

## MEMBERSHIP-APPLICATION-FORM

Yes, I would like to support the matter of morse-code-communication and therefor apply for membership in the AGCW-DL e.V.

I apply for membership as a (please indicate)

- Full member  
 Associated member (only for non-Germans)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CALL: \_\_\_\_\_

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ZIP-/POSTAL-CODE, CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTRY: \_\_\_\_\_

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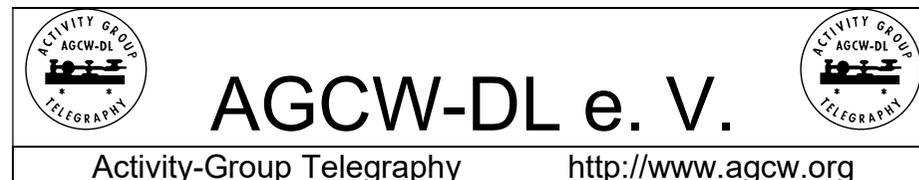
I agree that my data (observing applicable laws of data protection) are saved electronically.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit to the **Secretary of AGCW-DL e.V.:**

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### WHAT WE ARE ...

AGCW is an association whose purpose is supporting telegraphy (CW) within amateur-radio. It is a registered club according to german law and has statutes and articles compulsory upon all members. AGCW was founded in 1971. Having about 2,300 members AGCW is one of the biggest amateur-radio-clubs in Germany. Together with 25 CW-clubs from 19 countries united in the EUCW we have the aim to preserve and encourage the mode CW. Everyone with interest in CW (radio-amateurs and SWLs, YL and OM) is very welcome to participate.

### WHAT IS „CW“?

CW (A1A, F2A) is the oldest digital-mode. This means the wireless transportation of information by a keyed or modulated hf-carrier (continous wave = CW) according to the rythm of the Morse code. The first attempts were made over 100 years ago. Although telecommunication engineering meanwhile has made a great progress the oldest mode works well today. It even has some advantages over ingenious modern methods. Of course CW has lost importance at commercial radioservices, in amateur-radio this mode is still practised worldwide with enthusiasm and success. The amateur-bands are full of CW-signals.

Consider telegraphy not as an inconvenient burden on the way to the shortwave-licence. For those, who realize the opportunities offered by this fascinating mode, amateur-radio-life will be a lot more interesting. Learning CW is easier than most people believe. A few minutes of training each day are sufficient to pass the exam in a short time.

We would like to help you with pleasure (see below).

## **WHICH ADVANTAGES OFFERS CW?**

CW is the simplest transmission-mode. This implicates various advantages:

- CW requires least technical effort and therefor least expenses. It is possible to make reliable radiocontacts worldwide even using simple, older or homemade equipment.
- CW-signals need least bandwidth on the often overcrowded bands. When contact in telephony is disturbed or even impossible, CW will work nevertheless most of the time.
- CW-contacts often work with low or lowest output power. Especially in times of discussions about injuries to peoples health possibly caused by electromagnetic fields, an interesting aspect. Using CW it is possible to span remarkable distances even with simple antennas.
- CW offers worldwide radiocontacts without special knowledge of languages by using internationally known short-cuts.

## **WHAT DOES AGCW DEAL WITH?**

AGCW wants to preserve and patronize telegraphy (CW). This is done by different activities:

- we support the interests of telegraphers using our friendly cooperation with DARC ("Deutscher Amateur-Radio-Club") and in dialogue with the appropriate authorities.
- Supporting newcomers is a main goal. We assist and supply help for those who want to learn CW.
- Current information are spread on a regular basis in broadcasts on the 80m-band. You can also gather information in the AGCW-DL Forum (chapter AGCW) <http://forum.agcw.de/index.php>
- The homepage of AGCW is "<http://www.agcw.org>".
- Twice a year the "AGCW-Info" is published for Full members. In this publication there are interesting articles concerning CW, technical contributions, contestrules and scores, information by other CW-clubs, important dates ... in a word everything that is of interest to the friend of CW.
- A lot of contests is promoted by AGCW on hf and vhf/uhf. Operating

QRP (with low output, 5 watts or less) is a special topic to our club and AGCW regards to this by organizing special contests or approving special contest-classes for competitors with QRP.

- AGCW supports activity on the bands by a lot of attractive awards.

## **WHO CAN BECOME A MEMBER OF AGCW?**

Everyone who supports the aims and interests of the club. It is not required that the applicant is holder of a radio-amateurs-licence. For foreigners there is the possibility of an associated membership (without yearly contribution and without receiving the printed AGCW-Info), a full membership is nevertheless possible.

## **HOW MUCH IS THE FEE?**

The admission fee is 5 Euro, the annual contribution is 10 Euro. You can pay also via Paypal at: [kasse@agcw.de](mailto:kasse@agcw.de)

## **HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER?**

Detach the filled-in form and submit it to the secretary.

## **ANY MORE QUESTIONS?**

Please ask the executive board of AGCW: or the secretary:

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