

Message from the London Amateur Radio Club

Promoting Amateur Radio in London
and surrounding areas since 1920



June 5, 2006

Meeting Speaker: Nick Gurr
Everything you ever wanted to know about HF,
Nets,
Swaps,
and more!"

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The next Meeting is...

Reminder of the next monthly Club meeting on Thursday, June 8th, 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).

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

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

Update on Canwarn – June 2006 by Tom, VE3OEP



In our first four weeks of Canwarn this season we have been fortunate. The cold weather, while not welcome, did keep the severe weather away. We only had one alert but were not required to activate a net.

All predictions are that it will be a busy summer, so I do hope you will be able to assist with our nets. The net repeater is VE3OME, 145.450. When a net is activated you will be able to pass any weather related information to our controller who will pass it on to Environment Canada.

The net has three levels of priorities.

Condition Green - a net is activated, but normal traffic is allowed on the repeater. We only ask that you leave some space between transmissions to allow for Canwarn traffic. During this condition the controller will update the net with information relating to the watch or warning, accept check-ins, and pass any weather related traffic.

Condition Yellow - a net is activated and severe weather is present in our area. At this time the net will be closed to normal traffic and only reports related to strong winds, hail, heavy rain, wall clouds, etc. are to be passed to net control. If conditions permit, the controller will update stations with weather bulletins, accept check-ins, and may solicit information on weather observations from selected stations.

Condition Red - Very severe weather is being experienced in the area. At this time the controller is only looking for information which might quantify the severity of, and damage caused by, the storm. Only reports of large (golf ball size) hail, downed trees, wall clouds, tornadic activity, etc. will be allowed. At this point Environment Canada's primary concern is to be able to issue alerts to the media and civic officials to minimize loss of life.

Web site(s) of the month (I have put in a few extra since the next bulletin will be in September.)

<http://www.on.ec.gc.ca/canwarn/home-e.html>

<http://hamster.ivey.uwo.ca/canwarn/>

<http://www.spc.noaa.gov/>

Thanks again to all the controllers and spotters for helping make Canwarn work.

If there is a severe weather watch or warning please monitor VE3OME 145.450 and help us provide ground level information to Environment Canada.

If you have any questions about Canwarn or would like to volunteer as a Controller please feel free to contact me.

Tom Stewart
Canwarn Coordinator - London
VE3OEP@rac.ca

Summer Flea Market season – by VE3PZR

By now the Dayton hamfest has come and gone as well as the Rochester flea market. Although LARC shuts down for the summer after field day, there are other activities going on in the area...

The Kitchener Ham Club is having their flea market this week-end in Fergus, Saturday June 10th.

<http://www.hamfest.on.ca/>

The Whitby Amateur Radio Club has cancelled their hamfest this year. It would have been held on June 17th. Their club web page advertising the hamfest is no longer online.

Burlington Amateur Radio Club

Saturday, July 8, in Milton

<http://ve3ba.com/default.asp?page=hamfest>

The Brantford Club has asked us to mention their flea market at the Burford Fair Grounds on August 19th.

<http://www.ve3ba.com/default.asp?page=hamfest>

The best flea market however will be held in London on Sept 24th. See details in this newsletter.

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To see a listing of what is coming up soon, check out the RAC website at:

<http://rac.eton.ca/data/racfleas.taf?function=form>

!! Field Day 2006 is this month !!



The location of the 2006 LARC Field Day is Reservoir Hill Park in Byron.

<http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms/>

ARRL Contest forms and rules

Object: 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 2006 will be held June 24-25, 2006.**

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 with out 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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Field Day Committee:

The following people are currently on the mailing list called:
fieldday2006@hamster.foxhollow.ca

- VE3SQU, Tony Drawmer (Coordinator)
- VE3PZR, Mark Bramwell
- VE3GB, Gord Baker
- VE3RBO, Ruth
- VA3MSV, John

If someone wants to be part of the process and is not listed in the above group, they should send me an email to be added to the email list as well as you will receive a copy of the planning document.

Activities requiring volunteers:

Band Captains,
Tents/lodging
Power
Food

Extra Activities: This year we will hold a BBQ on Saturday, the same week-end as field-day.

Meetings: There is a weekly get-together at the Cottage Restaurant on Saturday mornings between 9:00am to 10:30am. If you are interested in chatting about field-day, drop by have some breakfast and let us know what s on your mind.

For more information, send email to: fieldday2006@hamster.foxhollow.ca

PS: A detailed message will be sent in June outlining field-day activities.

LONDON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
29TH ANNUAL
2006 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 24th 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.

The full brochure: <http://www.larc.ca/newsletter/LARC-HAMFEST-2006.pdf>

Inquiries can be sent to: hamfest2006@hamster.foxhollow.ca

How to support YOUR flea market:



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 24th.

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.

Bring-and-Buy



Based on the success of last year's bring-and-buy table, 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 to 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 is a good place to compare prices because they have both a new and used section on their webpage.



**LONDON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC.
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2005/6**

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**

Last Name **First Name** **Call Sign**

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.***

Mailing Address: London Amateur Radio Club
c/o Membership Director, VE3SMN
P.O. Box 82, Station B
London, Ontario, N6A 4V3

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: LARC2006@hamster.foxhollow.ca

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

If you want to be added or removed from our Mailing list, send an email to:

LARC2006@hamster.foxhollow.ca (Mark, VE3PZR)