



LONDON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

PRESS RELEASE

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The London Amateur Radio Club (LARC) will be taking part in a major continent-wide event, Field Day, next weekend June 27-28.

Normally each June, more than 40,000 amateur radio operators (hams) throughout North America set up temporary transmitting stations in public places and operate independently of the power grid to demonstrate ham radio's science, skill and service to our communities. However, this year, because of the pandemic, hams will be operating from their homes to demonstrate their commitment to emergency preparedness, public service, and to maintain their technical skills within a single event. Field Day has been an annual event since 1933 and remains the most popular event in the ham radio year.

Members of the media are invited to observe how amateur radio remains a recognized and important component of London's Municipal Emergency Management System, as well as providing communications during emergencies when traditional systems frequently collapse due to power failure or excessive demand.

Ham radio provides "*communication when all else fails*".

Please contact mcook@uwo.ca for contact information about hams willing to provide opportunities for interview and/or photography at their homes. Reciprocal personal protections are expected.

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