



The International Fellowship for
**Rotarians Of
Amateur Radio
(ROAR)**



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From the President

Members of ROAR and fellow Rotarians,

This is our second issue to be published principally on the Internet. So far you have been able to read the magazine if you remember to check our web site. The Directory is also going through a metamorphosis in the form that it will be available on the net, but only to the members who are registered. Registration will give them the "key" to open the roster. So keep updating your particulars and contributions!

This issue of Communicator contains material related with discussions during the last AGM in Birmingham about more active participation in the emergency service and disaster relief. Read them well, ponder the possibilities and try to find ways how we could be of assistance in a situation where human help in the form of communication is vital. More of Rotarian Action Group in www.drrag.org/. Your view is valuable, express it in Communicator! In due course our website will offer the opportunity to ventilate your proposals.

Seppo, OH1VR has written of the activities of the ham radio world. He is the Chairman of the organizing committee of GAREC 2010 (Global Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Conference; see www.garec.net) and past president of the Finnish Ham Radio Union (SRAL).

Montreal Convention is nearly here. Like previously we plan to have an operational station in our exhibition booth in the House of Friendship. When writing this we have not yet managed to solve the way how we get the signal into the air. Originally we planned to remote control a station but ultra high internet cost and some technicalities inhibited it. Montreal area is thin of our members but Joe, AF1E has taken the

responsibility to be the "chief" of our station VC2R.

In relation with this I have asked my friend Ville, OH2MM to tell in this issue something about remote controlled contest stations.

(Ville was a member of OH2AM club station in 1960's when I was with OH1AD and the clubs competed fiercely!! Ville has since been a champion player in the big contests from exotic posts of the world).

The new sun spot cycle has started and we have been blessed with improving communications in our nets. In due course even the more modest stations will be capable of participating in the "meetings in the air"! And remember:



Even if your hands are full of things to do, the future of ROAR is in them, too!

*Perti Kause, EA7GSU
President*

ROAR Annual General Meeting

Montreal, Canada
Sunday, June 20th 2010, at 0900 - 1030hrs
Global Networking Groups, Room 525



Robert W Shoemaker W9MTU, Past RI Director 1979-81, RC Anderson, D6560

Rotarians of Amateur Radio (ROAR)

The Rotary Movement was created more than a hundred years ago by four men with a common interest. Over the years it brought together men and women from different backgrounds who also had other interests and hobbies. They formed associations which served two purposes; that of Rotary as well as some other activity. The Rotary Movement found these fellowships to have particular value in increasing solidarity and now emphasises their importance during Governor training.

Under the Rotary umbrella there are today more than sixty active fellowships. Pilots, scouts, stamp-collectors, joggers and motorcyclists all have their own fellowships with organized structures appropriate to the nature of their activities. For example, caravanners meet on caravan sites; convention-goers during conventions, and gourmets maybe in the restaurant of a famous chef. A great diversity exists and in addition to the above-named, there are fellowships of bird-watchers, doll-lovers, Esperantists, go-players, magicians and military personnel, amongst many others. As well as the recreational fellowships there are a number of vocational and health-related action groups.

Rotary International carefully monitors all activities and requires annual and financial reports and copies of all membership newsletters and information sheets.

The author is the current president (a Finn living in Spain) of Rotarians of Amateur Radio (ROAR). It is one of the oldest fellowships, established in 1966 by Byron Sharpe (W9BE), an American Rotarian from

Illinois. ROAR members are perhaps the most active in communicating with each other apart from the Computer Users and Rotarians on the Internet group. In 1989, Hugh Archer (W8JA), a member of ROAR, became President of Rotary International.

I hope the following will give you a glimpse of the activities of ROAR:

The President is elected at the Annual General Meeting held at the same time as the Rotary Convention. The President serves for three years and his board of directors consists of a Secretary and a Treasurer (at present, both Americans). Working closely with the president are an Australian webmaster and an Indian editor of "Communicator", our magazine. We have a board of eight vice-presidents, each of whom is located in one of the areas in the world which has the highest density of members and activities. We collect annual subscriptions to cover the cost of the printing and distribution of "Communicator" and the Directory. The subscription also serves to update the membership list which today comprises some five hundred names. In addition, there are two sub-assemblies, based on local conditions, one in Japan and another in the UK. They have their own statutes of association and officers.

Radio communication being the primary activity, we have weekly "meetings" on radio waves. Nets have a regular time and frequency. For example, on Sunday mornings ANZO (Australia, New Zealand and Oceania) amateurs meet Europeans. Participants may be of many different nationalities. Similar nets operate between the USA and Europe and there are also national nets in Britain, Japan, USA, etc.

News of club activities, hints on successful ways of collecting money and of projects

which are in need of assistance are some of the topics of the radio conversations.

At the last AGM, the subject of physical participation in disaster relief was raised for discussion. Some activities exist but the membership wants more. There are international organizations active in this field and we would naturally seek ways to work with them, once we ourselves know to what extent we are willing and able to participate.

Ordinary radio amateurs already have active organizations for disaster relief and this could be an alternative area of cooperative action.

Our members are not only technically capable communicators but also have, between them, a wide range of professional skills which might be able to be put to good use in the difficult circumstances of a disaster.

Solar activity has an important influence on the quality of radio communication. A new eleven-year cycle has just begun which will greatly benefit our "meetings in the air". In that way it fosters international understanding, friendship and service in an exciting and innovative manner; this is so important for cooperation and in the building of a better world.

More about all the Fellowships at www.rotary.org/fellowships <<<http://www.rotary.org/fellowships>>> and you can find our website at www.ifroar.org <<<http://www.ifroar.org>>>

**Perti Kause EA7GSU/OH1SH,
President of ROAR
2009 - 2012**

Editorial

I am now presenting to you my second issue of ROAR Communicator, just in time for RI Convention. I have kept this also as simple as possible, though the subjects covered this time are much more serious than before. I wish I could use more stories and pictures. But alas, I did not have many! I think we need to improve on this very much.

Please send me your stories (editor@ifroar.org), however short or long they may be, and I will find a way to put them in.

73,

Yours in Rotary,

*Rtn James Kalassery VU2ARL,
(RC Cochin Midtown, India),
Editor, ROAR Communicator.*



Peter Doughty G3TKK

ROAR Nets around the World

| Day/Time | Frequency | Area | Net Controller |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1st SUNDAY | | | |
| 02.00 UTC | 14.292 Mhz. | India | |
| 07.30 UTC | 7.090 Mhz. | South Africa | |
| 08.00 UTC | 14.300 Mhz. | South Africa | |
| EVERY SUNDAY | | | |
| 07.30 UTC | 14.293 Mhz. | Europe - VK-ZL [November - March] | G4YZE / VK2GWK/VK4ZD |
| 06.30 UTC | 14.293 Mhz. | Europe - VK-ZL [April - October] | G4YZE / VK2GWK/VK4ZD |
| 08.00 UTC | 3.692 Mhz. | Inter - UK [Summer] | G4HMG, G4FTA, G3JJR, G3LUW |
| 09.00 UTC | 3.692 Mhz. | Inter - UK [Winter] | G4HMG, G4FTA, G3JJR, G3LUW |
| 09.30 UTC | 3.630 Mhz. | New Zealand | |
| 10.00 UTC | 14.293 Mhz. | Australia - New Zealand | VK2GWK/VK4ZD |
| 11.30 UTC | 14.293 Mhz. | International | |
| 18.00 UTC | 14.288 Mhz. | North America - Trans. Continental | W0TBC, KF5BD, AF1E, WB7RQG |
| 18.00 UTC | 3.692 Mhz. | Inter - UK [Summer] | G4YZE |
| 19.00 UTC | 3.692 Mhz. | Inter - UK [Winter - not Dec & Jan] | G4YZE |
| 22.00 UTC | 3.955 Mhz. | U.S. Mid States | |
| EVERY FRIDAY | | | |
| 09.00 UTC | 14.282 Mhz. | UK - Spain [Summer] | EA5ALK |
| 10.00 UTC | 14.282 Mhz. | UK - Spain [Winter] | EA5ALK |
| 11.30 UTC | 14.293 Mhz. | International | |
| EVERY DAY | | | |
| 22.30 UTC | 7.0775 Mhz. | Japan | |
| DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY | | | |
| 07.30 UTC | 7.0775 Mhz. | Japan | |
| 12.30 UTC | 3.935 Mhz. | North Carolina - USA | |

Use 14.293 MHz and 21.403 MHz as our calling frequencies.

Annual General Meeting

Montreal, Canada
 Sunday, June 20th 2010, at 0900 - 1030
 Global Networking Groups, Room 525

Agenda

Call to order
 Confirmation of the Chairperson
 Election of the secretary
 Introduction and registration of attendees
 Tribute to silent keys
 Minutes of last meeting
 Report of this years activities
 Treasurers report
 Preparing for 2011 Convention
 - remote controlling
 Increasing annual fee to \$20 p/a
 Emergency Service, Disaster Relief
 Any Other Business
 Closing



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