

Report From G-QRP Club For The Spectrum Forum Meeting To Be Held 5th November 2011 Prepared By Peter Barville G3XJS

A Brief Introduction To G-QRP

The Club has many thousands of members around the world and reflects their interest in low power communication. A high percentage of members use home-made equipment and the Club is highly regarded as being one of the few remaining bastions of home construction, publishing and supporting a range of circuits and project ideas. The activities of members on the bands tend to be low profile and have little impact on others.

In addition to various on-air events, the Club organises a very popular annual QRP Convention which attracts visitors from overseas, as well as around the UK.

Spectrum Concerns:

Band Planning

As in previous years, Club members have concerns over the recognition of the QRP Centres of Activity. As ever, it is the CW CoA on 40m (7030) which gives rise to most concern.

The recent C4 meeting discussed the possibility of moving the 40m 'contest preferred segment', and potential implications with regard to the QRP CW CoA.

Although currently not unusual (and certainly not welcome), the Club feels that occasional interruption of normal QRP operation on 7030 resulting from contest activity is preferable to any attempt to move the CoA to an alternative frequency in order to avoid a newly designated 'contest preferred segment'.

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