



**Report From G-QRP Club
For The Spectrum Forum Meeting
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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:

The impact of interference from Solar PV installations, PLT and large/cheap import TV's

GQRP members will be interested to hear the findings from the EMCC concerning the recent increases in solar power PV both domestic and industrial (solar farms in rural locations) , PLT and the rise in panel TV ownership. Some members have commented that they had seen a consistent rise in interference, on 80m especially, as a result. When asked previously members are advised to consult the RSGB EMCC.

Band Planning

QRP Centres of Activity

As in previous years, Club members have continued 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 comment.

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'.

There are sometimes digi ops using 7030, so below 7040 but there are some cw ops that seem to use 7040 as well that causes digi ops problems.

40m CW segment

There were a few comments from some members about the misalignment of the 40m CW segment with the other IARU regions (USA specifically). Will this be addressed in the future?

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