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RM-8626

We would like to express our concern over the proposed rule change, which would eliminate the ARRL W1AW code practice transmissions. We disagree with Mr. Maya, the ARRL W1AW code transmissions provide a valuable service to the existing and prospective amateur service. We both support morse code as a requirement for a amateur license and the transmissions provide a real atmosphere, ie: fading, interference, noise etc., to learn to copy morse code.

I KB8PK used this in 1977 when i took my first test and again this year when i upgraded to Extra. My 11 year old son KG8PE used this last year when he took his tests. The code transmissions are a service to the amateur community and i fear a degradation if Mr. Maya proposal is passed.

Sincerely,

Kevin J. Grammes KB8PK



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April 19, 1995

Re: Petition Number RM-8626 from Frederick O. Maia, W5YI

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Gentlemen:

Please consider these comments in response to Petition Number RM-8626. The petition requests the elimination of the rules that permit one-way information bulletins and Morse code practice in the amateur bands below 30 MHz. The effect of this petition would be to silence W1AW bulletin and code practice transmissions, among others. In my opinion, the petition should be **denied**. Furthermore, transmissions "necessary to disseminate information bulletins" and "necessary to assist persons learning, or improving proficiency in, the international Morse code" are specifically recognized as "authorized transmissions" by the Commission in Part 97.

The purpose of these transmissions should strictly be the enhancement of the knowledge and proficiency of amateur radio operators. The amateur transmission must be **non-commercial** because material compensation or payment of the licensee to initiate the transmission is considered to be a "prohibited transmission." Should any licensee wish to make non-commercial transmissions similar to W1AW, there is no prohibition of this practice.

Information bulletins should be **directly related** to the interest of the amateur radio community. These should not be stories of general interest to the public since this would be considered to be "newsgathering for broadcasting" purposes, a "prohibited transmission." The current restrictions are that the transmissions should be brief, should not deliberately interfere with other known activities such as established net operations, and should use the minimum power necessary to propagate the signal.

W1AW bulletins and Morse code practice have been an institution for many years in the amateur bands. The times and frequencies of transmissions have been published and are well known in the amateur community (see attached schedule). In my opinion, these transmissions have helped many amateurs in providing desired information and in gaining Morse code proficiency.

Individuals wishing to make non-commercial information bulletin or Morse code transmissions should arrange to meet in a coordinating committee of the type established to voluntarily control repeater operations. The issue should be resolved not by the Commission but through a "gentlemen's agreement" of the involved parties.

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Thank you for your consideration of these opinions.

Sincerely,

Leonard A. Schachter

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Attachment

cc: Raymond A. Kowalski
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W1AW Schedule

Time (EST)	Mode	Days
12	AM	RTTY Daily
12:45	AM	VOICE Daily
9	AM	CWs Wed, Fri
9	AM	CWf Tue, Thu
10	AM	CWb Tue-Fri
11	AM	RTTY Tue-Fri
4	PM	CWf Mon, Wed, Fri
4	PM	CWs Tue, Thu, Sat, Sun
5	PM	CWb Daily
6	PM	RTTY Daily
7	PM	CWs Mon, Wed, Fri
7	PM	CWf Tue, Thu, Sat, Sun
8	PM	CWb Daily
9	PM	RTTY Daily
9:45	PM	VOICE Daily
10	PM	CWf Mon, Wed, Fri
10	PM	CWs Tue, Thu, Sat, Sun
11	PM	CWb Daily

Frequencies (MHz)

	1.818	3.5815	7.0475	14.0475	18.0975	21.0675	28.0675	147.555
CW:	1.818	3.5815	7.0475	14.0475	18.0975	21.0675	28.0675	147.555
RTTY:	-	3.625	7.095	14.095	18.1025	21.095	28.095	147.555
VOICE:	1.855	3.99	7.29	14.29	18.16	21.39	28.59	147.555

Notes:

CW frequencies include code practices, Qualifying Runs and CW bulletins.
 Cws = Morse Code practice (slow) = 5 - 7.5 - 10 - 13 - 15 WPM
 CWf = Morse Code practice (fast) = 35 - 30 - 25 - 20 - 15 - 13 - 10 WPM
 CWb = Morse Code Bulletins = 18 WPM
 RTTY= Teleprinter Bulletins = BAUDOT (45.45 baud) and AMTOR-FEC (100 Baud).
 ASCII (110 Baud) is sent only as time allows.

Code practice texts are from QST, and the source of each practice is given at the beginning of each practice and at the beginning of alternate speeds.

A DX bulletin replaces or is added to the regular bulletins between 8 P.M. Eastern time Thursdays and 8 P.M. Eastern time Fridays.

On Tuesdays and Saturdays at 6:30 P.M. Eastern time, Keplerian Elements for active amateur satellites are sent on the regular teleprinter frequencies.

In a communications emergency, monitor W1AW for special bulletins as follows: voice on the hour, teleprinter at 15 minutes past the hour, and CW on the half hour.

W1AW is open to visitors during normal operating hours: from 1 P.M. to 1 A.M. on Mondays, 9 A.M. to 1 A.M. Tuesday through Friday, 1 P.M. to 1 A.M. on Saturdays, and from 3:30 P.M. to 1 A.M. on Sundays. FCC licensed amateurs may operate the station from 1 to 4 P.M. Monday through Saturday. Be sure to bring your current FCC amateur license or a photocopy.

Headquarters and W1AW are closed on New Year's Day, President's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and the following Friday, and Christmas Day. On the first Thursday of September, Headquarters and W1AW will be closed during the afternoon.

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RE: RM-8626

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Todd Hansen, KD6YPS
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Dear FCC,

April 16, 1995

I am speaking in regards to the petition RM-8626. It would eliminate one way broadcasts such as code practice and information bulletins about amateur radio below the frequency of 30 MHz. I do not believe this petition is right because code practice transmissions are a great way to learn morse code. I could get a program for my computer, but it would not be the same as a copying code from an actual operator. I think morse code practice sessions like those of W1AW are an important part of learning to copy code reliably. Plus, have you ever heard ionosphere noise from a computer? I am planning on finally passing the 5 wpm code test this summer, and I hope that W1AW will be there to help me study for it.

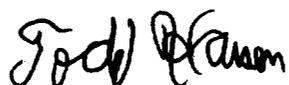
The bulletins sent by W1AW are also very valuable. Sure, they are available via on-line services and e-mail but they should also be available to others who don't have the ability to receive those bulletins. Even if everyone was able to use online services to receive their bulletins, we would still need a back up. Plus, it allows someone to get information about amateur radio without having to switch from their radio to their computer system. I think allowing one way broadcasts pertaining to amateur radio with the present rules are the best way those rules can benefit

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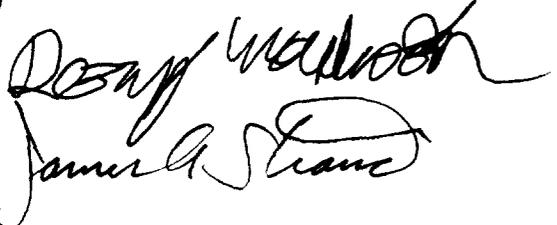
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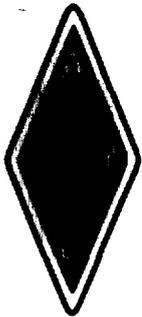
amateur radio. Below are some signatures of hams who agree that the rule should not be changed.

Sincerely,



Todd Hansen, KD6YPS

Name	Call	Comment (Optional)
John T. Roche	WB6GDR	
	KD6OAU	



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FILE NO. RM 8626

SECRETARY F.C.C.
WASHINGTON, DC 20554

IN REGARD TO PETITION RM 8626 WHICH WOULD SHUT DOWN STATION W1AW I HOPE THE COMMISSION WILL DISMISS THIS PETITION.

MANY PEOPLE IN OUR STATE DEPEND ON W1AW FOR CODE PRACTICE AND BULLETINS. MANY PEOPLE CAN NOT AFFORD TO BUY A COMPUTER AND THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT HAVE A COMPUTER THAT CAN NOT AFFORD TO GET THE BULLETINS ON THE ONLINE SERVICES. IN ADDITION TO THE COST OF THE SERVICES ARE THE LONG DISTANCE PHONE LINE COSTS.

I OBTAINED MY EXTRA CLASS FROM THE CODE PRACTICE FROM W1AW AS HAVE MANY OTHERS.

IF RM 8626 PETITION WAS TO BECOME LAW IT WOULD BE A DRASTIC DISSERVICE TO MANY PEOPLE IN OUR STATE.

I HOPE THE COMMISSIONERS WILL CONSIDER THIS AND DISMISS RM 8626.

SINCERELY,

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Amateur Radio Station K4QLR
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April 18, 1995

Subject: File no. RM 8626

Secretary, FCC
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Sir or Madam

As A faithful listener and I copy the ARRL bulletins almost daily, and I put some of them on our local bbs. I would like for the code practice and ARRL bulletins to continue as they are now.

I learned the code several years ago, by listening to the ARRL code practice. Thank You.

Sincerely

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RE: FILE RM-8262

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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington D.C. 20554

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Dear Secretary,

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I am writing to express my opinion regarding FCC petition RM-8626 to eliminate one-way bulletins on the Amateur Radio bands below 30MHz.

My first observation is that this petition is from someone that is in the business of disseminating information to the Amateur Radio community via a subscription publication. This alone would indicate to me a conflict of interest. Of course, this does not disqualify them from voicing their opinion.

I have been a Radio Amateur for over 25 years, and am President of the local Amateur Radio Club. We have over 180 members. I am also active in numerous Public Service oriented events and activities related to Amateur Radio. One-way broadcasts have been a traditional part of the Service as long as I can remember. Broadcasts such as code practice, information and educational bulletins are received by Amateurs all over the world by people that don't have access to publications or the other information and service that these broadcasts provide. Also, almost all Amateur Radio nets begin with a broadcast of some kind to it's members. These nets are an essential part of the service, providing training for emergency preparedness, experience for control operators, and the opportunity for Amateurs with similar interests to meet and discuss their ideas.

It is true that Nets and broadcasts use selected frequencies for their services. How would they be able to find each other if this were not the case. Nets and broadcasts are an essential part of the Service that Amateur Radio operators provide to the citizens of this country, and the world. The good of the majority must take preference over the opinion of a few disgruntled people with questionable intentions. Most Amateur Radio operators, in my experience, realize that Nets need to meet on a published frequency. This is not an assigned or "owned" frequency, of course. But one that courteous HAMS realize is used for the good of the service. These problems can be worked out easily by Ham Radio operators, who, through the years, have proved to be essentially self-regulating. We do not need a Regulation eliminating all broadcasts below 30 MHz. We need to educate the dissenters regarding common courtesy and common sense.

Thank you for your consideration in reading this letter.

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Regarding RM-8626

I urge all involved to refuse the petition by Fred Maia, W5YI to ban all one-way transmissions in the amateur service. I cannot clearly see why the actions of one individual would prompt W5YI to draft such a radical solution. If anything better enforcement would fix the problem that Mr. Maia is attempting to solve but that's not to be in these days of budget and tax cuts.

Sincerely,


Anthony S. Pelliccio, KD1NR

cc: Raymond A. Kowalski

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April 20, 1995

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of

Amendment of Part 97 of the Commission's)
Rules to Eliminate Certain One-way)
Communications in the Amateur Radio)
Service Medium and High Frequency Bands)

RM-8626

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To: The Commission

In reference to the above cited petition recently filed by Frederick O. Maia, holding call letters W5YI, I respectfully request the Commission to deny Mr. Maia's request for a change in the rules, specifically Section 97.111(b), (5), (6) and Section 97.113 (d), for the following reasons:

- 1) The transmission of amateur radio related bulletins and information and the transmission of Morse code practice are essential to the future success and growth of the Amateur Radio Service in this country. Thousands of licensed amateurs have secured their original licensing or have upgraded their licenses by copying practice code either from W1AW or other stations providing such practice on frequencies below 30 Mhz. Despite Mr. Maia's claim that "other methods of communicating general information to Amateurs" are available, all of the listed methods he refers to would require greater expenditure of money by Amateurs versus the current method which is free for all to monitor and use.
- 2) Mr. Maia has a monetary interest in these proceedings. He is in the business of selling information through a newsletter published by him and through selling computer materials designed to increase one's proficiency in Morse code. The adoption of his requested rule changes would potentially increase his market and profitability should the Commission eliminate the free-of-charge services currently available.
- 3) As a holder of an Extra Class license for more than 37 years and as one who is active on all bands from 1.8 Mhz to 450 Mhz, I have not heard a single instance of the anger that is referred to by Mr. Maia. However, if such anger does exist to some small extent, the Commission's rules clearly prohibit malicious interference even if one is angry. Those of us who follow the rules should not suffer because of a few who will not follow the rules.
- 4) If Mr. Maia's petition is granted, there would be no medium for amateurs to obtain emergency or crisis information in a timely fashion. The frequencies below 30 Mhz allow for the dissemination of such information quickly and over great distances.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Commission to reject the petition RM-8626.

Respectfully submitted,



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Hot Springs, S. Dak.

Apr. 22, 1995

Secretary
Federal Communication Commission
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Secretary

I urge you to dismiss W5YI's petition RM 8626.

This would be a disaster to the amateur radio
community.

Thank you.

Arthur M. Mower

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