

Power to the Hams

They say that absolute power corrupts absolutely—except in amateur radio, where power makes communications possible, absolutely. Therefore, this month in What's New, let's take a look at power in just a few of its different roles—rechargeable power, radio power, and the power of information.

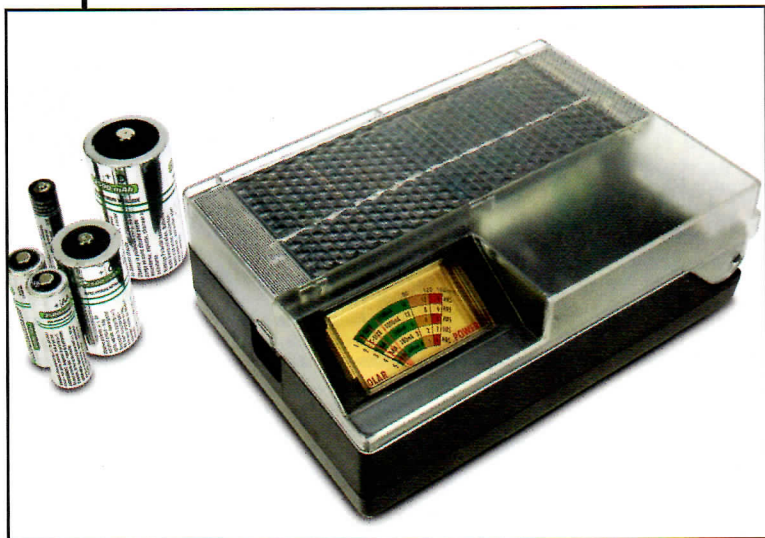
Portable Solar Chargers

Typically, hams love their power, and in many instances they like it to be portable. That's why portable solar chargers have such an appeal to

power-hungry hams and their portable gear, including HTs and QRP rigs. After all, recharging batteries from the power of the sun is like getting something for almost nothing; just connect the radio to the charger and leave it in the sunlight for a few hours.

Many of these chargers are actually developed for today's consumers who love their portable electronic devices almost as much as hams value their HTs. However, with batteries being batteries, if these portable solar chargers marketed by the folks at CableOrganizer.com work for cell phones,

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Photos A through D—CableOrganizer.com is introducing four new portable solar battery chargers to give electronic consumers and amateur radio operators a variety of ways to tap into the power of the sun. Top left is the JuiceBar, top right the PowerMonkey-eXplorer, bottom left the Universal charger, and bottom right the X Power™. For more information, visit CableOrganizer.com.