

Message from the London Amateur Radio Club

Promoting Amateur Radio in London
and surrounding areas since 1920



March 5, 2007

THIS MONTH'S MEETING TOPIC:

"GPS" by Mike Cook, VE3MC

THE NEXT MEETING IS...

Reminder of the next monthly Club meeting on Thursday, March 8th, 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?

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 it in the next mail out.

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INTERESTING WEB LINKS - SUBMITTED BY DOUG, VA3DAE

Yearly Wire Antenna Maintenance

at bottom of this page:
<http://radioworks.com/nantennalife.html>

and near the end of this one...
<http://www.cebik.com/edu/edu6.html>

URGENT MATTER - FYI

If this message has a familiar ring to it, it's because I delivered it at the February General Meeting.

I decided those in attendance were probably already members and we needed to reach those who didn't (don't) attend. The topic is not unfamiliar but maybe it will persuade you to become a member or renew your membership.

I had Membership director, Shirley - VE3SMN, prepare for me a comparison of last year's membership with this year's paid membership.

- We have 8 completely new members - **THANK YOU** for your support.
- There are 30 members from last year who have not renewed
- If my calculations are correct, with a current membership of 86 this year, we are 38 members short of last year's membership - **VERY POOR** considering there are over 500 members in the immediate London area.

I don't want to offend anyone especially the 'old timers' or those who participate in specialty applications, however there are a large number of prominent, licenced Amateurs who feel it's unnecessary to belong or beneath their dignity to support the London Amateur Radio Club.

On many occasions, I've heard those people say that the future of Amateur Radio is doomed if we cannot get more people interested and active –

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WHAT BETTER WAY TO GET ACTIVE AND INVOLVED THAN TO BE A MEMBER OF LARC!!!!

We've worked hard to get topics and guest speakers that are interesting and give you a reason to attend meetings - the social exchange is the bonus of attendance.

Another yet untested activity is '**user groups**' within the club to explore one of the many facets of Amateur Radio - not all of us share the same interests. I'd encourage anyone who has a passion, to share that with others who may be interested and to come forward, make themselves known and help form a user group within the club (DX, CW, Packet/APRS, Satellite, construction projects, Data, computer programs such as MUF, LOGS, Antenna Modelling, etc., etc.).

The nature of our society is that we have so many options open to us, we are reluctant to commit to anything for fear of missing out on a better deal. For me, at least, Amateur Radio is the 'real deal' and I feel badly for those who have the interest and don't have the opportunity to at least explore it's potential.

We need member support to preserve Amateur Radio, keep a variety of interests in the Club and, of course, for financial reasons. We are dedicated to keeping membership and benefits affordable.

There is strength in numbers and if the numbers are sufficient, we can support and provide all of the present services such as repeaters and more.

Call a Director (listed on www.larc.ca) today and tell us you want to be a member. Better still, come to a meeting, meet all your 'old' friends, be entertained and renew your membership.

Until March 8th, 73 to all
Gord - VE3GB

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

2006/2007 L.A.R.C. EXECUTIVE

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

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/>



**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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