

# Message from the London Amateur Radio Club

Promoting Amateur Radio in London  
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**March 6, 2006**

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- **Next Meeting...**
  - **Meeting Topic – Digital TV, presented by Mike Cook, VE3ZMC**

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## **The next Meeting is...**

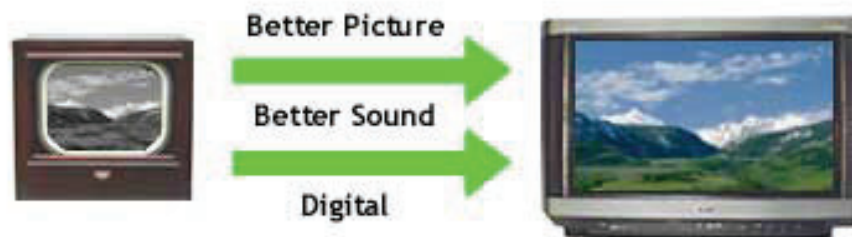
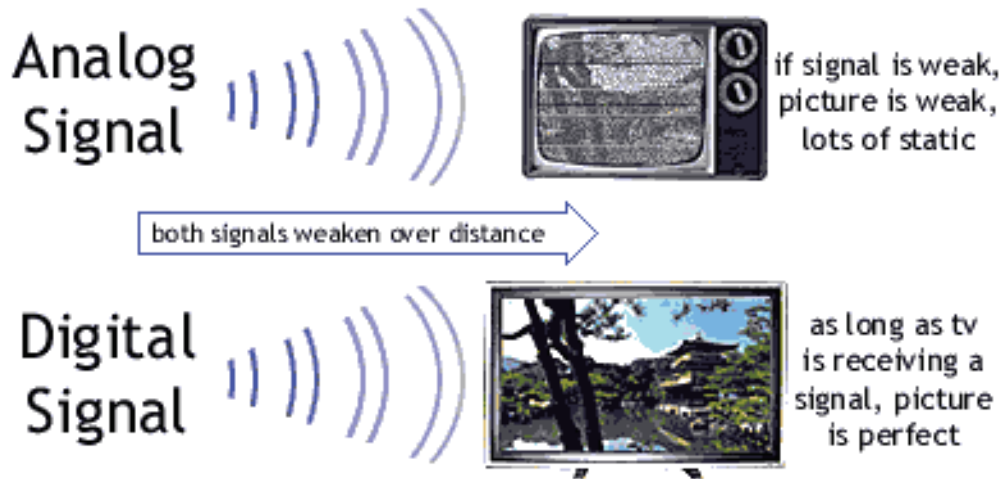
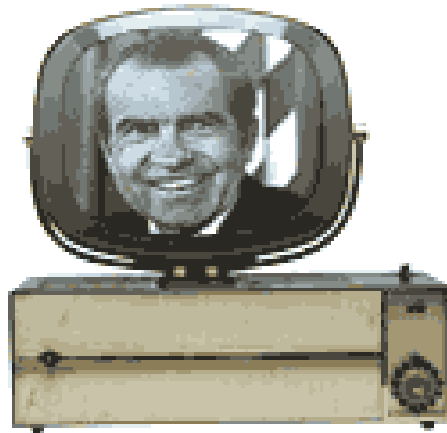
Reminder of the next monthly Club meeting on Thursday, March 9th, 2006 @  
7:30pm

All meetings are located at St. Judes Anglican Church,  
1537 Adelaide Street North at Fanshawe Park Road East in London, Ontario,

They are normally held on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm EST  
during the months of September to June (no meetings July and August).

**Meeting Topic - Digital Television,  
with information of interest to hams by Mike Cook, VE3ZMC**

Within 5 years we will all be interested in digital TV.



## Other Items of Interest

### 2005/2006 L.A.R.C. Executive

Here is the lineup for the LARC Executive Team 2005/2006:

Past President:	Mark Bramwell, VE3PZR	(LARC Repeater Coordinator)
President:	Gord Baker, VE3GB	(the boss!)
Vice President:	Doug Tompkins, VE3IDT	(flea-market)
Secretary:	Brian Bouckley, VA3ATB	(only 1 that can spel goud)
Treasurer:	Tony Drawmer, VE3SQU	(money-man & field-day)
Director:	Shirley McCall-Nicholson, VE3SMN	(membership)
Director:	Al Bernier, VE3LOD	(keeps us honest)
Director:	Archie Van de Velde, VE3PTV	(ARES & Fox-hunts)
Repeater Operator:	Dave Young, VE3EAY	(knows ALL the codes)

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### St Thomas Club meetings – by AL VA3LX

Here are the details of the EARS meetings for St.Thomas.

We now meet the First Wednesday of each month, at 8:00 PM, in the Community Room of the "Real Canadian Superstore".

The Superstore is located at the corner of Talbot Street, and First Avenue beside Wal\*Mart.

The community room is located on the second floor, with access via stairs or elevator.

No outside food or beverages are allowed, but may be purchased at the Superstore. Please retain your receipt as we are asked to submit them to the store. All are welcome, as we have lots of seating.

Talk-in on VE3STR-R, 147.330 + (114.8 PL)

Thank you,  
VA3LX



Robert John "Bob" King  
1934 - 2006

KING Peacefully at his residence on Monday, February 27, 2006 Robert J. "Bob" King (VE3LSQ) of Dorchester, formerly of London in his 72nd year.

Predeceased by his wife Marion (nee Fenton) (1990). Loving father of Phillip, VE3ZPK (wife Emanuela) of Dorchester and Rob (wife Laura) of Thamesford.

Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Melissa (fiancé Luke Bonnell) and Rob of Dorchester and Doug, Leah and Phillip all of Thamesford. Dear brother of Marion Martindale (husband Reg) formerly of London and David (wife Lois) of Ipperwash and predeceased by Arthur King, Jeanne Otterman and Louise Turnbull.

Friends will be received at the Bieman Funeral Home, Dorchester on Thursday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. where the funeral service will be held on Friday, March 3, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Art Cholmondeley officiating. Cremation with interment at Dorchester Union Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation gratefully acknowledged. Mr. King was a founding member of the MGI Amateur Radio Group. )

Although many of us were aware of Bob's involvement with the VE3MGI repeater group, many are unaware of his involvement with the LARC.

Bob has been a major supporter of the club providing behind-the-scenes assistance; without his help we would have been forced closed the doors on the club.

He will be missed.



## **LARC to offer BASIC Amateur Radio Licensing course**

**The London Amateur Radio Club** has been discussing the possibility of commencing a Basic Amateur Licence course.

Unfortunately, the plans don't always come together as quickly as we would like. Would you be kind enough to reply by return and indicate if you are interested...

(Include your name, telephone number and current email address on all correspondence)

Tentatively, it would commence as soon as possible, most likely within a month if the interest is there.

- Cost: \$80.00 (approximately) including Basic Amateur Licence Study Guide
- Intended to be primarily a guided, self-study effort i.e. you will be expected to do some reading prior to class. Classes will be supported by enough guidance in order to provide individual attention where required.
- Study period would be about 8 weeks with 4, 'classroom' sessions on alternate Saturdays (more if required however, it's in everybody's best interest if we conclude any formal sessions not later than the end of May.
- An examination would be scheduled when the likelihood of obtaining a passing grade is sufficient.

Our immediate concerns are:

- obtaining enough qualified instructors to properly explain the text material
- a convenient site
- a reasonably firm commitment from both the students & instructors

If you have any questions and/or wish to commit to this program, kindly reply to the writer or contact any LARC Director (Directors names and 'phone numbers are at [www.larc.ca](http://www.larc.ca))

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The success of the proposed program will be determined by an adequate number of course instructors and 'proctors'.

**The instructor** should be thoroughly versed in a particular subject(s) in the training manual and be comfortable with a 'lecture' and discussion of the previously read material. If you qualify with the necessary knowledge, lesson/lecture preparation guidance is available.

**Proctors** are support persons who are reasonably well informed about the subject material and capable of supporting the lecturer and providing individual student explanation and assistance where required. Two or three Proctors will be required at each class session depending on the number of candidates (a great opportunity to refresh your knowledge).

A list of the lesson topics (subjects) and space for your preferences is attached (next page).

We are optimistic that a large number of members will volunteer to instruct or assist in this endeavor with the hope that we can all learn from it and provide a satisfying experience for both student and instructor. Overall, this exercise will allow us to provide future courses as the need arises, content that the students are **well** prepared to begin their adventures into Amateur Radio.

Gord Baker, President LARC, 2006

## London Amateur Radio Club Basic Radio Licence Course Spring 2006

The London Amateur Radio Club is interested in providing a Basic "Amateur Radio Licence" course during the spring of 2006. Tentatively the course would be approximately 4 to 8 weeks in length (still under review) and would cover the 16 chapters from the RAC Study Guide.

Each week would be considered a module covering several chapters. The material will cover Theory, Operation and Regulations.

At the end of the course, the students will write the Licensing exam.

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Instructors and helpers are required to present the material. We prefer to have a large number of instructors; each one would be responsible for specific topics. Their involvement would only be required on the week-end(s) that their material is being covered.

Here is a summary of the list of topics that will require an instructor:  
(Please indicate your interest level - 1=less interested, 5=more interested)

- Introduction to Amateur Radio
- Getting Down to Basics
- Ohm's LAW and POWER
- Inductors and Capacitors
- Waves, Wavelength, Frequency and Bands
- Propagation
- Transmission Lines
- Antennas
- Active Devices: Diodes, Transistors, and Tubes
- Power Supplies
- Establishing and Equipping an Amateur Station
- Routine Operation of an Amateur Station
- Modulation and Transmitters
- Receivers
- Radio Frequency Interference
- Safety
- Regulations

Please review the list & specify those areas that are of interest to you. If you are interested in multiple areas but are stronger in some as compared to others, please rank them so we can determine overlapping coverage.

For more Information contact:

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Night: 473-3618

Email: [mark@foxhollow.ca](mailto:mark@foxhollow.ca)







## **Have anything to say?**



If you have a comment or announcement that might be of interest to the club, feel free to send me a message and I'll include it in the next mail out.

My email address is: [LARC2005@hamster.foxhollow.ca](mailto:LARC2005@hamster.foxhollow.ca)

**Our Club Web page is:** <http://www.larc.ca>

**For list of upcoming events:**  
[http://www.larc.ca/meet\\_2004\\_5.htm](http://www.larc.ca/meet_2004_5.htm)

**If you want to be added or removed from our  
Mailing list, send an email to:**

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