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Hi all,

Having read many of the messages in the great "MORSE" debate,I thought it was about time it was lightened up a bit.What follows caused great amusement at our VHF contest site last weekend and I thought that it would be entertaining to both morse lovers and haters alike.

I was take from a recent issue of QST,the very good American amateur radio magazine and is worthy of a wider audience.

INTERNATIONAL CW "Z" SIGNALS

By international convention,CW operators have developed a list of standard 3-character groups to improve brevity and comprehension in CW Here are the most commonly used "Z" signals.

ZHI - Do you know what the shift key does ?
I dont know what the shift key does.

ZRB - I am tuned up on the wrong band.Can you copy me anyway ?
You're tuned up on the wrong band,but I can copy you anyway.

ZRC - Do you make cow sounds when you tune up on phone ?
I make cow sounds when I tune up on phone.

ZRE - Do you have to eat now ?
I have to eat now.

ZRH - Is it hot enough for you ?
Its hot enough for me.

ZRM - Is your wall map laminated ?
My wall map is laminated.

ZRO - Has your XYL/OM told you to get off the air yet ?
My XYL/OM has told me to get of the air.

ZRS - What kind of chair are you sitting in ?
My chair is a

ZRT - Were you just tuning across the band and decided to give me a shout ?
I was tuning across the band and decided to give you a shout.

- ZRW - When was the last time you went outside ?
I went outside (length of time in months !)
- ZSB - Am I boring you to tears ?
You are boring me to tears.
- ZSC - What did you say your call-sign was ?
I can't remember my call-sign,or yours.
- ZSD - Do you know what the buttons and dials on your rig are for ?
I don't know what the buttons and dials on my rig are for.
- ZSE - What are you having for dinner ?
I am having for dinner.
- ZSH - Do you have a hat with your name and call-sign on it ?
I have a hat with my name and call-sign on it.
- ZSH - Do you tell new hams not to kerchunk then do it anyway to demonstrate ?
I tell new hams not to kerchunk then do it anyway to demonstrate
- ZST - Did you watch last week's episode of.....?
I watched last week's episode of.....
- ZSY - Can you make your voice real high,so DX will think you are an XYL ?
I can make my voice real high so DX will think I'm an XYL.
- ZZZ - Are you starting to nod off ?
I am starting to nod off.

No more comment required,

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