



**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:

Band Planning

40m CW segment

Will and how will the misalignment of the 40m CW segment with the other IARU regions (USA specifically) be addressed in the upcoming WRC?

A.M./D.S.B.

Many members have pushed for a CoA / Spot frequency to be added to the different HF band plans. Not just for historical reasons, but to help newcomers build simple home Tx / Rx's to promote the "construction" and "education" aspect of amateur radio. Many members realise the vast majority of amateurs only use commercial radios working SSB / CW nowadays, but simple low power A.M. / D.S.B. gear is readily set up and a useful mode for local HF - VHF - UHF contacts. Even if it's merely a calling frequency on each band within the "all modes" allocation, that's a start, perhaps until uptake proves more "spots" are in order.

Contests

Could all contests be arranged to not take up more than half (or 3/4?) of any band so as to leave space for non-contesters to enjoy their weekends as well?

5MHz

We should push for OFCOM to support moves towards a contiguous 5MHz band.

Press for a small 40MHz band for Es studies.

Allow non-interference access below 8.3kHz VLF as is the case in many other nations

Please can we get 73kHz back under NoV?

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