

## Sean McQueen

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**From:** Nicholas Brody  
**Sent:** Friday, 2 October 2020 9:59 AM  
**To:** Patrick Emery  
**Cc:** Sean McQueen; Mary Stavropoulos; Stewart White  
**Subject:** RE: Scout and Guide callsign blocks [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Yep – good idea. I just wanted to signal that I did not find either of Glenn’s arguments compelling: 1) I think his change will not “steamline” call signs relative to the current practice, and 2) there’s no reason to “maximise the amount of callsigns available to the general amateur populace”, because there’s plenty left as is.

Of course, if he can get scouts and guides on side with his proposal, there’s no need to oppose it either.

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Thanks Nic. Stew suggested to Glenn the other day (before this email was sent) that he discuss any proposed (revised) approach with the Scouts/Guides first, with a view to obtaining their imprimatur for any revised approach. I’ll ask Glenn to confirm that he has done this before considering the proposal.

Cheers

Patrick

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Hi Patrick

For what it's worth, my view hasn't changed. If the blocks set aside for general amateur use run out of capacity, we can look at freeing up these blocks then. However, based on Mary's email of the other day, this is unlikely to happen.

Cheers,

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Hello Patrick

Martin and I have discussed this issue, and we propose the following way forward.

Our view is that the current scout block is too large – as evidenced by the less than 1% take up rate.

We accept that there is a historic precedent for issue of distinctive callsigns to guides and scouts; however this needs to be balanced against the need to streamline the template and maximise the amount of callsigns available to the general amateur populace.

So, as a compromise, we propose that the guide block be unchanged as GGA-GGZ but the scout block be amended to SAA-SAZ – this is the original scout block.

The scouts/guides retain their existing callsigns, they have GGA-GGZ and SAA-SAZ blocks reserved, and are, of course, free to apply for any other callsign.

This arrangement is also equitable – both organisations have the same amount of callsigns reserved.

Given the current very low take up rate, there are more than enough callsigns available from the GGA-GGZ and SAA-SAZ blocks.

Regards

Glenn

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Thanks Patrick,

Re instituting the reservation means extra work for our limited IT resources, who are already very busy with the current changes.

Prior to proposing simplification of the template, I researched the former Scout and Guide callsign arrangements.

The arrangement for scouts reserves 1040 callsigns nationally. There are currently 40 of these callsigns issued.

There are a further 9 scout callsigns that are outside of their template.

The arrangement for guides reserves 260 callsigns nationally. There are currently 5 of these callsigns issued.

There is negligible growth in scout and guide callsigns.

It is thus very difficult to justify reservation of blocks of callsigns for organisations that have such a low take up rate, and are very unlikely to use even 10% of the blocks.

If the scouts and guides feel the need to reserve blocks, then they could consider purchasing a block of callsigns for their use.

It is an inefficient use of a limited resource to restrict such large blocks of callsigns. The historic precedent is not justified by the low take up rate.

Rgds  
Glenn

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Hi Glenn,

Thanks for your email. You are correct that the recent revision of the callsign template was intended to simply and streamline the callsign allocation process for AMC staff. However, subsequent to the publication of the revised callsign template, we received a submission on behalf of the Scouts/Guides requesting re-instatement of the previous reservation of the GGA-GGZ and SAA-SDZ callsign ranges, on the basis of the historical reservation and allocation of such callsigns for Scouts/Guides, and that the continuing reservation of such callsigns facilitates recognition and identification of Scout/Guide amateur radio users in club activities. We therefore instructed AMC to amend the callsign template.

Regards,

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Hello Patrick

AMC have been contacted by ACMA and told to revert the GGA-GGZ and SAA-SDZ blocks to Girl Guides and Scouts.

One of the principles underpinning the recent revision of the template was simplification and hence streamlining of the callsign process for AMC staff.

That is, any three letter callsign was available for any licence class. There were to be no more reserved blocks within the three letter structure (apart from Rxx for beacons and repeaters).

Moreover, there has been negligible demand for new allocations from the former guide and scout blocks.

Can you ring me please to discuss.

Thanks  
Glenn

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