

Why use Morse Code?

Morse code gets through and it is fun to learn and use!

Technicians can work 80, 40, 15 and 10 meter bands using CW

Work distant rare countries every day using CW and 100W or less

A CW signal can have more than a 10-20 dB advantage over a SSB signal

An SSB signal will usually occupy about 2.5 KHz. An FM signal will take up about 10 KHz, but a CW QSO can take place in a bandwidth of about 300 Hz

Most DXpeditions put a lot of emphasis on CW as an operating mode. And while it may be possible to work them on SSB you may find Morse code easier.

Lots of Repeaters identify themselves with Morse Code

Beacons also use Morse to identify themselves - find out what countries you can hear on the 10m band and others.

Simple CW transmitters can be made quite easily.

CW is more efficient than SSB, AM or FM.

With only 10 watts you can still make plenty of DX contacts.

It involves no accent or pronunciation problems, and is a widely-understood international language.

Below are some links to sites used for the presentation

Koch Morse Trainer http://www.g4fon.net/CW%20Trainer.htm	Just Learn Morse Code http://www.justlearnmorsecode.com
EhoCW http://www.f8eho.net/content/downloads	Learn CW on line http://lcwo.net/
CW Teacher by N3FJP http://www.n3fjp.com/cwteacher.html	Straight Key Century Club http://www.skccgroup.com/
Learn Morse Code The Right Way https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YJixhiExOcs	Fists Club http://fistsna.org/links.html