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## FCC's Updated Rules Governing Personal Radio Services Become Effective on September 28

*(from ARRL Bulletins)*

The FCC recently adopted a comprehensive [reorganization of and update](#) to the rules governing the Personal Radio Services (PRS). These include a wide variety of wireless devices used by the general public for personal communication, including hand-held Family Radio Service (FRS) transceivers, radio-controlled models, Personal Locator Beacons (PLBs), medical implant devices, and others.

In addition to the updated rule changes, the FCC enhanced the General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS) to allow new digital applications, allot additional interstitial channels, and extend license terms from 5 to 10 years. It also allotted additional channels to the FRS and increased allowable power on certain FRS channels from 0.5 W to 2 W. It also updated the Citizens Radio Service (CB) rules to allow hands-free headsets, eliminate a restriction on DX communication, and remove other outdated requirements.

“These changes and others will update PRS rules to be more in line with current public demands for the services and will make the rules easier to read and find information, while also removing outdated requirements and removing unnecessary rules,” the FCC said.

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## One Question Questionnaire

Hey Gang, there's another NEW – one question – questionnaire on the Ohio Section Website! I'm asking just how often you want to be kept updated with this newsletter. I really do want to know how you feel about just how often I communicate with you.

It will only take 2 seconds for you to answer it, and you can see how your answer stacks up with others instantly. If you haven't done it yet, please do. I really want to hear from you.

Hey.. If you've got a question that you'd like to see on our questionnaire, please send it to me! I have had several of you already do that and I would love to see more!! <http://arrl-ohio.org>

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## **Handbook Give Away**



And the winner is.... Patrick Quinlan, KA8DAL from Canton!

We had a fantastic response this month with well over 2,400 entries, but I'm sure you're more interested in knowing just who won the Handbook this month..

Well, it's none other than..

I do want to thank everyone that participated this month. There will be another drawing coming soon so keep a sharp eye out for it on the Ohio Section Website. Look for the big RED arrow on the left side of the page.

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## **Top-Level Domain Name “.radio” Now Available**

*(from ARRL Bulletins)*

The top-level domain (TLD) name “.radio” is now available to the radio industry and Amateur Radio enthusiasts, and is reserved for individuals and companies with active interest in the radio sector. The .radio TLD can be used for web and e-mail addresses and will be managed by the European Broadcasting Union (EBU) with support from other world broadcasting unions. Visit the [.radio domains registration site](#) to request a .radio domain.



Individuals or entities in these categories will be accepted for the use of a .radio domain:

- Radio broadcasting stations
- Unions of Broadcasters
- Internet radios
- Radio Amateurs
- Radio professionals (journalists, radio hosts, DJs, etc.
- Radio-related companies selling radio goods and services
- Radio products and services

One or more .radio domain name(s) can be requested during the launch period, which ends on October 31, 2017. The cost for individual radio amateurs is about \$30, including tax.

“The EBU believes radio stations should be the focus of this new space on the internet, and considers them our highest priority,” the announcement said. “However, other categories of applications from the radio sector will also be considered during this phase.”





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## **FREE.. On-Line Certificate Maker Software**

(from Jason McCormick - [jason@mfamily.org](mailto:jason@mfamily.org))

Hey Gang,

Here's an opportunity to take advantage of the first FREE Online Certificate Maker Software.

You can observe the software in action at <https://qsl.w8wky.org/qsl>. You can experiment with this and use the test calls of N8JDM, N8CD, and AA8CS to get an idea of the software and how it prints the certificates. I'm mentioning this because I've written this software from scratch for the club special event station and I've made the code open source software on GitHub for anyone to use and contribute.



There's a bit of information on my website at <https://n8jdm.com/smoothqsl.html> with a link to the GitHub project. Wasn't sure if anyone would be interested in this around the Section or Division. It's a project I plan to continue to maintain, along with a forthcoming companion project to build a modern scheduler for managing a club or special event call's scheduling distributed across a group.

Got questions? Contact Jason directly.

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## **Final Final..**



Hey Gang,

I really hope that everyone is enjoying this fantastic weather we've had these past several weeks. It's been great, but I'm sure that we'll really pay the price for it later.

I just had my last checkup with my orthopedic surgeon and I got a clean bill of health!! My elbow has healed up and it's all fine and dandy once more. I do have some special exercises that I am to do to make sure that I regain full motion of my arm, and I am supposed to wear my brace when I'm doing any heavy lifting or yard work for the next 6 weeks, but other than some road rash that I am still contending with on my knee, I'm doing fine and getting back on the road. I have already started getting out and visiting with all of you at your club functions and hamfests once again. It's great!!

A few of you wanted to know just what my helmet looked like after the accident... Well, here it is... → → You decide, was it worth wearing, or would you have gone without. As you can see, it hit the gravel as hard as I did. The white spots on the side of the helmet are almost all the way through to the padding inside.



There's starting to be a lot of buzz around the Section about the upcoming Great Lakes HamCon. Are you planning on being there? It's being held on October 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> at the Michigan International Speedway. Our own Affiliated Clubs Coordinator will be one of the many forum speakers. There's also going to be a Wouff Hong presentation at the end of the Awards Banquet that will be held on Saturday night. If you've never done it, you've gotta' put this on your "Bucket List" to do. Here's a link for

more information: [http://arri-greatlakes.org/wh\\_form.html](http://arri-greatlakes.org/wh_form.html)

The winner of the Joseph J. Phillips, K8QOE Newsletter Award will be announced. Want to see the newsletters in contention? Here's a link: <http://arri-greatlakes.org/newsletter/index.html> There's going to be a lot to see and do there for sure. So, "be there, or be square" as the saying goes!! Want more information about the Great Lakes HamCon? Here's a link: <http://glhamcon.org/>

Know someone that's not getting these Newsletters? Please, forward a copy of this Newsletter over to them and have them "Opt-In" to start receiving them. Heck, just have them send me an email [n8sy@n8sy.com](mailto:n8sy@n8sy.com) and I'll get them added to the Ohio Section Emailing list. I urge all of you to make sure that everyone, regardless of whether they are a League member or not, gets signed up to receive these Newsletters. You can always "Opt-Out" at any time if you feel this is not what you were expecting.

Got questions, concerns or would just like to sit and chat awhile? Heck, I'll even buy the coffee!! Give me a call at (419) 512-4445 or email me at: [n8sy@n8sy.com](mailto:n8sy@n8sy.com)

73,

Scott, N8SY..

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