



Kingdom Amateur Radio Society

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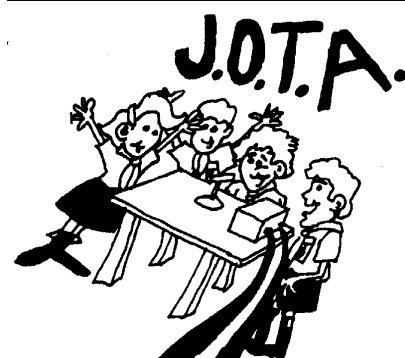
When Scouts want to meet young people from another country they usually think of attending a World Jamboree or another international gathering. But few people realize that each year about half-a-million Scouts and Guides "get together" over the airwaves for the annual Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA).

Modern communication technology offers Scouts the exciting opportunity to make friends in other countries without even leaving home.....

The JOTA is an annual event in which Scouts and Guides all over the world speak to each other by means of amateur radio contacts. Scouting experiences are exchanged and ideas are shared, via the radio waves.

Since 1958 when the first jamboree-on-the-Air was held, thousands of Scouts and Guides have "met" each other through this event. This provides a great chance to find out about other countries and about Scouting elsewhere. Not only is it fun to talk to Scouts from other parts of the world but many contacts made during the JOTA have resulted in penpals and links between scout troops that have lasted for many years.

This year Kingdom Amateur Radio Society are providing Fordell Firs Activity Centre with several stations running around the clock during this exciting event (don't forget when its 2.00am here, its tea-time in Brazil !)



At this year's JOTA Scouts of all ages will be able to

- **Communicate with other Scouts in all parts of the world**
- **Obtain their communicators badge in probably the most exciting way possible**
- **Participate in the Jamboree on the Internet and see how computer technologies merge with radio.**

Interested ?

Email to receive an information pack nearer the time.

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Did you know ? Amongst the ranks of Radio Amateurs have been the Prime Minister of India Rajiv Gandhi, the Kings of Spain, Jordan and Thailand, the Prime minister of Japan, President of Argentina, the broadcaster Walter Cronkite, the actor Marlin Brando, the CEOs of Sony and of Apple Computers, several Nobel Prize winners, a world tennis champion, and 112 Astronauts/Cosmonauts including the first man in space Yuri Gargarin.

Dr. Michael Brown who won a Nobel Prize for Medicine he is quoted as saying "the gaining of an amateur radio operating license when I was 13 led to a life-long fascination with science."; Amateur Radio enthusiasts were named inventors of the Microwave Oven, the television tube, the cardiac pacemaker, the mobile telephone, the satellite telephone and bringing us right up to date, the ubiquitous Blackberry !