Happy 2012, and welcome to our January issue.

In our last issue, Pertti asked that you write something about yourselves and your other hobbies. I received some great stories. So this issue is devoted to member profiles. I think you will learn things about some of your radio friends that you probably didn’t know—their family background, their life’s work, and their interests. You will also read about two inspiring projects their Rotary clubs are sponsoring.

To lend a technical balance to the issue, Fred Kruger K2LDC tells us how to shop for and use a portable generator (p. 10). Fred has some suggestions about selecting and operating generators that I never knew. Now that winter is upon many of us, this is timely information.

Also, check out the story on the new ARRL video on hams at the forefront of the “do-it-yourself” movement (p. 12).

I hope you have as much fun reading this issue as I had putting it together.

—Richard Spingarn TI7/AA2UP
To start at the beginning, I was born pre-war on Labour Day, May 1st, in the suburb of Wilston Heights in Brisbane, Australia, at a maternity hospital just down the road from our house.

We four children played football, built tree houses and did all the other things that make for a kid's great life without a worry in the world. Actually, some of my best friends who are still around come from my kindergarten days.

Eventually I got my B Com degree but only after overcoming a shaky start. I was diverted by building and sailing boats along with other distractions. In addition to many sports, I also began developing my hobbies—gardening, amateur radio, fixing bikes and cars, and other "do-it-yourself" activities.

More on my career in a bit, but I want to say that Rotary really changed my later life and outlook. I was called on to get involved in the creation of the Rotary Club Amsterdam–International (RCAI) in 1991. Today I'm actively involved in our International Project Team, which to me is the "raison d'être" of Rotary's existence. An example is our current project to provide pure water to schools in Thailand, described below.

Just recently I also came upon ROAR, which gives me the chance every Sunday afternoon to cross Europe and the Atlantic and sometimes to go eastwards to "down under" on a regular schedule with some really good folks. Thanks to Rotary, my radio hobby has also taken on a new lease on life, which is great in the winter when I don't garden or ride my motorcycles.

My professional career started after our family business of 100 years was taken over by a competitor from Melbourne. This meant I actually had to look for a job after graduation. But still the good times rolled with General Motors, until I got the urge to travel to Europe for "study" and some play. I ended up in the Australian Diplomatic Service. A twelve-year intensely interesting and challenging career followed—first in London, where I met my Dutch wife who later bore us two children. Then we went on to Belgrade, Canberra and Brussels.

But the strictures of the Public Service, as it used to be called, began to get me down, so I resigned in Brussels in 1975 and came up the road to Amsterdam to join McKinsey & Co. Thus began my third career in consulting, which also had its problems. But with twists and turns it is where I still am today.

These days things are a bit quieter, I guess, but I never do seem to have enough time to do all the things I want. (Reading good books suffers the most.) What's important, though, is to revisit family and friends in Australia once or twice a year for fun, fishing, etc., and even some business once in a while.
Some 33 years ago I chaired my first Rotary club, Langley and Iver, about 20 miles west of London. I attended a district training session and met Tony Earle G4FTA. Tony is sadly no longer with us, but for many years his sten-torian auctioneer's voice was recognised all over ROAR. I noticed the VHF aerial on his car that day and learned about our great fellowship. A few weeks later, after I had passed the Morse test, the UK ROAR group was waiting to welcome me to the nets.

We moved to the west of England a few years later where I had a great station and helped in the running of many of the nets. At that time I became very good friends with George Chatfield of the Fitchburg, Massachusetts, club and entertained him and his wife Marie when they came to the RI convention in Birmingham in 1984. Later we toured New England and the neighbouring parts of Canada and visited George and Marie in their beautiful lakeside house. There must be something in the air of Fitchburg as they have given us two controllers for the Transatlantic International Net.

I was very privileged to serve as ROAR International Chairman between 2000 and 2003. It was a great time. My wife Diana G4MVV, and I were also fortunate to attend the RI conventions at Birmingham; Portland, Oregon; San Antonio, Texas; and Barcelona—at all of which we had successful working stations.

Before we moved to Spain four years ago, for many years we hosted parties of ROAR members at our home on the Blackdown Hills. The format was usually that our friends arrived with us in time for coffee, and our local pub provided lunch. Diana always put together a very fine Devon Cream tea, often supplemented with cakes provided by some of the other wives. Everyone went home well filled and happy.

Here in Spain I only have a vertical aerial and a G5RV. There is a large range of mountains close behind us so that propagation, particularly to the US, only works well when we have plenty of sunspots!

We do still enjoy our amateur radio and particularly the ROAR nets. At this time of the year we often manage to get into the UK 80-meter evening net on Sundays. We are about 1,000 miles south of most stations on that net!

I have a historical collection of ROAR photos taken down the years, but sadly many of the members shown are no longer with us. I did produce a disc some years ago with many shots of our members from the early days, such as the two included here.

Diana and I both pass the warmest greetings to all members for a happy, great and successful 2012.
I'm a new member of ROAR, but I've been a Rotarian for more than 30 years. I am a past-president and founding member of my club in Germantown, Tennessee, and a Paul Harris Fellow. Our club was founded in 1976 and currently has a membership of about fifty. Germantown is an eastern suburb of Memphis.

We are one of seven Rotary clubs in the area but are probably the most diverse club in the region, with members from many parts of the world. We're involved in a number of international projects, from India to South America, and have projects in the United States as well. A major effort at the moment is attempting to bring the president of Rotary International to speak at our club. One of our members, also from India, is a personal friend of President Banerjee.

I'm the only ham in our club. I received my Technician license in 2007 and my General in 2008. I hope to take the time this winter to study for and receive my Extra. I just recently completed all the requirements for an ARRL WAS certificate.

My rig is an Icom 746-Pro with a Hy-Gain AVQ-620 vertical antenna up about 30 feet. We have some antenna restrictions in our neighborhood, but I hope to influence a few changes in those later in the year! Unfortunately, due to some family considerations, I haven’t been on the air much lately. My activity is usually restricted to the week-ends. But I do enjoy chasing DX when the opportunity arises. I just use SSB.

Our Rotary club, like so many service clubs, suffers from a small membership. We were chartered with about 100 members, but that has dwindled. We are embarking on a new member drive and hope to be successful there.

If you are ever in our area, we meet for lunch on Wednesdays, at Tournament Players Club (TPC), Southwind.

From an early age I was fascinated by aviation. At the age of twelve I took part in a sports day. I managed to win enough money to buy a Keil Kraft model aeroplane kit, which my dad put together for me. It was made with balsa wood and covered in tissue paper. It did not last too long, as I flew it down the stairs at home. Since then, and even now at the age of 74, I am still building and flying model aeroplanes. I am amazed and fascinated at how fast aviation has progressed from wooden aircraft covered in doped fabric, to the present supersonic and huge passenger aircraft. I would like to come back in 100 years and see how aviation has moved on then.

My other hobby, apart from amateur radio, is coarse fishing, which I had also done as a young lad. There is nothing more peaceful or relaxing than sitting at the waterside, watching a float bobbing up and down. If I catch something, that is a bonus!

I enjoy Rotary as it helps me to help others less fortunate than myself. I wish everyone a happy and healthy 2012!
I was born in Brussels in 1925 to a Belgian family. In 1923 my grandfather, Gerard Duqué, was named president of the petrol group Petrofina in Romania, where he was also one of the founders of Rotary Club Ploiesti in 1935. In 1929, my family decided to move to Romania and I went to school in Ploiesti until 1942. In 1943 I met wife, Ortansa.

In 1945, due to the political situation, my family sent me back to Brussels, where I studied electronic engineering. I got my first amateur-radio license in Belgium in 1947 and was issued the call ON4VE.

After 1950, I got a job in the USA with Trane of La Crosse, Wisconsin. I went to college and did post-graduate training in the USA and in 1960, I became Trane's general sales manager for Europe. In 1973, I started my own company in Brussels, which I operated independently until my retirement in 1991.

During the communist period, my parents lost all their property. So after the revolution in 1989, I decided to move back to Romania to try to recover what I could of my family's possessions. It turned out I was about 90 percent successful and in the end I received a substantial sum of money.

In addition to ham radio, I also have a keen interest in gastronomy—not just food that tastes good, but food that is healthy as well. This family interest in healthy food goes back to my grandfather, who made natural wines without additives. My son, Pierre, follows in this tradition. He owns one of the best restaurants in Brussels, Le Passage. It recently won the coveted “Golden Fork Award.”

Also, on our family property in Ploiesti, we raise about 200 poultry and also many vegetables and fruits. Everything is all natural. We don't use any chemicals. As for myself, I am the chef of the household, doing all the cooking at home.

Life is now very pleasant for my wife and me in Romania and I think I will stay here until the end of my days.

**My amateur station:**

**Transceivers:** HF: Ten-Tec Orion II; Ten-Tec Jupiter (for backup, powered by twelve-volt battery)
VHF/UHF: Icom IC 910

**Amplifier:** ZZ-1600 for all HF bands with 4cx2500 Svetlana final

**CW Keyer:** MFJ 464

**Interface:** Orion II is coupled to PC with printer and scanner and amateur-radio software

**Antennas:** HF: Optibeam OB 16—16 elements on a 10-meter boom for 10, 15 and 20 meters on a 25-meter (82-foot) tower; homebrew 20-meter vertical; Folder dipole from twin-lead for 40 and 80-meters; all-band inverted vee for receive only
VHF: Vertical dual-bander at 22 meters

**Antenna Tuner:** MFJ 989c
I became involved with ROAR in 1980. I had acquired a Yaesu 101 ZD and I hooked it up to my G5RV and got started. I was living in East Liverpool, Ohio, USA. In a couple of years I moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. There I put up a Wilson System One beam and I was really off to the races. I had many contacts with ROAR members—sad to say some are SKs now. In 1988 I moved to Blair, Nebraska, and with a new rig, Icom 746, and a new beam, Mosley T 53 M, I could hear almost everyone on the net.

In the mid-90s I moved to Flint, Michigan, where I was in the rotation of net controllers for the North American net. Along the way I attended several international conventions and had eyeball QSOs with many members. In 1998-99 I served as district governor of District 6330. During that time I would check in to the net and give a report on my activities as DG. At the end of my year I was asked to serve as secretary of ROAR. I did so for 9 years.

Now living in Australia, I do not have the antenna farm I would like, so my check-ins to the ANZO and ANZO-Europe nets are a little on the iffy side. But when I do get in, it is great.

When I am in Canada during the northern summers, I try the North American net.

In addition to amateur radio I am involved in lapidary and fossicking. Lapidary and fossicking are the seeking and finding of precious and semi-precious rocks and minerals and then polishing them. I was bitten by the bug while a university student in Alberta, Canada, in the 1960s. Since then my wife, Martha VK2IWS/N8CEE, and I have pursued this hobby across many US states, Canadian provinces and now Australian states.

Fossicking is like Rotary. One finds a stone that does not look like having any worth or value; and then after polishing, great beauty comes to the surface and is often admired by others. One of the reasons I am a Rotarian is to find those who need a little help to become someone of value to themselves or to their community.

I have donated some of my finished stones to my Rotary club for use in fundraising efforts. Martha, who is also a ROAR member, has used some of the stones to wire wrap and turn into jewelry. These she gives away as gifts and as fundraising items.

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Rev. Noel R. McLaren, PDG VK2IWT / WD8QHD
To begin on a historical note, 2005 was my year as Gisborne Rotary Club president, and my secretary was Sam Gillgren ZL1AOE. I understood at the time that he was a participant in the ROAR nets. Unfortunately, Sam died of cancer while in office that year. However, a year or so before he must have notified Bill G4YZE that I was also an amateur in the Gisborne Rotary Club. Bill started sending me the weekly ROAR emails.

Sam’s dying in office left me feeling that there was now no one representing New Zealand on the ROAR nets. I started to feel I had an obligation to put this country back on the map. At that time I was using an ICOM 720 with an 80-meter full-wave loop. I used that set-up to talk to my father twice a week (he is 89 now, and still going strong). I also used it to chat with friends whom I had been working weekly since leaving school in about 1963.

But to get on the ROAR net I was going to need some more punch. I purchased Sam’s 12-meter-high tilt-over mast. I purchased a second-hand Mosley TA53M beam which covered 20 meters to 10 meters (and also 40 meters with a dipole extension). I listened for a few years with my ICOM 720, but conditions were not good. In 2008 while my wife, Catherine, was doing a year at the School of St Jude* in Tanzania, I purchased a Yaesu 2000D. Thank goodness she has never asked me the price! This is the most expensive piece of “radio junk” I have ever purchased.

This took place at the absolute bottom of the sunspot cycle, and I went on the ROAR net a few times, but apart from Bill and Peter in VK-land, rarely had any contacts to anywhere in Europe.

When conditions started to improve, I noted that I could hear others better than they could hear me. So then I purchased a home-built linear amplifier. It was designed to run a pair of 4-250 valves producing 500 watts output on 160 meters. It had been modified for the other bands, but the whole design was poor. Also, I couldn’t obtain any 4-250 valves. So I completely redesigned the amp to take three 4-125 valves. I now believe I have a reasonable signal into Europe.

Wow! At the end of that long and difficult journey, I am finally doing justice to Sam’s ROAR tradition.

In the next few months I’ll have to dismantle my mast and beam, and I plan eventually to re-erect them at my new place at Whangaparaoa, 50 miles north of Auckland. For a while I will try working the net from Gisborne using a two-element wire collinear on 20 meters, and a wire 40-meter dipole on the VK net. It will be interesting to see how those perform.

Happy New Year to you all. It has been good getting onto the ROAR net and having the opportunity to meet many of you.

*The School of St Jude was founded by Gemma Sisia, the daughter of an Australian farmer from near Armadale. She freely admits that without Rotary it probably would not have happened. It started with three students in 2002, after a Rotary team had been across and built the first classroom block. Now there are three schools and 1500 students. Complete information can be found on their website at: http://www.schoolofstjude.org/
Member Profile

Pertti Kause  EA7GSU
Rotary Club of
Benahavis-Costa del Sol, Spain

At an early age, I was interested in art classes. Even much later, while I was studying engineering, I created the ads for the Saturday dances at college. But once I started working, I was just too busy to do anything about design or painting.

But then, back around 1969, I was transferred from the development lab to the export department to create an international service organization for my company. The company had just decided to expand activities outside our home country and it needed a field organization capable of servicing the radios and televisions it manufactured. Through all of this, things were just not going the way I wanted and I became very frustrated.

Then, for some reason I just got this inexplicable urge to spread thick red paint on canvas with my thumb. The result was strangely a black and yellow mess. Now, when I still look at that “work of art,” I always get the feeling of being on a hostile other planet with acid fumes floating around.

Later, of course, the steam of the frustration evaporated. But, as I had already bought the whole set of colors and brushes and canvas, I took time to just let my imagination run free to make paintings. Working and often traveling in an international environment gave me the opportunity to visit famous art museums and see the great works of the masters. Seeing all this perfection made me doubt if I could ever really be a good painter. Yes, I was a bit discouraged. But that feeling also motivated me to closely study the masterpieces and to analyze what was wrong with my technique.

I learned how to mix colors out of several similar principal colors. I learned of the importance of the shape of the brush and of the strokes, and of techniques used to prepare the canvas. I bought books which explained the various methods used by famous painters. So, for me it was possible to learn a lot on my own. Occasionally, I still make my own canvas surface from the wooden frame pieces, cutting the material and preparing the mixture of gesso with rabbit glue for priming.

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**Gisborne International Music Competition—cont. from page 7**

...seas music professors have told me that they encourage only their absolutely best students to enter, because the standard of this competition is so high. Inevitably the winner of our competition becomes a prominent international musician in his or her own right.

Our Rotary club members handle most of the administration and organization each year, although we now contract with competent musicians to manage specialized musical aspects such as the jurors, accompanists, and repertoire. Every member of our club becomes involved in some way and we call on many others from the local community to house the entrants and transport them to rehearsals and recitals.

The competition runs for ten days, always ending on the first Saturday in December. In recent years the Government Minister of Arts, Culture and Heritage, the Australian High Commissioner, and several central and local government politicians have all made a point of attending, as does the Rotary District Governor.

The competition costs us between $80,000 and $90,000 to run each year, so a major activity is fund raising. The club is in the throes of setting up a foundation to assist with funding in the future.

The 2011 winner was Santiago Valencia of Colombia, playing the cello. Second place went to James Dong of Melbourne, playing the violin, and third was Wing Hang Hui of Hong Kong, playing the flute.

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My admiration goes to artists, who take pride in painting the details with almost a photographic reproduction of the subject. But my desire is to learn to fill the canvas with an impression I get when seeing a view or an item for the first time. In trying to get what you see within me, it sometimes takes several attempts and even then I am not happy with the results. After a while I come back to the subject and try to solve the problem. If I’m still not satisfied, I prime the canvas anew and re-use it. It gives me hope to know that Vincent van Gogh painted his famous “Sunflowers” seventeen times and he varied the number of flowers to have anywhere between three and thirteen before he was finished.

I share my shack between the radios and easels. Occasionally the radio is tuned on a net frequency and I listen to the chatter. Or my computer is tuned to an international music channel for “oldies.” I continue to paint and try to improve. At the moment I’m struggling to get out of the traditional style and to break into something more “impressionist,” which I feel is lurking somewhere inside of me.

Painting is a great way to distract your mind from any other things bothering you. It needs complete concentration and wipes other burdens from your brain—similar to participating in a stiff ham radio contest. Every two years my village has an international art meeting for two weeks. We have a million different activities, amongst them, of course, an exhibition. In 2010 I had two paintings on display. And more, hopefully, will follow.

The Byron C. Sharpe Award is intended to express the gratitude of the International Fellowship for Rotarians of Amateur Radio to persons or associations who have performed exceptional service to the fellowship or its members. Details on the requirements and procedure can be found in the April and September 2011 issues of the Communicator.
Selecting and Using an Electric Generator

—submitted by Fred Kruger K2LDC
Rotary Club of Commack–Kings Park, Long Island, New York

There are times when the weather or any number of other problems can cause a loss of electric power. If such outages last for more than just a few hours, they can cause serious disruptions in services both on a large scale and in your own home. At home, a small electric generator can help you keep some of the things operating that most everyone now takes for granted. A generator can also keep you on the air.

Before I get started with the ins and outs of generators, there is one thing I want to emphasize. Whether you plan to use a generator or not, you should have AC-powered carbon monoxide (CO) detectors with 9-volt battery backup connected and working in your home. Gasoline-powered generators produce deadly carbon-monoxide fumes. And you cannot trust your senses for protection from carbon monoxide; this deadly gas is invisible and odorless.

When you begin to shop for your generator, first list the items you believe must operate in an emergency. Also write down answers to the following questions, to take with you as you shop.

- **How much power is actually required to start each appliance and to run each appliance?** All hams should know that power in watts equals current x voltage (P=IE). Read the motor and appliance name-plate information for each of your items to determine power demands. Also, most generator manufacturers can provide brochures with typical power requirements for appliances, lights, and equipment to help you plan your total power requirement.
- **How much gasoline is consumed per hour?**
- **What size tank is on the generator?**
- **How much additional gasoline are you able to safely store?** (If you are warned of a possible emergency, be sure to fill your car gas tank. You may need some of it for your generator. But, always leave enough gas for emergency evacuation or other transportation needs).

All of the above points are very important because in the end, you may find that a smaller generator may actually be better than a bigger, more expensive one. For example, my generator is rated for 1,500 watts continuous load. It has a one-gallon gas tank. It slows down as I use less power—further reducing gas consumption and noise, all while maintaining 120 volts AC at 60 Hz.

You don’t need to run everything at the same time; rotating larger items allows the use of a smaller generator, which costs less to buy, is easier to move, and consumes less gasoline. If needed, a second small generator might be used to support the power needs of a gas furnace, while using very little additional gasoline per hour (most 4-5 kilowatt generators consume almost one gallon per hour at half-load and are much noisier). Generator manufacturers rate fuel consumption based on running with a load of one-half the rated capacity. This can be misleading, but they all do it! Keep that in mind also when shopping.

Generator run-time is a major concern. If most of your neighborhood is without power, there’s a good chance that your local gas station(s) won’t have power either and won’t be able to pump gas. The gas supply you have in the generator and your storage containers must last as long as possible. A smaller generator will conserve gas. You can also save gas by using appliances only as needed. If no appliances are running, shut off the generator. If you’re just running a few lights, consider using a few battery-powered lights to save gas. Refrigerators may only need to run a few hours a day to preserve food. Using a refrigerator thermometer, aim to maintain 40 degrees in the refrigerator compartment and 0 degrees in the freezer. Using compact fluorescent light bulbs also helps.

[Ed: For your ham station you could charge a 20-or 30–amp 12-volt battery while other appliances are running. That way, your station can function while the generator is off.]

Once you’ve determined your generator’s size, you need to consider how you will install it. How will the generator be connected to electrical devices in your house—via separate extension cords or via a special wall connection and a transfer switch? Never use an electric cable with male connectors at both ends.

There are really only two safe options.

- **Use heavy-duty 3-prong grounded outdoor-rated extension cords to connect appliances and lamps directly to the generator’s outlet.** Follow the manufacturer’s recommendations for grounding the generator.
- **Have a licensed electrician connect the generator to your house wiring using a “listed” transfer switch, meeting nationally recognized (and local) safety standards.** The product should have a UL listing. Having an electrician install the listed transfer switch will safely prevent your generator from back-feeding utility lines, thus avoiding a safety hazard to you, your family, neighbors and utility workers. It will also prevent possible damage to your generator when utility power is restored. Never connect a generator directly to your home’s wiring.

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During Hurricane Irene, we had heavy-duty extension cords running all over and our generator, while running, was located about 8 feet from the house. Extension cords were run through a window opening, which was carefully sealed (top and bottom) with foam and multiple layers of duct tape. Blue painter’s tape was used to prevent tripping and to keep wires in place. Our 1500-watt generator ran the refrigerator, some lights, amateur radio equipment, weather and FM radios, and small-device battery chargers—consuming about one gallon of gas every 13 hours, while supporting about a 700-watt load. I had approximately nine gallons of gas available and that was sufficient for the 52 hours we spent without power.

As hams, we are often called on for help in emergencies. You can keep your home and your communications equipment prepared with small “pull-start” and/or “battery-start” portable home generators as described above. Or you can purchase a generator that will run from bottled gas (propane) and/or the natural gas supplied to your home via underground pipes. Choices also range upward to large, semi- and fully-automatic “standby” generators (these may be the subject of a future article.) Consider how much interaction you want with your back-up power system and how much you’re willing to spend.

Always follow these important Generator Safety Tips:

- Always properly ground your generator and keep it away from all open doors and windows—yours and your neighbors’—to prevent deadly exhaust fumes from entering.
- Never directly connect your generator to your house wiring. It is very dangerous and introduces an electrocution risk to your neighbors and to utility workers who may be working on power lines to restore service.
- After you lose power, turn off the main breaker or pull the main fuse block.
- Never operate a generator inside your home, garage, crawlspace, sheds, or similar spaces even if you plan to use a fan or open doors and windows for “ventilation.”
- Never refuel a hot generator or one that is running; hot engine parts or exhaust can ignite gasoline.
- Turn off all connected appliances before starting your generator.
- Turn connected appliances on one at a time, never exceeding the generator’s rated wattage.
- Read and follow the manufacturer’s instructions that came with the generator as well as those on their website.
- Make sure all electrical connections must comply with the National Electric Code.
- Do not overload your generator with too many appliances.
- Use properly sized extension cords in good condition.

Check Out the New Ham Radio Video!
—submitted by Richard Spingarn TI7/AA2UP

The American Radio Relay League has just released a new video showing how vibrant our hobby still is. It is entitled The DIY Magic of Amateur Radio and uses the growing “Do It Yourself” (DIY) movement as a launchpad to tout the continuing excitement and expanding breadth of our hobby.

Perhaps the first DIY hobbyists were hams. This video not only shows our roots as great do-it-yourselfers, but also demonstrates how hams are still at it in some extremely innovative ways.

You can watch this 8-1/2 minute video on YouTube here.
Secretary’s Report  

The new membership directory is in the process of being published, with a print date of the end of January. To be sure that all your information is correct, please go to http://ifroar.org, fill out a membership renewal/new member form and email it to me asap. My personal email address is on the form or you can send it to secy@ifroar.org.

The form has almost all the information that is kept in our database. What probably is not up-to-date is the expiration year of your paid-up contribution. If you know it, put the year after your name. Also, our president has asked for your month and day of birth. If you care to share it, write out the month and day in the "Amateur Radio Interests" field; i.e., mine is August 4. I’ll know what it means.

The directory will be printed on paper and mailed. Probably this is the last time before we go electronic.

Health Report: Many of you know Jack Page KF5BD; he served as ROAR treasurer back in the 80s. Jack has some bone problems which resulted in his placement in a convalescent/rehabilitation center. Whenever he is not lying down, he is in a body shell from neck to hips. It is very uncomfortable. His spirits are good, he still knows how to smile, and as with all hams, he likes to talk even without a microphone. I’m certain he would like to hear from you. His email address is: jackkf5bd@juno.com; his son Jim checks his email as often as he can. A card can be sent to him at Las Palomas Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, 8100 Palomas Ave. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109 USA.

ROAR ANZO  

—submitted by Peter Lowe VK3KCD

Minutes of Meeting at the Hellenic Club, Canberra 21 August 2011

1. Meeting commenced at 12:15 Eastern Australian Standard Time
2. Present: Peter Lowe VK3KCD, VP ANZO, chair; Bill Main VK4ZD, ROAR Webmaster; Diane Main VK4KYL; Bill Allan R.C. Campbelltown S.A.
3. Apologies were received from Reg Emmett VK7KK, Henk Tobbe VK2GWK, Peter Rentsch VK3FPSR, Rob Leinwand ZL1RD and Doug Birt ZL1BFS.
4. Membership. It was suggested that Rotary's international fellowships could be used as a recruiting tool by clubs and that this would have a positive effect on the membership of the fellowships. Publicity for ROAR could be circulated to clubs and on Rotary web sites. ROAR T-shirts could be used as a marketing tool.
5. Sydney 2014. As this convention is to be held at Darling Harbour, an on-site station is not an option. A remote operation will have to be created and a number of options were discussed. Bill Allan offered some valuable advice on establishing a facility at the convention. Approaches to the major telecommunications providers should commence soon, as well as approaches to sponsors such as equipment providers and associated services. The possibility of involving WICEN was discussed.
6. General business. On the assumption that the Australian Rotary is to be an annual event in Canberra, the ROAR ANZO AGM should coincide.
7. Meeting closed at 13:13

Minutes of E-AGM

November 2011

1. Present: email responses received from:
   ZL1RD Rob: who expressed his support of the concept of ROAR representation at significant hamfests.
   ZL2JPM John: who suggested the use of Rotary's international recreational fellowships as a recruitment tool.
   John also commented on the desirability of keeping the website current. (This issue arose when notice of the receipt of dues was not received on a timely basis by webmaster VK4ZD. The specific cases brought to our attention have now been resolved and an improved mechanism of recording membership details is being implemented.)
   VK3FPSR Peter: who will be present at the Central Victoria Hamfest as an exhibitor and has generously offered on air to assist at the District 9690 Expo in Penrith in March next year if his timetable allows (comments received on this subject on air)
2. Apologies: None received
3. Minutes of last meeting: On the vote of Bill VK4ZD and myself, accepted as a true and accurate record.
4. Membership: See comments above.
5. R I Convention Sydney 2014: Negotiations have commenced and are progressing satisfactorily for Telstra to sponsor a dedicated WiFi node for our use at the convention. Henk Tobbe has agreed to provide the remotely controlled facility.
6. General business: No items received.
7. Meeting closed
8. Next meeting. Canberra July 2012, at the Hellenic Club to coincide with the Australian Rotary Conference.
About ROAR

Rotarians of Amateur Radio is one of the oldest fellowships of Rotary International. It was established in 1966 by Byron Sharpe W9BE, a Rotarian from Illinois, USA. In 1989 one of our ROAR members, Hugh Archer W8JA, served as president of Rotary International. ROAR members are perhaps the most active fellowship in communicating with each other regularly.

Purpose: ROAR provides a forum for the exchange of views among members who share an interest in amateur radio, either as licensed radio amateurs or as shortwave listeners. We wish to promote international understanding and fellowship.

Eligibility: To become a member of ROAR, you must be an active Rotarian, a Rotaractor or a former Rotarian, and you must be a licensed amateur operator or have a genuine interest in shortwave radio. Spouses of ROAR members may also join.

Dues: The fellowship collects annual dues that cover the cost of maintaining our member directory and producing our ROAR Communicator newsletter.

Currently our dues are $20 US for one year or $90 US for five years and can be paid by visiting the website:

http://ifroar.org

ROAR Treasurer’s Report 2011-2012

Beginning Balance July 1, 2011 $3,657.58

Income:
- Membership Contributions
- Dues Europe $394.06
- Dues USA 170.00
- Dues ROAR UK
- Dues ROAR Japan 800.00
- Dues ANZO
- Shirts 249.03
- Donations 6.84

Total Income $1,619.93

Expenses:
- PayPal 17.17
- John Maier W8AUV 46.57

Total Expenses $63.74

Ending Balance Jan 10, 2012 $5,213.77

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Butler WB7RQG, Treasurer

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