

# Message from the London Amateur Radio Club

Promoting Amateur Radio in London  
and surrounding areas since 1920



January 6, 2006

- 
- Next Meeting...
  - Meeting Topic – VHF & UHF operation

---

## Other Items of Interest...

- ⇒ LARC Executive 2005/2006 lineup
- ⇒ St Thomas Club meetings
- ⇒ Canadians lose portion of the 220mhz band in Jan 2006
- ⇒ Hamming with Hammond – Gary Hammond in Feb.
- ⇒ 2005/2006 LARC Membership Application Form

---

## The next Meeting is...

Reminder of the next monthly Club meeting on Thursday, January 12th, 2005 @  
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 – VHF & UHF operation

**Jim & Tim Spicer, VE3CTS & VE3TJS**

Topic: (quote) "we will be entertaining and enlightening the members with a melody of interesting information concerning repeaters, vhf & uhf operation, as well as hints and tips that will be useful to newbies as well as old timers!"

---

## Canadian Amateurs to Lose 220-222 MHz



(Jan 4, 2006) -- Barring an outpouring of "compelling arguments to the contrary," Industry Canada will reallocate the 220-222 MHz portion of 220-225 MHz from the Canadian amateur service to the mobile and fixed services.

Under the provisional reallocation, which will take effect January 25, the amateur service will be allocated the 219-220 MHz subband on a secondary basis.

Additionally, the amateur service may be permitted use of 220-222 MHz "in exceptional circumstances on a secondary basis to assist in disaster relief efforts."

---

**Sole Surviving WV Miner is a Ham** (Jan 4, 2006) -- The only survivor of Monday's mine explosion in West Virginia is Randal McCloy Jr, KC8VKZ, of Philippi, West Virginia. He is reported to be in critical condition in a local hospital. -- *tnx Randy Padawer, K7RAN*

## 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)

---

### 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

## **Gary Hammond to give a talk at the February meeting**



Gary Hammond, VE3XN, is a shortwave enthusiast from Listowel, Ontario. A retired secondary school geography teacher, he is also a world traveler and an accomplished photographer.

VE3XN is more than just a callsign. He is radio-active on 9 HF bands from 6 to 160 meters. When the bands are poor, you can find him QSL'ing his own activity or that of the Microlite Penguins DXpeditions.

Garry continues to actively pursue DX . . . he is in the top 200 of the world's DX'ers in the DXCC Challenge Award; the top 25 in the world for the Islands on the Air Award and the top 10 of CQ magazine's WPX Honour Roll. He is highly involved in collecting Antarctic bases, lighthouses, national award diplomas, and various national island awards. He was the founder of, and continues to administer both the Canadian Islands Award and the Maple Leaf Award. Garry has personally used all the call sign prefixes available for Ontario since the 3C prefixes were allowed in 1967. He has also participated on expeditions as diverse as the Polar Bridge Ski-Trek and the Polar Bear Express Train.

Since 1990, VE3XN has been the assistant manager of the Ontario QSL Bureau. In addition, he is the QSL manager for the Microlite DXpeditions to VP8THU, VP8GEO and FT5XO. The extent of his ham radio involvement has not gone unnoticed and was featured in the Canadian Geographic magazine. He has been a regular contributor to the Radio Society of Ontario; Canadian Amateur Radio Federation; Long Skip; CRRL; and QST. Since 2002, you can find his column "DX'ing with Hammond" in RAC's The Canadian Amateur.

Over the past 40 years, he has produced a multitude of audio-visual presentations for his students, teaching colleagues and his fellow hams. He was the featured speaker at the QCWA national convention in 2000. In 2005, he was guest presenter at the QCWA Fred Hammond Chapter 73 autumn meeting, and the Guelph Radio Club, VE3ZM.

Always looking for new challenges, Garry has just recently upgraded from old 35mm slide carousel equipment to a state-of-the-art computer and high resolution LCD projector. With technical support from his brother, he has begun producing a new generation of presentations he hopes will inform and inspire radio amateur audiences.

Happy New Year!  
Tom Hammond

## **Message from the Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club**

The Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club presents the 28th annual Big Event! This is the largest amateur radio meet in Niagara! We invite all amateurs, prospective amateurs, the community, and interested vendors to join us! For more information, visit the website at:

<http://nparc.on.ca/www/index.jsp/event28>



## 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:**

[LARC2005@hamster.foxhollow.ca](mailto:LARC2005@hamster.foxhollow.ca) (Mark, VE3PZR)