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Secretary
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Re: RM-8626 Petition for rule making by Frederick O. Maia W5YI, requesting amendment of the commission's rules to eliminate certain one-way communications in the amateur radio service medium and high frequency bands.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please accept the comments below in response to your solicitation of same by public notice on April 4, 1995.

I have been a licensed amateur radio operator for many years and I have also been a member of the American Relay Radio League. For all of the years that I've been a licensed radio operator I have used W1AW to learn the code practice and with the bulletins I was able to achieve 18 words per minute with my code practice. The league has been providing this service for free to all of the radio amateur service.

The league has been doing a good job for many years and will continue to do a good job with the transmission of information bulletins and code practice runs below 30 mhz. As I see the petition by Frederick O. Maia, W5YI, to eliminate the rules on certain one-way transmissions is not in the best interest of all the amateur radio service.

The FCC rules on this are doing a good job, just the way they are, so do not change what is working.

Sincerely,



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cc: Raymond A. Kowalski, Esq.

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Comments on RM-8626

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I used W1AW code practice to help build my speed for getting my Amateur Radio License. I think it is a real aid in getting a license. So I would favor seeing the code practice continue.

I do not see the need for ARRL bulletin transmission and K1MAN Amateur Radio News broadcast. We have enough interference from broadcast stations without adding amateurs how want to play International Broadcaster.

With ARRL Bulletins on Packet BBS, on Internet and in the ARRL Letter and other newsletters like W5YI, these broadcast have out lived their need. It's not the 60's when W1AW bulletins were the only way to stay current with what was going on in Amateur Radio.

I think K1MAN broadcast are a good example of abuse of the rules.

The packet BBS system has proved a good way to handle amateur related news and a number of repeaters have weekly nets followed by news tapes. I favor this methode of distributing the bulletins over HF. Also with the majority of the ham being Technician, it make sense.

I would like to see bulletin transmissions, by any station, limited to 1 hour a week on frequencies above 30 Mhz. Digital mode BBS would not be included in this limit. I fear that these stations interested in broadcasting will shift their efforts to these bands if forced off the HF bands.

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RM-8626

Dear Secretary:

I would like to express my concern over the petition for rule making (RM8626) that has been proposed by Frederick Maia, W5YI.

These are very important for new hams!

This petition, if passed, would eliminate the rules which allow one way transmissions in the amateur bands below 30 MHZ. Mr. Maia specifically references Morse code practice and information bulletins relating to amateur radio. Mr. Maia claims that these practices are no longer necessary because computer software exists for code practice and bulletins on amateur radio can be obtained through on-line computer services.

Mr. Maia has failed to take into consideration that not all amateurs have computers or access to them. There are many amateurs out there who operate modest stations. We have the bare minimum of equipment required. Some of us are on the air only through the use of borrowed equipment. Mr. Maia's petition would create undue hardship for those of us that operate with rudimentary equipment.

Seniors & young hams just starting

I am not surprised that Maia cites one way bulletins and code practice as unnecessary due to computer programs and on-line computer services being available. After all, his advertisements in various Amateur publications claim that his computer-aided instruction software is the "World's Best Selling".

I hope that your agency takes into consideration the impact this petition would have to all those in the amateur community. Just because a product is available on the market, does not mean that it is available to everyone. I believe that Mr. Maia's proposal will have an adverse effect to those of us who enjoy Amateur Radio.

Thank you for allowing me to express my opinion on this matter.

Sincerely

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Richard V. Johnson

Thanks for your help.

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Teacher +

P.S. *I'm a Retired Elementary School Principal.*

The programs of ARRL are very important to help new hams get their basic start.

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ARRL AMATEUR RADIO STATION

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Ref. **RM-8626**

To: The Commission

I am writing to ask that the Petition for Rule Making submitted by Frederick Maia be denied for the following reasons.

- The statement of need consists wholly of anecdotal evidence and unsupported personal opinion. As an active amateur on bands below 30MHz, I have never experienced any of the problems cited by Mr. Maia. It would seem that the alleged problems are of a local area nature.
- Certainly there are other modes such as packet, computer on-line services and computer code instruction software. These but augment, for those who can afford or want them, the important bulletin stations, especially the American Radio Relay League's operations on WIAW.
- There would seem to be a conflict of interest in this case. Mr. Maia is well known for his business interests in publishing amateur radio guides, news letters and computer software devoted to Morse code practice. The loss of bulletin stations like the ARRL WIAW could certainly aid his commercial operation!
- The petitioner may well have a serious problem but the solution should not deny the entire amateur service a long standing, free and valuable source of information.

Respectfully submitted,



Harry L. Slates

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Re: **FCC RM NUMBER 86260 MAIL ROOM**

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To Whom it may concern:

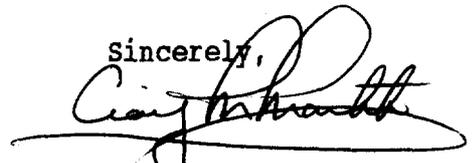
I have become aware of the efforts of Mr. Fredrick O. Maia, W5YI, to eliminate all one way transmissions such as code practice and information bulletins on the amateur bands below 30 MHz. I believe that Mr. Maia is doing this only for his own self centered purposes, and is not in the best interest of amateur radio. The code practices are extremely beneficial to help amateurs practice and become more proficient at CW, and the information bulletins are one of the best ways to keep everyone informed. If Mr Maia was concerned about the best interests of this hobby, which also serves a useful purpose to the general public, he also could transmit code practice and bulletins, but he wants to eliminate this from the airwaves, so that he can profit off amateur radio operators, by selling his practice tapes and subscriptions to his newsletters.

I would like to express my strong support for not only W1AW, but for all groups that help other amateurs through code practices and with informative bulletins. The transmissions do not take up any significant time or frequency space, and are of great benefit to all who wish to use it.

Please do not give RM8626 any more attention than it deserves, as the time that I spent writing this letter is worth more than the greedy, self centered Mr. Maia deserves. Mr. Maia is already making enough money from amateur radio operators, and doesn't need to make more money at the expense of the entire amateur radio community. I was supporting him with my business in the past, but with this letter, he will not get one more penny of mine. His activities are detrimental to the amateur radio community, and it is just a matter of time before he comes up with more schemes to waste the valuable time of the FCC so that he can pad his already loaded wallet.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. I appreciate everything that you do for amateur radio, and know that you will do what you know is right and in the best interest of all.

Sincerely,



Craig M. Martek, AA3JV

cc: Mr. Raymond A. Kowalski
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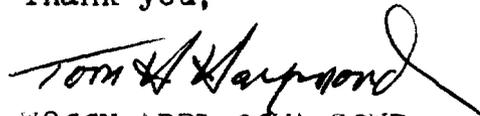
Dear Sir:

The petition RM-826 of Frederick O. Maio W5YI is completely without merit and should be rejected by the Commission.

As a basic form of communication which for many years has saved many lives CW should remain. At age 87 I have experienced the basic value of a multitude of times over the years.

We would appreciate your giving this vital matter your full consideration.

Thank you,


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SECRETARY FCC

PLEASE BE ADVISED AS TO MY OPINION CONCERNING RM 8628. W1AW HAS BEEN A GREAT SERVICE TO THE AMATEUR COMMUNITY.

1. MORSE CODE PRACTICE AT DIFFERENT SPEED TO HELP THE AMATEUR TO ADVANCE THEIR LICENSE CLASS, AND TO BECOME PROFICIENT C W OPERATORS. SOME AMATEURS DO NOT HAVE TAPE RECORDERS TO PRACTICE THE CODE.
2. BULLETINS TO KEEP THE AMATEUR UP TO DATE AS TO WHAT IS HAPPENING SOME AMATEURS DO NOT HAVE COMPUTER FACILITIES AVAILABLE AND W1AW IS THE ONLY WAY WE CAN KEEP ABREAST OF THE WORLD EVENTS.
3. WE THAT PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIONAL TRAFFIC SYSTEM HAVE THESE BULLETINS READ ON THE AIR FOR FREE.
4. MR MAIA W5YI STATES THAT CW PRACTICE TRANSMISSIONS HAVE OUTLIVED THEIR USEFULNESS AND CAUSE UNNECESSARY INTERFERENCE AND SHOULD BE ILLEGAL. IF MR MAIA HAS A BONE TO PICK WITH OTHER TRANSMISSIONS NAMELY K1HAM OR ANYONE THAT ABUSES THE PRIVILEGES LET THEM SETTLE IT AND NOT INVOLVE W1AW A NON-PROFIT TRANSMISSION, AVAILABLE TO ALL AMATEURS AND NOT TO MEMBERS ONLY.

I HOPE YOU WILL CONSIDER THIS BILL CAREFULLY, I FOR ONE HOPE IT DOES NOT PASS.

THANK YOU,

Shirley R Guthrie

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Dear Sir

I am against the Petition for Elimination of one way transmission.
Such a practice and information bulletins on the Amateur Band.
I copy code off W1AW, slow and fast, code. It is nice to be able
to copy code off a Short Wave Radio and/ or H. F. Transceiver.
Also, to be able to get in the W1AW Qualifying Run Event.

W1AW has helped me to 20 wrds. per. min. code. I am trying to go
to 25, 30, and 35 wrds. per. min. I would hate to lose this service.
They send code bulletins at 18 wrds. per. min. to which I get up to
date bulletins from W1AW and a very good code practice.

73
Edward P. Seichepine



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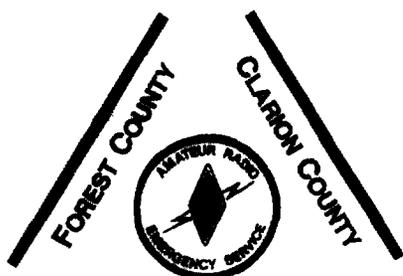
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The Secretary
The Federal Communications Commission
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RE: RM-8626

This letter is in reference to RM-8626, a petition before the FCC concerning an amendment to Part 97 that would eliminate the provisions which permit Amateur Radio Service stations to transmit one-way information bulletins and international Morse code practice below 30 MHz. I would like to register my disagreement with this petition.

I believe that rule change is unwise and would set a bad precedent. The fact that some amateur radio operators have been angered by interruptions to their conversation on a particular frequency when a bulletin or code practice transmission is broadcast is not in my opinion sufficient reason to shut down a previously legal type of operation. Many other interruptions occur on the bands and if the FCC is required to investigate and change rules every time a few amateur operators are angered I doubt very much that there would be time for much else.

I also take exception to the argument on Mr. Maia's part that there are plenty of other methods of communicating general information to Amateurs and his reference to commercial services. Not all amateur radio operators have access to computer equipment. Many of us enjoy listening to bulletins broadcast in Morse code.

It is also my understanding that various emergency services (FEMA, RACES, ARES) often use one way transmissions to alert amateur operators of situations that require their assistance. How would this proposed rule change effect those types of communications?

I find it difficult to justify this change and wish to express my discomfort with this proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Housholder
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AMATEUR RADIO STATION
WA5UEK

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Secretary
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Subject: RM-8626

Dear Mr. Secretary,

As a licensed amateur radio since 1968, I strongly voice my opinion against RM-8626. I have discussed RM-8626 with licensed amateurs and individuals interested in becoming licensed concerning the potential impact of RM-8626 to amateur radio. Not one person I have spoken with has favored it. It would appear to be a single-minded, selfish proposal to further the economic benefit of a few individuals at the cost and detriment to many.

The services that would be eliminated by its acceptance have been of significant importance and benefit to me personally and to the majority of the amateur radio community. For example, when I was yet unlicensed I used the daily W1AW code practice transmissions to help me learn Morse code. When I wanted to upgrade my license, I also used the W1AW transmissions. The news bulletins, announcements and other one-way services have always been useful, helpful and appreciated by many.

I feel these transmission services should, without question, be allowed to continue. If particular individuals elect to provide these services for sale they should be allowed to do so but it seems absurd to eliminate voluntary services. After all, this is "amateur" radio, not "professional" radio or "radio for profit." Please ensure it remains so.

Should you care to discuss this matter please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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REFERENCE: RM NUMBER 8626 - ELIMINATION
OF ONE WAY TRANSMISSIONS ON
AMATEUR BANDS BELOW 30 MHz.

I HAVE BEEN LICENSED SINCE JANUARY
OF 1960 AND PRESENTLY HOLD AN EXTRA
CLASS AMATEUR LICENSE. ^(K9WXXQ) I OWE EVERY
UPGRADE FROM NOVICE TO EXTRA CLASS TO
THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE. ^(LIFE MEMBER) I USED
THE REAL ON AIR CODE PRACTICE SESSIONS
TO GET MY OPERATING SPEED UP TO THE
REQUIREMENTS OF MY LICENSE CLASS. I
CONTINUE TO COPY CW BULLETINS FOR
INFORMATION ON PROPAGATION REPORTS AND FOR
MAINTAINING MY OPERATING SPEED. THE FREQUENCIES
FOR EACH BAND, FOR THESE ONE WAY TRANSMISSIONS
ARE WELL PUBLISHED IN QST MAGAZINE AND
FLYERS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE AMATEUR SWAPS.
I AM AGAINST ELIMINATING THESE TRANSMISSIONS.

COPY TO MR. RAYMOND A. KOWALSKI

THANK YOU
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