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The Livonia Amateur Radio Club

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Fall is here and the Livonia Amateur Radio Club returns to our monthly meeting schedule. The presentation for September will be John, K8AZT, on the large scale 2009 Field Day of K0GQ - Raytown Amateur Radio Club in Missouri. John will set up a SKYPE session with the photographer of the K0GQ Field Day, who will narrate his work via the internet.

The Livonia YMCA is holding a running race on Saturday, October 3rd from 8am till approximately noon. They contacted us to see if the LARC would be willing to provide comms at various locations along the route (Stark Road and Schoolcraft area). They want about six hams for this. Please contact me if you are interested.

On Labor Day morning, John Mathey, K8AZT, and I took to the field - Rotary Park to be exact - set up John's K1 QRP rig, a G5RV dipole and had a blast operating QRP. For being at the bottom of a very rough solar cycle, we were both pleasantly surprised to put several Europeans in the log, including two from European Russia. John and I plan on setting up again in Rotary Park on Saturday, October 10th, starting at 9:30am, depending on the weather. Come on over and see what you can do with a wire and 4 watts. This may be the last outdoor setup of the year, but we plan on having more in 2010.

On October 24th, the Stu Rockafellow Club will be holding their second formal Fox Hunt, starting at 1pm and ending at 4pm. Anyone wishing to participate should meet in the parking lot of the Plymouth Elk's Club. Bring a 2-Meter HT, a directional 2-Meter antenna, a street map of the Plymouth area and a vehicle with a full tank of gas. RDFing is a great skill to learn.

November 7th is our annual special event station, commemorating the sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald. This event is held in conjunction with the N8F and K8F special event stations at Whitefish Point, put on by the Stu Rockafellow Club. Our Special Events Coordinator, Bruno, WA8DHP, has the Dossin Great Lakes Museum on Belle Isle reserved for us once again to set up and operate from 1500 UTC to 2000UTC. Why not stop by and help us set up or operate. And Dossin is a great museum to walk through on operator breaks.

Mark your calendars for our annual LARC Night Out - the club's annual dinner - is November 14th at G.Subu Leather Bottle, 20300 Farmington Road (between

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7 Mile and 8 Mile Roads) in Livonia. Cost of the dinner is \$15 per person, with a cash bar. Please RSVP with payment to Doris by the October meeting.

There is still time to catch the DXpedition of the year - FT5GA, Glorioso Island. The island is just west of the northern tip of Madagascar, owned by France and is the fourth most needed DXCC country in ham logs around the world. The French team arrived on September 14th and is expected to be there till October 5th. Best times to hear them are approximately 1300 - 1700 on either 17 Meters, 20 Meters or 30 Meters. They are also audible in the evenings 2100 - 2400 UTC on either 80 Meters, 40 Meters or 30 Meters. Good luck!

73,
Mike, N8MR

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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.

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). 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).

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

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).

THIS MONTH ON THE AIR

Contests & Special Events

September 2009

CQ Worldwide DX Contest, RTTY - 0000z Sept 26 to 2400z Sept 27.

Texas QSO Party - 1400z, Sept 26 to 2000z Sept 27

QRP Homebrewer Sprint - 0000a-0400a, Sep 28

Oceania DX Contest, Phone - 0800z, Oct 3 to 0800z, Oct 4

California QSO Party - 1600z, Oct 3 to 2159z, Oct 4

Oceania DX Contest, CW - 0800z, Oct 10 to 0800z, Oct 11

Pennsylvania QSO Party - 1600z, Oct 10 to 0500z, Oct 11 and 1300z-2200z, Oct 11

Arizona QSO Party - 1600z, Oct 10 to 0400z, Oct 11 and - 1400z-2359z, Oct 11

Iowa QSO Party - 1400z-2300z, Oct 17

Stew Perry Topband Challenge Warmup - 1500z, Oct 17 to 1500z, Oct 18

New York QSO Party - 1800z, Oct 17 to 0600z, Oct 18

Illinois QSO Party - 1700z, Oct 18 to 0100z, Oct 19

CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB - 0000z, Oct 24 to 2400z, Oct 25

10-10 Int. Fall Contest, CW - 0001z, Oct 24 to 2359z, Oct 25

10-10 Int. Fall Contest, Digital - 0001z, Oct 24 to 2359z, Oct 25

DX

FT5GA - Glorioso Island - Sept 12 to Oct 8 (Rescheduled) - CW, SSB, RTTY - QSL via F5OGL << Rare - last few days!

ZL7/N7OU - Chatham Island - Sept 18 to Sept 30 - 80 thru 10M, CW, 100w, vertical - QSL via N7OU

T07RJ - Mayotte - Sept 22 to Oct 21 - 160 thru 10M - CW, SSB - QSL direct to DJ7RJ

TX5SPA - Austral Islands - Sept 28 to Oct 12 - CW, SSB, RTTY - Focus on low bands - QSL via SP9PT

VP8DIF - South Georgia Island - Oct. 1 to Nov 15 - 100w and G5RV QSL via DJ9ZB

E51NOU - South Cook Islands - Oct. 5 to Oct 30 - 80 thru 10M - CW, 100w, vertical; QSL via N7OU

K4M - Midway Island - Oct. 9 to Oct 19 - 160 thru 6M - CW, SSB, RTTY

YJ0PX - Vanuatu - Oct. 10 to Oct 18 - CW, QSL via AI5P

TX5SPM - Marqueses Islands - Oct 16 to Oct 22 - CW, SSB, RTTY - QSL via SP9PT

VK9N - Norfolk Is. - Oct. 22 to Oct 31 - CW, QSL via AI5P

XR0Y - Easter Is. - Oct. 31 to Nov 15 - QSL via LoTW

There's always more DX than those listed here.

UPCOMING SWAPS

Oct 25

USECA Hamfest

American Polish Century Club, Sterling Heights, MI;
Talk-In: 147.18 (PL 100); <http://www.usecaarc.com>

Dec 6

L'Anse Creuse Amateur Radio Club

L'Anse Creuse High School, Mount Clemens, MI;
Talk-In: 147.08 (PL 100); <http://www.n8lc.org>

Feb 21

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Civic Park Seniors Center, Livonia, MI; Talk-In:
145.35 (PL 100); <http://www.livoniaarc.com/Swap.htm>