

Report From G-QRP Club For The Spectrum Forum Meeting To Be Held 30th November 2019 Prepared By Dominic Baines M1KTA

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

Although the club no longer holds it's own annual QRP Convention several club members have talked at club, national and international meetings on varied topics from technical to operating and these are always well attended.

Spectrum Concerns:

- There are plenty of members commenting about contests regularly using the QRP CoA, especially on HF at the weekends resulting in them being unusable. Please could the RSGB ask for the various QRP CoA to be (re)highlighted to the different societies in the regions and especially for the RSGB contest committee to advise other societies when running to contests to make the rules clear that contesters WILL be heavily penalised should they use these areas of the spectrum.
- There have been comments that could the tiny FT8/FT4 spectrum allocations be expanded? It is poorly understood that this might be down to the appropriate software developers but it is not clear that they could use other areas of the digital spectrum allocations in each band(on a non interfering basis). Could the spectrum forum make a statement that highlights this option? For both HF and VHF.

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