

# Message from the London Amateur Radio Club

Promoting Amateur Radio in London  
and surrounding areas since 1920



June 10, 2007

## THIS MONTH'S MEETING TOPIC:

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- Pat Simone, Manager for Emergency Planning at the Middlesex London Health Unit will discuss the implications of the inevitable Pandemic. This is an area where no one knows the full story, but Pat knows more than most. Bound to be an informative, scary, and thought-provoking presentation.
- The story on **Field Day** - June 23/24 - fun in the sun and on the air.

## THE NEXT MEETING IS...

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Reminder of the next monthly Club meeting on Thursday, June 14th, 2007 @ 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).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS?

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If you have a comment or announcement that might be of interest to the club, feel free to send a message and it will be included in the next mail out.

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## 2007/2008 L.A.R.C. EXECUTIVE ELECTION RESULTS

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By acclamation, the following is the Club's Executive lineup for 2007/2008:

- Gord Baker- Past President
  
- Doug Tompkins
- Shirley McCall
- Doug Elliott
- Ruth Dahl
- Ann Rundle
- Dave Steels
- Pat Ross

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### 2007/2008 L.A.R.C. EXECUTIVE

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Past President: Gord Baker, VE3GB

President: Doug Tompkins, VE3IDT (Flea-market)

Treasurer: Dave Steels, VE3UZ

Secretary: Ruth Dahl , VE3RBO

Director: Ann Rundle, VA3EOR (Flea market)

Director: Doug Elliott, VA3DAE (ARES EC; Web-site)

Director: Shirley McCall, VE3SMN (Membership)

Director: Pat Ross, VE3CNX

Non-Voting:

Brett Gilbank, VE3ZBG (ARES DEC)

Tom Stewart (Canwarn)

Appointments:

Tony Drawmer, VE3SQU (Field-Day)

Mark Bramwell, VE3PZR (Field-Day)

(Newsletter Editor)

(LARC Repeater Coordinator)

Dave Young, VE3EAY

(Repeater Operator/Programmer)

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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/>

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## FIELD DAY 2007

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THE LOCATION OF THE 2007 LARC FIELD DAY IS RESERVOIR HILL PARK IN BYRON.

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- <http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms/> ARRL Contest forms and rules

**Objective:** To work as many stations as possible on any and all amateur bands (excluding the 60, 30, 17, and 12-meter bands) and in doing so to learn to operate in abnormal situations in less than optimal conditions. A premium is placed on developing skills to meet the challenges of emergency preparedness as well as to acquaint the general public with the capabilities of Amateur Radio.

**Date and Time Period:** Field Day is **always the fourth full weekend of June**, beginning at 1800 UTC Saturday and ending at 2100 UTC Sunday.

**Field Day 2007 will be held June 23-24, 2007**

**Ham Radio** 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.

**Purpose:** 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.

**Who can attend:** the event operates under the supervision of the local radio club (LARC). That means any person, even those without a valid radio license, are permitted to show up and operate any radio on any band. For those of you that have thought about working HF, here is your opportunity to get on the air.

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## ANNUAL "EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE" AKA "FIELD DAY 2007"

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- **Date:** Saturday June 23th to Sunday June 24th.
- **Location:** Reservoir Park, Byron(On Commissioners Road, 2km west of Wonderland Road at the top of the hill)

### Schedule:

- **Sat 10am:** Main Gate is opened; we are allowed to start using the park. Some people will arrive early to start setting up the campsite.
- **Sat noon:** We will start setting up the antennas and various radios.
- **Sat 2pm:** On-air portion of the week-end starts
- **Sat 6pm:** Pot-Luck BBQ (bring some food to share; bring the whole family!)
- **Sun 2pm:** On-air portion is over. Camp tear-down & clean-up.

A map is available here: <http://hamster.foxhollow.ca/Field-Day-Map.PNG>

A group of hams have decided to meet at the Cottage Restaurant on Saturday morning to grab a bite before heading out to the site. If you want to join them, I suggest being at there around 9am (they will be the noisy crowd on the private side of the restaurant). The Cottage restaurant is located on the corner of Dundas Street and Adelaide Street, directly across from the London Police Station.

We had over 50 people show up last year during the week-end. Drop by and say hi to old friends, meet some new ones, bring the kids along.

Some additional information is available here: <http://hamster.foxhollow.ca/Field-Day-2007/>

Activities requiring volunteers:

Band Captains,  
Tents/lodging – Setup / Teardown  
Power  
Food  
Equipment

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LARC HAMFEST 2007 - SEPTEMBER 23

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**LONDON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**

**30<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL**

**2007 FLEAMARKET**

Every year at the end of September, the London Amateur Radio Club sponsors a technology flea market. This year the flea market will be held on Sunday Sept 23<sup>th</sup> at the "London Western Fair Grounds".

The flea market is extremely important to the club. It is a major source of revenue and allows us to continue with our various functions and services without raising the membership dues or to put it another way, it stops us from closing the doors due to lack of funds.

**Driving Directions:**

<http://www.westernfair.com/maps/maps-location.html>

**The full brochure:**

<http://www.larc.ca/newsletter/LARC-HAMFEST-2007.pdf>

**Inquiries can be sent to:**

[hamfest2007@hamster.foxhollow.ca](mailto:hamfest2007@hamster.foxhollow.ca)

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## HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR FLEA MARKET:

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The most obvious way to support your hamfest is to [attend](#). We charge a small admission for people to enter the flea market. Bring a friend or two. The standard ham-radio flea market of today contains several non-hamradio items and has the interest of a broader audience.

[Rent a table](#). Many of you have high-quality, under-used equipment that is begging to be updated. Seize the opportunity to sell your old equipment and of course buy new stuff! Start cleaning out your closets and garages NOW and have your goods ready for sale on Sept 24<sup>th</sup>.

Another way to support the flea market is to [volunteer](#). We need some people for various activities such as security and setup/teardown on the day of the hamfest. Please send me an email letting me know you are interested in helping.

The real measure of success of a flea market is what happens 'next' year. Many of the SW-Ontario area hamfests are dying due to lack of vendors which has the side-effect of buyers not willing to show-up in subsequent years. We are lucky because some large vendors such as Radioworld, Durham Radio and Maple-Leaf Communications have already committed to be a vendor for our 2006 hamfest. Radioworld (and other larger commercial vendors) no longer appear at many of the 'smaller' hamfests which in essence was the last nail in the coffin of those hamfests.

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## BRING-AND-BUY

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Based on the success of the previous years bring-and-buy tables, we have decided to offer it again this year!

**The situation:** Many people like to come to our hamfest and look around and have a good time.

Not many are willing to rent a table because they might only have 1 or 2 items for sale or they simply do not want to sit there all morning dealing with the endless stream of people asking the same questions over and over again.

**Solution:** This year the club will have a bring-and-buy table.

### **Here is how it works....**

You do not rent a table but you come to the hamfest as a buyer. You also bring your 1 or 2 items and go the LARC table. We will take the item(s) and fill out a for-sale card that describes the item plus your asking price. It will cost you a loonie (\$1) to leave your item on the club table. When the item sells, you will pay us 5% as a commission. If your item does not sell, you pick it up at the end of the hamfest and the only cost to you was the \$1 that you left earlier in the day.

For example: If you asked us to sell your mobile radio, you might put a \$200 price tag on the unit. You left a dollar behind as payment. When we sold your radio, we keep a total of 5% which is normally \$10. Since you already paid a buck, we only keep \$9 giving you back \$191.00.

### **The rules are simple:**

- We are only willing to sell one or two items per person. We are not trying to displace our normal table rentals.
- It costs a dollar per item to have it placed on our table
- We will retain 5% as a sales commission when the item sells.
- Please be reasonable with your pricing; it doesn't do either of us any good if you are asking an extremely high price for boat anchors. Radioworld and Durham Radio are good places to compare prices because they have both new and used sections on their webpages



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## 2007 LARC MEMBERSHIP LIST

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