

I had sent my opinion to the ARRL that I thought the FCC went too far in allotting so much space to phone on 80 meters. For most operating the new proposal may work fine but look at any contest weekend and you will see that the 80m portion can get real crowded real quick. Trying to squeeze RTTY and CW into a 100Kc spectrum during a contest is hard enough and it won't leave any space for casual ops or other digital modes like PSK31. Look at the recent CQWW CW contest. You could hear CW well past 3.6Khz. Where are the digital ops and casual ops supposed to go? What about when there is a CW and a RTTY contest on the same weekend?

I fully concur with the ARRL on their new petition. I applaud their efforts. I back them 100% and I think the ARRL's proposal is in line with reality and should satisfy all ops. We should open 3.5 - 3.635 Mhz for all the CW, RTTY, PSK31, and other digital ops.