If any of you are ready to renew your ham license and are having trouble, or do not know how to do it online, I can help you get through the process.

You need user names and passwords for your **CORES** and **ULS** accounts.

You can renew as early as ninety days before your license expires.

There is an FCC \$35 fee to renew your license, you **MUST** pay that online with a desktop or laptop computer. If you use a tablet or phone, the FCC will gladly take your money, but not give you credit for it. Then you get to spend a lot of time on the phone with the FCC.

If you renew early, the expiration date remains the same as if you paid it on the expiration date. So you lose nothing if you renew early.

All licensed hams should have accounts in CORES and the ULS.

If you have an outdated email address in your CORES account, you should get it **updated before March 29th**. Because the CORES login, starting March 29th, will require you to enter a verification code that will be sent to the email address which is stored in your CORES account. If that old email address is no longer available to you, it looks like you will spend lot of time on the phone with the FCC.

This will probably be implemented in the ULS site sometime soon. This is my guess, since they were hacked last year, and down for two weeks, they are probably trying to make the sites more secure.

CORES and the ULS do not share the same database, so if you change something in one, you need to change it in the other.

73, Harley