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Meeting:

July 19

7:00 PM

**N. P.
Murray
Center**

**Veterans
Way
Mission Viejo**

July: “HRO - The Candy Store Story”

Janet Margelli, KL7MF, the manager of Ham Radio Outlet in Anaheim will be our speaker for the July meeting on Monday. First licensed as WN7WNB in Tacoma, Washington, Janet received a technical degree from Bates Vocational/Technical Institute, and received the First Class (Commercial) Radiotelephone License, with Radar Endorsement, upon graduation.

She has worked at TV stations, then for Yaesu Musen Co., Ltd, both in Japan and in California. In 1984 she went to work for HRO, becoming manager of the Anaheim store in 1993.

Outside of amateur radio, Janet enjoys photography, art, and reading. Come and hear the inside story of “the Candy Store”



.Wow!... As hard as I try I can't find a better word so, WOW what a GREAT Field Day! I was so impressed with our members and even our non mem-

bers, family and friends who showed up and worked so hard to get us up and running on Field Day and then returning after it was over to tear it all down. Everyone worked so hard in fact that we were actually ready to start almost a half hour early. A very special thanks to Vern W6VDV and his Field Day team for running such a great event, he had big shoes to fill and he filled them very well. We won't know our final standing for some time but, all indications are that we really did an outstanding job and should be proud no matter the score. As things get back to normal and missing equipment finds its way back to where it belongs, we will look at what we can improve on (...will be hard to find) and what we should do again the same way (food, weather). And we will start planning for next year!

SOARA welcomed two very special guests this year, who came all the way from Colorado to be at our Field Day. John KT0F and his wife Cheryl

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NOWBV actually are SOARA Field Day veterans having been with us in 1999 (with the shirt to prove it). John has not missed a Field Day in 28 years and Cheryl only a few less, and no matter where they are in the world they always find a way to get to a FD site and participate. John and Cheryl where actually here in OC for the Barrett Jackson Car Auction, but managed to come out both Sat. and Sun. to help set up and get on the air and get us a few points. Thank you John and Cheryl for coming and helping SOARA! Hopefully the Barrett Jackson will be held the same weekend next year and SOARA can help John & Cheryl keep the streak going. Thanks again to everyone for all the great moments of Field Day 2010!

Speaking of planning don't forget about the OC Fair, it gets under way on July 16th and SOARA has its days on opening weekend July 17th & 18th. Our very own Mac KD6KSP has been coordinating ALL of the dates and times for the entire Fair, not just our 2 days. Great Job Mac!!

Don't put your calendar away just yet, the SOARA picnic is just around the corner on August 1st, and the ARRL Southwestern Division San Diego ARC Convention 2010 happens September 17-19. As usual there is no shortage of fun things to participate in and ways to enjoy Amateur radio, so get out there and enjoy!

73 Tom AE6SH



Testing

The results of testing at Field Day:

Upgrade to Extra

Barry Gilbert
AF6XY
passed all 3 elements
Craig Leventhal
KI6WLP

Upgrade to General

Peter Ogilvie
WH7WO
John Sand
KJ6CPL

New Technicians

Jack Berlin
KJ6JMS
Kellie Berry
KJ6JNB
Richard Chang
KJ6JMZ
Joyce Easton
KJ6JMY
Emily Edwards
KJ6JNA
Neal Hitzfield
KJ6JMW
John Ireland
KJ6JNF
Carl Jackson
KJ6JMV
Michael Klett
KJ6JMU
Justin Kunz
KJ6JNE
Ralf Lorenzen
KJ6JMX
Michael Mahan
KJ6JND
Carol McIver
KJ6JMT
Alex Nerseyan
KJ6JNC
Lisa Rhodes
KJ6JNG

73
Ernie W6ETS

SOARA Summer Picnic August 1

The annual SOARA Picnic will be held on Sunday August 1, 2010 at our regular location at Baby Beach / Youth area in Dana Point. We plan to have a phone HF station operating, and a VHF/UHF station for talk-in. Early bird radio set-ups at 9:00 AM.

Lunch will be from noon to 2:00 PM. The club will provide hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks. Please bring a salad, chips, or dessert to share.

Activities will include a T-hunt at 2:00 PM, so if you have T-hunting equipment, bring it along. In the late morning there will be a chance to do some practice hunting. This will give beginners a chance to borrow equipment and try out the sport.

Bring the family and enjoy a chance to visit with club members in a pleasant unhurried atmosphere.

73, AF6GL

Education

I would like to complete the 4 week workshop during the month of September and into early October. I would also like to have a 6 week class for those would like to upgrade their license from Tech to General.

I will contact those who signed up for the workshop and see if they are still interested. The classes would be scheduled for either a Wednesday or Thursday evening from 7:00PM to 9:00PM at the Murray Center. I will publish a request for students for the upgrade class after Labor Day.

73, Hal, WB6WXO

Happiness is Passing the License Exam



Ben Berry, KJ6EZN, and his very happy daughter, Kellie. Kellie just passed her license exam at Field Day. Kellie's new call is KJ6JNB

Congratulations SOARA!

All of the contacts and Bonus Points have been counted up and our 2010 Field Day score is 8198.

Raffle

Congratulations to all of the lucky winners in the one-dollar raffle at the June meeting. We did not sell enough tickets to award the five-dollar raffle prize. We will continue to sell five-dollar tickets for the DV Access Point Dongle at the July meeting. A DVAP Dongle is a 10mW transceiver that's used in conjunction with a D-STAR transceiver to connect to remote gateways and reflectors. With the DVAP Dongle attached to a personal computer running Macintosh OS, Windows, or Linux, the user is able to participate in the world-wide D-STAR network wherever there is internet access. New FM features including a voice mailbox system and spectrum scanner were recently made available for the DVAP dongle. More info about the DVAP Dongle is available at <http://dvapdongle.com>.

Best of luck to everyone who participates in the raffles, and I hope to see you at the July meeting.

Vy 73, Brian, NJ6N





Field Day is over for another year, but the summer fun is not over. A successful Field Day depends on the dedicated efforts of many members.

Now it is time for just relaxing at the beach with a cool breeze and some good food. Yes, it is almost time to head down to the Dana Point Harbor for our annual **picnic**. Good food and good company. You can get on the air, but just for relaxed chats — no information to pass, no checking for dups, no logging program. Just good fun.

Talk in on the 447.180 repeater. Bring the family.



SOARA welcomes the new members who joined at Field Day

Kellie Berry
KJ6JNB

Ed Gonzale
KJ6BGS

Alex Nersesyan
KJ6JNC

Bill Prats
K6ACJ,

Field Day

The outstanding participation from SOARA members helped make the Field Day a success. Not only were there a record number of contacts, but the set-up was easy, the operation without incident, and a smooth tear down. Thank you to all that volunteered your time, energy and skills. The extra effort by everyone made for a very enjoyable weekend for all involved

Visitors at Field Day are a source of new members for SOARA with new members critical to survival of any organization as some members inevitably do not renew for a variety of reasons... This year we had over 75 visitors to Field Day which is excellent. Horst and Marie gave them information and even got member application from several. Next to the information table was Charley (WA6RUZ) with the ARES/RACES table where Charley introduced the visitors to the need for amateur radio support during times of disasters. Within the visitor group we had three elected officials; the Mission Viejo Mayor, Patricia Kelley, Mayor Pre Tem, Dave Leckness and Council Member Cathy Schlicht all of whom had a chance at the GOTA station as well as getting a information about amateur radio and ARES/RACES. Additionally, we had visits from the County Sheriff's Department and from the Fire Department.

I would like to especially thank those that headed up the various elements of Field Day: First, I would like to thank Mike Slygh (NM6X) who coerced me to run Field Day this year. A special thanks to Tim McGowan (AF6GL) for his efforts to insure a safe Field Day for everyone. Brian Roode used his knowledge and equipment to network our logging stations, to program the computers, and to handle all of the digital modes including our D-Star station. I don't know what we would do without Brian.

Richard Saunders (K6RBS) coordinated all of the radios and antennas to insure that we could maximize our contacts. Thanks to Dana Roode (K6NR) Tak (W6SI), Richard Saunders (K6RBS) for the all day and all night CW contacts that got us a lot of points.

Again, thanks to all who contributed to Field Day. I hope that everyone enjoyed the event, learned from the operations, and benefited from the experience. Vern Vihlene, 2010 Field Day Coordinator

Membership

Field Day is held in a public location so that the general public has a chance to see Amateur Radio at work in an emergency mode. It also brings visitors from the amateur radio ranks. What better way to judge an Amateur Radio Club than to visit their Field Day site and watch them at work. Each year we obtain new members from such visits, and this year is no exception.

We welcome:

- ☺ Kellie Berry, KJ6JNB, a young lady from San Juan Capistrano who passed her exam at the Field Day testing session.
- ☺ Ed Gonzales, KJ6BGS, who hold a General Class license and lives in Mission Viejo.
- ☺ Alex Nersesyan, KJ6JNC, from Tarzana, CA who recently received his Technician license.
- ☺ Bill Prats, K6ACJ, an Extra from Huntington Beach.

Please come to the meeting on July 19 to get your badges.

A reminder to everyone:

Start saving your change after the Orange county Fair. **Our new dues year begins October 1st**



Everybody hide, They're taking pictures!

Year 2010	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
General Meeting 7:00 PM	25	22	15	19	17	21	19	16	20	18	15	—
Program	Midway Atoll N6HC	AE6SH Disaster Comm	Digital Modes WB6NOA	Hospital Group AC7GK	Spring Auction	Field Day Prep	Candy Store KL7MF				Fall Auction	—
VEC Testing	25	22	15	19	17	26 Field Day	19	16	20	18	15	—
SOARA T-Hunt	3	7	7	11	9 ?	6	11	1	5	3	7	5
Board Meeting	Feb 1	Mar 1	22	26	24	28	26	23	27	25	22	TBA
Special Events				3 Pre-F.D. Exercise	14-16 Dayton		O C Fair Radio Booth		17-19 SW Div Hamcon			
ARRL Field Day						26-27						
SOARA picnic								1				
Holiday Party												TBA

Picnic on Aug 1,
at Baby Beach,
Dana Point.

☛ **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 Mike Slygh, NM6X, at 949-305-1374.

☛ **Contacting SOARA:** Questions about SOARA?
Postal mail: P.O. Box 2545, Mission Viejo, CA 92690.
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, KG6GI.

	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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