

THIS IS IN RESPONSE TO THE PETITIONS OF ANTHONY R GORDON KG6EQM AND THE PETITION OF RUSSELL D WARD JR W4NI

1. I am not opposed to manual Morse code operation CW. But Morse code CW is just another mode and should not be afforded any special priority over others. It is available to those who wish to use it. Morse CW proficiency should not be required for those who do not wish to use the mode.
2. CW Manual radiotelegraphy communications has been superceded by more modern, reliable, accurate, faster and efficient means of communication.
3. Requiring manual telegraphy CW proficiency is not compatible with the radio amateur's mandated objective of contributing to the advancement of the radio art.
4. No evidence exists that CW Morse proficiency is an indicator of a desirable, motivated or better qualified operator.
5. The Morse code CW requirement serves as an advancement barrier to many otherwise qualified individuals.
6. The value of CW Morse code communications in the Amateur Service is primarily recreational in nature and manual telegraphy proficiency should no longer be a compulsory licensing requirement for any class of Amateur Radio license.
7. The most challenging problem is our attitude towards newcomers and our focus on the mode of CW as the defining characteristic of Amateur Radio. If you do not operate the mode CW, or if you are not proficient with the CW mode, then you are not a real ham radio operator. This is our most challenging problem our attitude towards change. If we can overcome this Elitists hurdle, promoting Amateur Radio for the future is the easy part. (ARRL Past President, Rod Stafford, W6ROD, wrote of similar issues - I encourage you to read it.)
8. I do not have good ideas on how to change the Elitists attitudes. I wish I did because I believe the Elitists attitude is the Achilles Heel of the Amateur Radio Hobby / Service. Changing our attitude towards change and new comers is a key part of growing Amateur radio into the future.
9. In my opinion the U.S. Government was in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act by not eliminating a test which is no longer required under International treaty, and which discriminates against those with certain disabilities.
10. Learning Code with Disabilities such as Adult attention deficit disorder or those with trauma

injuries to the head, is impossible. Many of these individuals have often developed low self-esteem and negative perceptions of themselves as a result of cumulative academic, social, and vocational failures. Many have been labeled as "having a bad attitude," "a slow learner," "lacking, motivation", "immature," "lazy," "slacker," "spacey," or "self-centered." Rather than viewing their difficulties as the result of an inherited or acquired neurobiological disorder, many have come to accept the unsubstantiated belief that they themselves are to blame for their problems.

11.The FCC removed the CW mode testing requirement for any class amateur radio license class for these reasons many have upgraded and have advanced to general and extra now the elitists need to get over it and move on and be part of the solution to the problem and not the problem!.  
I request that Gordons and Wards Petitions be thrown out as mute and with out merit they are not in the public intrest!

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