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Minimum QRP: Doing More With Under Five Watt Amateur Radio



Synopsis

Minimum QRP is full of ideas for the radio amateur who wants to get the most from their modest station and antenna. Apply its tested strategies today for more success on the bands, whether you're into portable operating, DX, awards, contests or more. While pitched at the QRPer, those with 100 watts and simple antennas will also find much of interest. It's for a broad audience, including newcomers, the more experienced and those returning to amateur radio. After touring various facets of QRP, Minimum QRP gives some forthright but often forgotten advice on equipment. Is the commercial, kit or homebrew transceiver you're considering sufficient to give spontaneous contacts almost any time you switch on? This book guides you through the choices out there, with an emphasis on affordable and effective. Antennas are next. One size and type does not fit all. The right choice depends on location, style of operating and activity patterns in your area. Some suggestions, based on the author's extensive experience of restricted space and portable QRP, are given here. Some QRPers have suitable equipment and antennas yet don't make as many contacts as they should. Reasons for this can come down to choice of band, understanding local activity and operating technique. Whether you're after DX or a local ragchew, Minimum QRP gives some crafty tips on working the most with the least. Nearly every aspect of amateur radio can be done with five watts. Indeed QRP can sometimes add to its enjoyment due to simple to construct and lightweight equipment. If you get bored with one facet there's always another. You'll find information on such QRP sub-interests, such as weak signal modes, VHF and pedestrian mobile in this book. Still not sure? View some of the author's other material at <http://www.vk3ye.com> and <http://www.youtube.com/vk3ye> , With much new content, Minimum QRP consolidates the author's experience in the one reference. With over 200 pages and numerous illustrations it represents excellent value.

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Mr. Parker brought his considerable enthusiasm, knowledge and conversational ability to the Kindle community and in so doing continued his excellent contributions to amateur radio. I've long been a subscriber to his YouTube channel and web postings where he demonstrates practical applications of ham radio and this practicality transfers well into electronic print. This book is a very good overview of QRP and very well could serve as a standard how to guide for assembling and operating a low power ham station. 73 AF4B

This is a great book to read to get started on QRP. It is also great for us old timers who started with vacuum tubes and the first transistor transceivers such as the TenTec Argonaut 505 which were great in their day. It is a very interesting book which covers all aspects of QRP at a level which both newbies and old timers will get a from. Ike W4PNS

This covers way more than you would think. I'd say it's handy for all operators, not just low-power ones. It covers antennas, frequencies, radios, and all sorts of other things.

Delightful, well done, not dumbed-down. Parker conveys a sense of enthusiasm for QRP and makes me want to try more of it.

Peter has done a very good job of covering all of the QRP areas of interest. He even touches on some that are rarely discussed (e.g., pedestrian mobile). Having written a bunch of technical books myself, I know how hard it is to discuss technical topics in an interesting fashion. Actually, this is

probably what most distinguishes his work from other QRP books: he makes it interesting in a readable way. I also like the fact that he is a die-hard experimenter and has numerous posts on Youtube that are both informative and entertaining and that spills over into this book. For the price of one of those fru-fru coffees you can get hours of reading enjoyment from this book, and learn a thing or two in the process. Good stuff...

Peter is an expert on QRP and portable ops. It's hard to do any research on the topic without stumbling upon his excellent Youtube videos. The book is thorough and contains enough material for the price to be considered a bargain. Highly recommended! - Cliff

This is a very realistic look at QRP and what you need, know, and skill required. Very honest and straightforward from one of the real experts from Downunder. If you are already an active QRPer you will know most of what is written, however, it is excellent reading. Should be enjoyed by all hams who have an interest in operating QRP!!

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