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The Monthly Newsletter of South Orange Amateur Radio Association

December is a good time for parties, and SOARA had a good party on Sunday, Dec. 4. The location was new and very nice. We had the entire Golf Club restaurant at Costa Del Sol for the party. The food was good and the entertainment and activities were outstanding.

Activities Chair, Lou Frank, KG6FCT, and his committee did a masterful job of planning, decorating, and conducting the festivities. There was live music, poetry reading, awarding of humorous achievement certificates (see the photos on SOARA's web site — well, in this case "web sight"). Ray, AE6H, reviewed the highlights of SOARA's successes in 2005. By any measure we had a good year and can expect 2006 to be even better.

New this year was a "pirate gift exchange."



A view of the Club members and family at the Annual Party held at the Costa Del Sol Golf Club in Mission Viejo. Paul, NZ1M, and a fellow musician provided live entertainment.



Bob Grant, W6CIC, won the Door Prize.

Each participant brought a wrapped gift to put under the tree. Later, each one had the opportunity to retrieve a gift from the tree or claim a gift someone had already obtained. The person whose gift was "stolen" then retrieved a new gift.

Finally, the drawing for the door prize, a Kenwood G707A, capped the evening's activities. It was a fun evening for all who attended. Everyone went home well fed after enjoying an evening of fun and a lot of visiting. If you did not attend this year's party mark your calendar for the party next year. See you at the January meeting. □



Club President, Ray, AE6H, presents Lou Frank, KG6FCT, with the Ham of the Year award.

The award, in memory of WW7D, will be presented each year to a club member who has shown outstanding leadership and dedication to Amateur Radio and to the South Orange Amateur Radio Association. Congratulations to Lou on being selected for this honor.



2006 Meeting Topics:

January 23 — Tom Hobbs, AE6SH, will share his experiences as communication operator for FEMA Search & Rescue Teams at Gulf hurricane sites.

February 27 — Carl Gardenias, WU6D, ARRL Orange section Manager, will present SOARA with the ARRL Special Services Club Certificate. He will explain the purpose of special service clubs and the benefits of such a club. He may include some material about emergency communications.

March 20 — Steve Jensen, W6RHM, has planned an interesting Spark Gap Transmitter demonstration and talk.

April 17 — The April topic will be announced later.

May 15 — Spring Auction

July 24 — Hal Silverman, WB6WXO, will discuss a variety of electronics courses offered at Saddleback College. These are courses that may be of interest to Hams.

The City of Dana Point

has contacted SOARA, and is interested in establishing an EMCOMM team (RACES ARES type), but the exact form hasn't been decided. They have also requested a suggested radio and equipment list for them to purchase and install at the EOC in City Hall.

If you're interested, here's your chance to get in on the ground floor and help decide the shape of this team. Please contact Ray, AE6H, (ae6h@soara.org) to express your interest.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2006

South Orange Amateur Radio Association 2006 Schedule of Meetings & Events

Year 2006	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
General Meeting 7:00 PM	23	27	20	17	15	19	17	21	18	16	20	No meeting
Program	AE6SH	WU6D	W6RHM		Spring Auction	WB6WYO					Fall Auction	—
VEC Testing	23	27	20	17	15	24	17	21	18	16	20	—
SOARA T-Hunt	8	5	5	2	7	4	2	6	3	8	5	3
Board Meeting	30	3/6	27	24	22	24	24	28	25	23	27	
ARRL Field Day						24/25						
SOARA picnic								6				
SOARA Holiday Party												3

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