

Spectrum Forum Meeting – Saturday 10th July 2004

Spectrum Report – G-QRP

The G-QRP Club has no particular current spectrum concerns, other than that of continuing encroachment of data modes into the CW sections of HF bands.

Internationally recognised QRP CW calling frequencies are usually positioned near the top end of these sections, and therefore tend to be vulnerable to interference from data mode operators who operate lower in frequency than the allocated data mode section of some HF bands, i.e. in the CW section.

Data mode operators, and/or the equipment in use, may not be listening for (possibly weak) CW signals, and problems of severe interference to existing CW contacts are common, particularly on 7 and 14MHz.

It is not clear whether such operating habits on the part of some data mode operators is a result of their ignorance of existing band plans, or occasionally is a deliberate ploy to 'claim' extra band space.

Perhaps wider publicity could be given amongst data mode operators to the existence of (and reasons for) universally agreed band planning, and the mutual problems which result from any unilaterally decided 'planning'?

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