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## It is May, Time for Another Spring Auction

Have you started your spring SHACK cleaning? Collect all of the gear and other cherished ham paraphernalia that you no longer need and bring it to the SOARA auction. We will be back in our old, but newly refurbished room at the Normon P. Murray Community Center. Come a bit early to set up and display your gear — and to browse the other fine used equipment that others have brought. Oh yes, and bring some money, you just may find something that you have been

wanting just waiting for you.

Heiko, AD6OI, will serve as auctioneer with Tom, AE6SH, serving as his helper. The auctions are always fun, even if you don't buy anything.

Mike, KI6IRA, will have a brief update on Field Day preparations, with a chance for you to sign up to work on the Field Day activities of your choice. SOARA is off to a great start this year — we will look for you on Monday.

**BULLETIN TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS:** Please do not use **14.270 MHz.** For the time being. It is being used for relief efforts in China.

## Meeting:

**May 19**

**7:00 PM**

**N.P.  
Murray  
Center**

**Veterans  
Way  
Mission Viejo**



## QST, QST de AE6H

Ray sends greetings from the "Land of the Loon and Moose". and will be back in time

for the June meeting and FD. This month the space is turned over to Mike, KI6IRA, to give you a review of FD plans.

Well, Field Day is getting closer and the time to start getting involved is here. The planning group had a meeting this past week and resolved most of the main issues. Lets not forget the work party this weekend at the

park. Come out and give us a hand ( or two ) in going through the gear and building a couple of antennas.

Tom,AE6SH, has assured us that we will have a quiet generator again this year, with power to spare. Our antenna group – Greg, N6REG, and Richard, K6RBS, have their plans worked out and just need people for the teams that will be putting the antenna's up. Please let them know if you are available.

Food planning is coming along with the idea of custom made breakfast burrito's and a Mexican style dinner

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## Field Day Volunteers Wanted

This year we have started the planning for Field Day earlier and in a more organized way than has sometimes been the case. Mike, KI6IRA, has been applying his organizational skills, and as a result people have taken on the tasks of taking responsibility for the major Field Day activities. That doesn't mean that they will be doing all of the work. Their main job is to collect a crew of people to take care of their aspect of field day activities.



### Events:

*Saturday, 5 / 17:*  
*Starting at 8 AM*  
 SOARA will hold a FD preparation work day at **Gilleran Park.**

*Come out and help with the clean-up, fix-up, party. We don't expect it to run past 3 PM.*

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

*June 28/29 are the dates for Field Day. Plan on joining us at Gilleran Park. We had a good turnout last year and are hoping for an even better one this year. Lots of operating modes, lots of excitement. See you there!*

Please look over the list of activities in the box to the right. Select one (or several) and talk to the person responsible about joining their team.

Come out, get involved, and above all, **have fun!**



### Field Day 2008 Organization

Coordinator:

1. SSB Group
2. CW Group

3. Digital
4. Antenna

5. Food
6. APRS
7. Satellite, UHF & VHF
8. Network and Logging
9. SSTV
10. ATV
11. Antenna Display area
12. GOTA Station
13. Educational Table
14. NTS
15. Power
16. Public information

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 Tom Hobbs, AE6SH  
 Knute Josifek, K6HIV

## Raffle Report

Congratulations to Mike, KF6HVO, who won the Kenwood TM-V71A dual-band mobile rig in the April five-dollar raffle! Congrats to the winners in the one-dollar raffle as well. Remember, there are no raffles in May due to the bi-annual auction. The raffle prize for the June meeting will be an Inet Labs Digital Voice Dongle. The DV Dongle enables you to participate in the D-STAR network using your computer. I hope to see you at the meeting in May!

73, NJ6N





## Welcome

### New members: this month

Mike Rickey  
AF6FB

Jeff Pederson  
KE7TCP

David Knox  
KF6FYO

Mike Boyle  
KI6DPR

### New Board Members:

The votes have been duly counted and the proposed slate won.

Welcome to the new treasurer, **Tom Parkes, KI6DDB**, who replaces Steve, KR6CE.

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Our Technical Director **Brian Roode, NJ6N**, who replaces Bob, W6CIC.

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Saturday night. Send an e-mail to Dave, KG6QCI, if you are willing to help with the cooking and serving chores. I know he could use some helpers.

Knute, K6HIV, is working on the signs and materials for our information and education table, our unique antenna display, as well as taking responsibility for the GOTA station. He needs some volunteer's to help in these areas. If you have any interesting antennas that you have built and are willing to display, please let Knute know.

Lee, K6QAX, is handling the phone operator scheduling and radio's. If you are interested in working a station at field day or loaning some equipment let Lee know. Ron Weaver, W6OM, is still looking for a few good CW operators. Looks like we will run one CW station during the day and two through the night. Get in touch with Ron if you would like a chance to do a little CW.

Mike, KI6IRA, is looking for those individuals interested in the digital modes. If you would like to learn how to work in the digital arena, let mike know. He is working on setting up a training session and will have the software available along with some good trainers.

Our June meeting will be spent on preparing for field day and well as training members on the logging software and how to work the radios during a contest. Learn from some of the best Pro's in the club. So, for those of you who have never done this before, here is your chance to learn. Remember even if you only have a technician license, you can work HF during field day with a qualified control operator present, and there will be an ample supply. HF and contesting can be fun, if just for one day a year.

## Education Notes

It feels like summer, and that means time to pursue some new aspects of Amateur Radio. That may mean upgrading your license. You may have friends who are interested in getting their first ham license. SOARA can help. SOARA runs classes, can direct beginners to classes, or will work with you on your studying for the FCC exam.

If you, or a friend are thinking of preparing for a test contact our Education Director, Hal, WB6WXO. Hal has many years experience in teaching and has been a ham for many years. He will get you into a class, tutor you, or find an "ELMER" to help you with your studies.

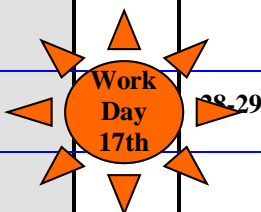
In addition to study opportunities in preparation for tests, Hal conducts seminars and demonstration sessions in various aspects of amateur radio theory and operation. Contact Hal at [wb6wxo@soara.org](mailto:wb6wxo@soara.org).



## Testing

Each month, before the general meeting, Ernie Senser, W6ETS, and his jolly crew of VEs (volunteer examiners) hold a test session for anyone wishing to take an FCC Amateur Radio exam. The exam session starts at 5:00 PM on the Monday of the club meeting, and is held at the Norman P. Murray Community Center,

Ernie prefers that people wishing to take a test contact him prior to the session, but walk-ins are accepted. You can contact Ernie by phone or through his SOARA e-mail address: [w6ets@soara.org](mailto:w6ets@soara.org)

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												
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 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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