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Scouting Hams and Hamming Scouters--

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GREETINGS OF THE SEASON TO ALL!

At the end of OCARG's nineteenth month of existence, I would like to wish everyone the best for the Holiday Season and hoping that all good ham-boys and ham-girls receive lots of radio goodies in their stockings and under their trees! May this coming year be the best ever in both amateur radio and Boy Scouting for you, your families, and your friends.

73, Fred K2FRD

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OCARG SMITTEN BY ANTHRAX

About eight days after the application for OCARG's vanity callsign went into the mail about 6 November, the Federal Communications Commission announced that applications for vanity callsigns would cease until new procedures for anthrax screening became implemented at the Agency's Gettysburg office. FCC Gettysburg processes all new vanity callsign applications.

In an announcement dated 14 November, the FCC stated that it was relocating its Gettysburg mail facility to an offsite location to reduce the possibility of anthrax contamination at its central office. The FCC in Washington was a target during the early stages of the anthrax-by-mail attack.

Because the FCC treats both electronic and paper vanity callsign applications equally, no vanitycallsigns will be issued until the new facility catches up on its backlog of mail applications. No estimated date when this might happen was issued, but the ARRL and others have mentioned a late December date.

The change in mail-handling procedures may affect amateur operators during their license renewal procedure since the Gettysburg office also processes renewals. Specifically, if a renewal application is filed in a "timely fashion" and is within the two-year grace period, an amateur whose license might otherwise expire may continue to operate.

OCARG presently holds the pool callsign KC2IQA.







details may be found at:

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