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Amateur Radio and Performance Rally

Our speaker for the July meeting is Kris Marciniak , KI6IUC. Kris is passionate about the sport of rally. While winning the 2006 USRC National Stock Class Championship, he volunteered his time at other local rallies not on the national calendar. He is the California Rally Series Competitor Liaison and was the Chief of Timing & Scoring for the 2007 Seed 9 rally. He tested an Automatic Position Reporting System at the Rim of the World Rally back in April and continues to



find enjoyment and excitement from the world of amateur radio.

Kris has been a licensed amateur radio operator since March of this year and will describe ways that hams can contribute

to keeping the sport of rallying safe.

Come out and hear about some of the excitement and thrills of this sport. You may want to apply your radio skills to add to the fun.



QST, QST, de AE6SH

Ray has returned to his project in Maine. Our Vice President, Tom, was kind enough to write this column in Ray's place.

Hello members! **Tom, AE6SH**, here, your humble Vice President. And when I say humble; I mean truly humble. After seeing the fantastic efforts by our members at our Field Day event, I would be proud just to be a member of **SOARA**. However, I am truly humbled that I can be your VP, and very proud to be part of this extraordinary group of people.

This year's **Field Day** proved again to be a challenge and a triumph.

Gilleran Park again was a most gracious host, and we could not have received better weather if we had ordered it out of a catalog. If you missed being there, you missed what I think was our best **FD** ever. Moreover, if I tried to name every member, and even non-members and their efforts that made this year's event such a success this article would fill volumes. Therefore, in lieu of individual recognition a very heart felt *thank you* to all for a job well done!

Meeting:

July 16

7:00 PM

N. P. Murray
Center
Mission Viejo

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Upcoming Activities



Events:

August 2 & 3
O C Fair
SOARA at
the Ham
Radio booth

August 5
SOARA
Picnic at
Baby Beach
in Dana Point

Sept. 7-9
HamCon

October 24
SONGS test
*There is still
room for a
few more
volunteers*

Check out
"My Field Day
Story" at:
[http://
planetkris.co
m/](http://planetkris.com/)

Would you like to spend a day at the **Orange County Fair** for free! SOARA needs people to work the booth at the Orange County Fair for a few hours and receive free tickets for both admission and parking. The work is easy and fun; just sit in the booth, say hello to the folks that pass by, and play with the radios in the booth. What could be simpler? Please help by volunteering to help staff the Orange County Fair Ham Booth.

SOARA is staffing the booth on both Thursday **Aug. 2** and Friday **Aug. 3**. Time periods are noon to 5:00 PM, 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM, and 8:00 PM to midnight. Sign up early and get your free tickets.

Contact Lou, KG6FCT, by email or phone 949-206-1986.

The annual **SOARA Picnic** is on Sunday **August 5th** at Baby Beach in Dana Point. The schedule is as follows: Early bird radio set-ups at 10:00 AM.

Lunch will be from noon to 2:00 PM. The club will provide hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

Activities from 2:00 to 5:00 PM will include: games, T-hunting (with a twist!), and geocaching. To add to the fun bring an HT, a GPS, a compass, and T-hunting gear. (There will be some gear to loan, and teams will be encouraged.)

Join us for a cool day at the beach. The talk in frequency will be simplex 144.330 MHz. See you there.

KG6FCT

Raffle Report

Congratulations to Jim, K6EEE, who was the winner of the Yaesu FT-60 handi-talkie at the June meeting! This month's prize is a brand new model just introduced at the Dayton Hamvention, a Yaesu, VX-3R dual band handi-talkie! This is a very small and light dual band hand-held transceiver with 1.5 watts out on 2m and 1 watt out on 440. (With an external DC source, you can run 3 watts on both bands!) The radio is packed full of neat features and I think whoever wins it will really enjoy it.



There will of course be a one-dollar raffle as well and many great prizes to be won.

See you at the meeting! de NJ6N



Some statistics from Field Day:

We had about 54 members participate in the activities.

We had 37 visitors sign the visitor log. (That included the mayor of Mission Viejo.)

Ten people passed VE exams, 5 new hams & 5 upgrades.

We accepted six new members.

We made 1315 contacts.

Top operators were:

N6REG	308
WY6DX	239
K6RBS	236
W6SI	186
KI6BPL	133

Our final score is **5702**

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Speaking of a job well done, I would like to thank **Ron (W6OM)** for his work as our Membership Director. Ron took on this task and as he does in most things, poured his heart and soul into it. We as members, and especially our new members felt his energy and enthusiasm. Ron has requested that he be replaced as Membership Director. Ron you leave big shoes to fill! So big in fact that we needed two people to fill them.

Please join me in welcoming **Horst (KD7JHR)** and **Marie (KD7JHS)** as our new "team" of Membership Directors. I am sure that under their direction membership will continue to grow, and **SOARA** will continue to be "the place to be" in Ham Radio in south OC. Welcome to **Horst** and **Marie** and thanks for stepping up!



As usual there is no shortage of things to do and places to be. Next up on our calendar (other than our meetings) is our two day manning of the Orange County Fair <http://www.ocfair.com> Ham Radio booth on

Aug. 2nd & 3rd. Come and spend a few hours at the booth and then enjoy the fair!

Soon afterward will be our Picnic. Save the date: Sunday Aug. 5th 2007. Food Fun and Friends will be in abundance, and the beach is a good place to spend a summer day.

In September we will participate in HAMCON <http://Hamcon.org>. SOARA will again present the Wouf Hong ceremony and cast members are needed. Dates are September 7th, 8th & 9th in Torrance, CA.

Finally I want to remind everyone to stay prepared. Keep your batteries charged, rolling power outages will be a fact of life this year as it gets hotter. Keep your gas tank above $\frac{3}{4}$; if the power is out, they cannot pump gas. If you live in an area near hills with brush (most areas south of the 55 freeway), think about what

you would take if you needed to evacuate. It can happen to anyone!

Hope to see everyone at the meeting!

73
Tom, AE6SH

Siren Test, You Can Help.

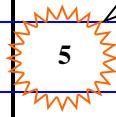
It's not too late to sign up, now that you know your schedule better and know that Oct 24th is a free day for you. I have room for a few more Siren watchers.

I just got the maps from mission control and am starting to lay out times and schedules. So all that have signed up will have this information shortly.

Dave, KG6QCI

Year 2007	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
General Meeting 7:00 PM	22	26	19	16	21	18	16	20	17	15	19	No meeting
Program	KI6BLP Sat. trk ant & APRS	K6LCS Clint Bradford	W6OM Ron Operating DX	Program on D-Star	Spring Auction	F.D. Prep.	KI6ICU Rally Racing & APRS				Fall Auction	—
VEC Testing	22	26	19	16	21	23	16	20	17	15	19	—
SOARA T-Hunt	7	4	4	1	6	3	1	5	2	7	4	2
Board Meeting	29	3/5	26	23	29	23	23	27	24	22	26	
Special Events			24	25	19							
ARRL Field Day						23/24						
SOARA Picnic							5					
SOARA Holiday Party												9

Come spend the day at the beach with us.



☛ **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 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Walk-in applicants are welcome. For information call Paul Levey, NZ1M, at 949-481-5454.

☛ **Contacting SOARA:** Questions about SOARA? 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, KG6GL.

	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 2 m repeater open net is held Tuesday 8:00 PM 40 meter HF net (7.250 MHz +/- for QRM), Sunday 8:00 AM.

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