

Regarding elimination of the requirement to learn morse code to make it easier to obtain general or extra class licenses:

I recently passed elements 2 and 3 and am currently working to learn the morse code so that I can complete my testing for general class.

I am happy to do this and do not find it inconvenient or a barrier.

It appears to be an effective mechanism for communicating - both electrically and as a bridge between languages.

I am in favor of providing some HF privileges to technician class licensees -

but I also believe that retaining the code requirement for general and extra classes is beneficial in many ways.

Working HF is already somewhat congested and technically challenging.

I would be disappointed if it became even more congested or difficult to operate within.

Learning the morse code is not so difficult that a person of reasonable aptitude or dedication cannot learn it.

I don't feel that the strata of operating privileges needs to be compressed.

It seems that a reasonable compromise would be to add some HF operating privileges to the technician class,

retain the morse requirements for general and extra class licenses,

and continue to inspire advancement through the retention of the current licensing levels and associated privileges.