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## Winter Downtime?

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**The long hot days of summer are pretty much over for another year, and the chilly days of Autumn are rolling in quickly. Evenings are cool and nights are kicking the furnace on. This is the time of year we look back on the events of the summer and start planning for next year. It's also the time we spend more time in the house and start doing some Dxing. The long days of winter are coming, so don't lose your edge. Get that equipment dusted off and get that old shack shakin!**

**Next Test Session to be held  
3rd Sunday of  
November, 2009**  
Anyone wanting to take a test or classes, please contact Don Cripe, KE3MM, and he can direct you to the proper people.

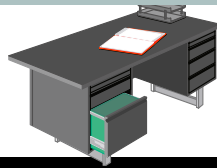


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## HEALTH & WELFARE

Scherry Brewer - Still in the Nursing Home  
Marian Oliastro - Just got out of hospital  
Bill Continelli - Improving



## THE EDITOR'S DESK

The 2009 PA QSO Party will be held on October 10th and 11th. The Nittany Amateur Radio Club adminsters and runs the PA QSO party, and the Chairman and Assistant Chairman for this year's party are:

Chairman - Michael J. Coslo, KB3EIA

Assistant Chairman John Pas-saneau, W3JXP

Contact Mike at: mcoslo@comcast.net

Rules and entry forms (in PDF format) can be obtained on the website.

The EmComm Center is available for use by any hams

wanting to participate in the QSO party.

## MEETING NOTES

Next meeting is on October 4, 2009

## ARRL - JOIN OR RENEW THROUGH US

This is a great time to think about joining or renewing your membership with the ARRL. If you are already a member, you can renew your membership through the club, even though we no longer get rebates for renewals. If you are not a member of the ARRL currently, but are considering it, please join through us. We get a \$15 rebate for all new members who join

through the club, and \$2 rebate for renewals has been reinstated. we'd like to pass the savings on to you. If you are interested, please contact our Membership Committee in care of Dennis Neese, KB3IUU 413 Smiley Street, Ellwood City, PA 16117, or you can email him at kb3iuu@arrl.net or ecara@qsl.net.

As an ARRL affiliated Special Service Club, we encourage all of our members to consider joining We are Special Service club affiliated with the ARRL, and we are very proud of that, but we need to keep at least half of our membership as members of the ARRL. So please help us keep up our good standing!



## AMATEURS WITH GENERAL CLASS LICENSES TO BE GRANTED RECIPROCAL LICENSES IN SOME CEPT COUNTRIES

On Thursday, September 10, the Federal Communications Commission released a new Public Notice implementing changes in CEPT reciprocal operating arrangements for US citizens who hold an FCC-issued General, Advanced or Amateur Extra class Amateur Radio licenses. DA-09-2031 continues to allow US licensees "to utilize temporarily an amateur station in a European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT) <<http://www.cept.org/>> country that has implemented certain recommendations with respect to the United States," subject to the regulations in that country and implements recent changes in the agreement <[http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/DA-09-2031A1.pdf](http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-09-2031A1.pdf)>.

When an Amateur Radio operator with US citizenship holds an Advanced or Amateur Extra Class license, they continue to be granted CEPT Radio Amateur License privileges in accordance with CEPT Recommendation T/R 61-01 (as amended) <<http://www.erodocdb.dk/docs/doc98/Official/word/TR6101%20off%20140905.doc>>. There is no change in reciprocity for those license classes. What has changed is that US citizens holding a General class license -- who had lost all CEPT reciprocal privileges in 2008 -- are now granted CEPT Novice Radio Amateur License privileges in accordance with ECC Recommendation (05)06 (as amended) <<http://www.erodocdb.dk/docs/doc98/Official/word/Rec0506.doc>>.

The Public Notice states that while operating an amateur station in a CEPT country, the person "must have in his or her possession a copy of this Public Notice, proof of US citizenship and evidence of an FCC-issued Amateur Radio license. These documents must be shown to proper authorities upon request." The Public Notice can be found online on the FCC's Web site <[http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/DA-09-2031A1.pdf](http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-09-2031A1.pdf)>.

According to ARRL Regulatory Information Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, the changes in the CEPT reciprocity are a two-part result of changes made by the

European Communications Office (ECO) in February 2008 when they re-examined US license class equivalency in comparison to their HAREC examination contest. "The result of that review was full CEPT reciprocity was only granted to US Amateur Extra and Advanced class licensees, leaving US General and Technician class operators without CEPT reciprocal privileges." The new public notice now reflects that change.

"In order to re-obtain at least some limited privileges under CEPT for those class licensees, the ARRL approached the FCC, asking that the US consider accepting ECC Recommendation (05)06" Henderson continued. "Reciprocal agreements between the US and other countries are actually diplomatic arrangements and come about through the agreements through the State Department. In the winter of 2008/2009, the FCC followed up on our request and contacted the US Department of State, asking that the US formally approach the ECO with a request to become party to the recommendation."

At its meeting in late spring 2009, Henderson said that the ECO working group that handles issues pertaining to Amateur Radio accepted the US request to join ECC Recommendation (05)06, and authorized US General Class licensees to operate under that recommendation's terms. It did not extend those privileges to US Technician class licensees

Henderson stated that it is important to note two things about ECC Recommendation (05)06: "First, not all European countries have implemented this recommendation. Therefore, a US General class operator does not have reciprocal privileges in many countries, including popular US travel destinations like Italy, the UK or France. Second, as with any reciprocal operation, the band frequencies and privileges are those allowed by your host country -- they are not the frequencies and privileges extended by your FCC license. Travelers need to make sure they are familiar with the authorized privileges for the CEPT Novice Radio Amateur License if operating using ECC

Recommendation (05)06 or T/R 61-01."

CEPT countries participating in CEPT Recommendation T/R 61-01 as of September 10, 2009 include Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark (including Greenland and the Faroe Islands), Estonia, Finland, France (including Corsica, Guadeloupe, French Guyana, Martinique, St Bartholomew, St Pierre and Miquelon, St Martin, Reunion and its Dependencies, Mayotte, French Antarctica, French Polynesia and Clipperton, New Caledonia, and Wallis and Futuna), Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Monaco, Netherlands, Netherlands Antilles, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine and the United Kingdom (including Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man).

CEPT countries participating in ECC Recommendation (05)06 as of September 10, 2009 are Belgium, Denmark (including Greenland and the Faroe Islands), Germany, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia and Switzerland.



# October 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 <i>ECARA Meeting</i>	5 <i>Jason Reighard</i>	6	7 <i>Amy Johnson</i>	8	9	10
11	12 <i>Columbus Day</i>	13 <i>Marian Oliastro</i>	14 <i>Carol Klingensmith</i>	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 <i>Bruce Watson</i>	29	30	31 <i>Halloween</i>

## NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL RESPONDS TO ARRL: NO EVIDENCE OF "SIGNIFICANT CRASH RISKS" WHILE OPERATING MOBILE

ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, wrote a letter to National Safety Council (NSC) President Janet Froetscher in July expressing the ARRL's concerns that Amateur Radio not become an unintended victim of the growing public debate over what to do about distracted drivers <[http://www.arrl.org/news/files/NSC\\_Letter7-30-09.pdf](http://www.arrl.org/news/files/NSC_Letter7-30-09.pdf)>. Froetscher has now replied, saying the NSC does not support bans or prohibitions on the use of Amateur Radios while driving <[http://www.arrl.org/news/files/NSC\\_Response\\_to\\_ARRL.pdf](http://www.arrl.org/news/files/NSC_Response_to_ARRL.pdf)>.

Noting that there is significant evidence that talking on cell phones while driving poses crash risk four times that of other drivers, Froetscher observed that the NSC position calling for bans on the use of cell phones while driving is grounded in science. "We are not aware of evidence that using Amateur Radios while driving has significant crash risks," Froetscher wrote in her August 24 letter. "We also have no evidence that using two-way radios while driving poses sig-

nificant crash risks. Until such time as compelling, peer-reviewed scientific research is presented that denotes significant risks associated with the use of Amateur Radios, two-way radios or other communication devices, the NSC does not support legislative bans or prohibition on their use."

Froetscher said that while "the specific risk of radio use while driving is unmeasured and likely does not approach that of cell phones, there indeed is some elevated risk to the drivers, their passengers and the public associated with 650,000 Amateur Radio operators who may not, at one time or another, not concentrate fully on their driving." She points out that the "best safety practice is to have one's full attention on their driving, their hands on the wheel and their eyes on the road. Drivers who engage in any activity that impairs any of these constitutes an increased risk."

ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ, said the ARRL "appreciates NSC President and CEO Janet Froetscher's clear state-

ment that the NSC does not support legislative bans or prohibitions on the use of Amateur Radio while driving. We applaud the NSC for taking positions that are grounded in science. At the same time, all radio amateurs should heed her call to concentrate fully on driving while behind the wheel. It is possible to operate a motor vehicle safely while using Amateur Radio, but if it becomes a distraction we owe it those with whom we share the road, as well as to our passengers, to put safety first."

On January 30, 2009, the ARRL Executive Committee adopted the ARRL's Policy Statement on Mobile Amateur Radio Operation <<http://www.arrl.org/govrelations/MobileAmateurRadioPolicyStatement.pdf>> that states "Amateur Radio mobile operation is ubiquitous, and Amateur Radio emergency and public service communications, and other organized Amateur Radio communications activities and networks necessitate operation of equipment while some licensees are driving motor vehicles. Two-way radio use is

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dissimilar from full-duplex cellular telephone communications because the operator spends little time actually transmitting; the time spent listening is more similar to, and arguably less distracting than, listening to a broadcast radio, CD or MP3 player.

There are no distinctions to be made between or among Amateur Radio, public safety land mobile radio, private land mobile radio or citizen's radio in terms of driver distraction. All are distinguishable from mobile cellular telephone communications in this respect. Nevertheless, ARRL encourages licensees to conduct Amateur communications from motor vehicles in a manner that does not detract from the safe and attentive operation of a motor vehicle at all times."

In his letter, Harrison explained to Froetscher that Amateur Radio operators provide essential emergency communications when regular communications channels are disrupted by disaster:

"Through formal agreements with federal agencies, such as the National Weather Service, FEMA and private relief organizations, the Amateur Ra-

dio volunteers protect lives using their own equipment without compensation. The ability of hams to communicate and help protect the lives of those in danger would be strictly hindered if the federal, state and local governments to not ensure that Amateur Radio operators can continue the use of their mobile radios while on the road."

Froetscher replied that she "appreciate[s] your focus of Amateur Radio for emergency communications during disasters. I encourage ARRL to adopt best practices for the safe operation of vehicles that confines use of Amateur Radios while driving only to disaster emergencies."

The Policy Statement asserts that the ARRL "is aware of no evidence that [mobile] operation contributes to driver inattention. Quite the contrary: Radio amateurs are public service-minded individuals who utilize their radio-equipped motor vehicles to assist others, and they are focused on driving in the execution of that function."

# UPCOMING HAMFESTS

When: 8AM – 3PM, November 1, 2009

Where: Washington County Fair Grounds

Admission: \$5

Prizes:

Yaesu 897D - HF/6/2/440, 100W Portable MultiMode Transceiver

Icom 208H - 2m/440, 55/50W Mobile FM Transceiver

MFJ 269 - Antenna Analyzer

VE Session: 10AM

Contact: Bud Plants, N3TIR; n3tir@arrl.net, 724-484-0207, to reserve tables.

- Hamfest Flyer

- Table Reservation Form

Confirmed Hamfest Vendors

- KJI Electronics
- Quick Silver Radio
- Satellite Sams
- COMPUTERGIRL.BIZ
- Sauder Electronics
- ITEC-STU WEBB
- Created By Amy
- B&N Electronics
- Radio Shack
- G and G Electronics
- Eagle Communications
- Randy George
- CB-Shop

**October gave a party;  
The leaves by hundreds came -  
The Chestnuts, Oaks, and Maples,  
And leaves of every name.  
The Sunshine spread a carpet,  
And everything was grand,  
Miss Weather led the dancing,  
Professor Wind the band.**

**~George Cooper, "October's Party"**

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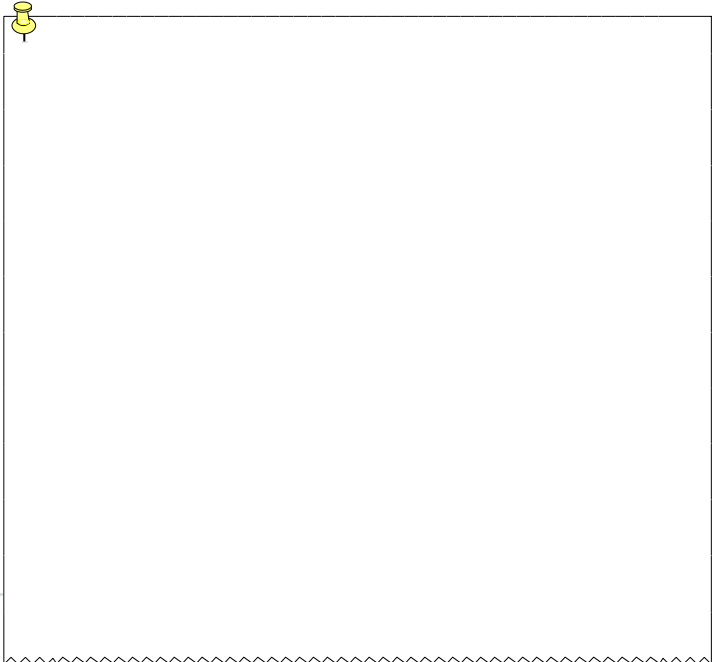


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## WHAT'S COMING UP?



### VISIT OUR WEB SITE !!

Stop by and visit the ECARA online! Keep in touch with fellow members on the Members' Page or browse through the Photo Album. Visitors are WELCOME!

<http://www.qsl.net/ecara>

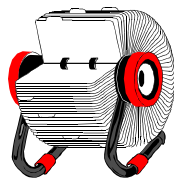
Please stop in and sign our Guest Book!

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**Bittersweet October. The mellow, messy, leaf-kicking, perfect pause between the opposing miseries of summer and winter.**

**~Carol Bishop Hipps**

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## IN THE SAND

A story tells that two friends were walking through the desert. During some point of the journey, they had an argument and one friend slapped the other one in the face.

The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything, he wrote in the sand:

"TODAY MY BEST FRIEND SLAPPED ME IN THE FACE!"

They kept on walking, until they found an oasis where they decided to take a bath. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire and started drowning, but his friend saved him.

After he recovered from the near drowning, he wrote on a stone:

"TODAY MY BEST FRIEND SAVED MY LIFE!"

The friend, who had slapped and saved his best friend, asked him, "After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand and now, you write on a stone, why?"

The other friend replied: "When someone hurts us, we should write it down in sand where the winds of forgiveness can erase it away, but when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone, where no wind can ever erase it."

LEARN TO WRITE YOUR HURTS IN THE SAND  
AND TO CARVE YOUR BENEFITS IN STONE.

~Author Unknown~

## Newsletter and Club Information

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The ECARA meets monthly at the Tree of Life Wellness Center in Ewing Park. The meetings are on the first Sunday of each month from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Visitors are welcome. E-Board meetings are currently combined with the regular meeting unless a special meeting is called.

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**Ellwood City Amateur Radio Association, Inc.  
Membership Application**

	1st qtr	2nd qtr	3rd qtr	4th qtr
___ FULL	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$5
___ FAMILY	4	3	2	1
___ ASSOCIATE	\$15	\$11.25	\$7.50	\$3.75
___ JUNIOR (to age 21)	Free	Free	Free	Free
___ SENIOR (65 and over)	\$10	\$ 7.50	\$5.00	\$2.50

DATE \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CALLSIGN \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS \_\_\_\_\_  
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