

## ELECTIONS

The officers for 2010 will be elected for their terms at the September 2009 meeting in accordance with our by-laws. A nominating committee was selected and shall report on it's projected slate of officers. Please come and support the elections as well as pay your annual dues. See the attached renewal form on page 7 of this newsletter.

## *Monthly Connecticut Section News Summary*

Section Leadership : K1EIC SM; ASMs: K1STM, KD1YV, W1FXQ; OOC K1DFS; PIC KA1TCH; SEC N1CLV; ASEC N1FNE, K1BRF, AF1HS; SGL K1MK; STM K1HEJ; TC N1KHB.

A big Thank You to all from the ECARA who hosted a booth at the Woodstock Fair. ECARA has done this for many years, and this year was no exception.

DEC Steve Williams K1SJW will speak at The Valley Amateur Radio Association on Tuesday, September 22 at 7:30PM at The Pine Rock Firehouse Long hill Avenue, Shelton.

We have some new leaders in the Section. Congratulations to two new ECs in region 3: Armando KB1PRP EC of Newington and Quentin, KB1EWM EC New Britain. Many thanks also to DEC Jonathan KB1KIX for training and recruiting Armando and Quentin to these two important positions.

Ed, KA1RMV has been net manager of The Eastern CT Traffic Net since October, 2003 and has decided to step down. A huge thank you to Ed for his patience and diligence training new operators and coordinating net activities. I know for sure that STM Larry K1HEJ will want to use Ed to assist him with traffic matters. We appreciate your wisdom Ed.

Larry has recruited another veteran traffic handler to take over this net; Andy Emars, NX1Q. Thanks Andy for your willingness to step up to the plate and coordinate this local net. Like Ed, Andy is a very experienced NTS op--we're really happy to have him on board. Andy can be reached at nx1q@arrl.net.

EC Armando KB1PRP is looking for volunteers for the Hartford Riverfront Regatta, scheduled for Sunday, October 4. This is an all day event rain or shine. His goal is for 20 volunteers, to be working in pairs of two due to safety concerns for the participants on the river. Volunteers will receive free t-shirts, and fun memories to last a life time. Anyone interested can contact me at kb1prp@arrl.net.

Dana Rawding, N1OFZ has, for many years hosted and administered the ARES® discussion list. Unfortunately, Dana is no longer able to do that for us with personal and work obligations mounting. The list will come back in some format--we'll be in touch about that soon. A big thank you to Dana for helping us out in this way. The discussion list is one which brings us all together and allows us to be creative in our search for new techniques and tools toward quality public service. The SEC is sending out regular messages via your DEC's so be sure and watch for those important messages relating to storms and our alert levels and any actions he needs for you to take.

Here's a message from John N1IWT. TIPSnet, the Training Information and Public Service Net is restarting for the twelfth season! September's program schedule includes two guests sure to please. September 15th will be special on TIPSnet -- we will celebrate the Amateur Radio 'career' of KB2GSD, CBS News Anchor Walter Cronkite who recently became a Silent Key.

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The news outlets far and wide covered his news career at CBS, but we want to dwell on his hobby - amateur radio. We'll have a first hand account of his Novice Class CW exam from the ham who gave him his test. From CQ Amateur Radio Magazine, Rich Moseson, W2VU will join us. At the time he worked for CBS News. We will discuss Walter's contribution to our hobby.

Bring your thoughts on this famous ham operator; Rich has many funny stories from years at CBS, and some of the other famous hams that worked at CBS.

Many will remember Rich's visit last year which gave him the idea for his Feb 2009 'zero Bias' editorial discussing non-traditional nets.

On September 29th, we are proud to have another returning guest, the producer and host of the R.A.I.N. Report Hap Holly Kc9RP. Hap is a great friend of Amateur Radio and we'll discuss current ham happenings.

Check-in to TIPSnet Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30pm EDT locally via the W1WPD repeater in Woodbridge CT 444.500 (+5) DCS 093 or PL 77.0 encode only; EchoLink Conference Server New-Eng node 9123 or IRLP Reflector 912 channel 3.

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## **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

# Repeaters

## RASON

146.730	PL=156.7	Norwich, CT
449.725	PL=156.7	Norwich, CT

## SCRAMS

146.670	PL=156.7	Salem, CT
448.975	PL=156.7	Groton, CT
146.970	PL=156.7	Waterford, CT

## Others

145.390	PL=156.7	Ledyard, CT
146.060	PL=156.7	Salem, CT
146.865	PL=156.7	CGA, CT
147.240	PL=100.0	Westerly, RI

# Packet

## RASON

N1NW	145.030	PBBS/Node
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## Glastonbury

W1EDF	145.030	FlexNet Node
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# Local Nets

## ARES

S.E.C.T	146.970	Mon	2000
N.E.C.T	147.225	Wed	2000
K1ARC	3.915	1st Wed	2000
ARES HF	3.965	Thu	1900

## Weather

NL Co WN	147.060	Wed	2000
	146.970	1st Wed	2000
Skywarn	146.970	<i>on demand</i>	

## Fun

TIPS Net	146.730	Tue	1930
VHF/UHF	146.730	Sun	2000
10m Phone	28.443±	Thu	2000
Picnic Table	3.988±	Fri	2030
alt	1.935±	Fri	2100
Ragchew	53.29- p82.5	Sun	1900

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 significant 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 statement 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 dissimilar from full-duplex

# Upcoming Events

## September

- 13 Western CT Hamfest, Newtown CT
- 12-13 ARRL September VHF QSO Party
- 17 RASON Meeting
- 19 76 Auction & Fleamarket, Forestdale RI
- 19-20 ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest
- 26-27 CQWW RTTY DX Contest

## October

- 10 10-10 Day Sprint
- 10-11 ARRL International EME Competition
- 11 CT State Convention, Wallingford CT
- 15 RASON Meeting
- 24-25 10-10 Int. Fall Contest (CW & Digital)
- 24-25 CQWW DX SSB Contest

## November

- 7 FARAfest, Bourne MA
- 7-8 Sweepstakes Contest – CW
- 7-8 ARRL International EME Competition
- 19 RASON Meeting
- 21-22 Sweepstakes Contest – SSB
- 28-29 CQWW DX CW Contest

## December

- 4-6 ARRL 160m Contest
- 5-6 ARRL International EME Competition
- 12-13 ARRL 10m Contest
- tbd* Christmas Party

## January - 2010

- 1 Straight Key Night
- 2-3 ARRL RTTY Roundup
- 23-25 ARRL Jan VHF Sweepstakes
- 21 RASON Meeting
- 30-31 CQWW 160 Meter – CW

## February

- 13-14 CQWW RTTY WPX
- 18 RASON Meeting
- 20-21 International DX Contest – CW
- 27-28 CQWW 160 Meter – SSB

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 Radio 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.”

## **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

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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).

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## **RASON Mtg Min-8/20/2009**

The meeting was called-to-order at 1944 by President Chip Griffin-N1MIE. Members introduced themselves and Barclay Thomas-WU1B from Haddam, CT was introduced as a "visitor". Shortly thereafter another RASON member arrived which yielded a quorum. Minutes from the July meeting had not been typed up nor was a monthly newsletter published so there was nothing for the membership to review. Minutes for the 16 July and this meeting will be available at the September meeting. Wayne-K1WDR was absent and no Treasurer's Report was available.

### **Committee Reports**

Repeater Committee: The SCRAMS 146.670 Repeater is now operating at the Groton Public Safety Complex atop Fort Hill and the 146.865 Repeater is operating at the US Coast Guard Academy.

VEOSEC: At August Hamfest VE session five applicants were tested, two obtained their technician licenses and one upgraded to General Class. Congratulations! Thanks to Darryl-WA1DD and all who assisted.

Upcoming Events: Tri-City ARC will hold its annual Auction on Saturday 31 October at the Gales Ferry Firehouse. Doors open around 8 AM and the auction begins at 10 AM.

### **Old Business**

Chip announced that the RASON Hamfest resulted in a fairly good financial outcome for the club. It was recognized that next year we must get our flyers out to prospective vendors (e.g. Radio Oasis) earlier so that we can "lock them in" as to their attendance. In that way we can advertise a definitive vendor line-up to attendees. Christina-KB1QFW suggested that tables be available to vendors that do not offer products and services directly for amateurs but may be attractive to their XYLs, children and others.

### **New Business**

A new application was unanimously accepted from Greg-N1KPW of Norwich, CT who holds a General Class license and is an ARRL Member. Congrats and welcome aboard.

Planning the 2010 dates for our Auction in April and our Hamfest in August is crucial. We need to avoid conflict with Esther weekend of 3

and 4 April and the ARRL New England Convention at Boxboro, MA. Chip will research each situation and will Email Dave-WA1IKN with the exact date for each RASON event. Because members agree that the Gales Ferry Firehouse meets our current needs (in terms of hall rental cost, facilities, and space) Dave will submit both requests for the hall rental to the GFFD. A facility close to a major state highway was discussed but no action to change location was undertaken.

The three-club annual Christmas Party host for this year will be either Tri City ARC or SCRAMS. RASON hosted the event in 2008, so it should not be us. RASON will attempt to find out which organization will be the host as well as the details.

Dave-WA1IKN was requested to contact Norwich Public Utilities (NPU) to obtain a time in which RASON members can perform some minor work at the repeater site. Some items for which we need "inside the fences access" are the sealing/weather blocking of the transmission lines 5-inch conduit, painting the north and south sides of the building, and caulking to stop some minor leaks. As far as the "outside the fence" work, which can be done without NPU assistance, RASON needs to caulk above the entry door and install a small rain shield to preclude water from entering above the doorframe.

Health and Welfare: Gary-WT1SND reported that his wife's surgery at Yale-New Haven Hospital went well. Joan completed one and one-half weeks of rehab and is walking without a cane but can't drive yet. This good news was well received by our members.

### **Adjournment**

The next meeting will be at 1930 Thursday 17 September at Norwich Fire Headquarters or may be part of a RASON Family Picnic at Mohegan Park in Norwich on Saturday 19 September (time to be determined). In either case, please remember that our annual membership renewals are due in September. The Treasurer prefers that dues be paid by check. The meeting adjourned at 2028.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Recording Secretary

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## Application For Membership

NEW MEMBERSHIP

RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Callsign: \_\_\_\_\_ License Class: \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL Member: Y / N  
ARES Member: Y / N

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please deliver my monthly RASON newsletter via:  US Postal  E-mail

Single Membership Annual Dues \$15

Family Membership Annual Dues \$18

<u>List Family Members</u>		Member	Member
Name	Callsign/Class	ARRL	ARES
_____	_____	Y/N	Y/N
_____	_____	Y/N	Y/N
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For new membership, please describe any special interest or activities you have in amateur radio

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New Membership: Accepted-Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_