

To all ROAR Members

The next AGM 2022 is very close and I am not sure where the time has gone. It has been another rough year with Covid and what is going on in the world today I think everyone wants Peace and Goodwill to all. For me it has been a bad year health wise but I think things are on the mend.

I did manage to operate the Special Event station GB4EPN (End Polio Now) with over 1000 contacts.

Ed and his team have been working on the 2022 AGM venue and Zoom component, much of which was in place at the 2021 AGM so many thanks to Ed.

In the UK and Europe we have kept in touch on 80m band every week. My thanks to the net controllers, one of whom (John G7OAI) goes out in car to a hill nearby with a spare battery and temporary antenna when it's his turn; thanks John. We also have 20m and 40m band nets each week with VK/ZL and Europe which works well and we get many visitors from around the world, the net controller is normally Bill VK4ZD as he can hear most stations.

We have a social Zoom meeting once a month, normally on the last Tuesday of the month just after the 20m net and last but not least we have a Digital Net every Sunday morning on XLX299R before the 40m and 20m nets. My thanks to Phil Garside ZL2RO, who although not a Rotarian, has supplied and maintained this Reflector for us.

The Zoom meeting in the USA works well, as it is a vast Continent and really helps those Rotarians who live in gated accommodation and cannot erect antennas. This was set up by Ed N4EDT and works very well. Thanks Ed.

Congratulations to Wally Gardiner VE6BGL who was presented with Rotary's Service Above Self Award by the Rotary Club of High River.

There are many people behind the scenes who work to keep ROAR going; my thanks must go to:

Edward N4EDT as Immediate Past President for all his hard work

Philip N9HWO as Secretary for many years who is standing down this year

Ingo KK6EWB as Treasurer who will be also standing down this year

I thank you both

Phil VK2MCB who collates the various Net reports and sends them out each week. Thanks Phil

Bill VK4ZD ROAR Webmaster

Diane VK4DI Magazine Editor

Also the Past Presidents and the Regional Vice Presidents for their help and guidance

Thanks to VP; Joe AF1E who has put a lot of work in taking on the data entry for Ham Club Online, and temporary Secretary and also for a phone call when I was at a low ebb

Yours In Rotary

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