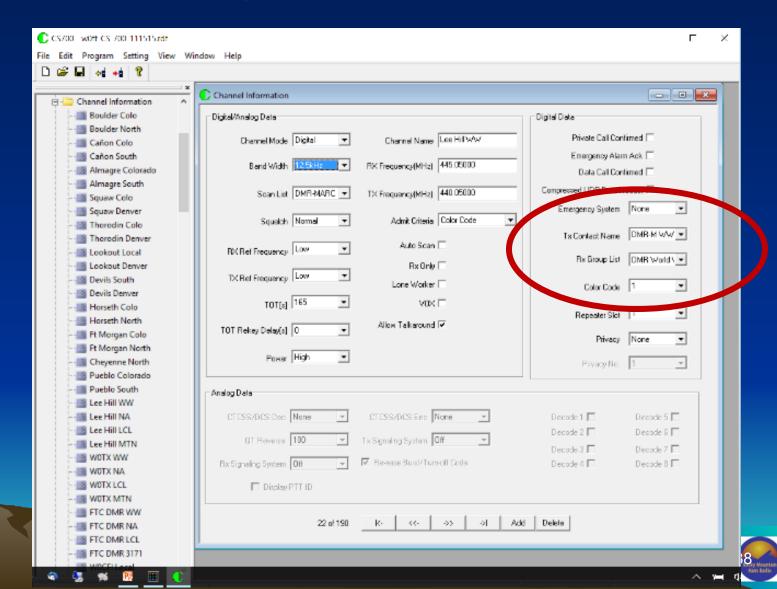
Multiple Talkgroups

- Multiple Talkgroups can be monitored on a given channel if all of the Talkgroups are included in the Receive Group used by that Channel
- Each RX List can only monitor channels on the same Time Slot
- Typically used to monitor activity on a given
 Time Slot must switch to a channel that uses
 the Transmit Talkgroup that you want to transmit



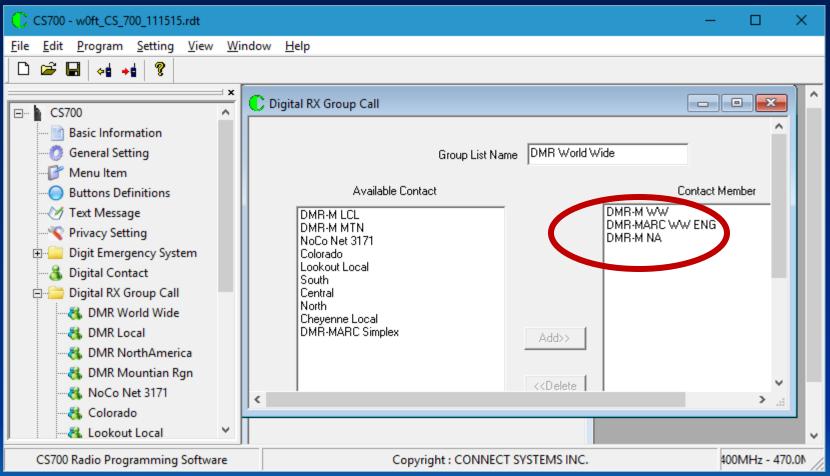
Multiple Talkgroups

Transmit on: TX Contact: DMR-M WW Receive all Talkgroups listed in DMR WorldW RX Group





Receive Groups (RX Group)





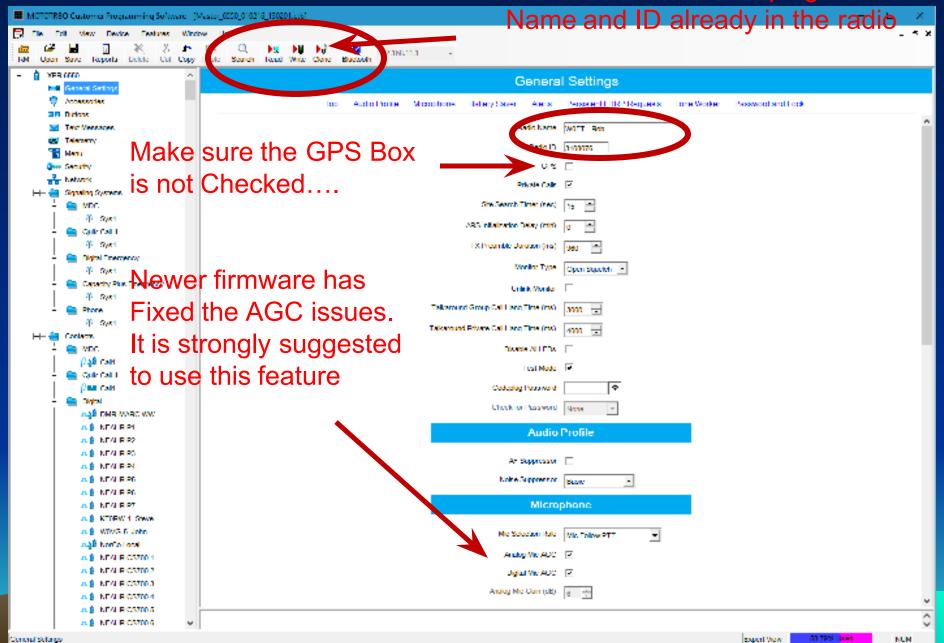
Motorola CPS

- General Settings
- Buttons
- Contacts
 - Group (talkgroups)
 - Private (individual ID's)
- RX Groups
- Channels -Zones and channels (repeaters)
- Scan
- Roam List of a set of desired repeaters within a time slot
 - Automatic Repeater Switching based on Signal Strength (within a given time slot)



Mototrbo CPS – General Settings

Clone writes radio keeping the



Review

- Digital Subscriber IDs
- Contacts & Talkgroups
- Slots
- Color Codes
- Zones
- Channels
- Scan Groups
- Roam Groups
- Receive Groups
- Talkaround
- IPsite Connect
- C-Bridge



Homework

- Take one of the local code plugs for your area (<u>www.rmham.org</u>)
 - Create a new Zone (name it whatever you like)
 - Create a new channel using the data from one of the other digital channels in the code plug and add a transmit group & receive group program the radio and give it a test.
 - Build a new Scan List, add it to your test zone channel and test scanning
 - Add an new private contact from the DMR-Marc website database



DMR Resources

- www.rmham.org Trbo system info and tri-state network code plugs for most DMR Radios (both RM Ham network and DMR-Marc)
- www.dmr-marc.net Information on using the DMR-Marc system & Regional Code Plugs – redirects to radioid.net for subscriber IDs
- www.trbo.org DCI Network (TAC Talkgroups)
 Definitions and DCI Talkgroup listings: http://www.trbo.org/talkgroups/
- https://brandmeister.network/ BrandMiester Network
- w0ft@arrl.net: R3 Code Plugs XPR6550, XPR5550, CS700 & Presentation Copy
- http://www.w0dmr.org : Northern Colorado DMR group information



Q & A

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