

Message from the London Amateur Radio Club

Promoting Amateur Radio in London
and surrounding areas since 1920



April 9, 2007

THIS MONTH'S MEETING TOPIC:

Bill McHugh – Lowband DX
Visit his web site - www.isp.ca/ve3nh

THE NEXT MEETING IS...

Reminder of the next monthly Club meeting on Thursday, April 12th, 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).

ANNOUNCEMENTS?

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 in the next mail out.

LARC2007@hamster.foxhollow.ca

SILENT KEY – RICK POMMER, VE3HCF

----- Original Message -----

From: [Rick Pommer](#)

To: [Mark Bramwell](#)

Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2007 6:01 PM

Mark,

I am Rick's brother and want to connect with you. Rick has passed away tragically due to complications from surgery that he had. We are handling his estate and wish some advise on his HAM Radio transmitter and other misc. equipment related to this. You'll see the notice in the paper and we would love to meet you at his funeral service.

Hope you can be there!

Regards,

Dan

CONGRATULATIONS TO DOUG ELLIOTT, VA3DAE

...who attended and successfully completed the 'Introduction to Emergency Management Workshop/Course' sponsored by St. John Ambulance Community Services, London-Middlesex Corps.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

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 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/>

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL LARC MEMBERS AND AREA AMATEURS

Received, March 23/07



Environment Canada would like to take this opportunity to invite those of you on this distribution list to participate in one of the CANWARN severe storm spotter training sessions listed below. 2007 represents the 20th Anniversary of this very worthwhile program here in Ontario.

In the Spring of 1987, 4 individuals in the Windsor area (Randy Mawson, Paul Robertson, Bill Leal and Jerry Beneteau) began the CANWARN storm spotter program.

In the 20 years since, CANWARN has grown to other parts of Ontario as well as other parts of the country. The list below represents the training sites as things stand now in Southern and Central Ontario. The training times and locations for Northwestern Ontario will be announced in the next couple of weeks. Training in Northwestern Ontario will likely take place around the last week of May.

For those of you who have attended a training session recently, we look forward to seeing you again this year...for those of you who may not have attended a training session recently (or ever), we look forward to meeting you...

After the widespread damaging storms of July 17th and August 2nd last year, the importance of having trained spotters able to report what they are witnessing directly to the Weather Centre in real-time has only been reinforced. On behalf of Environment Canada, I would like to thank you all for volunteering to be members of our volunteer storm spotter network and hope that many of you will be able to make it out to a training session near you...

Regards,

Geoff Coulson
Warning Preparedness Meteorologist
Environment Canada

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CANWARN TRAINING DATES

- 1. Sarnia** **Monday, April 16th at 7 PM**
Lower Auditorium of the Clearwater Arena (Sarnia Township Community Centre)
400 Wellington St, Sarnia
- 2. Hamilton** **Saturday, April 21st at 9 AM**
Nash Auditorium, Wilcox Building, Chedoke Hospital
2 Sanatorium Road, Hamilton
- 3. Leamington** **Tuesday, April 24th at 6:30 PM**
Leamington Kinsmen Recreational Complex (formerly FT Sherk Complex)
249 Sherk St (parking lot access off of Ellison Street), Leamington
- 4. Kitchener-Waterloo** **Tuesday, April 24th at 7 PM**
University of Waterloo's Carl A. Pollock Hall - CPH Room 1310
200 University Avenue West, Waterloo
(parking available in lot off Philip Street north of the East Campus Hall - ECH)
From parking lot walk west over the railway tracks. Walk south along the ring road and enter CPH building after passing the 'brown rollup garage door'.
<http://www.uwaterloo.ca/map/map.php>
- 5. London** **Thursday, April 26th at 7 PM**
Four Points Sheraton Hotel
1150 Wellington Road, London
- 6. Sudbury (Azilda)** **Saturday, April 28th at 9 AM**
Lionel E. Lalonde Centre
239 Montee Principale
Azilda (approx. 15 km northwest of Sudbury on Highway 35)
- 7. Orillia** **Sunday, April 29th at 9 AM**
Ontario Provincial Police Headquarters Training Auditorium
777 Memorial Avenue
Orillia

(Note: Environment Canada has applied to the OPP for the use of this venue. A response to the application is expected shortly. I will confirm this venue in the next week or so)
- 8. Toronto** **Saturday, May 5th at 9 AM**
Environment Canada Headquarters Auditorium
4905 Dufferin St.
Toronto

FIELD DAY 2007



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.

More information in next month's bulletin...

LONDON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

30TH 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 23th 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

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 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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