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The Monthly Newsletter of the South Orange Amateur Radio Association,
Celebrating its 40th Anniversary

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Meeting

November
17th, 2014

7:00 PM
N.P.
Murray
Center
Veterans
Way
Mission Viejo

Fall Auction

Time to clean out the HAM shack and pick up some new projects for the holidays. All are welcome to attend the next SOARA Fall Auction on Monday, November 17 at the Norman P Murray Center in Mission Viejo at 7pm.

If you have items to auction, bring them EARLY to our regular meeting room (5:30pm suggested) to get them checked in. Be prepared to fill out a tag for each item or lot that you want to sell.

SOARA takes a small percentage of the sale price as an auction handling fee or you can donate the item to SOARA in which case the club will receive 100% of the proceeds.

See the auction rules on page 2 for more information.

Our membership is as good as ever. We are honored to have Sean (AJ6B) teaching our classes and encouraging new operators to join our club. Our Soara Saturdays are a success with Frank (AG6QV) taking over and being helped by various Steves as well as others. Brian (NJ6N), Howard (KG6GI), and Tom (AE6H) are continuously upgrading and improving our repeater systems. The picnic in August was well attended and enjoyable. We have enjoyed a good year of special event communications support including, The Orange County Marathon, The Laguna Hills Half-Marathon, and many others.

I would like to encourage more participation by our members in the management of the club, working as net control for the Tuesday Night nets, as well as the Sunday morning 40m net.

We are looking for a secretary to replace Rick (NU6D) who retired. In February and March we will be looking for volunteers to replace some of our directors for the April election.

As all of you can see our club is constantly looking to improve and provide better service to our members.

When you see something that could be improved or needs changing feel free to get in touch with me and we'll see what can be done.

Always, when the opportunity presents itself, feel free to come up on one of our repeaters and announce yourself.

And, once again, don't forget the Auction is on Monday the 17th.

Thanks,

Heiko AD6OI

FLASH:

Please sign up for the Holiday Party on Dec.7 at Antonucci's Restaurant in Mission Viejo. Cost is \$30 per person. The door prizes will total more than \$500 and are definitely worthwhile. And don't forget the Auction is Monday the 17th.

In Retrospect:

This is the time for reflection on the year that has passed. We have had another good year of exciting and fun meetings with different speakers and subjects. Our Field day results were good and are published in QST this month (In 3A, we were 21st in the country, 2nd in our section and third in the state.)



Live Auction Rules

WHEN: Third Monday of May and November

TIME: 7:00pm - 9:00pm

WHERE: Norman P Murray Community Center, 24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo

At the May and November general membership meetings SOARA holds a live auction. The purpose of this auction is to have a fun way for its members and other Amateur Radio operators to find and sell ham radio equipment. Also this is a way for SOARA to increase its revenues for the maintenance and repair of our repeaters, fund club functions and purchase additional equipment for the club.

In order to facilitate this we put forth the following rules for all members to follow to insure everyone shall have a fair and equitable chance at bidding on items up for auction:

1. Prior to the start of the auction a tag will be placed on each lot (this can be one item or a group of items). Each tag will have a unique circled serial number on it assigned by the treasurer. A lot can be one item or a group of items. If you have many small items for auction, please consider grouping them into a lot as there is typically not enough time to auction numerous small individual items. The seller must neatly write their (1) Call sign, (2) any minimum bid and (3) whether the lot is a donation. Items not marked with a minimum bid or donation status will be considered to have no minimum bid and NOT a donation to the club.
2. The lot will then be placed on display for inspection by prospective bidders. Once submitted for auction an item cannot be removed prior to the completion of the auction (no private sales!) Any known problems with the lot should also be noted on the tag attached to it.
3. SOARA does not make any guarantee or warranty on any item or lot. BIDDERS BEWARE of what you are bidding on. All sales are final and no refunds will be given.
4. When a lot is sold a separate card shall be marked with the winning bidder's call sign or name and the final bid dollar amount. This card will be given to the Treasurer to be logged into the auction tracking software. At the end of the auction all bidders shall pay the club Treasurer or his agent. All sellers shall be paid minus the club's commission at the end of the auction. Any lot not sold or that did not get its minimum bid shall be removed by the seller at the close of the auction.
5. During the auction the person conducting the auction shall take bids from the floor on the lot until the highest bid is reached. Once the auctioneer has declared a lot sold they shall move to the next lot. If for some reason a dispute over the winner of a lot occurs then the lot will be auctioned a second time. If a lot has a minimum bid on it the owner of the lot may at his/her direction agree to a lesser minimum bid prior to the end of the bidding on the lot. If the owner is not present then the minimum bid shall be the lowest bid accepted to sell the lot.
6. SOARA shall receive 10% of the proceeds of lots not marked as a donation and the seller shall receive 90%. SOARA shall receive 100% of the proceeds of lots marked as donation.
7. Once a lot for auction enters the building it is no longer available for private sale. The seller is also prohibited from having "second thoughts" once the auction has started.
8. A copy of these rules shall be posted in the auction area and given to each seller upon placing an item or lot in the sale. Only the President and Vice President can make an exception to these rules after both have discussed the issue. Their decision shall be final but both must be agree on the matter or the rules shall stand.



Fall Auction
November 17

SOARA Saturday
November 22

SOARA Holiday Party
December 7

VEC License Exams

6pm—before the General Meeting

Please see our [website](#) for more info.

Walk-ins ok.

Extra | General | Technician Exams

[SOARA Website](#)

SOARA Holiday Party

WHEN: First Sunday in December (December 7, 2014)

TIME: 6:30pm - 9:30pm

WHERE: [Antonucci's \(Italian\), 24190 Alicia Pkwy, Mission Viejo CA 92691](#)

COST: \$30.00 per person pre-purchase / \$35.00 at the door

MENU: [Here](#)

In lieu of a regular club meeting in December, SOARA presents a holiday social gathering for its membership, friends and family.

There are always great door prizes! A new radio anyone??

Also, we will announce a few special awards for our membership. The WW7D award is especially close to our hearts.

Non-members are welcome to purchase tickets and participate with us.

The Holiday party door prizes will be as follows:

- **Yaesu FT7900R**
- **Diamond Tri-band mobile antenna and trunk mount.**



SOARA Raffle Update:

Hal Silverman

For November we will conclude the \$5 raffle of an MFJ 867 (Giant) SWR/Power meter for 144MHz, 220MHz, and 440MHz. We will need to sell 14 more tickets to break even.

There will be no \$1 raffle this month due to the auction.

The raffle will return to normal in January.

73.....Hal WB6WXO

If there are any comments or suggestions for either the \$1 prizes or a future \$5 prize, please contact me at WB6WXO@SOARA.org





From Membership

SOARA gives a big welcome to our new members:

**Lori Carey
KK6ORR**
Tech
San Juan Capistrano

**Brian Olsen
AG6UH**
Extra
Mission Viejo

**Edwin D. Barnes
KK6PUB**
Tech
Lake Forest

We look forward to seeing you all at meetings, club events and hearing you on the radio and the nets.

Horst Zitzmann,
KD7JHR

Membership
Director

[Online Application](#)



Repeater News

A lot has been done recently to update the equipment at our various repeater sites.

At Santiago, Tom Hobbs and a friend of his from the radio communications industry have installed new TAIT T800 Series I receiver/transmitter pairs to replace the 1970's vintage GE Custom MVP radios used for 224.640 and 447.180 repeaters.



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Month	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
General Meeting 7:00 PM	27	24	17	21	19	16	21	18	15	20	17	—
Program	Baker to Vegas	Rally	Digital HF	AR Video	Spring Auction	Field Day Prep	AreaBFE	SOARA Fair	Mesh Network	LandOps	Fall Auction	—
VEC Testing	27	24	17	21	19	At Field Day	21	18	15	20	17	—
Educational Classes (Starts)	Tech 8		General 5			Tech 4				Ext 1 Gen 4,5	Tech 15,16	
SOARA Saturdays (9am)	Feb 1	Mar 1	22	26	24	-	26	23	20	25	22	—
SOARA T-Hunt	12	9	9	13	18*	8	13	10	14	19	9	14
Board Meeting	Feb 3	Mar 3	24	28	Jun 2	23	28	25	22	27	24	—
Special Events	Quartzfest 19-26	Yuma 14-15	Palm Springs 15	Visalia DX 3-6	Dayton 16-18	ARRL Field Day 28-29		SOARA Picnic 3	ARRL SW 12	JOTA 18-19		SOARA Holiday Party 7
Major HF Contests		ARRL DX-CW 15-16 CQWPX RTTY 8-9	ARRL DX-SSB 1-2 CQWPX SSB 29-30		CQWPX CW 24-25	ARRL Field Day 28-29			CQWW RTTY 27-28	CQWW SSB 26-27	CQWW CW 23-24	
Volunteer Events	OC Chili Run 25	Paws Fur Pink 15 OC Chili Run 22	OC Chili Run 22 Baker to Vegas 22	Vision Quest 5	HD Tr. 3 OC Mar. 4 Memorial Day 1/2 26	ARRL Field Day 28-29					Stache Dash 23	



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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 at 6pm.** Prior registration is not required and walk-in applicants are welcome. For further information, email Sean Reigle, AJ6B, at aj6b@soara.org.

SOARA Library:

SOARA has many amateur radio related books such as hand books, books about electrical theory, etc. available to lend out to club members. Contact Heiko Peschel ad6oi@soara.org for more info.

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 Peak. (C)
	440	—	445.660	—	(110.9)	Laguna Beach
D-Star	440	—	445.700	—	(K6SOA B)	Laguna Beach
	440	—	447.180	—	(131.8)	Santiago Peak. (C)
D-Star	1.2G	—	1282.600	—	(K6SOA A)	Laguna Beach



Nets:

UHF/VHF (447.180, 147.645 & 224.640):
Tuesdays 8:00 PM

D-Star (146.115 C module):
Wednesdays 8:00pm

40 meter HF (7.200 MHz +/- for QRM),
Sundays 8:00 AM.

Gordo Net (HF 7.250 MHz +/- for QRM),
Weekdays 8:30AM

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