



Message from our President

Greetings to All.

Only a few things happened since you heard some thoughts from me as "out going President".

Our Nets, considering the propagation conditions, functioned above expectation. Our International Net Controllers (G4YZE & W1QUO) certainly deserve a thanks from all of us since they tried to cope even with the "Contest...contest acrobats".

I am happy to inform you that the next President of ROAR will be **John Meier W8AUV** (from the small state TEXAS). As most of you know John is many years a Ham and has many years of Rotary Service to his credentials. He has superb connection to the ARRL + and we should remember of his activities which resulted in the W9R Centennial Convention ROAR Station in Chicago. Also two of the next RI Conventions will be on USA soil for which he is making the ground breaking already. John as a "home boy" is the most appropriate ROAR member to take over the leading of the Best Fellowship of R.I. for the next 3 years. John I congratulate you and wish you a lot of enjoyment during your term.

Our finances did not improve significantly despite the facts that Treasurer Bob Butler WB7RQG and Henk Tobbe VK2GWK established the Pay Pal method to simplify the flow of contributions. Thank you Bob and Henk. Members in back logs please look at this possibilities and do not loose your member ship in the best Fellowship of RI. ***It is YOUR Fellowship and YOUR CONTRIBUTION IS OUR ONLY REVENUE!!!***

The next ROAR Bulletin - due to limited finances - will be placed only on the ROAR Web, which is: www.ifroar.org maintained by Bill Main VK4ZD. Thank you Bill. Printing could be re-established if our devoted Bulletin Editor Don DOJWE has a healthy piggy bank for the best and most attractive Bulletin in RI.

The next issue is Copenhagen of course. We have a ROAR Booth allocated from RI. A station there is "under construction". Information pertaining this will be posted on our Web on due time. I hope we will be there in a large number.

Some new members joined our ranks. I am welcoming them. Keep your eyes -and ears -open. Every organization needs new members. ROAR is no exception to that.

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Stay Vertical.

Laszlo AD6XX de CT



President Laszlo visited at his QTH by near neighbour Pertti (EA7GSU) a frequent visitor to our nets from Spain. Laszlo's aerial is still not at its correct height.



President Laszlo at his computer and "fiddling" something, Hi Hi.





NEWS of MEMBERS



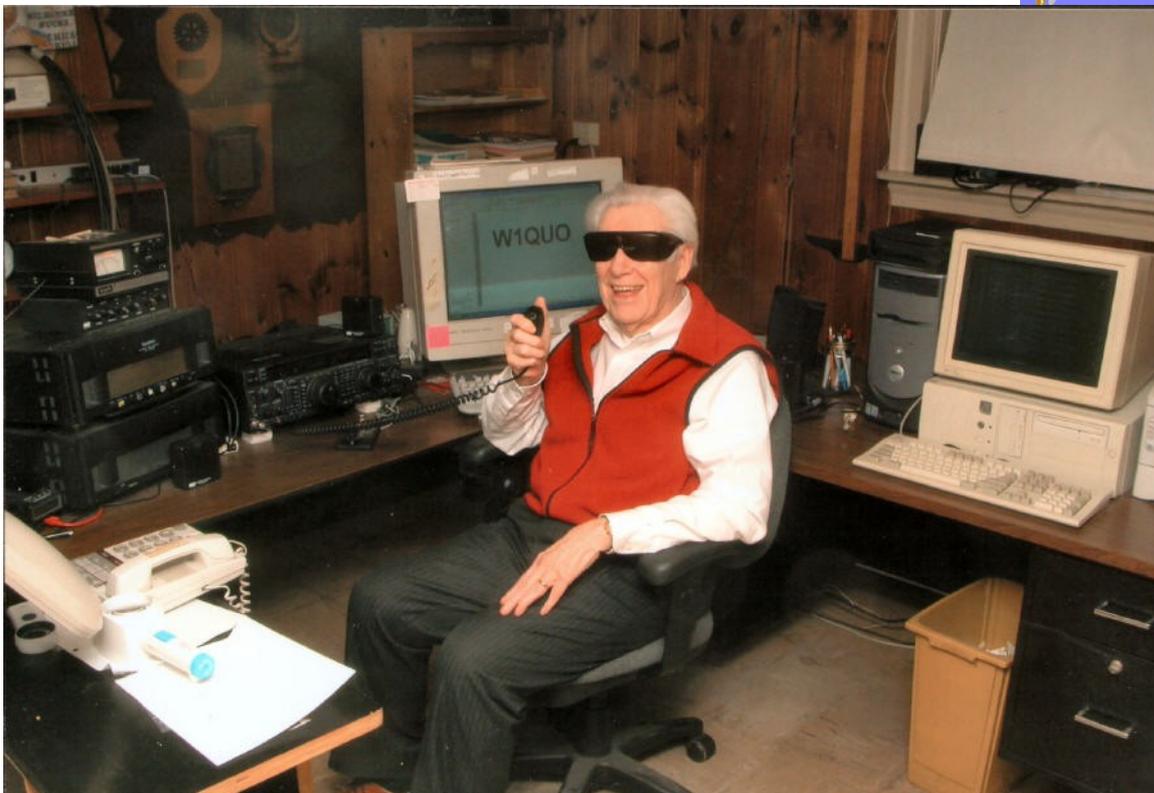
Corrections to Autumn 2005 Communicator – This photograph of John Maier (W8AUV) with Hugh Archer was taken at Hugh's home in Dearborn, MI – not at the Chicago Convention as printed.

John (W8AUV) wife's name is Kay

(a misprint in the minutes)



John will be our next President, 2006-2009 (see President's report on page 4)



Jim W1QUO, our stalwart, transatlantic net controller and Regional Vice Chairman, USCD East, lost his eyesight in 2004. With the help of his friends, he has developed "ELMER", a robot controller (shown in the picture). "ELMER" enables Jim to keep the transmitter on frequency, the antenna pointed and the QRM minimised. The robot receives Jim's oral commands and keeps him abreast of all transmitter settings with his synthetic electronic voice.

He reports that with his prisms and lenses he can now see letters about 2 ins high. He thanks his friends in optics and computing.

Jim operates regularly on the International Net 14.293Mhz on Sundays, 1230 UTC (winter); Northern Hemisphere, 1130 UTC (summer); Transcontinental Net, 14.288 Mhz, Sunday 1800 UTC.





MORE NEWS of MEMBERS



Pertti Kause EA7GSU
(also OH1SH) as mentioned on page 4 is a frequent visitor to our nets.

He is building a new QTH and he records progress using Photoleap. At the moment he is living in the wooden house - the roof is just visible in the front of the picture



At his "Roof-raising" party his visitors voted on his painting expertise.

This was one of the winners - views from Scotland.

Home made, two band mobile rig, which slots into a console and a stationary, 700W PA. Vintage from 1960's, no longer in use.



Coos de Vries VE2GTI has had a very sad time with the loss of his wife and various complications with his hip operation. For many years he has supported his son, Mark Richard, during a long battle with meningiomas. His son died on 25th January 2006 and his ashes will be united with Dona (Coos's wife).

Our member, **Ajoy VU2JHM** is an enthusiastic member of Lions Clubs International. A Lions' Day was held in January 2006 to build links with amateur radio stations for humanitarian relief purposes. The Lions permanent station is VU2LCI with Ajoy as the disaster manager.



Bill VK4ZD, our Web Master, and Diane VK4KYL have a new (first) grandson, "Archer Erik."

Bert VE3BGG retired from full rotary membership on 31st December 2005 after 50 years service to his club. He had a big party with 9 past district governors present. Bert was DG in 1994/95.





MORE NEWS of MEMBERS

An Apology from page 12 of the previous Communicator.

Nils SM4CSF, his XYL's name is BIRGIT(SM4PWH) – not Brigit. She is very keen on CW.

Nils was born in Falun in 1925 and he worked in his own Architect/Engineering office since 1954.

He joined ROAR in October 1989, and his first QSL on the net was on 15th October 1989. Although he is no longer a member of the Falun Kopparvågen Club, he was a founder member and archivist between 1980-2000. He received a PHF in 1999.



Douglas Birt ZL1BFS, the President of the Gisbourne Rotary Club, reports on our members and his club.



Alwyn G0TPE noticed the message from the Rotary Club of Gisborne (ZL). A Rotarian member from his own club, Bryan Gisbourne, is a direct descendent of “Guy of Good Gisburn” (villain of the piece with Robin Hood and Gisburn near Clitheroe, Lancashire, UK). He kept close links with ZL and Gisburn. His name is inscribed on a local memorial which commemorates News Year Day 2000 when the first rays of the sun made their first global landfall there.



Hugh Morgan Jones MINTO has been absence from the ROAR nets recently. This is because he is one of the RSGB Newsreaders, often broadcasting on three bands at the same time. He has tended to concentrate on that aspect of the hobby.

He is also the President of the Tyldesley Club, UK (District 1280) and his XYL, Elizabeth is President of Tyldesley Inner Wheel in the same year. Hugh and Elizabeth were off on a Cruise in the Baltic, taking his Kenwood TH-F7 on the holiday! The 2000 was too big and heavy.