

# Message from the London Amateur Radio Club

Promoting Amateur Radio in London  
and surrounding areas since 1920



May 7, 2007

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## THIS MONTH'S MEETING TOPIC:

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- A review of the **CANWARN** training, and the upcoming severe weather season
- A status report on the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (**ARES**) in London
- The story on **Field Day** - June 23/24 - fun in the sun and on the air.
- Annual general meeting (**AGM**) including elections for our directors.

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## THE NEXT MEETING IS...

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Reminder of the next monthly Club meeting on Thursday, May 10th, 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).

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS?

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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.

[LARC2007@hamster.foxhollow.ca](mailto:LARC2007@hamster.foxhollow.ca)

## 2007/2008 L.A.R.C. EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS

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*from the LONDON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INCORPORATED - BY-LAW #1*

### 3. Board of Directors

3.1 The day-to-day affairs of the Corporation shall be arranged by a Board of Directors composed of 7 selected Directors, 1 non-voting Director appointed by the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and the Past President of the Corporation.

3.3 To be eligible to stand for election to the Board of Directors one must be a member in good standing for at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting at which members of the Board of Directors will be elected.

*This year's Annual Meeting will be held May 10,2007.*

3.4 A Nominating Committee shall be struck by the President at least 90 days prior to the Annual Meeting and it shall begin its activities immediately upon being appointed.

3.4.1 The Committee shall be composed of three members in good standing. The Past President shall be the Chairperson of the Committee.

3.5 The recommendations of the Nominating Committee shall be presented to the Board of Directors. The Board shall cause such report to be published in the LARC Bulletin that will be sent to all members in good standing as notice of the Annual Meeting. Such report shall also outline the procedure pertaining to additional nominations.

3.6 Additional nominations may be received by the Secretary up to 12 hours prior to the Annual Meeting if submitted by a member in good standing supported by the written agreement of 4 other members and the written acceptance of the nominee.

3.7 The election of the Board of Directors shall take place at the Annual Meeting of LARC. The Directors shall be elected by a simple majority vote of the members. The Directors shall take office on July 1 of that year.



The following members have been nominated to stand for election for the 2007-2008 L.A.R.C. Executive.

Ruth Dahl	VE3RBO	Pat Ross	VE3CNX
Ann Rundle	VA3EOR	Shirley McCall	VE3SMN
Doug Elliott	VA3DAE	Doug Tompkins	VE3IDT
Dave Steels	VE3UZ		

7 TO BE ELECTED

### Plus

- Past President	-	Gord Baker	VE3GB
- ARES Representative	-	Brett Gilbank	VE3ZBG



Ruth Dahl, Secretary  
1299 Huron St #310  
London, ON N5Y4M1

## OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

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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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### 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/>

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## FIELD DAY 2007

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JUST A REMINDER THAT FIELD DAY IS APPROACHING

**JUNE 23-24, 2007**

**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 without 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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## CANWARN EMAIL ALERTS- DOUG ELLIOTT VA3DAE

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Now that many of us have fresh CANWARN training, and the severe weather season is fast approaching, what next?

The whole idea is to keep an eye on the sky, and check the OME repeater (145.450) for a CANWARN net when the weather gets wacky. But what if the sky isn't visible because you spend your days inside an office building (or if you're lucky, in a basement Ham shack) ?

If you have a cell phone that can receive emails, or a portable email device like a Blackberry, you can get a real time heads up for approaching severe weather by email. Environment Canada provides this capability free of charge as part of their e-Warnings service. Just register at this website:

<http://www.weatheroffice.pyr.ec.gc.ca/e-products/>

and the rest is all auto-magic

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## SPREADING THE WORD - DOUG ELLIOTT VA3DAE

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The leader of the London 20th Wolf Cub Pack recently sent an inquiry to the website about parts for crystal radios, and the response included an offer to put on a Ham radio presentation for the cubs. This turned into a presentation at their meeting, on Tuesday April 24.

It was an astounding transformation when 9 cubs, averaging 10 years old, went from a high energy, high noise level indoor soccer game to an attentive audience. There was a continuous stream of questions, and they seemed quite interested. The demonstration part was popular, and we tried to illustrate directional antennas with a mini yagi and a wolf cub as a rotator. Unfortunately, the Yaesu 857 I was using was sensitive enough that the Environment Canada weather broadcast was strong in all directions, and I couldn't remember how to enable the attenuator, but it was all fun.

Thanks to Mike Watts VE3ACW who responded to my example call on OME, and adlibbed a lesson on Ham radio while driving his van on Wonderland Road. Too bad you couldn't see the wide eyed kids staring at the radio in the school gym while you were speaking. Next time, I'll bring a camera.

The ultimate indication that the cubs were interested came when 2 of the cubs approached me as I was dismantling my gear, asking how they could go about getting a Ham licence (which I had already described as an 8 week technical course). I'm pretty sure we'll see a bunch of these kids at field day.

We're going to follow up with through Scout Headquarters with:

- invitations to visit Field Day
- offers for presentations at meetings
- offers for assistance with the Scout Radio merit badge

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## NEWS FROM THE ARES TEAM - DOUG ELLIOTT VA3DAE

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The ARES steering committee is hard at work to improve our ability to respond to help the community in a disaster. We're always looking for people to join our core team, which includes the following activities:

- training on specific ARES related topics
- participation in practice exercises
- being on our callout list for real emergencies

If you'd like more information, please contact Doug Elliott, VA3DAE at [va3dae@rac.ca](mailto:va3dae@rac.ca)

If you have one of the ARES pagers that were distributed in the past, slap a battery in it to see if it's still working. We do practice pages at 7:20 PM on Wednesdays, just before the ARES net on the OME repeater. Why not check in to the net, and let us know whether or not your pager is working?

If you have one of these pagers, but are no longer able to monitor it for ARES callouts, we'd like to buy it back from you for what you paid for it. Contact [va3dae@rac.ca](mailto:va3dae@rac.ca), and let's make a deal.

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## NEW HAMS

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Congratulation to the new hams who are graduates of our recent basic license course. Not only did everyone pass, but all 10 people on the course achieved the "basic plus" license level. A warm welcome to:

<b>Jennifer Nagel</b>	<b>VE3FZR</b>
<b>Karen McInnis</b>	<b>VA3SCX</b>
<b>Dennis McInnis</b>	<b>VA3SCI</b>
<b>Brenda Grasser</b>	<b>VA3BBG</b>
<b>Walter Grasser</b>	<b>VA3WJG</b>
<b>Henry (Hank) Vander Velden</b>	<b>VE3VDM</b>
<b>Steven Struthers</b>	<b>VA3TDZ</b>
<b>Tudor Papa</b>	<b>VE3TUD</b>
<b>Ann Rundle</b>	<b>VA3EOR</b>
<b>Antonin (Tony) Lesak</b>	<b>VA3VTL</b>



<http://www.amateurlogic.com/blog/>

12 episodes by a pair of hams talking about techie stuff. Very well done indeed!



[Episode one is now available for download!](#)

We visit a commercial “WiFi Site” and look inside to see what makes it work. Plus, there’s a short segment on “Emergency Power”.

[Hello world!](#)

Welcome to AmateurLogic.TV.

Your source for practical technology hacks, mods, and tips. In each episode we’ll present a fresh look at the technology around us, both old and new. Plus plenty of tips and mods to help you get the most out of the technology you own.

### **Amateur radio today**

Youtube Video from ARRL on ARES:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Z9136\\_Nhh4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Z9136_Nhh4)

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LARC HAMFEST 2007 - SEPTEMBER 23

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**LONDON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**

**30<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL**

**2007 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 23<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Driving Directions:**

<http://www.westernfair.com/maps/maps-location.html>

**The full brochure:**

<http://www.larc.ca/newsletter/LARC-HAMFEST-2007.pdf>

**Inquiries can be sent to:**

[hamfest2007@hamster.foxhollow.ca](mailto:hamfest2007@hamster.foxhollow.ca)



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## HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR FLEA MARKET:

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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 24<sup>th</sup>.

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.

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## BRING-AND-BUY

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Based on the success of the previous years bring-and-buy tables, 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 and Durham Radio are good places to compare prices because they have both new and used sections on their webpages

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## 2007 LARC MEMBERSHIP LIST

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Mike ARGYLE, VE3XMA  
Gordon R. BAKER, VE3GB/,VE3TGB  
Frank BAUGH, VE3FBH  
Hielke BERENDS, VE3KGX  
Alan BERNIER, VE3LOD  
Harvey BISHOP, VA3HJB  
Robert BONNELL, VE3AQU  
John BOSWELL, VA3BOZ  
Brian BOUCKLEY, VA3ATB/,VE3ATB  
Ken BRIGHTLING SWL  
James A. BROWN, VA3JBN  
Sylvia BROWN, VA3SBN  
Vince BROWN, VE3DNO  
Gerd BURGEL, VA3BGR  
Norm CAMPBELL, VE3MNC  
Marlene CAMPBELL, VA3MNC  
Don CHAMBERLAIN, VE3OOM  
Robert CHAPMAN, VE3FEC  
Harvey CLARE, SWL  
Laverne COBBAN, VE3ZLC  
Tom COBBAN, VA3TAC  
Michael COOK, VE3ZMC  
Terry COX, VE3NMW  
John CUMMING, VE3JC  
Ruth DAHL, VE3RBO  
Anthony DRAWMER, VE3SQU  
Joseph DUCHARME, VA3JFD  
Harvey EASTON, VE3LSY  
Ruth EASTON, VE3WEE  
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Brett GILBANK, VE3ZBG  
Larry GRAFSTEIN, VE3LHG  
Joe GREGORIO, VA3JVG  
Aaron GREGORIO, VA3CBY  
Aidan GREY, VA3IAG  
John HENDERSON, VA3JH  
Don HIGGINS, VE3EVF  
Rob HOCKIN, VA3HO  
Gerry HOOGEVEEN, VA3PCO  
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Patrick ROSS, VE3CNX  
Aaron ROSS SWL  
Chris RUNDLE, VA3ZWT  
Ann RUNDLE SWL  
Brad SEWARD, VE3NRJ  
John SHIELDS, VE3EGP  
Glenda SHIELDS, VA3GES  
Jim SPICER, VE3CTS  
Tim SPICER, VE3TJS  
Don STALKOWSKI, VE3HUR  
David STEELS, VE3UZ  
Kathy STEELS, VE3GYL  
AI STEPHENS, VE3NXP  
Tom STEWART, VE3OEP  
Steve STRUTHERS SWL  
Don THOM, VE3PM  
Don TOD, VE3MGD  
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Archie VAN DE VELDE, VE3PTV  
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