Pertti (EA7GSU) has now finished his house, but the autumn has come to Andalusia with rain and wind. His little cabin for private meditation has suffered the loss of roof material.

In Andalusia autumn rain means rebirth of the nature. The rain after 4 months drought is revitalising the roots and seeds, grass is shooting, some flowers appearing and the world is turning from burnt brown to bright green. Part of nature is prepared for the rest, but they, too will take advantage of the liquid of life. ...............Life goes on.

He still awaits his application for the construction of steel tower for solar panels and an aerial.

The picture reminds him of his roots. The horn and shoes are made of birch bark and are a present from a friend (OH2KK). Pertti was OH1SH.

Nate VO1NP expects to visit the UK for a few days before 6th Jan 2007. He expects to be in Somerset where his sister lives in Yeovil. His old school, Millfield, will be having a reunion.

Whilst we are on the question of birthdays, Bill (VK5CV) our stalwart operator in Australia will be 94 on 16th December 2006. Happy Birthday Bill.

Tom Burns KN9H checked into the ROAR nets from Herzberg on the Elbe, Eastern Germany. Tom & his XYL are Sister City Delegates from Dixon, Illinois.

SILENT KEY

Don Redshaw (G3GAW) died in Bridlington Hospital on Sunday 30th July 2006. Don was the last surviving member of our original founders of Roar in the UK.
Presentation of Medal from Hungarian Government.

On 23rd October 2006, the 50th anniversary of the Hungarian uprising Laszlo (AD6XX) was invited to the Hungarian Consulate in Lisbon along with about 200 diplomats from 50 countries. After giving a resume of the events of October 1956 the Hungarian Consul General presented Laszlo with a Hungarian Government medal - "For his Heroic Contribution to the events of 23rd October 1956 and thereafter"

Responding, Laszlo said he was honoured to accept the medal on behalf of the many young people who were with him that day and who perished on the day or soon after. Some as young as 12 to 16 years were sentenced to death, kept in jail until they were 18 years old and then executed! Laszlo’s father was sent to a Soviet labour camp in 1944 when Laszlo was 14 years old. His mother and the family were literally turned out into the street. His father never returned.

The uprising took place on October 23 1956. The Soviets moved in 200,000 troops and 200 tanks one month later to exact retribution in a savage purge starting on November 4th. Laszlo and his group managed to get out on December 4th 1956.

As Laszlo says many books have been written about the event but we are sure many of us would like to hear more about his own and his family’s part in the revolution and its aftermath.

As Editor in passing on the reins to Diane (VK4KYL), I would like to record my thanks to the many regular contributors during my 6+ years in Office.

G-4YZE, Bill’s weekly net reports have been greatly appreciated, as has the net controlling from Jim (W1QUO).

My first contact “down under” was Bill (VK5CV) in the days when George Chatfield (K1UIL) ran the net on Thursdays and Sundays.

My thanks, too, to Coos (VE2GTI) who was Editor for many years, Joe (W0TBC) the then Secretary, my two Presidents, John (G4HMG), Laszlo (AD6XX) and regular supplier of information Tim (JH1NVZ)

From ROAR-Japan.

I wish “Season’s Greetings” to everyone in ROAR.