

# Message from the London Amateur Radio Club

Promoting Amateur Radio in London  
and surrounding areas since 1920



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## Next Meeting is...

Reminder of the next monthly Club meeting on Thursday, May 13th, 2004

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



The next LARC meeting will be held on Thursday May 13<sup>th</sup>,  
2004 and will feature two subjects:

The first subject of interest is our Annual General meeting and  
the voting in of the new Executive (additional information  
below).

The second subject is our Guest speaker Antony Chodas from Forest City Image Centre. Antony is known in the area for his seminars on photography and will be presenting to our club a session on digital cameras.

- Reference: <http://www.imagespin.com/>

## Other Items of Interest

**New executive:** Every May we decide who will be responsible for the handling of the money, physical resources, and determining the future direction of the club.

We have some simple rules.

1. Only members in good standing can vote (must be a paid member)
2. We must have a quorum (at least 25 members in good standing) in order to hold a valid election.

We intend on holding the election this Thursday evening. I have listed the current candidates below to give you some time to think about who you want to handle the affairs of the club.

### LONDON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

ELECTION BALLOT - MAY 13, 2004

YOU MAY VOTE FOR  
UP TO A TOTAL OF  
**SEVEN**  
CANDIDATES

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- GORDON BAKER, VE3GB
- BRIAN BOUCKLEY, VA3ATB
- MARK BRAMWELL, VE3PZR
- NORM CAMPBELL, VE3MNC
- TOM COBBAN, VA3TAC
- WESLEY CREEK, VA3WLC
- ANTHONY DRAWMER, VE3SQU
- JIM KOBLER, VE3XIO
- SHIRLEY McCALL, VE3SMC
- DOUG TOMPKINS, VE3IDT

**You might have a virus:** Each month I send out this newsletter to about 300 people. Within minutes I start receiving viruses in my email. Luckily I never open the attachments addressed to LARC plus I have **anti-virus software** installed.

This tells me that someone in our group is infected. One of the major anti-virus software makers offers a FREE service that will scan your hard drive. You go to their web page, download the program, and start the scanning process. It might take 5 – 15 minutes to scan your machine so please be patient. It will then list your infected files and ask if you want to clean or delete them. We use this service at the University when someone brings in a 'strange' machine. Here is the link to the site, when the page loads, click on the "**Scan Now, It's Free!**" link...

- Reference: <http://housecall.trendmicro.com/>

A **YAHOO Group "bulletin board"** has been set up for members of LARC to discuss topics of interest "on line". Be sure to check it out and join up (online help is available there for those new to online bulletin boards).

- Reference: [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LARC\\_ARC/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LARC_ARC/)

**Field day?** Just to keep everyone in the information loop, the current plan is to once again have field day at Reservoir Hill Park in Byron. It was the location used last year and every one was happy with the location.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the global event, here is a brief description:

Field Day 2004	June 26-27
<p><b>Ham Radio</b> operators from all over the US and Canada as well as all other parts of the world, take their radios, antennas and equipment into the great outdoors to set up and operate away from electrical power mains.</p>	
<p><b>Purpose:</b> an annual exercise where ham's set up and operate radio communications in the event of emergency or disaster conditions. Priority is placed on skills and equipment developed to meet the challenge of emergency preparedness and to acquaint the public with the capabilities of Amateur Radio. Hams work as many stations as possible on any or all amateur bands and, in doing so, to learn to operate in abnormal situations under less-than-optimum conditions.</p>	
<p><b>Who can attend:</b> the event operates under the supervision of the local radio club (LARC). That means any person, even those with out a valid radio license, are permitted to show up at the field day site and operate any radio on any amateur band using the call-sign of the club. For those of you that have thought about working HF, here is your opportunity to get on the air.</p>	

**Dayton?** Celebrating their 53rd show, **May 14 - 16, 2004**, Hamvention® is the world's largest amateur radio gathering and trade show. Many hams from the London area make the pilgrimage to Dayton, Ohio every year. I have heard some talk about people getting together to share rides or possibly even renting a bus. I recommend those that are interested to sign up to the yahoo group mentioned in this letter and discuss it online with other local hams.

- Reference: <http://www.hamvention.org/>

**Rochester?** If Dayton Ohio is too much of a drive for you, you might want to consider the Rochester flea market. It is about 1/3 of the size of the Dayton mega-fest and close enough to London for a day trip.

- Reference: <http://www.rochesterhamfest.org/>

**LARC Hamfest 2004:** We have been confirmed for the last week-end in September at the Western Fair. This is the same location as last year. The actual date is: Sept 26. Just as a reminder, the flea market is a big money earner for the club and we sink or swim based on its success. We need some volunteers to participate in the flea market committee. More information will follow at a later date.

In the meantime, we are accepting requests via email:

- Email: [hamfest@hamster.foxhollow.ca](mailto:hamfest@hamster.foxhollow.ca)

**LARC swap shop read on the net:** There has been some interest in having the Swap Shop read over the Monday night net. If you are interested in this activity, send me some email.

### **Everything I need to know about ARES, I learned from Noah's Ark...**

1. If there's an emergency, don't miss the boat.
2. Despite club loyalties, we are all in the same boat.
3. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
4. Stay fit. When you're 60 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
5. Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
6. Build your future on high ground. Have your emergency kits prepared, and tested.
7. Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
8. You can't help others, if you don't take care of yourself and your family.
9. Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.

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

For list of upcoming events:  
[http://www.larc.on.ca/meet\\_2003\\_4.htm](http://www.larc.on.ca/meet_2003_4.htm)

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