

Advanced CW Skills

Course Description

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This class will offer you additional skills to successfully compete in a CW pileup. Once you have increased your code speed to around 20 wpm, you will find many situations on HF where you and several other stations are calling the same station. This might happen in a contest, chasing a DXpedition, or calling any rare DX station. In these situations there are specific techniques which will help you get your call sign recognized sooner than the other stations calling along with you.

Some of these techniques can be used in SSB voice operation as well. But some of them are unique to CW. Slight frequency offsets on CW can make your signal stand out and be heard, when the same offset on SSB will just make you sound like Donald Duck! CW can allow for subtle timing differences during your call that might get you into the log sooner. Those same slight timing differences can be less effective on SSB. These techniques unique to CW can make all the difference between your call being heard and answered, or just being part of the noisy pileup!

Steve was first licensed in 1961 as WV6SVY, and has been mostly active on HF CW for the past 50-plus years.