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Reply Comments on RM-8626

I hold an extra class amateur radio license, callsign W1ICH, and am a member of the American Radio Relay League. I favor adoption of the above mentioned petition for the following reasons:

1. The information provided by HF broadcast transmission is readily available today via land-line or packet radio service without cluttering up the limited frequency spectrum in the HF bands.
2. We need to encourage courteous behavior in the amateur bands. Unilateral transmissions of information without prior checking for a clear frequency is about the most intrusive and discourteous behavior possible.
3. Code practice does not need to be obtained through broadcast type transmissions. Practice copying actual QSO's on the air or copying tape or computer generated code is very efficient. In addition, code practice is offered on a scheduled basis in most parts of the country over local 2 meter repeaters. Now that no-code technician licenses appear to be the preferred entry route to amateur radio, most no-code techs desiring to upgrade to a code qualified license class will already own or have access to 2 meter receiving equipment.

Respectfully submitted,

*Thomas Clements III*

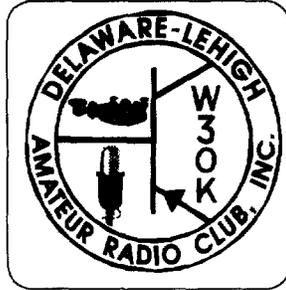
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# DELAWARE LEHIGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC.

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**RM 8626**

The Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, DC 20554

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Gentlemen,

By this letter, in the cause of RM 8626, I hereby petition the Federal Communications Commission to find in favor of The American Radio Relay League and station W1AW of the Amateur Radio Service. This petition being in regard to and in favor of: - The regularly scheduled broadcasts by W1AW on the Amateur Radio Service frequencies of Morse Code practice sessions and bulletins of technical value and general interest to the Amateur Radio Operator and others. - The regularly scheduled broadcasts by W1AW on the Amateur Radio Service frequencies in RTTY, Packet, AmTOR, and other modes, of bulletins of technical value and general interest to the Amateur Radio Operator and others.

The value, usefulness, importance, and general need, for these W1AW broadcasts have been demonstrated, and acclaimed, by Amateur Radio Operators, Short Wave Listeners, and many others, on a worldwide basis, for many years. At some time in his initial learning period, and throughout his participation in Amateur Radio, every Amateur Radio Operator has made use of the W1AW broadcasts. To improve his Morse Code proficiency. To improve his technical knowledge. To enhance his operating techniques. To gain general knowledge and information pertaining to Amateur Radio. It is of great importance to the Amateur Radio Service that W1AW continue providing the valuable worldwide service that it has so admirably done for so many years; and I hereby so petition you, the Federal Communications Commission, to so favor the American Radio Relay League and station W1AW.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Clarence Snyder".

Clarence Snyder, W3PYF

Member: Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club

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RM-8626

Attention of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington DC 20554

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Dear Commissioners:

I have been a continuously licensed amateur radio operator for over 54 years and was first licensed on 5 November 1940. I have also been a member of the American Radio League for most of these 54 years and have been a Life Member of the League for over two decades.

The following comments are addressed to the petition filed with the Commission by Frederick O. Maia, W5YI, in RM-8626 who's objective is to delete rules which currently authorize one way amateur radio transmissions as exemplified by bulletins and code practice training sessions transmitted by the American Radio Relay League.

Over a period spanning many years it has been observed that a large number of American citizens in need of training to bolster their skills in their ability to receive Morse code have been able to achieve their objectives by diligently copying the one way code transmissions provided at no cost to any one wishing to avail themselves of this service. This training enhances the opportunity for our American citizens to qualify and prepare themselves to pass the code requirements as defined by the Commission to qualify for certain classes of amateur radio licenses.

Further, the one way information bulletins transmitted by the League provide a timely means of disseminating useful information to the thousands of members of the amateur radio community relating to current events impacting amateur radio operators. It is worthy to observe that this valuable and service is provided in a manner which is non-discriminatory. The content of these bulletins is available to be received by both the amateur radio operator and general public. The reception of the bulletins is not precluded from the general public.

In my judgment the position presented by Mr. Maia fails to enhance the amateur radio service and in this writer's opinion Mr. Maia's petition will result in a less effective service by removing an important aid and informative as well as educational element from the amateur radio service. Indeed, it is very likely that the less privileged members of our society will be deprived of an opportunity to advance themselves due to the cost of alternative methods of obtaining the information which has been provided for decades by the League at no cost to the recipients. It is interesting to note that Mr. Maia is engaged in a business for profit which sells code training materials.

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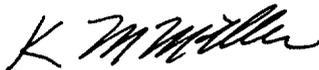
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Further, it appears that Mr. Maia assumes that all potential amateur license aspirants have access to computers in their homes. It is interesting to note that during the CBS "48 Hours" television program broadcast last evening, 13 April 1995, a statement was made that LESS THAN ONE THIRD of American households have a computer. In addition, it must be recognized that many Americans live in rural and smaller populated areas which preclude their ability to contract for a on-line computer service due to there not being a toll free local phone number to connect to the on-line service.

Ladies and Gentlemen, PLEASE REJECT Mr. Maia's petition. His petition takes away from, rather than enhances the amateur radio service. The present provision for one way transmissions in the rules should remain intact and unaltered as presently written..

Respectfully yours,



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Life Member ARRL

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Also one copy mailed to each of the following:

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