

General Reply to Reply Comments RE: RM-11306:

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RM-11306 is not about which past or present protocol has the faster speed, be it RTTY, AMTOR, or Pactor-III. What the entire RM-11306 process is about is being able to keep existing modes operating while providing an opportunity to improve the current communications protocol limitations. Being concerned about petty arguments regarding this protocol or that protocol is a waste of time and off the topic of RM-11306. In other words, using such arguments to posture a position is not what this petition is all about.

What is important now is that the ARRL is setting the stage so that further development of the current level of technology may be improved, while maintaining our existing modes. Regulations that severely restrict current modes that were not in place nor conceived when they were made certainly do not allow movement toward enhancing further developments in the Radio Art. Those regulations were provided to the Amateur service at a time when such technologies apparently developed at a slower pace than those we now witness

today. Now that the rest of the communications world has moved rapidly into a deregulated environment with access to cutting edge technology, it is time to provide this opportunity to the Amateur service. With a voluntary band plan that has the ability to provide some flexibility over time, such developments will certainly occur in the Amateur service. Meanwhile, a number of comments and/or replies against the well thought vision by the ARRL, i.e. RM-11306, by those who fear threats against their communications mode of choice today actually threaten the technology development provided by amateurs in the future. If RM-11306 is approved, both existing modes as well as those that have not yet been developed will all have an equal opportunity to survive well into our future."

Sincerely,

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