

Thank you for your interest in Morse Code and amateur radio. We are hoping that the following information will help you enjoy this activity.

There is a Morse Code club in Sacramento. Their website is: www.W6SFM.com . In the past, club members have conducted Morse Code training classes in Sacramento. The best method to learn Morse is at this website: "cwops.org". This free, online Morse training course is mentored and is called the "CW Academy". It is given by the "CW ops" Morse Code club. A great resource for amateur radio-Morse Code information is in the www.arrl.org website. The ARRL staff produce a Morse Code training course on CD. To order, go to the ARRL.ORG website, enter the "ARRL store" and search for item no. 8314- "Your Introduction to Morse Code". A wonderful set of seven amateur radio comic books and coloring books is available for free online downloading: http://www.icomamerica.com/en/amateur/comic_book/. (Please note the _ mark between the words "comic" and "book" in this URL). The nearest amateur radio commercial store is in Oakland, Ca. Their website is at: www.hamradio.com. Good deals on used amateur radio and Morse Code equipment may sometimes be found on Ebay.com. Several local amateur radio club websites are seen at: n6na.org, K6IS.org and egfarc.org



The picture shown above is called my (Duane) "KID'S CLUB" unit. It shows a complete amateur radio (Morse only) station- including the wire antenna and antenna support. This gives new amateur radio licensees the ability to talk to other Morse users worldwide over the shortwave radio frequencies.

Children's hospital staff and school special education teachers can become "Radio Libraries" staff and loan "KID'S CLUB" units to parents to take home to enjoy. The monetary deposit is returned to the parents after the equipment is returned. After over twenty years of effort, I am still looking for people to help this outreach. I am older now and want to leave this outreach to a partner to carry it forward. Morse communication is wholesome, fun, challenging, safe (my opinion) and self- esteem elevating. Morse is too historically important and fun to allow it to join other historical activities on the road to obscurity.

I personally feel that this networking method should be shown to young people, to give them the opportunity to decide "yes" or "no" to pursuing Morse further. It is my view that youth are not able to choose because they are not informed about Morse communication. Perhaps school staff can consider forming amateur radio and/or Morse Code clubs to promote this wholesome, fun way to combat loneliness and low self-esteem. I am saddened because I know how much Morse communication has helped me for 54 years now. If I am stressed, I simply converse with other Morse users with 30 wpm Morse and I generally become less stressed. If people want more information about helping me with this effort, please contact me or my wife (Sheryl) at our cell telephone numbers: 916-677-9799 (Duane) or 916-677-6936 (Sheryl). My email address (preferred contact) is: duanewyatt@hotmail.com.