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Meeting:

Nov. 16

7:00 PM

N.P.

Murray  
Center

Veterans  
Way  
Mission Viejo

Don't put it off. Rummage through that closet full of radio parts and gear and pull out those things that you won't be using again. Bring them to the auction (this coming Monday) to turn them into cash. You will need the cash to pay for all of the great goodies that others are bringing. There are still items that have been donated to the club which will be sold at the auction.

Chris, KI6IUC, will be auctioneer, and he promises a lively auction. Come early to set up and tag your offerings and to have time to look over the interesting and rare (not well done?) items.



Collect your excess gear and your money and come on out to the meeting. See you there.

## Fall Auction November 16

## SOARA Holiday Party on December 6

Come one, come all and join in the holiday cheer. This year's annual SOARA holiday party will be a redux of last year's with two big exceptions. First, a price reduction was negotiated for this year and tickets will only be \$20 per person (includes tax and tip). Dinner will include a buffet with two pasta dishes, Casserole Entrée, Salad Italiana, Focaccia, French bread, and soft drink. Included with your ticket will be eligibility to win one of two door prizes. Both door prizes will be Jet-Stream 220MHz mobile radios!



We will again be holding a gift exchange with a \$15.00 limit. Bring a wrapped gift and see what you can come home with. Half the fun is stealing – I mean trading - for someone else's gift.

For those with your favorite vino, the corkage fee will again be waived. For those wishing their liquid cheer with a little more

kick, a no host bar is available.

We have lowered the price and doubled your chance to take home the door prize. Dress will be holiday casual so what are you waiting for?

**Location:** Peppino's on the lake at Mission Viejo.

**Time:** 5:00p.m.(dinner at 6:00) till they throw us out!

**Reservation / ticket:** \$20.00 per person (includes tax & tip). Limited to first 50.

**Fun:** Rotating gift exchange \$15.00 limit.

**Door Prize:** members in good standing.

The party is only three weeks away and we are limited in the number the restaurant can accommodate. Get your tickets early. They will be available at the meeting on Monday.

This is SOARA's big social event of the year.



## From Field Day to China and Back

SOARA member and world traveler, Malcolm, KO6SY, snapped this photo of a video transmission from SOARA's Field Day. SOARA had their usual ATV station active at Field Day. This year we had streaming TV going out to the world over the internet. Malcolm was in contact (from China) with the Field Day site via EchoLink and the SOARA repeaters. He can also operate his home HF station remotely from anywhere that has an internet connection. Is there a certificate for working your home station from 100 different countries?



### Events:

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

*The next hunt will be held on Sunday, December 6 at 1:00 PM. All are invited to join in this fun club activity.*

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*Sunday, Dec. 6*

*Holiday Party  
Peppino's on the  
lake at Mission  
Viejo  
5:00PM with dinner  
served at  
6:00PM*

*Tickets \$20.00*

*Tickets available  
at the November  
meeting or call  
Tim, AF6GL,  
760-310-7634*

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*There is no general meeting in December.*

## Hidden Transmitter Hunt Report

The monthly transmitter hunt for November was delayed by one week to accommodate AE6SH's work schedule. So, on Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> at 1300 the "T" came to life and the hunt was on. Some hunters locked onto the signal immediately, others had to improve their position to the north and east before acquiring it. Once acquired it proved to be a challenge to pin down. Hanging from a roadway bridge above a bike path in north Irvine the roadway itself proved to be one of the biggest obstacles. The road allowed no parking for 2 blocks in either direction, and the surrounding roads had limited U-turn opportunities which made for long turn a rounds. After locating the "T", instructions at the site directed hunters to a near by Pizza parlor for a snack and a cold drink along with the S.D. Chargers Game on TV.

Now for the finishers:

- 1st. Richard, K6RBS 23 mins. \*
- 2nd. Mark, KD6WLY & Laura, K6VIX 1 hr. 5 mins.
- 3rd. Richard N6UZS 1 hr. 35 mins. \*\*
- 4th. Gray WA6BJY 2 hrs. 10 mins.

Mark and Laura used a newly constructed vehicle mounted 4 element Quad to get close and a handheld tape measure yagi and a sniffer to zero in. It is interesting to note that 2 of the hunters that participated in this event where also the star players in hunting down the construction company causing interference on our San Clemente repeater!

Thanks Gray, WA6BJY for the use of your "T", and thanks to everyone for changing the date of the hunt so I could hide the "T".

73  
Tom AE6SH

Our next hunt will be Sunday Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at 1300

\* Richard's amazing time was explained by him seeing the "T" in route to its destination and giving chase he quickly disqualified himself. It was later agreed by all hunters that he should hide next month as penance for taking un-fair advantage!

\*\* Richard (N6UZS) declared himself "unofficial".

## Welcome

### New members:

Toni Pugh, KI6VPJ

Diana Kilgore,  
KJ6CPC



## Testing

Results of Testing  
October 19, 2009

### Upgraded to Extra

Charles Boicey  
KI6TUX

Robert Drap  
KI6CHR

### Upgrade to General

Richard French  
KJ6BVU

Edward Gonzales  
KJ6BGS

Stephen Meyer  
KI6TXR

### New Technicians

Philip Mallari  
KJ6DED

Katherine Meyer  
KJ6DCJ

Manual Molina  
KJ6DCK

Han-Martin Scheidt  
KJ6DCL

Jeffery Wittenberg  
KJ6DCM

73, Ernie, W6ETS

## Testing, 2009

We have had a successful year for testing. Through October 2009 we have had 120 individuals show up at the amateur radio test sessions.

I want to thank the following VE'S who helped with testing:

Ken Campbell, KE6AVE; Rick Edgmon, NU6D; Lou Frank, KF6FCT; Lloyd Gomez, W9LEG; Tom Hobbs, AE6SH; Ray Hutchinson, AE6H; Joe Lopez, W6BGR; Tim McGowen, AF6GL; Glenn Morrison, WB6BLC; Tom Parkes, KI6DDB; Jeff Pedersen, AD7YT; Heiko Peschel, AD6OI; Patti Peschel, AD6OH; Jim Riedel, K6EEE; Brian Roode, NJ6N; Mike Slygh, NM6X; Ed Steiner, AF6RE; Horst Zitzmann, KD7JHR

Without the help of all these members, we could not have had a testing program.

Tnx  
Ernie Senser, W6ETS

## Membership

Welcome to our two new members:  
Toni Pugh, KI6VPJ, from Laguna Niguel  
Diana Kilgore, KJ6CPC, from Mission Viejo

The dues letters were sent by e-mail on October 2, 2009. Some members didn't receive a letter so if you didn't receive yours, please email [membership@soara.org](mailto:membership@soara.org) and let us know so we can send a letter with your dues amount to you.

Horst Zitzmann, KD7JHR  
Marie Zitzman, KD7JHS



**The testing on November  
16, 2009 will be the last  
testing session for 2009.**

## Raffle Report

Congratulations to Mark, N6XOV, who won a Yaesu FT-1900R 2 meter mobile transceiver in the five-dollar raffle last month. Reminder, you do not have to be present to claim your five-dollar raffle prize. You do however have to be present to claim a one-dollar raffle prize if your ticket is called.


Congratulations to the lucky winners of the one-dollar raffle: Gerould, WB6RLC, Ray, KG6QWY, Verne, W6VDV, Dennis, KJ6BAH, Lee, K6QAX, Joe, W6BGR, Mark, KD6WLY, Larry, WB6MEV, Charlie, WA6RUZ, Ken, W6KOS, Tom, KI6DDB, and Heiko, AD6OI.

Remember, there are no raffles during the months of November and December as we have our Fall auction and Holiday



party during those months. There will be exciting door prizes at the holiday party so I hope you can attend,

Happy Holidays,  
Brian, NJ6N

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	Antenna W6OM et al. part 1	Antennas W6OM et al. part 2	EME Vlad, W6BVB	Red Cross Tom, KI6GOA	Spring Auction	F.D. Prep	Dayton Trek Report	Forum WU6D	EmmCom WA6RUZ		Fall Auction	—
VEC Testing	26	23	16	20	18	27	20	17	21	19	16	—
SOARA T-Hunt	4	1	1	5	3	7	<del>5</del>	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	13:HamCon Dayton, OH		O C Fair Radio Booth					
ARRL Field Day						27-28						
SOARA picnic								2				
SOARA Holiday Party											Coming up	

☛ **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](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 (7.200 MHz +/- for QRM), Sunday 8:00 AM.

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