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Re: NPRM - PR Docket 92-235

Dear Sir or Madam,

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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, 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 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 of 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 cause 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,
Michael Müller


Member, Academy of Model Aeronautics
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Dear Sirs:

February 1, 1993

We have been informed by our national organization, the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), that the FCC is considering an action that will possibly eliminate our hobby of radio controlled (R/C) airplanes, boats and cars as we know it today.

Your Notice of Rule Making in PR Docket 92-235 will put new frequencies within 2.5KHz of our present R/C 72 MHz frequencies and will eliminate safe use of at least 30+ frequencies. It will also destroy about 1/3 or more in the 75 MHz band.

This action could destroy my hobby of many, many years. Some of our club members have been modeling for over 50 years and were instrumental in pioneering the use of radio control for planes and cars. If this rule goes into effect, my plane could be shot out of the air by a mobile user and I would have no control to counteract this action. This will cause a very real liability and personal expense problem. This equipment is expensive and one model can cost hundreds of dollars, some even higher. Additionally, there could be the problem of personal injury and property damage.

There are hundreds of thousands of modelers in this hobby of radio control as well as many hundreds of hobby dealers and model supply builders who will most certainly close shop if this rule passes as proposed.

My fellow modelers and I urge you to reconsider. Keep 10 KHz spacing between all the present frequencies on 72 and 75 MHz available for SAFE use by R/C hobbyists. Please don't eliminate the hobby that has grown tremendously over the past 30 years and has so much investment of money and enjoyment of people belonging to nearly 3000 clubs nationwide.

Thank you for considering this plea.

Sincerely,

Gary Walker

Evansville Radio Control Model Aircraft Club

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Subject: NPRM-PR Docket 92-235

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Dear Sir or Madam

As a flyer of radio controlled model airplanes, I am deeply concerned about the Federal Communications Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM - PR Docket 92-235). The newly proposed rule would allow use of two new frequencies between those presently assigned for model flying and commercial users.

Example:	Model Channel 12	72.030 MHz
	new insert	72.0325 MHz
	new insert	72.0375 MHz
	Present Commercial	72.040 MHz

Not only are these users very close to our frequencies, they are also designated as "mobile" therefore we would never know where they are operating, including right in the pit area at my flying field! Our equipment will not be free from interference at this spacing! the technical specifications suggest other concerns may exist as well.

Model aircraft radio control equipment transmitting power is limited by law, which means that the new, inserted users would always be transmitting at higher power output. Such an arrangement is sure to cause radio interference and the crash and destruction of the model airplane. This would be a dangerous situation because today's radio controlled model airplanes are not the stick and tissue creations of yesteryear. Today, they are fast and weigh up to 55 pounds and can be guided through the most intricate maneuvers by their highly sophisticated radio control systems. As you can imagine, such airplanes demand considerable construction time and expense (hundreds and even thousands of dollars) by their builder/flyer. The proposed rule would lead to radio interference which would mean the sure destruction of the airplane and damage to any person or property in its unguided path.

Please intercede in this matter to protect the hobby/sport of radio controlled model airplane flying and the considerable industry that it supports.

Sincerely,

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