

# Message from the London Amateur Radio Club

Promoting Amateur Radio in London  
and surrounding areas since 1920



**Nov 4, 2006**

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## **This month's meeting topic:**

1. Antenna Survey - part 2 of Doug Elliott's September presentation
2. Computer Logging & Logbook of the World - Doug Tompkins

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

Reminder of the next monthly Club meeting on Thursday, November 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).

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## **Everett Smith, VE3BAF (SK)**

With regret, we note the passing of Ev Smith on October 21, 2006 in his 82<sup>nd</sup> year.

Everett was a past member of LARC and a director of the London Senior Amateur Radio Club. He was the trustee of VE3GLM, the 'Guy Lombardo' special events station.

He was active, until his passing with music in London.

May he be remembered for his love of Amateur Radio, his dedication to music and his warm and friendly manner.

## Other Items of Interest

### 2006/2007 L.A.R.C. Executive

#### Here is the lineup for the LARC Executive Team 2006/2007:

Past President:	Mark Bramwell, VE3PZR	(LARC Repeater Coordinator) (Newsletter Editor)
President:	Gord Baker, VE3GB	
VP & Treasurer:	Doug Tompkins, VE3IDT	(flea-market)
Secretary:	Ruth Dahl , VE3RBO	
Director:	Tony Drawmer, VE3SQU	(field-day)
Director:	Doug Elliott, VA3DAE	(web site)
Director:	Shirley McCall-Nicholson, VE3SMN	(membership)
Director:	Brett Gilbank, VE3ZBG	(emergency services)
Repeater Operator:	Dave Young, VE3EAY	

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### St Thomas Radio Club Information:

#### Elgin Amateur Radio Society

Meeting is held the first Wednesday evening each month

September to June  
8:00 p.m.

Community Room, Real Canadian Super Store  
1063 Talbot Street St. Thomas, Ontario.



<http://www.elginars.ca/>

## **CANWARN Update**

By Tom Stewart, VE3OEP

Halloween marks the official end of the Canwarn summer season.

There have been discussions related to keeping Canwarn running during the winter months. The goal would be to provide Environment Canada with winter storm information as well as snow squall and whiteout information. This idea has not progressed into a working model for a few reasons.

- Winter storms are more predictable and don't have the localized intensity;
- There isn't the same degree of weather training required and there are many other 'spotters' out there who could provide the same information as a Canwarn spotter;
- The manpower of keeping Canwarn running 12 months a year;
- The incorporation of the Ontario Provincial Police into the reporting structure.

However it would probably only take one or two severe winter storms to get us thinking about this again.

In the meantime I would like to extend my appreciation to the spotters who joined our nets this summer. We only ran four nets as it was a very quiet summer. Most of the 18 weather alerts issued this summer were Severe Thunderstorm Watches, with only a few Warnings. We certainly got some heavy downpours, heavy winds, and occasional hail but no tornadic activity was reported in our area. Mother Nature has a way of evening things out over time, so I do hope you will join us again next summer.

My special thanks to Al (VE3LOD), Archie (VE3PTV), and Brett (VE3ZBG) for their huge commitment of time to act as net controllers. Canwarn couldn't exist without their help. We are always looking for additional net controllers, so please drop me a line or speak with me at one of the LARC meetings.

Have a good winter and we will see you in April.

Tom VE3OEP  
Canwarn Coordinator – London  
[ve3oep@rac.ca](mailto:ve3oep@rac.ca)

## REPORT on Goblin Patrol

By Rob Hockin VA3HO

London and Middlesex area amateurs participated in the London Goblin Patrol on the evenings of October 30 and 31.

Two net controllers were located at the ARES radio desk at the London Police Communications Centre on each night:

- Oct. 30 Brett VE3ZBG and Ruth VE3RBO
- Oct. 31 Brian VA3ATB and Rob VA3HO

Eighteen persons were mobile/portable on Oct. 30 (Devil's night):

Vince VA3GRV and helper	AI VE3LOD
Don VA3DWB	John VA3MSV
Gord VE3GB	Trevor VE3TLT
Doug VE3IDT	Steve VE3SAB
Gerd VA3BGR	Archie VE3PTV and helper
Paul VE3PFN	Dave VE3ZDC
Paul VA3PRM and helper	Rob VA3HO
Brian VA3ATB	

Ten persons were mobile/portable on Oct. 31 (Halloween):

Gord VE3GB	Mary VA3NTD
Doug VE3IDT	Harvey VA3HJB
Jim VE3XIO and helper	Dave VE3ZDC
Don VA3DWB	Steve VE3SAB
AI VE3LOD	

Both nights were very quiet for our patrollers even though LPD were quite busy. Two reported activities were passed to LPD communications on the 30<sup>th</sup> and one on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Quiet is good - the first purpose of our patrols is to aid in reducing trouble, not to find it.

A total of 81 person-hours and 896 km were expended in providing this service to the City of London.

Sgt Stuckey asked us to express his thanks on behalf of the London Police Department to all who participated.

Double that from your ARES EC's and LARC executive.

Rob Hockin VA3HO  
Archie Van de Velde VE3PTV  
Gord Baker VE3GB



**LONDON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC.  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2006/7**

**PLEASE PRINT**

- SINGLE MEMBERSHIP: \$25.00**       **RENEWAL**  
 **FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: \$30.00**       **NEW MEMBER**

**RAC Membership Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **I am not a RAC Member**     

**ARES Volunteer?**       **Yes**       **No**

**NOTE:** It is important for volunteers to provide their phone number and e-mail address.

**Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_  
                            **Last Name**                                      **First Name**                                      **Call Sign**

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**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
                            **Street/P.O. Box**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **City/Town**                                      **Province**                                      **Postal Code**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number**

**E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **(Monthly reminders via e-mail only)**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

*All information requested should be completed - this will be used for the club's membership database only. All LARC membership information is held in strict confidence.*

Please make cheque payable to: ***London Amateur Radio Club Inc.***

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                            c/o Membership Director, VE3SMN  
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## 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.

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

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