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A Note from the Editor



Just a short message this month. First, the Nominating Committee is open for nominations for officers and Board of Directors. If you have anybody in mind, please contact Shawn, KB8QEW, Esth N8QMV or yours truly with your nominee. Also this month, the FCC has instituted yet another method of identification for amateurs who have dealings with them. Please see the bulletin below for more information.

73 de Bob

FCC Clarifies Details of CORES Amateur Implementation ARRL Bulletin

NEWINGTON, CT, Oct 23, 2001--The FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) has clarified several issues regarding Amateur Service implementation of the *Commission Registration System*--or **CORES**. After December 3, everyone doing business with the FCC--including amateur licensees--must obtain and use a 10-digit *FCC Registration Number*--or **FRN**--when filing. The new requirement further expands the number of FCC abbreviations, numbers and systems hams need to be aware of.

Many Amateur Service licensees now registered in the Universal Licensing System (ULS) already have been cross-registered in CORES and were issued an FRN by mail. The last cross-registration was done May 23.

The FCC has said it plans to do another cross-registration before December 3 and that once CORES becomes mandatory it will "auto-register" all amateurs who first go to register in ULS and issue them an FRN. Amateurs then may use either their FRN or their ULS-assigned Licensee ID Number in place of their *Taxpayer Identification*

**WCARC Weekly Net:
Tuesdays at 2130
147.18 & 444.475 MHz**

**Club Meeting:
Monday, November 12th
Location: Fairgrounds
Social Hour: 7:00 pm
Meeting: 7:30 pm**

November Hamfests

Oct 28 Massillon ARC 8am to 3pm
Stark County Fairgrounds, Canton, OH. Contact www.qsl.net/w8np.

Nov 17-18 Fort Wayne Hamfest 9am to 3 pm
Allen County War Memorial Coliseum Exposition Center, 4000 Parnell Ave., Ft. Wayne, IN. Contact ACARTS, (219) 484-1314.

Dec 2 L'Anse Creuse ARC 8 am to 2 pm
L'Anse Creuse High School, Reimold Rd., Harrison Twp., MI. Contact Don, WA8IZV, (810) 294-1567.

Number (TIN--typically an individual's Social Security Number) when filing applications with the FCC. Starting December 3, new or upgraded license applicants not previously registered in ULS will automatically be registered in both CORES and ULS when they provide a TIN or SSN on a license application filed for processing by a Volunteer Examiner Coordinator.

CORES vs ULS

FCC licensing personnel emphasize that

November Contests

The full contest line-up for the month of November includes the following:

Oct 28-29	0000 to 2359 Z	160 to 10 m
CQ WWDX 'Test		SSB
Nov 3-5	2100 to 0300 Z	160 to 10 m
ARRL Sweepstakes		CW
Nov 3-4	1200 to 1200 Z	80 to 10 m
Ukrainian DX 'test		all modes
Nov 9-11	2300 to 2300 Z	80 to 10m
Japan International DX 'test		SSB
Nov 10-11	1200 to 1200 Z	160 to 10 m
Czech-Slovak DX 'test		all modes
Nov 17-19	2100 to 0300 Z	160 to 10 m
ARRL Sweepstakes		SSB
Nov 24-25	0000 to 2359 Z	160 to 10 m
CQ WW DX 'test		CW
Dec 7-9	2200 to 1600 Z	160 m
ARRL 160 Meter 'test		CW

CORES and ULS are separate systems with different purposes. Starting December 3, however, a licensee's FRN will appear in both the ULS and CORES databases. Although both will contain an FRN, updating information in one will not update the other. The FCC-wide CORES is "entity registration" only and is designed to track fee payments to the Commission, such as vanity call sign fees. Individuals do not have to be licensed to obtain an FRN. The FCC says CORES will permit it to streamline fee collection and tracking.

For amateurs, CORES registration will replace ULS registration, but the ULS will remain the Amateur Service licensing database within WTB, and only ULS will associate an individual with a particular call sign. CORES doesn't recognize or track call signs. Amateur licensees will continue to be required to keep their ULS records current, especially in regard to maintaining a current FCC-license mailing address.

ATINs to Disappear

Going away December 3 will be the so-called Assigned Taxpayer Identification Number, or ATIN,

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Net Control Roster

Net meets every Tuesday at 2130

Nov 6	AA8XS
Nov 13	KG8FH
Nov 20	WD8ICP
Nov 27	N1RB
Dec 4	N8QMV
Dec 11	AA8XS

which the FCC has been issuing to applicants ineligible to obtain a Social Security Number, such as foreign applicants and club station licensees. In its initial CORES announcement, the FCC said club station applicants should use the TIN/SSN of the club license trustee. The FCC has since told ARRL that clubs will be exempt from having to provide a TIN/SSN. Clubs may also choose to use a trustee's TIN/SSN or a tax-exempt club's IRS-assigned EIN. CORES will provide an exemption category for clubs and those not holding a Social Security Number to register either as an amateur club or as a foreign entity respectively and to obtain an FRN to use when filing amateur applications via the ULS, an FCC spokesperson explained. Current ATINs will be converted to FRNs in CORES, and the FCC will not accept ATINs on applications starting December 3.

Once CORES/FRN becomes mandatory, those registering in ULS will be redirected to CORES registration. The FCC says the only time an amateur applicant will need to deal with CORES after that is to update registration information, such as when changing a CORES password, address or telephone number--although there does not appear to be a specific requirement to do so.

Additional Clarification Possible

CORES and ULS on-line registrants will be able to choose a password to access either system in the future. For those already cross-registered in CORES from ULS, their CORES and ULS passwords should be identical. The WTB says that starting December 3, "all passwords will be maintained in the CORES database." Amateurs should contact the CORES help desk for password assistance. Call toll-free 877-480-3201. ■

Speed Dial Contact List-courtesy of KB8QEW

Speed dial codes available for local (Bowling Green area) telephones only

CALL	NAME		SD1	SD2	SD3
N1RB	Bob	Boughton	615	715	
N1LB	Linda	Boughton	617		
N8QMV	Esther	Creps	619	719	
KC8JWI	Jeff	Dauster	661		
N8DWR	Jim	Davis	613		
WD8ICP	Chuck	Dicken	603	703	803
N8GXJ	Tom	Fowler	601		
KG8FH	Jeff	Halsey	683	783	
N8VNT	Larry	Hasselman	645		
KC8EKT	Ruth	Hasselman	621		
KB8QEW	Shawn	Hudson	600		
KB8VTO	Teresa	Hudson	647		
KC8PFP	Rex	Klopfenstein	611		
K8BBK	Steve	McEwen	635		
KC8RVB	Deb	Miller	623		
WB8ZHU	Thom	Otte	685		
N8ORD	LouAnn	Otte	689		
N8VNR	Kevin	Otte	681		
KF8KL	Mark	Paley	657		
KC8IFW	Wil	Roudebush	609		
WA8SCT	Jim	Ryan	607		
N8NCF	Richard	Traver	677		
WD8JWJ	Bill	Wilkins	625		

FOR SALE

- ◇ **80 ft Rohn 25G tower**
- ◇ **Cushcraft ATB-34 4 element tribander**

Age: 15 years old

Price: reasonable

contact Imre Soos, KA8CZP at: ihsoos@yahoo.com

FOR SALE

- ◇ **KENWOOD TS-440SAT transceiver**
- ◇ **ASTRON RS-35M power supply**
- ◇ **60 ft. + Belden 9913 (RG-8) new on reel**

will sell separately

Call (419) 874-8889 or e-mail: k8nea@juno.com

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