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## January Meeting Location!

The N. P. Murray Center is not available for the **January** and **March** meetings. The location for the January 28th 2008 SOARA meeting will be at the **LDS Church, 29441 Altisima, Rancho Santa Margarita 92688**. The time will be the Same: 7:00-9:00 pm. As this is

an LDS facility, in keeping with



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## MEETING:

JAN. 28

7:00 PM

NEW  
LOCATION:  
SEE SOARA  
WEB SITE



## QST, QST, de AE6H

The SOARA Holiday Party was a perfect finale to a very busy year for the Club. With

a good room, and excellent food, Antonnuci's Restaurant in Mission Viejo was a great venue. The party was well attended by nearly 40 people, several awards were presented, and an Icom ID-91AD handheld analog / digital dual band radio was given away as the door prize. Horst, KD7JHR was the lucky radio winner. The Richard

Coyne, WW7D, Memorial Award for outstanding service to SOARA, the community, and to amateur radio for 2007 was presented to Richard, K6RBS.



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## Upcoming Activities



SOARA is hunting for hunters, T-Hunters, that is. After a few months off the SOARA T-hunts are beginning again.

Since the first Sunday of Feb. is Super Bowl Sunday, the hunt will be held on Saturday, Feb. 2.

Come to the meeting on Monday — There will be an announcement and some advice for new hunters. Try it, it really is fun, as well as developing a useful skill.

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Others receiving certificates of recognition, included Howard, KG6GI, and Brian, NJ6N, For their D-star and repeater work; Lou, KG6FCT for planning Field Day and the numerous club activities; Kris, KR6ISS for 40 meter net participation; Dale, W8RRV for the Newsletter, and providing monthly meeting refreshments; Lee, K6QAX, for managing the other nets; and Ray, KG6QWY, Tom, AE6SH, Heiko, AD6OI, for Extra Field Day participation. Lou and Muriel, KA6BJO and KA6BJP, our Life Members, were recognized for traveling the farthest to attend. They had just returned from a cruise to Mexico! I believe all had an enjoyable time.

As a brief recap to 2007 for the club, SOARA had several notable achievements. Thanks to a generous donation, and much hard work by our technical team, the club implemented a "full stack" Icom D-Star tri band repeater and Internet Gateway system, the first in the LA / Orange area. SOARA was a Sponsoring and Organizing Club for HAMCON 07, the ARRL Southwest Division Convention, held this year in Torrance, CA. We also presented the Conven-

tion Wouff Hong ceremony, inducting new members into the Royal Order of the Wouff Hong. In addition, SOARA had a very successful Field Day, our fun Summer Picnic, some great seminars, and covered two days in the Amateur radio booth at the Orange County Fair. Several SOARA folks assisted with the October fire emergency, and worked various public service events this year. We hope to see you on January 28, 2008, our first meeting of the New Year! □

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their traditions, they ask that we observe their no smoking, and no coffee request.

Please see the SOARA web site for a map to the location. Thanks to Steve Sherman, KI6FZV, and the Rancho Santa Margarita LDS Stake for allowing us to use this great facility. Thanks also to the many SOARA folks who found us several possible locations. The location of the February meeting will be posted on the web site and in the *Propagator* in February.

Tom Woodard from the Orange County Red Cross will be at the January meeting to present SOARA a certificate of appreciation and to talk about the local Red Cross Chapter. □



2007 was a good year for SOARA, we accomplished a lot as a club, and as hams. This new year should be even better. The board has been busy making plans for the year so that things will run smoothly. Well, nothing ever runs as smoothly as we expect!

The success of the club and its programs depends on individuals pitching in to help. There is a place for everyone. There is a task that requires **YOU** in order for us to have all of the success we hope for. We may succeed without you but we will succeed better with you.

## HamCon 2007 Wrap-up

On Saturday, January 12, I attended the wrap up meeting of the Hamcon '07 Organizing Committee. As you probably know, Hamcon is the annual ARRL Southwest Division Convention that rotates around the division. It is held in the LA / OC area every four years, SOARA was one of the 14 organizing / sponsoring clubs for the '07 convention that was held in Torrance last August. At the meeting we learned that the convention made almost \$15,000, and after leaving Approximately \$3,000.00 in the Hamcon account for the 2011 convention, each of the 14 clubs received a check for \$1,000.00. \$200.00 was a refund of the seed money each club put up front, and \$800.00 was our share of the profit!

It should be noted that during the other years, the convention rotates around the SW Division, with future venues in Phoenix in 2008, Inland Empire 2009, San Diego in 2010, and back to the LA / OC area for 2011. Frequently the other venues barely break even, or make very little. SOARA has been involved as a sponsoring club twice, first in Long Beach in 2003, and Torrance in 2007. Both times we have been fortu-

nate enough as a Convention Committee to do very well.

SOARA's major contributions to the '07 convention were presenting the traditional Wouff Hong Pageant and Ceremony, and sponsoring / presenting two of the Technical Sessions, both involving D-Star digital communications. I want to thank the many SOARA members who put in long hours ahead of time, preparing, rehearsing, obtaining materials, as well as actually presenting the programs at the convention. In addition, SOARA maintained an informational booth at the exhibition.

All of the above, including the success of the 2007 Convention, is due in large part to the dedicated participation of the following SOARA members, working as presenters, cast members, and support staff: Tak Asami, W6SI, Howard Brown, KG6GI, Bud Raridon, WB6RDO, Dale Griffith, W8RRV, Tom Hobbs, AE6SH, Karl Miljevich, KF6MDF, Steven Morris, KF6JVT, Patty Peschel, AD6OH, Heiko Peschel, AD6OI, Brian Roode, NJ6N, Dave Seroski, KG6QCI, Kathy Visser, AE6UT, and J.T. Visser, KG6YXG.

We truly appreciate the hard work and dedication of all these folks.

73 de Ray, AE6H  
SOARA President

Year 2008	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
General Meeting 7:00 PM	28	25	17	21	19	16	21	18	15	20	17	No meeting
Program	Red Cross	TBA	TBA	TBA	Spring Auction	F.D. Prep.	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	Fall Auction	—
VEC Testing	28	25	17	21	19		21	18	15	20	17	
SOARA T-Hunt	—	2 Saturday	2	6	4	1	13	3	7	5	2	7
Board Meeting	2/4	3/3	24	28	6/2	23	28	25	22	27	24	29
Special Events												
ARRL Field Day						28-29						
SOARA picnic								3				
SOARA Holiday Party												7

☛ **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](mailto: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.

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|--------|------|---|----------|---|-----------|------------------|
|        | 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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