

I am sending this comment in reference to the proposed change outlined in Document RM-10870 in reference to the Morse Code Requirements.

I understand the tradition and all, I understand that some people love it and how in certain circumstances it may work when voice transmissions won't carry as well (*I've yet to understand why that matters!*)

But what I've yet to understand why in this day of microwave, moonbounce, satellite, APRS, G.P.S., computers, telecommunications etc. Why do I need to learn a pre-civil War outdated way of communication. Again I'm not saying anything is wrong with it and if that's your thing then go for it. What I am saying is that CW ought to be a "privilege" and not a requirement for licensing. Also I suffered a stroke in 1992 and do not have the "eye - hand" coordination or the "short - term" memory capacity it takes to learn the Morse Code. I would eventually like to learn the code but I don't feel it should be a requirement.

I also strongly agree with Document RM-10867. I think that the current entry level requirements of the Technician No - Code are in fact too tough and intimidating to the average person and frighten away many from enjoying amateur radio. I feel that a new entry level class such as the "Communicator Level" would be a big advantage to many.

I am opposed to RM-10868 as well as RM-10869. Again I feel the NEED for Morse Code is long past. And I still see no need to add a Novice Class.

I Support

**RM-10867
RM-10870**

I oppose

**RM-10868
RM-10869.**