



Bionic Ear Association (BEA) e-News | June 2008

BEA e-News is a monthly e-mail communication to Bionic Ear recipients. Each month, you will receive timely information on a variety of topics designed to enhance your hearing journey. Whether you are new to cochlear implants, an experienced recipient, or the family member of a recipient, we hope this newsletter will help you stay in-the-know!

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Can You Hear Me Now?

With our busy lives, it can be a challenge to conduct business and keep in touch with friends and family scattered across town, throughout the country or around the globe. In order to stay connected, many cochlear implant recipients need to be able to communicate effectively by telephone. Whether you use a land line or cell phone, the **T-Mic®** allows you to effortlessly connect to whomever you want, just like those with normal hearing do. To learn more about the T-Mic and to view tips to help you maximize your telephone performance, [click here](#).

Know the Cell Phone Driving Laws!

Several states in the USA – along with many countries abroad – now either restrict or ban the use of handheld cell phones while driving. If you live or travel in a state or country that has placed restrictions on cell phone use in the car, you will be happy to know that your processor can be coupled with accessories that offer you hands-free options. [Click here](#) to investigate your **cell phone connectivity options**, or email us at hear@AdvancedBionics.com for technical support. To learn more about state and country-specific cell phone laws, check one of the many web sites now available on the Internet.

It's Calendar Time!

We are making preparations to publish our **2009 Bionic Ear Association Calendar!** In previous years, we have included photos of pediatric recipients from all over the world. This year is no exception, so if you would like a photo of your child included in next year's calendar, [click here](#).

Online Community News

Come meet fellow Bionic Ear recipients to share your journey, find support and reach out to new cochlear implant recipients by visiting our online community at HearingJourney.com.

Connect with others at the regularly scheduled Online Community chats on **Thursday evenings at 7 PM Pacific/10 PM Eastern** in the **General Chat Room** at HearingJourney.com.

Stay up-to-date on the latest news and technology by attending BEA e-News chats held on the first Monday of each month at **6 PM PT/9 PM ET** in the **General Chat Room** at HearingJourney.com. Our next BEA e-News chat will be held Monday, July 7, 2008. The topic will be **Telephone Tips**. The chats are open to all BEA members and cochlear implant candidates. We look forward to your attendance!

Rehabilitation Made Easy with the Listening Room

Announcing the opening of the **Listening Room for Teens and Adults!** We are excited to bring you a comprehensive rehabilitation program designed for adolescents and adults that is unique, interactive and **FREE!** [Enter now](#) to begin your dynamic rehabilitative experience.

Web Classes

Enhance your knowledge with our **eLearning courses!** To visit our eLearning Library, [click here](#).

Mark Your Calendars!

The Association of Late-Deafened Adults, Inc. (ALDA), will be holding ALDAcon, its annual national conference in October 2008. To learn more about this and other events in your area, [click here](#).

A Lifetime of Support

Thousands of people from all over the world have selected Advanced Bionics as their cochlear implant partner. First, we want to thank you for allowing us to serve your hearing needs. Furthermore, we understand how important device accessibility and reliability, as well as customer support and service are to every one of our recipients. We are committed to manufacturing the most reliable device in the industry and to supporting each of you on your hearing journey. If you have any questions about your hearing needs, we invite you to contact us at hear@AdvancedBionics.com.

If you have questions about any of the information you received today, please contact a BEA audiologist at hear@AdvancedBionics.com, or call 1-800-678-2575 and ask to speak to the BEA.