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Tom Woodard, KI6GOA, on Red Cross

Tom Woodard, KI6GOA, a Disaster & Client Services Specialist for the American Red Cross will be the speaker for April. Tom is a native of Southern California. He took an interest in emergency operations while in college and works in that field in addition to his extensive volunteer activities. Tom holds an Extra class license. He will discuss the application of amateur radio to emergency operations, and how ham volunteers can fit into the Red Cross Disaster Relief services.

In addition to Amateur Radio his hobbies include hiking, general aviation and amateur electronics. He is also a movie and history buff.



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Meeting:
April 20
7:00 PM

N.P.
Murray
Center

Veterans
Way
Mission Viejo



QST, QST de AE6H

By the time you see this, you should have already received an email whereby you can cast your ballot for the 2009 -2010

slate of Directors. As set forth in the SOARA Constitution and by laws, Officers and Directors are elected to serve for two year terms. In order to minimize the turnover of voting positions on the board, thereby making smoother year-to-year transitions in club governance, the authors of the Constitution chose to hold elections annually, but to elect the Constitutional Officers. (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer) in even numbered years, and the Directors (Communications, Education, Publications, Repeater, and Technical), in odd years. 2009 being an odd year, we're

electing the Directors.

Please see your Membership pamphlet or the SOARA website for the duties of each of the Directors in the Constitution and By-Laws. Paper Ballots will also be available for the upcoming meeting on April 20. Please take the time to vote.

On another note, there will be a work party at the Laguna Beach repeater site on Saturday, May 2nd. 9:00 AM until mid afternoon. We will be doing such tasks as tower and antenna maintenance, building clean up, painting, maintenance, and minor landscaping, etc. This will be a great opportunity for those of you who have never visited this site to view the "inner workings" of a communications / repeater site. Access is easy, via public streets, the tasks easy, and the schedule is flexible. I encourage all who have a couple of hours to spare, to attend. 73, Ray, AE6H



Events:

Repeater Work Day
May 2

Dayton Trek
May 11—20

Field Day
June 27-28

OC Fair
Radio Booth
July 10 to Aug 9

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

The next hunt is scheduled for May 3, 2009, at 1:00 PM.

If you would like to receive the e-mail announcements related to the hunts, contact Gray Bickford, WA6BJY, or Richard, K6RBS, to be added to the list of hunters.



The new members we welcome into SOARA are:

Patti Gentile,
KI6WJX,
and Jay Gentile,
KI6WJY,

from Trabuco Canyon.

Marie, KD7JHS,
Membership

Announcing: Dayton Trek 2009, May 11 - 20

Congratulations to all those new to ham radio and to those who recently upgraded their license. You may ask, "what I can do now that I have my new license?" There are many things you can do with ham radio, and to introduce you to just some of the fun we are hosting a club contest. The contest is known as Dayton Trek 2009 and we will be using the club call sign K6SOA.



Dayton Trek got its name from the Hamvention held in Dayton, Ohio each year. The Hamvention is the largest ham radio convention in the world and is attended by approximately 20,000 visitors a year. This contest will follow the Trek of two of our members; Jeff Pedersen, AD7YT, and Timothy McGowen, AF6GL, as they travel across the country to and from this famous event.

During their travels they will be operating SSB, RTTY, Echolink, IRLP, and D-Star. If you are not familiar with these modes or

do not have HF privileges, do not worry. You can find someone in the club to assist (Elmer) you. Extra points will be awarded for those who seek the help of Elmers and to those Elmers who help them as well. You can also earn awards sponsored by other organizations like the ARRL. The Dayton Trek crew will be providing

contacts for grid squares, counties, and states to assist in earning contacts for those other awards.

Prizes will be awarded based on your privileges so that the newcomers have as much chance to win as the Old Timers. What are you waiting for? Join in the fun. Follow Jeff and Tim on their trip by checking APRS for K6SOA-9. To find out more, log onto our club website at www.soara.org or sign up for the Yahoo group located at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/DaytonTrek2009/>

Good Luck and 73
de Jeff, AD7YT, and Tim, AF6GL



Field Day Chair Mike, KI6IRA, held a meeting on the evening of April 8, to set the organization of SOARA's Field Day effort. Team leaders were recruited and major tasks outlined. The Field Day leadership team includes:

Dana, K6NR CW Operations
Vern, W6VDV Voice & Digital Operations
Tom, AE6SH Power & Infrastructure
Dave, KG6QCI Food
Mike, KE6IBH Information Table
Kris, KI6IUC Education & Satellite
Heiko, AD6OI VHF, UHF Operations
Knut, K6HIV GOTA Station
Assisted by Horst & Marie

Richard, K6RBS Antennas
Assisted by Jeff & Tim
Lou, KG6FCT Photography
Assisted by Sara, KA6QLT
Spencer, KI6URT GOTA station recruiter

Plan to visit the field day site (Gilleran Park in Mission Viejo) for some part of the activities. There are plenty of activities you can help with. See one of the team leaders and find out how you can become involved. You will hear more about field day as we get closer to the date. Come to the club meetings to hear more about the plans for this year's effort.



Testing

Results of testing on
March 16, 2009

Upgraded to Extra

Michael Slygh
KI6IRA

James Wolcott
KI6OBG

Upgraded to General

Spencer Ammermon
KI6URT

Lloyd Gomez
KG6KWY

Alfred Muense
KI6LWK

Carrie Tai
W6TAI

New Technicians

Michael Barber
KI6WYT

Tim Germaine
KI6WYU

Nathan Najera
KI6WYV

Juan Vargas
KI6WYW

Patrick Brokaw
KI6WYX

Congratulations & 73 ,
Ernie W6ETS

Education Pays

Have you noticed the large number of people taking license tests at SOARA this year? Some one is doing something right! You may also notice how many of those being tested are for license upgrades.

SOARA is an outstanding club, and that is due to the members. Congratulations to all of you who have put in the effort to upgrade to General and Extra Class license. And thanks to those who bring new members and visitors to the club.

Raffle



Tim, AF6GL, (who essentially ran the March raffle) presented the \$5 raffle prize, a Yeasu FT-7800R, to the winner Brian, KI6MKG. Congratulations to Brian — he certainly looks happy, and will have that radio on the air in very short time.

Congratulations to all of the \$1.00 winners also. We look forward to seeing you at the raffle table at this month's meeting. There will be plenty of good prizes. Come to the meeting to see what the \$5 raffle prize is!

Canyon news



Dave Seroski walks Dakota to the O'Neill Park horse arena during the horse evacuation drill.

MARK EADES, THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

Yes, that is SOARA's Dave, KG6QCI, as seen in the Orange County Register. Dave, a resident of Trabuco Canyon, has been very active in their emergency planning and drills. The combination of the annual fire danger and many large animals which might have to be evacuated in case of a fire poses a real problem. Dave and the other residents have anticipated the problems that can arise and have made careful plans to ensure that no problems arise. They have been very successful, and their efforts have been recognized.

You may be aware of some of Dave's activities in integrating radio communications into the plans for evacuation and for notification of any impending situations. Radio communications has been recognized as a necessary part of any such operation. A combination of Amateur Radio, GMRS, and commercial radios are being used. Dave is doing a fine job of introducing people to the usefulness of personal radio communications. To see the original picture and a link to the story follow this link:

<http://www.ocregister.com/photos/fire-horses-canyon-2323612-horse-group/pid2323617>

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								—
VEC Testing	26	23	16	20	18	27	20	17	21	19	16	—
SOARA T-Hunt	4	1	1	5	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		O C Fair Radio Booth					
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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