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**Meeting:
January 26
7:00 PM**

**N.P.
Murray
Center**

**Veterans
Way
Mission Viejo**

Antenna Presentation set for January

The topic for the upcoming meeting, Monday, January 26, is Antennas. Always a favorite area for construction and experimenting, this month's talk will concentrate on practical antennas and antenna accessories that can easily be built at home. Made using readily available materials, simple but effective antennas can be readily assembled and put to use. It doesn't take any special skills.

A useful balun can be made from a piece of plastic pipe and ordinary wire from the home supply

store. For a few dollars and a little work one can build and test several versions of these devices. There are not many areas in amateur radio where such a small investment will produce as big a payoff in useful gear and in knowledge gained.

Ron, W6OM, will lead the program in his entertaining manner and you will actually see simple devices constructed. This is Hands-on Ham Radio. Next month's program will be a continuation of the same theme.

Upgrade in 2009

With the new year upon us it's back to work time. The board asked me to look into putting on a class to upgrade those members that hold Tech licenses who want to take the exam for the General class license. I am happy to announce that we will be putting on a 4 week class for those who want to upgrade their license.

The class will start February 5, 2009. It will be held at the N. P. Murray Center from 7:00PM to 9:00PM. The class will meet each Thursday in February. I plan to use the ARRL General Class License Manual. It has questions from the FCC Q&A pool. An alternate book is the Gordon West (WB6NOA) General Class license manual.

The topics that I plan to cover are the Practices and Procedures, Rules and Regulations, Electronic Theory, Radio Signals and Equipment, Antennas and Propagation. As we go through the class we will identify which areas we need to spend more time on and those areas we will leave for the student as a self study assignment.

If you wish to attend the class, there is no fee with the exception of the book. Seating is limited and as of this writing there are three people that have signed up for the class. The room will hold 6 to 8 people. If you are interested let me know at wb6wxo@soara.org

Raffle Update

For the first SOARA five dollar-raffle of 2009, we have an Alinco, DJ-496 UHF Handie-Talkie. This single-band HT features 40 Alpha-numeric memory channels, tone encode and decode function, 9 DTMF auto-dial memories and a couple of unique features such as an anti-theft alarm and a mosquito repel sound feature. Good luck to everyone in the raffles.
Brian, NJ6N



New Board Member

The Board welcomes its newest member: Robin Whaling, KG6MCA. Robin has taken over as the secretary. The previous secretary was Phil Lanzello, WA6LDI, who gave up the job due to other obligations.

Duties of the secretary include keeping the minutes of the board meetings and club correspondence. Both Phil and Robin have the organizational skills to excel at the job.

Year 2009	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
General Meeting 7:00 PM	26	23	16	20	18	15	20	17	21	19	16	—
Program	Antennas W6OM et al. part 1	Antennas W6OM et al. part 2										—
VEC Testing	26	23	16	20	18	27	20	17	21	19	16	—
SOARA T-Hunt	4	1	1	?	3	7	5	2	6	4	1	6
Board Meeting	Feb 2	Mar 2	23	27	Jun 1	22	27	24	28	26	23	28
Special Events		General upgrade class Thursdays		Earthquake Preparedness Month	2: Repeater Work Party 13: HamCon Dayton, OH							
ARRL Field Day						27-28						
SOARA picnic								2				
SOARA Holiday Party												6

☛ **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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