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DEAR SIR

I AM WRITING TO VOICE MY OPPOSITION TO  
THE PROPOSAL TO BAN ONE WAY BULLETIN SERVICES  
FROM THE AMATEUR HF BANDS (RM 8626). I ENJOY  
LISTENING TO THE BULLETINS AND IN FACT IF IT  
WERE NOT FOR WIAW'S CODE PRACTICE SERVICE I WOULD  
NOT HAVE MY ADVANCED LICENSE TODAY.

I REALIZE THERE ARE SOME ABUSES OF THE BULLETIN  
PRIVILEGES BY HAMS WHO RUN TALK RADIO SHOWS BUT  
I DO NOT THINK BANNING ALL BULLETINS IS THE WAY  
TO DEAL WITH THIS

Thank you for your consideration

Very truly yours  
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RM-8626 comments

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I am 100 % against the request of Fred Maia, W5YI to stop the one way transmissions of W1AW code practice and bulletins. I have packet, e-mail, computers etc. and still use the services of W1AW. Live CW "On the AIR" serves many purposes. It gives code practice to people in the real condition that they will operate in after getting their license...I have an extra class license and I still listen to W1AW and practice copying code! My XYL now has a tech/lite license and is studying for her code license....and she listens to W1AW. And we have all the latest gadgets, packet, e-mail, computers etc. with code programs to learn from.....then there are many poor people that want amateur licenses that do not have access to these other mediums both from the USA & other countries that use W1AW.

I think Fred has ulterior motives for wanting to stop these transmissions. I think this is a CONFLICT OF INTEREST and Fred has no business even suggesting something like this! He is engaged in a FOR PROFIT business selling CODE PROGRAMS etc to teach new amateurs. Thanks for taking the time to read my complaint.

Sincerely,



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Dear Sir:

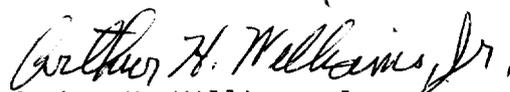
In re FCC RM-8626: the FCC is considering abolishing the rules providing for the broadcasts of bulletin stations.

There are new resources for learning the Morse code, and for increasing one's ability to copy higher speeds. I am familiar with, and I have here, software that will send random copy or files. However, there are others who aspire to be hams that do not have access to this software. Some do not have a computer, and others live in parts of the country that do not have urban resources. Urban resources in this city include a two meter FM net that transmits code practice each week. However, when I lived out in the rural areas, WIAW was always there for me to get back into the swing of receiving Morse code. I still use these broadcasts to improve my skills.

Also, I have kept up with what is happening in amateur radio through the broadcasts of bulletins by WIAW. Even in the years when I was not very active on the amateur bands, I would listen every so often to find out what was happening. Having moved last year to the city, I now have access to the Internet through a Freenet (that is, after an hour or so of trying to get past busy signals because it is so heavily used). Thus, with a local telephone call I can get news of amateur radio and conditions of the bands. However, for the many people who live outside the local telephone area, such a resource is available only in the form of costly telephone calls. Furthermore, even though I may be technically able to receive the information through a computer/modem/telephone connection, I still listen to the bulletins on Morse code, because it is more reliable, more convenient and it maintains my skills of receiving Morse code.

Finally, the public interest has been well served for many years with the present rules. It would seem to me that the burden of proof should be on the shoulders of those who would change an arrangement that has served the public interest for so many years. It would take a very strong showing to persuade me that the time has come for changing this provision in the rules.

Sincerely yours,

  
Arthur H. Williams, Jr.  
W4TY

cc: Raymond A. Kowalski

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COMMENTS ON RM-8626

I have been a licensed Amateur Radio Operator since 1956, and currently hold an Advanced Class License. It has come to my attention that a petition has been presented to you asking to restrict the activities of the American Radio Relay League by eliminating the sending of bulletins and code practice transmissions. This proposed change would be a grave mistake, and would cause irreparable harm to the Amateur Radio Service.

It was only by regularly listening to the code practice transmissions from W1AW that I was able to gain the experience to make the transition from Novice Class to General Class license. Thirty-eight years later, it is still the best way for those entering the Amateur Radio fraternity to learn the skills of copying information through natural and man-made interference. In addition, bulletins are copied by local Official Bulletin Stations from W1AW transmissions to be retransmitted during local Amateur Radio Emergency Service VHF nets.

Mr. Maia's proposal runs counter to all that Amateur Radio stands for, and I urge you to reject any attempt to change the existing bulletin and code practice rules of Part 97.

Sincerely,



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