

LEARNING CW

An Introduction to Morse Code (CW)

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- Why?
 - It's not required anymore for Amateur Radio Licensing.
 - It is still a useful mode of communicating
 - QSO – talking with someone for 20 – 30 minutes
 - Quick Contacts
 - Field Day
 - QSO Parties
 - Contests almost every weekend
 - Contacting Dxpeditions and DX stations

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- HOW?
 - Self study
 - Small groups of 3-4, online using Skype or Zoom teleconferences
 - Purchase commercial courses
 - Find and “Elmer”
 - Internet Online Sources (Free)
 - Learn CW Online
 - Just Learn Morse Code
 - Koch Method
 - CW_Player
 - Cwops.org
 - Use Morse Runner and RUFZXP

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- WHAT?

- Key is to: Learn the SOUNDS of characters
- Avoid counting of dits and dahs
- Avoid using graphics of code characters
- Copy in your head. No pens or paper
- Learn the SOUNDS of characters
- Goal is to instantly recognize the character by it's sound
- Learn to send good CW
 - Timing and Spacing
 - Many transceivers have built-in keyers for use with paddles
 - Use a pump key with an oscillator

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- GOALS

- Practice 30 minutes every day including holidays, birthdays etc.
- Break the 30 minutes up in two 15 minute segments or three 10 min segments
- Plan on 8 to 10 weeks to master the code and be able to have a QSO on the air
- Must commit to the plan and keep your commitment.
- Your work is practice. Have fun and enjoy learning CW