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From: Jerry Oxendine <joxendi@bellsouth.net>  
To: A4.A4 (FCCINFO)  
Date: 8/13/98 1:31am  
Subject: Streamlining Amateur License Classes

Dear Sirs,

I can agree with the need for updating Amateur license classes. I like the idea of eliminating the 5 wpm CW element and allowing 13 wpm to be the standard for entry to the HF bands. The only drawback is that it removes the progressive steps to learning CW in favor of all-or-nothing. Many times the drawback for entry-level Hams is the Code, and aliminat-ing the 5 wpm requirement for licenses below General may stop some folks altogether. I do not agree with EVER eliminating CW totally even tho other countries and our military have done so. The reason is that digi-tal modes of communications rely heavily on fixed installations or sat-tellites which can be successfully disabled by acts of war, terrorists, or natural disasters. This "ancient" mode of communications should not become a "lost" art since it can punch through when SSB or AM cannot. I feel that SOME group of people should keep CW alive i.e., hams because we can be pressed into civilian or military service should other means of communications become unusable.

There is much need for enforcement of Amateur Rules and I lament the reduction of funds to FCC which hampers your efforts to assist Hams and other spectrum users by shutting down violators and scofflaws. I chafe when I now hear CBers creeping up into the 10 Meter band with their stupid, cutesey lingo and useless talk. If I had my way, there wouldn't even be a "Chicken Band"!

Amateurs now spend part of their time DFing pirates on VHF repeaters. Perhaps it is time, in the absence of future funds for FCC for enforce-ment, to permit the Amateur Auxiliary more "punch" in attempting to enforce the rules. This by allowing them to issue warnings, once offen-ders have been identified, copies of which to be forwarded to FCC who then alerts the local US Marshal. The Marshal then visits the offender with a more personal warning. If the violator continues to ignore such warnings, it would be followed by arrest on appropriate charges.

Thanks for allowing me to comment.

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From: <Ad6ef@aol.com>  
To: A4.A4 (FCCINFO)  
Date: 8/12/98 12:20am  
Subject: Band Plan

Hello I am an amateur radio operator AD6EF first licensed in 1995 I worked hard on upgrading and I now hold the extra class license my wife KE6UNT and daughter KE6VQJ are also ammeter radio operators. The three of us are very concerned with the band plan as the A.R.R.L. is proposing. It is taking away the incentive to upgrade and undermines the very foundation of ham radio which is Morse code. It appears that the radio manufactures are winning their battle that is just giving out a radio license with your radio purchase this is a slap in the face to every ham who worked to upgrade his or her license. I hope that you the FCC wont let big business ruin our hobby. Please say no to the A.R.R.L we felt strong enough to drop out of their origination as they no longer represent our interest in amateur radio thank you for reading this e-mail Dale Kirk my home Address is 544 fourth st. Woodland CA. home phone number is area code 530-666-5465 tnx 73

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From: Bald Eagle <DBRISLINKC8IEY@webtv.net>  
To: A4.A4 (SSEGAL)  
Date: 8/13/98 8:32am  
Subject: C.W.

i have been a ham for the past four and a half yrs and i don't see any problem with the changes that are proposed for tech. and novice. the only thing i see is that there would be more general class holders if the c w test was dropped to 10 words a minute. this way there would be an increase in radio sales and i feel that this is what it is all about, the companys that build radios want to sell more and if the code was dropped just a little the would.

Thank You

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