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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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Customer Reviews

You can not find another book that covers this much information, for the price, anywhere. If you are just getting interested in QRP or if you have been doing it forever, this book can not be overlooked. I love it.

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 QRP'er 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!!

I really enjoyed reading Peter's book. After watching several of his videos, I was expecting a few more how to on building QRP equipment. If it wasn't for that expectation which I got from watching his videos this would be a definite 5. Well written, lots of good information and enjoyable.

Excellent intro to QRP with much detail for anyone wanting to get into working in the 5 watts or less world. Peter writes in an interesting and engaging manner and offers many practical useful tips and guidance from his own experiences. He writes on everything from some basic gear recommendations to propagation to how to pack and travel with minimal gear.

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

Not a lot of "fluff"! In-depth information on all aspects of QRP operation, including equipment, propagation, antennas, and best procedures. Highly recommended his books, website and videos!!!

Mr. Parker has written a very informative book. His style is brisk, easy reading and he presents the subject matter in such a way as to keep the reader interested. As an amateur radio operator, I benefitted from his extensive experience in QRP practice.

A no non-sense approach to being a better qrp operator. I found the operating skills, propagation and band by band breakdown to be very useful. Dont expect to find schematics and circuits but you will find very practical experience that Peter is sharing with you.

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