Following the Japanese visit to Jim, the following message was received ...........

**Life is wonderful, isn’t it?**

I happened to read the email by Jim Moran W1QUO concerning about the telephone/internet circuit of Oct, 5, 2006 World Report. And I emailed to Jim how we have used the internet phone to get the better communication among Roar-J members. Then Max JR1JCU director of International Net and Yoshio Muto, JE1JQX, secretary of Roar-J had made a plan to visit Boston with two other friends.

Jim Moran W1QUO QTH is in Leominster, MA where is located at the distance of about two hour train-ride from Boston and that he is USC B East Vice Chairman!

We wanted to visit Walden Pond where is famous for Henry Thoreau and I did wanted Mr. Muto to take there because he is as an alpinist as climbed up Mt. Everest.

Jim’s QTH is located on the way to Walden Pond and JE1JQO is among the computer experts in Roar-J.

Time lag is 13 hours and in Japan it was the midnight. We went down to Jim’s shack at the basement after tea and set up the laptop and TV camera.

In Japan Mr. Shinji Fujita JA3BU, director of domestic net of Roar-J was waiting for our net meeting to start. Successful! BU in Wakayama, Japan and QUO in Leominster, US could exchange their greetings through the monitor screen.

Both sides were rejoiced! And JA3BU must have forgotten his sleeping head for a while. Thank you very much for your waiting so late at night, JA3BU but your friendship could fresh up Jim’s spirit as a member of ROAR, though his cuisine book doesn’t tell the recipe for men before going to the dentist.

73 and 88 for the graceful two ladies at Jim’s Max JR1JCU and Yoshio JE1JQX
MESSAGE from PRESIDENT, JOHN MAIER (W8AUV)

I’d like to bring all up to date with the activities of your President. We have been keeping busy.

Getting “on the air” has proven to be quite difficult for us as well as many members. Turning on the equipment and making sure your antenna is connected may seem the simple tasks. Propagation from the Central US has proven not to be cooperative including interference from other nets and contests, with international nets and even stateside nets. The future remains positive, however, and the good news is that nets continue to operate. Some days however, conditions are quite good. It is always a good practice to check the frequency and check into the ROAR nets.

We have contacted all US members, by mail, over the last six months asking all who have not paid their dues to consider supporting ROAR and getting current with their membership. Many have and quite a few have not. If members have not paid dues prior to 31, December 2000, their names will be taken off the active list. All other members (in the US and elsewhere) who are not current with their dues will be contacted during the next six months. When we report on the membership at the Annual General Meeting during the RI International Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah (June 2007), we expect to have the membership current, financially and data wise.

We have recently applied to RI for the ROAR booth in the House of Friendship during the 2007 RI Convention. We are also attempting to arrange for a meeting room for our AGM as well as a dinner for members and spouses. As details are confirmed we will have information posted on the ROAR web site and in the next Communicator.

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Diane Main, VK4KYL, as Editor for The Communicator (see page, 5)

As President, I want to thank Don Cliffe, (GOJWE), for a super job he performed as Editor for the past 6 years. I liked what Don did for ROAR and for Rotary. Thank you, Don, for all your time and talent. We appreciate all you have done for our Fellowship.

Until our next visit, enjoy Rotary, enjoy ROAR

Photograph provided by President John of Jim Moran during his 90th Birthday Party. Pictured with Jim is (L-R) Jim Moran Jr., K1AKE, Jim Sr. W1QUO, daughter Alice Porembski and Son Mark Moran