

1. I am not opposed to manual Morse code operation.

But Morse code is just another mode and should not be afforded any special priority over others. It is available to those who wish to use it. Morse proficiency should not be required for those who do not wish to use the mode.

2. Manual radiotelegraphy communications has been superseded by more modern, reliable, accurate, faster and efficient means of communication.

3. Requiring manual telegraphy proficiency is not compatible with the radio amateur's mandated objective of contributing to the advancement of the radio art.

4. FCC evidence exists that Morse proficiency is NOT an indicator of a desirable, motivated or better qualified operator.

5. The Morse code requirement serves as an advancement barrier to many otherwise qualified individuals.

6. The value of Morse code communications in the Amateur Service is primarily recreational in nature and manual telegraphy proficiency should no longer be a compulsory licensing requirement for any class of Amateur Radio license.

7. The most challenging problem is the Mode attitude towards newcomers and the focus on the Mode of CW as the defining characteristic of the Amateur Radio Hobby / Service.

If you do not operate CW, or if you are not proficient with a telegraph key, then you are not a real ham radio operator.

8. I do not have good ideas on how to change some people's Mode attitudes. I wish I did because I believe this mode attitude is the Achilles Heel of the Amateur Radio Hobby/Service.

Changing their mode attitude and move towards change is a key part of growing Amateur radio in the future.

I stand with the FCC on the FCC NPRM&O in WT Docket 05-235 to drop morse code as a testing requirement for any Class License.

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