

From: Regina Rearick <ae4hj@dnet.net>
To: A4.A4 (FCCINFO)
Date: 8/14/98 2:15pm
Subject: My Opinion on ARLB057

My husband and I both hold an Extra Class license. We would like to recommend that the Fcc retain the 13 and 20WPM code tests. If, however, you are going to lower the word speed you should eliminate the multiple choice tests and make it a "fill-in-the-blank" test. This will at least assure you that folks are taking this test with a great desire to be a "Ham". We live in an area where there are a great many folks holding a Tech Plus and Technician class ticket who are not willing to put forth the effort to upgrade. They say they can wait until the FCC lowers the requirements so they can get on HF. Those of us who hold the General, Advanced and Extra tickets have worked hard for it and consider this a privilege. We do not want to see the Amatuer Radio bands turn into another CB band. We hope you will take this into consideration when making your decision.

Thank you,
AE4HJ and AD4XV
Regina and Ronald Rearick

RECEIVED

AUG 14 1998

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

No. of Copies rec'd _____
List A B C D E _____

2

DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

DK-98-143

From: Ed Brooks <Edbrooksnm@worldnet.att.net>
To: A4.A4 (FCCINFO)
Date: 8/13/98 10:59pm
Subject: Problems

Over the past fifteen years or so, the FCC has pretty well turned amateur radio over to itself. As with CB radio, that isn't working. More fraud in licensing is a small part of the problem, but the CB-like mess on 14313 KHZ and a few other places, reminds us we have no authority to be self-policing. We can send Observer cards all we want and they go into the trash.

Amateur radio is a dying hobby. It is being blended with CB radio and you know what a fiasco that turned out to be. The FCC in fact, threw up its hands in disgust and told CB operators (an oxymoron) to just do as they please. The same thing is happening to the once-proud ham radio. The ARRL is representing their own financial bottom line, but no one is representing the ham radio operator who wants to see some sort of decency and respect on the air waves.

What do you see as a prognosis? Are we simply sliding into the coffin?

Thanks

Ed Brooks W5HTW, licensed for more than 42 years.

RECEIVED

AUG 14 1998

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

No. of Copies rec'd _____
List A B C D E

2

DK-98-143

DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

From: <RCaven5746@aol.com>
To: A4.A4 (FCCINFO)
Date: 8/13/98 6:26pm
Subject: Part 97 Rule changes and streamlining amateur classes

In your proposals about dropping the Novice class and grandfathering it into the general class, because so few applicants enter as Novices, you say most Tech Pluses use UHF or VHF but you don't mention about grandfathering them into the General class. I feel as a Tech Plus, if the Novice class is to be grandfathered into the General class, so should the Tech Plus class. I have talked to quite a few Tech Pluses on 10 meter phone, and I think it would be an injustice if you only grandfathered only the Novice class and not the Tech plus class. I think that we have demonstrated our ability to operate in the HF bands quite well, and I hope that the commission sees that. As to the other classes, and ARRL'S code proposals, I am in favor of the changes. Thank you
KA7NIZ

RECEIVED

AUG 14 1998

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

No. of Copies rec'd _____
L11A50DE

2