



About us

- ✓ Founded in 1971
- ✓ More than 2100 members worldwide (as of 2/2021) with numbers steadily growing
- ✓ Advocates for the needs of Morse telegraphy with the DARC and other organisations
- ✓ Members of the RTA 'Runder Tisch Amateurfunk' (Amateur Radio Round Table) in Germany
- ✓ Members of the EUCW (European CW Association)
- ✓ We are co-founder of the International CW Council.
- ✓ Dedicated to supporting newcomers to the hobby

What is Telegraphy (CW) and what advantages are there to using it?

CW:

- ✓ Is the wireless communication of information by means of Morse characters
- ✓ First steps were taken with it over 150 years ago
- ✓ A fascinating mode of transmission that enriches the hobby of Amateur Radio
- ✓ Easy to learn with only a few minutes' practice daily

We're passionate about encouraging newcomers to take up the oldest and – we think – finest mode of transmission there is.

Talk to us, we're there to help.

The key **advantages** of Morse Telegraphy in a nutshell:

- ✓ Least amount of technical effort
- ✓ Narrowest bandwidth
- ✓ QSOs (two-way contacts) with small and even tiny amounts of power output
- ✓ Worldwide communications without language barriers (Q-Code)

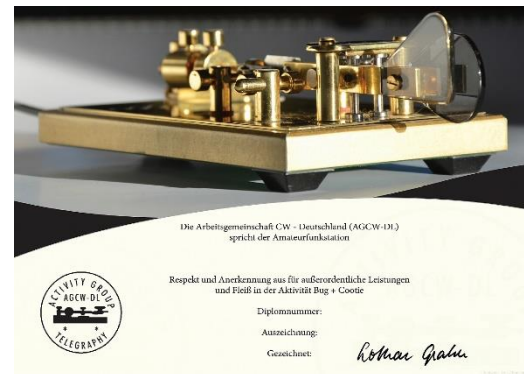
Why should I learn CW?

Morse is fun!

Communicating with long and short tones (dots and dashes) has always been fascinating. You can talk to the the world in Morse with home-made equipment and very low power.

Making radio contacts using Morse telegraphy is not only incredibly efficient, it also brings a touch of sport to the hobby. Whether you're hunting for stations on the HF bands with a vintage radio and straight key or measuring yourself against ultra-fast operators in a contest, Morse telegraphy is a rich and rewarding activity in the personal life of the Radio Amateur.

Activities



The Activity Group Telegraphy DL e.V. offers a wide selection of awards and contests to bring life to the Amateur Radio bands with Morse telegraphy.

Aims of the Activity Group Telegraphy DL e.V.

are:

- ✓ To encourage and maintain the use of Morse telegraphy in Amateur Radio.
- ✓ The retention of the CW sub-bands in the Amateur Radio bands. We promote activities in these bands with contests and awards.
- ✓ Intensive lobbying to achieve recognition of Telegraphy as a UNESCO-World Cultural Heritage.
- ✓ Attracting newcomers to the hobby by offering training with experienced Morse operators.

Awards

Here are a selected few:

AGCW Trophy

The highest honour awarded by the AGCW-DL e.V. can be earned by each and every Radio Amateur and SWL. Only awards worked from and after 1971 (the foundation year of the AGCW) count.



CW-500/1000/2000

500/1000/2000 CW-QSOs required per calendar year. All CW QSOs on HF count, including contests and ZAP-QSOs.

W-AGCW-M

All CW-QSOs with AGCW members count. Current requirements for awards can be found under www.agcw.de

Contests

We organise a series of contests to bring life to the Morse sections of the Amateur Radio bands. There's something here for everybody – not only classic short contests that allow High Power, Low Power or QRP, but also dedicated QRP-only contests, as well as VHF/UHF activities.

A few examples:

Happy New Year Contest

Everybody celebrates the beginning of the New Year, but we greet it with a short CW-Contest on New Year's morning. This activity is open to all Radio Amateurs and SWLs.

Schlackertastenabend (bug key evening)

The spotlight turns to fans of semi-automatic keys (bugs). This contest takes place twice a year and is

designed to encourage people to blow the dust off their bug keys and plug them in. All Radio Amateurs are invited to fill the 80-m-band with the distinctive sounds of their favourite key.

Handstastenparty HTP (straight key party)

When was the last time you had a QSO with your straight key? Those who still use them need wait no longer for others to join them. We run this contest to promote the use of straight keys. Open to all Radio Amateurs and SWLs.

Deutscher Telegrafie Contest (German Telegraphy Contest)

The Deutscher Telegrafie Contest (DTC), which takes place every year on 3rd October from 07:00 to 10:00 UTC, is the high point of the year for friends of telegraphy.

QRP-Contest

This contest is organised to promote the use of Low Power (QRP).

VHF/UHF-Contest

This annual contest is run by the AGCW-DL to encourage the use of Morse telegraphy on the 2m and 70cm bands.

For full rules and dates for all contests, go to www.agcw.de

Why don't you join us?

For only €10 annual subscription and a one-off €5 joining fee, you too can apply to become a member. For online application form and further information, please go to

www.agcw.de

