

History of RU- QRP- C

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The idea of creation of a QRP-club has arisen in 1986, and it belongs to Andrey Fomenko, UA3EAC. The first list of the members of the U-QRP- C was consisted of two tens calls, most of them were close friends of UA3EAC. At the times Andrey, UA3EAC, has offered to use the code "72". Primary the code had meaning "For friendship on the amateurs bands". However the circumstances have developed so, that above the members list the U- QRP- C did nothing. But... it is not blame of Andrey. In 1986 USSRs' ham may lose ham licence and go to jail due membership in a foreign amateur club or due creation of illegal organization (yes, at the times U- QRP- C was illegal organization!).



Oleg Borodin, RV3GM in 2006

Note I.G.: *It is obvious that Andrey strike with something like that.... At the times in life of the USSR the influence of Andropov (who was chief KGB from 1967- till 1982, and who ruled of the USSR in 1982- 1984) was great.*



State Emblem of the USSR



Andropov , chief KGB (1967- 1982)
Head of the USSR (1982- 1984)



Emblem of KGB

At the end of 1987 one of the members of the U-QRP- C, Oleg Borodin, RV3GM (at the times he was UA3GVR), decided leap forward the U-QRP- C. He has wrote hundreds snail letters (remembered, it is no internet at the times!) to Andrey and another members of the U- QRP- C. Perestrojka (remember the times- perestrojka, Gorbachev) has allowed to Oleg

to create at 1987 really the First working QRP club in the USSR. Oleg was elected the First President of the U- QRP- C.

By a fluke Oleg at the time become acquainted with G3RJV, the President of the G-QRP- C. G3RJV did great help to Oleg in his first step as the President of the U- QRP- C. Was made the club-law of the U- QRP- C and the club was registered in the USSR in 1988. In that year the U- QRP- C begun to print own info- list "QRP- QTC", later the list was renamed in to "CQ-QRP." In 1988 Oleg by G-QRP Club has applied to World QRP Federation (WQF) with the offer to use the code "72" as a wish of successes in QRP at QRP QSO. This offer was discussed by other QRP-clubs and this code "72" was accepted to use in the QRP world.

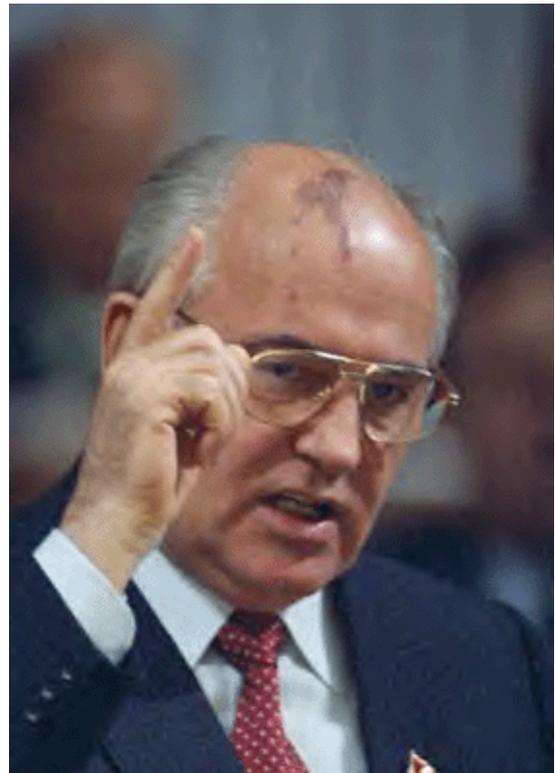


Emblem of U- QRP- C, 1990

In 1989 the U- QRP- C has organized the first QRP- expedition of the Club to a border "Europe – Asia." The special call was received- EK3QRP. Members of U- QRP- C came from Sverdlovsk, Vladivostok, Kamchatka, Zhitomir to take part in the pedition. The expedition was fine organized by Alexey Trushkov, (ex UW9CX). The pedition was placed on the mountain Volchiha, 523 meters under sea level. Lots interesting QRP- QSO with all continents were made.

Unfortunately, soon came times of disintegration of the Soviet Union. Since beginning of the 1991 it was very hard times for all people in the USSR. Oleg could not be a president due hard circumstances. So in 1990 Sergey Pichurichkin from Saransk was elected as the president of the U- QRP- C. However, in the nearest future after destroying the USSR in 1991after putsch the U- QRP- C slowly died.

Note I. G.: I had met with Sergey in Moscow in 1992, we had discussed lots question about – U- QRP- C, about the further development of the U- QRP- C. We have taken several important decisions that could be to U- QRP- C help to grow and strength. Alas, the USSR was destroyed, every small country (ever small region, town or a village) from the former USSR wants to have own QRP- club. Of course, it was only good wishes, but to ensue the U- QRP- C (as the ex- USSR club) was destroyed, but no new strong QRP clubs were created in the land of former USSR at the times.



Mihail Gorbachev
The first (and the last) president of the USSR



QRP IS FUN, QRP IS A CHALLENGE,
QRP IS REAL RADIO

OK-QRP CLUB IS A CZECHOSLOVAK CLUB DEVOTED TO LOW POWER COMMUNICATION AND CONSTRUCTION. MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO ALL QRP FANS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. INFO FROM OK1CZ.

TO: UZ3ZK

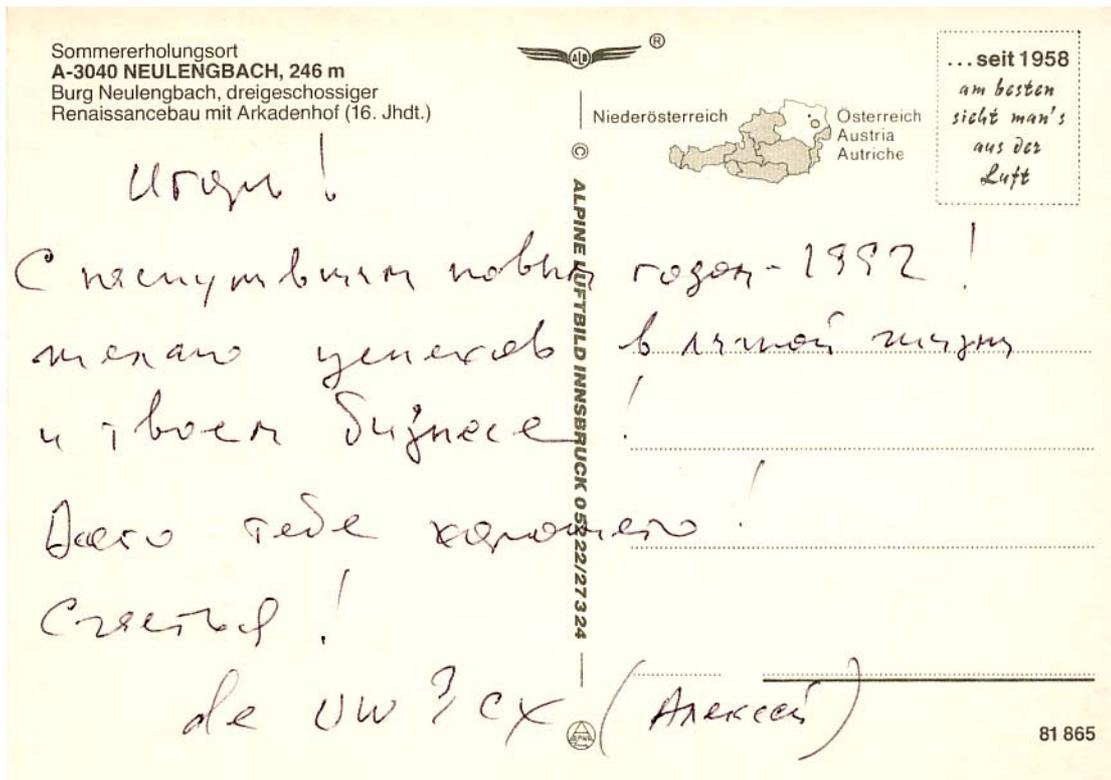
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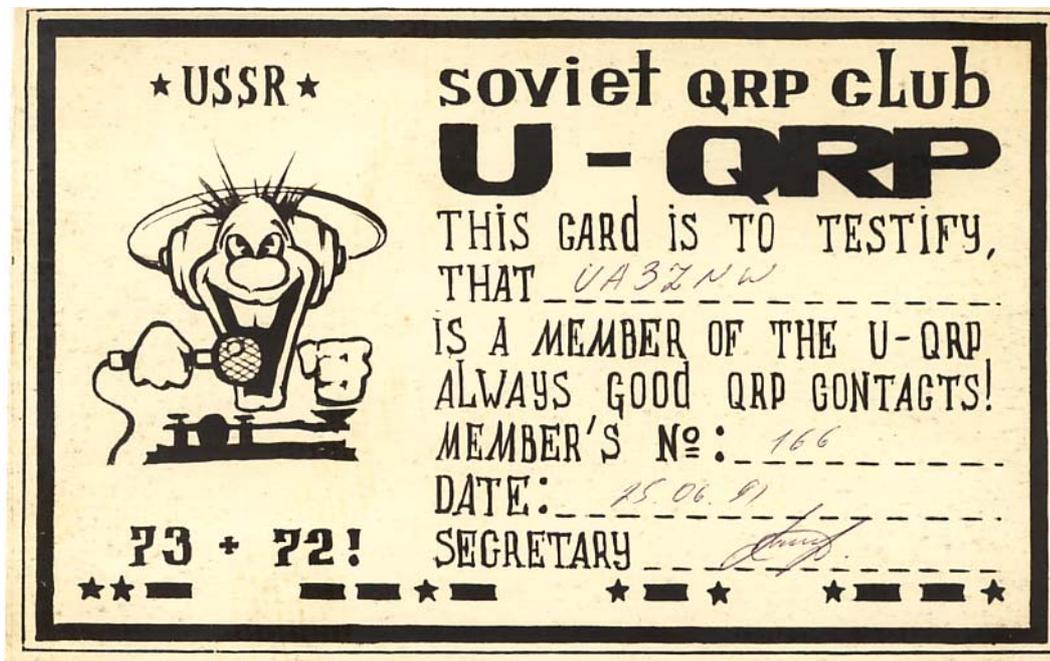
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PSE QSL TK8 via OK1CZ

72 at 2- Way QRP QSL Card



Postcard from UW9CX to UZ3ZK. 1992 y.



Certificate of U- QRP- C signed by Sergey Pichurichkin, 1991 y.



Continue Note I. G.: Inflation inside the ex- USSR countries was horrific. Thing, that cost 1 ruble in 1991 in Russia, cost 100 rubles in 1992 and 500 rubles in 1994. In others countries inflation was higher then in Russia. I turn in a millionaire when I came to some countries of the former USSR. To pay for some expensive goods (TV, VCR or furniture) need people bring a bag full of money. Was destroyed postal service as between ex- USSR' countries as well as with international countries. Sergey and my money as well as ours efforts could not save U- QRP- C from destroying. Later, in 1995, I lost touch with Sergey. I do not know where and how he is at recently times.

Fortunately the situation in the Russia, the biggest country of the USSR, has changed (compare to 1991-1996) to 2000 year. People begin earn more money, internet turn (from reach people tool) to available recourse for lots simple people. So, Oleg, RV3GM, the first elected president of the U- QRP- C, has tried to make Russian QRP club at the beginning of 2002. He has managed!



UA3ZNW at homebrew station. 1991

Different Bank Note- the same purchasing power at 1991, 1992, 1994

Russia



1 ruble= 1 bottle of beer at 1991



100 rubles= 1 bottle of beer at the end of 1992



500 rubles= 1 bottle of beer at 1994

Ukraine



1 coupon= 1 bottle of beer at 1991



100 coupons= 1 bottle of beer at the end of 1992



10000 coupons= 1 bottle of beer at 1994

The birthday of the RU-QRP – C stands on the August 1, 2002. At that day the website of RU-QRP – C contained the first list of members - <http://ruqrp.narod.ru> has appeared. Later was created an internet forum of RU- QRP- C. Oleg has begun to publish a nice club’s magazine “CQ-QRP.”

RU- QRP- C (many thanks to UA4ARL and RV3APM) has grace diploma route, very nice diplomas were printed. RU- QRP – C has the special club’s call- UE3QRP.

We are sure that lots interesting deal are ahead.

Recently the RU- QRP- C has members in different countries of the World. RU- QRP- C has traditional qrp contests “Wake Up!,” “QRP SPRINT.” Oleg, RV3VM, is an editor of QRP- news in Russian famous radio- magazine “Radio.” Oleg, RV3VM, is an editor of “QRP World News” in “QRP Quarterly.” RU- QRP- C became an associative member of QRP-ARCI.

My 72/73!

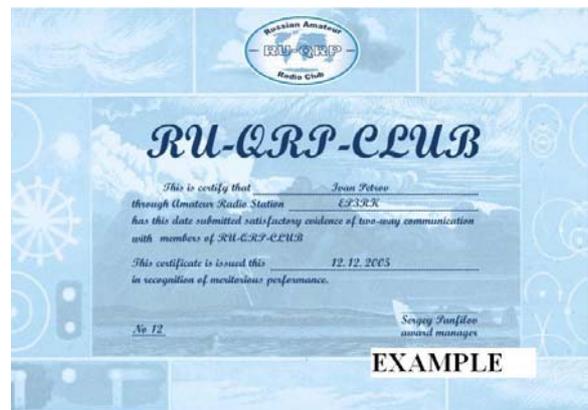
If you have questing or want to joint to the RU- QRP- C, do not hesitate, write me.

Our website is at <http://www.qrp.ru/>

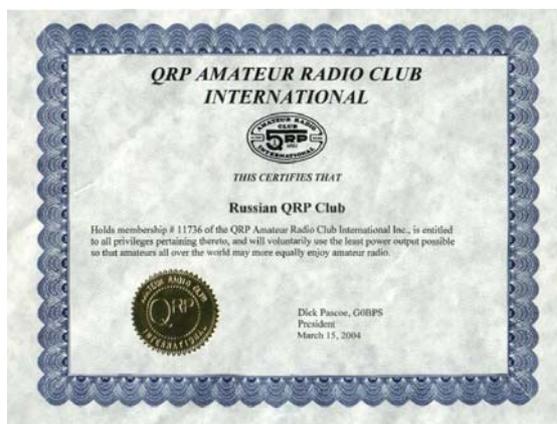
Oleg Borodin, RV3GM 72/73!



The World of QRP, Award of RU- QRP- C



RU- QRP- CLUB, Award of RU- QRP- C



Certificate of ARCI