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## Field Day, June 28 & 29. Meeting June 16

Calling all SOARA Members - Field Day is coming, **Field Day is Coming!**

Field Day will be the topic for the June meeting. Volunteer leaders have been busy for weeks planning antenna locations, meals, the logging network, and such. Antenna components have been checked, supplies counted and replenished. The Bobtail Curtain antenna has been tested, and works like a champ. There are still

opportunities to take on responsibilities in the areas of Phone, Digital, Education and food services.

Monday's meeting will include a chance for those who are not experienced operating an HF rig to get some instruction. We will have the logging software setup and available for you to learn how to do this easy task. We will have sign-up sheets for the various areas where we need your participation. **Mike Slygh KI6IRA**

**Meeting:  
June 16  
7:00 PM  
N.P.  
Murray  
Center  
Veterans  
Way  
Mission Viejo**



# Q S T

.As of this writing, I am still in Maine, but will be back for the June meeting, and Field Day. The following was sent to me by SOARA former Vice President, Greg Pasqua, KB6YOM, and answers the questions about California's new handsfree wireless device law, as it will apply to ham radio.

73 to all, and hope to see all at field day

Ray, AE6H

### CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL E-MAIL

Date: Tue, 27 May 2008 07:48:20 -0700  
From: Fran Clader <FClader@chp.ca.gov>  
Subject: Re: New Cell Phone Laws - July 1, 2008

The new cell phone laws involve only wireless telephones. They do not concern radios such as your (Amateur Radios), unless they are also wireless telephones.

Again, the law only applies to wireless telephones.

Thanks for your inquiry. If you have any further questions, please give us a call. Or, you can call your local San Diego area CHP office.

Fran Clader  
Commander  
Office of Media Relations  
California Highway Patrol  
(916) 657-7202



Welcome

**New members:**  
this month

Sean Tierney  
KG6PQK



## Field Day, June 28 & 29, 2008

All Field day activities take place at Gilleran Park in Mission Viejo. Take La Paz North to Olympiad, turn right and look for the park entrance on the left. As you can see from the schedule to the right, the activities start on Friday evening. This is a fun start to the weekend. There is a little work done, a chance to see a spud-gun (potato cannon) in operation and some good food and fellowship.

The real work starts early on Saturday with lots of hands busy assembling and putting up antennas, setting up the radios and computers, and getting ready to start. When 11:00 AM arrives the operating phase starts. "CQ Field Day, CQ Field Day." Old timers and new hams hunched over radios straining to pick up that elusive signal. There is lots of activity. And it lasts all night long. Make one contact or a hundred, it is all high fun.

As 11:00 AM on Sunday rolls around there is a rush to make a few last contacts, and then it is time to take it all down and pack the gear away until next year. It will be a great field day with many fond memories. C U at F D

### SOARA Field Day 2008 Schedule

**Friday, June 27**

6:00 PM

Antenna Prep Party at Gilleran Park  
Hot dogs & burgers supplied.

**Saturday, June 28**

7:00 AM

Start set-up and antenna raising.  
Coffee and donuts supplied.

1:00 AM We are set-up and operations begin.

Sandwiches etc. for lunch  
Mexican dinner by Warrior's Society.

**Sunday, June 29**

8:00 AM Breakfast

11:00 AM Field Day ends, time to clean up and go home and relax.



## Testing

Testing in June will be conducted by Lou Parker, KA6BJO, at Field Day.

There will be no testing before the regular meeting on June 16th.

Ernie, W6ETS

## Raffle Report

### Raffle Update

As you know, there was no raffle during May due to the spring Auction. This month's five-dollar raffle prize is a D-STAR DV Dongle. The DV Dongle allows you to participate in the international D-STAR system with the ability to talk and listen on any participating system around the world using your Windows, Macintosh, or Linux computer system. The DV Dongle

plugs into a USB Port and free control software is available for all of the popular operating systems. Check out <http://dvdongle.com/> for more information.

We will also have the usual array of one-dollar raffle prizes as well. I hope to see you at the meeting!

73,  
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.	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 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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