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**Meeting:
May 18
7:00 PM**

**N.P.
Murray
Center**

**Veterans
Way
Mission Viejo**

Spring Auction

Well, it is spring and time for spring cleaning and the SOARA spring auction. They sort of go together; you clean out some of the older equipment, components, antennas, antennas, etc. and take them to the auction. Yes, you can get real money for your old treasures. Money that you can use to buy more equipment. It is a never ending cycle — but it is fun. So round up all of the old things you don't want anymore (uh, just radio and electronic things) and bring them to the auction this coming Monday May 18.

What? Some of you don't have old used gear? There is an obvious solution to that: come to the auction with your pocket full of money and buy some treasures. It is an old ham tradition and you mustn't be the one to break it.

Even if you just come and watch the action and look over the equipment that people have brought it is worth your time. There will be some very good items offered and you may just find the one thing you have wanted. See you there.



QST, QST de AE6H

As usual, there are a number of varied activities and events going on and available for you, our members,

to participate in.

The Dayton Trek 2009 folks are mid-country, reporting back via HF, Echolink, APRS, D-Star, and PSK. If you aren't familiar with our Dayton Trek club contest, as our members Tim and Jeff travel to the Annual Dayton Hamvention and return, May 11 through 20, check SOARA's website. If you can't contact them via radio, you can still follow their progress along the round trip via the APRS tracking link. Please check our excellent website <http://www.soara.org/Dayton2009.htm#NEWS> for the latest. Planning continues for Field Day, June 27 -28, followed closely

by the Orange County Fair Ham Booth in July. There are a few t-hunts, and public service events sprinkled in for good measure.

The repeater site cleanup day, which was delayed due to the weather will be rescheduled. The Water District is doing maintenance work there now, and we will wait for that to be finished before rescheduling.

On another topic, we are winding our way through the bureaucratic maze to reactivate the K6LLL 10 meter propagation beacon, formerly owned and operated by SOARA member Dr. Ted Brunner, SK. The beacon radio and associated equipment were generously donated to SOARA by Dr. Luci Berkowitz, Ted's wife. As a part of the process to be able to use Ted's call, we have applied for and obtained a

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Events:

Repeater Work Day

Dayton Trek
May 11—20
In progress!

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 June 7, 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.



This month SOARA welcomes new member:

Thomas Moore,
KA1EMT

Dayton Trek 2009, May 11 - 20

If you have been following the adventures of Jeff and Tim on their Dayton Trek as chronicled on the SOARA web page, then you have gotten a good feel for the excitement of the Dayton Hamvention. Also, SOARA member Don Hill, KE6BXT, has been streaming video from the floor of the convention. (Go to the Dayton Trek page of SOARA's site and click on "[For LIVE video from Dayton - click here.](#)"")



Jeff and Tim left last Monday, May 11, and spent four days on the road. They could be tracked using APRS and sent updates on their progress via posts to the above mentioned web page. They were active on several HF bands (using several modes) as well as D-STAR and EchoLink. They made contact with SOARA members who were vying for contest points as well as more casual contacts. Reports are that they have generated a fair interest among other hams as well.

There are contest categories for nonmembers as well as for SOARA members.

There are plans afoot to have an HF station operating at the meeting this coming Monday so that members can make contacts with them from the Community Center as they start their trip back.

If you are a collector of states, counties, or grid squares, then this event will give you a chance to pick up several as the guys travel back home over a different route than the one they took to get to Dayton. What ever your particular interests, find a mode and band that you can use to contact them. If you need help, there are several members that will be glad to help you make that contact. Not only are they glad to help, they get extra points for Elmering. So don't hesitate to ask. The trip and the contest, runs through May 20, so there is plenty of time to get involved.

Check the web page for the latest news.



As the date for Field Day draws closer you can expect to hear more of the details of the event. Planning started early this year, and we can expect that to pay off in increased efficiency and fun for the participants. There will be something to enable everyone to be involved. The key leadership roles have been identified, and volunteers will be welcomed for a wide variety of jobs.

Early on Saturday morning, June 27, work will start on setting up the operating positions and antennas. Lots of hands are needed to assemble and erect the array of antennas. At 11:00 AM (local time) we will start making contacts. Operators for CW, Phone and PSK

will be operating the three main HF stations with the aid of loggers to enter the contact information into the computer. One VHF station and the GOTA (Get On The Air) station give us contact points without changing our status (3A) of having three (HF) active transmitters. The "A" in the "3A" status indicates that it is a club entry.

We will have a public information table and several demonstration activities to show the public the broad range of Amateur Radio capabilities. Oh, there will be food and fellowship. If you don't do anything else, come by the site (Gilleran Park in Mission Viejo) and enjoy some radio and friends.



Testing

Results of Testing on
4/20/09

Upgraded to General

Kristopher D. Marciniak
KI6IUC

Passed Both Technician and General

Gerould G. Morrison
KI6YWF

New Technicians

Antone L. Davis II
KI6YWC

Paul H. Doeve
KI6YWD

Allen G. Lenaburg
KI6YWE

Kurtis C. Mumford
KI6YWG

Stephen K. Shobe
KI6YWH

Leon L. Vogt
KI6YWI

Jeffrey S. Woodroof
KI6YWJ

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Ernie, W6ETS

Membership

We welcome Thomas Moore, KA1EMT, a general class ham from Laguna Hills, CA. as a new member of SOARA.

As the membership administrators, we also encourage everyone to bring their friends and family to our field day on June 27th and 28th. This is an opportunity to share the social, practical and technical experiences our ham radio hobby provides.

There will be a station for non-hams, beginners and techs to get on the air and use the radio's short wave frequencies and talk with people all around the USA. We hope you will encourage your friends and family to join us at field day and to become involved in our club.

Horst and Marie Zitzmann
KD7JHR KD7JHS

Raffle

Congratulations to Mike Slygh, NM6X, who was the lucky winner of the Kenwood TH-F6A Tri-band handie-talkie in the five-dollar raffle at the last meeting! You may be more familiar with Mike as KI6IRA. Mike upgraded to Extra Class and obtained a new call sign. And now he has a new radio.

Congratulations to all of the lucky winners in the one-dollar raffle as well.

There will be no raffle at the May meeting due to the Auction. The raffle prize for the June meeting is up in the air. Send your prize suggestions to raffle@soara.org. Thanks & 73, NJ6N

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sequential club call sign KI6YJP from the FCC. We have the necessary documentation and permissions from Ted's family, and are now going through the process with the FCC of trading our new sequential club call for the call K6LLL. In addition, since the beacon has been off the air for over a year, we have to apply for and receive permission from the IURU region 2, 10 meter Beacon Frequency Coordinator to operate on the former frequency. Communication with the coordinator appears to indicate that we will be allowed to do that. Nothing is simple, but we're well on the way to having the K6LLL beacon on the air by summer's end and just in time for the new sunspot cycle 24.

Keep in touch with all the SOARA activities by checking our website frequently. This can greatly enhance your enjoyment of amateur radio and SOARA.

73, Ray, AE6H

Board News

Welcome to Kris Marciniak, KI6IUC, as he takes over as director of communications after the recent election. All of the other director posts were filled by the incumbents. Directors serve for a period of two years after being elected.

Lee Krank, K6QAX, who just retired from the post contributed considerable dedication to the job of running the Tuesday evening net, the principle responsibility of the communications director. Lee organized a crew of operators trained to run the net so that it did not fall on one operator every week. Thus several members acquired the skills and experience of controlling a net, but also Lee had a ready list of candidates to take over the directors position when he decided to step down. Thanks to Lee for a job well done and to Kris for taking on 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	Antenna W6OM et al. part 1	Antennas W6OM et al. part 2	EME Vlad, W6BVB	Red Cross Tom, KI6GOA	Spring Auction	F.D. Prep						—
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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