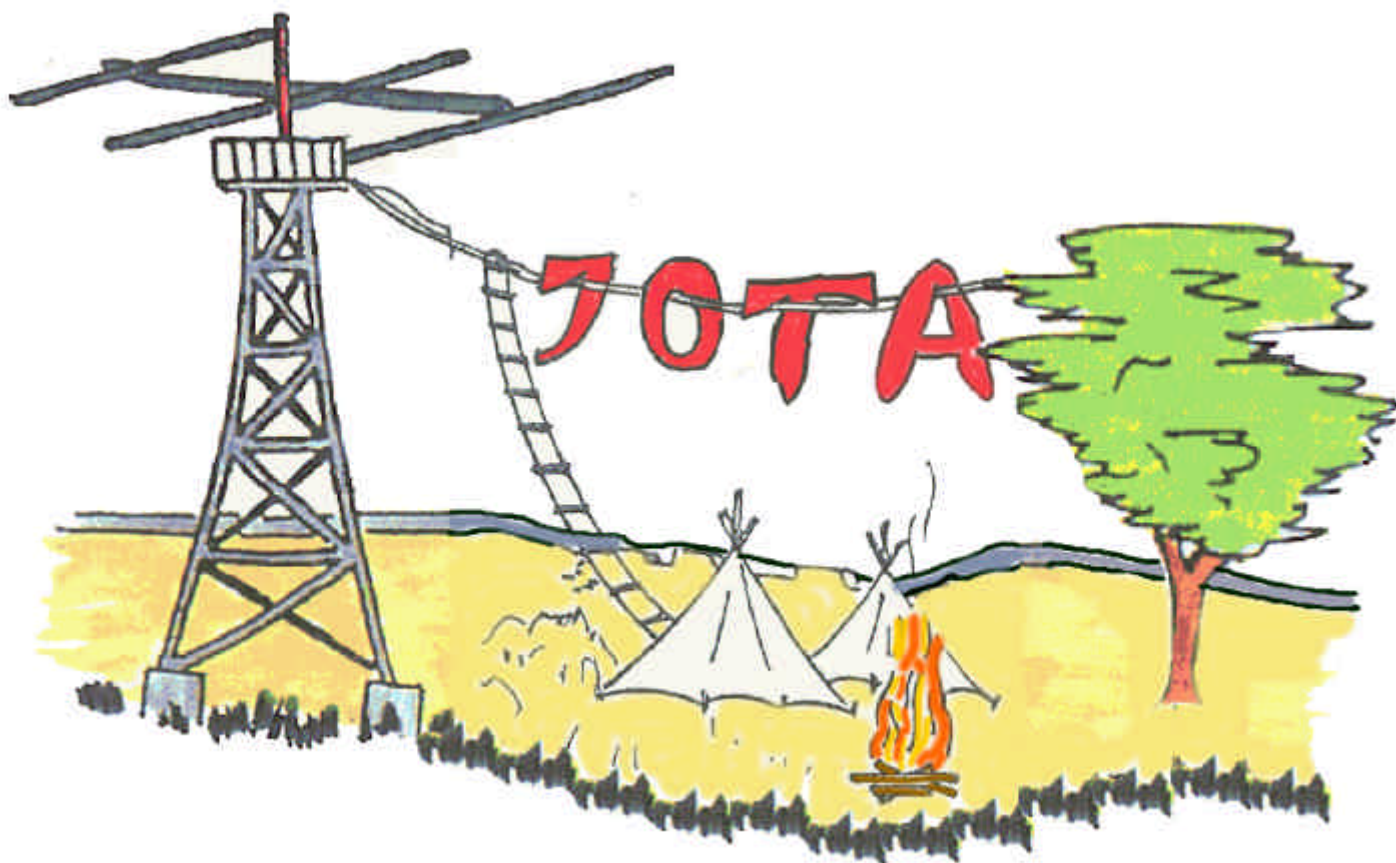


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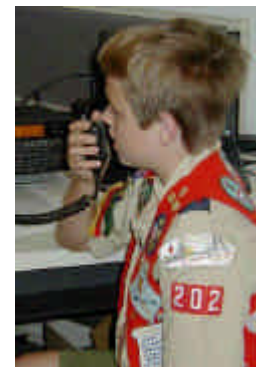
**47<sup>th</sup><sub>e</sub> JAMBOREE** *On The Air*  
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# The story of the world-wide 47<sup>th</sup> Jamboree On The Air

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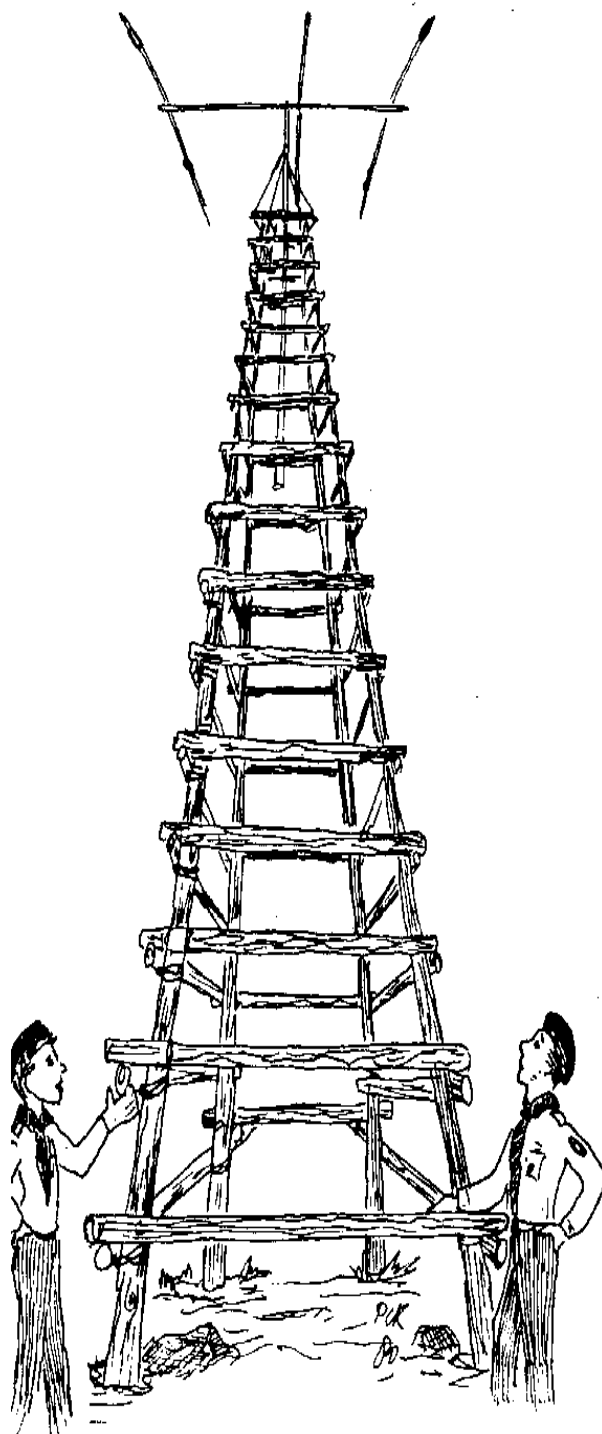
Each year in the third full weekend of October hundred-thousands of Scouts and Guides all over the world exchange greetings, learn about each others country and culture, swap programme ideas and make new friends. The contacts between them are established by amateur radio stations. This Jamboree-On-The-Air (JOTA) is the largest annual event for Scouts.

Chaque année durant le troisième week-end d'octobre, des centaines de milliers de Scouts et Guides dans le monde entier échangent des salutations, apprennent la culture des autres pays, se transmettent des idées de programme et se font des nouveaux amis, tout cela par contacts entre stations de radioamateurs. Ce Jamboree-Sur-Les-Ondes (JSLO) est la plus grande manifestation annuelle du Scoutisme. (Résumé français au chapitre 2).

Cada año, durante el tercer fin de semana de octubre, cientos de miles de Scouts y Guías de todo el mundo se envían saludos, aprenden acerca de otros países y culturas, comparten ideas para el programa y establecen nuevas amistades. Estos jóvenes toman contacto mediante estaciones de radioaficionados. El Jamboree en el aire (JOTA) es el acontecimiento Scout anual más grande del mundo. (Resumen español en el capítulo 2).

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# 1. FROM YOUR EDITOR

The annual Jamboree-On-The-Air (JOTA) is a bit different from other Scouting activities. It joins together thousands of Scouts and yet they all stay where they are, in their own Scout homes. So it's not so easy to get an impression of the activities during the JOTA. You can't just walk around over a camp-site and discover what countries were contacted, what sort of information was exchanged, what new friends were met, what sort of ideas were picked up, what new things were learned about Scouts elsewhere; in short, what it was like. Such an impression, how the 47th Jamboree-On-The-Air proceeded, is therefore found in this World JOTA Report. It is based on information that National JOTA Organizers compiled and sent to the World Scout Bureau. Of course, the participating Scout groups all over the world provided the basic ingredients. Thanks therefore, to all who sent information on their JOTA programme and adventures. Others who did not, will hopefully do so next year. JOTA organizers and other Scouters on the local, national or world level can taste the international JOTA flavour and may find new ideas. Maybe even the one that you've sent us ?!

Several Scout groups discovered and used Echolink, a system that connects amateur radio stations and internet users together. With this, contacts were made to similar stations as well as with wireless radio stations. The main advantage is that long-distance radio propagation difficulties are overcome using internet, whilst maintaining the possibility to talk with radio stations in remote locations where there is no internet.

JOTA 2004: in Australia and the UK a new foundation radio licence offers many Scouts a chance to obtain their own radio permit. Many more young Scout radio operators in the JOTA event.

In Canada, roughly 500 km south of the Arctic Circle, members of the 1<sup>st</sup> Porter Creek Scouts from Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, camped out in -10°C. Whilst at the same time in the Czech Republic, girl guides baked delicious JOTA pancakes. In Geneva, the new Secretary General had his first radio contact. German Scouts competed with each other in the DL-sked and games; the Dutch did the same but with a weather-station contest. In Hungary, JOTA is a family business as licensed grandparents put their Scout-grandchildren on the air. And the J-code was there again to break the language barrier.

These are just a few of the highlights of WOSM's largest annual activity. The complete overview is in front of you now. Happy readings.

Richard Middelkoop, PA3BAR.  
Editor.  
15 January 2005.

## Radio-Scouts to the rescue

Whilst JOTA reports were arriving, the true magnitude of the Tsunami disaster in Asia unfolded.

Scout radio-amateurs and Scouts trained in JOTA were involved in running emergency communications for disaster relief operations.

Scout radio-amateurs of the E20AJ team of the World Jamboree held in 2003 in Thailand, were amongst those who responded. Together with members of RAST (Radio Amateur Society of Thailand) they operated 2m and 40m from Dec 27th onwards, linked to Phuket and southern Thailand and forwarded information via internet and Echolink, as well as over VHF frequencies in Bangkok. They started an Echolink server and some travelled to Phuket and supported doctors to distinct the bodies.

The Echolink system (used in JOTA for many contacts) proved of great value to connect radio stations together in the entire region, enabling short-wave radio to bridge the links where there was no more internet or phone communication possible.

Amateur operations were supported by various radio teams in the world. Canada and the US brought extra Echolink servers on line. AMSAT (the amateur-radio satellite group) switched an amateur-radio satellite above the region to handle digital radio traffic. The prime minister in Sri Lanka had an amateur-radio station at his home to communicate with the disaster area.

During JOTA in Turkey, a 15-year-old Girl Guide with her own radio station saved 10 people from a fire in a 200 m deep mine. JOTA is not only a fun experience; it also gives Scouts the ability to "be prepared".



## 2. RÉSUMÉ FRANÇAIS / RESUMEN ESPAÑOL

Le Jamboree-Sur-Les-Ondes (JSLO) est une manifestation qui diffère des autres activités du scoutisme dans la mesure où cet événement réunit des milliers de scouts et guides du monde entier sans qu'ils aient à se déplacer à l'étranger. De ce fait, il est difficile de se faire une impression de l'événement. Si on se promène sur un terrain de camp du JOTA par exemple, c'est impossible de voir quels pays ont été contactés, quelles sortes d'informations échangées, quelles nouveaux amis joints, quelles idées notées, quelles choses apprises. Toutes ces réponses se trouvent dans le rapport mondial du 47<sup>e</sup> Jamboree-Sur-Les-Ondes. Les informations qu'il contient ont été compilées d'après les éléments que les Organismes nationaux du JOTA ont bien voulu rassembler auprès des divers groupes Scouts et que nous tenons à remercier ici. Espérons que ceux qui n'ont pas pu envoyer leur rapport le feront la prochaine fois.

Dans ce rapport les organisateurs du JOTA et d'autres Scouts peuvent puiser des idées et savourer l'esprit du Jamboree-Sur-Les-Ondes.

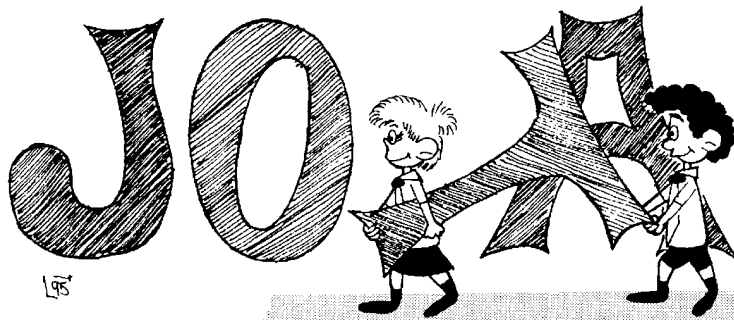
Plusieurs groupes Scouts ont utilisé un logiciel radio, comme par exemple "Echolink". En fait, des ordinateurs étaient programmés pour opérer comme radio et étaient connectés à Internet. Avec ces logiciels radio, des contacts ont été établis avec d'autres stations équipées de la même manière ainsi qu'avec des stations radio de faible portée. Le principal avantage à utiliser Internet de cette manière pour le JOTA, c'est que les difficultés liées à la propagation radio sont résolues, tout en maintenant la possibilité de parler avec des stations radio dans des lieux reculés où il n'y a pas Internet.

JOTA 2004: en Australie et au Royaume-Uni, une nouvelle catégorie de licence radio offre à de nombreux Scouts la chance d'obtenir leur propre licence. Beaucoup plus de jeunes Scouts opérateurs radio ont donc pu participer au JOTA. Au Canada, à environ 500 km au sud du Cercle arctique, les membres du 1<sup>er</sup> "Porter Creek Scouts" de Whitehorse, dans le territoire du Yukon, ont campé à une température de -10 °C. Pendant ce temps, en République Tchèque, les Guides préparaient de délicieuses crêpes du JOTA. A Genève, le nouveau Secrétaire Général établissait son premier contact radio. De leur côté, les Scouts allemands étaient en compétition lors de rendez-vous entre stations DL et de jeux organisés; les Hollandais également, mais dans le contexte de stations météorologiques. En Hongrie, le JOTA est une affaire de famille car les grands-parents qui ont une licence mettent leurs petits-enfants Scouts au micro. Et le J-code était là pour faire tomber la barrière de la langue.

Ce ne sont-là que les points forts de l'activité annuelle la plus grande de l'OMMS. Maintenant, place au panorama complet du JOTA.

El evento anual Jamboree en el Aire (JOTA, por sus siglas en inglés) es algo diferente de otras actividades del Movimiento Scout. Reúne a miles de Scouts aunque todos ellos permanecen en el lugar en el que viven, en su propia casa o local Scout. Por eso no es tan fácil tener una idea clara de las actividades durante el JOTA. No es posible caminar a través de un lugar de campamento y descubrir cuántos países han sido contactados, que tipo de información se ha intercambiado, a qué nuevos amigos se ha conocido, que clase de ideas se han recibido, qué nuevos aspectos se ha aprendido sobre los Scouts de otro lugar; en breve, cómo ha sido el evento. Entonces una impresión de cómo fue todo, de la forma en que funcionó el 47<sup>o</sup> Jamboree en el Aire, se puede encontrar en este Informe Mundial del JOTA. Se ha preparado sobre la base de la información provista por los Organizadores Nacionales del JOTA, que a su vez la reunieron de los integrantes de sus asociaciones y la enviaron a la Oficina Scout Mundial. Naturalmente, los ingredientes básicos fueron proporcionados por los Grupos Scout que participaron en todo el mundo. Por eso agradecemos a todos quienes enviaron información sobre sus programas y aventuras del JOTA. A quienes no lo han hecho, ojalá que puedan enviarla el año próximo.

Los Organizadores JOTA y otros dirigentes a nivel local, nacional o mundial pueden disfrutar del aroma internacional del JOTA y descubrir nuevas ideas. ¡ Incluso la idea que ustedes mismos nos han enviado!



Diversos Grupos Scouts utilizaron el Echolink como una especie de "radio de software". De hecho usaron computadoras programadas para operar como radios y conectadas a la Internet. Con tales radios de software hicieron contacto con otras estaciones similares y también con las estaciones inalámbricas tradicionales.

La principal ventaja de utilizar la Internet para el JOTA de la manera descrita es que se superan fácilmente las dificultades de radio propagación, a la vez que se conserva la posibilidad de hablar con estaciones de radio en ubicaciones remotas en las que no hay acceso a la Internet.

El JOTA 2004: en Australia y el Reino Unido una nueva regla de licencias de radio ofrece a muchos Scouts la oportunidad de obtener sus propios permisos para operar radios. Esto ha resultado en un número mucho mayor de radio operadores Scout en el evento JOTA. En Canadá, a unos 500 kilómetros al sur del Círculo Polar Ártico, los integrantes del Grupo Scout 1 de Porter Creek, en Whitehorse, Territorio del Yukón, acamparon a 10° C bajo cero. Al mismo tiempo, en la República Checa, las Guías prepararon deliciosos panqueques del JOTA. En Ginebra, el nuevo Secretario General del Movimiento Scout, Eduardo Missoni, hizo su primer contacto de radio. Los Scouts alemanes compitieron en el sked-DL y en diversos juegos; los holandeses también compitieron pero con un concurso de estaciones meteorológicas. En Hungría, el JOTA es un asunto de familia, ya que los abuelos que tienen licencia como radioaficionados pusieron a sus nietos Scouts en el aire. Y nuevamente se utilizó el código J para superar la barrera del lenguaje.



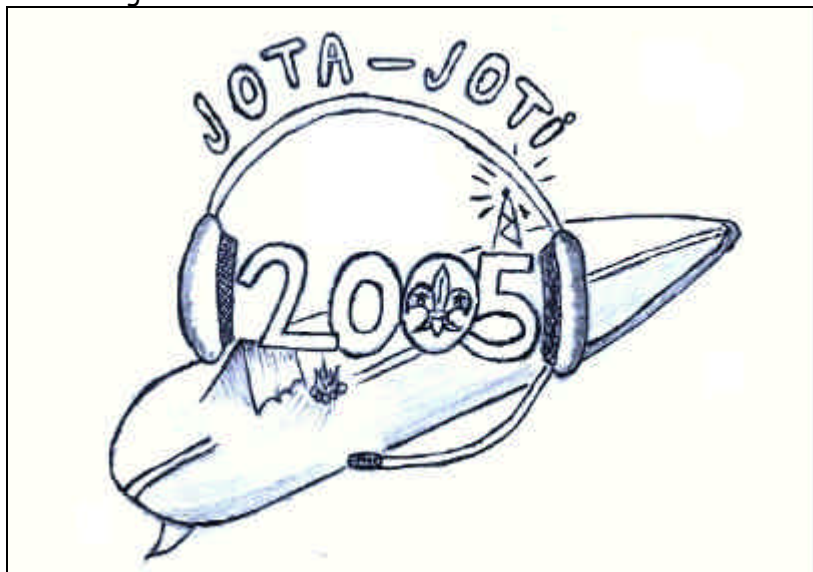
### 3. THE LOGO CONTEST

The World Scout Bureau was in need of new design suggestions for the annual logo. To stimulate the creativity of the participating Scouts, a logo contest was held with the following challenge:

design a JOTA logo that:

- is inspiring and *innovative*
- shows what JOTA is all about
- on an A5 format
- with thick lines that can be reproduced easily in black / white

The jury selected as the winning design out of the entries received from Brazil, Turkey, Portugal, Netherlands Antilles and Argentina:



which is designed by:

Rover Scout Edgarvin Ramazan of the Pater Paul Brenneker Group 2, Curaçao, Netherlands Antilles.

The prize, the World Scout Shop's latest **World Scout Jigsaw Puzzle** with all 189 national Scout emblems of the members of the World Scout Organization in 1000 pieces, is on its way to Curaçao. On second and third place, the jury selected:



←  
2<sup>nd</sup> place:  
Brasil



→  
3<sup>rd</sup> place:  
Portugal

Many thanks to all the designers for your contributions.

# 4. FIGURES, NUMBERS AND FACTS

Many thanks to those National JOTA Organizers and International Commissioners who have sent us the information of the JOTA in their country. From their information it was clear that the 47<sup>th</sup> Jamboree-On-The-Air enjoyed an enthusiastic world-wide participation.

To have an idea of the extend of the JOTA weekend, some figures and numbers are be helpful. E.g. to convince your supporters that the JOTA is the largest annual WOSM activity. The next pages have all the numbers you may need for this.

## For the 47<sup>th</sup> JOTA, Scout radio stations operated from:

3	Algeria	2	Egypt	2	Libya	12	Russia
*	14 <u>Argentina</u>	4	Estonia	7	Liechtenstein	1	San Marino
	1 Armenia	2	El Salvador	1	Lithuania	3	Saudi Arabia
*	30 <u>Australia</u>	2	Fiji	*	17 <u>Luxembourg</u>	1	Sierra Leone
*	25 <u>Austria</u>	15	Finland	3	Madagascar	3	Singapore
	1 Azerbaijan	21	France	4	Malaysia	13	Slovakia
	3 Bangladesh	*	37 <u>Germany</u>	1	Maldives	6	Slovenia
	3 Barbados	1	Ghana	15	Malta	*	16 <u>South Africa</u>
	4 Belarus	*	31 <u>Greece</u>	1	Mauritius	*	21 <u>Spain</u>
	13 Belgium	1	Guatemala	*	7 Mexico	*	6 Sri Lanka
	2 Bolivia	2	Guyana	1	Moldavia	*	25 Sudan
	3 Bosnia	1	Haiti	4	Morocco	1	Swaziland
	2 Botswana	2	Honduras	*	1 Namibia	*	23 <u>Sweden</u>
*	36 <u>Brazil</u>	*	12 <u>Hong Kong</u>	*	14 <u>Neth. Antilles</u>	*	19 <u>Switzerland</u>
	7 Bulgaria	*	18 <u>Hungary</u>	*	34 <u>Netherlands</u>	2	Tajikistan
	3 Cameroon	6	Iceland	*	6 New Zealand	*	13 <u>Tanzania</u>
*	22 <u>Canada</u>	*	8 India	2	Niger	1	Thailand
	2 Central Afr. Rep.	*	26 <u>Indonesia</u>	3	Nigeria	3	Trinidad & Tobago
	6 Chile	*	9 <u>Ireland</u>	*	36 <u>Norway</u>	12	Tunisia
*	6 <u>China Rep.</u>	4	Israel	*	62 <u>Oman</u>	*	7 <u>Turkey</u>
	4 Colombia	*	24 <u>Italy</u>	1	Pakistan	4	<Ukraine>
	2 Costa Rica	*	14 Japan	2	Paraguay	1	United Arab Emirates
	13 Croatia	2	Jordan	*	9 Peru	*	41 <u>United Kingdom</u>
*	10 Cyprus	4	Kenya	4	Philippines	*	42 <u>United States</u>
*	62 <u>Czech Rep.</u>	4	Korea	13	Poland	5	Uruguay
*	36 <u>Denmark</u>	7	Kuwait	*	26 <u>Portugal</u>	*	10 <u>Venezuela</u>
	1 Dominican Rep.	2	Latvia	2	Quatar	*	60 <u>World Bureau HB9S</u>
	1 Ecuador	2	Lebanon	8	Romania	7	Yugoslavia

country: non-licensed scouts are allowed to speak themselves.  
number: the number of other countries that were contacted.

<country>: not yet a WOSM member.  
\* quoted in this World JOTA Report.

To arrive at a reliable estimate of the total number of participants, some statistics are needed, since not all the countries have sent a JOTA report. These statistics are based on the average participation numbers of the countries that did send us a report, on the membership number of each Scout Association as registered at the World Scout Bureau and on the list of countries that were reported as being active in the event (in the table above). Guide participation has been added to the Scout numbers, except where the Association in the reporting country is a SAGNO. In the latter case the Guide participation is calculated using the registered membership figures from WAGGGS. All this leads to the participation numbers presented in figure 1.

<b>Scouts</b>	:	<b>511205</b>
<b>Guides</b>	:	<b>26678</b>
<b>total participants</b>	:	<b>537883</b>
<b>JOTA radio stations:</b>		
	:	<b>9122</b>
<b>radio amateurs</b>	:	<b>13328</b>
<b>visitors</b>	:	<b>25516</b>
<b>active countries</b>	:	<b>112</b>

Figure 1: Total participation in the 47<sup>th</sup> Jamboree-On-The-Air.

It is known from data received in previous years that about half of the JOTA participants also take part in the Jamboree On The Internet.

As for the JOTA reports, the number of national JOTA organizers that sent theirs on a computer disk, via packet-radio or via email remained nearly stable at about 84 %. Have a look at those numbers in figure 2. This allows electronic processing and saves a lot of time. Did we note last year that sending reports electronically seemed to imply that any newspaper cuttings, badge designs, JOTA cartoons or logo suggestions were

not sent along, this conclusion was completely trashed this year. Many new designs were received. A report form was used in 74 % of all the reports we received. This is a good reverse of the down-going trend we have seen the past years. The report form was again made available in electronic format this year on the web site and several times emails were sent to NJO's to draw their attention to

it. Using this report form, is an enormous help to process all the information in a uniform way and leads to better statistics and information. Figure 3 on the next page shows the number of participating Scouts and Guides as a percentage of the total membership in their country. Using a relative number makes it easier to compare the participation in different countries. Please note that we have used a logarithmic scale in this graph. That means that both small and large numbers can be displayed in the same picture. In comparing them, please read the scale numbers. JOTA is not a competition and these figures merely indicate that there are differences in interest, organization and reporting in these countries. Local circumstances can vary quite a bit.

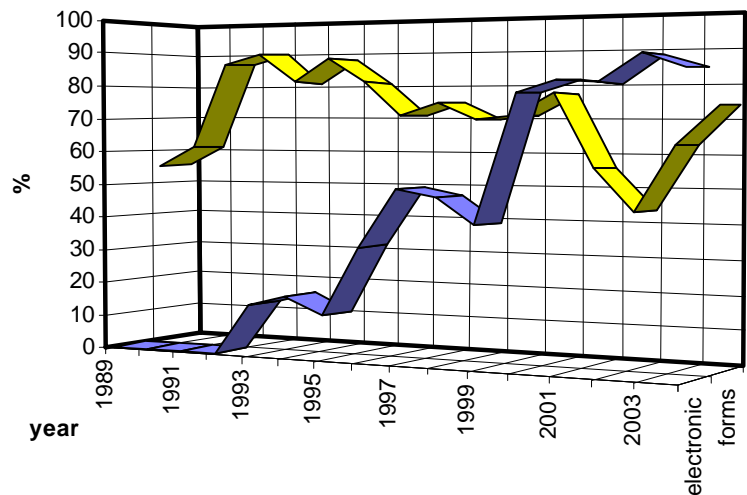


Figure 2. Percentage of national JOTA reports sent electronically and of reports containing a JOTA report form.

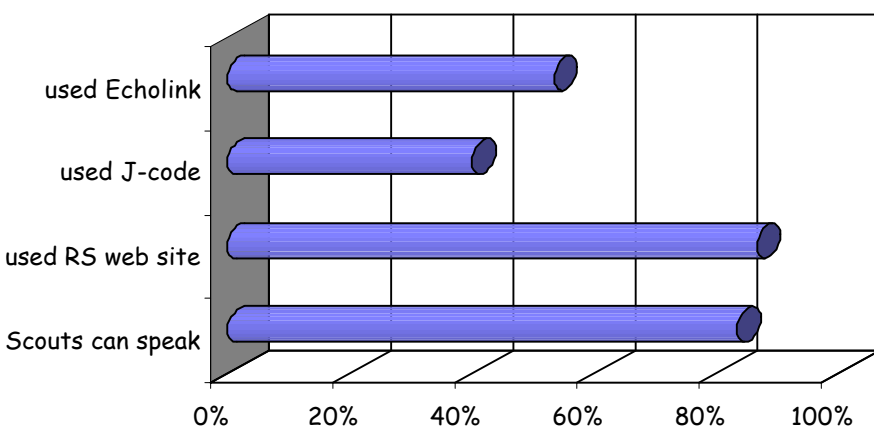


Figure 4. Use of different modes during the 47<sup>th</sup> Jamboree-On-The-Air.

Of all the JOTA stations, 83 % are in countries that do allow Scouts to speak themselves directly over the radio, see figure 4.

In 87 % of all received reports, the NJO's indicated that they used the Radio-Scouting web site on the WOSM server to get their JOTA information. The J-code was used by 43 % of all countries, which is an increase over last year. Echolink was used by 57 % of all stations.



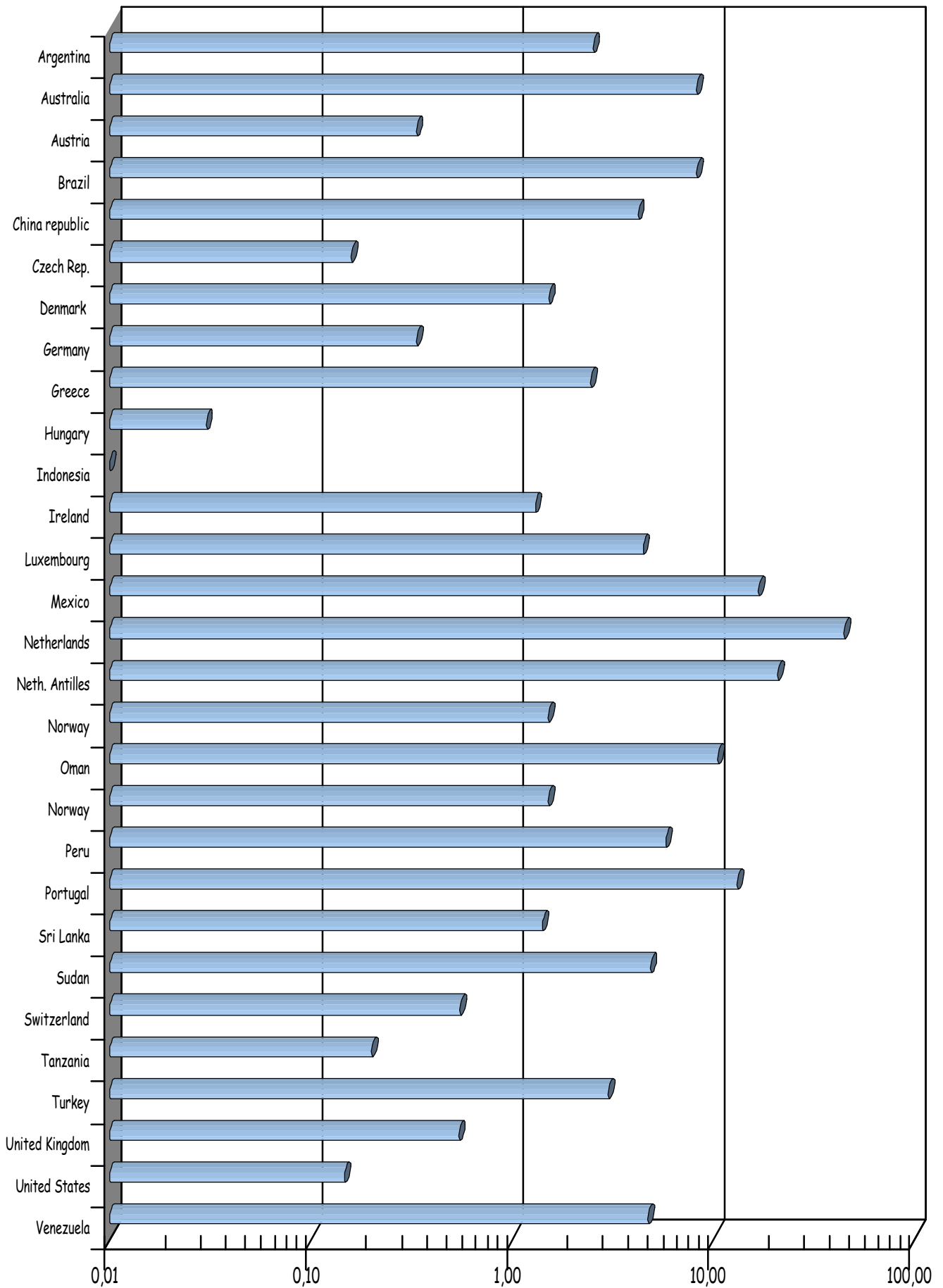


Figure 3. Percentage (%) of Scouts and Guides per country taking part in the JOTA.  
 (Note: logarithmic scale !)

Figure 5 has the details of the participation in the JOTA over the last decade. In this figure we have included the participants using both Echolink and Radio during the weekend. Although the absolute numbers of Echolink users are not that big yet, you can see a notable effect on the number of countries that was reached; Echolink makes contacts possible where radio propagation fails in some instances. The total participation numbers are steadily on the rise, after the little dip in 2001, and we count numbers over half-a-million again. The number of received National JOTA Reports remained steady just above 40.

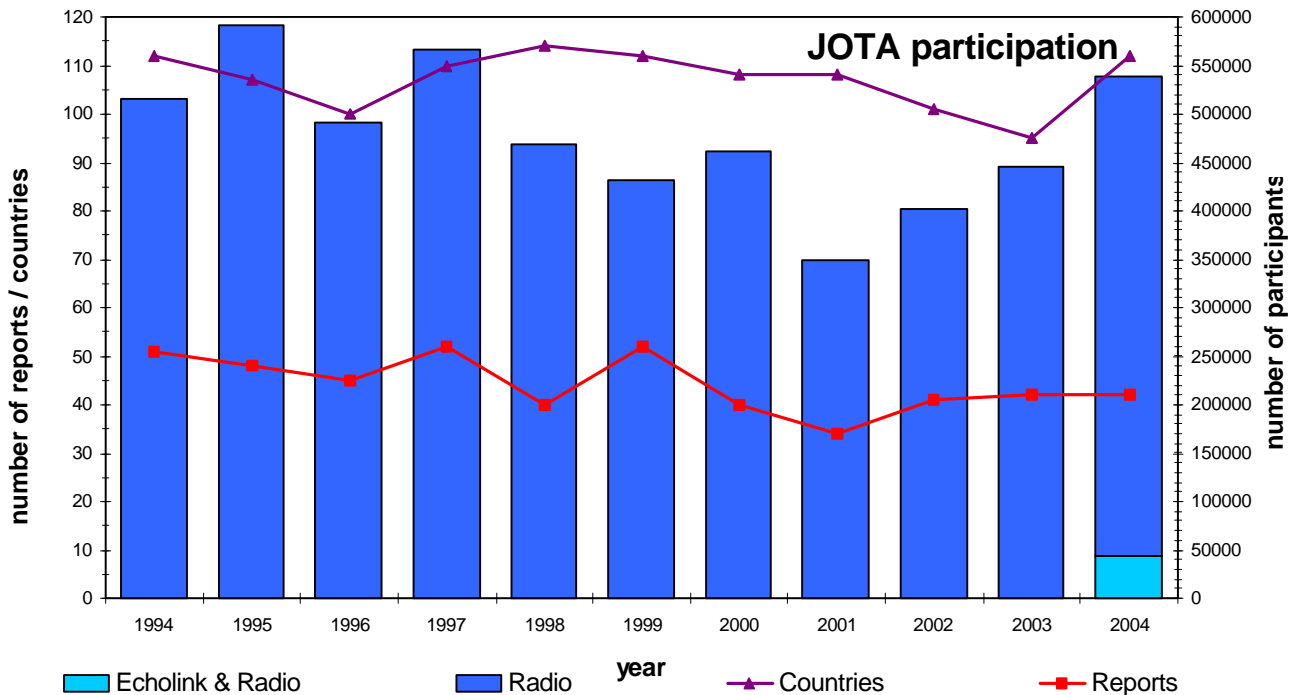


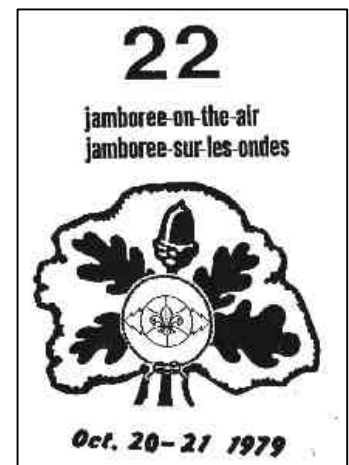
Figure 5: JOTA participation over the last decade. The number of participants is shown as a column, related to the axis on the right hand side. The two lines show the number of countries taking part and the number of National JOTA reports received by the World Scout Bureau. These lines correspond to the axis on the left-hand side.

A complete overview of 35 years JOTA history has been compiled by Len Jarrett, the former World JOTA Organizer and was published in 1992: "The JOTA story, 35 years of Scouting's Worldwide Jamboree-on-the-Air". From Len's book, we read the following:



**40 years ago: the 7th JOTA, 17 - 18 October 1964.**  
ZL2BAL claims highest Scout-built tower in the world - 100 feet of bamboo and mauka.

**25 years ago: the 22nd JOTA, 20 - 21 October 1979.**  
By universal demand, we again held an international camp at



Satigny with Swiss, French and American Scouts and, most popular of all, a French Girl Guide unit.

We felt. However, that it would be a mistake to make these camps a regular feature. Instead, we tried to persuade the local Swiss and USA troops to set up their own, but to no avail.

# 5. THE JOTI VIEW

by Holger Sickenberg, World JOTI Advisor.

Eight years ago when the first official World Scout Jamboree-On-The-Internet took place only a few Scouts were familiar with computers and internet. So JOTI was not only a very good occasion to get in contact with Scouts all over the world, but also one of the first possibilities to collect experiences in the new technology. Scouts of the 21st century have been growing up with the world wide web. Sending an email or talking by chat is natural to them; they practice it daily. JOTI hasn't lost it's attraction, since the interest for it is still increasing in it's eighth year of existence. Both the number of

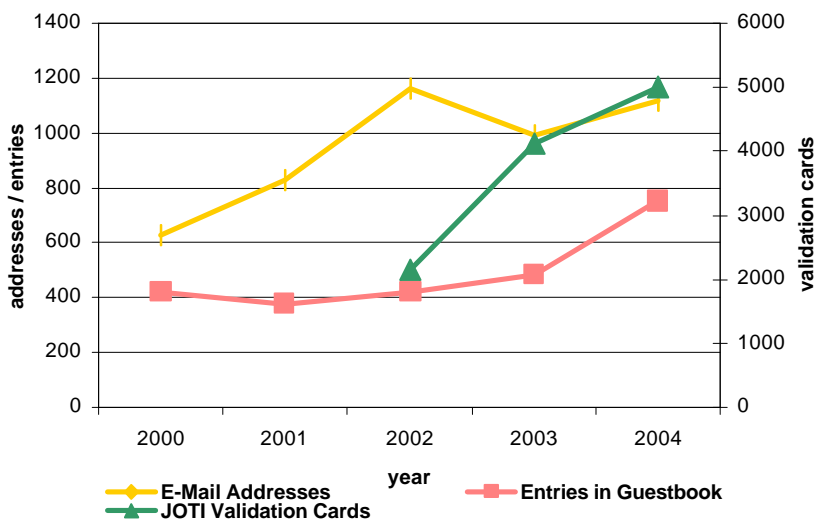


participants as well as the number of participating countries have increased in 2004 again. This fact shows that a world-wide contact to like-minded people is still attractive in today's globalized world.

Although the basic idea of the Jamboree-On-The-Internet has remained the same, many things have changed in comparison with 1997. Today there is an internet connection to almost every country of the world, in industrial nations to nearly every house. The data transfer rate has characteristically increased during the 21st century: whilst in 1997 there were many people connected by a slow telephone modem, today they are connected by broadband connections. It is clear that these facts have consequences for the JOTI too: in the beginning communication took place by email and IRC chat, nowadays real conversation is possible by audio chat (TeamSpeak) as well as simple video conferences

(NetMeeting / Gnome Meeting). Since the development continuously goes on and on, there are undoubtedly much more possibilities in future.

But we take profit from all these new possibilities only if they are offered appropriately to them. In the past we were told that the Scouts are looking for own ways of using the new technology if we - the JOTI organisers - don't offer suitable areas. But there is a risk using un-protected and un-monitored areas, therefore we



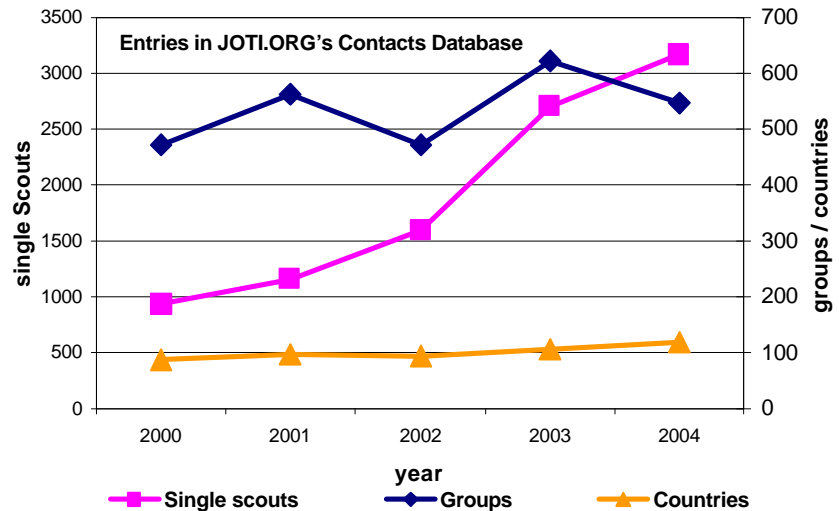
have to prevent the use of it. We are glad to have two partners who have given us longstanding support as well in the necessary technology as in the indispensable manpower. Constantly they are watching for new developments and present us help to integrate them into the Jamboree-On-The-Internet.

ScoutLink offers for more than a century a chat network (IRC) especially for Scouts with a lot of theme and language channels. They are not only providing the necessary servers, but they are also providing the security and monitoring of the systems and - particularly - of the communication on the chat channels. If there is a user who does not behave correctly - that means "scout-like" - they can reprimand him or, if he continues his abuse, they can lock him out of the chat channel or the complete network.

In addition to the IRC services ScoutLink offers required server capacity for the audio chat (TeamSpeak) as mentioned above. Like to the IRC chat there are also different language channels which are monitored by the so-called operators. There too is the possibility to lock users out of the chan-

nels or the total server.

The JOTI.ORG takes over another important area in the preparation and execution of the JOTI. Their website [www.joti.org](http://www.joti.org) is the meeting point for all participants of the Jamboree-On-The-Internet. On this site in more than 15 different languages the participants are introduced into the rules of behaviour. In addition they offer services which improve the security of the users: Just before the beginning of the JOTI weekend every Scout can register at the contact database with his first name or the name of his Scout-group and is able to create it's own [joti.org](http://joti.org) email address. Thus it is possible to get informed about the people taking part and to search other participants by special criteria (e.g. country of origin). The available email address can only be used



until one month after the event and will be deleted afterwards. The participant can contact others without revealing his official address, therefore he can decide which request he will answer without running the risk being flooded by unwanted requests and offers (e.g. spam mails) for months or years. The contact database provides further possibilities: every participant can validate a connection to another JOTI participant (JOTI Validation Card). If the contact partner is ready to validate the connection as well it is possible for him to review his contacts even after the JOTI weekend. In addition participating Scout groups can marvellously use these JOTI Validation Cards for games and competitions. Furthermore the Scouts can create a certificate of participation which can be printed and displayed at home. All the services as described above use encrypted connections from server to client so that they can't be read by an intruder.



World JOTI Advisor Holger Sickenberg and Secretary General of WOSM Dr. Eduardo Missoni at the World JOTI Station.

Last but not least JOTI.ORG is providing a so called directory server for NetMeeting / Gnome-Meeting connections which enable the participants to link each other for simple video conferences. We regret that due to a technical problem this service did not run correctly; however it will be available for the next JOTI again.

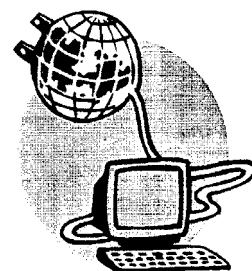
Detailed information about the provided ScoutLink and

JOTI.ORG services are offered on their websites: [www.scoutlink.net](http://www.scoutlink.net) / [www.joti.org](http://www.joti.org)

In this context I should like to thank all members of ScoutLink and JOTI.ORG stuff very cordially for their excellent work: the World Scout Jamboree-On-The-Internet could not have taken place without them.

As remarked in the JOTA part of this report the participants of the Jamboree-On-The-Air also use the internet to contact one another in the meantime. But it's not only the internet that JOTA's and

JOTI's co-operation is improving: for many years both events do not only take place at the same time but are also prepared by a corporate team in many countries. And in addition: the first official World JOTA and JOTI Station was established in the World Scout Bureau in Geneva, where several radio and internet stations were built up in the conference room. The team of organisers - existing of several enthusiastic radio and internet Scouts - have been very thankful for the active support of the members of the World Scout Bureau; they too have been very pleased that members of the World Committee and the World Scout Bureau have taken their chance to visit our station during their leisure time and have taken interest in the local activities. As a matter of course the members were able to take part in the event during the whole weekend. The Secretary General of the World Organisation of the Scout Movement (WOSM), Dr. Eduardo Missoni, has taken the opportunity for information and activity: he was talking to the Scouts by radio as well as by audio chat and was getting in contact with the participants by IRC chat; the best public relation you can imagine!



The complete realisation of the Jamboree-On-The-Internet had not been possible without the so called NJO's - the organisers within the National Scout Associations. They are acting as multipliers which means that they are transferring information from the world level to the members of their Association and are submitting activity reports and number of participants to the World Advisor. In addition they offer own ideas and activities which increase the attractiveness of the JOTI weekend. I'm grateful to mention that it's their engagement which makes the event so interesting for the young Scouts.

We have learned from the past that both events can be organised most effectively if on a national level there is one person responsible for the JOTA and another for the JOTI who are co-operating in teamwork. Thus both activities can be equally well prepared and realised for sure. Unfortunately both responsible organisers have not been appointed in each National Association. Here is my plea to you, all the active Scouts: get in contact with your Associations, offer your co-operation and take care for JOTI successfully lasting in the future!

#### JOTI connections per country:

Algeria	49	Ecuador	136	Macau	31	Romania	6
Angola	6	Egypt	34	Macedonia	17	Russia	165
Argentina	1412	El Salvador	1090	Malaysia	328	Saudi Arabia	6
Aruba	65	Faroe Islands	34	Mali	3	Senegal	6
Ascension Islands	54	Finland	1783	Malta	774	Singapore	1256
Australia	11231	France	440	Mauritius	158	Slovak Republic	102
Austria	570	Germany	7957	Mexico	2104	Slovenia	243
Bahamas	1	Greece	339	Morocco	27	South Africa	674
Bangladesh	1	Guatemala	122	Mozambique	1	Sri Lanka	15
Barbados	12	Guyana	8	Namibia	454	St Vincent & The Grenadines	3
Belarus	5	Honduras	138	Nepal	237	Sweden	5936
Belgium	320	Hong Kong	118	Neth. Antilles	7	Switzerland	3787
Bolivia	892	Hungary	3	Netherlands	44671	Taiwan	165
Brazil	2568	Iceland	209	New Zealand	1973	Tanzania	2
Brunei Darussalam	43	India	109	Nigeria	1	Thailand	13
Bulgaria	38	Indonesia	353	Niue	79	Tonga	2
Canada	2521	Ireland	74	Norway	9605	Trinidad & Tobago	35
Chile	489	Italy	1841	Oman	182	Tunisia	13
Cocos (Keeling) Islands	134	Japan	47	Pakistan	26	Turkey	229
Columbia	252	Jordan	6	Panama	204	Ukraine	8
Costa Rica	73	Kuwait	26	Paraguay	16	United Kingdom	6208
Croatia/Hrvatska	468	Latvia	17	Peru	1537	United States	5339
Cyprus	191	Lebanon	4	Philippines	1232	Uruguay	103
Czech Republic	944	Liechtenstein	4	Poland	574	Venezuela	9013
Denmark	5107	Lithuania	10	Portugal	7025	Yugoslavia	580
Dominican Republic	120	Luxembourg	541	Puerto Rico	495	Zimbabwe	20



## 6. JOTA PRESS

The JOTA is a major public-relations event for the Scout Movement as well. There is a large number of visitors that gets acquainted with JOTA and Scouting each year. The event also catches the attention of local and national authorities, as they are often asked to deliver the official national opening speech. Add all the media coverage of the JOTA to that and you have ample opportunity to promote Scouting.

Escotismo

### Grupo 10 participa em actividade mundial



A 16 e 17 do mês decorrente, o Grupo 10 da Associação dos Escoteiros de Portugal, sediado na Figueira da Foz, participou no 47º Jamboree-no-ar, e no 8º Jamboree-na-Internet, actividades subordinadas ao tema Escotismo, Um Exemplo de Paz.

Com a participação de cerca de 30 elementos, o Grupo 10 figueirense quis "levar, além fronteiras, o bom nome da Figueira da Foz", contando, para tal, com a colaboração da delegação local da Cruz Vermelha Portuguesa e do rádio amador David Maciel.

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### HAM jamboree has scouts scouting for friends on air

Express News Service

Bangalore, Oct 18: An amateur radio club (HAM) in the city, VUTLCI, on Saturday presented scouts and guides an opportunity to interact with their counterparts across the globe. Nearly five lakh scouts and guides all over the world interacted on 'Jamboree On The Air' (JOTA).

As part of the 46th World Scout Jamboree, scouts in the city cut jokes and sang in Kannada while cadets from Delhi and other cities went on air with their own cultural signature.

"It is a unique cultural exchange programme, with individuals staying in their

own places but exchanging views," said Ajoy, a member of the HAM group.

The programme was exclusively organised for members of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) and World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS).

"Since 1958, when the first JOTA was held, thousands of scouts and guides have 'met' each other through this event," noted Ajoy. "Many contacts have transformed into pen pals and links between scout troops have lasted for years."

With no restrictions on age or the number of participating individuals, and

with little or no expense involved, JOTA provides a platform for scouts and guides to hit it off through radio stations operated by licensed amateur radio operators.

J-code, a code language developed last year by Scout International Geneva, was used by 40 percent of the participants. Unlike the Q-code used by the HAMS, J-code is extensively developed for scouts. These codes enable participants to interact faster through Morse Code. For instance, JWN would translate into "My name is... (country)". JWA means "My address is..." and the like.





## Verdienstmedaille der DPSG für Klaus D. Sperling

Bericht von EWO Flischke

Am 24.01.2004 verlieh die Bundesleitung in Westerlohe an Klaus Dieter Sperling die Verdienstmedaille des Verbandes. Dies geschah „In Anerkennung für ein langjähriges Engagement im Diözesanverband Bamberg, auf Bundesebene und in internationalen Gremien und Projekten der Pfadfinderbewegung.“

Klaus trat 1952 in den Pfadfindertroop von St. Ludwig in Nürnberg ein. Von 1956 – 1986 war er dort Stammesvorsitzender.

Auch seine Zulassungsarbeit zum 1. Staatsexamen für das Lehramt an der Uni Erlangen – Nürnberg stand unter dem Thema „Die Erziehungsmethode des Pfadfindertums – dargestellt an der Deutschen Pfadfinderschaft St. Georg.“

Von 1962 – 78 unterrichtete er in Nürnberg und war von 1976 – 2002 Rektor an der Bertolt-Brecht-Gesamtschule.

Klaus war von 1967 – 1968 Referent der Jung- u. Pfadfinderstufe im damaligen Noragau (Bezirk Nbg.-Fth.-Erl.) und von 1962 – 1971 Landesmeister (Diözesanreferent) in der gleichen Stufe.

1970 wurde er zum Diözesanvorsitzenden des DV Bamberg gewählt und hatte dieses Amt bis 1977 inne.

Nach Besuch des 8. WBK für Pfadfinderleiter erhielt Klaus 1962 das Woodbadge und wurde 1968 zum ALT (Assistant Leader Trainer) und Mitglied der Bundeskursleitung ernannt.

Seit 1968 führte er 17 internationale Begegnungen und Lager auf Stammesebene mit Pfadfindern aus Frankreich, Schweiz, Italien und Namibia durch. Bei den Jamborees in Marathon 1963 und Lillehammer 1975 war er Truppleiter und beim Jamboree 1995 in den Niederlanden Staff-Mitglied.

1971 richtete Klaus auf dem Lindenberg die Pfadfinder-Amateurfunkstation DK 0 BS ein und führte in den folgenden Jahren fünf 14-tägige Kurse für Pfadfinder aus ganz Deutschland zum Erwerb der Amateurfunklizenz durch. Dies trug sehr zur Beibehaltung der Teilnahme deutscher Pfadfindergruppen am „Jamboree-on-the-Air“ (JOTA) bei. Seit 1973 bis heute ist Klaus D. Sperling Bundesbeauftragter der DPSG für das JOTA.

Lieber Klaus,

wir möchten dir hiermit im Namen der Diözese Dank sagen, für dein langjähriges Engagement in der DPSG, das in all den Jahren bis jetzt angehalten hat. Danke für deine Arbeit, die vielen Kindern und Jugendlichen das Erleben der DPSG ermöglicht hat und somit ein Beitrag für ihre Persönlichkeitsbildung war.

Maki Kattner  
Dominik Klein  
Thomas Teuchgraber  
Diözesanvorstand DPSG Bamberg



März 1971, Amateurfunkstation DK 0 BS nimmt vom Tierärztler des Lindenberg erstmals Kontakt mit Pfadfindern in aller Welt auf. Rechts: Klaus D. Sperling, Mitre Jungpfadfinder Klaus Heitl aus Fürth.

## ESCUTISMO | Agrupamento participa na 47ª Jamboree e no 8º JOTI

Realizou-se nos dias 16 e 17 a 47ª edição do Jamboree, uma iniciativa que ocorre todos os anos no terceiro fim-de-semana de Outubro e coloca em contacto escuteiros de todo o mundo desde as zero horas de sábado até às 24 de domingo, totalizando 48 horas de conversações.



São várias as formas de comunicação utilizadas, nomeadamente o JOTA (Jamboree on the air), onde cerca de 500 mil escuteiros de todo o mundo comunicam entre si através de estações de radioamador. Também pela *internet* os jovens estabelecem ligações além-fronteiras através de um *chat*, que é conhecido como JOTI (Jamboree on the internet), oficializado desde 1997.

O Agrupamento 1183 da Silveira participou em ambas as iniciativas e o **BADALADAS** passou por lá e pôde testemunhar o entusiasmo dos escuteiros, especialmente dos mais pequenos.

Es hat gefunkt: „Gut Pfad“



## Οι Πεζοπρόσκοποι των Λουτρών Αιδηψού

Λ. ΑΙΔΗΨΟΥ.-

Οι Πρόσκοποι διοργανώνουν συναντήσεις που ονομάζονται Τζάμπορι (Jamboree). Μεταξύ αυτών και το JOTA (Jamboree on the Air) και JOTI (Jamboree on the Internet), που διοργανώνονται παγκόσμια το δεύτερο Σαββατοκύριακο του Οκτωβρίου.

Ετσι, για πρώτη φορά φέτος το 1ο Σύστημα Πεζοπροσκόπων Αιδηψού είχε την δυνατότητα, διά μέσω του σταθμού ασυρμάτου SV8ENI και του χειριστή του Κωνσταντίνου Σαρμά, κατοίκου Γιάλτρων, να βγει στα ερτζιανά.

Εγιναν επαφές με Προσκόπους απ' όλη την Ελλάδα και ενημέρωση για τον ραδιοερασιπαιχισμό (χειρισμός ασυρμάτου, χρησιμότητα σε καταστάσεις εκτάκτων αναγκών κλπ).

Η εκδήλωση αυτή πραγματοποιήθηκε στον προαύλιο χώρο του Κ.Α.Π.Η. Αιδηψού, που παραχωρήθηκε για το λόγο αυτό από το Δήμο Αιδηψού.

Η αρχή έγινε για την Αιδηψό και πιστεύουμε ότι του χρόνου οι συμμετοχές από Προσκόπους και γειτονικά Συστήματα Προσκόπων θα είναι αρκετές, ώστε ο ασύρματος να μην σιγήσει ούτε λεπτό!...

Κ. ΣΑΡΜΑΣ



ΕΠΑΝΩ: Ο χειριστής του ασυρμάτου SV8ENI Κ. Σαρμάς με νεαρούς Προσκόπους. ΚΑΤΩ: Μερικοί από τους Πεζοπροσκόπους της Αιδηψού



## Mysterie bij scouts



Foto: Ada Vermaaten

NIEKERK - Scoutinggroep Kiliaan van Reusselaar I heeft afgelopen weekende deelgenomen aan de Jamboree On The Air. Tijdens dit evenement praten wereldwijd ongeveer 500.000 scouts zo'n twee dagen met elkaar via de radio. Ook zochten de Nijkerkers contact via Jamboree On The Internet. Het internet maakt het leggen van contacten gemakkelijker, maar wel wat anoniemmer zo bleek.

In totaal waren er ongeveer zestig scouts in de leeftijd van elf tot vijftien jaar in Nijkerk actief bij de Jamboree. Onder begeleiding van zondamateurs die met hun uitrusting niet gemist kunnen worden, werden er verwoede pogingen gedaan om verbinding te maken met andere scouts uit zoveel mogelijk landen.

Thema bij Kiliaan van Reusselaar was dit jaar 'Steengoed: Stripgoed'. De Nijkerkse scouts moesten een mysterie oplossen rond een gestolen drukpers. Alle stripboeven zijn het zat om altijd maar te verliezen in de strips van de goede stripfiguren. Naast de radio en internetcontacten waren er in en rondom het gebouw van de scouting diverse activiteiten die bijdroegen aan het oplossen van het mysterie.

## حول العالم

### افتتاح المخيم الكشفي العالمي على الهواء والإنترنت

العمانية، افتتح سعادة معصم بن علي عبداللطيف وكيل وزارة التربية والتعليم للشؤون الادارية والمالية امس فعاليات المخيم الكشفي العالمي (4٧) على الهواء والمخيم الكشفي العالمي الثامن على شبكة الانترنت بحضور سعادة داود بن النضر الزوجالي الامين العام للهيئة القومية للتشافة والمرشدات واعضاء الجهاز الفني والاداري بالهيئة القومية.

وشهد فجر امس وفي تمام الساعة الرابعة صباحا انطلاق اول الاتصالات عبر العالم في هدين المخيمين اللذين تشارك فيهما الهيئة القومية للتشافة والمرشدات هذا العام بقرابة (١٠٠٠) كشاف ومرشدة مورعين على عدد من المحطات الفرعية في مختلف مفاوضات السلطنة فضلا عن محطة الرئيسية بمقر الهيئة القومية.

ويتقوّم المشاركون خلال المخيمين بالاتصال بعدد كبير من الكشافيين والمرشدات في العالم بواسطة اجهزة راديو هواة اللاسلكي وكذلك باستخدام شبكة الانترنت العالمية.



# ١٠٠٠ كشف ومرشدة يشاركون في المخيمين العالميين على الهواء والإنترنت

داود الزدجالي: فرصة لاكتساب العلاقات والصدقات وتنمية المواهب والهوايات التكنولوجية

## JOTAJOTI 2004 EM OLIVEIRA DE AZEMÉIS



**N**a Escola Secundária Scous Basto, em Oliveira de Azeméis, decorreu o JotaJoti 2004 que reuniu mais de uma centena de escoteiros.

A representar a Associação de Escoteiros de Portugal (AEP) estiveram o Grupo 18 de Cucujães e o Grupo 212 de Oliveira de Azeméis.

O Corpo Nacional de Escutas (CNE) foi representado pelo Agrupamento 534 de Nogueira do Cravo e o Agrupamento 1099 de Santiago de Riba-Ul.

O JotaJoti consiste na troca de mensagens

Scouting on air

## Thorndale Scouts and Guides contact the world



submitted photo  
With operator Jerry Zenkier, clockwise: Tyler Cotton, Ian Cheyne, Ken Pucula, Brandon Cotton and James Pucula.



# 7. JOTA REPORTS FROM COUNTRIES

Note:

Indicated per country you will find the numbers of participants, of JOTA radio stations and the number of different countries that were contacted. A question mark "?" indicates that the numbers were not given in the report.

## Argentina (LU)

participants:	740
stations:	29
countries:	14

This year the propagation worked against us, says Alejandro Guillermo Afonso;

around Buenos Aires there was almost no reception. Still we managed the official opening on Saturday from the President Sarmiento de Hurlingham Scout group, where Scouts, Guides and a cub Scout participated.

During the Saturday and Sunday various groups in Argentina took part. The propagation was different in each region. Scouts from San Francisco Córdoba used Echolink to communicate with their station LU9BSA. Several groups also studied the use of the J-code.

We hope for better conditions next year in this part of the world, but when not, we will activate the Echolink system again, that greatly simplifies communication with many groups.



En la estación oficial....

## Australia (VK)

participants:	9230
stations:	391
countries:	30

Perhaps it is due to the geographical isolation of Australians from the World, and from each other, that we grasp the opportunity to gain an international Scouting experience by participating in Jamboree On The Air, writes Stephen Watson.

Amateur radio and Radio Scouting in Australia have an exciting year ahead with the imminent introduction of the long-awaited foundation amateur licence which is aimed squarely at Scout age youth.

This year was not without challenge with the National Executive Council approving changes to the way JOTA is coordinated in Australia. The catalyst for change was the 2003 decision by the Australian Communications Authority that temporary JOTA call signs would no longer be issued free of charge. Since the 1960's, co-ordination of JOTA had been conducted independently in each of the 6 states and two mainland territories. JOTA co-ordination is now a national responsibility. State or Territory radio teams exist and will be instrumental in the introduction of the foundation licence.

An innovation this year was the placing of an on-line JOTA report form at the web site. The form was quick and easy to use by checking boxes and typing text to answer questions.



".....we have a 6-element antenna pointing your way....."



The Secretary General of the World Organisation of the Scout Movement, Dr Eduardo Missoni, spent an afternoon at the amateur radio station of the World Scout Bureau in Geneva, HB9S. Australian Scouts had the honour of Dr Missoni's first contact, which was made using Echolink. Scouts in Brisbane, Newcastle and Townsville took turns to talk with Dr Missoni in English about the Gifts of Peace.

The JOTA/JOTI pages at Scouts Australia website were updated in December 2003 and constantly maintained throughout the year. New to the website this year were packaged Mob and Pack programs, an on-line report form, open membership of the JOTA Australia yahoo group, downloadable World JOTA participation cards and promotion of the use of on-line text translation. Monthly articles appeared in Australian Scout, and were distributed to all editors of Branch newsletters.



Steve Watson at VK4SGW in his contact with Eduardo Missoni in Geneva.

In his opening message, the Chief Scout of Australia, Governor General Michael Jeffery, said: ".....This weekend is an excellent opportunity to meet Scouts



and Guides from many countries and feel you belong to a world-wide youth movement with 28 million members. A unique characteristic of Jamboree On The Air and Jamboree On The Internet is that regardless of where or who we are, when we pick up the microphone or sit in front of the computer we meet as equals. Distances vanish and our circumstances and location are of little consequence as we meet as fellow Scouts and Guides. While we meet it is fascinating to compare and enjoy the multitude of differences that make up our membership. Voice communication enables us to share our accents and emotions, our stories and our songs.....".

Mrs Marlena Jeffery, the President of Guides Australia, added: "You have an exciting weekend ahead of you as you chat to new and old friends, not only from Australia but from all over the world. Many Guides have been working hard on achieving special awards and I congratulate all those who have achieved peak achievement awards this year. Many of you celebrated with our athletes in Greece the recent Olympic Games by doing the Olympia Badge, a special challenge designed by the Greek Guides."

Chief Commissioner John Ravenhall also mentioned ".....new techniques have become available in some places, through Echolink, which allows radio signals to be passed over the internet. Echolink even allows computer users and Amateur Radio stations to communicate directly with each other. From some sites you may have access to a translator machine from the Internet, which enables up to a page of text in one language to be translated into another. It enables you to talk to young people overseas who first language is not English. Then there is the J-Code, which enables a very basic conversation between people where there is no common language".



## Austria (OE)

participants:	55
stations:	3
countries:	25

Sad news from Austria came before the JOTA: the national JOTA Organiser, Walter

Nowakowski, passed away on 2 September at the age of 87. Walter looked after the JOTA in Austria for many, many years. He was very active in obtaining permission for the Scouts to speak directly over radio during several Scout events each year. Despite his health condition, Walter was an enthusiastic participant at the German-speaking radio-scouting meetings, together with his colleagues and friends from Switzerland and Germany. He will be dearly missed by many.

Walters right hand Ernst Tomaschek took over as NJO for Austria. We had many problems, writes Ernst, because it was raining strongly on the JOTA Saturday. And so we had problems with antennas and outdoor-activities (e.g. foxhunting). But all Scouts, Guides and visitors were very interested.

The Perchtoldsdorf Scout group operated OE3XPU as usual from the Teufelsteinhutte (Devil's stone cabin) in the Wienerwald. Setting up antennas becomes a routine; the rover crew appeared to be real team of woodcraftsmen and finished the job in no time. Fixation points have been installed many years ago and are a great help each year. Instead of hauling tables up the mountain, the crew converts the available beds in the cabin to serve their purposes. Every Scout who visited the station had

the opportunity to speak with at least one other scout station. Special contacts were amongst them, e.g. with the Scouts in Nottingham at the Walesby campground that we visited before. The foxhunting activity was cancelled because of the rain, but the replacing game with walky-talkies was well received.

The Scouts in Wels celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and invited former NJO Josef Falzeder OE5FJL to join them. A highlight was the contact with HB9S in Geneva, already early Saturday morning, as well as the contact with Jorin OY8SNP on the Faroer Islands.

The sea Scout group Novara in Vienna also enjoyed the wet party of mounting antennas in the rain. Hanno OE1JJB, who is a professional telegrapher, brought his CW equipment "by coincidence" and demonstrated a few high-speed morse code contacts. The Scouts could follow the contact on the laptop computer that translated the code in real time.



"....our antenna can be rotated by 8 Scouts.....".



Ernst and two of his Scouts signalling Morse code.



Romana and Felix in action.

## Brazil (PY)

participants:	4930
stations:	260
countries:	39

The 47th JOTA was really nice. It was possible to contact stations from the north to the south, in 16 Brazilian states. We also notice an increase of participa-



tion in the north-east region, the best one in our JOTA history, writes Ronan Reginatto. Most of JOTA operators are Scouts and Guides, that took their own licence and set up their own station to use during the activity. We are very proud of it.

During the weekend, Brazilian stations got contact with HB9S through the Echolink, where were Richard Middelkoop - World JOTA Organizer and Dr. Eduardo Missoni - Secretary General of the World Organization of the Scout Movement. It was possible to talk a lot with them and the SG Edu-



Brazilian Scouts and Guides listening to the contact with Geneva.

ardo was a little bit surprised to hear Fabíola on the radio, because he said she was his first contact with a girl Scout on JOTA. It was a good opportunity to explain to him that we have many many girls with an amateur radio licence in our country. And all the talking was more interesting because SG Eduardo was very kind to speak "portunol", that is a mix of Portuguese and Spanish. It was

very easy to understand him.

Echolink is a new and welcomed reality for us. We did not depend only on the radio propagation to find our brotherhood on the air. Through Echolink, the distance is shorter than ever and the possibility to keep in touch is the best we ever had.

During the 47th JOTA in Brazil, the participants designed QSL cards, suggested some electronic constructions, they built antennas and sent schematics. They took pictures, they made video movie clips, music and many other activities.

The Brazilian radio-scouting team invites you all to take part in the CQWS - CQ World Scouts - that is an world-wide radio scouting contest, every fourth weekend of April.



"Hello from Brazil...."



## Canada (VE)

participants:	?
stations:	?
countries:	22

A young Bluetail, from the 7<sup>th</sup> Kanata Beaver Colony was lucky enough to have his very own radio amateur in the form of his dad, writes Lena Wong. For family reasons, the two of them were not able to organize the colony to participate but managed to get a couple of hours in on Sunday afternoon. As a result, they were one of only two Canadian



"...and my dad is also our radio operator...."

stations to report a contact with HB9S in Geneva where they spoke to Mike. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Medicine Hat Scout Group (Alberta) hosted a snowy event. Unfortunately they were not able to make contact with any Scout stations but they did talk to a radio operator in Washington.

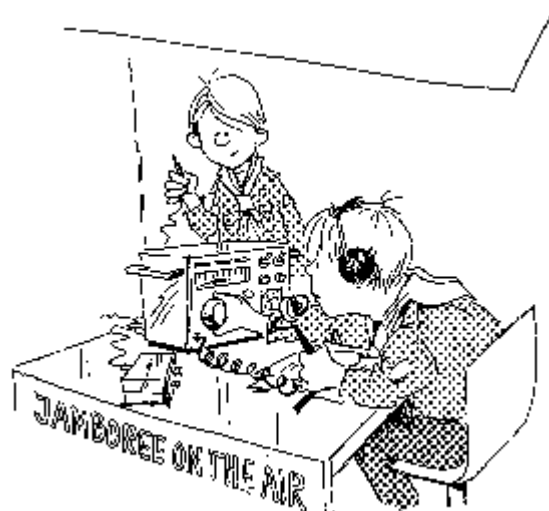
A rainy, sleety weekend, saw the 1<sup>st</sup> Port Elgin Scout Troop being hosted at Tri-Lea-Em by Scouter Palmer. The group slept in the geodesic dome at the camp and helped set up the solar powered station on Saturday morning.

In Nepean, Ontario, several Cub Packs and the Bells Corners Scout Troop set up a station at the historic Log Farm on the edge of the city. Despite a rainy day they had a great experience and the youth were able to work on badge requirements. They made contacts from Manotick (a few kilometers down the road) to Mafeking in South Africa with many other countries in between using 40m and 20m bands as well as the 2m band.

In Falkland, British Columbia the 1<sup>st</sup> Falkland/Westwold Scout Group were able to talk to several contacts in the USA. Traffic was heavy so it was difficult to make contacts. While the youth were mike shy to start with they soon picked up and are looking forwards to participating again in 2006.

Roughly 500 km south of the Arctic Circle, members of the 1<sup>st</sup> Porter Creek Scouts from Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, camped out in -10°C. The group made contact with 34 stations in nine countries. Where possible, they spoke directly to participants, otherwise they chatted with local radio operations where third party contacts were not allowed. The most memorable contact was with Bill at Palmer Station in Antarctica - noted in their contact list as "Holy Cow - across the Globe."

The London Polish Canadian Amateur Radio Club hosted a group of Scouts and Guides from Thorndale, Ontario. One of the club members presented a brief description of amateur radio after which the youth made themselves busy with talking to as many contacts as the radio operators could find. Most contacts were Canadian, including the White Pine Council event in Whitby, Ontario. They also spoke to people in the USA and Switzerland.





The 5<sup>th</sup> St. Albert Pack and Troop camped in lodges at Strathcona Wilderness Centre east of Edmonton, Alberta and despite a snowstorm they were getting good reception on Saturday afternoon. Except for a few local operators they lost reception as the sun set. By Sunday, with 250mm fresh snow on the ground, reception was again good and they contacted several stations in the USA, Canada and Italy.

In White Rock, British Columbia, the Scouts set up their group teepee in the courtyard of Semiahmoo Shopping Mall. An HF station was set up in the teepee and a "Buddy Pole" antenna was erected just outside.

Returning to Ontario, White Pine Council and local Girl Guides held their second joint JOTA at Mosport Race Track with a total attendance of 511 participants. It was a rainy weekend but all campers and participants

had a great time enjoying the many displays and activities available at camp as well as being busy at the six radio stations. Contacts were made throughout Canada, the USA, South America, several European countries and Tunisia.

In Timmins, Ontario, Porcupine Area Scouts were able to contact stations in several countries as well as HB9S. Other activities at camp included knot work, a live fox hunt, parachute games and setting up a tent blindfolded.

Carstairs Cubs in Alberta enjoyed their first JOTA experience hosted by a local radio amateur. They made a memorable contact with a camp of about 300 Boy Scouts of America participants where they were unfortunately unable to speak to their BSA counterparts but did speak to radio operators. They listened in on other JOTA conversations and are looking forwards to participating again in 2005.

Applehill Scout Reserve in Stormont-Glengarry (Ontario) saw several groups from Ontario and Quebec get together from noon on October 16 until noon on the 17<sup>th</sup>. They enjoyed an activity packed weekend with lots of games, orienteering, camp fires and good camp food. Six radio operators with their families attended and made several contacts in the USA and Canada.

As always, we thank the Canadian Radio Amateurs who generously gave of their time and equipment to make the 47<sup>th</sup> JOTA another successful event for members of Scouts Canada and the Girl Guides of Canada, concludes Lena.

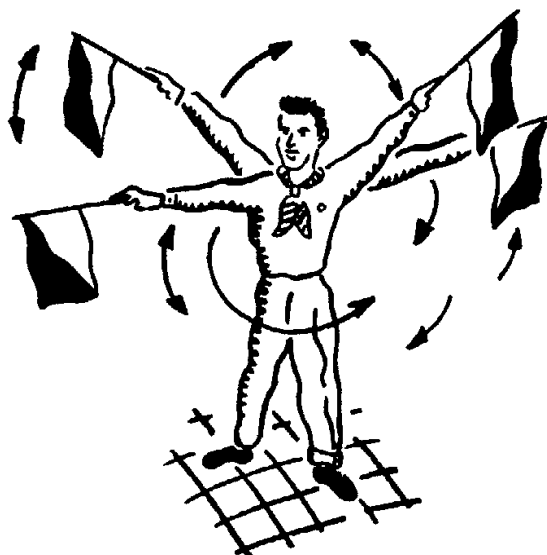
### China (BV)

participants:	2900
stations:	13
countries:	6

The 47<sup>th</sup> JOTA was successfully organized by

the radio team of the Scouts of China. There were 13 stations using a special call sign during the weekend. Scouts were able to use the radios and speak to overseas Scouts, under supervision of radio amateurs.

Like past years, a JOTA seminar was organized in the Scout HQ before the JOTA



Semaphore signalling in Taipei.



weekend. Local JOTA organizers attended the seminar and shared their experiences in organizing the event, writes Tim Kuo.



" Hello sir, this is China calling. My name is Lin and I am here with my Scout troop...."

A web page was set up to promote the activities and the JOTA information of the World Scout Bureau was translated into the Chinese language. So there was no problem for local participants to get the latest information.

### Cyprus (5B4)

participants:	700
stations:	12
countries:	?

This year there was less activity for

the JOTA, says Erricos Lanitis. Some 12 stations took part in the event; 1 station of the Girl Guides. The interest is there amongst the Scouts, but equipment is not available any more from radio amateurs.

The stations contacted almost all Europe countries, some stations in the USA and some Asian and African stations. No connections were made towards Australia.

HB9S為世界童軍總部在日內瓦的業餘無線電台將在整個JOTA周末所有短波和VHF頻道操作。HB9S也可以透過HB9S@HB9IAP無線電封包來取得連繫。

此外，HB9S將使用Echolink網路來和遠距離無線電台連繫。如果運氣好一點，你就可以只用攜帶式無線電設備利用當地中繼站台通聯上。將準備在各洲設置VHF的發送站台以便讓你和日內瓦直接連上。

在HB9S，你不僅可以和電台負責人Yves Margot世界JOTA召集人Richard Middelkoop，世界總部工作人員和國際童軍無線電操作人員通話，而且你可能有機會和邀請於該周末出席的世界總部新任秘書長Eduardo Missoni通話。

## Czech Republic (OK)

participants:	146
stations:	3
countries:	62

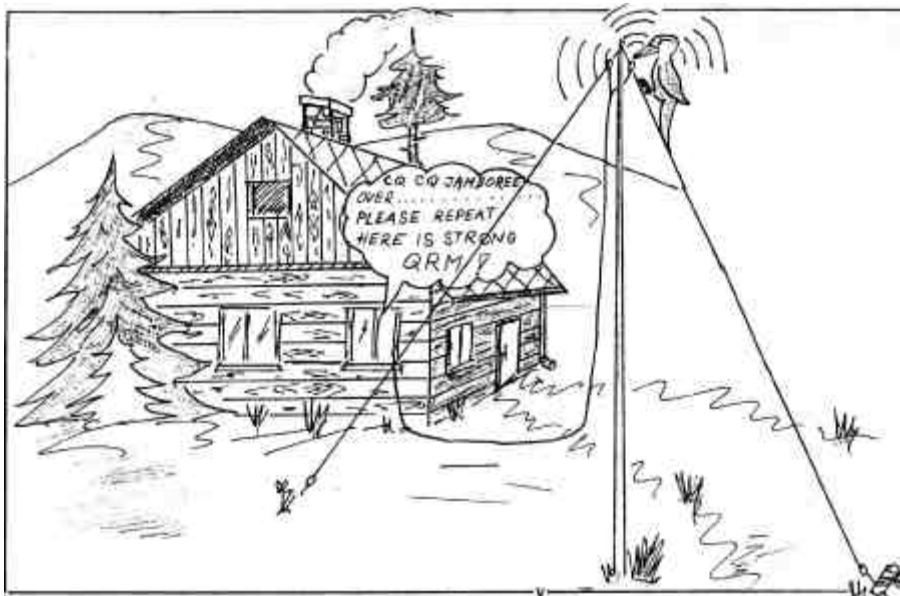
We encountered decreasing number of groups interested in JOTA, reports Jan Havelka. Groups were working mostly SSB and FM, SSTV is also much spread, but EchoLink not really yet.

We prepared some competitive games for the participating groups. Unfortunately, some of them were cancelled due the lack of groups.

We asked the groups to send us some special JOTA recipes and a few arrived (i.e. rice pancakes).

Thanks to big activity of small number of groups we reached a big number of contacted countries. Each participant enjoyed this JOTA as was written in reports we received.

As usually, the club of old Scout - radio amateurs was to be heard on the air using the callsign OK1GW/J. They've made contacts with each continent and met their old friends from all over the world. Comparing the ages of radio-Scouting clubs world-wide, they confirmed to be the oldest club in the world. This club, named after eng. Karel Ort, has been established in 1910. Karel Ort (1889 - 1920) was in fact the first Czech radio amateur. OK1RSJ/J has also made many interesting and funny contacts and in the spare time the girls were preparing the delicious rice pancakes. Guides and Scouts from the club OK1KEI/J had finally repaired their clubhouse after the floods and they could enjoy JOTA placing the pins on the map depending on the contacts made.



"Rosomaci" took JOTA as an opportunity to invite parents and visitors to show them their clubhouse and activities done inside. Everyone of the 146 Czechs, who took part, was satisfied and is looking forward to the next one.

Our plans: an accompanying programme is very important and needs to be more supported and developed. As the other countries do, we would like to improve the games like "JOTA/JOTI puzzle" for the next year. We'll decide whether to keep this-year's games and think of some others. The first new is clear now: we didn't make any contact with Mongolia for many years even though many Mongolians can speak fluently Czech. The group which will contact Mongolian Guides and Scouts during JOTA will be awarded.



Mongolian Guides and Scouts during JOTA will be awarded.

## Denmark (OZ)

participants:	800
stations:	58
countries:	36

We had much fun with Echolink. Once, we had set up a conference and we had a lot of counties participating at once. Including some very well-known people from Geneva ☺. You should have seen the faces of the local radio amateurs - they found us after they had heard the many unknown call signs on the air and wanted to know what was going on. They were happy not to track down a pirate using bogus call-signs.

We transmit an opening speech every year, this year it was also web-casted using a video camera and a high-speed server, we were allowed to use.

The Danish team is looking forward to the Nordic seminar which will be held in Iceland in May 2005, concludes Niels Kristian Jensen.

### Germany (DL)

participants:	451
stations:	30
countries:	37

On Saturday there was a sked for all German stations, writes Klaus Sperling. The net control station was

operating from the DARC main station in Baunatal. A game was organised for JOTA stations using packet radio. Each station received a different sentence; by exchanging the sentences, the participants could construct a complete text.

Based on the good co-operation between the three national Scout associations of BdP, DPSG and VCP in organizing, preparing the JOTA-weekend for the whole of Germany, we again have had some nice activities for our participant groups.



Guides at the radio-puzzle game.



In May 2004, for the 11th time, interested radio- and internet Scouts and Guides met in a German-spoken conference together with participants from Austria, Switzerland, Czech Republic and Germany. This year our colleagues from Austria organized the meeting in Igls, close to Innsbruck. It was the last chance to talk to Walter Nowakowski, OE1WN, a very good Scout-friend, old Austrian NJO and radio-amateur. We became very sad after he passed away in the beginning of September. German groups again could read out

an electronic form of our national JOTA/JOTI-information-booklet from internet where they got all useful facts to take part in JOTA. An online-registration-form made it easy to register. This year the number of VCP JOTA-participants decreased, writes Gunter Erdmann.

DFOCP, the VCP-HQ-station transmitted the DL-sked-Game, a panel game in several parts, where a telephone-number had to be found. At least 11 groups called the right number.

Another activity was the German Communication-Game, connecting JOTA and JOTI. Single lines of a 14 row long text were given to each German participant. The aim of this game was to find out all lines by contacting other scout-groups in JOTA and / or JOTI and exchanging all known information.

Klaus Sperling received the "distinguished-service medal" of his Association DPSG for his long-time commitment to JOTA and related youth activities, last January. He is one of the National JOTA Organizers with over 40 years of service.

### Greece (SV)

participants:	510
stations:	12
countries:	31

No further details in the report.





## Hungary (HA)

participants:	2
stations:	4
countries:	18

Tibor Vegh writes that he operated the central station of the Hungarian Scout Association HA5MCS/J. Furthermore a 9-year old Guide was put on the air by her grandmother HA5FQ. A Scout of troop 301 got on the air with his father HA7YO. JOTA in Hungary becomes a real family business !

## Hong Kong (VS6)

participants:	?
stations:	3
countries:	12

No further details in the report.



"Hi,.....I am in Hong Kong. Where are you?"

## India (VU2)

participants:	?
stations:	?
countries:	?

VU2LCI was put on the air by the Lions radio club and the Sri Chamundi Scout group in Bangalore. The inaugural contact was made with a JOTA station in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The Scouts contacted many stations, both domestic and international. The HF station was very powerful and the participants enjoyed this to the core. The success



VU2LCI puts Scouts in Space: a JOTA contact over an amateur-radio satellite.

of this is thanks to the new antenna. The highlight was a demonstration working with an amateur satellite and the GPS system. The activity was well attended by the public and the media, writes Lyon Ajoy.

## Indonesia (YB)

participants:	465
stations:	42
countries:	26

As usual, the third week of October 2004 was the long awaited time for Scouts in Indonesia, as it has become the traditional best way to get to know fellow Scouts throughout Indonesia and the world in a short period of time without leaving their

homes, starts the report of James Darmawan. The Indonesian Scouts Association (Gerakan Pramuka) continues its long term cooperation with the Indonesian Amateur Radio Organization (Organisasi Amatir Radio Indonesia = ORARI) and the Indonesian Telematics Community (Masyarakat Telematika Indonesia = MASTEL) in the set up and implementation of the JOTA activities.

As the largest archipelago country in the world (over 17,000 islands, 35 provinces and over 400 districts and municipalities), all scouting events need careful planning, management and supervision to ensure its success. The permanent National Headquarters club station YBØS supervises activities nationally from the Tirta Teja auditorium, situated in the centre of the Cibubur camping grounds.



"Hello my friend, we are here in Cibubur campground with many Guides of Pramuka".

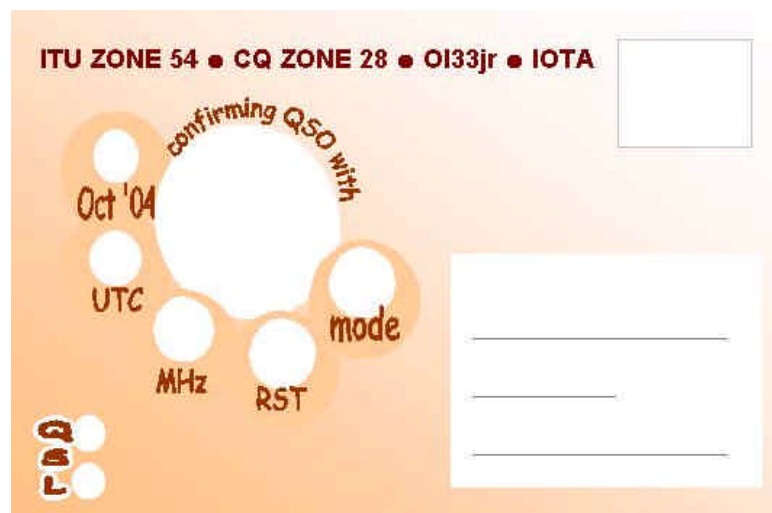
Dicky Suryadi (YB1JZS), the JOTA technical team manager explained that YBØS was equipped with three sets of HF transceivers and antennas, working on almost all amateur radio frequencies. SSTV and e-QSO was also available, handled by fellow scouts Doni (YCØVM) and Randi (YDØRAN), the "e-team" from ORARI.



National Council Chairman Azrul Azwar kicked off the JOTA activities by making the initial QSO from YBØS with participants at South Sumatra Province JOTA club station (YB4ZKZ), Bali Province JOTA club station (YB9ZF), Pekalongan District JOTA club station (YF2ZZJH) and Serang District JOTA club station (YC1ZS).

The activities at YBØS were fully supported by 15 ORARI members and not less than 50 scouts, ranging from national commissioners, national rangers and rovers council members, and national HQ staff. National commissioner Ida Farida gave a special motherly attention by providing meals for the whole crew.

Enthusiasm flared up each time YBØS scored a QSO with a JOTA station, especially when scouter Adyatma (YBØGOF) managed to finally contact WSB JOTA station HB9S in Geneva. This was through the patient efforts of the operators who had tried continuously to contact HB9S since Saturday. The night before, scouter Suryadi (YBØJS) contacted HB9VDR



and HB9DHA but could not hear HB9S calls. Therefore Triadi (YBØKVN) and Eko (National Rangers and Rovers Council) e-mailed a new SKED to WSB Geneva for another try on Sunday before the end of JOTA. Thank God, HB9S was heard by YBØS on Sunday 17 October 2004 0800UTC. This contact became the 61st DX contact with 25 JOTA participant countries.

The JOTA activities ended on Sunday by the final QSO between Parni Hardi, National Council Assistant Chairman, at YBØS, with YB7ZV, East Kalimantan Province JOTA club station and YB8ZP, Central Sulawesi Province JOTA club station.

### Ireland (EI)

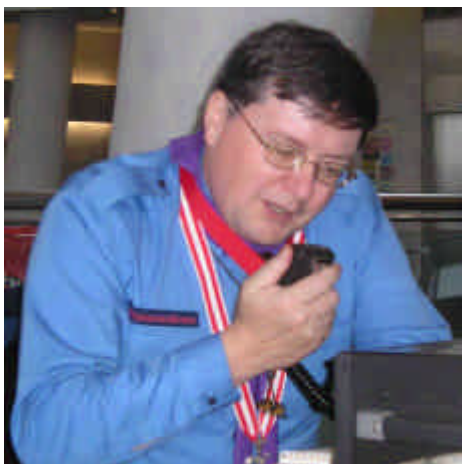
participants:	540
stations:	6
countries:	6

This year's JOTA was the first for Scouting Ireland which was formed in January 2004 following the merger of CSI (Catholic Scouts of Ireland) and SAI (Scout Association of Ireland). A new National JOTA Team was established and immediately set about reviewing existing CSI and SAI JOTA training material. The result was the development of separate JOTA manuals for Scouts and for Leaders and Station Managers, which were launched in August with electronic copies being distributed to all Patrols that participated in the inaugural National Patrol Challenge. The training material was also made available on the Scouting Ireland website at [www.scouts.ie/jota](http://www.scouts.ie/jota). The headquarter station for Ireland, EI 1 NCSJ was at Dublin City Univer-





sity. As it was also the venue for the inaugural National Council of Scouting Ireland, the opportunity to promote radio Scouting to delegates from Scout groups all over Ireland could not be missed. It was from here that the Chief Scout performed the official opening on the Saturday, and spoke to some Scouts on air.



The Chief Scout presenting the JOTA opening speech ..... and part of his audience.

Other JOTA stations were operational from Larch Hill Campsite in the Dublin Mountains, Mount Melleray Camp Site in the Knockmealdown Mountains in County Waterford and the Scout Dens of the 2nd Kerry Sea Scouts, 132nd Dublin and the 8th Waterford Scout groups. The 8th Waterford reported "the lads all had a great time and the ones who talked to the Chief said that they did not realise who they were talking to until he was finished or they would not have been able to speak".

Scouts at the various stations got to use a wide range of modes other than voice, including Amateur Television (ATV) as well as the relatively new digital modes of Phased Shift Keying (PSK) and Automatic Positional Reporting System (APRS). However the biggest hit with the Scouts was the Internet Radio Linking Project (IRLP) network, which enabled clear internet assisted radio communications to the far side of the earth.

### Italy (I)

participants:	340
stations:	9
countries:	24

The QSO have not been a lot, because of QRM, but the boys and girls who took part have been happy with the activity, writes Giovanmaria. Besides the QSO's, they have played with radios as for example LPD, they have written QSL's, they have built antennas and even a tower made of wood and ropes, on which they have put the antennas.

They have made contacts with Scout stations in Europe and along the Mediterranean coast. Obviously the most numerous QSO's have been with Italians stations.

Also the non-Scout radio amateurs who have operated during the JOTA have been satisfied with the activity and they hope a larger participation next year.



Making QSO's under supervision.....

### Japan (JA)

participants:	531
stations:	34
countries:	14

Nippon Boy Scout Amateur Radio Club (JA1YSS) operated their station at the National Headquarters of the Scout Association of Japan during the Asia-Pacific Region Workshop on the "Role of ICT in Youth Programme", reports Toichiro Nishi-

yama.

Through the amateur radio station JA1YSS, using Echolink and VHF radio links, a contact was made with HB9S in Geneva, from where the new Secretary General, Eduardo Missoni spoke directly with the Scouts in Tokyo at the workshop. Of particular interest was a Japanese song that the participants prepared for Eduardo and which was received loud and clear in Geneva.



← Left Mari Nakano JH3MRZ speaking with Geneva and right Tat Mochiki JH1FEL who prepared the demonstration for the workshop. Mari later met → her radio friend Eduardo at the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference in Brunei in December.



It was reported this year again that many portable stations operated during the JOTA in places such as mountains, at river banks, in Scout halls and at outdoor activity centres.

Before the JOTA, the Scout Association circulated information to Scouts and leaders through our local Scout Councils and Scouting magazines. The club members of the NHQ station (JA1YSS) had a meeting and shared information on the JOTA during the JARL Ham Fair in August 2004.



Participants and leaders of the ICT workshop at the JA1YSS station, including World Scout Committee member Mr Tobi Suzuki, the AP Regional Office director Mr Abdullah Rasheed and members of his staff.



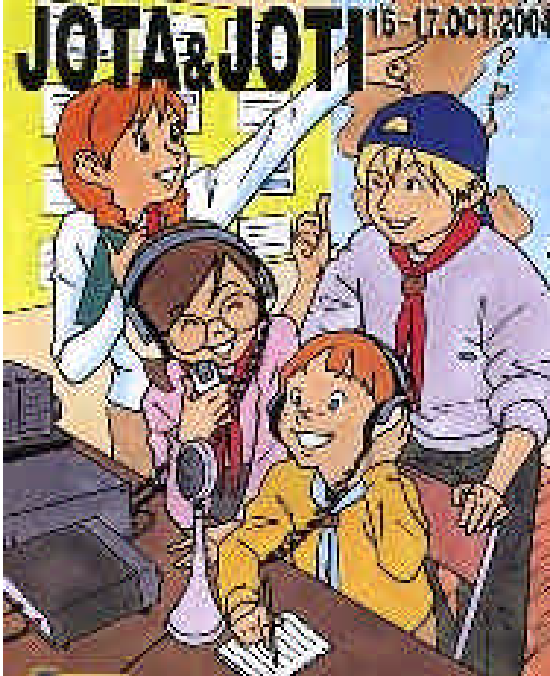
## Luxemburg (LX)

participants:	259
stations:	18
countries:	17

This year, 7 groups from FNEL and 9 groups from LGS took part in the JOTA, reports Claude Engel. The official opening ceremony was held at 0500 pm local time by representatives of the international commissioners of both federations.

Annouk Prim and Martine Picard spoke about the rules of communication and fairness, they thanked also all the involved radio amateurs for their help.

Another highlight was our national game whose intention it was to encourage all Luxembourg JOTA



stations to communicate with each other. The winners will get useful Scouting items. All this was organised by our national JOTA-team composed by members of both Scout federations and of the national radio amateur organisation. Echolink was a new technology used by some here in Luxembourg. In some reports from the groups the desire was expressed to favour JOTA technologies as opposed to JOTI technology. Talking to Scouts from other continents remains always an exciting feeling and some nice contacts were done.

## Mexico (XE)

participants:	1000
stations:	21
countries:	7

The official station for the 47th JOTA was this year again set up in the national office in Mexico city, writes Daniel Avendaño Ortega. The station manager was Aarón Rodríguez Bautista XE1XOJ.

It was a very active weekend for the station because it was linked with 21 other stations and it took a lot of

work to maintain this communication. The propagation conditions proved to be less than last year and some contacts were very short. The most active bands were 10, 20 and 40 meters.

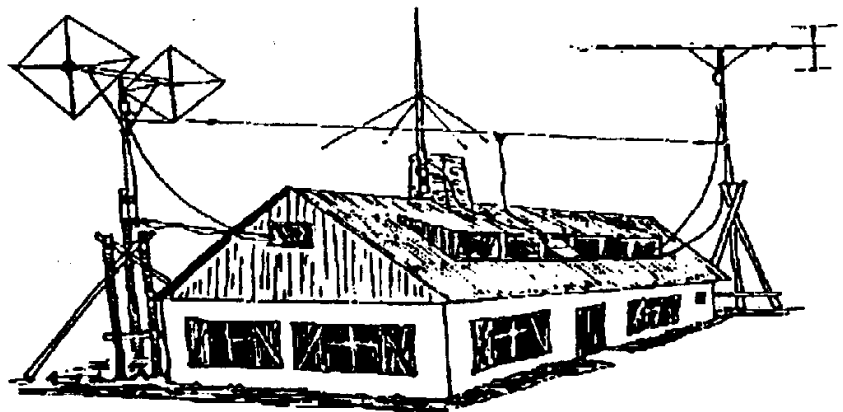
We appreciate the efforts to realize this event on a world-wide scale, which united this year more than 10.000 Scouts from our country with Scouts all over the world, thanks to the telecommunications, concludes Daniel.

## Namibia (V5)

participants:	?
stations:	1
countries:	1

As usual, I'm down to the wire with the JOTA report, writes Jim Kastelic. This year the 1st Tsumeb Scouts decided, through the Court of Honour, not to go out camping as usual in the wild, wild bush for Jamboree on the Air, but rather to

pitch their tents at the Scout Hall and do some serious renovation work during the jamboree weekend. No, they weren't suffering from heat stroke, they only wanted the buildings and grounds to look sharp for the Group's 50th anniversary celebration later in the year. So, between visits to the radio shack, which was set up in the Brownie Den with the call sign V59T, the Scouts painted the Scout Hall, constructed a new climbing wall and a jungle jim for the obstacle course, repaired some of the other existing obstacles along the course, cleaned out the equipment storeroom, tightened the barbed wire along the perimeter fence, tidied up the grounds, and completed a host of other odd jobs. It wasn't all work, though. There were several times when the whole Troop





went swimming at the local pool to cool off from their labours. On the Saturday night, they enjoyed a typical "braai" (outdoor barbecue). Unfortunately, 1st Tsumeb made only ONE radio contact during the entire 48 hours of JOTA -- with a Scout Group in Newcastle, South Africa. Can you believe such bad luck? Surely we are the worst on the planet Blame it on poor atmospheric conditions and not on the Group Scoutmaster (V51JK). Better luck next year. At least the Scout hall has a new coat of paint, the first time in more than 15 years!



### Netherlands (PA)

participants:	27000
stations:	240
countries:	34

"This year's JOTA was very special for us", said Jan Kluiver. Our "weather" theme was used by 40% of the Scouting groups and we were very pleased that we could work together with the KNMI, our national weather office, which is now 150 years old.

On the Saturday before the JOTA, the national team was invited to visit the Hilfertheem group in Hilversum to join the official start of the JOTA week. The theme for the Scouts was a story: radio amateurs who were having big problems with the bad weather which jammed their receivers, a really dramatic situation. The youngsters sitting around the campfire made a virtual trip around the Dutch countryside to help to make the weather better. Laser light, a smoke machine, and a home-made TV-program made the journey quite realistic. By the end of the evening they had solved all the problems and, yes, we had "good waves" during the JOTA weekend.



Weather woman Monique Somers gives a live JOTA weather forecast .... on the air.

Before the weekend, Scout groups could take part in a contest where they could make their own weather station. The group with the best measurements (compared to the official Dutch weather office) could win nice prizes. 19 Scout groups took part and the winner was Scouting De Geuzen from Alkmaar; their prize was skiing lessons for 20 Scouts at an indoor ski centre in Kerkrade.

To open the JOTA, Scouting St. Willibrord in Kerkrade asked a well known female TV weather presenter, Monique Somer, to answer Scouts questions in a live broadcast. To give good radio coverage in the Netherlands, 12 relay stations were set up by Scouts and radio amateurs to provide almost hand-held coverage.

This year, three official JOTA Dutch headquarters stations were on air. PA6JAM/J and PA6RSN/J at the HQ of the amateur radio clubs and PA6J/J in Kerkrade where local Scout groups could visit the station.

The electronics club in Dordrecht and 6 local Scout groups worked together to make a big JOTA station. The 200+ Scouts enjoyed making contacts with the PI4DEC's large antenna farm and 4 permanent radio setups.

Our electronics project "the windmill" was once again built by many Scout groups, including a great many outside our country.

The worst thing we faced this year was that we couldn't find radio amateurs for 23 groups. They want to join the JOTA, but in Holland it's getting harder and harder to find (young) radio amateurs.

We see more and more "part-time" amateurs at the JOTA, amateurs that only active a part of the day. We are very positive to promote this idea next year.

This year we saw SSTV, ATV and APRS, PSK31 being modes that are used more and more. We have very positive results with using a (scouting)forum to communicate with Scouts and leaders about JOTA matters.

As dutch JOTA team we have been invited by Belgium Scouting (VVKSM and FOS) organisations to do



"Hallo allemaal, dit is PJ2SA; hier komt Curaçao...."

some promotion on two big events. We have found out that JOTA is totally unknown to a lot of Scouts of VVKSM and FOS. We think we had a positive effect.

### Netherlands Antilles (PJ)

participants:	523
stations:	2
countries:	14

For JOTA, the Scouts of Curaçao gathered together in the immaculate natural environments of the camping grounds in "Ronde Klip", writes Rolando Manuel.

The National JOTA organizing committee prepared and carried out a successful camp in which 630 Scouts participated, as well as Girl Guides

and radio operators.

As a new highlight this year, the opening ceremonies took place on Friday, October 15, in the evening at 21:00 hrs local time. Simultaneously the opening speech of Scoutmaster H. Martha, National Operations Commissioner, was transmitted between the second JOTA radio Station of Curaçao PJ2/PAORPD, Aruba and the official JOTA radio station PJ2SA, using an EchoIRLP repeater on 2m. Scoutmaster H. Martha emphasized the importance of the brotherhood between the youth of the national Scouting Organization and of the World.



"...connect pin 7 to pin 4. And do not burn your fingers!"



Chief Commissioner Mr. D. Corsen lighted the campfire that symbolized the official opening of the JOTA weekend and at the same time the opening of the celebration of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Scouting Movement in the Netherlands Antilles in the year 2005.

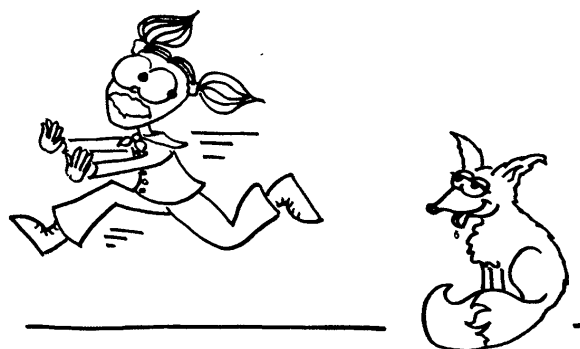
PJ2SA was operated by the radio amateurs of VERONA, and assisted the Scouts in communicating with other brothers in the world. Our NJO Rolando, using a handheld 2m radio on the IRLP/Echolink system made contacts possible between Scouts of the world in front of their tents.

A memorable moment on Saturday was the communication with the Scouts of the President F.D. Roosevelt group in Eindhoven, the Netherlands; a group of Scouts with disabilities. Scoutmaster Jan Waalen at the station PE1BFY/J requested to speak with his special friend Scoutmaster Mrs. A. Nicasia, who he met in a recent visit to Curaçao in Aug 2004. Our Scouts were delighted and very enthusiastic to communicate with their brothers and sisters in Holland.

On Sunday, the Minister of Communication, Mrs. Leeftang, visited us and addressed the Scouts during the day opening on the importance of working on their future via the Scouting Organization to become the men and women of tomorrow.

Another highlight on Sunday was the contact with Venture leader Mr. Tat Mochiki (JH1FEL) in Japan, using Echolink. Again this year we had the visit of a patrol of Bonaire, our sister island.

The Scouts were served several interesting activities during the whole weekend e.g. electronic kit building, 2005 JOTA badge designing, debate sections, Scout communication games, and a great Scout show on Saturday night.



### New Zealand (ZL)

participants:	?
stations:	?
countries:	?

In the 47th JOTA, several hundred scouts and guides took part from a number of amateur stations

around the country with some being at camps specially set up for the event.

Conditions were not particularly good even for local stations. Even so, contacts were made to the other side of the world. The New Zealand Amateur Radio National System which covers most of the country was also well used for NZ contacts, writes Jim Parrell.

DX contacts included USA, Tonga, UK and Australia.



"... quiet guys ! I hear a fox !"

### Norway (LA)

participants:	261
stations:	18
countries:	36

This year was the first year the Norwegian JOTA was hosted by the Joint Scouting Association, writes Dag Anders Kjærnes. The organisation includes both the YMCA/YWCA Scouts and the Scouts of the Norwegian Scouting Association. A committee was formed to execute this task, and it is made up of two members of each organisation, where the role as national JOTA organiser switches back and forth every other year.

The opening of the Norwegian JOTA was held at the Firda School in Bergen, where LA1JAM was situated. After the kick-off in Bergen, all the other main stations tuned in, followed by the official opening by International Commissioner Lars Atle Andersen. Then the microphone was passed to the leader of the YMCA/YWCA Scouts, Tor Marius Dahl for an opening welcome. The Norwegian Scouting Association is going to host an international jamboree next summer, and in reference to this fact, the jamboree leader Tor Corneliussen participated as well.

At LA1JAM, equipment and licensed radio amateurs are the main concerns prior to the event, com-



ments Nils-Eivind Holmedal, LA8KJA. Our goal was to gather enough equipment to run 3 stations on HF, 1 station on VHF, and 1 station in digimode, in addition to a sufficient number of amateurs to keep the 3 stations running during in the daytime on both Saturday and Sunday.

The Bergen branch of the NRRL presented to our disposal their HF rig, and Svein Olsen lent us his private Junior-Beam antenna (for 10, 15, and 20 meters). LA7CFA provided the mast for the Junior-Beam antenna. We also borrowed a HF-station, a dipol for 20 and 80 meters, and windom antenna from the Norwegian Scouting Association. From LA9DJA we borrowed a W3DZZ antenna.

On Friday the equipment was installed and ready for action. We then put up two dipols, at 20 and 80 meters respectively, and a W3DZZ antenna. These three were put in a triangle in order to avoid interference. The 80 meter was installed in a north-south direction to cover most of southern Norway, the W3DZZ antenna was installed north west-south east, and the 20 meters was installed east-west. The position of the 80-meter proved ideal. It was used for the opening and check-in,



Dag at the controls of LA1JAM during the JOTA opening.

and we got good responses from all over Scandinavia. The W3DZZ antenna was used on 40 meter, with good results. This meant that we had 3 HF shacks. We did not use the VHF, as we had sufficient HF capacity, and very good conditions on 20, 40, and 80 meters.

The amateurs did an excellent job in guiding the number of eager Scouts seeking the Radio Jamboree patch. During the weekend, a substantial number of Scouts completed both the practical and the theoretical part of the Radio Jamboree patch.

The event was a success, and we were able to establish a considerable number of contacts. Especially gratifying was the large number of Norwegian contacts. We also established a number of European contacts, and the Azores and Nigeria were the only DX stations.

In retrospect, we ought to have had more time for installing the antennas in daylight on Friday. This would have made way for a more relaxed Saturday morning with more time to prepare in front of the radios instead of installing antennas and other equipment.

The troops that used a meeting or two prior to the event had a great advantage when the actual event started.

Subsequent to an event like this, several thoughts reveals themselves. This type of event is important for the local feeling of belonging. We are also able to bust some old myths concerning what Scouting is all about, by introducing new activities.

### **Oman (A4)**

participants:	250
stations:	7
countries:	62

The participation in JOTA 2004 was significant and considerable in terms of quantity and quality. The participating Scouts and Guides were grateful to participate actively and share their pleasure and feelings with their brothers in Scouting all over the world. The moment of ending the conversation with any Scout on the other side is a moment where all feelings get mixed, happiness of this great achievement of a young Scout talked to someone and shares his passion of Scouting, tears of breaking the bridge of communication between both of them, hopes of making new



contacts and friendships with other Scouts, and wishes of being ready at the same time and the same place next year. "It's irresistible", this is how one of our young Scouts expresses it. Truly it is, says Dawood al Zidjali.



Dawood and his Scouts in contact via A47JOTA.

A team of six leaders started to prepare for the event four weeks earlier in the headquarter to be the national team of the events. They worked very hard as follows:

➤ A meeting took place in the Headquarter for the region commissioners to know their readiness to participate in the event, their capability to participate and their needs to do so in terms of equipment and technical support. A short presentation was given on the history of the event, its goal, its importance to the scout movement and what's expected from them during the event. They discussed the obstacles and tried to find solutions for them.

- Two brochures were designed to discuss the JOTA. They were in Arabic and contained an introductory history, the innovations in this year event, and how to participate.
- The working team prepared all the equipment needed like the radio station, computers and digital projectors. In the station, they distribute the duties and discussed all expected problems and how to be ready for troubleshooting. This was going along with the network in the region stations for any technical support.
- Official letters were sent to the nominated groups for participation. The organization put in mind the target of introducing JOTA to 250 Scouts and Guides.

There was a satisfactory coverage from the local media. This was a result of the good reputation of the event in the previous years. Articles in the newspapers were written during the 48 hour event and an interview with one of the organizing team members was broadcasted on the National Channel of the Sultanate.



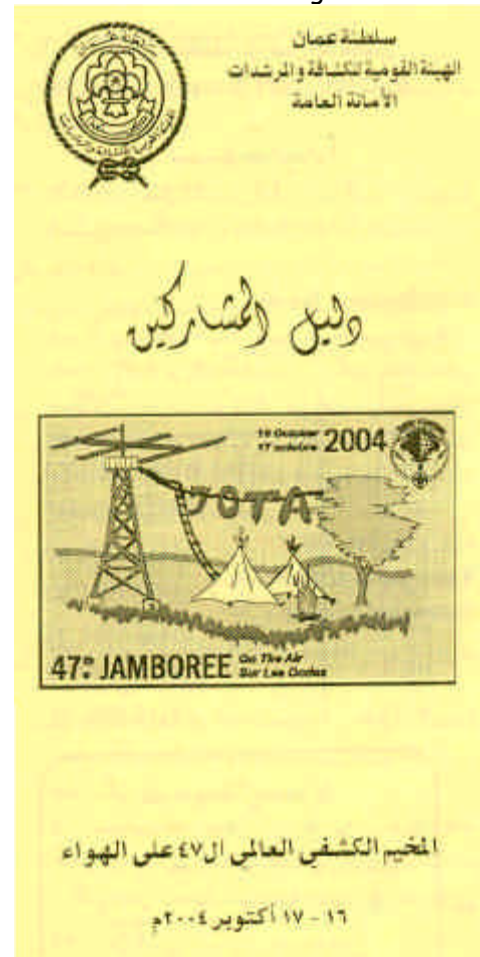
Omani Scout HQ, home to A47JOTA.

The interview and the articles of the newspapers discussed the events and their importance not just to Scouts and Guides but to all Omani youth who deserve

to have all available opportunities

to know the world and discuss their culture and knowledge with their mates all over the world.

This kind of positive media coverage is extremely beneficial to the Scout movement here in Oman and this wonderful spotlight



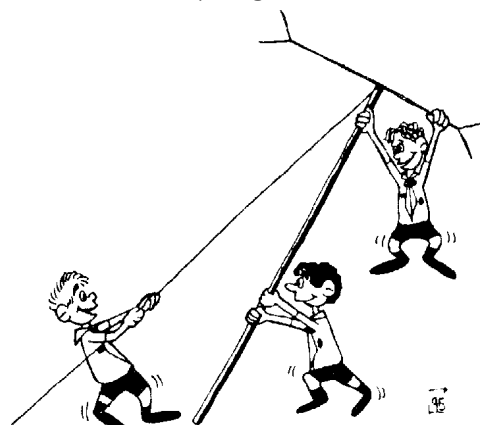


on JOTA introduced a good example of how important the Scout movement is for youth. The opening ceremony was under the auspicious of HE. Mustafa bin Abdul Latif, Undersecretary in The Ministry of Education in Oman. He arrived on Saturday morning to the main station, where a short introduction was given to him about JOTA, and then he looked at the young Scouts and Guides while they are making their communications with their mates all over the world. He was surprised from what he had seen and the way this event was arranged and prepared for.

### Peru (OA)

participants:	716
stations:	36
countries:	9

This year we organized training courses for various Scout groups to convey all the JOTA information to the participants, says Aldo Botteri. Some months ago, we wrote a course for Scout radio amateurs with the help of the Peruvian Radio Club, which helped us to train new radio amateurs that can help our Scouts groups to take part in years to come.



The National JOTA Co-ordination counted two stations, one set up in the Asociación de Scouts del Perú and the other in the Casa de la Juventud de Surquillo. In these stations Scouts of different groups and of all ages joined together during the weekend to use the radios, as well as computers connected to internet to work with e-QSO.

We contacted many stations in various cities in Peru, thanks to the help of colleagues and communities and of radio amateurs. The participating groups appreciated the event, as they had many contacts with Scouts world-wide. Many camped out and took part in games, competitions and social activities.

The JOTA shows us each year that the Scout Movement is very large and we can be together with Scouts in the entire world and make new friends, concludes Aldo.



Electronic puzzles for Portuguese Scouts.

### Portugal (CT)

participants:	7000
stations:	60
countries:	20

This year, the participation of AEP (Portuguese Scout Association) was prepared with long anticipation and had some picturesque aspects.

Group nr.43 invited the national JOTA organizer, Jose Araujo, and went to a shelter in a National Park in a wild environment where the only neighbour was a community of wild horses. The electric power was produced with a gasoline generator and the antenna was only a dipole stretched between the trees.



Group nr.10 started the participation very early, building a home-made tower and, for unknown technical reasons, during JOTA they only could make contact with a mobile transceiver inside a car. National Scout Leaders were interviewed by the most important portuguese radio broadcast station, which was an important opportunity to promote the activity and Scouting in general.



In order to promote the participation of AEP Scouts, all WOSM documents were translate into Portuguese and uploaded to the AEP national web site.

60 stations had been on the air all over the country, including Azores Islands with 5 of them. This year. CT8JAM and CT8CNE, the CNE's HQ station were located in Coimbra, in the central part of the country. For the first time we had a mobile station, and we had gone to the groups without a station, most of them had the very first contact with JOTA this way. We travelled more than 3000 km, but it has been a success, says António M. Ribeiro da Silva.

The Institute of Communications (ANACOM ) authorized, as an exception, that Scouts and Guides in Portugal transmit their messages with their own voices under supervision of a radio amateur. This year the chosen theme has been " Scouting, a peace example ", and all messages and games have been in this theme. Several groups reported SSTV, ATV and PSK31 operation, and it has been an alternative to very poor propagation conditions. In Portugal we are not allowed to use echo-link, and with so poor propagation conditions, it will be so useful.

### South Africa (ZS)

participants:	?
stations:	?
countries:	?

On the Friday evening on the farm of the Scout master Basil Mills in Grahamstown, Andre' Mulder ZS2AJ set up a amateur radio station with the help of the Scouts of the Grahamstown troop. The boys were given a demonstration and talk

about the principles and a bit about the electronics involved in radio communications. Soon they were able to hear other stations and a contact was made with the Muddlers Net, a group of ardent constructors of QRP and other home-made equipment. This impressed the Scouts and they were shown a simple transmitter that can be used with Morse code. The inner workings of a transceiver were shown and various sections explained and other technical aspects were also explained. Another aspect, which was met with great interest, was the use of Amateur Radio in times of disasters and why it plays a very important role in disaster management.



"..... and there's this guy behind me taking pictures..."

A station was set up at ST. Andrews School in Welkom.(gold-mining town about 240 kms SW of Johannesburg). The following Cubs/Scouts/Brownies talked with other Scouts: Jarrod, Karl, Tuki, Victor, Katlemo, Willimia a Scouter, Steward, Dean, Marco, Sabelo, Tshidiso, Angus, Daddyke, Tlotisa ,Noddy a Scouter, Rina a Scouter, Hegan, Johanathan, Tshep, Ntula, Johan, Micaela, Sellwane, Nthabiseng, and Zuzewe. There were more than a 100 Scouts attending this event.

As usual the Midlands Radio Club ZS5PMB organized the Pietermaritzburg Guide JOTA at their World's View camp site about 400 metres above that city.

On the 16th October the annual JOTA was held in Eshowe (in the centre of the sugar-cane growing region of Natal.) The 1st Eshowe Cub Pack once again met at Willie Axford's house to make contact with others in Scouting and Guides. ZS5WI Willie Axford ZS5WI was our ham operator for the day was based in Eshowe. Cards confirming participation were handed to all visitors.



The Lonehill Scout Group ran the JOTA station ZR6WWL in Bryanston (a suburb of northern Johannesburg). They had a computer on Echolink. The Groups attending were Lonehill Cubs & Scouts, 1st Rivertrail Cubs, and Honeydew Scouts and had a total of about 30 boys and girls in and out over the weekend. Most of the Cubs and Scouts had an opportunity to talk over the Echolink system. We made contact with HB9S at World Scout Bureau in Switzerland.

Dave Gemmell ZS6AAW, SA NJO, operated ZS6MUS from the radio room of the SA Air Force Museum, about 12 kms South West of Pretoria. Unfortunately this was a

last-minute arrangement and hence no Guides or Scouts attended. Nevertheless contact was made with a number of JOTA stations.

### Spain (EA)

participants:	?
stations:	?
countries:	9

This was a strange year, says Luis Martinez, due to the fact that the JOTA weekend coincided with the Fiestas del Pilar. Because of that we only took part with radio amateurs and one Scout visitor, Pedro Clemente.

### Sri Lanka (4S7)

participants:	360
stations:	8
countries:	6

This was an excellent opportunity for having a live conversation with fellow Scouts and Guides elsewhere in the country and the World, writes Merille Goonati. It is the nature of this unique event that attracts so many youngsters to it during

which Scouting experiences are exchanged and ideas are shared. It is a unique opportunity for each individual Scout to get the real feeling of belonging to a world-wide Movement. Sing Songs, debates, quizzes, puzzles took place among Scouts and Guides between Troops, and Districts and with neighbouring countries. At the end, this was a real stimulation to the Scouts, Cubs, Girl Guides and Scout Leaders.



"listen to our song, a traditional song from Sri Lanka..."

### Sudan (ST)

participants:	66
stations:	2
countries:	25

This year we took part in the JOTA for the

7th time, says Magdi Osman, in co-operation with the Amateur Radio Association, the National Tele-



communication Corporation and the Khartoum sea Scouts. ST2M operated from Khartoum, on the bank of the river Nile. This time we were able to contact HB9S with two different stations.

A booklet in Arabic about amateur radio and Scouting was published and distributed. A course was held to train assistant station managers and practice to operate on 2 m VHF. As a result, 6 Scouts are operating each week from the radio club.



JOTA opening in Sweden.

### Sweden (SM)

participants:	?
stations:	49
countries:	23

Some JOTA stations were a co-operation between many different Scout Associations in Sweden, writes Per-Olof Hansson. This year's official greeting message came from Jacob Sjögren from the FA-Scouts (Scouts of the Salvation Army), one of the five Scout organisations in Sweden.

The received reports show a great activity during this weekend. The Scouts got new friends from both Sweden and abroad. They have used 2-m band, the short waves, the popular PMR (446MHz) radios and have also tested foxhunting, a popular activity during the

weekend. They also practised some Morse code, so they at least could send their own names.

### Switzerland (HB9)

participants:	300
stations:	15
countries:	?

Fortunately also this year we received the approval to let the Scouts speak through the microphone themselves, says Markus Billeter. Some boys and girls like it, some are to shy. We had a lot of young boys and girls this year who enjoyed spelling their names into the mike. The older Scouts talked with other groups about the activities and how they usually spend the time in summer camps. Swiss Scouts did use Echolink to combine voice communication with the internet and the radio.



Switzerland has a JOTA-/JOTI-Badge available for the stations. There also exists a common badge for Switzerland, Austria and Germany.



Mounting the antenna's .... with Swiss precision.

### Tanzania (5H)

participants:	100
stations:	1
countries:	13

A very exiting moment was when we decided in this year's JOTA to spare 3 hours for a workshop on how to run JOTA using a radio and procedures to get a licence for our Scouts so as they can be free using the radio at any time during the year.

The workshop was very successful and was run by Ramesh Krishnan a volunteer in amateur radio for more than 23 years. He is an indian but is now working in Tanzania.

During the JOTA activities Scouts managed to communicate clearly with fellow Scouts in many countries, singing Tanzanian songs, writes Rashid Mchata.



## Turkey (TA)

participants:	338
stations:	11
countries:	7

Savas Baran writes: now we are going to have licensed radio amateurs at 12 years old. We have more than one Scout Wireless Club already.

Conditions were not very good and we had a few contacts but a good quality information exchange between Scouts.

The Group leader and President of the Istanbul Scout and Guide Club is elected as president of the Scouting and Guiding Federation of Turkey. He was the man behind the development of radio Scouting in Istanbul.



"now look, if I push this button then you can talk"

Istanbul Scouts were well prepared for JOTA contacts including Echolink. We tried to make a JOTA game using photographs of Geneva Switzerland but only two teams from Turkey and a team from Malta responded.

Istanbul, Gaziantep, Ankara, Eskisehir, Konya and Trabzon participated with radio amateurs and Scouts and Guides. There was also mobile station in Istanbul. The Kayseri station had a chance to reach HB9S. Most of the Turkish stations chatted between them. They also contacted with a Scout Group in Kosovar.

I hope more Scouts will discover Amateur Radio and Radio Scouting with our new open friendly national amateur radio regulations.

The Istanbul Scout radio club now has a permanent station at their HQ. This year JOTA

activities were not limited to the JOTA weekend. Scouts and Guides begin to work to get their amateur-radio licenses. Regular meetings on the net.

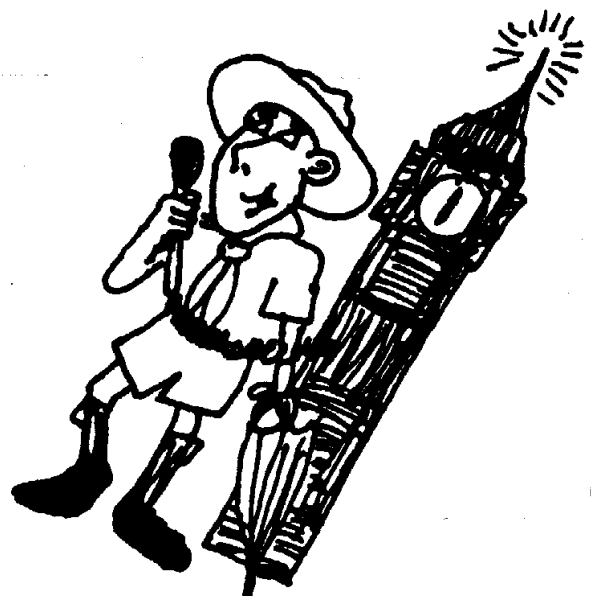
A group of Scouts was camping on the Kure mountains when they were alarmed by the news of a fire in a nearby mine. They acted immediately and organized communications 200 meters deep into the mine to help save some 10 people and to inform incoming rescue teams. The radio-net leader was a Girl Guide of 15 years old with her own license, TA2NO. This shows that JOTA is not only a fun and educational activity. It gives capacity to Scouts for be prepared and do something when necessary.

## United Kingdom (G)

participants:	3150
stations:	105
countries:	41

Another year and another JOTA. About half the stations returned a report, some more detailed than

others. The majority of those who report describe an event which offers a wide range of activities, some of which are technology based while others explore the International aspects of Scouting and the opportunity that JOTA provides for links round the World. Old hands are just as enthusiastic as the younger generation when a contact is made with a station worked in a previous event. They become old friends even if the operators may be different. Computer logging has made for instant recognition. The ability to exchange photographs by e-mail or by TV also adds a new dimension. Young people unfazed by modern technology still get a thrill from meeting another Scout in another part of the world and realising that the Scout



Movement has almost no boundaries.

Once again the fly in the ointment was the German contest which spoilt the event for some stations. At least one station had to resort to contacting local club members on VHF so the children could at least pass a message to someone.

Blessed with reasonable weather, mild enough to camp and enjoy the outdoor life, several stations also combined the weekend with sleepovers and hikes, while some of these camps were specifically technology camps, offering a varied programme of which radio is but a small part. As the Foundation Licence gains ground some events have tried combining JOTA with a Foundation Licence course. The number of operators with a Foundation call sign is an encouragement to Radio Scouting and in turn they must be nurtured to continue, both in Scouting and in Amateur Radio.



Each report contains the names and call signs of a large number of people who have given up their time and lent their equipment for JOTA. They may

have some connection with Scouting, even if as a Cub in the distant past but many do not and are simply happy to share their hobby to spread Scout friendship. In many places JOTA would not happen without them. Thank you all for taking part, concludes Richard Gaskell.

### United States (W)

participants:	8900
stations:	866
countries:	42

Ray Moyer writes us that "2004 was another great year celebrating World Scouting during this year's Jamboree on the Air event. The universal theme of many first time participants is similar to a comment from a Black Hills Area Council Cub Scout, "Scouting is more than just South Dakota!"

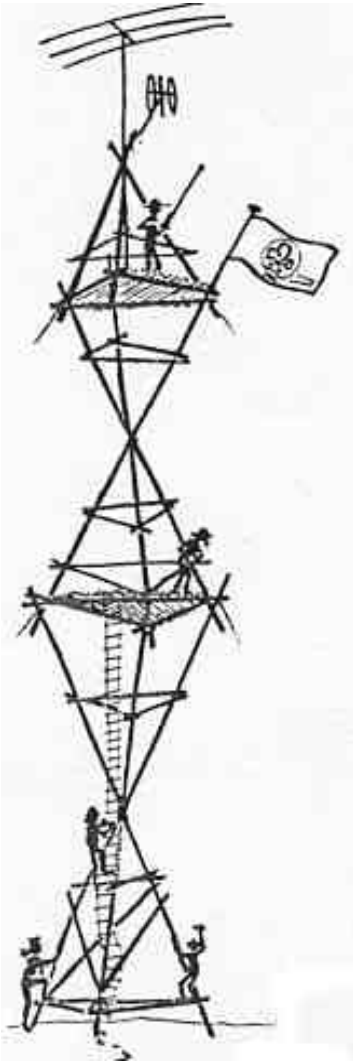
Many units, districts and councils combined the event with campouts or events, which enabled a larger number of first time and experienced participants to learn and hone their skills. A unit from Patriot's Path Council in New Jersey encouraged the enjoyment of learning as "the boys had almost as much fun tuning around the bands and just listening as they did talking, the start of good ham habits." Topics of conversation regularly revolved around Scouting, sports interests, location and weather.

A unique event was held in the Connecticut Rivers Council at their Camporee event. The theme was "Survivor Waterford", with reference to a TV show. Scouts were told that they were marooned on a deserted island. They found an amateur radio transceiver and had to communicate their plight to the outside world.



"Did you get my message?"

Traditionally, Jamboree on the Air creates the opportunity for Scouts to start and possibly complete their radio merit badge. This year was no exception. In the Coastal Carolina Council in South Carolina, the event was organized by Scouters and volunteers from Trident Amateur Radio



Club and Charleston Amateur Radio Society. The radio merit badge was taught and completed by 23 Scouts.

In the Crossroads District of WD Boyce Council in Illinois, participants used an old but pristine ICOM-720 which had been donated to the district with the purpose of providing a local station for Jamboree on the Air and radio merit badge activities. The donor died before seeing his gift used. The legacy of the gift will go on in the district."

The San Francisco Bay Area Council in San Leandro, California reported that the participants had a great time speaking with other Scouts. Contact was made with about 10 other stations primarily in the Western US. Sun spot activity and solar winds limited our range. Each unit or individual participant spent one or two hours at JOTA. Participants received a certificate and have to opportunity to order a special patch. One ambitious Scout stayed all day and earned the radio merit badge. Others worked with on-site counselors to pass numerous Cub and Scout advancement requirements related to amateur radio, electricity, and international Scouting.

The Hayward Radio Club generously provided the radio sets, antennas and the radio operators for the weekend. JOTA is by far the easiest, least expensive (free), and one of the most rewarding ways to participate in an international Scouting event.

#### **Venezuela (YV)**

participants:	5576
stations:	77
countries:	10

This year, again, JOTA was an exiting occasion for exchanges between Scouts around the world. The number of JOTA participants increased far more than 100 % and this year and we tried, for the first time, the Echolink system... just awesome, says Andrés Bracho. Each boy and girl Scout had his or her own contacts, experience, adventure...

This year we increased our on line systems to register and report the experience and we received a bigger and faster answer throughout the country.

Again, a great experience that demonstrates our great world friendship and the spirit of brotherhood that must be between us to make every day the dream of our founder come true.

#### **World Scout Bureau (HB9S)**

participants:	10
stations:	1
countries:	60

For the 47th JOTA, the World Scout Bureau's amateur radio station operated from Geneva, Switzerland. The new Secretary General Mr Eduardo Missoni joined us for the weekend and experienced his first Jamboree On The Air.

Using Echolink and VHF radio links, Eduardo spoke directly with Scouts in Tokyo, Japan, at the Asia-Pacific Region workshop on the role of ICT in youth programmes. Of particular interest was a Japanese song that the participants prepared for Eduardo and which was received loud and clear in Geneva. The contact (and the song) were recorded and you can listen to it by downloading them from the radio-scouting web site.

In Australia, National JOTA Organiser Steve Watson, VK4SWG in Brisbane switched three JOTA stations together on the network, whilst the conversation was also transmitted over a number of radio repeater station, among which



Frank, MOAUE, speaking with Scouts via the HB9S short-wave radio station.



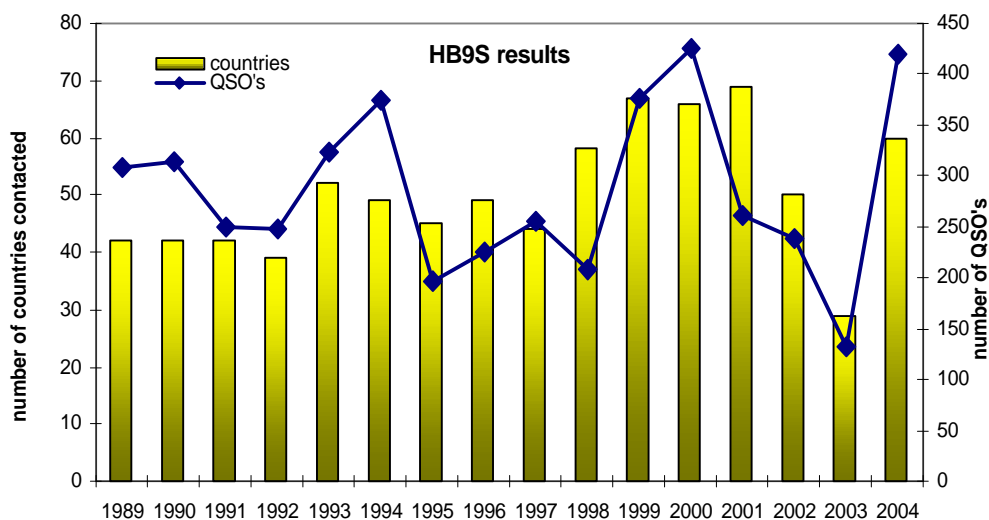
Hobart in Tasmania. Eduardo had an in-depth discussion with youngsters on the Gifts for Peace project and was interested to hear what the youngsters had to say about that. He got comments from Pamphlett Sea Scouts in Brisbane, from Scouts of the Hunter and Coastal Region at VK4SOA in Newcastle and from the Pimlico Mundingburra Scout Group at VK4WJ in Townsville. This contact was recorded as well.



Secretary General Eduardo Missoni (centre) enjoys his first JOTA contact. Hania from Egypt (left) listens with interest, while Richard Middelkoop (right) operates the HB9S radio system.

On to Brazil where National Organizer Ronan Reginatto, PY2RAR in Porto Alegre had connected many stations together via a network. Even some Scout stations in remote area's were connected via a long-distance radio link. Greetings were exchanged and Eduardo discussed the Scout programme with the Brazillian Scouts. A mixture of Spanish and Portuguese proved just right to have a good conversation.

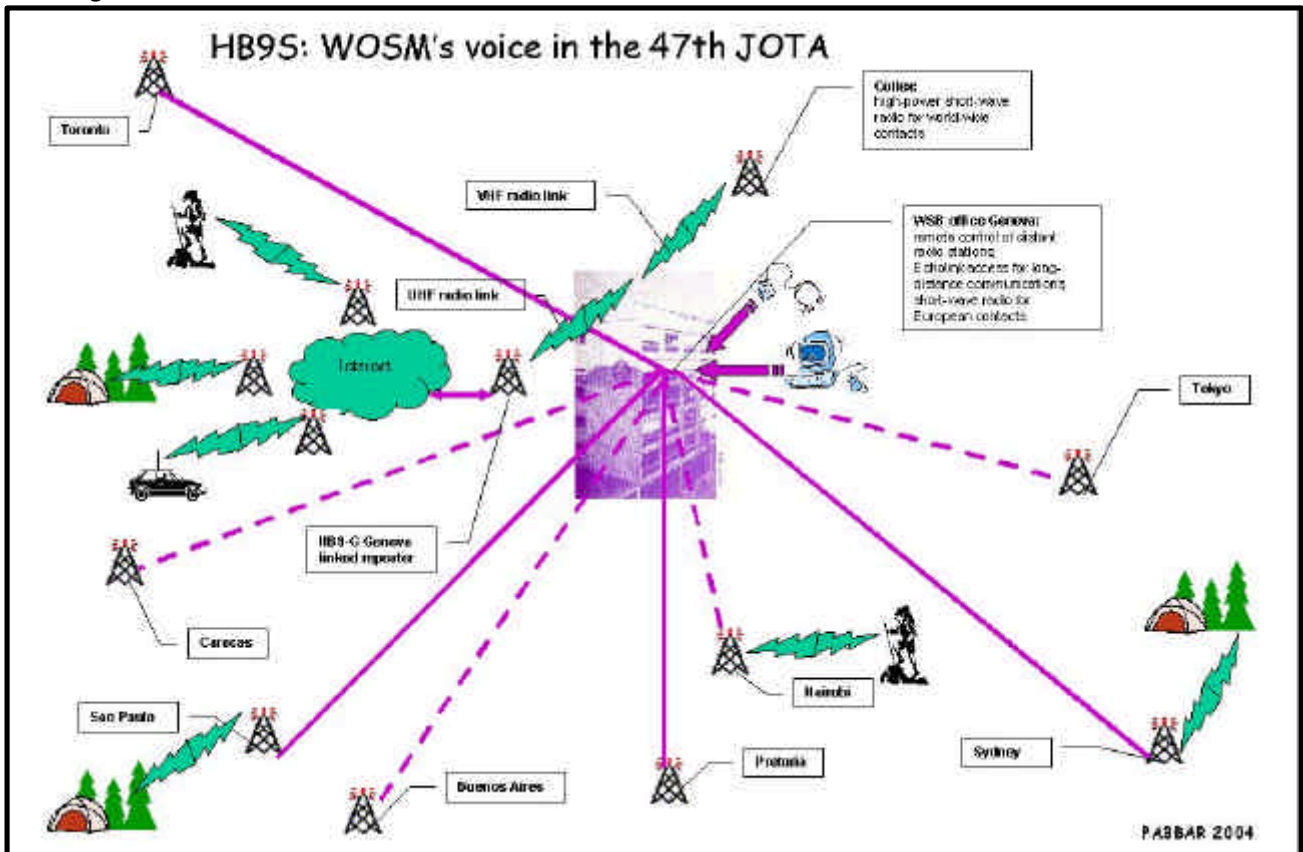
In all, HB9S contacted 420 Scout radio stations, in 60 different countries over 6 continents. As the



graph on this page shows, the number of countries that HB9S could reach, increased quite a bit compared to the last years. HB9S used the Echolink network to connect to distant radio stations. Either directly via the Bureau's network or with a UHF radio

link to the Geneva city repeater. This approach proved quite successful as good contacts over large distances were now possible, regardless of atmospheric radio conditions. Via Echolink many contacts were made overseas, with Australian Scout troops, with Japan and with VE3MYF, former JOTA organizer Len Jarrett in Canada. However, many contacts were also made using the conventional HF radio.

One station was set up at the Bureau itself with a temporary FD4 antenna, built under heavy rain on the Friday. The other team was in Collex, on the outskirts of Geneva to handle the long-distance traffic. Many contacts were made, with old and new Scout friends, like YBOS at the Jakarta HQ, ST2M in Sudan, GB2GP at Gilwell Park in the UK, G3BHK the JOTA founder Les Mitchell, 3V8CB in Tunisia, 9K2BI in Kuwait City, 5N4BSK at the Nigerian Scout HQ in Lagos, K3BSA in the US, to name just a few. HB9S also signed its presence in the German Scout Net in the 80 m band on Sunday morning.



The pre-arranged Echolink- and radio network that HB9S used during the JOTA.

Members of the World JOTI team operated from the Bureau at the same time, running IRC (internet chat) contacts. With their help we could also make contact with the Swiss HQ that had HB9JAM on the air, but was a little too close to Geneva for our regular radios.



Your operator team (from right to left):

- Kik, JOTI team
- Mark Clayton, director Public Relations
- Holger Sickenberg, World JOTI co-ordinator
- Sieva, JOTI team
- Mich Friederich, LX1KQ
- Frank Heritage, MOAEU
- Richard Middelkoop, PA3BAR, World JOTA Organizer
- Not in the picture while on duty at the radios:
- Yves Oesch, HB9DTX.
- Yves Margot, HB9AOF, station manager



## 8. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

During the summer there will again be a number of large (inter) national camps and activities that have a Scout amateur radio station on the air. To easily find these stations, Scout stations in the European Region are asked to call CQ SCOUT daily during July and August for the universal "summer camp sked":

European Summer Camp sked: on 7.090 MHz at 07.00 GMT and on 14.290 MHz at 07.30 GMT

### The radio-scouting agenda for 2005:

8 - 16 January	LU9BSA	XII Jamboree Scout Panamericano, San Rafael Mendoza, Argentina.
23 -24 April		CQWS, world-wide Scout station contest, organized by Brazil.
13 - 17 May	OZ1RDP	Whitsun camp Bremer „Funkergilde“, RøMø-Island, Denmark.
24 - 26 June	KZ2BSA	Field Day 2005, Henderson Scout Reservation, United States.

For additional last-minute info see [www.scout.org/jota](http://www.scout.org/jota)

### Scout Nets.

Weekly or monthly nets exist in which licensed Scouts meet on the air.

With the advent of the Echolink technology, it is now possible to bridge the propagation gap by using the Internet for part of the way. Scout stations can connect to the Echolink system either direct using a computer or via a local repeater station that has an Echolink connection. Details are on [www.echolink.org](http://www.echolink.org) and [www.scout.org/jota](http://www.scout.org/jota).

Echolink is the basis for the World Scout Net, held once a month. Wouldn't it be fun to meet new friends even if it is in the middle of the night at your location? This adds to the international atmosphere, as you often experience during the JOTA. Join in and meet fellow Scout radio amateurs world-wide !

Overview of operational Scout Nets:

Country	day	time	frequency	netcontrol
Denmark	Saturday	13.00 GMT	3.740 MHz	
European Scout Net	Saturday	09.30 GMT	14.290 MHz	
Japan	3rd Saturday of month	23.00 local	21.360 MHz	JA1YSS
Norway	Saturday	15.30 local	3.740 MHz	
Sweden	Saturday, even weeks	15.00 local	3.740 MHz	
Sudan	Friday	13.00 GMT	21.360 MHz	ST2M
United Kingdom	Saturday	09.00 local	3.740 MHz	G3BHK
United States	Sunday	20.30 GMT	14.290 MHz	K2BSA
World Scout Net	1st Saturday of month	22.00 GMT	Echolink 131124	PA3BAR

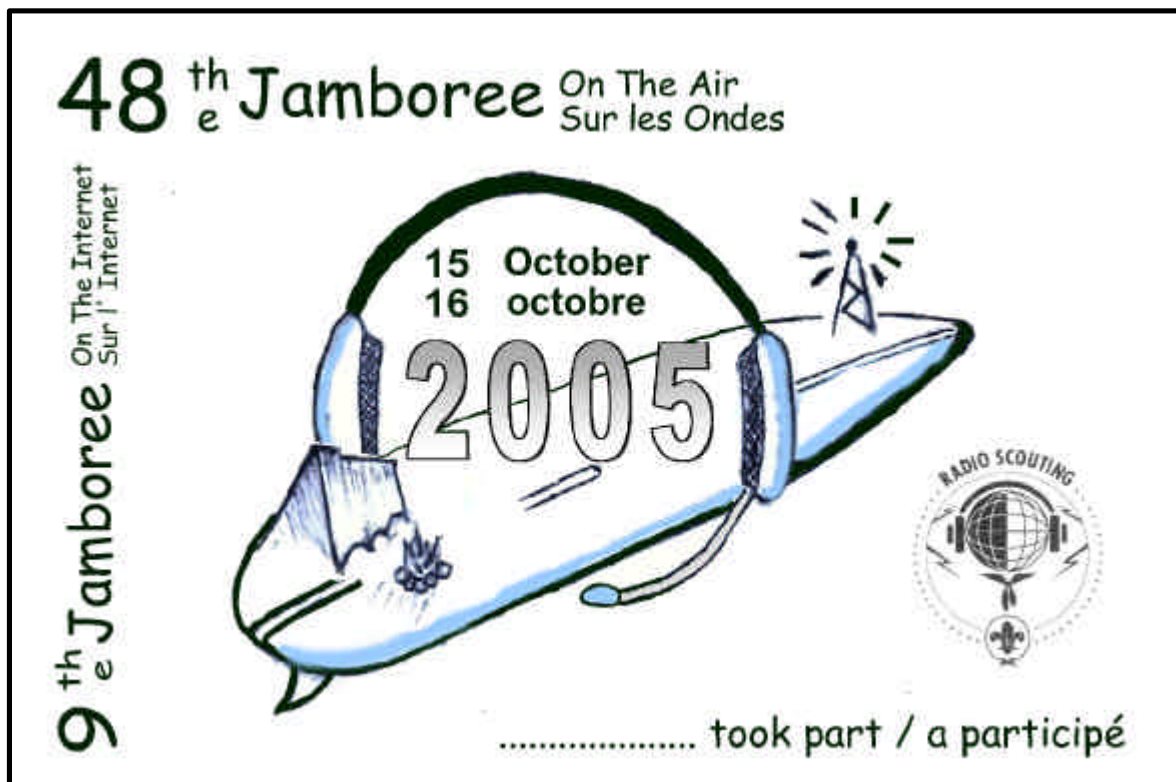
### World Scout Frequencies:

band	phone (MHz)	cw (MHz)	band	phone (MHz)	cw (MHz)
80 m	3.740 & 3.940	3.590	15 m	21.360	21.140
40 m	7.090	7.030	12 m	24.960	24.910
20 m	14.290	14.070	10 m	28.390	28.190
17 m	18.140	18.080			

# 9. THE 48TH JOTA

## 48<sup>th</sup> Jamboree-On-The-Air, 15 - 16 October 2005.

The logo for the 48<sup>th</sup> JOTA, is shown on this page. It is based on the design of Edgarvin Ramazan of the Pater Paul Brenneker Group 2, Curaçao, Netherlands Antilles.



For your artwork, a high-resolution file can be downloaded from the radio-scouting web site on the WOSM server [www.scout.org/jota](http://www.scout.org/jota).

### **Look for this information:**

The following information will be mailed on paper to all Scout Associations as well as emailed directly to those National JOTA Organizers listed in chapter 10.

#### **April 2005:**

The WOSM web site for JOTA information, [www.scout.org/jota](http://www.scout.org/jota), is updated at regular intervals and carries the actual JOTA information already from April onwards.

#### **July 2005:**

the JOTA information circular with proposed theme activities, programme suggestions, the latest JOTA news, the operating frequencies and a report form for national use. With this mailing the participation cards will also be send.

#### **February 2006:**

The electronic version of the World JOTA Report will be available for download from the web site.

#### **May 2006:**

the printed World JOTA Report (WSB ref. nr 1310) will be there again. Extra copies can always be ordered directly from the World Scout Bureau, on-line at the web site of SCORE, the world scout shop: [www.worldscoutshop.org](http://www.worldscoutshop.org). Look in the radio-scouting section.

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