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To Whom It May Concern,

Let's not Dumb Down Ham Radio anymore! Let's keep the 5 w.p.m requirement of Morse Code to be an Extra Class Ham Radio Operater. And, we don't want to lose this requirement as a stepping stone to losing our frequencies.

There is much 'Romance' of the Telegraph Operators of yesteryear who brought much needed help and support to the railroads. And what about the telegraph operators at Lighthouses that warned ships at sea to keep out of Danger.

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I enjoy operating 'Straight Key Night' every New Years. The Operators of Morse Code here are either slow operators like myself, or they are kind enough to slow down for me. If Morse Code dies out, I will not have anymore fun at this event.

Also, Morse Code is very challenging. I took the 20 words per minute Morse Code Test for Ham Radio 8 times and failed the Test 8 times. It was such a challenge. I finally got my license as a 'No Code' Extra Class. Please do not take that challenge away from me.

Cynthia Wall I believe it is, is from the state of Washington and has written many marvelous fiction books about Ham Radio Operators lost in the woods and signaling for help with Morse Code. The Morse Code saved their lives. Let's not loose our Emergency Communications.

What about the Novice Radio Kit builder like me who wants to build that QRP or QRP-L or QRP-p kit. Soldering is so much fun!

If we lose Morse Code,
I won't have the chance of
soldering together that .3 WATT
QRP-p kit and nabbing that rare
DX station 6,000 miles away!

So, in conclusion Let's NOT lose
the 5 w.p.m. requirment on Ham
Radio Morse Code Exams!

Thank you very much for your time
Sincerely,

73
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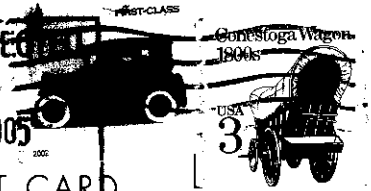

Keep the Code As is! it works when the rest fails.

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OUR 1ST QSO ON SEPT 9 [illegible]

AT _____ UTC

RST _____ ON _____ MHz

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FISTS # 9452

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REMARKS: GENTLEMEN,
IF SAMUEL F.B. MORSE
WAS ALIVE TODAY,
HE WOULD BE UNHAPPY
OF HEARING TALK ABOUT
THE 5 WPM ABOLISHMENT.
KEEP THE 5 WPM REQUIREMENT - TNX.

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