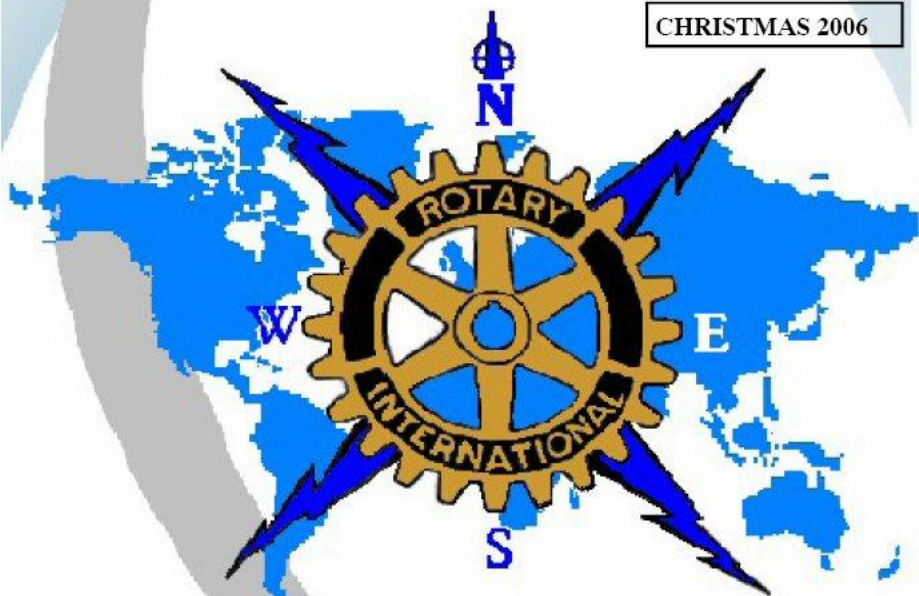

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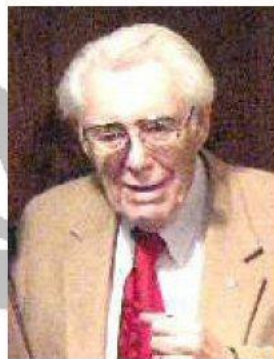
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In the words of our Past President, Laszlo (AD6XX)

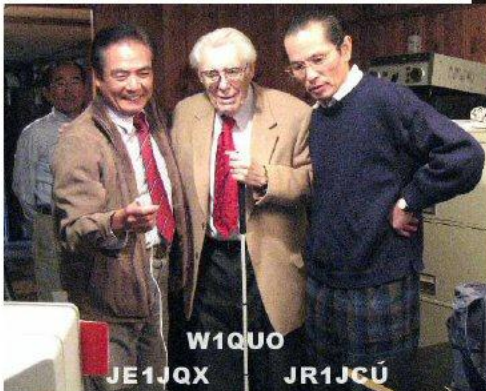
Permit us to wish you the best of everything for your special day with the words of Zoroaster.

"Nobody grows old merely by living a number of years; people grow old by deserting their ideals. Years wrinkle the skin, but giving up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul. Worry, doubt, self

distrust, fear, and despair - these are the long years that bow the head and turn the growing spirit back to dust, You are as young as your faith, and as old as your doubts; as young as your self- confidence, as old as your fears; as young as your hope, and as old as your despair".

There were further reasons to celebrate when four Japanese visitors arrived at Jim's QTH

On October 17, the four were Max Ishihara, JR1JCU, Director of International ROAR Net Committee, Yoshio Muto, JE1JQX, (Secretary of ROAR-J), Toshimasu Obokata, Banker and Miss Hiromi Kanai, translator. Following a welcoming, ceremonial tea service, Mr. Muto, JE1JQX, brought his laptop and video camera and demonstrated a live ROAR meeting with ROAR Japan members. Jim said they sincerely appreciate the Japanese members who stayed up very late to participate in the round table. Following the computer-aided Yahoo Messenger Roar net meeting, the group proceeded to the regular Tuesday meeting of the Fitchburg, MA, Rotary Club. A gala meeting, conducted by Madam President, Linda Largey took place and included a special welcome to the Japanese visitors by Secretary, Karen Fusco. Attendance included District 7910 Governor, Suzanne Comer.





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 USCB 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.

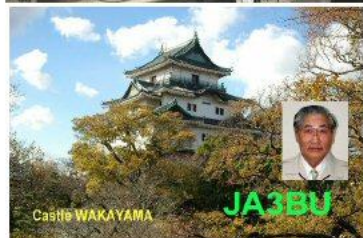
Time lag is 13 hours and in Japan it was the midnight. We went down to Jim's shack at the basement after tea and set up the laptop and TV camera.

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 statewide 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, (G0JWE), 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





Log Reports from
Copenhagen - OZ5PD
Thanks to Per and Peter
(VK3KCD)

- 32 G/M/2E Stations
- 1 GD IOM
- 1 MM/P Scotland
- 1 GW Wales
- 3 Belgium
- 1 Czech Republic
- 3 Denmark
- 3 Finland
- 6 Germany
- 1 Iceland
- 1 India
- 1 Indonesia
- 2 Lithuania
- 4 Netherlands
- 1 Norway
- 2 Sweden
- 2 Switzerland
- 2 Ukraine
- 2 USA
- 4 Outside Europe
- 67 Europe

NEWS of MEMBERS



Coos (VE2GTI) reports that under the umbrella of 'Rotary Friendship Exchange', they entertained six couples and two single men, all Rotarians from D9650, i.e. between Sydney and the Queensland border. They were all billeted by Rotarians. The visit lasted 2 weeks and they were in Montreal from Fri 25/8 till Tue 29/8. Bill and his spouse Carolyn (our guests) were from Dorrigo. He was an ex-RAAF pilot and Carolyn a trained nurse. Jolly people, all 14 of them. We had a BBQ on Sunday evening and they sang their hearts out singing Australian songs, including -of course!- 'Waltzing Mathilda' and their National Anthem. We had a great time.

NEW EDITOR for the COMMUNICATOR

Diane Main (VK4KYL) wife of Web master Bill (VK4ZD) has volunteered to take over as Editor of the Communicator. She has been editor of her club newsletter for the past three years. Prior to that, she was a member of The Inner Wheel Club of Kalgoorlie Boulder in Western Australia, where she was the club editor for three years and produced a monthly newsletter; additionally, Diane was the District Editor for Inner Wheel District A40 (all of Western Australia) for 2 consecutive years.

Recently she participated in the ALARA (Australian Ladies Amateur Radio Association) contest. She won the contest with the top score overall 1169 (352 contacts), top score phone and top YL non-member. She received a very nice certificate and plaque as her prize. Bill was a bit proud of her achievement, so they took a photograph in the shack to celebrate.

Now you know the quality of your new Editor and we hope you will keep her supplied with information and pictures.

Our President says: "We welcome Diane's talent and willingness to get involved. Let's all welcome Diane to her new position."



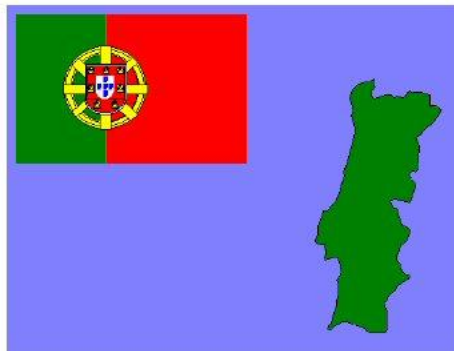


NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

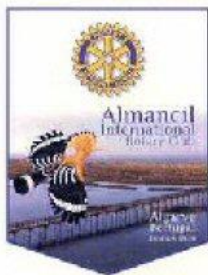
For members on holiday or visiting Portugal the **Almancil International Rotary Club**, was admitted to Rotary International on 30th of May 2006.

The Algarve district can now lay claim to a unique Rotary Club, one that has been established to represent the international influences present in the region and continue the traditional creed of Rotary International in the international language of English.

The Algarve has ten Rotary Clubs throughout the region with meetings held in Portuguese. Foreign Rotarians and ex-members now resident in the Algarve found it difficult to participate in local meetings, so the Almancil Club was chartered, with lunchtime meetings, held in English.



The Charter Ceremony was held on the 17th of June 2006, and operates within Rotary District 1960. It is number 73179 in Rotary International. This Rotary Club has 35 members representing seven different nations. They also welcome lady members and guests.



The Club meets for lunch every **Wednesday** between **13:30** and **15:00** at Restaurant Couleur France, in Almancil, in the centre of the Algarve. The meetings start at 13:30 sharp and finish at 15:00.

All meetings are conducted in the **English language**.



MORE NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



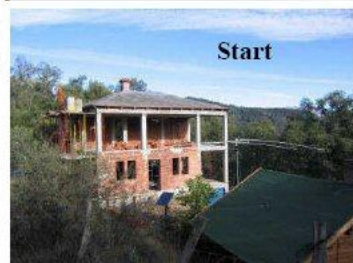
Perti (EA7GSU) has now finished his house, but the autumn has come to Andalusia with rain and wind. His little cabin for private meditation has suffered the loss of roof material.



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). Perti 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.

G4YZE, 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.

