



Amateur Radio

CW, Speak Ham Radio

- *Every new language one acquires is a new life.*
Charles V (1500-1558), king of Spain.
- *Besides being efficient, as any "CW fanatic" radio ham will tell you, it's just plain fun to send and receive signals in Morse code.*
Stan Gibilisco, *Teach Yourself Electricity and Electronics*, McGraw-Hill Professional, 2002
- Moe the bartender: *Telegraph for Heywood U. Cuddleme. Heywood U. Cuddleme? Big guy in the back—hey, would you cuddle me?*
The Simpsons, "Helter Shelter," 1989
- *Yls doing snappy Morse code have always fascinated me.*
Rod Newkirk, VA3ZBB/W9BRD,
K9YA Telegraph, January 2008

Morse Tips & Quips



IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO
LEARN MORSE CODE

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CW, The Fun Mode



- DX'ing
- Contesting
- Ragchewing
- QRP - Low Power
- Green
- Loads of Fun

Now that you're a brand new amateur radio operator or have successfully upgraded your license...

Congratulations! What next?

Amateur Radio's First Language

That prized license is your entry to a wide world of communications with an extensive range of operating activities and modes to explore. There's a universe of opportunities on the many amateur radio bands, everything from chatting with the locals on VHF and making friends internationally on HF to bouncing your signal off the moon and space satellite communications.

CW (continuous wave) is a popular mode that speaks amateur radio's

first language, Morse code, yet it can be used with the latest and most sophisticated amateur radio gear or the simplest low power rig. It's a mode that will take some effort on your part to do well, but that effort now pays off in years of fun, meeting some great folks and gaining a great sense of accomplishment.

Today, learning Morse code is simpler than ever. A range of teaching aids is available as computer programs, CDs, books, pamphlets, commercial courses, amateur radio club-sponsored classes and via the Internet. And, don't forget, the many experienced amateur radio

operators in your area who will gladly offer guidance, so don't hesitate to ask. Once you find a teaching method that pleases you stick with it and practice regularly.

The next and most important step is to get on the air and practice your new language skills. To assist in that transition a number of clubs offer "Code Buddy" programs to team you up with an experienced Morse operator to build your confidence.

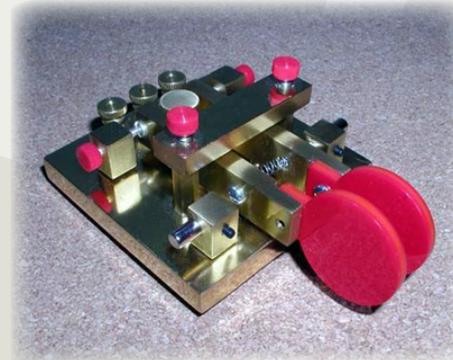
Every day, whether you're ragchewing, DX'ing or contesting, you can't beat CW. CW makes it possible for operators with modest stations and antennas to compete with those

running high power and large arrays to dig out the rare ones and rack up winning contest scores.

CW is the perfect match for the joy and challenge of QRP operation where simple, low-power rigs regularly achieve globe-spanning communications.

If you're into collecting consider antique telegraph keys. And, they don't have to sit on a shelf just looking pretty, with your Morse skills you can put them on the air.

No matter your amateur radio goals, check out CW it pays big dividends for investing a bit of your time.



- Meet some great folks and experience the thrill of accomplishment.
- Morse code help abounds with computer programs, CDs, books, club sponsored classes, the Internet and more.
- Code Buddy programs provide on the air CW skills practice.
- Ragchewing, DX'ing and contesting. CW, the fun mode for all amateur radio activities.
- QRP CW. Build your own gear. Span the globe with a few watts.
- CW, a lifelong skill earned with a bit of your time.



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