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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW
Washington, DC 20554

92-235

Dear Sirs:

It has recently come to my attention that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is considering an action that will severely limit and potentially eliminate a very important hobby of mine, radio controlled (R/C) model aircraft.

Your Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in PR Docket 92-235 replaces Part 90 of your rules with a new Part 88. Part 90 allows for safe use of R/C aircraft and surface models by keeping 10 Khz spacing between fixed commercial users and frequencies used by the R/C enthusiasts. The new Part 88 will allow mobile users on frequencies within 2.5 Khz of frequencies available to us, eliminating safe use of at least 31 of the 50 channels on the 72 MHz band and 10 of the 30 frequencies on the 75MHz band now used by hobbyists. In fact, more channels will likely be affected.

This action will have a severe negative impact upon me and the entire R/C hobby industry. If this proposed rule were to become fact, a mobile transmitter on a delta frequency of 2.5 KHz could enter a flying zone and cause an R/C aircraft to become an unguided missile. When you consider there are hundreds of thousands of other R/C hobbyists in the U.S.A. the chance for a close encounter of the wrong kind increases rapidly. One should also consider the economic impact on the industry, i.e. jobs and the associated tax base.

I urge you to reconsider this proposal. Keep 10 Khz spacing between all frequencies on the 72 MHz and 75 MHz bands available for safe use by R/C enthusiasts. Please do not endanger this hobby that has grown tremendously over the past 30 years and has so much investment of money and is enjoyed by so many.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tom S. Pettes

A.M.A. # 390111

Chairman FCC
1919 M St. N.W.
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Dear Chairman:

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I have been interested in model aviation for as long as I can remember. I am very active in both constructing and operating radio control model airplanes.

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I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72 - 76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,





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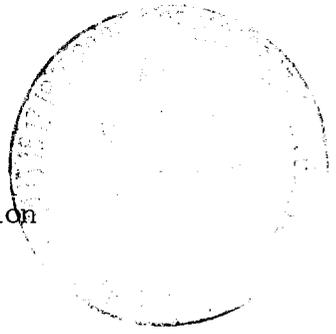
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Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Sir,

The FCC in Docket #92-235 is proposing to ruin our present radio systems. The cost to meet the technical requirements will be another burden to bear by an already desperate industry. Our system is at its minimum range now in the mountains of Western Montana. Any further reduction will make the system useless. One of the primary purposes of our system is for protection of life and property on a daily basis and in emergencies. We must have a good, workable radio system.

We also must have someone like the Forest Products Radio Service to represent our interests and carry our licensing needs through the government red tape. Your help is needed to protect our radio systems.

Sincerely yours,

Ronald Buentemeier

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Logging Manager

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