



# QRZ NEWS

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## CLUB DUES

This is the time of the year when we let members know the dues of \$25.00 will be received with great pleasure by the treasurer, Ted Freedman. His address is: 4551 Surrey Drive, Lancaster, PA 17601-2842. Dues should be made out to SPARC. The dues cover the expenses of maintaining the club repeater and facilities. It is to be noted that the funds received by recycling paper go toward reducing the mortgage on the site. Our thanks to Dave, N3LOM, for his special efforts in recycling the papers. Also, he is taking books with hardback covers. It is not necessary to remove the covers as they are sold to an individual who needs them intact.

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## HAVE YOU TRIED THE NEW BANDS?

The new frequencies which the FCC has changed to give more space to voice operation seems to work out well. A chart can be downloaded from ARRL which displays the new voice and cw frequencies. Especially beneficial is the opportunity to find space to operate without interference. This may offer more incentive than to only use vhf. Much more space is useable on 75 and 40 meters phone. CW is still useable on all frequencies

For those effected by covenant restrictions, the opportunity to devise antenna systems for the lower bands is a challenge. The club might offer such assistance in developing new methods for low band antennas in the attics, or whatever concealed locations will meet such restrictions.



## EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

There was a meeting held recently at the Emergency Training Center regarding the RACES program. Presentations were made concerning the RACES program which encompasses 8 Counties. There were questions as how the organizations would be compatible. From the editor's understanding, the South Central Task Force does not replace the local Races group but is prepared to assist in any way through the Amateur Radio Work Group to help in developing plans, organizing and developing an active work and improving local Races program. Some counties may need less assistance in organizing and training, others may not.. The goal would be to have a supportive reference in working through any local group that may not be able to meet the standards that FEMA has designated as necessary for emergency situations. The misconception is that the SCTF replaces the local RACES group. Rather the intent is to make all RACES meet the standards and training goals of each County. I hope this gives a better idea of what the new FEMA standards require. W3PWH

**Motorola** issued a press release earlier this week stating that its subsidiary, Motorola USA, will launch a tender offer to acquire a controlling interest in Vertex Standard Co., Ltd." Vertex Standard is the parent company of Yaesu. Upon successful completion of the tender offer and subsequent restructuring process, Motorola will own 80 percent of Vertex Standard; Tokogiken, a privately held Japanese company, controlled by current President and CEO of Vertex Standard Jun Hasegawa, will retain 20 percent, forming a joint venture. The total purchase price for 80 percent of the outstanding shares on a fully diluted basis will be approximately 12.3 billion yen (approximately US \$108 million). The bid will start November 6 and end on December 26. If the bid succeeds, shares of Vertex would be delisted from the Jasdac Securities Exchange in Japan.

According to Dennis Motschenbacher, K7BV, Yaesu's Executive Vice President for Amateur Radio Sales in North America, "I thought that the happiest and proudest day of my 45-plus years in Amateur Radio was when I was offered the opportunity to lead the Yaesu North American sales effort; however, being able to now announce this news to my fellow Amateur Radio operators takes over as the top life thrill for me! I am certain the good fortune that put me in this leadership chair at Yaesu now promises opportunities for me to do more for the technological future of Amateur Radio than I ever dreamed possible. I do not pretend to know the full extent of the positive impact this Motorola/Vertex Standard business arrangement will have on Amateur Radio -- I just know it is going to be terrific for all of us who love Amateur Radio for its public service and entertainment value, as well as its potential for us to make lifelong friendships in our neighborhoods and around the world."

Saying that hams should not expect to see a line of Motorola Amateur Radio products, Motschenbacher said he sees the joint venture between Motorola and Vertex Standard "as a very good thing for Amateur Radio in general and Yaesu customers in particular. I hope our loyal customers will readily see this business venture for what it is, an opportunity to make a solid 50-plus year old Yaesu company even stronger. (Copy ARRL Nov 2007)

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#### CLUB MEETING

The next club meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 21st at 7:00 PM, or 1900 to the military types, at the Rapho Twp. Office building. Let's try to have a good turnout. We have 32 members listed and we are trying to have a good program during each meeting. Your own input is appreciated on any club activities. Directions to Rapho Twp Office Building are 971 N. Colebrook RD., Manheim, PA. If you have load mapquest you can get download instructions as to your easiest directions.