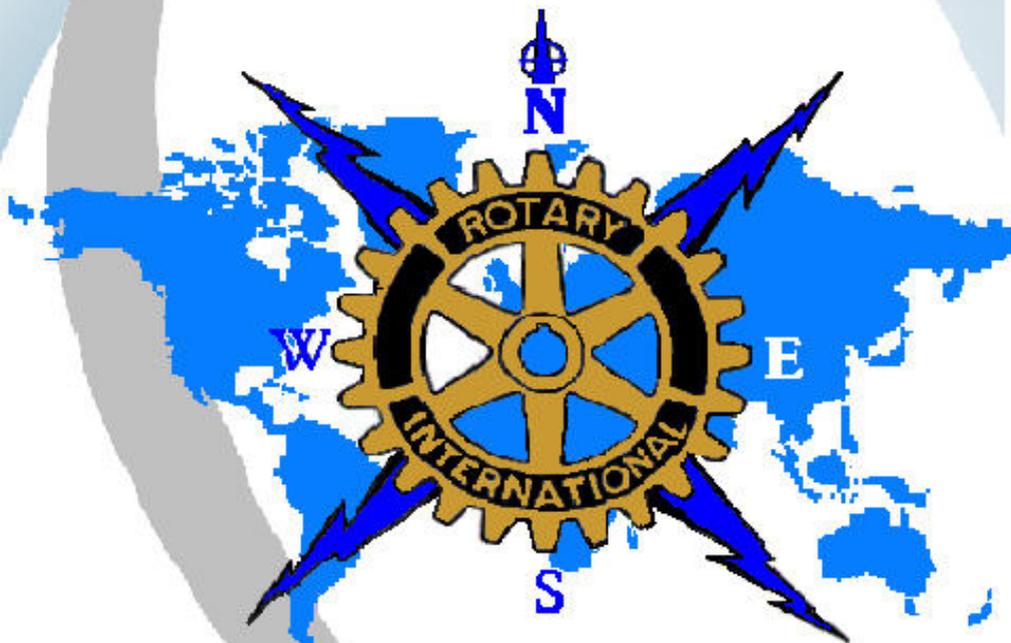

ROAR

Rotarians of Amateur Radio

Byron C Sharpe, W9BE, Founder



ROAR WEB PAGES

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Celebrating 100 Years of Service



1905

In February 1905, Paul Harris met with three other fellow business men in Chicago to further an idea for a club in which professionals could share "mutual cooperation and informal friendship such as all of had once known in our villages."



A Radio set in 1905



Room 711 Unity Building, Chicago



2005

Approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 31,000 Rotary clubs located in 166 countries.



In 2005 ROAR has nearly 600 members located in 50 countries.



A Radio set in 2005

Celebrating 100 Years of Service

On 23rd February 2005, Rotary celebrates 100 years as a worldwide organisation of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world.

In the 1980s, Rotarians raised US\$240 million to immunize the children of the world; by 2005, Rotary's centenary year and the target date for the certification of a polio-free world, the PolioPlus program will have contributed US\$500 million to this cause. In addition, Rotary has provided an army of volunteers to promote and assist at national immunization days in polio-endemic countries around the world.

ROAR (Rotarians of Amateur Radio) is a Rotary Fellowship programme. A growing number of Rotarians share their favourite activities and professional interests through organised recreational, vocational and health/medical-related groups within Rotary.

Rotary Fellowships reflect the varied interest and occupations of Rotarians worldwide. Although objects differ, all fellowships share the same philosophy and foundation.

The fellowships are organised by Rotarians for Rotarians to develop new friendships and to advance opportunities for service.

The **Rotarians of Amateur Radio (ROAR)** was founded in 1966 by their first President, Byron C Sharpe (W9BE) and is one of the oldest fellowship organisations.



Guglielmo Marconi was an active member of the Rotary Club of Bologna, Italy. Could he have been the first, unofficial, Rotarian of Amateur Radio?



In April 1966, Rotarian Harold Chadwick (G8ON) of the Rotary Club of Worksop (England) set up an amateur radio station at a “Hobbies and Use of Leisure Exhibition”.

Among many other contacts, he spoke to a fellow Rotarian in the Virgin Islands, George Chatfield (K1UIL). This sparked off the idea of forming a Rotary Radio net in Great Britain. In this way, Rotary news and views were rapidly communicated over the air.

Initially, suggested names were “Rotating Amateurs, Radiotarians, Rothams, Rotarihams and Rotamateurs” but none of these was taken up.

ROAR welcomes as members any Rotarian who is either a licensed amateur radio operator, or who is genuinely interested in short-wave radio communications. Our members share a love of radio communication and participate in networks which have regional, national and international coverage.

We communicate with voice, Morse code, radio-teletype and other digital modes, slow-scan television, and satellites in orbit around the earth. Members utilize digital networks, including the World Wide Web, in order to stay in contact with each other.

In addition to our networks, ROAR publishes a directory and periodic newsletters, as well as bulletins delivered by packet radio networks. ROAR has a website on the Internet.

ROAR members are mindful of the service mission of Rotary International and in times of disaster, members of ROAR have assisted international relief organizations and efforts in providing communication, equipment and in the generous donation of their time, talent and skills. Amateur radio operators around the world are known for providing emergency communications when other channels are unavailable.



The Radio station at the 100th Rotary Convention in Chicago, June 2005 will be W9R. Transmission times and frequencies will be communicated to members.

ROAR International Schedules—Every Sunday

Summer (April to October)

06.30 UTC	14.293 MHz (1.p.)	Europe - Anzo
08.00 UTC	3.692 MHz	Inter-UK
11.30 UTO	14.293 MHz	International
18.00 UTO	14.288 MHz	N.Am. Transcontinental
18.00 UTO	3 692 MHz	Inter-UK

Winter (October to April)

07.30 UTO	14.293 MHz (1.p.)	Europe—Anzo
09.00 UTO	3.693 MHz	Inter-UK
12.30 UTO	14.293 MHz	International
18.00 UTC	14.288 MHz	N.Am. Transcontinental
19.00 UTC	3.692 MHz	Inter-UK

The UK-Spain net is

Fridays at 09.00 UTC (Summer) and 10.00 UTC (Winter) on 14.282 MHz

Many other Rotary Countries have their own ROAR Nets and their activities are reported in our ROAR magazine.

The net works like this: - Just before the allocated time, the net controller comes on the air on our frequency - or as near as he can get while avoiding other stations- and puts out a general call to all Rotary stations. One early bird will answer and there follows a brief exchange of signal reports, weather comments etc. The controller then calls for any other Rotary stations to call in. Several members will have heard the initial exchange taking place and will respond with their own individual callsigns. Each is invited in turn to make a short transmission. The pattern of brief exchanges proceeds with each station and the net builds up in this way.

When there are no further “call-ins” the controller goes back to the top of the list and a more detailed exchange of news takes place, each in turn giving news his own radio, family, his Rotary Club’s activities, interesting speakers, and generally anything to do with their clubs such as subscriptions, price of meals, club procedures, problems with venues etc.

Some vigorous debates can arise and the controller has to be firm but tactful at times. Back to the top of the list. One final brief contribution from each and the net is over, ending generally about one hour.

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