

Message from the London Amateur Radio Club

Promoting Amateur Radio in London
and surrounding areas since 1920



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Meeting Speaker: Bob Cooke
 RAC – Radio Amateurs of Canada

Other Items of Interest..

LARC Executive 2006/2007 lineup
LARC Field Day 2006 Report
2006 LARC Flea Market is this month
2006/2007 LARC Membership Application Form

The next Meeting is...

Reminder of the next monthly Club
meeting on Thursday, September 14th,
2006 @ 7:30pm

All meetings are located at St. Jude's
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



Report on Field Day 2006, by Ruth Dahl VE3RBO

We were a 5 alpha station, with at least 57 people both participating and visiting to see what we were about.



We managed to make the news on both A channel and Rogers Cablesystems.

We had stations ranging from 80 meters to 2 meters as well as digital mode (PSK31), which used an antenna set up using helium balloons.

We had many contacts on all stations.



The pot luck BBQ was an amazing success and all in all it was a great weekend.

LARC HAMFEST 2006 - September 24

**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 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.

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)