



# PROPAGATOR

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

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## Happy New Year From SOARA

Another fun year of amateur radio is almost in the books. We (the club) have had many great experiences this year and hope to have many more in the new year to come.

We also have some wants and needs. Our Secretary Rick Edgmon took early retirement from the board for personal reasons and I have been filling in for him, so we're looking for someone to take over as secretary. All of our directors are also up for election this year, and some may also want to retire, which will create opportunities for others to join the board.

If you're a new ham and don't feel that you have the necessary experience let me tell you my tale. I was a brand new ham in 1993 when Patti and I joined SOARA and I volunteered to help our communications director by filling in for him a few times when he had other commitments. When he decided that he couldn't do the job because of this the board appointed me in his place and I have done Communications, Education, Treasurer, Vice-President, and Ambassador in the mean time. So feel free to come in and join the fun. There is some work involved but not too much, and two 2 hour meetings to attend each month. We are also looking for a field day director too.

Looking forward to the next year I am trying to line up more good speakers for our meetings. We will have Gordon West with us in March and I hope to get some DX'ers to come and visit us as well as representatives from the major players in the amateur radio industry.

So please feel free to enjoy the Holiday season and play radio.

The January and February meetings will be on the Fourth Monday of the month due to holidays on the third Monday.

Thanks,

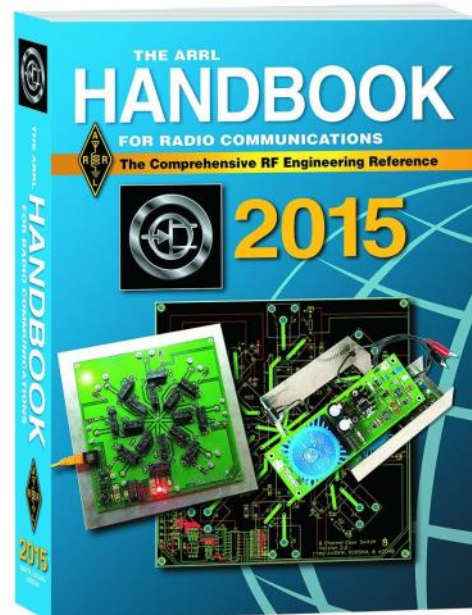
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No Meeting  
In  
December

Next  
Meeting:

Jan 26th  
2015



## SOARA Holiday Party

SOARA held its annual Holiday Party on December 7th at Antonucci's in Mission Viejo. It was well attended and a good time was had by all and the food was impeccable. There were also several door prizes handed out, including a Yaesu FT7900R, a Diamond Tri-band mobile antenna and trunk mount and books donated by Gordon West, WB6NOA, thanks Gordo! Congratulations to the winners!



Ben Kromann won the grand prize, a Yaesu FT7900R



# 3 2014 SOARA Calendar THE PROPAGATOR

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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# 4 2015 SOARA Calendar THE PROPAGATOR

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General Meeting 7:00 PM	26	23	16	20	18	15	20	17	21	19	16	—
Program	TBD	TBD	Gordon West	TBD	Spring Auction	Field Day Prep	TBD	SOARA Fair	TBD	TBD	Fall Auction	—
VEC Testing	26	23	16	20	18	At Field Day	20	17	21	19	16	—
Educational Classes (Starts)												
SOARA Saturdays (9am)	31	28	21	25	23	20	25	22	26	24	21	—
SOARA T-Hunt	11	8	8	12	10	14	12	9	13	11	8	13
Board Meeting	Feb 2	Mar 2	23	27	Jun 1	22	27	24	28	26	23	—
Special Events	Quartzfest	Yuma	Palm Springs	Visalia DX	Dayton	ARRL Field Day 26-28		SOARA Picnic 2	ARRL SW	JOTA		SOARA Holiday Party 6
Major HF Contests		ARRL DX-CW CQWPX RTTY	ARRL DX-SSB CQWPX SSB		CQWPX CW	ARRL Field Day 27-28			CQWW RTTY	CQWW SSB	CQWW CW	
Volunteer Events	OC Chili Run	Paws Fur Pink OC Chili Run	OC Chili Run Baker to Vegas	Vision Quest	HD Tr. OC Mar. Memorial Day 1/2	ARRL Field Day 26-28					Stache Dash	

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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
<b>D-Star</b>	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
<b>D-Star</b>	440	—	445.700	—	(K6SOA B)	Laguna Beach
	440	—	447.180	—	(131.8)	Santiago Peak. (C)
<b>D-Star</b>	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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