

# Cary Amateur Radio Club

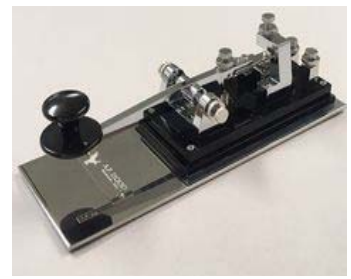
## January 23, 2020 Newsletter

### CW - Back to Basics !

Amateur Radio in the US actually began in the early 1920's when operators switched from spark transmitters to tubes and reached all around the earth using Continuous Wave Morse Code. Following decades of phone development, CW has remained the "mode of last resort." In recent years, there has been a surprising return to CW by Amateurs who may not have copied code in 20 years. Among other reasons, because:

- The CW world is friendly, CQs get answered faster and a lot of interesting people are on CW.
- A 5 watt CW signal has the same "punch" as 100 watts on SSB
- There is real satisfaction in pulling a weak signal out of the "noise"
- In locations forbidding visible antennas and reduced power, you can STILL work the world
- Some prefer accomplishing things using personally learned skills rather than software
- CW hardware is a simple and inexpensive as it gets.
- There are great CW training courses that are free
- Special frequencies are reserved for "slow code" and practice
- It's fun!

Join us at White Plains UMC 313 SE Maynard, Lower Level at 7:31 PM for our January Meeting to catch up on all developments in CW that are bringing Hams back to "basics."! Bring with you your favorite key and tell its story.



### Coming Next Month

Following up on our January presentation, in February you'll learn how to build a neat "Sidewswiper" key from simple items found at your favorite hardware store.