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# 50<sup>th</sup>

# Jamboree On The Air

20- 21 October 2007



Each year in Scouts and others country contacts between Air (JOTA) is the

the third full weekend of October hundred-thousands of Guides all over the world exchange greetings, learn about each and culture, swap programme ideas and make new friends. The them are established by amateur radio stations. This Jamboree-On-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.

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.

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# 1. FROM YOUR EDITOR

The annual Jamboree-On-The-Air (JOTA) of 2007 was the 50<sup>th</sup>. The event once more joined together thousands of Scouts via amateur radio waves. For 50 years it has connected Scouts from different parts of the world and let them experience what it means to belong to the world-wide youth Movement. How JOTA developed from the first idea to the present day world-wide event, has all been documented in an historic overview compiled and edited by JOTA's originator and subsequent World Organizers. This overview is published separately.

What lies before you now is the impression of what the 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Jamboree-On-The-Air was like. 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. Many thanks therefore, to all who sent information on their JOTA programme and adventures, for others to read and enjoy.

After long negotiations with the German Amateur Radio Club DARC, lead by former German NJO's Klaus Sperling and Günter Erdmann, based on a resolution at the European Radio-Scouting Seminar in Oslo in 2006, and supported by the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU), an agreement was reached to stop interference between the JOTA and the Worked All Germany contest (WAG). This contest, or amateur-radio competition, is East-German by origin and the only contest in the JOTA weekend, contrary to international agreements that were made in the early sixties of last century. As of this year, however, the WAG contest voluntarily maintained large contest-free sections on the amateur radio bands. The Scout frequencies were slightly shifted as well so in the end the WAG kept all Scout frequencies in the clear.

With only one exception, none of the National JOTA Reports were received mentioned any interference due to the contest. Quite a difference from the previous years ! At HB50S we noticed only a few, mainly non-German, contest stations that were calling contest near the Scout frequencies. When we contacted them, they asked us where all the WAG stations had gone, as they could not find any.....! We quickly explained to them the changed frequency plan, gave them a point for their contest and they happily moved to other frequencies. Thank you DARC, IARU, and in particular Klaus and Günter! You did make a difference for our jubilee-JOTA. We hope to continue this in the future.

Well-known Radio-Scouter Frank Heritage introduced the prestigious Centenary of Scouting Radio Award for 2007. The award is available in 5 levels, from Bronze to Platinum, and aimed at stimulating Scout radio contacts. Frank wouldn't let you off easily with just an occasional quick radio contact: you had to exchange Scout details and your age (for some this meant giving away a secret...), and send your signed log to him in order to get the award.

The award really boosted the activity of radio-scouting stations during the whole of 2007 and especially during JOTA, when Scout stations counted as 2 points. Dozens of Scout and other amateur radio stations managed to obtain the award, and applications are still coming in as I write this.

The World Scout Bureau operated HB50S from the Saigny Scout centre with excellent results: we never before contacted so many Scout stations world-wide. If it weren't the very modest propagation conditions, than

it was certainly due to the enthusiasm of the crew and Günter's special antenna system with spider beams on 40 m. Thank you all, it was great to meet you live on the air.

JOTA started early this year, at 22:00 h local time on the Friday. Two hours more than normal, and this was just what we needed to have 50 hours for the 50<sup>th</sup> JOTA: "Around the world in 50 hours". There's no telling how many stations actually operated for the full 50 hours, but several reports mentioned a quite few of them.

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Asia-Pacific Regional Conference convened in Tokyo over the JOTA weekend and had a first in opening the 50<sup>th</sup> JOTA. World Scout Committee chairman Herman Hui and Secretary General Eduardo Missoni spoke over radio 8J1S from the Conference room to the world. A team from the Scout amateur radio club of the Japanese Headquarters, lead by Tat Mochiki JH1FEL, guided the radio traffic.

A glimpse of the 50<sup>th</sup> JOTA stories that we received from around the world:

*Norway:*

a special call sign for the 50th JOTA, the LC prefix where L is 50 for the 50th JOTA and C is 100 for 100 years of Scouting.

*Netherlands Antilles:*

Scouts could participate in numerous communication games and activities and also in a yell competition and an outrageous cooking contest.

*Bangladesh:*

a special badge and t-shirts. In two JOTA camps Scouts sang 50 songs together.

*South Africa:* one young Scout travelled on foot for over 35 km to the special JOTA camp in Mafikeng.

*Brazil:*

a video invitations from Secretary General Eduardo Missoni, was shown at JOTA promotion events all over the country. The recording was made during the World Jamboree in Chelmsford, UK.

*Turkey:*

Scouts wrote 50 letters to themselves for 2057. These will be delivered to them at the 100<sup>th</sup> JOTA.

*Spain:*

a visit from Jerry, KC4YDP, an astronaut of NASA. On his own he raised a pile-up of contacts in Morse.

*Peru:*

an earthquake in the city of Pisco two months before JOTA, swung Scout radio amateurs into action for emergency communications. This has motivated many Scouts to take an interest in the radio.

*Oman:*

Scout contacts during JOTA with a staggering 111 different countries. Mainly due to having one separate Echolink station per continent installed at the Scout HQ.

*Czech Republic:*

the best idea for the next JOTA? To have some radio propagation !!

These are just a few of the highlights of our jubilee JOTA. The complete overview is in front of you now. We trust you enjoy the next pages.

Richard Middelkoop, PA3BAR.  
Editor.  
10 January 2008.

## 2. RESUME FRANÇAIS

En 2007 le Jamboree-sur-les-Ondes (JOTA) fêtait sa 50e édition et a réuni comme chaque année des milliers de Scouts grâce aux ondes des radioamateurs. Depuis 50 ans il met en relation des Scouts de toutes les régions du globe et leur permet de découvrir ce que signifie d'appartenir à ce mouvement de jeunes au niveau mondial.

Pour découvrir comment le JOTA s'est développé à partir d'une simple idée, pour devenir un événement à l'échelle mondiale, il convient de lire la documentation historique réunie par les organisateurs mondiaux et publiée séparément.

Ce rapport présente les souvenirs de ce que fut le 50eme jubilé du Jamboree-sur-les-Ondes en se basant sur les informations rassemblées par les organisateurs JOTA de chaque pays et envoyées au Bureau Mondial du Scoutisme. Les ingrédients de base ont été bien sûr fournis par les différents groupes Scouts participants. Nous remercions donc tous ceux qui ont envoyé des informations sur leurs activités JOTA, leurs aventures, et les ont partagées pour le plaisir de tous les lecteurs.

Après de longues négociations avec le DARC (association allemande de radioamateurs) conduites par les anciens organisateurs JOTA allemands Klaus Sperling et Günter Erdmann, sur la base d'une résolution du Séminaire Européen de Radio-Scoutisme d'Oslo en 2006, et avec le support de l'IARU (International Amateur Radio Union), un accord a été conclu pour mettre fin aux interférences entre le JOTA et le concours "Worked All Germany" (WAG). Ce concours entre radioamateurs, organisé à l'origine en Allemagne de l'Est, est le seul concours se déroulant pendant le week-end du JOTA en contradiction avec les accords internationaux pris au début des années soixante du siècle passé. C'est pourquoi cette année les participants au concours WAG ont accepté de laisser libre certaines parties des bandes de fréquences des radioamateurs. Les fréquences Scoutes ont aussi été quelque peu modifiées pour que finalement le WAG n'empiète plus sur les fréquences utilisées par les Scouts. A une seule exception, les rapports JOTA nationaux reçus ne mentionnent pas d'interférences dues à ce concours. Quelle différence par rapport aux années précédentes ! A la station HB50S nous avons entendu seulement quelques stations non allemandes qui appelaient pour ce concours près des fréquences Scoutes. Si nous les contactons, elles demandaient où avaient passé les participants au WAG. Nous leur avons alors expliqué le nouveau plan de fréquences. Merci au DARC, à l'IARU, et particulièrement à Klaus et Günter. Vous avez réussi pour le JOTA du jubilé, nous espérons que cela continuera dans le futur.

Frank Heritage, "Scout-radio" bien connu, a créé le prestigieux diplôme "Centenary of Scouting Radio Award" pour 2007. Ce diplôme existe en cinq niveaux, du bronze au platine, et son but était de stimuler les contacts entre radioamateurs Scouts tout au long de l'année. Frank ne voulait pas que vous vous limitiez à un rapide contact, il fallait prendre le temps d'échanger au moins une information Scoute et donner son âge (pour certains c'était dévoiler un secret...) puis envoyer votre carnet de trafic signé à Frank afin de recevoir le diplôme. Ce diplôme a vraiment encouragé l'activité de Radio-Scoutisme tout au long de l'année 2007, plus particulièrement pendant le JOTA car les stations comptaient alors 2 points. De nombreux Scouts et radioamateurs ont essayé d'obtenir ce diplôme et des demandes continuent d'arriver alors que nous rédigeons ce rapport.

Le Bureau Mondial du Scoutisme a opéré HB50S depuis le centre Scout de Satigny avec d'excellents ré-

sultats; nous n'avions jamais contacté autant de stations du monde entier lors d'un JOTA. Ce ne sont pas les conditions de propagation très modestes qui nous ont aidé, mais certainement l'enthousiasme de l'équipe et l'antenne spéciale de Günter, une "spider beam" pour la bande des 40 mètres. Merci à tous, ce fut un grand moment de vous rencontrer tous en direct sur les ondes.

Le JOTA commençait 2 heures plus tôt cette année, à 22h locales le vendredi, ce qui permettait d'avoir 50 heures pour le 50<sup>e</sup> JOTA: "Autour du monde en 50 heures". On ne sait pas combien de stations furent actives pendant 50 heures, mais selon les rapports il y en avait quelques unes. La 22<sup>e</sup> Conférence de la Région Asie Pacifique avait lieu le même week-end à Tokyo et a eu l'occasion d'ouvrir le 50<sup>e</sup> JOTA; Herman Hui, président du Comité Scout Mondial, et Eduardo Missoni, secrétaire général, ont parlé au monde depuis la station 8J1S installée dans la salle de conférence. Une équipe du club radioamateur Scout du QG japonais, sous la direction de Tat Mochiki, JH1FEL, s'occupait du trafic radio.

Voici quelques brèves anecdotes du 50<sup>e</sup> JOTA reçues du monde entier:

### *Norvège:*

Indicatif spécial LC pour le 50e JOTA et les 100 ans de Scoutisme (pensez aux chiffres latins, L comme 50 et C comme 100)

### *Antilles Hollandaises:*

Les Scouts ont participé à divers jeux et activités de communication, mais aussi à un mémorable concours de cuisine.

### *Bangladesh:*

Badge et T-shirts spéciaux. Dans deux camps JOTA les Scouts ont chanté ensemble 50 chants.

### *Afrique du Sud:*

Un jeune Scout a parcouru 35km à pieds pour rejoindre le camp JOTA de Mafeking.

### *Bésil:*

Une invitation vidéo du secrétaire général Eduardo Missoni a été projetée en de nombreux endroits à travers le pays pour promouvoir le JOTA. L'enregistrement avait été fait lors du Jamboree Mondial à Chelmsford, Angleterre.

### *Turquie:*

Des Scouts ont écrit 50 lettres adressées à eux-mêmes en 2057. Ces lettres leur seront remises lors du 100e JOTA

### *Espagne:*

Visite de Jerry, KC4YDP, astronaute de la NASA, qui fut lui-même à l'origine d'un "pile-up" de stations en morse.

### *Pérou:*

Un tremblement de terre à Pisco, deux mois avant le JOTA, nécessita l'intervention de radioamateurs Scouts pour des communications d'urgence. Cela motiva de nombreux Scouts à s'intéresser à la radio.

### *Oman:*

Contacts pendant le JOTA avec 111 pays différents, principalement par l'intermédiaire d'Echolink avec une station par continent installée au QG des Scouts.

### *République Tchèque:*

La meilleure idée pour le prochain JOTA ? Avoir un peu de propagation radio !

Ce ne sont là que quelques extraits de notre JOTA du jubilé. Vous avez le rapport complet, en anglais, entre les mains. Nous vous souhaitons une excellente lecture des pages qui suivent.

### 3. RESUMEN ESPAÑOL

El Jamboree en aire anual (JOTA) del 2007 fue el 50°. El evento volvió a reunir a miles de Scouts a través de las ondas de radioaficionados. Durante 50 años ha conectado a Scouts de diversas partes del mundo y les ha permitido experimentar lo que significa pertenecer a un Movimiento mundial de juventud. La evolución del JOTA desde la primera idea hasta el presente como evento mundial ha sido documentada en su totalidad en una descripción histórica compilada y editada por quien originó el JOTA y los subsecuentes Organizadores Mundiales. Esta descripción histórica se publica separadamente.

Lo que ahora te presentamos es la impresión de cómo fue el jubileo del 50° Jamboree en el aire. Está basado sobre la información que los Organizadores Nacionales JOTA compilaron y enviaron a la Oficina Scout Mundial. Naturalmente, los grupos scouts participantes de todo el mundo suministraron los ingredientes básicos. Muchas gracias, por lo tanto, a todos quienes enviaron información sobre sus programas y aventuras JOTA, para que otros lean y disfruten.

Después de largas negociaciones con el Club de Radio Aficionados de Alemania DARC, dirigidas por el anterior Organizador Nacional JOTA de Alemania Klaus Sperling y por Günter Erdman, sobre la base de una resolución adoptada en el Seminario Europeo de Radio Scout realizado en Oslo en 2006, y con el apoyo de la Unión Internacional de Radio Aficionados (IARU), se logró un acuerdo para detener la interferencia entre el JOTA y el concurso "Worked All Germany" (WAG). Este concurso o competición de radio aficionados se originó en Alemania del Este y es el único concurso en el fin de semana del JOTA, en contra de los acuerdos internacionales que se realizaron a comienzos de los años sesenta del siglo pasado. Sin embargo, a partir de este año, el concurso WAG mantuvo voluntariamente libres del concurso amplias secciones de las bandas de radio afición. Las frecuencias Scouts fueron también desplazadas ligeramente de modo que el resultado fue que el WAG mantuvo todas las frecuencias Scouts libres.

Con sólo una excepción, ninguno de los Informes Nacionales JOTA recibidos mencionó interferencias debido al concurso. ¡Gran diferencia con años anteriores! ¡Gracias al DARC, a la IARU, y en particular a Klaus y a Günter! Ustedes hicieron la diferencia para nuestro JOTA del jubileo. Esperamos continuar de esta manera en el futuro.

El conocido Radio Scouter Frank Heritage presentó la prestigiosa Distinción de Radio Centenario del Movimiento Scout 2007. La distinción está disponible en 5 niveles, desde Bronce a Platino, y busca estimular los contactos de radio Scouts. Frank no te dejaba ir fácilmente con apenas un rápido contacto de radio en forma ocasional: debías compartir información sobre detalles Scouts y tu edad (para algunos esto implicaba revelar un secreto...), y enviarle tu registro firmado para obtener la distinción.

La distinción realmente impulsó la actividad de las estaciones de radio Scouts durante todo el 2007, y especialmente durante el JOTA, en el que las estaciones Scouts otorgaban 2 puntos. Docenas de Scouts y otras estaciones de radioaficionados consiguieron obtener la distinción, y aún están llegando solicitudes a medida que escribo estas líneas.

La Oficina Scout Mundial operó la estación HB50S desde el Centro Scout de Satigny con excelentes resultados: nunca antes habíamos contactado tantas estaciones Scouts de todo el mundo. Si no fue por las muy modestas condiciones de propagación, fue ciertamente por el entusiasmo del equipo y el sistema es-

pecial de antena de Günter, con rayos en araña en 40 m. Gracias a todos ustedes, fue excelente encontrarlos a todos en vivo en el aire.

El JOTA comenzó temprano este año, a las 22:00 h tiempo local del Viernes. Dos hora más que lo habitual, y fue porque necesitábamos tener 50 horas para el 50° JOTA: "La vuelta al mundo en 50 horas". No hay registro de cuántas estaciones operaron realmente durante el total de 50 horas, pero varios informes mencionan unas cuantas de ellas.

La 22ª Conferencia Regional de Asia-Pacífico se reunió en Tokio durante el fin de semana del JOTA y partió dando apertura al 50° JOTA. El Presidente del Comité Scout Mundial Herman Hui y el Secretario General Eduardo Missoni hablaron por la radio 8J1S desde el salón de la Conferencia a todo el mundo. Un equipo del club de radio aficionados de la sede Scout del Japón, dirigido por Tat Mochiki JH1FEL, guió el tráfico de radio.

Una mirada a las historias del 50° JOTA que recibimos de todo el mundo:

*Noruega:*

una señal de llamada especial para el 50° JOTA, el prefijo LC en el cual L es 50 por el 50° JOTA y C es 100 por los 100 años del Movimiento Scout.

*Antillas Neerlandesas:*

los Scouts pudieron participar en numerosos juegos y actividades de comunicación y también en una competencia de gritos y en un ruidoso concurso de cocina

*Bangla Desh:*

una insignia y camisetas especiales. En dos campamentos JOTA los Scouts cantaron 50 canciones juntos.

*Sudáfrica:*

un joven Scout viajó a pie 35 kilómetros al campamento especial JOTA en Mafikeng.

*Brasil:*

una invitación en video del Secretario General Eduardo Missoni fue exhibida en los eventos de promoción del JOTA en todo el país. La grabación fue hecha durante el Jamboree Mundial en Chelmsford, Reino Unido.

*Turquía:*

Los Scouts escribieron 50 cartas para sí mismos para el año 2057. Les serán enviadas con ocasión del 100° JOTA.

*España:*

una visita de Jerry, KC4YDP, astronauta de la NASA. Por su cuenta reunió gran cantidad de contactos en Morse.

*Perú:*

un terremoto en la ciudad de Pisco dos meses antes del JOTA movilizó a los radioaficionados Scouts a la acción para comunicaciones de emergencia. Esto motivó a muchos Scouts a tomar interés en la radio.

*Omán:*

los contactos Scouts durante el JOTA alcanzaron el sorprendente número de 111 países. Esto fue posible principalmente porque tuvieron una estación Echolink por cada continente instalada en la sede Scout.

*República Checa:*

¿la mejor idea para el próximo JOTA? ¡Que haya algo de propagación por radio!

Estos son sólo unos pocos de los destacados de nuestro jubileo JOTA. La descripción completa esta ahora frente a ti. Esperamos que disfrutes las páginas siguientes.



## 4. FIGURES, NUMBERS AND FACTS OF THE 50<sup>TH</sup> JOTA

How many Scouts were part of the 50<sup>th</sup> Jamboree-On-The-Air? Does it really matter? Some would say “no”, for as long as a couple of Scouts have fun with their radio contacts, it is all worthwhile. Others will say “yes”, because we have to convince our supporters that this Jamboree is not just an occasional activity, but something that really offers a world-wide coverage with many, many Scouts and therefore a must to be a part of. Whatever the case, all the numbers and statistics taken from the received national reports are available for you on the next pages.

### For the 50<sup>th</sup> JOTA, Scout radio stations operated from:

2	Algeria		7	Croatia		1	Kenya		10	Poland	
1	Angola	*	9	Cyprus		3	Korea	*	39	<u>Portugal</u>	
*	14	<u>Argentina</u>	*	64	Czech Rep.		2	Kuwait		2	Qatar
	1	Armenia		11	Denmark		2	Lebanon		5	Romania
*	13	Australia		1	Dominica		1	Liberia		9	Russia
*	22	<u>Austria</u>		1	Dominican Rep.		1	Liechtenstein		6	Saudi Arabia
	1	Azerbaijan		3	Ecuador		1	Lithuania		4	Singapore
	1	Bahamas		7	Egypt	*	18	<u>Luxembourg</u>		7	Slovakia
*	21	<u>Bangladesh</u>	*	13	<u>Estonia</u>	*	4	<u>Madagascar</u>	*	11	<u>Slovenia</u>
	4	Barbados		1	Fiji	*	15	<u>Malaysia</u>	*	10	South Africa
	4	Belarus		16	Finland	*	30	<u>Malta</u>	*	16	<u>Spain</u>
	13	Belgium		15	France	*	19	<u>Mauritius</u>		2	Sri Lanka
	2	Belize		1	Gambia		5	Mexico		1	St Lucia
	1	Bhutan	*	39	Germany		1	Monaco		1	St Vincent
	5	Bolivia	*	13	<u>Greece</u>		2	Morocco		4	Sudan
	8	Bosnia		1	Grenada		1	Mozambique	*	45	<u>Sweden</u>
	1	Botswana		1	Guatemala		5	Namibia		15	Switzerland
*	45	<u>Brazil</u>		2	Haiti	*	12	<u>Neth. Antilles</u>		2	Tajikistan
	3	Brunei		1	Honduras		21	Netherlands		8	Thailand
	1	Brunei Darussalam	*	6	<u>Hong Kong</u>	*	2	<u>New Zealand</u>		2	Trinidad & Tobago
	5	Bulgaria	*	19	<u>Hungary</u>		1	Niger		2	Tunisia
	1	Burkina Faso		9	Iceland		3	Nigeria	*	11	Turkey
	1	Burundi	*	6	India	*	20	<u>Norway</u>		1	Uganda
	13	Canada		7	Indonesia	*	111	<u>Oman</u>		3	Un. Arab Emirates
	1	Central Afr. Rep.	*	4	<u>Ireland</u>		2	Pakistan	*	44	<u>United Kingdom</u>
*	3	<u>Chile</u>		3	Israel		3	Panama	*	35	<u>United States</u>
	10	China Rep.	*	41	<u>Italy</u>		1	Papua New Guinea		3	Uruguay
	4	Colombia		1	Ivory Coast		3	Paraguay	*	11	<u>Venezuela</u>
	1	Comoros		1	Jamaica	*	6	<u>Peru</u>	*	47	<u>World Scout Bureau</u>
	1	Congo	*	8	Japan		4	Philippines		5	Yugoslavia
	4	Costa Rica									

\*: quoted in this World JOTA Report.

country underlined: non-licensed Scouts are allowed to speak themselves by radio.

number: the number of other countries that was contacted.



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.



Scouts	:	475754
Guides	:	26505
total participants	:	569722
JOTA radio stations:		3748
radio amateurs	:	8136
visitors	:	27686
active countries	:	121

Figure 1: Total participation in the 50<sup>th</sup> Jamboree-On-The-Air.

An absolute milestone has been reached this year when we look at received contributions from the participating countries: all national JOTA stories we received were sent via email !! Some Associations even sent us a back-up copy via postal mail, with a CD included.

Have a look at those numbers in figure 2.

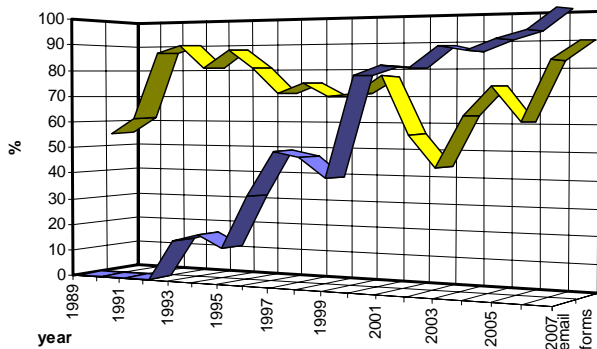


Figure 2. Percentage of national JOTA reports sent by email and of reports with a JOTA report form.

The electronic report form was popular as well, since it was included with 90 % of all received contributions. We haven't received such a high percentage of forms since 1992. The report form was again made available in electronic format on the web site.

The printed JOTA information circular, however, left Geneva rather late this time (beginning of June) and may not have reached all participating units in time to distribute information on the Centenary radio activities in July and August. Nor was the information for the International JOTA camp in Geneva distributed on time

apparently as we did not receive enough applications for the camp to take place. Unfortunately a side effect of the heavy workload on the World Scout Bureau staff in Geneva, tasked with all the arrangements for the Centenary activities and the World Jamboree just before JOTA. We will try to substantially improve this next year.

Contributions that we receive electronically can be edited faster and with better quality pictures. Despite the faster editing, less reports arrive late and risk to "miss the boat". Just out of curiosity, I tracked the number of reports that arrived before the official deadline and the ones that were a bit late. Figure 3 gives you the overview over the past decade. You can clearly see a notable difference for the years after about 2001, when the majority of reports started to arrive via email.

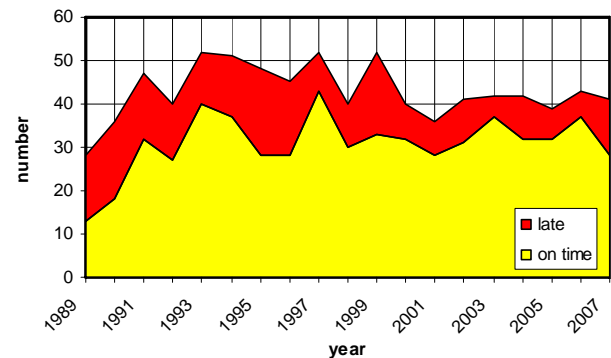


Figure 3: National JOTA reports received before the deadline and a little later.

To note from the address list in the back of this report, that almost all National JOTA Organizers now have an email address themselves too. This certainly helps the ease and speed of information exchange. Speaking of which, let's have a quick look at the radio-scouting web service. In 2000 we introduced this on an experimental basis, aimed at National JOTA Organizers. Today this is still its principal function, although the offered JOTA information is available to a much wider audience. Looking at some web statistics, you can see it is not an extremely high-volume web site, but with its goal of serving about 100 active National JOTA Organizers, it enjoys a good number of visits as is shown in figure 4. I guess we don't have to point out which month is October each year..... And yes, 2007 was special; have a look at the hit numbers for July and August.

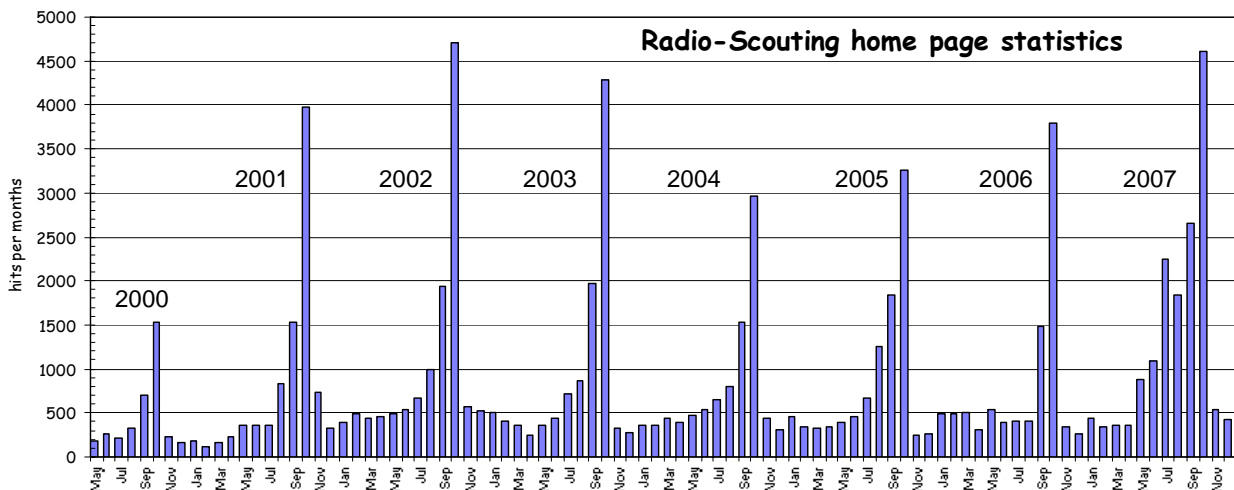


Figure 4: Monthly page views on the radio-scouting web pages.



Of all the JOTA stations, 93 % are in countries that do allow Scouts to speak themselves directly over the radio, which is another increase over last year, see figure 5. National radio-licensing Authorities are more and more flexible in allowing this special facility to Scouts. If your country does not have this facility yet, please contact the World Scout Bureau so we can see how we can best assist you in discussion with your National radio-licensing authorities.

An even larger increase is the use of the web service: in 93 % of all received reports, the NJO's indicated that they used the Radio-Scouting web site to get their JOTA information. (The late shipment of the printed JOTA circular certainly had some influence on this).

The J-code (a universal abbreviation language introduced to overcome the language barrier and now available in 12 different languages) was used by 40 % of all countries, which is also a small increase over last year, but we have seen bigger numbers in the past. Time for a review?

Echolink was used by 60 % of all stations and is increasingly popular in countries with easy internet access and in times of less favourable radio propagation conditions.

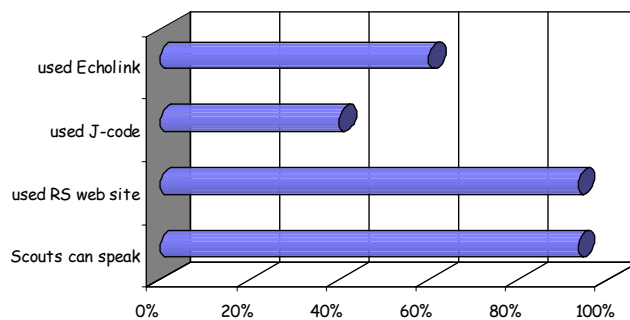


Figure 5. Use of different modes during the 50<sup>th</sup> Jamboree-On-The-Air.

Figure 6 gives you 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

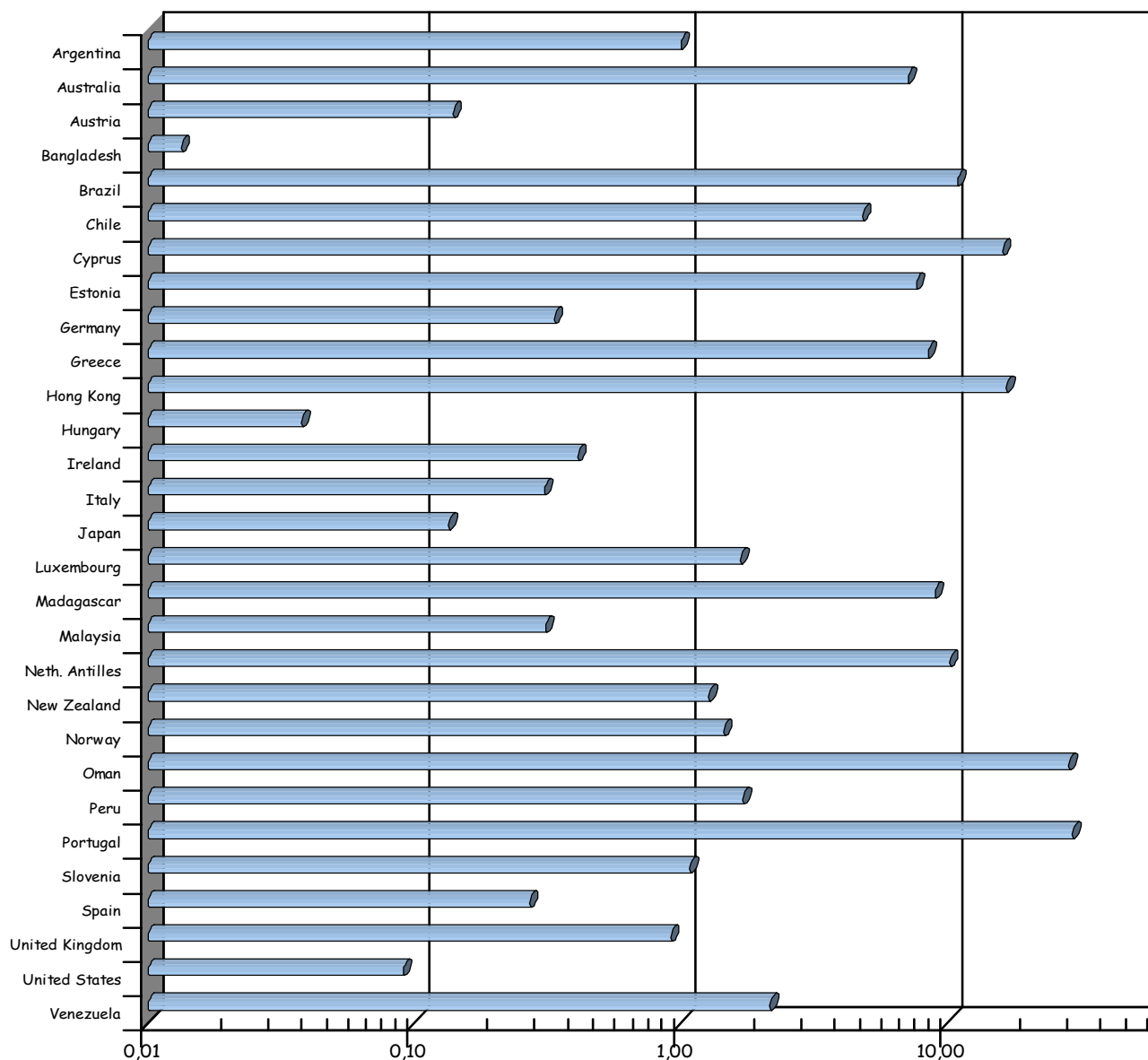


Figure 6: Percentage of all Scouts in a given country that took part in the 50<sup>th</sup> JOTA. (Note: logarithmic scale !)



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. We noted that more countries than before are in the 1 to 10 % range for the 50<sup>th</sup> JOTA, with some clearly above that: Cyprus (16.2%), Hong Kong (16.7%), Oman (28.7%) and Portugal (29.6%).

Figure 7 is somewhat special; it has the details of the Scout participation in all 50 JOTA's. In the early days not a lot of accurate estimates were available. The information comes from World JOTA Reports issued in those days. With the help of an interpolation technique, we constructed the graph for the early years, that's why it looks rather smooth. But still it gives you an idea of how JOTA grew from year to year. You will also see a quite varying number of countries taking

part. With the arrival of a report form in the early 1990's, more reliable figures became available. Although a certain amount of estimation and best-guessing is still involved of course. Not every JOTA organizer has exact numbers available to him.

We have included the participants using both Echolink and Radio during the weekend. The sue of Echolink for JOTA is clearly on the rise. Echolink makes contacts possible where radio propagation fails in some instances.

Although a little less countries took part than last year, we enjoyed a slightly higher group of participants, a little over half-a-million.

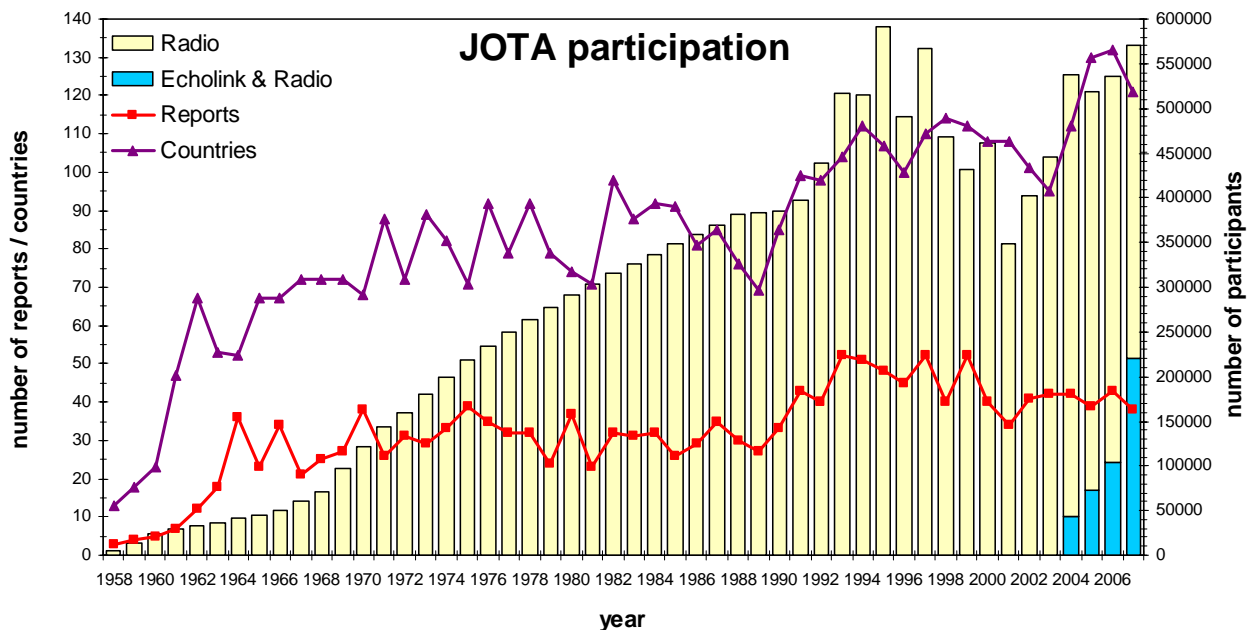


Figure 7: JOTA participation in all 50 JOTA's. The number of participants is shown as a column, related to the axis on the right hand side. The two lines show the number of countries taking part and the number of National JOTA reports received by the World Scout Bureau. These lines correspond to the axis on the left-hand side.

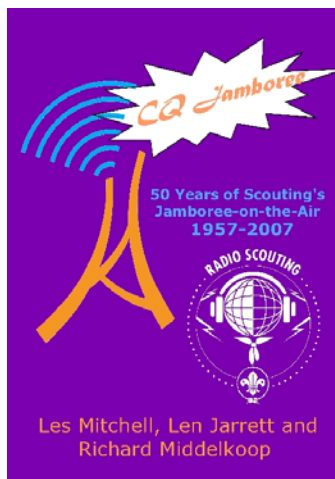
**JOTA's history.**

A complete overview of 50 years JOTA history has been written by Les Mitchell, the JOTA originator, Len Jarrett, the former World JOTA Organizer and Richard Middelkoop, the current World JOTA Organizer. The book: "CQ Jamboree, 50 years of Scouting's Jamboree-on-the-Air" is published in February 2008 (ISBN 978-90-812601-1-4) and is available from the radio-scouting web site or via your local bookstore. From CQ Jamboree, we read the following:

**50 years ago: the JOTA try-out, October 1957.**

Before launching the idea on an international basis, I felt that it would be wise to ensure that Scouts who had not been subjected to amateur radio previously would be interested in such an event, writes Les Mitchell. So, during October 1957, I organized a weekend station with my local Scout group in Reading, Berkshire. The Scouts assisted

me in the installation of a station in a tent and the erection of a simple, single wire aerial. Using only a 40 watt transmitter (AM) we made contacts all over the world, and it was obvious that the interest was such that a worldwide Radio Jamboree could be envisaged. After receiving the blessing of our radio licensing authority and our National Scout H.Q., I drew up rules for the event keeping them as simple as possible. In fact, they were so simple that they have remained unchanged ever since.



**40 years ago: the 10<sup>th</sup> JOTA, 5 – 6 August 1967.**

In 1967 the World Jamboree was held in Idaho, USA and the host organization had arranged a special radio station with the call of K7WSJ. It was agreed to hold JOTA over the weekend of 5-6 August for there were many special "link" camps with radio's set up around the world, notably on Brownsea Island and at Mafeking. For the first time, the World Bureau did not have its own JOTA



station in operation. Instead, it used K7WSJ. However, the experiment was not popular, and this was the only year that we tried a date other than a weekend in October.

An NJO address list appears in the World Report for the first time and lists 25 National Organizers.

Also, this year, the World Conference decided to move the World Bureau to Switzerland, making the 10<sup>th</sup> JOTA the last one for the Bureau in Canada. We dismantled the permanent

station and donated the equipment to the Rover Crew that had helped to construct it. Subsequently, they used it to establish a permanent station at the Canadian Scout H.Q., using the call sign of VE3SHQ.

**25 years ago: the 25<sup>th</sup> JOTA, 16 - 17 October 1982.**

The World Report this year lists 98 countries taking part, but it subsequently turned out that that there were four more so that our goal of 100 countries was reached and even surpassed. A breakthrough in the U.K.: exhibition stations (those with GB call) may allow Scouts to speak, but only to other GB stations. We hope it is just the thin edge of the wedge.

**10 years ago: the 40<sup>th</sup> JOTA, 18 - 19 October 1997.**

The 40<sup>th</sup> jubilee JOTA did not go unnoticed: several specialities were set up.

Many groups soldered the one-wire telephone set that was published in the first JOTA info circular.

A propagation prediction for the JOTA was made by the Danish Meteorological Institute and broadcasted on national TV during the weather forecast following the main news.

The radio team in the United Kingdom designed a Q-code domino game. Scouts in Australia used a balloon to attach their antenna to. A handicapped Portuguese radio amateur made contacts in Braille.

Scouts in Switzerland operated from a giant tree cabin at 20 m high. In the Netherlands, a group of rover Scouts were dropped many miles away from home. Walking back they visited every JOTA station and re-



ported their progress by radio. The Scout group in Aschbach, Austria ran a post office and used a jubilee JOTA rubber stamp to mark the letters.

The World Scout Bureau moved its own amateur radio station to the very birthplace of the JOTA, in Reading, UK., being the guest of the 79<sup>th</sup> Reading Scouts. It was set up at the very same place where 40 years ago the 1<sup>st</sup> JOTA was held. The station

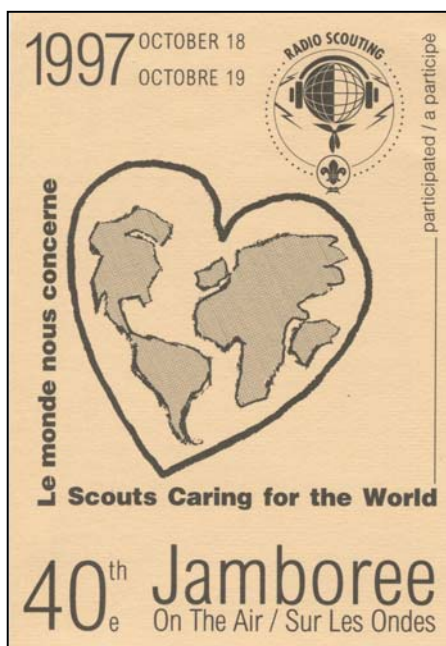
GB/HB9S was operated by the JOTA founder Les Mitchell G3BHK, former World JOTA Organizer Len Jarrett VE3MYF who came over from Canada, and Yves HB9AOF, Richard PA3BAR, Jeff G3SDG, Alan G3WNS, John G4KGT, Geoff G4UEL, Ben G7WHO, and Barbara G8AKU.

The station crew installed antennas that were similar to the ones used 40 years ago: two G5RV's and a dipole; just the radio equipment was modern.

Of particular interest was the contact with G31KA, Mr. Arthur Hutchence. Forty years ago Arthur was the schoolmaster in Reading and had personally helped to set up the first JOTA station together with Les Mitchell. You can imagine the lively QSO we had with him, with Les on the microphone at our side.

Geoff overheard a conversation of an American Scout station with another UK JOTA station. The Americans commented what a wonderful idea the JOTA was and asked who dreamed up the idea. Obviously the station he was in contact with could not provide the answer to this query. Geoff called in and told him that he could not only tell him who was involved but he could also easily arrange for this person to speak to them. Les did so a few minutes later....

The 4<sup>th</sup> European Radio Scouting seminar met in Jambville, near Paris, France in May with 34 participants from 17 different countries. They discussed JOTA and radio-scouting programmes, in particular the use of internet and a common European licence to allow Scouts to speak over the airwaves.



# 5. 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.



## 第50回ジャンボリー オンジエア (50JOTA)

10月19日(金) 22:00 ~ 21日(日) 24:00

JOTAは、世界中の50万人のスカウトとガイドによりアマチュア無線の交信を通じて行われる行事です。50周年を迎えるJOTAを祝い、50時間行われます。APRスカウト会議の会場内にデモンストレーション局 8J1005 が設けられ、第50回 JOTA (JOTI) の始まりを世界に向けて発信します。詳細については、日本連盟ホームページをご覧ください。



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### PPM anjur Jamboree di udara ke-50

**SUNGAI LIMAU** - Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia (PPM) Daerah Sungai Besar berjaya menghubungi hampir 20 stesen radio amatir dalam dan luar negara sepanjang Program Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) berlangsung pada Jumaat dan Sabtu lepas di balai JKKK Kampung Sungai Limau.

Antara stesen yang berjaya dihubungi ialah 9M2PPM iaitu Ibu Pejabat PPM di Kuala Lumpur, 9M50MJ (Johor Baharu), 9M50MM (Segamat), YB5ZKZ (Palembang), dan 9M2AK (Banda Aceh).

HB50S (Ibu Pejabat di Geneva) dan beberapa stesen yang lain.

Menurut Penolong Pesuruhjaya Daerah PPM Sungai Besar, Mohd Hussairy Sidek, program JOTA merupakan salah satu program kepengakapan yang diatur oleh World Organisation of Scout Movement (WOSM).

"JOTA adalah satu program yang diatur oleh WOSM, beribu pejabat di Geneva, Switzerland dan diadakan setiap tahun pada minggu ketiga bulan Oktober. Tahun ini tarikhnya jatuh pada 20 dan 21



Noriah (duduk enam dari kanan) bergambar kenangan bersama ahli PPM Sungai Besar dan JKKK Kampung Sungai Limau selepas merasmikan program JOTA 50.

Oktober 2007. "Perhimpunan ini disambut di seluruh dunia menggunakan jalur

atau frekuensi gelombang radio atau kata lain hanya berkomunikasi secara suara sahaja. Kebetulan pula tahun 2007 adalah kali ke-50 berlangsungnya JOTA bersamaan Perayaan 50 Tahun Kemerdekaan "alaysia," katanya.

Tambah beliau, di se-kemeriahan bernikahi di radio senya terselit matlamat jelas berkaitan prinsip-saudaraan sedunia n pengakap yang angkau sempadan rsa, warna kulit, ne dan agama seperti andak Undang-ung Pengakap nombor at.

"Keperluan utama program ini adalah untuk uan bencana alam, di ina ahli dapat berbung antara satu sama in dalam menyalurkan

bantuan dan memberi maklumat-maklumat semasa seperti berita kebajikan, keselamatan, kecemasan dan lain-lain," ujarnya.

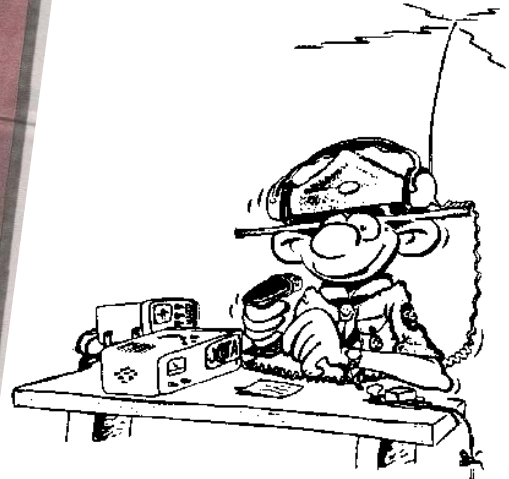
Program ini juga merupakan anjuran bersama Pejabat Pelajaran Daerah Sabak Bernam, JKKK Sungai Limau dan PPM Daerah Sungai Besar sendiri. Turut hadir menggunakan perkhidmatan radio amatir ini ialah Ahli Parlimen Kawasan Sungai Besar, Noriah Kasnon yang turut merasmikan program tersebut.

Bagi sesiapa yang berminat untuk mengetahui kelab radio amatir serta program ini boleh melayari laman web [www.9m4c5b.blogspot.com](http://www.9m4c5b.blogspot.com) atau [www.ppm-sungaibesar.blogspot.com](http://www.ppm-sungaibesar.blogspot.com).

## Wereldwijde contacten voor scouts



NIJKERK - Zaterdag namen leden van scoutinggroep Kilian van Rensselaer 1 deel aan de meerdaagse Jamboree. Dit internationale evenement stond in het teken van het leggen van contacten wereldwijd. Naast het internet werd ook via de ether gecommuniceerd. (Foto: Ada Vermanen)



# Issir il-50 edizzjoni tal-Jamboree ta' l-Scouts

● Bejn l-20 u l-21 t'Ottobru, aktar minn 25 miljun scout minn 225 pajjiż u territorji pparteċipaw l'attività magħrufa bhala "Jamboree on the Air - Jamboree on the Internet", f'dik li kienet il-11 -il edizzjoni tal-"Jamboree on the Internet" (JOTI) u l-hamsin edizzjoni tal-"Jamboree on the Air" (JOTA).

L-attività tal-JOTI hija attività annwali, fejn Scouts u Girl Guides minn madwar id-dinja jagħmlu kuntatt flimkien bl-użu ta' l-Internet. Dan il-Jamboree huwa ta' siwi hafna peress illi jiġu mibdul in esperjenzi u ideat li jkun ta' kontribut fid-dinja ta' l-iScouting.

Bhal snin oħra, il-hamsin edizzjoni tal-JOTA, li hija l-akbar avveniment annwali mondjali tal-World Organisation of the Scout Movement (WOSM), saret ukoll fl-istess tmiem il-ġimgħa, fejn madwar 500,000 scout u girl guide mid-dinja kolha għamlu kuntatt flimkien bl-użu ta' l-amateur radio.

It-tema tal-hamsin il-edizzjoni tal-JOTA din is-sena kienet "Madwar id-Dinja f'50 Siegħa" u din l-attività nkorraġġiet operaturi ta' l-amateur radio biex jivjaggaw madwar il-globu f'50 siegħa, billi jagħmlu kuntatti ma' l-akbar numru ta' pajjiżi possibbli.

Gruppi ta' scouts, kif ukoll il-membri tagħhom kienu nkorraġġiti biex jiehdu sehem fiż-żewġ attivitajiet tal-JOTI u JOTA, bhala grupp jew fuq bażi individwali.

Din kienet opportunità unika biex jinholqu kuntatti lil hinn minn xtutna, fil-waqt li jippromwov u l-Assoċjazzjoni ta' l-iScouts, sew tal-lokal kif ukoll bhala pajjiż, bhala destinazzjoni ideali għall-attività ta' scouting.

Gruppi ta' scouts kif ukoll

membri minn Birżebbuġa, Birkirkara, Fgura, Msida Sea Scouts, Mosta, in-North District, Qawra, Qrendi, Rabat, Sliema, Santa Venera u Żurriq, kollha hadu parti f'dawn l-attivitajiet tal-JOTI-JOTA.

Matul il-Jamboree saru żjarat mic-Chief Commissioner ta' l-iScout Association, il-Perit Vincent Cassar, kif ukoll mid-Deputy Chief Scout is-Sinjura Avril Frendo, fl-istazzjonijiet kollha fejn kienu qegħdin isiru l-attivitajiet.

## Taborniki vzpostavili povezavo »po zraku«

V vikendu med 19. in 21. oktobrom je Rod svobodnega Kurnitnika Škofja Loka organiziral zanimiv dogodek, imenovan JOTA in JOTI. Gre za dogodek, ko taborniki s pomočjo radioamaterjev vzpostavijo stik z več kot 50000 taborniki in skavti s celega sveta. JOTA je kratica za Jamboree On The Air, JOTI pa Jamboree On The Internet oz. po slovensko vzpostavitev povezave »v zraku« ali prek interneta. Tak način zračne povezave je tokrat potekal že petdesetič, JOTI pa, tudi zaradi mlajše tehnike, enajstič.

Pri povezavi po »zraku« je pomembno predvsem znanje iz radioamaterstva, medtem ko pogovori po internetu potekajo bolj preprosto.

Gašper Doljak, nacionalni organizator dogodka JOTA, je pojasnil: »Naša prvotna aktivnost med tem vikendom je bila...



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### Sociedade

■ Jamboree no ar (Jota) e o Jamboree na Internet (Joti) com sede regional em Fafe

## Mais de duas mil pessoas passaram pelo Multiusos em 50 horas

Escuteiros do distrito contactaram com homólogos dos cinco continentes a partir do Multiusos de Fafe.

■ SÓNIA MONTEIRO  
smoniteiro@cfafae.com

O 50º Jamboree mundial no ar decorreu desde a passada sexta-feira e até domingo, dia 21 de Outubro, sendo que a estação regional de Braga esteve instalada este ano em Fafe, no Pavilhão Multiusos.

Escuteiros de todo o distrito foram convidados a passar pelo concelho de Fafe e participar nesta actividade que visa essencialmente a comunicação entre escuteiros de todo o mundo.

Foram 50 horas ininterruptas no Multiusos por onde passaram cerca de duas mil pessoas, entre escuteiros, familiares e curiosos. Permanentemente esteve no pavilhão um staff composto por 35 elementos,



tivo. Tivemos a adesão quase total dos agrupamentos de Fafe. Passateiros tafenses, esta iniciativa caracterizou-se não por um grande fluxo de

que foi conseguido na estação regional que esteve sediada em Fafe. "Conseguimos contactos com escuteiros de todo o mundo, dos cinco continentes e até temos um dos contactos mais longos", afirmou José Maria Cunha, referindo também que ao nível dos radioamadores, "conseguimos contactar a Oceania, que é muito difícil mas conseguimos contactar com a América, Canadá, África, Europa, Ásia. Temos cinco diplomas nacionais, de contactos nacionais, de um diploma mundial de rádios amadores. Foi

sendo de referir também que no decorrer desta iniciativa estiveram acantonados no local 100 escuteiros.

No entanto, para além desta actividade, houve outras, que decorreram externamente ao Pavilhão, nomeadamente, caça à raposa, jogos de computador, pinturas faciais, torneio non-stop, futebol, soccerismo, prentochism, entre outras.

No final, o núcleo de Fafe mostrou-se satisfeito com a organização e com os resultados obtidos nesta actividade. José Maria Cunha faz um balanço "muito posi-

sagem nacional de abertura transmitida para todas as estações regionais.

Em Fafe, para além dos responsáveis pelo núcleo de Fafe dos escuteiros, esteve também presente um dirigente regional, bem como o presidente da autarquia, José Ribeiro, que desde o primeiro momento apoiou esta iniciativa, juntamente com o site XXI e Era'.

O autarca salientou que "os escuteiros em Fafe já nos habituaram a organização de grandes eventos" e daí também não estranhar que a estação regional de Braga ficasse instalada em Fafe.

Apesar deste balanço positivo de realçar a visita dos amigos do alheio que na madrugada de domingo, de acordo com o Núcleo, fizeram desaparecer quatro pens wireless.

De referir que o Jamboree no ar é a maior actividade mundial que se realiza anualmente no terceiro fim-de-semana do mês de Outubro e congrega mais de 500.000 escuteiros e guias.

Neste ano do Jubileu do COTA do Centenário do Escutismo, esta iniciativa teve como tema «A volta ao mundo em 50 horas», proposto pela Organização Mundial do Movimento Escutista.

personas num determinado momento, mas pela passagem dos escuteiros, ao longo dos três dias em que decorreu, e momentos diferentes.

E foram cerca de dois mil aqueles que não quiseram perder a oportunidade de participar no Jamboree no ar 2007, que marcou presença em Fafe com oito rádio-amadores e no "pico" 58 computadores em acção.

Foram contactados escuteiros de cerca de 70 países

O objectivo passa pelo contacto com escuteiros de todo o mundo, o





Setiausaha Parlimen Kementerian Penerangan Malaysia, Noriah Kasnon (duduk tiga dari kanan) sedang mencuba membuat panggilan ke stesen-stesen JOTA yang lain ketika berlangsungnya Program Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) ke 50.

## بمناسبة اليوبيل الذهبي للمخيمات الكشفية العالمية على الهواء كشافة السلطنة تتظم أضخم مشاركة لها منذ ١٧ عاما

كتب - عاصم الشيدى

تنطلق فجر اليوم ومع أول خيوط النهار أول إشارة اتصالية من المحطة المركزية بالمنفوضية الكشفية والإرشادية بمنطقة شمال الباطنة بمشاركة مليون ونصف كشاف ومرحلة من مختلف أنحاء العالم.

والتي مشاركة السلطنة الضخمة هذا العام في الذكرى الذهبية لجوبتا تتويجا للمشاركة الناجحة والمنتجة التي حصدتها كشافة والمرشدات السلطنة على مدى التسع عشرة سنة الماضية في تنظيم المخيمات الكشفية العالمية على الهواء والإنترنت، وفي تجربة جديدة تخوضها المديرية العامة للكشافة والمرشدات، بنقل المشاركة في الحدث العالمي إلى خارج محافظة مسقط، ليقام هذا العام في ولاية صحار، استعدادا بالمنفوضية الكشفية والإرشادية لاستقبال الحداث المئتين (٢٠٠) المخيم الكشفية على الهواء والإنترنت) مستغلة كافة طاقاتها القيادات الكشفية والإرشادية في المنطقة، وكذلك توفير كافة الإمكانيات المتوفرة التي تنظمها عمليات الإعداد والتنظيم.

### استعدادات مكثفة

قامت المنفوضية الكشفية والإرشادية لمنطقة شمال الباطنة بتوزيع المهام المختلفة عليها، وكذلك توفير القاعات اللازمة لإقامة محطات الاتصال والتي تتكون من قاعة الاتصالات الراديوية، وقاعة للاتصالات اللاسلكية عبر شبكة الاتصالات العالمية المعروفة بالإنترنت، وقاعة عمل كمبيوتر مجهزة بخطوط اتصالات إنترنت، وقاعة عالية ليمتد من خلالها خطوط اتصالات إنترنت، وقاعة على الإنترنت، كما قامت بتنظيم وإدارة المخيم الكشفي العالمي للمرصد، وقاعة المسرح لاستقبال المشاركين ومن ثم توزيعهم على المحطات المختلفة، هذا إلى جانب توفير قاعة عامة أجهزة الحاسب الآلي الشخصية والمحمولة التي توفر عدد كبير من مقارنات شبكة الاتصالات لهذا العام إلى أكثر من نسبة ٤٠٠٪ مقارنة بالأنواع السابقة.

### نداء خاص لمجتمعاتنا

بالتعاون مع الجمعية السلطانية العمانية لهواة اللاسلكي تم تخصيص نداء خاص لمحطة المديرية تحمل النشأة التعريفية وهو نداء متميز بين كافة النشآت المستخدمة من كافة دول العالم، لأنه يحتوي على الحروف اللاتينية الأولى المختصرة لاسم المخيم الكشفي العالمي.

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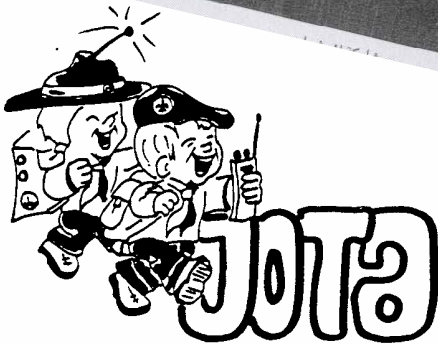
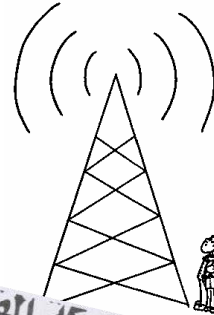
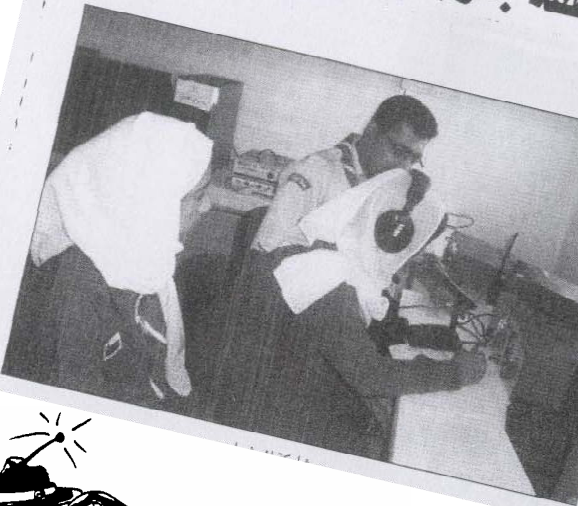
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منها مشاركة بالحضور إلى موقع المحطة المركزية في ولاية صحار خلال اليومين القادمين، بناء على جدول المشاركة الذي أعدته المديرية لهم بهذا الخصوص.

الجيل هذا العام

## ختام مشاركة الفرق الكشفية والإرشادية بمنطقة جنوب الباطنة في المخيم الكشفي العالمي لهواة اللاسلكي



## 6. THE 50<sup>TH</sup> JOTA AROUND THE WORLD

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 available in the national report.

### Argentina (LU)

<b>participants:</b>	<b>480</b>
<b>stations:</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>countries:</b>	<b>14</b>

Argentina, as every year, was present in this 50<sup>th</sup> JOTA. On the air were the Scout group Jesus D01Z02, Scout group Alte G. Brown D01Z13, Scout group Tomas Santa Coloma D01Z13, San Pablo D4Z15, Scout group San Javier D04Z18, Scout group Gauchos of Guemez, Scout group Enrique Angelli, Scout group Jesus de Praga, Scout group Pablo Godoy Rojo, Scout group Pedro Ignacio de Castro Barro, Scout group San Ramon Nonato, Communications team Z22 Cordova and Scout group Cristo Rey D02Z29 from the Northwest to



"Hola, hola, desde Argentina...."

the South of all the Argentine territory.

Also many other Scouts groups participated but we did not receive information from them, hoping to have it next year? Many contacts were made, from Cub Scouts to Rovers. The participants commented that it was a marvellous experience.

The Scout group Navales Alte Brown, celebrated also her 25<sup>th</sup> year with amateur radio license LUÉQG.

The Echolink system, is a separate chapter, thanks to LU9DGE Gabriel, who from his house facilitated a conference server called SCOUTARG, linked to different parts of Argentina, giving many Scouts the possibility to operate this interesting system. On Friday, the official station of Scouts of Argentina LU9BSA, contacted with brothers in Oman and Australia, passing greetings for the 50<sup>th</sup> JOTA. As time went by, the Echolink system was more intensely used.



"...me llama Maria, como Mike, Alpha, Romeo, India, Alpha".

A sked had been arranged with the Naval base Orcadas in the Antarctic by Patrol Spica, who used the training ground of the San Pablo de Ramos Mejia group in Buenos Aires, where two HF stations were installed, and another one in the parish two blocks away from

the group. All the radio rooms and other dependencies were connected by means of VHF handies.

In one room the history of radio and JOTA was displayed. In two other rooms operator practice was taught using simulated radio contacts.

A radio museum was set up with a one soft radio, teletype, old radios, different types of handies, telephones, etc. Visits were guided and in addition a small laboratory of sciences was available.

We counted on the participation of AMSAT Argentina that offered top speak about satellite technology and the people of ACEMA that offered and exposed interesting material on this subject. We also visited the radio station of the Universidad de La Matanza.

Another group, Alte Brown, D01 Z13, installed the Echolink system to operate from its group premises thanks to Father and former Scout LW1EQW.

The Philatelic Group Argentina Scouts and Guides made, with the help of the Argentine

Mail, several rubber stamps, that were applied in the different

cities where the Scouts participated in the 50<sup>th</sup> JOTA, concludes Alejandro Afonso his JOTA report.

### Australia (VK)

<b>participants:</b>	<b>?</b>
<b>stations:</b>	<b>?</b>
<b>countries:</b>	<b>?</b>

It is almost impossible to gauge local participation in Australia because the country is quite large with a small population

with cities separated by vast distances, says Bob Bristow. Each State has its own Scout Association and I rely on their reports. State Coordinators are having difficulty in obtaining reports from groups.

I'm reluctant to hold the youth members to ransom by saying "no report = no badges". Their participation should be rewarded by receipt of the badge and they should not be disappointed because the leader won't bother to make a report.

This leaves me in a position where I can't provide any JOTA participation figures. My estimates for JOTA are: 200-250 JOTA stations and 6000-9000 Scout participants.

### Austria (OE)

<b>participants:</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>stations:</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>countries:</b>	<b>22</b>

Ernst Tomaschek writes in his JOTA story the following.

The Perchtoldsdorfer Scouts built their antennas for the 20<sup>th</sup>

time, to participate in the Jamboree on the air with OE3P. Stretching the 40 meters dipole antenna between the trees turned out to be a polar expedition because of the beginning of winter weather. One meter of snow over and around the station in October !!!

The sight of the fresh snow on the gold-yellow beech sheets did only please a few hikers, the hut hadn't been as badly visited as this time.

The call signal of the station was changed to OE3P, which did not bring a pile-up, but again and again demands where the P stood for. Two short-wave and a UKW station were operated by OE3DBU Dieter, OE3PHW Peter and OE3JOC Johannes. 14 Scouts and Guides spent a weekend in the hut, visited the radio station again and again and struggled with their Eng-

lish knowledge. Radio plays, a night hike and a mad-hut evening were held.

On the radio station some courageous ones trusted themselves with the microphone: "I am seven years old!". The goal was to meet with other Scouts and have a discussion in more detail. Some connections took actually more than twenty minutes.

On Saturday starting from 06:30 UTC George OE5GHO and Franz OE5FSL, started to operate OE1J/5. There were many JOTA stations on 17, 20 and 40m. In the afternoon we made a contact with the World Scout Bureau station HB50S. Around 16:00 UTC we made an Austrian Net on 3.690 MHz with German participation where some experiences and sentences of the puzzle were exchanged. Sunday was also active. We reached among other things 13 JOTA countries, where also numerous young Scouts took the microphone into their hand.

## Bangladesh (S21)

<b>participants:</b>	<b>157</b>
<b>stations:</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>countries:</b>	<b>21</b>

"On the beach of the Bay of Bengal (Cox-bazar) Scouts, Rovers and adult leaders gathered in the JOTA base camp, to celebrate the 50th year with HF and Echolink facilities", starts the report of Aminul Kawser Khan.

Activities included 50 meter swimming in the sea. Another JOTA programme was held on a remote island called "moheshkhali". When we came back from the remote island we lost our camera in the sea, so we could not provide any pictures this time.

Our target was to communicate with 50 countries and that was achieved. Special contacts with the WSB JOTA station and the opening ceremony from Japan with the speeches of the chairman and the secretary general. S21SHQ, our station, made the first QSO with 8J1S just after the inauguration; the chief commissioner of the Bangladesh Scouts made the contact.

We made a special badge and t-shirts for this memorable event. In our two JOTA camps we sang 50 songs in together.

Next year we are planning to have at least a small portion of our group operating radio from a boat, concludes Aminul.

## Brazil (PY)

<b>participants:</b>	<b>6657</b>
<b>stations:</b>	<b>284</b>
<b>countries:</b>	<b>45</b>

Lots of meetings in many Brazilian states resulted in a big JOTA activity, with more than 100 Scout Groups (37,18% more

than 2006) and more than 220 Amateur Radio stations (34,57% more than in the 49<sup>th</sup> JOTA). We did have special video invitations from Eduardo Missoni, WOSM Secretary General and Richard Middelkoop, World JOTA Co-ordinator and it helped us a lot. These recordings were made during the World Jamboree in Chelmsford, UK.



A video invitation by Eduardo Missoni for Brazilian Scouts to join the JOTA.



Propagation was terrible and it was very difficult to hear all stations that were on the air, but, when we received their reports, it was a great and good surprise. We had 20 of the 27 Brazilian states taking part. During the whole weekend, most of Brazilian JOTA stations were working inside Scouts Headquarters, giving information about Amateur Radio and it's techniques (antennas, equipments, etc), Echolink, QSL cards and many other interesting things.



Sunset at OK1GW / J in the Czech Republic.

It was also a good opportunity to show the 21st World Scout Jamboree movies and photos, specially the GB100J movie, that we made at our base. The ones at our National Radio-Scouting Headquarters loved it.

But the activity received a special gift called JOTA LOBO, a program for cubs to join JOTA, with more than 6 hours of activities and very good results. They tried radio contacts, talking about arts and a way to respect differences. Our cubs, hundreds of them, found a new and very interesting way to know people and to share ideas and experiences. Amazing.

JOTA and JOTI put in contact more than 10.000 Brazilian Scouts and Guides, showing that those activities are much more important that we can imagine, writes Ronan Reginatto.

We also have a special Centenary Award and we would like to invite all participants to fill their applications.

## Czech Republic (OK)

<b>participants:</b>	<b>?</b>
<b>stations:</b>	<b>?</b>
<b>countries:</b>	<b>?</b>

Antonin GLANC writes that his group of "old Scouts" contacted stations in many countries from OK1GW/J. Their main interest

was speaking with young Scouts all over the world. We have some time on the first evening to sing Scout songs around a camp fire. Some of the songs are very old and funny, says Anton. The best idea for the next JOTA? To have some radio propagation !!

## Chile (CE)

<b>participants:</b>	<b>2745</b>
<b>stations:</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>countries:</b>	<b>3</b>

Since this JOTA was special event, we prepared a station in the field of the Callejones school where the San Pedro Nolasco group was present. The boys participated in antenna making and telegraphy, with a lot of enthusiasm.

In the north of the country a station was installed at a school, 30 kilometres from the border with Peru where activities were organized related to brotherhood between towns.

Amongst all the photos that we took, there was one that seemed to suggest that Scouts of other dimensions also took part in the JOTA, writes Isabel Carreño.



*Other JOTA dimensions.....??*

## Cyprus (5B4)

<b>participants:</b>	<b>1000</b>
<b>stations:</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>countries:</b>	<b>?</b>

Radio conditions for JOTA were not good this year. Eight JOTA stations were on the air, writes Erricos Lanitis, 5B4GJ.

Two groups in Larnaca and one in Nicosia have their own equipment for VHF and HF and hope to have good activity all the year round.

Our chief commissioners sent a message to the Scouts of the world.

## Estonia (ES)

<b>participants:</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>stations:</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>countries:</b>	<b>13</b>

We made several preparations for action during October, says Deivis Treier. A volunteer radio operator visited one of the

Scout groups every week and helped Scouts to learn radio amateur things. During the event we had lot of funny radio transmission sessions. We also made flashing lights by soldering them and lot of QSL cards. Every participant had chance to design their own QSL card.

We made a 50<sup>th</sup>-JOTA birthday cake, and a message/footprint to ourselves and others for the year 2057. We also had special Scout promise ceremony.

On 20 October we made wonderful contact with the DVG group (ON50JOTA) in the Wavreumont monastery near

Malmedy, Belgium. Our scouts really enjoyed.

Our Scouts at ES1JOTA also elected this session as the most interesting contact during the weekend. And of course we managed to contact HB50S.

This weekend was extremely fun and memorable for everybody. From Estonia there were four simultaneously operating stations. Our event was mentioned several times in

local newspapers. We were very happy with the cooperation with our partners of the Estonian Radio Amateur Union, FCC and the Tallinn polytechnic school.

The longest contact was between the Estonian JOTA H.Q. (ES1JOTA) and the Ringmer Scout group in East Sussex, England (GX0RSG) over 1800 km.

## Germany (DL)

<b>participants:</b>	<b>700</b>
<b>stations:</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>countries:</b>	<b>39</b>

The 3 German Scout Associations prepared the JOTA weekend together. It started with the German-speaking JOTA Conference, this year at the Burg Ludwigstein near Kassel,

with Scouts from Austria, Switzerland and Germany. Next year the meeting will be in Switzerland.

For the VCP Association, Christian Bischoff, DO2BCB, was appointed as National JOTA Organizer.

This year's electronic kit-building project was the „Kothenlicht“. The project involved soldering LED's, a switch and a battery connector to a board. Next, the board had to be inserted into a plexiglass tube. Thanks to Klaus DF3GU for the design.

The annual JOTA badge was there again, this time designed by Siva. It was very popular and quickly sold out.



*Alsbach Castle, ....a special JOTA tower !!*

Thanks to the good preparations, we were able to again offer a number of activities. The communication and sked game was one of them.

Saturday night was the time for the German sked, lead from the DARC centre in Baunatal. The sked was also transferred to internet so others could listen.

One Scout group set up their station inside a medieval castle, Schloß Alsbach. Scout tents were pitched in medieval style and the castle tower had the flags of all 3 Scout Associations. A night game and constructing electronics (medieval ones?) were on the programme. And, of course, a camp-fire evening.

## Greece (SV)

<b>participants:</b>	<b>1762</b>
<b>stations:</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>countries:</b>	<b>13</b>

No further details in the report.

## Hong Kong (VR2)

<b>participants:</b>	<b>8875</b>
<b>stations:</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>countries:</b>	<b>6</b>

The Hong Kong Island Regional HQ made the longest JOTA contact with over a distance of

8000 km with the World Scout Bureau HB50S in Switzerland, reports Simon Sai-hau HO.



Scout members in Hong Kong participated in the JOTA with the following activities: a JOTA Fun Fair, sending compliments to the Fun Fair venue via SMS or placing a voice pager message at the JOTA Hotline, a JOTA Seminar, Beacon Making Workshop, GPS Fun Day and Treasure Hunting Competition. Participants were assigned in groups of 50 members and each member of the group was taught to make a mini beacons (signalling device). The finished products were given to participants as a souvenir.

"How if we organize a logo design competition for the 51<sup>st</sup> JOTA?", writes Simon. "Hong Kong can be the organiser of the competition".



*Semaphore signalling in Hong Kong.*

## Hungary (HA)

<b>participants:</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>stations:</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>countries:</b>	<b>19</b>

Tibor Végh reports that 3 radio stations have taken part in the 50th JOTA. These are HA5MCS/J (central station), HA5YI/J, and the radio station of the 14th

Scout group of the city Esztergom. The longest contact was made with the Palermo 6 group in Italy, over 1142 km.

There were two operators on the station HA5MCS/J, Tibor (HA5YI) and Sanyi (HA7YO). QRM was rather great which has made difficulties during the contacts. A station from our country, TK/HA8RM, worked in Corsica/France and we also made a contact with them. This year we made a connection with Saudi Arabia too.

Because of my age I plan to finish organizing JOTA in Hungary, says Tibor. I hope there will be someone who can continue my work and Hungary can take part in this wonderful event in the future. Here I send my compliments to the leaders of JOTA and the World Scout Bureau and thank you for the cooperation during the past 11 years.

## India (VU2)

<b>participants:</b>	<b>?</b>
<b>stations:</b>	<b>?</b>
<b>countries:</b>	<b>?</b>

Lyon Ajoy writes that the Bangalore Amateur Radio Club, VU2ARC, represented the Bharat Scouts and Guides

(Karnataka State HQ) and participated in the 50th Jamboree on the Air with nearly 200 Scouts and Guides. This year major festivals in the same weekend were Vijaydashmi and Ayudha Pooja which limited the Ham volunteers and visitors to low numbers.

At VU2ARC we had a Scout, Aaron Rodney Gonzalves, from Malaysia, who spent all three days at the JOTA event. We were glad to make HF radio contacts with Sri Lanka and Maldives. On Echolink our prize catch was

HB50S, operated by Frank, the World Scout Bureau. Following Scout contacts were A470S, GB50CDS and MORSC Chesterfield District Scouts ARC and BX4AM Chen from Taiwan.

The event was well covered by many printed media and EeTv, the local TV channel.

For this 50th JOTA, the



equipment was lent from VU2LCI, the Lions Clubs International Amateur Radio Club and we thank wholeheartedly the support of dozens of amateur radio volunteers for spending lots of time with Scout and making this 50th JOTA a memorable event. The Lions International Stamp Club brought out a special postal cover and a special cancellation on the occasion of the Centenary of Scouting and the 50th anniversary of JOTA. It has rose-scented stamps and was presented at the Bangalore General Post Office on 20th October. A pen-pal friendship project, jointly with Australia, was initiated by the LISC, together with Cub Scouts from the MES Kishore Kendra Public School in Vidyaranapur.

## Ireland (EI)

<b>participants:</b>	<b>170</b>
<b>stations:</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>countries:</b>	<b>4</b>

Five stations were activated by Scouting Ireland for JOTA, says Seán O'Suilleabháin. Three of the stations had special event call signs; EI50JOTA operated from the National Campsite at Larch Hill in the Dublin Mountains and centenary stations EI100S and EI100SI were operated by the 1st Kilkenny and 18/19th Cork Scout Groups.

The remaining stations operated from Tralee in County Kerry and the Mount Melleray Scout Centre in the Knockmealdown Mountains in County Waterford. Modes operated included PSK and APRS.

## Italy (I)

<b>participants:</b>	<b>626</b>
<b>stations:</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>countries:</b>	<b>41</b>

For the first time in many years, the FIS (Federazione Italiana dello Scouting) has an NJO for both events, writes Gino Lucresi. Before, each member Association had its own people working on JOTA.

As a special activity, a crossword puzzle was sent by radio from the station in Conegliano.

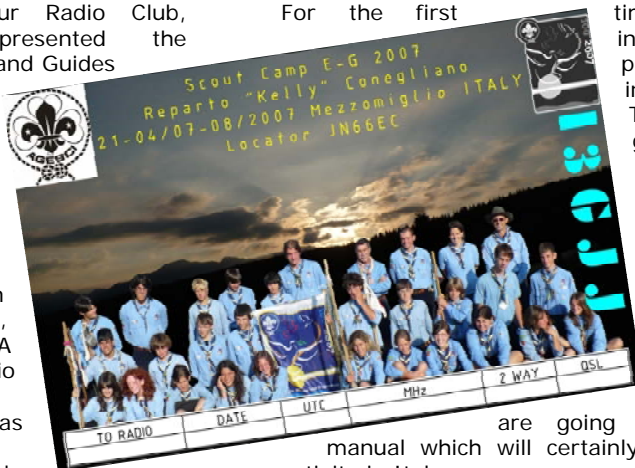
Between the CNGEI Bolzano 2 Scout group and an Indonesian Scout group was a contact that lasted for a long time, and our scouts were very pleased by the courtesy of the other party.

For the first

time we had a fox hunt in central Italy. This will probably happen again in the future.

The radio-scouting group of Lazio gathered in the abbey of Monte Cassino (100 km south of Rome) and they had the tallest tower (30m), the biggest number of participants (153) and of radio amateurs (10). They

are going to publish a JOTA manual which will certainly help to spread this activity in Italy.



## Japan (JA)

<b>participants:</b>	<b>314</b>
<b>stations:</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>countries:</b>	<b>8</b>

The longest Scout radio contact was made by the Chiba Scout Council (JA1YSS/1) over a distance of 17,000km with the Asociacion de Guías y Scouts de Chile (CE3BSC) in Chile, writes Yoritake MATSUDAIRA.

The Amateur Radio Club of the Scout Association of Japan (JA1YSS) has licensed their two special radio call signs 8J1S and 8J100S for the 100th anniversary celebration of World Scouting in 2007. During the 50th

JOTA, 8J1S was operated at the venue of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Asia-Pacific Regional Conference at the National Youth Centre (NYC), in Tokyo. During the Conference, the



launching of the 50th JOTA was held at 20:30-21:30 on 20 October 2007, and Mr. Herman Hui, Chairman of the World Scout Committee and Dr. Eduardo Missoni, Secretary General of WOSM sent their messages to the all participants of the JOTA by Echo-Link via 8J1S.

At the National Headquarters, JA1YSS members operated 8J1S with 28 operators. They could contact more than 430 Scout stations in 8 countries during the JOTA.

It was reported this year again that many portable stations were operated during the JOTA such as in mountains, at banks of rivers, at Scout halls, at outdoor activity centres, etc.

Before the JOTA, the Scout Association of Japan circulated the information to Scouts and leaders on the 50th JOTA 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 2007.



*Herman Hui, chairman of the World Scout Committee with Scout leaders at 8J100S on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Asia-Pacific Regional Conference held during the JOTA weekend in Tokyo, Japan.*

## Luxemburg (LX)

participants:	169
stations:	15
countries:	18

The federal JOTA team organised once again the official opening ceremony in Luxembourg. Armand Erpelding, president of Luxembourg's amateur radio club, thanked all amateurs involved in JOTA for spending time and equipment, Guy Kruchten (LGS) talked about 100 years of Scouting and Neckel Reuland (FNEL) explained the rules of the national JOTA game. All 15 JOTA stations from Luxembourg were present to listen to the different speeches, writes Claude Engel.

A travel through the history was the theme of this year's game; it remembered different important moments of the Scout movement; these were the parts of a puzzle. Each JOTA station was owner of one puzzle part and had to contact other stations to complete the whole puzzle.

Very interesting was also the colour TV transmission of several groups; all kinds of performances could be seen, from the simple newscaster to the funniest comedian.

## Madagascar (5R8)

participants:	900
stations:	6
countries:	4

Several requests for support were addressed to the various public

Ministries and radio- and TV media for JOTA, reports Albert Solonjatovo.

The official opening ceremony of the 50<sup>th</sup> JOTA for Madagascar was honoured by the Minister of Youth and Sports

and several high authorities with the State and Churches. It took place on October 20 at 9 a.m. in the Garden Andohalo in Antananarivo.

The Minister and the guests visited the JOTA stations. Very satisfied he encouraged the young Malagasy



*Guide leader Lilie in a radio discussion with Scouts.*

Scouts to spread the word about the Jamboree and asked why the duration of this event of World Scouting is limited to two days only? Could one prolong this to at least a week he said?.

Our international radio contacts were limited to the World Scout Bureau in Geneva HB50S (2 times), South Africa and Namibia. This was due to the lack of propagation. On the other hand hundreds of radio contacts were carried out between the young Scouts of the capital and those in the other provinces.

The majority of the Scouts in the other areas took part for the first time in JOTA and are very happy with it. They thought that this event were only reserved for the Scouts of the large cities such as Antananarivo.

Never before had a similar Jamboree taken place on the island. Even the small cub Scouts in the most remote areas told of their great pleasure during the radio communications.

It was most exciting to see the rush of the Scouts to the microphone wanting to make a QSO with the station of the World Bureau in Geneva, in particular with Mr. Yves Margot!

Bison Maharitra, the President of the Federation of Madagascar Scouting thinks of inserting the preparation for the JOTA into the planning for annual work.

## Malaysia (9M)

participants:	350
stations:	5
countries:	15

This year's theme was "Malaysiaku Gemilang". Malaysiaku means "My Malaysia" and "Gemilang" means greatest, excellent, enlightened and bright.

This year Malaysia celebrates its 50 years of independence. It is a nice coincident with the 50th JOTA. Our mission in this year's JOTA is to show the world that we are grateful being part of Malaysia, says Zakran Abdul Manan. We are a multiracial and multi-religious country and live happily with each other. Scouts around the world,



being a multiracial, multi-religious and multi-national organization is similar to Malaysia in a bigger size. We are just like representing the whole world's Scouts in a small country.

The special call signs 9M50Mx to commemorate the anniversary were used by the states while the HQ remained using 9M2PPM.

There was a Trans-national JOTA net, an open net between the 5 JOTA stations and other amateur stations all over Malaysia, using linked 2m repeaters provided by MARTS, the national amateur radio society. Scouts had fun communicating with others in different part of the country.



*A Girl Scout, communicating with a JOTA station in Japan.*

Greetings and contacts exchange, weather report and singing Scouts' songs are some of the things that went through the air. A special contact was A47JOTA, the national JOTA station of Oman.

The Scouts at 9M50MM contacted their brothers at JR7NXM in Aomori, Japan, a contact over 5800 km distance.

Zakran offers the suggestion to conduct regional nets at a scheduled time and frequency: "this will enable contacts between countries in the same region which is easier due to time zone and distance. Malaysia would like to volunteer to be the net control for South East Asia region".

## Malta (9H)

<b>participants:</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>stations:</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>countries:</b>	<b>30</b>

After months of planning the third weekend of October had finally arrived: the JOTA/JOTI weekend! It is one of the activities that everyone enjoys and anticipates it really eagerly, writes David Schembri.

The story of the Fgura Scout group: early on Friday, helpers started gathering at Rinella Scout Centre which was to be our centre for communications. The radio amateurs needed a lot of help with their heavy antennas and long tangles of wires to get the station set up. In the afternoon, all helping hands were used to decorate the hall and finish off the radio shack. Our communication centre was made up of 2 radios with antennas atop of pioneering structures.

The cub scouts would be coming the next morning so everything had to be prepared. This year it was going to be the first time that the cubs had all the activity for them. During the night the first communications took place and our first contacts were with the Chez Republic and the United Kingdom respectively. As the long hours of the night rolled by, our map began to fill up with pins as far as Malaysia and Alaska.

After a night's sleep (for those who had any), Saturday started with dismal weather but the activity was only reaching its peak. By 0900hrs, cubs filled the hall with their noise and interest. As they settled down, their leaders explained exactly what was happening

and that now it was their turn to communicate with 500,000 scouts from all over the world that were taking part. It was surprising how fast the youngsters were at getting used to the computers and they were soon having fun and eagerly making new contacts. It was also great to see them flock around the radio as soon as the static clears away and a voice comes through. Their eyes would glow as they said their nervous "My name is . . ." and waited for the reply. Cub scouts were busy colouring JOTA posters which were hung around the hall and preparing papers so that they knew what to say when it was their turn to have a go at the radio. Those that were not having hands-on experience learnt more about communication with games that helped understand and learn ways of communication without words such as the Morse code and semaphores.

In the afternoon we had visits from our scout troop and beaver colony and both had chances to understand more about radio. Radio conditions were superb and we had a pile up of stations that wanted to talk to us. In a few minutes we managed to talk to the World Scout Bureau (HB50S) and many national and anniversary stations. This year was the first time we used Echolink and it was great to keep the radio contacts going even when the weather or other interference kept us from progressing.

We had a visit from our District commissioner to whom we proudly showed our map which was very crowded with pins by the time he came to see us. To add to the atmosphere, our Group Scout Leader had his birthday and so we had a small celebration and a barbeque too during which many parents of scouts came to visit the communication centre.

Although no one was in the mood to go home, Sunday morning came and the activity was drawing to an end. A quick breakfast after a night drinking coffee to keep going, and all the cubs were on their communication duty again. Communications were kept going till noon which gave us enough time to contact Poland, Egypt and Belgium's national JOTA stations by radio. Parents came for their kids and the helpers started on the tough work of dismantling all the rigging and wires.



*One flag for each country where we spoke with Scouts.....*

As I pulled out the pins from the map to put it away until next year, one thing was firmly imprinted in my mind after this weekend: Scouting binds 28 million people around the world from all cultures and walks of life. Activities like JOTA make us feel part of a strong family that has the same promise at heart.

## Mauritius (3B8)

<b>participants:</b>	<b>?</b>
<b>stations:</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>countries:</b>	<b>19</b>

"Discover radio activities" was the central theme for all the activities.

Amongst the offered activities for the 50th JOTA were initiation to electronics, radio-waves propagation, history of the radio-amateur society in Mauritius and the use of the phonetic alphabet.



Furthermore games were held using walkie talkies, writes Malcolm Madelon.



*Electronic construction at Mauritius.*

The most exciting contact was with France, since it was the only French-speaking contact and in Mauritius we are more fluent with French than English.

A funny situation arose when participant were being guided during con-

tacts to give details of names and at the end to conclude by saying "88". The radio amateurs then added "do you know what you have just said?" .. "love and kisses". The participants replied "really!!".

Malcolm wants to organize a fox hunt for the next JOTA.

### **Netherlands Antilles (PJ)**

<b>participants:</b>	<b>305</b>
<b>stations:</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>countries:</b>	<b>12</b>

The national organizing committee of Scouting Antiano assigned a planning committee which worked in advance mak-

ing all the necessary arrangements, for the 50th Jamboree On The Air, writes Rolando Manuel.

The JOTA celebration took place at a campsite called "Kampeercentrum Ronde Klip" on the island of Curacao. There were two big tents available for the activities.



*Cub Scouts in the Netherlands Antilles swarming the radio station.*

The JOTA weekend started on Friday October 19th, 2007 at 15.00 hours, and finished on Sunday October 21st, 2007 at 15.00 hours local time.

The assistance was amazing and there were about 300 Scouts and Guides with their leaders who camped during the weekend so that they could enjoy of all the activities and make contacts with Scouts from abroad as well.

The committee had made schedules, and the participants were divided in patrols (mixed). The patrols could participate in numerous teambuilding and communication games and activities. They got the opportunity to participate in a yell competition and an outrageous cooking contest, where the Scouts and Guides could make a cheese snack. Every patrol had an activity booklet in which they could read about the activities, and a schedule with the exact time to participate

in the Jamboree On The Air, as well as the other activities.

A patrol from the island of Bonaire came to Curacao especially to camp and to participate at this tremendous event.

On Saturday evening the Scouts and Guides had a special party to celebrate the 50th anniversary of te JOTA with a special cake with JOTA logo.

The JOTA activity is of enormous educational cultural value for the participants, in which they learn a lot from each other and also they get the opportunity to practice foreign languages. And they could hear about Scouting in other countries.

### **New Zealand (ZL)**

<b>participants:</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>stations:</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>countries:</b>	<b>?</b>

As usual, the New Zealand Amateur Radio Association's "National System" (a chain of linked repeaters on 70 cm) was

well used, as was the IRLP. Propagation conditions were not very good and this was shown by the relatively few contacts made. "I had hoped for more participation, more reports sent to me, and better band conditions", says Jim Parnell, "but it was not to be".

One hundred and seventy Coastal Otago Scouts attended a camp on the Otago Peninsular. They included JOTA in their normal camp activities and made a number of good contacts, including two to Australia.

Members of the Wellington VHF Group assisted the Paparangi Scout Group at their Jamboree On the Air event held at Paparangi Scout Hall in Wellington on Sunday 21 October, writes Mark Foster. Operating as ZL2WA, Wellington VHF Group members showed the

boys and girls from Paparangi Scouts, Northland Keas and Ngaio Venturer around their hobby and made contact with Scouters from all across New Zealand and the world.

The first order of business was to erect the High Frequency (HF) antenna: a task the Scouts were ideally suited to! This was actioned through the creation of two tripods and two extensions then lashed to the tripods and guyed. A conveniently located light pole was also leveraged to good effect!

Whilst the Scouts were busy setting up the antenna poles, Brian set to work creating a long wire antenna for the HF setup, as we didn't have one with us. This was achieved by joining a number of lengths of what were originally high-end electrical cabling strands together. What we ended up with was an antenna that performed acceptably well on 80 m and 40 m, as a centre-fed dipole.

Once the antenna was tested, an additional long length of pioneering work was attached to the centre tripod to improve the height at the centre. This was tied and guyed into place.

Next, we moved onto other business: fiddling with radios. After a little back-grounder on some of the basics, we set about demonstrating some of amateur radio's finest. Some of the guys (and girls!) got involved in Amateur Radio Direction Finding where a hidden transmitter is tracked using directional radio antenna and some simple triangulation. Others went hunting across the bands for other JOTA stations to talk to.

Eventually we managed to work into Australia on HF. and make contact with amateur stations in the American continent via the Internet Repeater Linking Project (IRLP) node accessed via the Upper Hutt VHF Repeater. The UHF National System was also handy, allowing contact with other stations across New Zealand. from as far afield as Dunedin.



Worth recognising are those stations both JOTA and amateur, who took the time to talk to our guys and girls. JOTA remains a great PR event and helps to widen the horizons of members of the Scouting Movement worldwide. We're all looking forward to next year!!

## Norway (LA)

participants:	408
stations:	22
countries:	20

Dag Anders mentions that Norway got a special call sign for the 50<sup>th</sup> JOTA. We got the LC prefix where L is 50 for the 50<sup>th</sup> JOTA and C is 100 for 100 years of Scouting. So LA1JAM turned in to LC1JAM this year. LC1JAM was located in Tredalen, a Norwegian Sea Scout Centre on Speirøy, one of the many islands in Valer. It was an historical station. The operators of the station were JOTA veterans LA2RR Ole, LA1SP Hans Petter, LA5CH Nic, LA4PGA Trond and LA2BBA Jan, all former national JOTA coordinators. The opening was done by LA5CH Nic who was a legend in Norwegian JOTA.



*IARU Region 1 chairman Ole, LA2RR, at the microphone of LC1JAM.*

The Nittedal Scout group arranged for an open house. They had 2 shacks for radio, one in the main house and one in a small cabin. The long distance contacts were made in the cabin. Norway and the rest of Scandinavia was reached from in the main house.

## Oman (A4)

participants:	3713
stations:	31
countries:	111

Hisham Abd-Al Salam writes: "special moments with great interest repeated again and again. But this year is different; it's 50 years of JOTA."

We had our special ways in increasing the number of participants through using the popularity of the event. The interest and the good experience with the event fosters the participant motivation.

In order to complete the preparations, a team of 15 qualified and experienced leaders has worked hard to ensure that everything is ready. Ten of them have been trained to use the servers of Echolink.

This time we decided to shift the Headquarter main station to another location to ensure more participants around the sultanate could participate in the event. Therefore we transferred the headquarters to Sohar, a beautiful city in the north of Oman. It was a very interesting experience, since for the first time we changed to another location with all the equipment. With the coop-



*"....and now I present you to one of the Guides here in Muscat...."*

eration of the Royal Omani amateur radio society, we prepared all equipment needed like the radio station, towers and antennas.



*Mounting the antennas at A47JOTA.*

As soon as we finished setting up the radio stations and Echolink, we distributed the duties and discussed all expected problems and how to be ready for troubleshooting.

We prepared 8 Echolink stations A41NK, A41NE, A41NC, A41NB, A41NI, A47OS, A45XK and A47JOTA. It was a wonderful experience for whole team. We set up a six element antenna and a dipole for two HF stations and one VHF station connected to the A47RS repeater via Echolink.

Official letters and invitations were sent to the Scouts & Guides units. The idea was to introduce JOTA to as many Scouts and Guides as possible. Therefore, an equal chance was given to the groups to participate in the event from their regions.

As a result of the good reputation for the event, this year there was a huge coverage from the local media before, during and after the event. Before the event different local newspapers and magazines in Arabic and English published articles about the JOTA. Meanwhile during the weekend media sections were racing to announce the event news to the mass public.

An interview with the governor of Sohar, one of the organizing team members was broadcasted in the National Channel of the Sultanate. The newspapers discussed the importance of JOTA 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 others all over the world.

The 50<sup>th</sup> JOTA opening ceremony was held in the main hall, with his Excellency the governor of Sohar and in attendance of 6500 guests. The film of the 50<sup>th</sup> JOTA with a presentation was shown to them followed by a visit to the exhibition and radio room. The governor talked to a Girl Guide from another region through VHF.

On Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> October, at 8.00 in the morning, the invited groups started to arrive one after the other. The introduction of the event has been done through the presentation in the main hall. They visited the radio station where they used the radio and talked to different participants all around the world. Then they shifted to the Echolink room. Visitors from all ages visit the station and participated as

well with the Scouts, discussing different issues with other Scouts.



In the exhibition they got information about the event and how it started 50 years ago and the Oman participation since 1991. The exhibition was equipped with old photos and log books from old JOTA's and words from visitors. It was a remarkable moment. for all participants.

Other activities included: a special stamp for the centenary, design posters for promotion of the event, work until the last minute of the jamboree completing 50 hours around the world, Happy birthday party with a 50<sup>th</sup> JOTA cake and produce a video film.

Egyptian, Indian and Sri Lankan Scout and Guide units in Muscat participated in the event as well and visited the main station in Sohar.

It was an interesting moment when we made our first contact



....at the Echolink station.

with HB50S and talked to Frank Heritage form the JOTA world staff.

Special-needs students visited our main station. They only understand sign language. We discovered that one of our team mem-

bers can communicate in this language which made the students very happy.

One other happy moment was the 50<sup>th</sup> JOTA birthday party. It was surprising for the team that so many people attended the party at 4 o'clock in the morning local time.

## Peru (OA)

<b>participants:</b>	<b>211</b>
<b>stations:</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>countries:</b>	<b>6</b>

Although our weekend was affected by the National Census on Sunday 21, the Scouts of the Peru participated with much enthusiasm in the JOTA during Friday and Saturday.

We counted on the support of the Peruvian radio club and some Scout groups camped on the premises of the club. Other groups camped in schools and installed their radio stations and participated there in the Jamboree on the Air.

We counted on the help of many radio friends who always support us in the JOTA and in addition we saw many Scouts that already have their own radio licence and are motivating others Scouts.

We installed 3 radios, working on 20, 40 and 80 m, in addition to Echolink that was connected to the local 2 m repeater.

Although the propagation conditions were not very good, it was pleasant much to us to communicate with our brothers Scouts in Chile and Argentina.

Two months before the JOTA, our country suffered an earthquake in the city of Pisco in the department of Ica. Scout radio amateurs along with the Peruvian radio club had the opportunity to support with emergency communications, because the telephones stopped functioning. This has motivated many Scouts to take an interest in the radio. Many people understood the usefulness of radio in case of emergency and that is why Scouts are preparing projects to be able to support in cases of disaster with the radio communications.



" ....hola, hola, soy Pedro en San Juan de Miraflores en Peru. ¿Como estas?"

We would like to motivate young Scouts to know about amateur radio and to be able to have more radio Scouts. We are organizing radio courses and activities that allow us to use the radio to the benefit of the society, concludes Aldo Botteri Galvez.

## Portugal (CT)

<b>participants:</b>	<b>16246</b>
<b>stations:</b>	<b>101</b>
<b>countries:</b>	<b>39</b>

The CNE had 81 JOTA stations which covered all the country including Azores and Madeira. It had increased 16% in com-

parison with the previous year, writes Antonio Silva (CNE).

At the CNE HQ station, CT8CNE, in Lisbon participated more than 2800 Scouts. Between 10 am and 4:30 pm

of Saturday we registered 1500 Scouts, passing through the station and participating in activities like wall climbing, horse riding, radio fox hunting, etc. They had also the possibility to view some rescue procedures done by police dogs.

This year we had a link on TVA, which established the linkage between CNE's HQ station, CT8CNE, and other stations in Lisbon, Sintra and Torres Vedras, in a perimeter of 40km where scouts had the possibility to hear and see the activities.

There was also a game related to the theme "Around the world in 50 hours". The game asked to make a connection with 50 different Scout stations.

The most interesting contact would have been between the station HB50S and CT8CNE. This contact was maintained for a considerable amount of time and aroused great interest of the participants.

The difficulty in the language definitely brought up some funny situations, related to similar words which have completely different meanings.

The longest contact was from CT7AEC in Coja to the Japan HQ station 8J1S over 11.151km.

Jose Araujo (AEP) goes on to say that Portugal and Brazil had prepared a quiz with some challenges to be accomplished during the weekend. It was the first time that we did this with the

participation of both Portuguese Associations and the Brazilian one; there are some details to correct but the experience was very good.

The AEP national station (CT8AEP) used the facilities of AMRAD (member of AMSAT, the radio amateur satellite corporation and ARISS, amateur radio on international space station). The national station also had the participation of more than 100 Scouts from Spain.

Contacts made simultaneously using



"Can you tell us what you like most in Scouting? All my friends are listening...."



radio and internet were very exciting. CT5EPG in Guimaraes (north of Portugal) was in contact with PY1ERR in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) for more than 1 hour using also Echolink.

## Slovenia (S5)

**participants:** 84  
**stations:** 3  
**countries:** 11

Gašper Doljak writes that the main

JOTA activities were preparing the Scouts for JOTA, preparing the equipment with Scouts, making QSO's for the weekend, foxhunting, and using PMR (public mobile radio). A special one was getting "be prepared" translated in as many languages as possible.

One Scout group got a rejection from local observatory when they asked them for electricity and a room. They said that "JOTA is not connected with astronomy."

For next year Gašper wants to engage more groups and make better preparations for JOTA on a national level.



Scout engineering in Slovenia.

## South Africa (ZS)

**participants:** ?  
**stations:** ?  
**countries:** ?

Dave Gemmell sent the following overview.

Overall those who took part, Scouts and Hams, enjoyed the

Event even though most of the contacts were local (SA only). The ionospheric propagation conditions in SA seem "quite strange". Distances of 500 km to 800 km are very good most of the time whilst contact over only 50 km are usually very poor! The hams in SA would like to know whether JOTA stations in other parts of the world experienced similar conditions. in Europe or elsewhere.

Danny ZS5DG and Louis ZS5LP set up the JOTA station ZS5D at the Scout Group HQ for the 58th Air Durban Air Scouts club. The antenna system was installed so that the best results would be from the north, suspecting the majority of stations will be active in ZS6 (Gauteng) and ZS4 (Free State). They were surprised when later the activity was better

The ZS5PMB HF station in Pietermaritzburg was set up on Saturday morning by Rod ZS5RK and Bert ZS5MQ. An unfortunate but slight hitch with the HF antenna reduced the number of DX contacts made. It rained heavily on Friday and the Guides had to pitch camp in very damp conditions. About 50 Girl Guides, 10 Guiders and the usual compliment of staff. As some of the Girl Guides came from a very rural setting they did not understand much of what was going on, but nevertheless had a great time.

The 1st Margate Scout Group took part in JOTA 2007 with the help of Hibiscus Amateur Radio Club ZS5HAC. Many of guides, scouts cubs and former

members of the movement joined in at the South City Christian Academy in Ramsgate.

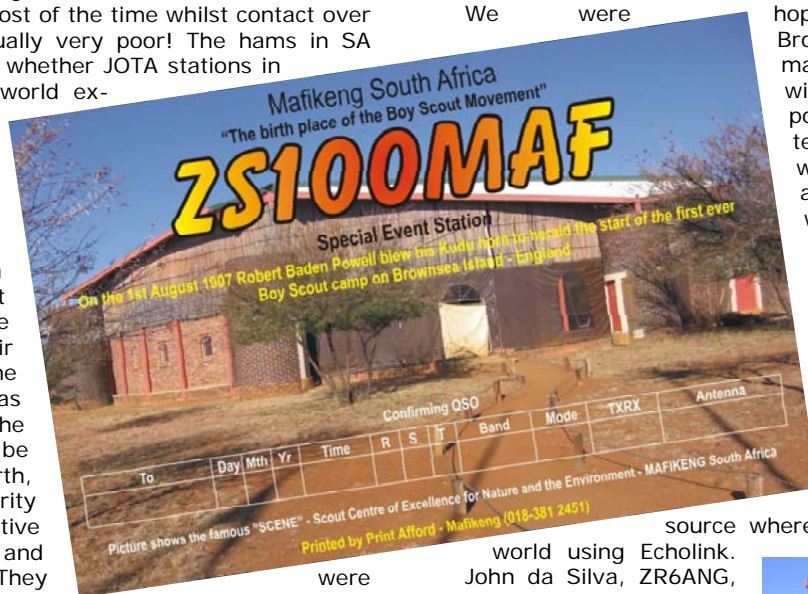
1st Ladysmith Cubs & Scouts, 3rd Newcastle Scouts and 1st Newcastle Girl Guides ran their JOTA station at the Scout Hall in Newcastle, KwaZulu Natal. About 40 Guides and Scouts attended camping over from Friday night to Sunday. Ronnie ZS5ABD stayed over on Saturday night so that he could operated both days using an inverted-V antenna which was supported by a windmill tower. (Note: this type of windmill is actually a wind-driven water pump used on many farms in SA. Not to be confused with those in the Netherlands.) As band conditions were not too great they used the mobile network for the very first time. It was found that this was a good way to demonstrate the use of Ham Radio! Johan de Witt assisted by operating the Echolink side of the station. The scouts and guides had fun talking all over the world.

100 YEARS OF SCOUTING CELEBRATION, SCENE MAFIKENG 1 AUGUST 2007 (by Evan Davies, ZS6EVD)

The Lichtenburg Amateur Radio Club (LARK) supplied radio communications for the 100 years

of Scouting celebrations which was held on the 1st August 2007. The venue of the celebrations was SCENE (Scout Centre for Excellence, Nature and the Environment). SCENE is located a few kilometres outside Mafikeng. The celebration was held in the middle of the week, making it difficult for both Scouts and Hams to participate due to work and school commitments. We did, however, have a contingent of Scouts from Kenya who were camping there and celebrated the 100 years of Scouting with us. We operated under the call sign ZS100MAF.

We were hopeful that an ADSL Broadband line would be made available for use with Echolink. A line was pointed out to us and tested by Telkom. It was reported to be fine and ready for use. It was only a day or so before the celebrations when we realised that the line was not an ADSL line but in fact a "Radio Line" which was used previously by a local radio station as a link to the studios. The battle was then on to find another source where we could link to the



world using Echolink. John da Silva, ZR6ANG, managed to arrange the use of the ADSL lines at a local hotel some 8 kilometres away. The idea was to set up a simple Echolink "repeater" using a small hand held 2 meter radio working simplex which, when set up correctly, would give us a 2 meter link into the Echolink network. We were

Mafikeng commemoration stone.



plagued with problems with firewalls blocking the Echolink signal, and finally gave up late in the evening.

Earlier that day Eddie ZS6BNE, George ZS6GHK and Isaac, managed to lower George's 3 element beam antenna. This was, with great difficulty, transported to SCENE on the back of George's pick-up. The beam was erected on the top of a water tank which formed part of the main hall.

The following day the first hams arrived at about 06h00 to the sound of African drums being played by some Scouts who were seated around a fire.

Initially the radio bands were absolutely silent, and this prompted John, Eddie and Jannie to go back to the hotel and persevere with the Echolink project. After much hair pulling and language that is not repeatable here, John with the help of the IT Manager at the hotel, managed to get Echolink working perfectly at about 13h00. This opened up communication, albeit a bit late, to the world. We were able to contact VK6DAV, Noel, in Perth Australia, ZS1CEV, Chris, in the Cape, and a station in the Netherlands PD1LEO. Scout participation on the actual radio was very limited due to the fact that very few contacts were actually made. We had hoped that in the afternoon from about 14h00 onwards, that the bands might open up but it was not to be and at about 16h30 we decided to call it a day.

The station was dismantled and then came the part which we all had not looked forward to – that of taking down the beam antenna. The beam was gently lowered down to a point where the rest of the chaps could reach it and then they continued to lower it. It was here that a loud "crack" was heard followed by the beam falling to the ground. The aluminium pole was in two pieces and "spliced" together with a 38 mm diameter wooden dowel.

It was at this point that the dowel decided it had had enough and down came the beam.

Fortunately, the damage was minimal.

We all left for our homes very tired but having experienced a challenging, frustrating yet enjoyable day.

JOTA is coming up in October. What we have learnt from this exercise will go a long way to stream lining the JOTA weekend. We have a lot more time to prepare for it compared to the above event.

On to JOTA then.....

The call sign ZS50MAF was allocated to the station for the JOTA event, again set up at SCENE outside Mafikeng. We arrived at SCENE on the Saturday morning at about 06h30 to set up the station. It was then that we were told that earlier the previous evening the main electricity supply had gone off leaving the place in darkness. It appeared that a major link on one of the main supply routes to the area had a fault on it and the local electricity suppliers, ESKOM, were called to help restore the supply. The supply was only restored at about 11h45 that morning!

Whilst waiting for the power to come on we saw two girl scouts busy folding a flag carefully and attempting to hoist it such that when the opening ceremony took place, one tug of the rope on the flag pole would

cause the flag to unfold. One of the worrying factors for them was, if the flag is folded and inadvertently hoisted upside-down! If this happened, they would probably have to do all sorts of nasty tasks as "punishment". We offered our assistance and soon had the



*Scouts and operators at ZS50MAF in Mafikeng doing their best to contact the World and tell the story of BP.*

flag up the pole ready to be "broken" when the opening ceremony took place.

Once the power was restored, we set about the task of making contact with other stations. The young people were enthralled with what we had to show them and actively became involved as their shyness gave way to confidence. Each of them that participated was presented a special QSL / Participation card which was printed for the occasion. Most of the long distance contacts were via Echolink. We managed to make contact with many scout stations around the world especially in the United Kingdom and we even spoke to Scout Headquarters in Geneva.

At one point whilst Eddie was operating the TS130S with the scouts around him, I moved outside to Eddie's vehicle where I had several "contacts" with the scouts who were inside. None of them realised that it was me that they were talking to and engaged in all sorts of questions and conversation. At one point I recognised the voice and name of one of the girl scouts who, the day before, had battled with the flag hoisting exercise. I asked her whether she knew which way a flag should be hoisted up a flag pole in order that it breaks right way up? It was then that they all realised who they were chatting to and many rushed outside to join me at the vehicle.

The whole event ended at about lunchtime on Sunday. This was due to the fact that many of these youth had to make their way back home. Bear in mind that in most cases these youngsters walk home, some as far as 25 or 30 kilometres away. They just don't have any other means of transport. The dedication shown by these youngsters was truly amazing. As an example, I needed to travel into town to collect something and I noticed a young lad walking by himself towards the camp area at SCENE. I gave him a lift to the camp site. He told me that he had travelled, mainly by foot taking any lift he could get, from early that morning. He had decided that he wanted to attend the JOTA camp and was the only member of his troop to do so. He had set off and had travelled about 35 kilometres.....!

## Spain (EA)

participants:	250
stations:	12
countries:	?

The longest Scout radio contact was made by the Virgen del Carmen Scout group over a distance of 1.638 km with the

KAMPEN Scout group in the Netherlands, writes Luis Pascual.

This year has been very different. URE, the Spanish amateur radio union, contacted us to make something very special. We reached the conclusion that the best thing would be to apply for special call signs and to coordinate this for everybody from Graus (Huesca) by Holy D. Juan EB2FAC, who we can never thank enough for his help.

Also many other operators have collaborated and obtained call signs from AO1JAM to AO9JAM.

With all these supporters and all the people who participated in the JOTA, some 2400 contacts have been made. A total of 16 diplomas will be given to the following stations: EA1URV; EA1MS; ECÁWD; EA5FGK; EA4CA; EAÁHI; EA4TL; EA2BT; EA2BCJ; EA5FG; EA3DGE; EA5 BP; EAÜRR; EB7CIN; EA5CZM and EAAXQ.

This year has been very different from the previous ones since we have celebrated all over Spain the Scouting Centenary and the fiftieth JOTA anniversary.

In the central seat of the JOTA for the Scouts de España in Zaragoza, we had the visit of the Scout group Cachimalla and the Beavers of Calasancio. Also we had a visit of the smallest radio amateur of Zaragoza: Tomás, the son of one of our supporters EA2BCJ.



*The youngest operator of the 50<sup>th</sup> JOTA: Tomás, QRP-EA2BCJ.*

This year we had a very important visit: Jerry, KC4YDP, an astronaut of NASA. On his own he raised a pile-up of contacts in Morse. Thanks.

Also, also we had another illustrious visit: Ana Sancho, our director of Scout Formation, that enjoyed the event very much and was above all interested in the educational aspect of radio amateurism.

## Sweden (SM)

participants:	?
stations:	59
countries:	45

A common way in Sweden is that the Scouts enjoy the JOTA weekend on Saturday morning to listen to the Swedish annual

speech to all radio Scouts. After that we have the check-in. During the day we talk with both amateur radio and PMR radio. PMR is a good way to get rid of the microphone fear. See all Scout and Guides that in the beginning of the weekend say, "...I don't want to speak in the radio..." and in the end of the weekend



you have to fight to get the microphone back, when it is time to close the station.

In our troop we have the rule that the Scouts need to have a radio contact before they get their badges. The Scouts just need to say their names or something like that in the microphone. The most troops end their weekend on Sunday lunch with a badge in the pocket and experiences and memories from a good JOTA weekend where they have new friends in the troop and over the radio, says Per-Olof Hansson.

## Turkey (TA)

participants:	?
stations:	?
countries:	?

This year we have more young Scouts who obtained their

amateur radio licences, writes Savas Baran. We

also have a religious festival with family visits in the same weekend which has prevented some Scouts to join JOTA.



*A mobile semaphore station in Turkey.*

A book with 73 JOTA activities was distributed on the internet and to Scout groups in the Istanbul, Ankara, Adana, Mugla and Antalya provinces.

Several collections were made of 50 items: photographs of 50 articles, 50 Scouting CG's and 50 QSL cards. Most interesting are 50 letters from Scouts written for JOTA 2057, the 100<sup>th</sup> edition. The letters will be returned to them in 50 years from now.

A very special JOTA station at Konya operated with vintage equipment from circa 1957. I also made a set of replica vintage equipment using photographs from amateur radio webs, says Savas. Now they are museum with the Dolunay Scout Group of

items Ankara.

Scouts in Adana contacted with their Scout friends in Portugal and learned about them.

*The JOTA 1957 vintage station in Konya: still going strong.....*



## United Kingdom (G)

participants:	4805
stations:	140
countries:	44

No stations reported using the J-code which is a pity because I think that it is a good idea, starts the JOTA story of Richard

Gaskell.

This year, 2007, has been an eventful year for Radio Scouting in the UK with plenty of opportunities to operate Special Event stations from camps, ceremonies and not least the 21st World Scout Jamboree and the Centenary Celebrations on Brownsea Island. With JOTA also celebrating its 50th Anniversary, extra spe-

cial call signs and a blanket badge to mark the occasion were requested and as many stations as possible encouraged to take part (and to return their report after the event).



*The operator at GB50GDS with a Beaver Scout cautiously tuning a receiver.*

The UK licensing body, Ofcom, had already been sympathetic to earlier requests and agreed to allow JOTA stations to apply for GB50xxx if the application was supported by a letter from the Scout Group. Badges were ordered and all the information placed on the Radio Scouting UK website. Stations active in the last few years were contacted by post and at Gilwell Reunion in September a stand promoting Radio Scouting and JOTA in particular was well received, with the UK deputy Chief Scout joining the team for 50th JOTA cake.

More stations took part in JOTA than for several years and the majority opted for a GB50xxx call sign. Although more reports have been returned the proportion remains low and repeated attempts to increase the number does not bear fruit. Most of the reports are sent in the post although electronically submitted reports are equally welcome.

Despite all the other Centenary events it seemed that there were plenty of takers for JOTA and. Most stations had plenty of activities to keep the young visitors amused. More stations are turning to Echolink and finding it a good way to achieve those impressive long-distance contacts, especially while the sunspot cycle is not at its best. Mild weather makes a night in a tent in October less of a challenge and outdoor cooking is always fun. Radio Orienteering burns off some energy and Space Station watching is an acceptable alternative to stargazing when you have plotted its progress and can trace its path as it moves within your visual field. All these activities

were mentioned.

Radio amateurs are quite happy for a QSO to last well over an hour until the last messages have been exchanged, in some cases completing the last clause for that all important badge or for the last shy child to pluck up courage to say a few words into the microphone.

Most stations reported plenty of contacts with other UK JOTA stations and with the near continent, especially the Netherlands and Belgium. Further afield Portugal and Malta were frequently mentioned. Few stations reported contacting Germany. While some stations had their QSOs wiped out by the German contest, others noticed less QRM from contesters than in earlier years.

GX0SCR worked WA4USN which was a Scout camp on the aircraft carrier USS York Town.

One noticeable difference during this JOTA was the exchange of Scouting details required to gain precious points for the Centenary of Scouting Radio Award. All those stations with Scout operators were suddenly much in demand. I am told that activity between licensed Scouts has been markedly increased throughout the year as well as during JOTA. Some stations thought it would be a good idea every year while others thought it could turn JOTA into a contest. Whatever the viewpoint, the realisation that so many Scouts have transmitting licences is quite awesome. Congratulations to those who have gained awards at whatever level and thanks to Frank MOAEU for all the work involved.

Despite the number of licensed Scout operators, most JOTA stations are dependent on Radio Amateurs to get up and running. No other Scout activity brings this degree of skill, expertise and loan of equipment and we owe a debt of gratitude to all those who so willingly assist year after year.

## United States (W)

participants:	6493
stations:	277
countries:	35

This year's JOTA event was different than in past years. There were two types of operations.

One was the organized council event and the other was small groups. We had a lot more reportings from these smaller groups this year, writes Ray Moyer.

The organized council events had camporees and themed events at camps and historic or national locations. They had themes like, "We are Scouting", "Gold Rush", "Olympic Scouting", "Webelos Woods", and "Advancement through Scouting". Locations for the council events ranged from W1AW, Far East Council (which has not operated JOTA in a decade), West Point, 8th Air Force Museum, Hall of Science ARC and Camp Westmoreland which has been in operation for 80 years.

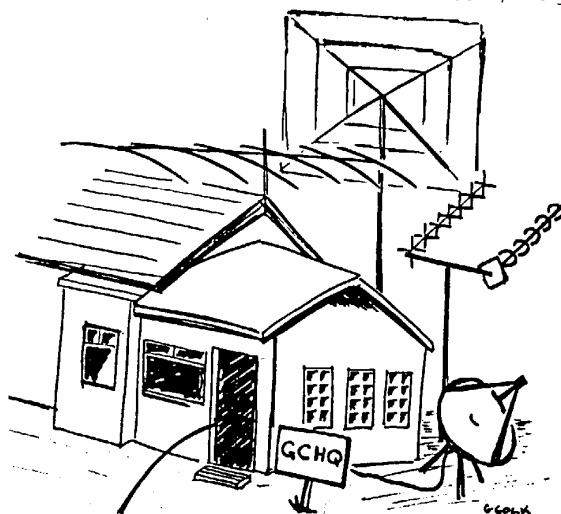
There was a quadriplegic amateur who demonstrated his special station and gave the feeling that amateur radio was for everyone.

There were bicycle powered stations, Echolink, PSK, Satellite and other modes used.

One of the activities was passing a number of Scouts on the radio merit badge. There were many special certificates to celebrate the 50th year along with patches for the event.

A special contact was made between two oo lodge chiefs. Several Scouts had a chance to work a young lady leader from New Zealand. Scouts had

microphone fear when talking to others Scouts but had no problem talking to amateurs. Quite funny.



*No, no, this is Gilwell Communication Headquarters!*

It had not rained in Virginia since June but when the work began setting up JOTA antennas, it started to rain and continued throughout the weekend.....

## Venezuela (YV)

<b>participants:</b>	<b>268</b>
<b>stations:</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>countries:</b>	<b>11</b>

Andrés Eloy Bracho writes: some groups, like Don Bosco7, from the Scout Region Anzoátegui mixed JOTA activities

with public services in the area of transmission.

The Inaguanoa Group from Carabobo combined the JOTA activity with a station in a bigger game.

The Libertador Group, in Merida, did a great contact in JOTA, they are going to Bolivia the next year to meet their contacted Rovers.

A Scout from Troop found a contact with his same complete name but in Argentina.

Another group used a Botanical Garden as a station, this is probably the most uncommon place of transmission in Venezuela.



*".... can you come and visit us next year in Venezuela?"*

## World Scout Bureau (HB50S)

<b>participants:</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>stations:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>countries:</b>	<b>74</b>

The amateur radio station HB9S of the World Scout Bureau in Geneva operated from the Geneva Scout

Centre "Les Perouses" on the outskirts of Geneva for the full JOTA weekend. For the 50<sup>th</sup> JOTA, the call sign HB50S was used.

The station team consisted this year of Hannu Ratto OH7GIG, Frank Heritage MOAEU, Guenther Erdmann, DL9BCP, Klaus Sperling DC4NA, Yves Oesch HB9DTX, station manager Yves Margot HB9AOF and World JOTA Organizer Richard Middelkoop PA3BAR.

Operations started late Friday afternoon with the first test contacts. It soon became clear that the 2 phased vertical antennas for the 40 m band, erected by Guenther, would do a wonderful job. In times of a sunspot minimum and difficult long distance radio



propagation, this system proved very helpful. It got us as far as contacts with Scouts in Australia and Canada on 40 meters. For the other bands, dipole antennas were used, swung from the main mast that carried a beam for the 10, 15 and 20 m bands.

After some adaptations to the network at the Scout Centre, kindly made for us by Ray and Paolo from the Bureau staff, we could also operate the Echolink system.

The team managed to operate continuously without a break by working in shifts. Well, apart from the meals, that is.

We're happy to say that a record number of Scout stations has been contacted during the weekend: 554 Scout stations in 74 different countries. Never before has the World Scout Bureau been able to speak directly to so many young Scouts.

Some special calls of stations contacted : AM8JAM AO3JAM CT8JAM OZ8JAM TC1JAM V55JAM LC1JAM LC3JAM LC4JAM DLOJAM OF2JAM CE3JAM HB50JAM OZ50JAM PA50JAM IR2JOTA ES1JOTA ES4JOTA SU50JOTA ON50JOTA OF50JOTA PA50JOTA BP50JOTA A47JOTA50

Some Scout HQ's and famous Scout camps contacted: ST100S BP100S YB0S BW0S VR100S 8J1S LC1S TU0FIS JE1YSS YB0ZS OF6SUF DL0BDP ST2KSS GB2BP ZS50MAF 3B8GL 5R8GZ IU9BP

IR9BP.

The most complicated special JOTA call sign:

I I O 5 O S C O U T (try that one in Morse code....., writes station

manager Yves Margot).

The Swiss mobile team (HB9KOM Heinz/Flupy, HB9TYU Lorenz, HE9JAM Sam/Logo and Tobias) arrived late in the night from eastern Switzerland, and left us after the Swiss QSO on Sunday morning to drive to Ticino and visit another Swiss JOTA team.

A special thanks to Pierrot, the Satigny Scout centre supervisor, who organized the catering for us in an excellent

way.

Of course, we had to have a go at getting some points together for the prestigious Centenary of Scouting Radio Award. After all, we had the award manager on our team. It turned out that HB50S could reach the platinum level in a day, and the diamond level in a weekend.....



DC4NA PA3BAR HB9DTX OH7GIG HB9AOF DL9BCP MOAEU

## 7. THE 11<sup>TH</sup> JAMBOREE-ON-THE-INTERNET

2007 - the year of anniversary: 100 year ago Scouting was founded, 50 years ago the Jamboree-On-The-Air (JOTA). Caused by that anniversary a lot of additional stations - and with that more Scouts - took part in the past



Jamboree-On-The-Internet (JOTI) as well. So in 2007 we again could register an increase in JOTI-participation. In comparison to 2006 there was an increment of more than 50% of Scout groups and of more than 25% of individual Scouts taking part (notice the tables on next pages for details). Considering that this is the eleventh year

of JOTI and that we constantly had a formidable growth every year, these numbers are really very impressive and reveal that the Jamboree-On-The-Internet is an important key point of WOSM events.

The World-JOTI-Team, organizing this event on world level, did not expect such a big increase. And although a stronger and faster server has been provided for our JOTA-JOTI web services this year, unfortunately this server again was overloaded in the main peak times. The World-JOTI-Team apologizes for that problems and is already working on a solution for the next event.



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50th World Scout Jamboree On the Air / Sur les Ondes

11th World Scout Jamboree On the Internet / Sur Internet

Problems as well occurred with the 2007 logo of JOTI. Since the designer of the common JOTA-JOTI logo focused too much on the 50th anniversary of JOTA, the word "JOTI" just appeared in a small subtitle. Neither the symbol nor the text of the JOTA-JOTI logo showed any relationship to the Internet activities. Therefore a separate logo for the Jamboree-On-The-Internet has been created. But unfortunately it was finished not until the end of September, really very late. I do everything I can to get a common JOTA-JOTI logo for 2008 just in time.

Big improvements have been added in the "World JOTA-JOTI Database" at [www.jotajoti.org](http://www.jotajoti.org) which acts as "World

JOTA-JOTI Registration System" as well. The result is that the participants are able to enter their data more easily and to find more ways of getting in contact with other stations.

The possibility for entering more contact data was created. These further data enabled various more ways to get in touch with other stations:

- JOTA stations using Echolink can add the "Node No." and the call sign of the Digipeater they are using. That allows to contact JOTA stations having been on-Air via an Echolink Digipeater. Radio stations using the VHF band (Very High Frequency) can also be reached via the relay they are connected to. Finally Packet Radio address can be entered and stations can be contacted in that mode as well.
- JOTI stations now can enter their SIP address. Using the SIP protocol, stations are able to call other stations and enable a direct audio/video connection (also known as Internet telephone calls).
- The Entrance of the position (longitude/latitude) of a JOTA-JOTI station has been improved as well. Instead of entering the coordinates manually, the position now can be selected on a online map. The consequence is that all participants without knowledge of the geographic coordinate system are able to display their location on a global map as well.

Last but not least there has been made further development on the Weblog system. One improvement is that it is not necessary to log in the Weblog-System for a second time if already logged in the "World JOTA-JOTI Database". Further on the data, which already have been entered during the registration, have not to be entered again - as it still had to be in 2006.

Another area of improvement is the safety of the Scouts taking part. So everyone registering at the World JOTA-JOTI Database receives an e-mail containing the four most important rules for a safe and secure participation.

From my point of view the most interesting improvement is the link, which has been created between the IRC network of ScoutLink and the World JOTA-JOTI Database. When a Scout Group or individual Scout is registering at the World JOTA-JOTI DB they not only get an account and a @2007.jotajoti.org e-mail address but also get the IRC nickname registered at ScoutLink. It is much more easy now to get information about the JOTA-JOTI station or to send a Validation Card or to write an e-mail to a registered Scout you have been in touch with via ScoutLink IRC chat.

So you can imagine there has been invested a lot of work in improvements to provide an up-to-date service for all JOTA-JOTI participants. I'm very happy that the World JOTA-JOTI Database at [www.jotajoti.org](http://www.jotajoti.org) is well-established as the foremost contact website for JOTA-JOTI. In 2007 a lot more countries have taken the chance to use the registration part for gathering information of their participants. The possibility to request additional information from Scouts and groups from every country makes national JOTA-JOTI registration systems unnecessary. I should be very happy if more National JOTA-JOTI Organizers will use that service in 2008. If you have some questions about that, just get in touch with me.

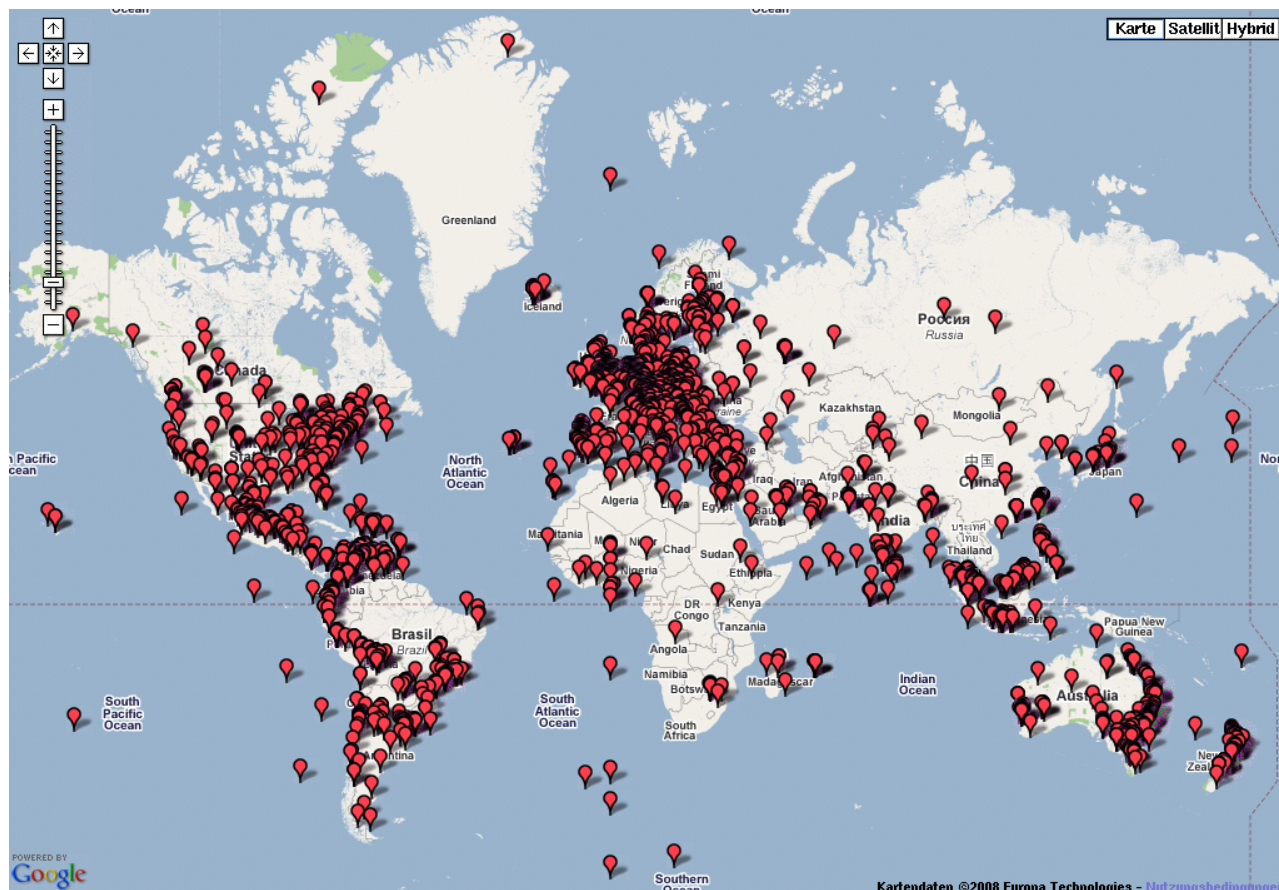


From my point of view the Jamboree-On-The-Internet 2007 was a big success and the best JOTI so far. JOTA and JOTI were again celebrated as a common event and became closer as in the past. I should like to thank all persons that made JOTI such a successful event; especially the ScoutLink organisation for the repeatedly very good cooperation. I'm glad to be supported by such a good team of NJO's and Scouts. I'm looking forward to our cooperation at JOTI in 2008.

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Map of JOTA-JOTI stations

## JOTI Statistics

Registrations at World JOTA-JOTI Database:

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Groups	472	561	472	621	547	853	1172	1774
Single Scouts	936	1159	1589	2700	3176	4814	4549	5762
Countries	87	98	93	105	120	128	121	130

Uses services of World JOTA-JOTI Database:

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
E-Mail Addresses	629	829	1159	990	1115	1504	4183	9321
Entries in Guestbook	421	377	421	481	754	1087	-	-
JOTI Validation Cards	-	-	2146	4125	5013	6867	8151	11853
Locations of Stations	-	-	-	-	-	1285	654	2793



Registrations at World JOTA-JOTI Database by countries (Countries do just represent the location of the JOTI station, not the membership to a Scouting Association of that country):

Algeria	18	Greece	48	Palestinian territories	6
Angola	1	Guatemala	7	Panama	17
Argentina	83	Guyana	11	Paraguay	21
Aruba	6	Haiti	1	Peru	86
Australia	515	Honduras	8	Philippines	86
Austria	24	Hong Kong	25	Poland	135
Bahrain	7	Hungary	20	Portugal	284
Bangladesh	7	Iceland	32	Puerto Rico	32
Barbados	7	India	44	Qatar	4
Belarus	1	Indonesia	246	Romania	43
Belgium	22	Ireland	13	Russia	146
Belize	2	Israel	7	St. Vincent&Grenadines	1
Bolivia	110	Italy	173	San Marino	1
Brazil	156	Ivory Coast	2	Saudi-Arabia	419
British Virgin Islands	1	Japan	30	Senegal	3
Brunei Darussalam	15	Jordan	13	Serbia	39
Bulgaria	16	Kazakhstan	7	Singapore	5
Burkina Faso	1	Kenya	2	Slovak Republic	19
Cambodia	1	Latvia	2	Slovenia	7
Cameroon	2	Lebanon	6	South Africa	25
Canada	91	Libya	24	South Korea	10
Chile	97	Liechtenstein	1	Spain	57
China	2	Lithuania	11	Sri Lanka	15
Colombia	74	Luxembourg	10	Sudan	9
Congo, DR	3	Macao	1	Suriname	2
Cook Islands	1	Madagascar	23	Swaziland	1
Costa Rica	87	Malaysia	233	Sweden	64
Croatia	26	Maldives	54	Switzerland	49
Cuba	1	Malta	41	Syria	8
Cyprus	16	Marshall Islands	1	Taiwan	186
Czech Republic	61	Mauritius	27	Tajikistan	1
Denmark	54	Mexico	336	Tanzania	4
Dominica	1	Morocco	22	Thailand	1
Dominican Republic	8	Mozambique	1	Timor-Leste	1
Ecuador	41	Namibia	1	Trinidad and Tobago	2
Egypt	340	Netherlands	328	Tunisia	10
El Salvador	12	Netherlands Antilles	11	Turkey	64
Estonia	6	New Zealand	140	Ukraine	10
Fiji	1	Nicaragua	5	United Arab Emirates	2
Finland	118	Niger	2	Uruguay	16
France	30	Nigeria	1	USA	289
Germany	186	Norway	90	Venezuela	596
Gibraltar	2	Oman	104		
Great Britain	360	Pakistan	65		

ScoutLink IRC Network had connections from:

Country	Con-nects	Masks	Host masks	Hosts
Algeria	72	61	20	16
Andorra	2	2	1	1
Argentina	1097	631	478	308
Aruba	328	100	14	11
Australia	16789	7381	2777	935
Austria	206	105	82	31
Bahrain	5	5	4	1
Barbados	89	47	10	6
Belarus	13	6	5	5
Belgium	698	297	93	60
Belize	140	42	9	2
Bolivia	2025	1149	761	185
Bosnia & Herzegovina	19	4	1	1
Brazil	4737	2047	1312	556
Brunei Darussalam	316	138	34	12
Bulgaria	111	12	7	4
Cameroon	3	1	1	1
Canada	2488	1276	769	215
Cape Verde	7	4	2	2
Chile	1754	1024	728	201
China	53	37	30	16
Colombia	994	626	405	208
Costa Rica	3183	1999	1386	231
Croatia	1033	458	163	127
Cyprus	379	152	55	29
Czech Republic	1438	307	112	55
Denmark	7859	2111	432	165
Dominica	1	1	1	1
Dominican Republic	197	121	68	28
Ecuador	439	110	65	29
Egypt	841	430	287	97
El Salvador	370	277	171	26
Estonia	50	21	10	8
Europe	417	67	9	4
Falkland Islands	17	4	2	1
Faroe Islands	3	3	1	1
Finland	5898	1406	630	224
France	900	355	113	60
Germany	10775	3603	1807	729
Gibraltar	112	55	18	5
Great Britain	12678	4506	1258	542
Greece	760	360	233	118
Greenland	90	87	1	1
Guatemala	107	39	23	13
Guyana	372	152	49	11
Honduras	240	123	75	62
Hong Kong	412	242	112	63
Hungary	47	36	20	12
Iceland	552	210	98	34
India	89	53	38	28
Indonesia	3110	1251	647	230
Ireland	509	129	54	28
Israel	6	2	2	2
Italy	2699	1107	696	390
Ivory Coast	128	32	15	5
Jamaica	75	48	10	6
Japan	177	71	45	25
Jordan	14	7	4	4
Kazakhstan	39	23	19	15
Kuwait	65	25	17	5
Latvia	21	12	9	3

Country	Con-nects	Masks	Host masks	Hosts
Lebanon	1	1	1	1
Libya	1	1	1	1
Lithuania	193	22	13	10
Luxembourg	1161	495	214	84
Madagascar	7	6	5	4
Malawi	2	2	1	1
Malaysia	2141	915	388	198
Maldives	528	151	74	7
Malta	2959	772	122	57
Mauritius	384	127	51	22
Mexico	6247	3649	2359	666
Morocco	94	49	33	19
Namibia	263	120	23	2
Netherlands	65638	17977	3818	946
Netherlands Antilles	440	172	81	40
New Zealand	4218	985	473	241
Niger	57	15	8	2
Norway	18704	6585	1359	407
Oman	3137	1605	472	307
Pakistan	118	51	39	35
Palestinian Territ.	120	40	17	15
Panama	442	260	159	33
Paraguay	212	95	49	16
Peru	2136	895	660	286
Philippines	806	467	367	38
Poland	1350	412	302	213
Portugal	20816	6846	2410	1212
Puerto Rico	928	618	198	76
Qatar	25	21	7	7
Romania	292	72	46	35
Russia	1162	328	186	126
Satellite Connection	106	41	35	7
Saudi-Arabia	216	168	78	39
Senegal	38	23	14	9
Serbia	1245	423	198	94
Singapore	11	8	5	4
Slovak Republic	178	119	80	23
Slovenia	78	30	19	15
South Africa	2113	853	178	66
South Korea	41	41	7	5
Spain	1887	1086	588	169
Sri Lanka	45	32	15	14
Sudan	4	3	3	1
Sweden	9310	3112	723	295
Switzerland	17260	8845	2686	127
Syria	48	22	11	5
Taiwan	234	88	55	41
Thailand	7	6	4	4
Trinidad & Tobago	3	3	2	2
Tunisia	48	29	27	10
Turkey	1442	709	484	94
Ukraine	28	15	8	4
United Arab Emirates	1	1	1	1
USA	3778	1687	806	389
Uruguay	503	276	124	85
Venezuela	10588	6202	4182	889
unknown	768	431	233	164
<b>sum</b>	<b>272610</b>	<b>102997</b>	<b>40800</b>	<b>13857</b>



What is ...?

### **IRC Chat**

Internet Relay Chat (IRC) is a form of real-time Internet chat based on a simple text. Participants can connect to an IRC network through a server using an application called IRC client \*). They are then able to talk (by typing via the keyboard) either in a virtual channel to multiple or directly to one person. Usually channels are divided in different languages.

During the JOTI weekend we use the IRC network of ScoutLink ([www.scoutlink.net](http://www.scoutlink.net)). It is run by Scouts for Scouts and available the whole year. If you want to get in touch with Scouts via IRC chat, just connect to ScoutLink.

\*) IRC clients could also be available as an applet on a web page.

### **Voice Chat (TeamSpeak)**

Voice Chat is a way of real-time communication on a audio base. Participants have to connect to a TeamSpeak using the TeamSpeak client software. They can join a virtual channel and talk to multiple persons using a microphone and loudspeaker/earphone via computers sound card.

For JOTI we use the TeamSpeak server of ScoutLink ([teamspeak.scoutlink.net](http://teamspeak.scoutlink.net)). It is (as IRC network) from Scouts for Scouts and available throughout the whole year.

### **Video Chat (NetMeeting/Ekiga)**

Video Chat, as well known as video conference, is a way of real-time communication on a video and audio base. Participants directly get in touch with another station using a special application (available at [www.ekiga.org](http://www.ekiga.org)). To find other stations using Video Chat a special online directory is available.

For the JOTI weekend the World JOTI Team provides an extra directory service at [video.joti.org](http://video.joti.org) which just lists other Scout stations taking part in that event.

### **World JOTA-JOTI Database**

The World JOTA-JOTI DB is a mix of the World JOTA-JOTI Registration System and a special website offering various services for JOTA-JOTI participants.

Every Scout group or individual Scout taking part in JOTA-JOTI is asked to register before participation. This registration information is available for the National JOTA-JOTI Organizer (NJO \*). When finished this registration an online account at the World JOTA-JOTI DB is created that offers a subset of different services. As an example it is possible to search for other JOTA-JOTI stations and check how to get in touch with them.

\*) NJO has to register at the system before and to request access to the data.

### **Weblog**

Weblog is a special website where users can publish an online diary.

During the JOTI weekend the World JOTI Team offers such a weblog at the World JOTA-JOTI Database ([www.jotajoti.org](http://www.jotajoti.org)). Scout groups are able to describe their station, publish photos and video messages and tell about the contacts they enabled during the event.

### **E-mail Address**

An e-mail address is the base to get in touch with other persons by e-mail. Since it is very cheap and easy to write an e-mail, it is often used to send unwanted advertising (junk mail/spam mail). Spam senders often gathers the e-mail addresses for their advertises from websites. Thus it is important not to publish your address on web pages.

During the JOTI weekend World JOTI Team publishes the addresses of Scouts on a website to give Scouts the ability to get in touch with each other. To prevent getting spam mails, the team offers special JOTI e-mail addresses. Those addresses will be configured as a forwarding to the normal addresses of the scouts and get deleted after the event \*).

So participants cannot be bothered by spam mails after the event. These addresses will be created automatically when registering for the JOTA-JOTI at World JOTA-JOTI Database ([www.jotajoti.org](http://www.jotajoti.org)).

\*) To keep in touch with Scouts afterwards participants are able to tell their normal e-mail address directly to them before the special JOTI e-mail address gets deleted.

### **Validation Cards**

"JOTA-JOTI Validation Cards" is a special web service to confirm and keep records of a contact during the JOTA-JOTI weekend.

Participants can send and receive such Validation Cards within their account at the World JOTA-JOTI Database. All the cards sent and received will be listed within the account and can be printed or downloaded as images.

### **Participation Certificates**

Participation Certificates are intended as a documentation of JOTA-JOTI participation of Scouts. A certificate can be created within the account of the World JOTA-JOTI DB by entering the name of the Scout and printed afterwards.

## 8. JOTI AROUND THE WORLD

### Argentina (.ar)

weblog:	1
countries:	35

Since there is no National JOTI Organizer (NJO) for Argentina, Alejandro Guillermo Afonso took the opportunity to report about the Jamboree-On-The-Internet in this country.

Several patrols organized a JOTI station in the house of their leaders. They had the ability to use IRC chat as well as voice chat to get in contact to Scouts in other countries. All participants were very amazed about the event and enjoyed it very much. Especially learning about Scouts in different countries, speaking a foreign language was very impressive for them.

### Australia (.au)

weblog:	23
countries:	21

Somewhere around 11,000 people from Australia participated in JOTI on the ScoutLink IRC chat servers, reported Bob Bristow. Unfortunately he did not get detailed reports from Scout Groups. So he was not able to provide further details.

### Austria (.at)

weblog:	0
countries:	?

One meter of snow in one night in October is something very special as well for Austria. Ernst Tomashek reported that the at-stations had to deal with that problem. Visitors were not able to get to the stations because of the high snow on the ways to them.

### Bangla Desh (.bd)

weblog:	0
countries:	?

Aminul Kawser Khan reported that there haven't been much JOTI activities in Bangladesh in 2007. But they plan to organize JOTI activities on their regional camp sites in 2008.

### Brazil (.br)

weblog:	1
countries:	?

Brazil Scouts celebrated a joint JOTI event with Scouts from other Portuguese speaking countries. Approximately 2500 Scouts took part in an online game promoted on a special event website. The original idea for this common event was born years ago. During the 21st World Scout Jamboree the idea was promoted to attending NJO's and they decided to start with the planning. So in 2007 the organizers from several Scouting Associations finally succeeded in organizing the 1st "JOTI Lusófono".

### Estonia (.ee)

weblog:	1
countries:	?

Deivis Treier reported that participants from Estonia used the World Registration System very well. The Scouts sent JOTI Validation Cards via the system and one group created an own report with the weblog tool.



### Finland (.fi)

weblog:	2
countries:	87

About groups playing board games both in real and also with Scouts from other groups via the Internet

reported Matti Hirvonen. Beside the ScoutLink channel #suomi there was another game channel #suomi\_pelit, where participants could play acro (acronyme) and other other games. This channel wasn't open during whole night but was very popular especially at young users. Other activities were editing the Finnish (wiki.partio.net) and international scoutwiki (www.scoutwiki.org) and swapping badges at #collectors channel.

The Finnish JOTI team suggests to have international games on IRC, a map where participants can add their contacts and opening the weblog system for individual participants.

### Germany (.de)

weblog:	3
countries:	55

Jochen Sulovsky and Michael Kohlert reported of another well prepared Jamboree-On-The-Internet in Germany. All 3 German Scouting Associations being member in the Ring deutscher Pfadfinderverbände (RdP) again organized a common JOTA-JOTI event.



As last years, registration for the German participants was handled by the World Registration System. The Scouts were able to register their IRC nickname via that system. With the country-specific registration form participants were also able to order the 2007 JOTA-JOTI patch and the "Kohtenlicht" kit building. During the weekend a lot of special activities were offered: The communication game asked Scouts to collect sentences to get a complete text, in the IRC quiz-bot channel, a set of questions had to be answered and at the 4th German speaking TeamSpeak Meeting, voice chat stations from Austria, Germany and Switzerland talked to each other via the Internet. Early December the German NJO's met each other in Erlangen to analyze the JOTA-JOTI weekend. Their résumé was that JOTA-JOTI was another big success in Germany.

### Greece (.gr)

weblog:	1
countries:	25

Stelios Kessanidis reports from Scout groups taking part via IRC chat. One weblog report was created as well.

### Hong Kong (.hk)

weblog:	0
countries:	20

JOTI activities beside from usual Internet services were reported by Simon Sai-hau Ho. At the "JOTA-JOTI Fun Fair" messages were send by SMS and a voice pager system. But of course ScoutLink IRC chat channel were also used as well of the news-group hk.rec.scouting.

## Croatia (.hr)

weblog:	3
countries:	?

Damir Donelli organized the Croatian JOTI station. A special homepage was created containing photos and a newspaper article.

## Hungary (.hu)

weblog:	1
countries:	20

Gábor Babos reported from a JOTI which is not very widespread in Hungary, unfortunately. He thinks that this situation doesn't change if there would not be great efforts. He could imagine that taking part as a group would be much more fun for the Scouts. So activities must encourage leaders to organize JOTI events for their whole group. The most popular activity in Hungary is contacting each other by e-mail. So the outage of the JOTA-JOTI Database caused some problems to Hungarian participants.

## Italy (.it)

weblog:	11
countries:	41

Gino Lucrezi reported that JOTA and JOTI were organized by a single NJO in Italy's Scouting Association FIS (Federazione Italiana dello Scouting). For the first time Italy had games not only on IRC but also on the TeamSpeak channels. A curious thing was that the small town of Belpasso had the largest JOTI station, having 20 PCs.

## Luxembourg (.lu)

weblog:	1
countries:	32

15 Scout groups took part in 2007 reported Claude Engel. Every official JOTI services (IRC, voice and video chat) were used in Luxembourg.

## Madagascar (.mg)

weblog:	1
countries:	2

Scouts from Madagascar installed their computers and the network to connect to JOTI on their own. But the number of PCs available was not enough for the huge number of participants. Hermann Randria reported that Malagasy Scouts are Internet crazy.

## Malta (.mt)

weblog:	1
countries:	39

9 scouts from the Attard group's troop participated in JOTI. Under the guidance of the GSL Vince Farrugia and his assistant Mario Micallef the group arrived at the offices of Mizzi Motors Limited who kindly provided the 4 internet stations used by the scouts to communicate with other scouts in the JOTI activity.

Under the guidance of the GSL Vince Farrugia and his assistant Mario Micallef, 9 scouts from the Attard Scout Group participated in JOTI. They were able to use 4 Internet stations at the offices of Mizzi Motors Limited.

Within minutes of their arrival, all stations were connected to various countries and the scouts were chatting with their fellow scouts from as many as 52 different countries spanning all the different continents. Each station recorded the countries with which contact was made. Some enjoyed chatting on the open channels while others choose to then contact individual scouts for more specific conversations. Information about the countries such as time zones, currencies and current weather were exchanged. Websites were exchanged, accessed and commented upon directly. Some contacts asked were Malta is situated while most knew about the island. Interestingly a scout from Germany had been in Malta as an English language student last summer.

When the activity came to an end the scouts were surprised to find that contact with so many countries had been made. This activity highlighted the immense dimension of the scout movement and its widespread worldwide.

Each JOTI station team were then asked to prepare a



report of the activity while a world map showing the contacts made was drawn and hangs at the headquarters.

This was the first time that the group organized its own JOTI experience and this proved successful. This success was shown by the long list of contacts from countries all over the world which was added to their reports.

The Attard Scout Group wishes to thank Mizzi Motors Limited for their valuable contribution towards this activity.

## Mauritius (.mu)

weblog:	1
countries:	21

Didier Camalboudou reports about several JOTI activities in Mauritius. Scouts took part using Google Earth and Skype beside from IRC chat. Maybe network special games could be developed for JOTI in 2008.



## Netherlands Antilles (.an)

weblog:	1
countries:	5

Rolando Manuel reported that the Jamboree-On-The-Internet event of the Scout Association of the Netherlands Antilles took place on a campsite on the island Curacao. It was organized by the national JOTA-JOTI committee of Scouting Antiano.

In two well equipped tents Scouts were able to get in contact with JOTI participants in the whole work. Additional a wireless network was installed to connect to the internet. So participants were able to bring their own laptop computers and also use them to connect to Scouts in the whole world.

About 300 Scouts and Guides with their leaders took part in this 48h event. Beside Internet Scouting a lot of other activities were offered to the participants. Highlight was a big party on Saturday evening.

### Norway (.no)

<b>weblog:</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>countries:</b>	<b>39</b>

A JOTA-JOTI station open to Scouts from all over Norway was organized by Dag Anders Kjærnes. Unfortunately they had some problems with their connection. So participation in JOTI was quite difficult.

### Oman (.om)

<b>weblog:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>countries:</b>	<b>95</b>

Hisham Abdul Salam Badawi reported of a very popular Jamboree-On-The-Internet in Oman.

About 7500 Scouts and Guides took part in the 2007 event.

A team of 15 leaders prepared the new headquarter main station and installed IRC chat and TeamSpeak software and creating the computer network. During the event they supported the Scouts if they had questions or problems. With the experience of past JOTI's they were well prepared and aware of how to introduce JOTI to participants taking part for the first time. All Scouts and Guides at the station were introduced by a special presentation. So all of them were well prepared for the 50 hours event.

To run the Arabic channel at ScouLink IRC network 60 operators were trained in a special workshop. Thus a safe participation was proved for all Scouts.

### Paraguay (.py)

<b>weblog:</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>countries:</b>	<b>40</b>

Oscar A. Penayo reported of a special competition which was organized in Paraguay during the JOTI weekend. The Scout groups on first and second place got a special certificate for their success.

### Peru (.pe)

<b>weblog:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>countries:</b>	<b>16</b>

In Peru the JOTI weekend overlapped with the National Censuses in 2007, reported Aldo Botteri Galvez. So many Scouts had to participate from home.

The other Scouts were able to participate using computers at schools and at the Radius Peruvian Club. Some Scouts were able to sleep in this locations as well. Thus they also had the ability to take part in the JOTI during the night and talk to Scouts in different time zones using the TeamSpeak software. Also sending mails and swapping patches were very popular.

### Philippines (.ph)

<b>weblog:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>countries:</b>	<b>?</b>

Unfortunately provided scan of report were too small.

### Portugal (.pt)

<b>weblog:</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>countries:</b>	<b>73</b>

Ricardo Jorge Marques de Sousa reported, that Portuguese Scouts took part in the "JOTI Lusófono" (see report of Brazil). During the JOTI weekend they again broadcasted a live web radio with games, interviews and Scout music. In 2007 they also broadcasted a live TV stream showing what's going on in their national station.

### Slovenia (.si)

<b>weblog:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>countries:</b>	<b>5</b>

Scout groups took part in JOTI using IRC chat, and Instant Messengers, reported Gasper Doljak from Slovenia. Activities were documented on a special website. A local newspaper published an article about JOTI participation of a Scout group.

### Switzerland (.ch)

<b>weblog:</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>countries:</b>	<b>?</b>

The Jamboree-On-The-Internet is celebrated by a lot of Scout Groups in Switzerland. Swiss stations took part via IRC chat, voice chat and video chat. So beside real-time writing to Scouts, they were also able to directly talk to them and see live pictures of them.

Cedric Sonderegger reported of disappointed Scouts not being able to take part in a World JOTI Station in Switzerland. Enjoying the World Station in Satigny (near Geneva) in 2006, they hoped that there will be another station – maybe with a better Internet connection as in 2006 – organized on the world level.

A lot of Swiss participants at the World Scout Jamboree in the UK liked the idea of having a radio station at the camp site. But they missed a similar Internet station to give possibility for all Jamboree attendants to experience JOTI. So they suggest to have a Internet Scouting tent on the next World Scout Jamboree in Sweden.



The Swiss JOTA-JOTI Team is very happy about the International JOTA-JOTI DVD produced by the hearty Dutch, which we could send to every Swiss Station even before October. About 90% of the swiss stations also use the Global Registration System on <http://www.jotajoti.org/>, which is a great piece of work. Contrary, we only have about 20% of our stations that produced a Weblog, which is not so great. Thanks to Vektor and HB9AIK from "Pfadi Flammer", Sebastian and HB9SWR from "Pfadi Bürglen" as well as HB9EI and it's team around Nicola for their contributions!

In terms of IT it's quite interesting, that the Swiss Guide and Scout Movement has started a social network e.g. like Facebook, but for scouts and guides only. And an important fact for badge collectors: the common JOTA-JOTI Badge 2007 of Germany, Austria and Switzerland with an order size of 1000 pieces was absolutely sold out. There is no piece left! We will therefore increase the amount in 2008.

At the European Radio Scouting and Internet Seminar ERSIS 2006 in Oslo, Norway, the European NJOs decided to move a resolution at the European Scout Conference in Portoroz, Slovenia, that was being held from 5 – 11 May 2007. The resolution wants the Conference to reserve the JOTA-JOTI weekend for JOTA-JOTI, urge National Scout Organizations to appoint NJOs for both JOTA and JOTI and ensure, that the



ERSIS can be held every four years to further develop our event. Regrettably, the preparations weren't finished, and the resolution therefore wasn't moved. From 1 – 4 May 2008, Switzerland will host the smaller DJJK (Deutschsprachige JOTA-JOTI Konferenz) in Bern, which is the German speaking JOTA-JOTI Conference. Among lots of other things, we



will discuss a new approach of this resolution there. Information is available on <http://joti.pbs.ch/>. It's nice to see, that Switzerland – even as a small country – has a lot of connects to the ScoutLink IRC Network (as you can learn from the statistics in this World Report), and that these also increase every year, as they do world wide. Thanks again to all, who were part of it in this special year, whether in Switzerland or everywhere else on our small planet!

**Venezuela (.ve)**

<b>weblog:</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>countries:</b>	<b>61</b>

Andrés Eloy Bracho reported of several Scout groups taking part in JOTI via IRC chat and voice chat.



## 9. SPECIAL EVENTS

### GB100J, World Scout Jamboree, Hylands Park, Chelmsford, United Kingdom 27 July - 8 Aug. 2007

The 21st World Scout Jamboree in Chelmsford in the United Kingdom was on the air with GB100J.

GB100J found itself in an excellent location on the camp side, right in between the Global Development Village and the World Scout Centre. This meant lots of visitors during day time and even at night. The international team of operators was led by the UK National JOTA Organizer Richard Gaskell, G0REL.. After some initial struggle to get all the equipment together and working, the only thing missing were the light bulbs. But there was no way to stop the enthusiastic operators. Yes, you can of course operate the short wave radio's at night and simply use a flashlight to read the station log....!

A daily contact was maintained with the amateur radio base at Brownsea Island GB100BI, with Gilwell Park GB2GP and with the reunion station at Sutton Coldfield GB4SP.

Some clever operators discovered that one could ask each visitor to make a short radio contact with them and in this way earn an extra point for the centenary radio-scouting award. Never thought that the award would even encourage the Jamboree participants to make a radio contact, but so it did.

GB100J was housed in a large tent on the central part of the campsite. Two large beam antenna's plus a number of wire antennas in between the masts were the Jamboree's liveline with the outside world. Numerous contacts were made with Scouts all over the world.

An exciting foxhunt and a kitbuilding project were there to complete the radio adventure for the participating Scouts.



JOTA's history was explained by World Organizer Richard Middelkoop, PA3BAR, at the 50th JOTA birthday party, hosted by GB100J on August 4.

The display shows a re-enactment of the first amateur radio station ever to operate from a World Jamboree, GB3SP in Sutton Coldfield in 1957. This station sparked the idea of an annual get-together for Scouts via amateur radio.

Unfortunately, the founding fathers of JOTA, Les Mitchell G3BHK and Len Jarrett VE3MYF could not be physically present at the party, but checked in by Echolink later on.



The JOTA birthday party enjoyed the company of 120 Scout leaders from 86 different countries. Special guest was RSGB vice-president Colin Thomas G3PSM and his XYL. An excellent opportunity to exchange ideas amongst the radio-Scouts of many nations. It was in the same informal atmosphere that the JOTA idea came up in 1957.

Of course, no party without a birthday cake. The GB100J team had them specially made with the logo of the 50th JOTA on top. Symbolic of JOTA's rich history and future: the most experienced Scout radio amateur on site, Tormod Nordeng, LA8RU, cuts the JOTA birthday cake together with the youngest Guide with a radio licence, Maura M3URA.

Delegations from the Scout Associations in Japan, China and Oman offered presents to WOSM in recognition of the support given to the JOTA each year.

A contact was made on 4 August at 21:10 GMT with the International Space Station on one of its passes over the World Scout Jamboree. The International Space Station has an amateur radio station on board



*Maura and Tormod cut the official JOTA birthday cake.*

that can be used by crew members with a radio licence. The radio amateur with the crew was Clay Anderson KD5PLA. The space station's call sign is NA1SS.

Quite a crowd gathered at the large tent where the preparations for the space uplink had all been made.

Coordinated by Ivor G4GET, the uplink contact worked just perfectly. It was a clear night and not only could the Scouts speak with the Space station, they could also see it passing over in the sky above the Jamboree.

The Sunrise Ceremony with GB100S on Brownsea Island, Poole, Dorset, United Kingdom.

The Sunrise Ceremony took place on August 1, 2007 at 8:00 AM local time in each country. Starting in the East and continuing towards the West as time progressed.



*Brownsea radio operators in perspective....*

31 July at 19:00 GMT, the radio station of Brownsea Island changed its call sign from GB100BI to the centenary call GB100S. Two Scouts from every nation on earth had travelled from the Jamboree site at Hylands park to Brownsea Island to be present at the Sunrise Ceremony. The amateur radio station recorded their messages to the world and transmitted them to the other stations in the network for their

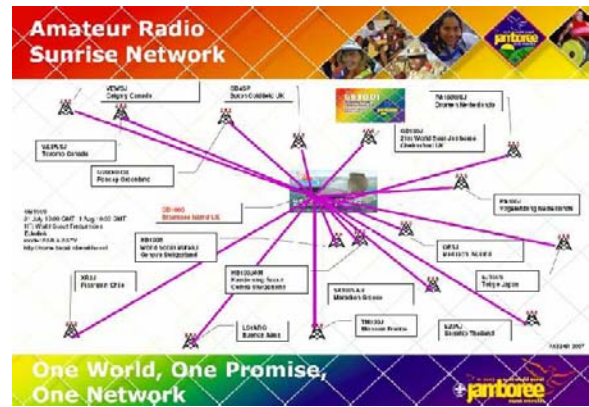
Sunrise ceremony. The amateur radio station at Brownsea was operating from battery power, as there is no electricity grid on the island. This meant that for each message transmitted, the Scouts cranked the energy from a generator bike. During good weather, they were helped by large solar panels. A wind generator bridged the days with less sunshine.

**BROWNSEA SPEAKS TO BROWNSEA**

The Amateur Radio base at Brownsea Island linked up with Scout activities around the world on 1 August in the SUNRISE RADIO NETWORK. Messages of peace and friendship from Scouts at Brownsea went out over the airwaves and many were received as well from Scouts world-wide. The tallest point on the Island, the antenna mast of Amateur Radio base GB100S, facilitated direct contacts around the world.

When the Sunrise of Scouting's new century commenced in Kiribati, messages started to come in to Brownsea via the radio. In Perth, Australia, the Brownsea replica camp set up on an island in the Swan river, was the first to send "happy birthday" greetings to Brownsea Island. Replica camp leader Steve said it was a great experience to Scouts camping in Bell tents. Western-Australia commissioner Liz remarked that feeling the atmosphere of friendship

amongst the Scouts was the best experience to them all.



GB100S subsequently transmitted friendship messages from Scouts at Brownsea and recordings from the Sunrise Ceremony on the Island to the other Sunrise events around the world. Tokyo Japan, Hong Kong, Taipei Taiwan, Dronten Netherlands, Kandersteg Switzerland, World Bureau Geneva, Buenos Aires Argentina, Pizarquin Chile, Guatemala and Calgary Canada were amongst the many contacts made. The Sunrise Ceremony in Calgary assembled many thousands of Scouts at the Olympic bowl and played the friendship messages from Brownsea at the main stage.

Chief Scout Peter Duncan, WOSM world committee vice-chairman Therese Bermingham and secretary general Eduardo Missoni recorded their personal messages; the amateur radio base transmitted them to the world. As the radio station was battery powered, Eduardo sat a while on the generator bike, to crank enough energy for the message to be transmitted.



*Station manager Frank Heritage (r) at the controls, whilst Therese Bermingham (l) keeps talking and talking, for as long as .....*



*..... Eduardo Missoni can produce the electricity for the transmitter.*



# Scout Camps

During 2008 there will again be a number of large (inter) national camps and activities that have a Scout amateur radio station on the air :

04 – 13 January 2008: LU9BSA, National Centenary Camp CaNaCeS, 9000 Scouts of all ages, Argentina.

26 – 27 April 2008: CQWS – CQ World Scouts radio competition.

02 – 10 August 2008: EI100SI, 100 years celebration Jamboree, National Event Centre, Punchestown, Co. Kildare.

# Scout Nets

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

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 !

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)
80 m	3.690 & 3.940	3.570
40 m	7.090 & 7.190	7.030
20 m	14.290	14.060
17 m	18.140	18.080

band	phone (MHz)	cw (MHz)
15 m	21.360	21.140
12 m	24.960	24.910
10 m	28.390	28.190
6 m	50.160	50.160

## 10. NATIONAL JOTA ORGANIZERS

*This list contains the names of the active National JOTA Organizers (NJO), i.e. those who have sent reports to the World Scout Bureau at least once during the past two years. Packet-radio- and email addresses have been added where known to us. Information on JOTA is sent directly to the NJO's below and is also sent to the International Commissioner of every Scout Association as well as to the World and Regional Scout Committees.*

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The following reports were received after close of editing, but just in time for this short summary:

Oscar Penayo writes from **Paraguay (ZP)** that 3 stations were active, together with the national amateur radio organization. Cub Scouts of two groups visited the station in Fernando de la Mora. They also visited the local TV studio and presented to the audience what the JOTA is about.



Daniel Avendaño Ortega reports from **Mexico (XE)** that the headquarter station 4C1ASM received various Scout groups that enjoyed the event. Also chief Scout Raúl Sanchez Vaca was present. From the contacts we estimate that about 600 Mexican Scouts took part, says Daniel.

Markus Billeter comments from **Switzerland (HB9)** that he arranged to have special call signs this year. During the summer, we had HB100JAM operating from Kandersteg. During the JOTA we had our National Station operating HB50JAM in Zurich. We also had a mobile JOTA station operated by Heinz, HB9KOM, again this year. They did a tour around Switzerland at the weekend and visited several local stations. This is real Scouting!



In **Sudan (ST)** we were very active this year, writes Magdi Osman. We had a special call sign for the Centenary event, ST100S. Members of radio-Scouting in Sudan joined the World Jamboree as part of the Sudanese contingent.



Hiddan Ricco writes that 1 station in **Tanzania (5H)** took part in the JOTA. Scouts enjoyed a campfire and kim games. Many contacts were made with Scouts in South-Africa.

Scouts in Tsumeb, **Namibia (V5)** camped out at the Scout Hall during the weekend and erected a 10-meter-high, inverted-V antenna. They operated their station out of the Brownie Den. The call-sign used was V59T, writes Jim Kastelic.

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