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Meeting:

Nov. 17

7:00 PM

**N.P.
Murray
Center**

**Veterans
Way
Mission Viejo**

Major Auction Planned for November

The radio equipment of Silent Key, Ted Brunner, W6LLL, has been donated to SOARA by his wife Luci, KG6CIX. Ted was a very active ham operator and had collected an outstanding array of equipment. Much of that equipment will be presented for sale at the upcoming November auction on the 17th.

This should prove to be the largest auction that SOARA has held. In addition to the W6LLL donation there will be equipment that members are presenting for sale.

Items in the W6LLL collection includes over a dozen radio sets, a variety of auxiliary devices from the microphone or keyer to the antenna. There will surely be something that you are interested in. Come to the meeting and enjoy a lively auction.

Since there will be several large ticket items at good prices, this is an ideal time to bring some money and get the radio you have been wanting. If you have a radio (or any ham gear) that you want to sell, bring it. This auction will bring out buyers interested in larger purchases.

QST , QST de K6SOA

November 17th will be the last regular meeting of 2008. In December we will hold our annual holiday party, but after that we will hold no meetings until January 26, 2009. January 26? Yes, SOARA meeting are held on the third Monday of the month — except when a holiday falls on that Monday. That happens in January and February, so we hold the meetings in January and February on the fourth Monday.

As you can read above, this auction will be special in that there will be an unusually large collection of fine equipment. This should be the best auction that SOARA has held.

Last month we were very honored to have Arnie Shatz, N6HC, talk about his experiences on the TX5C Dxpediton to Clipperton Island. This was the second Dxpediton



tion presentation that Arnie has given at our meetings. SOARA presented him with a SOARA logo hat in appreciation of his presentations.

The antenna group, under the leadership of Mike, KI6IRA, and Richard, K6RBS, has built a 20m Bobtail Curtain array. On October 25, a group of 7 SOARA members took the array up to a mountain field for a test. They erected a monopole (vertical) and the array and compared the performance of the antennas. There was a contest that Saturday so they had plenty of stations to work. Everyone was delighted with the results of the antenna. *I am afraid this has encouraged them to build more antennas.* If you are interested in joining in their discussions and endeavors, see Mike, KI6IRA.

If you haven't paid your dues yet, please do!

Welcome

New members:
this month

Welcome to

Sara Slygh,
KA6QLT

Charles Boicey,
KI6TUX

John Albano,
N6TRC



Testing

The results of testing
on October 19,
2008:

Alan Ostroff
KI6SOQ
upgraded to Extra
Darin Cargilo
KI6TXO
passed both the
Tech. and General

New Technicians:

William Conley,
KI6TXP

Linda Foth
KI6TXQ

Stephen Meyer,
KI6TXR

Kevin Reese..
KI6TXS

William Schuetz,
KI6TXT

Douglas Stevens
KI6TXU

Ernie .W6ETS

T-Hunt News

This month's hidden transmitter was located at the dead end of Furrow, in Irvine, just off Orchard Hill/Culver. This is located not far from the backside of Northwood High School. The transmitter power was about 5 watts into a four element beam pointed towards the mountains for (hopefully) maximum reflections. This seemed to have worked based on some of the hunter's reports. The beam appeared to have rotated in the slight breeze as the afternoon progressed. I'll have to work on that.

Tom, AE6SH, was the first hunter to find me, coming in at one hour. Richard, K6RBS, was second at an hour and a half, and Karl, KF6MDF, was third at an hour and forty seven minutes. Lou, KG6FCT, was directed in, and Kriss, KR6ISS, had to bow out after having antenna problems and not having tools on hand to fix it.

This was intended to be an easy hunt where the hidden transmitter could be driven up to, and no sniffing was required. Listening to some of the stories of previous hunts, I have come to the realization that I have been lucky in finding the transmitter in the past. I am sure that Tom will provide

Holiday Party

This year's party will be held at Peppino's on the lake at Mission Viejo. The cost is \$25 per person, which includes the tax and gratuity. The facility limits us to 50 people, so don't delay in getting your tickets. Note that tickets can be purchased via pay pal on the club web site (indicate # of tickets in the note section). See Flyer on page 4.

Membership

The membership directors thank the 101 members who have paid their dues and are current. We wish to encourage more to send in their dues payment and the suggestion sheets. If you have any questions, please see one of us at the meeting or via e-mail at:

membership@soara.org

Dues can be paid via the internet using PayPal — See web page at soara.org.

73, Horst & Marie Zitzmann

a challenge for next month's hunt, currently scheduled for December 7th.

73, Gray, WA6BJY

Raffle Report



Our Vice President, Tom, AE6SH, won the five-dollar raffle at the October membership meeting. Tom quickly decided that he didn't really need another FT-1802M since he had already won the same model of radio in a previous SOARA raffle, so another winning ticket was drawn. That lucky ticket belonged to Sara Slygh, KA6QLT, a recently licensed ham radio operator. Congratulations to Sara on becoming a ham and being the lucky winner in the raffle! Congratulations to the lucky winners in the one-dollar raffle as well.

I would like to thank Horst, KD7JHR, and Marie, KD7JHS, for running the raffle in my absence, I hear they did a terrific job. If anyone else would like to train to be my backup on running the raffle, please let me know.

NOTE: There will be no raffle during the November auction meeting and there will be no December membership meeting so the next raffle will be at the January meeting.

73, Brian, NJ6N

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	DX trip N6HC	OOP Dan Welch W6DFW	EmmCom Wayne Berringer KB6UJW	Spring Auction	F.D. Prep.	H F Ron Weaver W6OM	HF 2 Ron Weaver W6OM	Emm Prep Knutie, K6HIV	TX5C Arnie Shatz N6HC	Fall Auction	—
VEC Testing	28	25	17	21	19		21	18	15	20	17	
SOARA T-Hunt	6	3	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					17 Work 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 5:30 to 7:00 PM. Prior registration is encouraged, but walk-in applicants are welcome. For information call Ernie Senser, W6ETS, at 949-458-2504.

☛ **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 UHF/VHF 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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SOARA Holiday Party '08

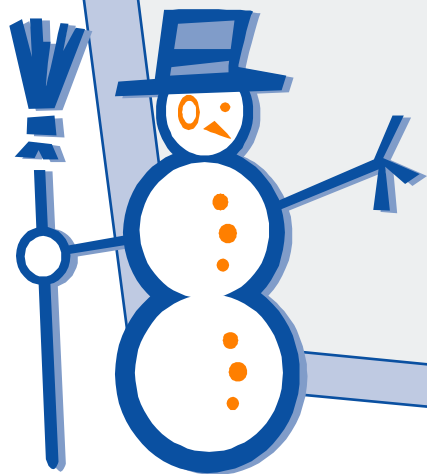
December 7th

5:30p.m.(dinner at 6:30) till
they throw us out!

Peppino's on the lake
In Mission Viejo

Dinner includes: 5 choice Italian
Buffet, salad, bread and soft drinks.
Full bar available. Members receive
1 ticket for Radio drawing (must be
present to win). Rotating gift
exchange \$15.00 limit (fun!)

**\$25.00 per person (includes tax
& tip) Limited to first 50 paid\$**



Contact: Heiko, AD6OI, or Tom, AE6SH