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From: Harold Jay Flora [react-unit-14@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2006 1:10 AM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: Comments to the Chairman

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Harold Jay Flora (react-unit-14@hotmail.com) writes:

Hi Mr Martin my Name is Jay Flora Iam Captain of Cleveland County REACT in Shelby, N.C. we monitor CB-9 for Emergencys but people talk on CB-9 can you let people know it is a Emergency Channel it wood be a Big Help for all REACT Teams. and I Cant pass the test to get a ham Lic. wish you wood make a lic. so a person like me can use Han VHF just for Emergencys I ben tring 10-years no luck. it wood be good a LIC. JUST for EMERGENCY USE a Call Sing Like??? KB44HJF it wood help people get help on Ham Radio and Let Me Help People in times of Emergency and Report to Sky Warn on Ham and to NWS.me and my friends that cant Reed fill left out just be cost we cant pass a test. the New LIC. wood let you talk on Ham Radio Just in Emergencys Like Sky Warn Accidents Fires ALL EMERGENCY. Hope You can help me Thank You for Your Time GOD Bless. H.J.Flor.

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From: Donna L. Ranger [dlranger@wildblue.net]
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2006 1:34 PM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: Comments to the Chairman

Donna L. Ranger (dlranger@wildblue.net) writes:

I would like to know why it take so long to make a decision about the morse code requirement for HAM Radio? I know there are other items that affect more people, but to us HAM operators it is a BIG Decision. Some people just can't learn a foreign language and that is what code is. If code is going to continue to be a requirement for upgrade then lets have all other forms of communitons (packet, slow scan TV, computers, aprs, ect.) be required also.

Thanks for listening. That is if you receive or read this.

Sincerely

Donna Ranger
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From: James R. Liggett [shampoo@adelphia.net]
Sent: Saturday, June 03, 2006 6:08 PM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: Comments to the Chairman

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James R. Liggett (shampoo@adelphia.net) writes:

Hello Mr. Martin,

I am writing to you because of a grave problem that I have encountered. Last month I tested for and received my Ham Technical license. I also tested at the same time for the Morse code test. I was told it would be done at 5 words per minute. In preparation for this test I learned each of the letters, numbers and punctuation marks, and was able to reasonably get through it at 5 wpm.

On the day I tested for it, it was like listening to something entirely different, as it was much, much faster than 5 wpm. This really confused me and I could not make out a single word as the letters were given so fast. Needless to say I failed the test. After the test I was told that they give the letters at 15 wpm with a 5 wpm spacing. This makes a big big difference.

This letter is not about me failing the test it is about the problem that I and many other older Americans have. I am 58 years old and my hearing as well as brain functions are not as quick as they were when I was 28. No matter how hard I try to differentiate the letters at 15 or even 10 wpm I cannot tell them apart. I understand that there are currently discussions going on as to whether or whether not to continue requiring Morse Code (Element 1) as a requirement for a Ham General License.

If there is any way that you can discontinue this archaic requirement it would be much appreciated.

Thank you for your time.

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James R. Liggett
Cornish, NH

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From: David Larson [vermontgreenenergy@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, June 09, 2006 11:12 PM
To: KJMWEB
Cc: Michael Copps
Subject: Post Katrina communications resources <Suggestion>

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Dear Comissioner,

In the wake of 9-11 and Katrina we all acknowledge the need for improved long range communications resources into and out of the disaster area. Amateur radio has always been a great resource, but their ranks are dwindling. Since international de-regulation every major country has eliminated the Morse code requirement except the US/FCC. Following suit would add thousands of qualified amateurs to the ranks of High Frequency Operators that can serve during times of emergency. In this ERA of terrorism and increased disasters it is only logical not to drag bureaucratic feet with issues of national importance like bolstering our communications capabilities.

Suggestion # 2. Make it mandatory that all 911 centers and police/fire dispatch centers install V-CALL and V-TAC channels for interoperability with a PL of 156.7. VHF is the best SIMPLEX band for emergencies, and the "common" band that many agencies use in rural areas. KJMWEB@fcc.gov

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From: Nick Hamze [nick@thelastjedi.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 3:54 PM
To: KJMWEB; Michael Copps; dtaylorateweb; Jonathan Adelstein
Subject: Morris Code Requirement

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I wish you could tell me when you will be implementing the removal of the morris code requirement. Do you have any sort of ballpark date when it will be implemented. I would love to get a higher class of license but I am unable to learn morris code.

Nick

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From: Shaun Combs [kc0tdc@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2006 3:59 PM
To: Robert McDowell
Subject: testing help

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Chairman McDowell,

I am writing today to ask that you inquire about the amateur radio regulation that requires proficiency in Morse Code. I am a Technician class operator right now, and have been for about a year. I would like to upgrade to a general class operator. The problem is that I am disabled, and am not capable of operating in the Morse Code. This is due to the disability and the medications required in stabilizing my condition. My disability can be verified through Social Security disability. There is a band plan setup as to where in the bands people can do specific things. I understand that I can not operate in the Morse Code areas. I also understand that certain rules are in place for a reason. In this area of operations it is amateur Radio, it is not like a television station that transmits very high power. I am also wondering if the Disabilities Act would come in to play here?

I want to say that when hurricane Katria hit, I am capable of providing humanitarian communication for the people of that area, or any other in future disasters. During Katria I was not allowed to do what I can do for the people in that area because I can not operate Morse Code, there are other modes of operation that would be very helpful even from Nebraska, voice being one. I just want to due what I can and operate with in my ability. I am already a member of ARES, RACES, NOAA weather trained storm spotter and control operator. I am very capable of operating in this capacity.

I would like to open the door for not only my self, but also other operators that have disabilities as defined by the Social Security Disability Administration.

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