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Radio 101  
Separate PDF  
this month.

Meeting:

April 21

N.P.  
Murray  
Center

Veterans Way  
Mission Viejo

## MAXIMIZING DEPLOYMENT CHECKLISTS

Most volunteer communicators donate their time, services and resources on a "Call When Needed" basis and are not full-time first responders. Yet emergency managers, fire service and law enforcement professionals and government officials rely on their perception of a "professional" when evaluating volunteer performance and contribution. Any tools that help a volunteer fulfill this expectation, meet mission requirements and exceed the perceptions and anticipations of

evaluators is a good thing.

How we perform is how we will be remembered, and this presentation will highlight advance preparedness and pre-departure strategies that will help volunteers to be remembered as true professionals.

This month's speaker on emergency communications is Wayne Barringer, KB6UJW. Wayne has been licensed

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## QST, QST de AE6H

I will be unable to attend the April meeting, but I'm sending a few words from the north woods and coast

of Maine:

First, I would like to remind everyone that this month's SOARA meeting will be at our regular meeting location at the newly renovated and enlarged **Norman P. Murray Senior and Community Center**. The location of our meeting room within the building is unchanged, but the room has been renamed the "Palo Verde" room. You may find the room by using the famil-

iar back entrance doors, or through the newly located main entrance.

Second, I want to encourage all current members to submit their ballots for the **SOARA election of officers** that is being held this month. You should have received the ballot electronically in PDF format earlier this month in an email to all members. If you do not plan to attend the April SOARA meeting, please print, mark, and mail your ballot as soon as possible. If you do plan to attend, bring along your completed ballot for depositing in the ballot box that will be provided at the meeting. If you forget

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## KI6IRA Takes Job as Field Day Coordinator

Field Day planning is under way. There will be plenty of work, fun, and radio operation. The big event is on **June 28/29**. In preparation there will be a work day on **May 17**. There will be a brief announcement of the needs for workers and equipment at the April general meeting.

Names of the volunteers to head each area are listed in the table to the right. Contact Mike, KI6IRA, at 949-355-5038 to volunteer.

Coordinator:

1. CW Group	Mike Slygh, KI6IRA Ron Weaver, W6OM & Phil Lonzello, WA6LDI
2. SSB Group	Lee Krank, K6QAX
3. Digital	Mike Slygh, KI6IRA
4. Antenna	Richard Saunders, K6RBS & Greg Scott, N6REG
5. Food	Dave Seroski, KG6QCI
6. APRS	Kris Marchiniak, KI6IUC
7. Satellite, UHF & VHF	Volod Boyko, KI6BLP
8. Network and Logging	Brian Roode, NJ6N
9. SSTV	Brian Roode, NJ6N
10. ATV	Dale Griffith, W8RRV
11. Antenna Display area	Knute Josifek, K6HIV
12. GOTA Station	Hal Silverman, WB6WXO
13. Educational Table	Hal Silverman, WB6WXO
14. NTS	Al Way, KC6LNP
15. Power	Tom Hobbs, AE6SH
16. Public information	Knute Josifek, K6HIV

### Events:

*A hidden transmitter hunt is scheduled for the first Sunday of each month.*

*Planning for 2008 Field Day has started.*

*Please give some consideration to your participation this year. SOARA always receives a good score and the participants always have fun. Make plans to be there this year..*

*The success of SOARA activities depends on the efforts of many members. Please consider volunteering your talents as a volunteer in one of the activities. We need **YOU**.*

## Attention SOARA D-STAR Users

ICOM has introduced a new version of the software that handles communication between D-STAR systems over the Internet. The "gateway" software runs on a Linux operating system computer at each repeater site. The new version is known as "G2" which stands for "Generation 2". The previous version is known as "version 1".

The SOARA D-STAR repeater system was upgraded to the new G2 software on Sunday and has joined the G2 net-

work of D-STAR systems. Not all of the version 1 systems have been upgraded at this time. As gateways are upgraded, they will once again be reachable from the K6SOA system. Until then, you may not be able to reach D-STAR systems you used to be able to reach on version 1.

### What you need to do:

Using the instructions found here as a guide: [http://www.dstargateway.org/D-Star\\_Registration.html](http://www.dstargateway.org/D-Star_Registration.html)

## Raffle Report

Congratulations to the lucky prize winners in the \$1 raffle at the March meeting! We \*almost\* sold enough tickets to award the \$5 raffle prize last month, however; we still need to sell a few more tickets to break even. We will most certainly be able to award the prize, a Kenwood **TM-V71A** "true

dual band", high power, VHF/UHF mobile rig at the April meeting. Good luck to everyone who has already bought a ticket or two and to those of you who are planning on buying tickets. I hope to see everyone at the meeting.  
73, NJ6N



## Welcome

The membership directors have sent handbooks to all members who weren't checked off from our hand-out list. Hope everyone has received their 2008 SOARA-users handbook.

If you haven't received your handbook please send an email to [membership@soara.org](mailto:membership@soara.org). Horst and Marie Zitzmann, membership directors.

## Election of Officers

The election of officers for the next two years is under way. The slate of candidates was presented at the March meeting and ballots have been distributed via e-mail. If you have not submitted your 2008 SOARA ballot, please print it out and mail it or bring it to the April meeting and deposit it in the ballot box.

The candidates are:

- President:** Ray, AE6H (incumbent)  
**V. P.:** Tom, AE6SH (incumb.)  
**Secretary** Phil, WA6LDI (appt)  
**Treasurer** Tom Parks, KI6DDB

And for **Technical Director** to fill the unexpired term: Brian, NJ6N.

Thanks to the candidates for serving as officers and thanks to all members for your support and votes.

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since October, 1987, and is also licensed as KAG0370 for GMRS communications. He is a member of ARES and a volunteer member of CAL FIRE Major Incident Command Team 7 (Type I). He has completed the CAL FIRE S-403 Information Officer Course as prescribed by the National Wildfire Coordination Group (NWCG) and is a "Call When Needed" (CWN) Fire Information Officer. He presented the Information Officer message at the Operational Briefing on the Esperanza Fire after the tragic loss of five U.S. Forest Service firefighters. Wayne is editor of the "COAX Connections" e-Zine published by V-C-N.org.

## T-Hunt News

Next T-hunt will be held on **May 4th**, starting at 1:00 PM. Coordination will be on the 447.180 repeater. All hunters are welcome.

Thanks to Gray, WA6BJY, for a fun hunt on April 6. The winner of that hunt was Karl, KD6MDF.

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## W6ETS Takes on Testing Duties

Just a note to inform the members that due to outside commitments, Paul Levey is no longer able to be in charge of the testing program. Ernie Senser, W6ETS, who has been assisting Paul will take over the responsibility. The testing program will continue as it has in the past except that pre registration would be preferred. but walk ins will still be accepted.

Any SOARA member who is a VE is welcome to attend the testing session. Any SOARA member who wants to become a VE please contact Ernie for an application.

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your ballot, there will be a small supply of blank ballots available at the meeting as well.

And last, just a reminder that field day is coming up near the end of June. The committees are forming under the able guidance of Mike, KI6IRA. He will be writing more elsewhere in this edition of the *Propagator*. Please contact Mike and let him know how you would like to participate.

That's all for now. Thanks for reading,

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.	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	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 5:00 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](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.

	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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