

# Message from the London Amateur Radio Club

Promoting Amateur Radio in London  
and surrounding areas since 1920



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## **This month's meeting topic: by Doug Elliot, VA3DAE**

We're trying out a slightly different format for this meeting, and instead of one large presentation, we'll have 2 smaller ones, each presented by Doug Elliott, VA3DAE:

1) An Antenna Survey. A pictorial panorama of a wide variety of antennas, (some for HAM use, some not) with expert commentary on the features and application of each one.

2) Care and Feeding of your junk box. One HAM's perspective on the practical and therapeutic art of dismantling old electronic stuff to harvest useful parts.

- ramblings on tools and techniques
- ways to protect your lap, eyes, nose and feet
- storage ideas for any parts that actually survive
- how you could actually make money at it

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

Reminder of the next monthly Club meeting on Thursday, October 12th, 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	

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## Fall Fox Hunt Anyone?

Autumn is the traditional time for the horse mounted fox hunts in Britton and other countries - seems like a good time for a HAM fox hunt, too.

If you're not familiar with fox hunts, also known as Amateur Radio Direction Finding (ARDF) or transmitter hunts, they are basically a contest to find a hidden transmitter. HAMs use directional antennas to try and narrow down the location of a transmitter sends out messages every couple of minutes.

There are a lot of variations, but LARC fox hunts have been mobile hunts where participants travel in cars to try and find a "fox" within the city limits. Competition is friendly, and after a 3 to 4 hour hunt, there's usually a get together at a donut shop where various excuses are presented to all assembled.

The directional antennas that are used with hand held radios are easily made, and we can put on a workshop if people want assistance in making one.

If this sounds interesting, please contact or email one of the executive. If there are at least a couple of people who want to give it a try, we'll put the wheels in motion, and pick a date.

## Call for Home-brewers

No, not the do-it-yourself beverages. We're looking for HAMs who are interested in building ham related gear either from scratch or from kits. If there's interest out there, we can have occasional or regular meetings to plan, create, or troubleshoot projects such as:

- DIP meter
- attic-compatible antennas
- transistor tester
- fox hunt antennas
- whatever you'd like to try

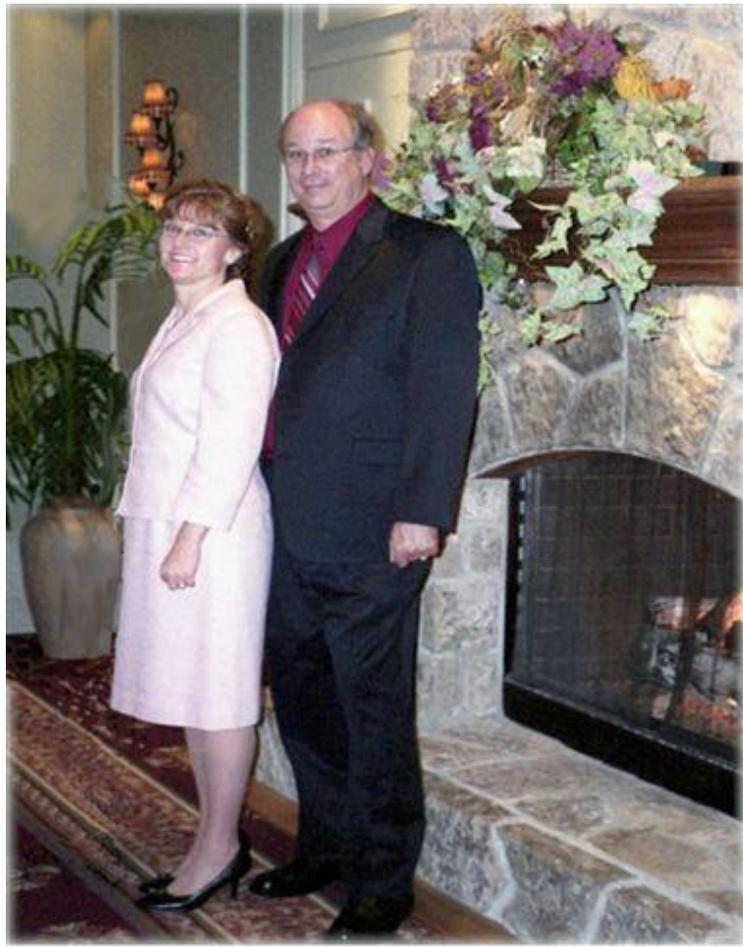
If your interested, spread the word, and let someone on the executive know.

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## *JUST MARRIED*

***"The things some people will do just to get a LARC 'FAMILY' membership."***

Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. & Mrs. Dave (VE3UZ) and Kathy (VE3GYL) Steels from all your friends at LARC.





## 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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[LARC2006@hamster.foxhollow.ca](mailto:LARC2006@hamster.foxhollow.ca) (Mark, VE3PZR)