



## Rotarians of Amateur Radio

### Communications Plan for the Atlanta Convention

8 June – 14 June 2017

The purpose of this plan is to assist those attending the Atlanta Convention over the period 8 June – 14 June 2017 to make contact with each other, the wider membership of ROAR and other amateurs who could be interested in this gathering.

Atlanta is on daylight saving and its current time zone is UTC - 4Hrs.

There are four channels of communication available and one or more of them should enable anyone to make contact over the period.

1. **Physical:** the IFROAR Booth is number 2735 in the Hall of Friendship. This booth will be manned throughout the convention and is the best place for attendees to meet up with other ROAR Members. A visitor's Book/Log will be present and it is expected that some time will be agreed for an informal dinner towards the latter part of the Convention. Note that the Fellowship AGM will be held on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> in Room A406 from 12:30 until 13:30. If you are present in Atlanta, PLEASE COME TO THE BOOTH.
2. **FACEBOOK:** The principal mechanism for all social media contacts at Atlanta will be the ROAR Facebook page. If you have not yet registered for Facebook access to the closed ROAR group, please contact our Webmaster Bill (VK4ZD) as soon as possible. Given the number of accessors, this is likely to be the best way to "see" what is happening at Atlanta. I'm sure the posts will be frequent and illuminating.
3. **EMAIL:** President John will be pleased to receive any EMAIL QSOs via the VHF Packet network using Winlink's Atlanta node. Sending an Email is one way of recording your interest in the event should you be unable to attend. The email is [ZL2JPM@Winlink.Org](mailto:ZL2JPM@Winlink.Org), and the mailbox will be cleared periodically. We will record emails (please keep messages short and no images) in our Visitors log.
4. **RADIO:** There are a number of channels of communication being set-up: Do check Facebook for notice of intended activities so that the likelihood of a QSO is improved.
  - a. **VHF/IRLP:** Node 4550 (W4DOC) is situated in Atlanta on 146.82MHz (-offset). This node will be monitored with notices being placed on Facebook. Note that there are some issues with VHF propagation into the Convention Centre and it is unclear if continuous monitoring is possible during Convention Hours. Non-IRLP access is of course open to those within the coverage area of Atlanta City
  - b. **ECHOLINK:** W4BOC is an Atlanta City Echolink node operating on 146.760MHz (- offset). Members having the Echolink Smartphone App may wish to use it on this node. Again, monitoring this node at Atlanta during Convention hours may depend on local conditions within the venue.
  - c. **HF:** Work is being done on establishing two HF systems operating either in station or remote mode. HF Operations will be on regular IFROAR Frequencies: 7118 MHz for the 40m Band and 14.295200 MHz on 20m. The success of HF is highly dependent on internet access and propagation. Quality will be affected by local conditions as well. All intended HF Sessions from Atlanta will be preceded by a Facebook entry alerting members to the frequency and session time.

We look forward to your contacts at Atlanta.

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