Cherry Valley 92223
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Dear Floyd O'Neil: (Gil Gray, Peter Glen and/or
your various radio clubs):
Extra copies if desired can be made from the text
below or I can provide extra copies if desired from
my floppy disk files.

I have been thinking about your desire to up-grade your code
speed. I am sure you have at your finger-tips the best
possible self-teaching tools that anyone could possibly wish
for. I will outline a procedure below that should be far
more effective than having someone sending code to you at
various speeds and most likely a quality of sending less
than perfect.

The outline:

Find an interesting long-winded newspaper article. Sit down
to your computer keyboard and convert this article into
Morse Code in preparation to re-transmitting this morse code
into a cassette tape recorder at a speed just a few words
per minute faster than your present ability to easily read.
Be sure to make a hard copy of the article from a copy on
your monitor screen. I suppose the code copy you have made
with the computer keyboard can be retained either in
programmed memory or on cassette to be used repeatedly later
to re-record on either the same cassette or separate
cassettes progressively as your speed ability increases.

Use the loud speaker or ear phones as you choose and watch
the hard copy with your eyes. Use the paper hard copy made
from your monitor screen or the original newspaper copy,
which ever is easiest for your eyes to follow while your
ears track the code playback from the cassette via speaker
or head fones.

You have now turned the job over to two of your
life-long-trained five senses working together.

From now on increasing your code reading speed should be

effortless. You have turned the heavy labor over to your
two trained buddies, (Hearing and sight.)

Sit back in your easy chair and watch the hard copy letter
for letter as your subconscious or reflex nature gets used
to ASSOCIATING the code sounds heard letter for letter
with what has been stored in the reflex or subconscious
nature via vision since childhood.

Whatever is pumped into the subconscious storage by this
method will stay there the rest of your life. By comparison
this procedure is practically effortless as compared with
other learning methods. Subconsciously what is heard is
being identified with what the brain has learned to accept
via vision since childhood.

I presume the computerized code can be re-transmitted into
cassettes at whatever increased speeds your rate of progress
indicates to be desirable. I recommend separate cassettes
for each step of increased speeds. The slower speed
cassettes can be retained possibly to help others.

Drop me a postcard. Let me know of your success applying
this procedure. I sincerely hope it helps you to upgrade
quickly.

                              Truly;   *Sam*

P.S.

Test yourself occasionally by converting various other
very short articles into Morse Code and cassette record
same and see how you read these that you have not became
familiar with without looking at a hard copy. Testing
yourself with two or three different ones such as this
from time to time will reveal exactly the progress you are
making. I repeat make these tests without watching hard
copy. Then go back to the above learning procedure with
increasing recorded speeds and new articles, on that on you
are not yet familiar with.

A preposition is a word that you should not end a sentence
with!!   – – – – or a word with which you should not end
a sentence.
Or with which you are not yet familiar.   !!   *Sam*

My friend Floyd O'Neil tells me he had failed the general
13 wpm code speed test repeatedly year after year.

He says the practice method enclosed did it for him
very quickly. He has his new call now and a general
ticket. He wants to give me credit for his success,
but we all know no method will work unless the learner
is motivated to get in there and do it.
I am expecting him to soon be extra class, as soon as
he decides to take that 20 wpm test. In communication
electronics he is expert and the written test is in
the bag any time he wishes to take it.

Sam