

# The History of ROAR

Rotarians of Amateur Radio is one of the oldest fellowships of Rotary International. It was organized in 1966 by the late Byron C. Sharpe, W9BE, whose Rotary club in Glencoe, Illinois, USA, sponsored the new fellowship.

Also instrumental in the beginnings of ROAR was George Chatfield, K1UIL. He started a transatlantic net on 15 meters with Harold Chadwick, G8ON, in 1969. For many years Chatfield was net control on Sunday and Thursday mornings, assisted by his friend Dr. Mark Elliot, W1YY1. ROAR members participated in their first Rotary International Convention as a fellowship in Denver, Colorado, USA, in 1966. They operated a special event station with the call sign W0RI.

The first published record of ROAR membership came out in December 1970. The roster contained calls of 764 members from 40 countries. Today, we have more than 350 members representing 25 countries.

Our ROAR fellowship is directed by a central body consisting of the president, immediate past president, secretary, treasurer, webmaster and newsletter editor. We have eight vice presidents representing areas of the world

with a large member population or the potential to grow. There are also two sub-assemblies, in Japan and Great Britain, with their own associations and officers.

Over the years the ROAR fellowship has had twelve presidents. One of them, the late Hugh Archer, W8JA, went on to become president of Rotary International in 1989. The theme during his residential year was "Enjoy Rotary."

Hugh suggested many ways to "Enjoy Rotary," including participation in its fellowships.

**We invite you to "Enjoy Rotary" by participating, in ROAR.**



# ROAR Officers 2016-2017

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| <i>President</i>       | John Moriarty ZL2JPM |
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| <i>Imm. PP</i>         | Bill Main VK4ZD      |
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## Regional Vice Presidents

|   |                             |
|---|-----------------------------|
| <i>Africa</i>   | Max Raicha 5Z4MR            |
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**The ROAR Fellowship** provides a forum for the exchange of views among Rotarians who share an interest in amateur radio, either as licensed radio amateurs or as short wave listeners. We wish to promote international understanding and fellowship.

**Membership:** To become a member of ROAR, you must be an active Rotarian, a Rotaractor, a licensed amateur operator, or a person with a genuine interest in shortwave radio whose spouse is a member of ROAR. Additional Information and a membership application for can be found on our website: [www.ifroar.org](http://www.ifroar.org)

**Rotary clubs** foster a unique sense of fellowship. On the international level, the worldwide community of Rotarians includes many who share the same interests. Rotary fellowships enable these members to communicate, exchange information and ideas, and build relationships. Members of the ROAR fellowship share news and information through our website, our *ROAR Communicator* newsletter, and a range of regular “meetings” on the air-waves. We have some national nets and others with intercontinental participants—for example, a weekly net that operates between Europe and the USA, and another between Europe and Australia/New Zealand/Oceania. Topics of conversation include technical issues, club news, and projects that may be in need of assistance.

Our main opportunity to showcase our interests and activities comes at each year’s Rotary International convention—where we have a presence not just in the House of Friendship, but often on the air as a special event station.



Setting up the ROAR special event station, RI Convention in Salt Lake City, USA, 2007

Join our international community on the air!

## ROAR Nets Around the World

| TIME (UTC)                 | FREQUENCY     | AREA                                     |
|----------------------------|---------------|--|
| <b>EVERY SUNDAY</b>        |               |  |
| 06.45 UTC                  | 7.118 Mhz.    | Australia - New Zealand - ANZO (Nov-Mar) |
| 05.45 UTC                  | 7.118 Mhz.    | Australia - New Zealand - ANZO (Apr-Oct) |
| 07.30 UTC                  | 14.295.2 Mhz. | Europe - VK-ZL (November - March)        |
| 06.30 UTC                  | 14.295.2 Mhz. | Europe - VK-ZL (April - October)         |
| 08.00 UTC                  | 3.694 Mhz.    | Inter - UK (Summer)                      |
| 09.00 UTC                  | 3.694 Mhz.    | Inter - UK (Winter)                      |
| 12.30 UTC                  | 14.293 Mhz.   | International                            |
| 18.00 UTC                  | 14.288 Mhz.   | North America - Transcontinental         |
| 18.00 UTC                  | 3.694 Mhz.    | Inter - UK                               |
| <b>EVERY TUESDAY</b>       |               |  |
| 07.30 UTC                  | 7.170 Mhz.    | Europe - Summer                          |
|                            | 14.295.2 Mhz  | Europe - Winter                          |
| 0800 UTC                   | 3.693Mhz      | New Zealand                              |
| <b>EVERY DAY</b>           |               |  |
| 22.30 UTC                  | 7.0775 Mhz.   | Japan                                    |
| <b>DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY</b> |               |  |
| 07.30 UTC                  | 7.0775 Mhz.   | Japan                                    |
| 12.30 UTC                  | 3.935 Mhz.    | North Carolina - USA                     |

**NOTE:** Net information is current as of Feb 2015. Times and frequencies change occasionally. Please check the website for the most current information: [www.ifroar.org](http://www.ifroar.org)

2016 Rotary International Seoul Convention

# HL16RI

28 May - 1 June, 2016  
KINTEX, Goyang-si




