

The current and pending concern over the CW elimination is a worthy gesture, for all parties concerned. However, the elimination is only based on a testing procedure, and not the main body of communications. My suggestion is provide some formal reward to those that have current CW endorsement, and up-grade the General to Advanced within a certain time frame. Those that are not required to accomplish code can be advanced to a General Class only, which provides a fair section of the Amateur Bands. Those that have made General Class, with the 5 or 9 WPM, could be elevated to Extra Class, which provides all concerned a degree of accomplishment, and gives a future for those that are current with the code having been accomplished, and establish a date of correction, for any and all willing to pursue the code before a said date, then elevate them to Extra. Those without code will only be afforded the General section of the bands. This might help to keep the extra and general class band use with a more qualified and proper use operators. Respectfully. Douglas M. Casamer, W8DMC