

While I have passed the 5 word per minute code exam, I am in favor of dropping the morse code requirement. If amateur radio in America is to survive, we must have new blood in the hobby. Just look at the average age of the licensed hams today. In 20 years most of the licensed Extras and Advanced operators will be gone. I do not feel that it will become another 11 meter band, as others like to say. Many qualified technicians, who otherwise would be great "HAMS", have a problem learning the code. Let's open up the hobby to all that want to use, as have many other countries of the world. Code will still be there for those of us that want to use it. 73