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## Ain't Nothin' But a Baofeng, Chicken Wing

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Do you like ham? You don't have to eat ham to like it because now you can do the Baofeng UV-5R+ Plus. I'm not paid to make sense so suck it up, Buttercup. I'm talking about the most awesome ham \*radio\* ever. Well, it's definitely the smallest and cheapest ham radio ever. Leave it to the Chinese to make a good thing cheaper - and add on a flashing LED flashlight to boot. First it was Dim Sum, then Bruce Lee and now, ladies and gentlemen Baofeng. As is standard with all Chinese products, there are a few flaws that you have to live with as punishment for not paying enough as follows:

- horrific user manual with creative Chinglish
- a bit of overheating

Not too bad, considering my radio and a handful of other accessories came to less than \$100 on amazon.ca. Here is what I gained:

- super small ham radio
- improved sound quality over my 15 year-old beast
- an LED flashlight.... ?
- VHF frequencies (my other one didn't have it)

As much as I don't want to admit it nor support it, my experience shopping on the Rainforest-like web shopping site went very well. I will very likely, in the next little while, put a post together that brings all the Baofeng Wisdom of Ancient China together in one convenient place so keep your eyes out for that .

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