



**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:

Interference

PLT & Solar Panel issues are increasingly noticeable at many members locations. Noise levels have risen considerably over the last year or so.

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.

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 that causes digi ops problems.

The club would like to see an AM/DSB CoA included in all band plans especially 160m, 2m and 70cm. e.g. If 144.550MHz was properly shown as the AM calling/working frequency in the 2m band plan (not just a remark lost in the footnotes), more AM may be seen on the band again, and in the right place.

Recent discussions at the GQRP conference highlighted a fact that some tutors are instructing students during Foundation courses that they do not have to bother adhering to bandplans as they are not mandatory. Surely the RSGB should be promoting bandplans.

Will the 73KHz NoV return?

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