

Low power QRSS beacon

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This ultra-low power QRSS beacon was designed to be as efficient as possible, and produce a milliwatt or few from low voltage, low current supply. My intention was to investigate the use of natural power sources to operate the beacon.

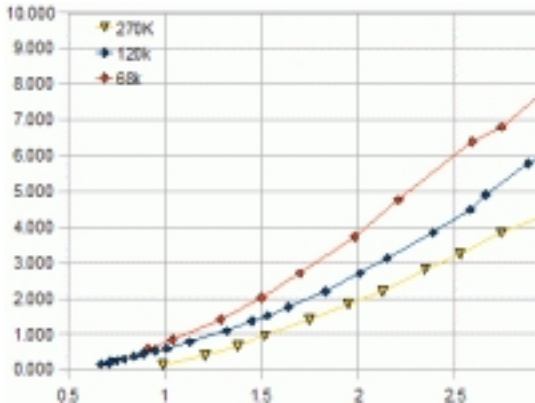
[QSL card!](#)

Steve G0XAR visited the G0UPL shack and took some photos of proceedings. Combined with a sneakil



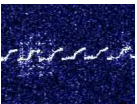
Construction.

First, the construction. It uses a single BC107 transistor as oscillator (no power amplifier!) and two further



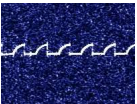
Measurements.

Measurements of the performance (Power output, and Efficiency) with respect to supply voltage, and ba



First Reports, 01-Jan-08 - 09-Jan-08.

No reports from my 30m [Crystal Set](#). On New Year's day 2008 I changed to a 7014kHz crystal and started



7,000,850 Reports, 10-Jan-08 - 31-Jan-08.

Later on 10-Jan-08 I received a 7000kHz crystal from Peter DL6NL and was able to the favoured 7,000,

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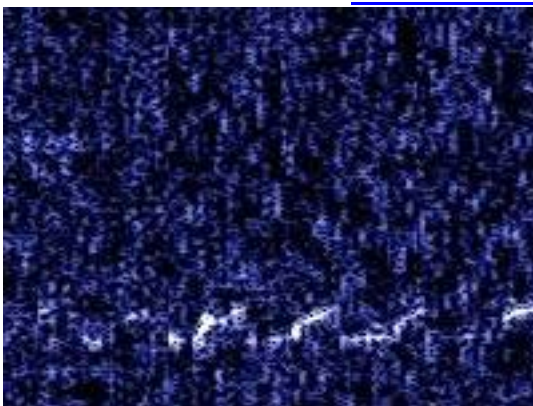
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Homebrew bleach battery.

Research on homemade [Read More](#) power my QRSS beacon started with lemons, and culminated in the



7,000,850 BLEACH power reports, 01-Feb-08 - 06-Feb-08.

Shortly before midnight [Read More](#) the beacon power source was switched to bleach power, producing 3



An ode to QRSS - 30m beacon by G0XAR

Steve Farthing G0XAR built his beacon project for 30m, and we put it on air during a visit on 12-Jul-08. [Read More](#)