



Rotary Convention 11th - 14th June 2006

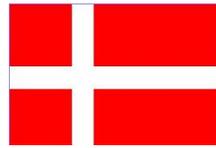
Malmö / Copenhagen

ROAR Radio Station OZ5PD

Report from Per Dantoft whose call sign OZ5PD was used for the station.



See the special QSL card Per made on page 1.
Cards are on the way to all the stations contacted.



We were quite successful communicating from the Convention 2006 in Bella Center, Copenhagen.

With outstanding help from the Ham Club of Copenhagen we had an almost perfect setup at the ROAR Booth. The club Chairman Jørgen, OZ5LH and two helpers installed a 5 element beam for 10-15-20 meters in a 60 feet Versa Tower placed right outside the Hall H where the booth was situated. The ham club also provided us with a 200 watts Yaesu FT100D transceiver and low pass filters to prevent the equipment from disturbing the sensitive electronic installations in the Bella Center.



Jørgen (OZ5LH), Peter (VK3KCD) and Alex (helper) at the booth



Jorgen (OZ5LH), Alex and my QYL, Inge Lise at the base of the tower



Peter (VK3KCD), Alex, Jorgen (OZ5LH) and Inge Lise



We managed to contact 75 stations in 19 countries. This result could have been much better if the QRM level had been lower. Our transmissions did not in any way interfere with the electronics in the center, but unfortunately we had an S7 level of QRM most of the time. This prevented us from contacting many week stations that might have wanted a QSO and a QSL card.

We had 25 regular guests at the booth and many of them were quite interested in knowing more about ROAR. Besides a large amount of people took a quick look at the strange people sitting there contacting the outside world. I had made some 100 sheets showing our WEB site and they were all gone when we closed down.

Peter Lowe, VK3KCD was of invaluable help when it came to operating the station. Peter was around almost from early morning to closing hour and he was the one who made most contacts.

Peter Lowe's (VK3KCD) Report



I arrived in Copenhagen on Thursday June 8 and having settled into my hotel walked to the Bella Center which took about an hour due to getting mildly lost.

On Friday proceeded to the Bella Center again having now got my bearings (note sun is in the wrong part of the sky!) and registered for the Convention and got my Exhibitors wrist band half expecting an orderly to appear and take me off for some medical tests. Late morning two gentlemen from the Copenhagen Amateur Radio Club appeared with a trailer and equipment. The trailer was the base for a 20 metre high crank up tower and on the ground was a 5 element yagi in pieces. By 4pm we had the tower up with the yagi attached. During this time staff from the Bella center installed the necessary cables from the booth to the rear of the building for connection to the antenna. By 5pm the rig was functioning and signals received over the S7 noise level. This persisted all through the convention. At this stage we still did not have a dedicated power outlet and this was arranged the next morning.

Come Saturday morning the shuttle bus system was operating so the need to walk or hire a taxi receded. When the power was connected the rig was fired up and the first contact was between OZ/VK3KCD and Peter G2YT who was calling CQ VK/ZL. In view of the lousy propagation he settled for a contact with me.

Peter's report continued.....

Shortly after that OZ5PD went to air and official Convention contacts commenced. 20/15/10 were operational but the vast majority of contacts were on 20. Conditions were peculiar as lots of very short skip was experienced and despite the antenna being fixed northwest contacts were made all over Europe and one to the USA. In all we had some 74 contacts with 19 countries and participated in both 20ms ROAR nets on Sunday June 11.

I had a ball and thoroughly enjoyed the Convention it was great to meet Per and Inge Dantoft and the members of the Copenhagen A R club without whose generous support the station would not have been as successful.

On a sadder note President Laszlo's illness cast somewhat of a pall over proceedings and left our booth looking a bit minimalist as Laszlo had the fittings and brochures. It was suggested that the booth be moved to a modern art gallery as an exhibit.

I am pleased to hear that Laszlo is making a recovery and hope to speak with him when propagation improves.

In conclusion my thanks to all who assisted particularly to Per and the Danish Amateurs who gave so generously of their time , expertise and equipment and last but certainly not least for all the help from ROAR members in the UK.

NEW MEMBERS



Dan Holben (K2VY) Camden, New Jersey
Rotary Club of Haddonfield NJ District 7640

Peter Dettmann DK8UL,
Rotary Club of Rheine, (South of
Hamburg).

**The following members have had
their Directory returned marked
"No forwarding address"**

ON6PX John Piret
CT1DJG Luis Manuel Araujo
JW6MY Sven A Tjelde

Silent Key

WB1GAQ George F Adam III of Billerica
died April 18th 2006 at West Roxbury VA
Hospital after a brief illness.



(White doesn't show
on white - Editor)

Polo style shirts with the ROAR logo. These shirts will be white with the ROAR logo on the front on one side, and the persons call sign and first name on the other front chest. These are good quality embroidered shirts. The cost for the shirts are \$32.00 + actual shipping cost in US funds If you are interested please send me your name, address, what call sign to be used, quantity of shirts you want, and size. I will collect the money later. I will personally ship shirts to you when they are ready. We all can wear these at Salt Lake and future international conventions.

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NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



Coos (VE2GTI) returned from Holland with a former High school friend Wilhelmina (Helmi) van Vliet, now a widow for four years. They married on May 28th in Coos's church.. She and Coos were High School sweet hearts, sitting in the same class.

His son, Mark's ashes were interred on May 13th. A big gathering and a fly-over by a Pitt special to honour Mark's aircraft enthusiasm. He had a WWII Spitfire in re-conditioning to make it airworthy.



David (EA5ALK) had a great party to celebrate his and Valerie's 13th wedding anniversary on Saturday 13th May (13 lucky for some)



Ralph (M0BDI) celebrated his and Sally's 59th anniversary on Friday 12th May.



Bert (VE3BGG) from Cambridge, Ontario is now an "Honorary" Rotarian after 50 years as a Rotarian. He has joined the local Probus Club Cambridge (Galt) the first Probus club in North America. His rig at his cottage (a 300 mile drive from Ottawa) is an old Icom which he 191817 and puts out 100 watts to a G5RV strung between pine trees about 30 feet above the ground. He and his XYL Margaret are busy organising the Surgical Society's 53rd annual reunion in Ottawa in September.

Jack Page (KF5BD)

Albuquerque Rotary club District 5520 recently celebrated 90 years of service to the Albuquerque, New Mexico [USA] community. On the USA map New Mexico is East of Arizona and South of Colorado. During the evening ROAR member Jack W. Page received his 50 year pin. Jack entered Rotary in Ashland, Ohio [additional active to his father] and held the Automobile Retail Classification. In Ada, Ohio where Jack served his second Rotary Club. Jack was elected president of the Ada Club but was not inaugurated due to relocating to Albuquerque in 1959.



Ray Hazan (G0PQQ) one of our blind operators was made President of St Dunstan's (a national UK charity established in 1915 by Sir Arthur Pearson to provide an independent future for blind ex-Service men and women). He still works for them full-time as the office of President is an honorary post.

He was also made a Freeman of the City of London in 2005 which gives him the right to drive his sheep over London Bridge, Hi Hi.