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Meeting:

May. 17

7:00 PM

N. P.
Murray
Center

Veterans
Way
Mission Viejo

Spring Auction

The latest issue of QST arrived in my mailbox this morning. Just time for a quick look through it. Reviews of the latest equipment and some historic photos of old equipment caught my eye. We hams do love our radio equipment, and the next best thing to going down to HRO to buy new gear is the SOARA auction where we can get our hands on some of the older "goodies."

The auction is next Monday, so go through your shack (or garage) to dig out those items you don't use anymore. You may

even get some "points" for having done some cleaning. Bring that excess gear to the meeting on Monday and give some other lucky ham the opportunity to give it a good home - at least until some future auction.

Kris, KI6IUC, will be doing the honors as auctioneer. If you are bringing gear to auction please arrive early to tag and display your offerings. The auctions are always fun and a good chance to find a treasure you didn't know you needed.

Election Results: *President: Tom Hobbs, AE6SH; Vice President: Tim McGowen, AF6GL; Secretary: John Anderson, NJ6A; Treasurer; Tom Parks, KI6DDB. At the request of the Board Ray Hutchinson, AE6H, Will serve a two year term as an ex officio member of the board.*

From the Shack of AE6SH

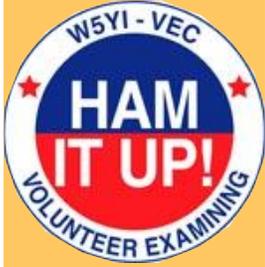
According to our bylaws as of this publication I am still your Vice president. (Elected officers take effect at the first meeting in May) I have enjoyed being the number two man for SOARA and I am very proud of our club, its members and our reputation as the premier Amateur Radio club in Orange County. The reason for this stature is first and foremost our members. We have the most diverse spectrum of skill and talent within our membership and they are always willing to use and share this knowledge when ever it is needed. The second reason for our clubs reputation is our leadership. Most members are not in attendance when the clubs business is done at the Board meetings (although all are welcome and encouraged to attend). This is a shame because you would get to see our board in action and realize how lucky we are to have

such a talented group of officers and board members to steer our club. We have just completed our semi-annual election of officers and again we will have an outstanding board to lead SOARA for the next two years. Ray AE6H our immediate past president will be staying on to advise and lend his expertise to the new board as outlined in the Bylaws, so we will continue to have an experienced and diverse group to help SOARA continue to grow and flourish.

In the months to come we will be updating our bylaws, continuing to update our repeater equipment, we will be asking for ideas on how to better serve our members and as always strive to keep SOARA the best organization of it kind in the world*

73 de Tom Hobbs AE6SH
(President Pro tem)

* This is my personal opinion!



Testing

Testing Results
From April 19

Upgrade To Extra

David Brewer,
AF6WR
[All 3 elements]

Lloyd Gomez,
W9LEG

Upgrade To General

David Bass,
KC6TWJ
Dennis Blough,
KJ6BAH
Edmund Ginn Jr.,
KC6MFI
Gayle Gomez,
W9GCG

New Technicians

Matthew Agren,
KJ6HPW
Nicholis Colonelli,
KJ6HPX
Rick Da Costa,
KJ6HPY
Skylar Mineshima,
KJ6HPZ

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Ernie W6ETS

Next Month: Get Ready for Field Day

Field Day is like the elephant that was described by several blind people. The descriptions all differed markedly, depending on the parts of the elephant they experienced. Well, there are many aspects of Field Day, and they are all important. It is an emergency drill, it is a contest, it is a chance to meet the public and introduce them to amateur radio. It has something for everybody. It is not strictly for the experienced ham, it is not strictly for contesters, it is for everyone. You can spend all 24 hours at the site or just stop by for a short time.

The official start of Field Day is at 11:00AM on Saturday, June 26. SOARA members will have congregated at Gilleran Park in Mission Viejo much earlier that morning to set up the equipment and antennas. At 11:00AM our three stations (plus VHF and GOTA stations) will go on the air, each with an operator and a logger (to keep the log up to date). Other members will be greeting visitors at the information booth, or several other ongoing activities. Of course there will be several members tak-

ing a rest after the raising and testing of the many antennas put up earlier that morning. A big part of Field Day is having the time to visit with other club members.

Did I mention food? All of that activity requires food and drinks. Either Field Day food is especially tasty or the work and friendly atmosphere make it seem that way.

Never tried contesting? Well here is your chance to watch how the experts do it — and to try it if you want. Don't have a license that will allow HF operation? Sit down at the GOTA station (there will be a qualified control operator responsible for the station) and get a taste of the HF bands. Completely new to the hobby? Field Day is the perfect opportunity to gain that initial experience to inspire you to moving up to a higher class license.

In short, Field Day is for all hams — and their families and friends. Fun, fellowship and food all in one place. See you there.

Raffle

Congratulations once again go out to Sean, AD6SW, who was the lucky winner of the Yaesu FT-60 hand held radio in the April five-dollar raffle. As you may recall, Sean won the five-dollar raffle last month as well!



Congrats to the many lucky winners in the one-dollar raffle as well. There will be no raffle held at the May Auction meeting. If you have suggestions for what we should raffle off in June, please send them to me at nj6n@soara.org.

73, Brian, NJ6N

D-star from Dayton

SOARA D-STAR "RF" users - Tune into K6SOA Port "C" (VHF/2m) for the Dayton Hamvention action. We will try to keep the "C" module linked to the Hamvention reflector. Testing will be done soon to determine which reflector will be used for sure but as of now, the reflector we will be using is "REF030B". If you have a DV Dongle or DV Access Point dongle, be sure to connect directly to the convention reflector and NOT to K6SOA. Look for the Dayton Trek Team and me, their pace-car driver at the Hamvention. I will be spending a good amount of time at the Internet Labs booth, located in Audio Alley where ICOM has been previously this year.

73, Brian, NJ6N

Dayton Trek, 2010 Under Way

By the time you read this the mobile portion of the Dayton Trek team will be well on our way to the Hamvention in Dayton Ohio. Joining Jeff (AD7YT) and myself this year is Brian (NJ6N). He will serve as our "PACE" car. Again back at home this year is Richard (K6RBS) who provides invaluable assistance with updating the website, "spotting" us on the repeaters, and working some of the craziest but effective radio patches that you can imagine.

For those without HF equipment or privileges, there is no excuse. We go out of our way to make many VHF/UHF contacts using the club repeaters. We realize that we are all very busy with our lives, but the team would really like to try and make at least one contact with every club member. It would mean a lot to us and only takes a minute. We will attempt to be checking in on the Tuesday night nets, the GORDO 40 meter nets, and at the club

meeting/auction.

Three pointers to get you started:

This is a contest and does have prizes but it requires a simple log in order to be entered to win.

We have a lot of new members and members with new call signs and we don't know them all yet. When you make a contact mention that you are a club member – it boosts our moral!

Listen to the repeaters. When we are on the air it is usually "spotted" (announced) there so everyone can jump on the radio and give us a pile-up.

For full details or to follow us on our adventure check out the website at <http://soara.org/Dayton2010.htm> or follow the link on the main SOARA web page.

73 for now and see you down the log!

Timothy, AF6GL

Welcome

Welcome to our new members:

Dwayne Anstead,
KJ6FPV

Ben Berry,
KJ6EZN

Dale Cambell,
N6AQQ

Rick Ebel,
K6CGA

Patrick Graves,
K6PLG

Marilyn Graves,
K6MLG

Scott R. Nelson,
KJ6FGQ

Membership Dir.:
Horst Zitzmann,
KD7JHR
Marie Zitzmann,
KD7JHS

O.C. Fair Sign-up

SOARA is once again supporting the OC Fair Ham Radio Booth. We as members have the opportunity to support this Amateur Radio Ambassadorship by manning the both. SOARA's scheduled dates are:

Saturday 17 July & Sunday 18 July.

The shift schedule is estimated to be approximately 4.3 hours with 3 people. Sign up by email or see Mack KD6KSP at the Clubs "Spring Auction" May 17, 2010 or both

Information needed if using email to sign-up: 1 - Name (First, Middle, Last), 2 - Call Sign, 3 - County of Residence, 4 - Contact Phone Number, 5 - Date at Booth, and 6 - Shift (Morn--Mid--Late)

Mack, KD6KSP
OC Fair Steering Committee
SOARA OCCARO Liaison
Cell 949 584 2249

Education

Hello SOARA members,

I am planning a 4 week workshop where the students will build and test various circuits that can be used as building blocks for a QRP transmitter. There will be a \$20.00 material fee. Out of that fee, parts will be bought including a solderless breadboard that the students will keep. The class will be limited to 10 students. I will provide the oscilloscope, power supplies, signal generator and digital multimeter. However, if you have your own equipment, you may bring that and use it.

Right now, I am trying to get a feel as to how many people would be interested. The date for the class to start has not been set but it will be on Wednesdays.

Please let me know via E Mail:

WB6WXO@SOARA.org

73.....Hal

Year 2010	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
General Meeting 7:00 PM	25	22	15	19	17	21	19	16	20	18	15	—
Program	Midway Atoll N6HC	AE6SH Disaster Comm	Digital Modes WB6NOA	Hospital Group AC7GK	Spring Auction	Field Day Prep					Fall Auction	—
VEC Testing	25	22	15	19	17	26 Field Day	19	16	20	18	15	—
SOARA T-Hunt	3	7	7	11	9 ?	6	11	1	5	3	7	5
Board Meeting	Feb 1	Mar 1	22	26	24	28	26	23	27	25	22	TBA
Special Events				3 Pre-F.D. Exercise	14-16 Dayton		O C Fair Radio Booth		17-19 SW Div Hamcon			
ARRL Field Day						26-27						
SOARA picnic								1				
Holiday Party												TBA

☛ **SOARA** meets at the Mission Viejo Community Center, 26932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo, the third Monday of every month at 7:00 PM. For the months of January and February the third Monday is a holiday and the meeting is held on the fourth Monday.

☛ **License Exams:** Amateur License Exams are given prior to SOARA meetings. Exams are from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. Prior registration is encouraged, but walk-in applicants are welcome. For information call Ernie Senser, W6ETS, at 949-458-2504.

☛ **Contacting SOARA:** Questions about SOARA? Postal mail: P.O. Box 2545, Mission Viejo, CA 92690. Send e-mail to: info@soara.org, or leave a message at 949-249-1373.

☛ **Web Site:** SOARA maintains a web site with current club information. The URL is: <http://www.soara.org>.

☛ **Repeaters:** The Laguna Beach, San Clemente, and Trabuco repeaters are open. The Santiago Peak repeaters are closed. For details or questions on the repeaters contact the Repeater director, KG6GI.

	2m	—	147.645	—	(110.9)	Laguna Beach
	2m	—	146.025	+	(110.9)	San Clemente
	2m	—	145.240	—	(110.9)	Trabuco
D-Star	2m	—	146.115	+	(K6SOA C)	Laguna Beach
	220	—	224.100	—	(110.9)	Laguna Beach
	220	—	224.640	—	(123.0)	Santiago Pk. (C)
D-Star	440	—	445.660	—	(K6SOA B)	Laguna Beach
	440	—	447.180	—	(131.8)	Santiago Pk. (C)
D-Star	1.2G	—	1282.600	—	(K6SOA A)	Laguna Beach

☛ **Nets:** SOARA UHF/VHF open net is held Tuesday 8:00 PM 40 meter HF net (7.200 MHz +/- for QRM), Sunday 8:00 AM.

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