

The Saving of Oleg

A USA-USSR Medical Success

Using Packet and Ham Radio, Facsimile, and Electronic Mail

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A person's soul often expresses itself when another member of our human family is in need, in danger.

Such an expression was the devoted collaboration between amateur radio operators in the USSR and USA to rescue Oleg Murugov from the brink of death.

Around the world, individual initiative continues to play a unique role in building bridges of understanding and cooperation, based on open dialogue and direct personal communication.

Millions of citizens in all nations are manifesting the human spirit to save life on Earth and build a sustainable way of life—a global community.

In 1990, the cold war between the United States and the Soviet Union finally ended. Walls fell. Democracies sprang up. New partnerships began. The evolution of the human spirit continued.

Oleg went home.



An urgent call by ham radio from the USSR to the USA for emergency medical advice evoked an immediate, spontaneous, and generous human response. Within hours, an effective communications network was established using ham radio, packet radio, home and car telephone, facsimile, telex, and PeaceNet computer electronic bulletin board transmission modes. After overcoming initial mistrust, Soviet doctors eventually accepted and appreciated American medical advice and, finally, airlifted medicine and equipment. Nightly shortwave contacts, week after week, faithfully monitored patient status and provided current, accurate information for proper medical advice. At one dramatic moment, the comatose Oleg Murugov, a victim of an automobile crash, finally regained consciousness and began his slow recovery. Success can be attributed to effective networking with electronic communications