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## General Meeting

October 20,  
2018  
7:00 PM

NP Murray  
Center  
Veterans Way  
Mission Viejo

## Vice-President's Message, October 2018

Good Evening all members.

October will be our last month of the year where we have a guest speaker. This coming Monday, October 15th we will be welcoming Wayne Spring (W6IRD) as our guest speaker. He will be bringing a working Collins radio and will explain to the group how a tube radio operates. I know some of our members have been around awhile and are familiar with a tube radio to some degree. We also have welcomed in some new Hams who maybe have only heard of the older tube radios but never actually seen one work. I would be one of those people. Here is a little bit about Wayne. This is also posted today on the SOARA website:

Wayne Spring is very well known in the U.S. and in many places around the world for his expertise with tube radios. He is a member of the board of the Collins Collectors Organization. Wayne made his first radio as a young lad and with a simple wire antenna started working countries on CW. At the very young age of 17, Wayne joined the Coast Guard and worked as a radio operator. He worked for the government for many years and recently was asked to repair some old equipment that no one knew how to fix. He is an Elmer to many hams and is always willing to give a helping hand.

I definitely hope many of you will find the time to turn out at this month's general meeting. The coffee will be hot and the cookies will be bought.

Speaking of which, our SOARA Tech Fair saw a wonderful turnout and for the first time since I've been making the coffee for these meetings, all the coffee was consumed. However, donations toward the coffee and snacks was the lowest I've seen and actually did not cover the cost of the snacks and coffee for that month's meeting. Just as SOARA Saturday looks to it's participants to help cover the cost of doughnuts and coffee consumed, the General Meeting also looks to it's

participants to help cover the cost of the coffee and snacks provided. 50 to 75 cent donation per person would break even the cost which is pretty cheap by today's prices.

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Better donations may equal better snacks too. Okay, I'm done talking about money. Well, .....almost.

Next month's SOARA meeting is our second live auction of the year. This is an excellent opportunity to clean out your shack, your closet, or your garage of ham related gear. You can auction a bunch of your items and earn some money back to buy your spouse that piece of jewelry she wants for Christmas or you may choose to donate your items to the club. You may be providing a new ham, that may not have a lot to spend on radio gear at the moment, an opportunity to obtain something they can use and get it at a great price. I personally was able to obtain some great equipment at the last auction that would have taken me some time to purchase new. You never know what will show up.

Before you ask any questions about the auction, please see the SOARA website <https://www.soara.org/activities/live-auction/> for the rules and how the auction works. The question I hear the most often is "If I make my item a donation to the club, is it tax deductible and can I get a receipt for my donation?" See the last line of the webpage and you will see it is a NO and it explains why. Most other questions should be answered there as well.

On behalf of Dana Wresch (KM6LZG), our Activities Director, I want to remind you to set the date for the Annual SOARA Holiday Party which will be held again at the Claim Jumper in Mission Viejo at 27845 Santa Margarita Parkway on December 2nd from 5pm - 8pm. Cost is \$30 per person and we ask that you purchase your seat in advance on the SOARA website at <https://www.soara.org/activities/holiday-party/>. Advance purchase will give us a good idea of how many people are attending and ensure we have enough seats for everyone. This normally hasn't been a problem in years past, but Dana did such an awesome job with activities this year, we could have a higher turnout. As usual, we will not be having a General Meeting in December due to the Holiday Party.

Looking forward to a wonderful turnout for the end of the year events coming up.

73 and as a friend of mine likes to say, "Be Cheerful"

**Erik Wresch (W6INE)**  
**VP - South Orange Amateur Radio Association**

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## **SOARA Holiday Party - December 2 - Claim Jumper**

Please join us on Sunday, December 2, 2018 from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm at Claim Jumper in Mission Viejo for the 2018 annual SOARA Holiday Party. Tickets are available for purchase now on the SOARA website HERE (link: <https://www.soara.org/activities/holiday-party/>). Cost is \$30 per person and includes: dinner, dessert, 1 glass of wine, all non-alcoholic beverages and a raffle ticket. \*\*Guests/Spouses are also invited for the same cost.

This is a fun relaxing evening for us all to get together and celebrate the year, award to coveted Richard Coyne trophy and maybe win a radio or other exciting door prize.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

**73, Dana Wresch - KM6LZG SOARA Activities Director**

## **November Meeting - SOARA Auction**

It's Auction time again.

Do you need some extra Christmas money and your spouse has been bugging you to clean out some of your stuff? Are you a new ham looking for a good deal on a used radio? Are you an old ham just looking for other things to play with or to fill in the space you just cleaned out? Whatever your motivation is, it is time to start looking around your shack, your spare room and maybe even your garage and see what items you can pull out and bring to the SOARA Auction next month. This is really a good time to clear out your clutter and make it someone else's treasure and either make a little extra money on it for yourself or donate it entirely to the club if it sells.

Please visit the SOARA website and look under Activities/Live Auction for information on the rules and how the auction works. <https://www.soara.org/activities/live-auction/>

## **SOARA Elmer Saturday October 20 - Change to Emergency Expo Murray Center**

SOARA Saturday, Change at the Murray Center

SOARA Elmer Saturday on October 20 is changed due to the Emergency Preparedness Expo at the same location, date and time. I expect to have a SOARA booth at the expo. So please stop by and say hello or help with booth duty.

Since this month's SOARA Saturday is all show-and-tell, we will combine this month's 3D printing and November's Ham kit demo theme. That should be more fun anyway!

**73, Ed, WA6ED**

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## Membership Report

Annual membership dues are now due. You may have a credit on your dues. Be sure to read the reminder email and check if you owe \$50, \$25, or something less. If you just pay \$50 and have a credit, I will keep your credit on record. Many new members carry a credit due to our prorating of dues. Dues are SOARA's main revenue source and pays the bills to keep the repeaters going. So, please renew promptly once you receive the notification. Stats: 242 Active members, 62 paid. If you have a membership question, email [membership@soara.org](mailto:membership@soara.org). I hope to hear you on the radio soon! Make the most of your membership, get on the air.

**73, Ed, WA6ED**

### Message From the Communications Director

As we head toward the end of another year of public service communications with only one or two events left to go, I would like to thank all of our operators who have made this another successful year.

For those of you who have never done anything like this, it's a very rewarding and fun thing to do. You learn what is important as well as what's not. How to be brief when necessary as well as how to have fun while doing it.

On a more serious side we are still looking for additional operators for the Tuesday night VHF/UHF net and also now for the Wednesday evening D-Star net Ernie Sensor (W6ETS) our longtime D-Star net control had a stroke recently and is in rehab in Fullerton. If you would like to contact Ernie, please e-mail me at <[ad6oi@soara.org](mailto:ad6oi@soara.org)> and I will send you the information to get in touch with him.

On another note, it is very easy to use the highest level repeater to accomplish your daily contacts, but many of us have learned over the years that this can also be accomplished by switching to a lower lever repeater or even simplex to get the job done.

Thanks

**Heiko AD6OI, Director of Communications**



## Temple Hill Repeater

You may have wondered about the equipment that we all use at Temple Hill. Here is a picture of that equipment.



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# 2018 SOARA Calendar

Month	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
General Meeting 7:00 PM	22	26	19	16	21	18	16	20	17	15	19	-
Program	Science Heads	Power Werx	OC Fire Watch	NCG	Spring Auction	Field Day Prep	ARRL Section Mgr	SOARA Fair	Science Heads HAB	Wayne Springs W6IRD	Fall Auction	-
FCC Ham Exam	22	26	19	16	21	At Field Day (2pm)	16	20	17	15	19	-
Educational Classes	Tech 20	Gen 24	-	Tech 14	Extra 19	Tech 16	Gen 14	Tech 18	Tech 15	-	-	-
SOARA Elmer Saturday (9 am)	27 Murray	Mar 3 Gilleran	24 Gilleran	21 Murray	26 Murray	23 Gilleran	21 Murray	25 Murray	22 Gilleran	None E-Expo	24 Murray	-
SOARA T-Humt	7	11	4	1	6	3	1	5	2	-	-	-
Board Meeting	29	Mar 5	26	23	29	At Field Day	23	27	24	22	26	-
Special Events	Quartz-fest	Yuma Ham fest		Visalia Intl DX	Ohio Ham-vention	ARRL Field Day 22-24	HRO Ham Jam 7	SOARA Picnic 6		JOTA		SOARA Holiday Party 2
Major HF Contests		ARRL DX-CW CQWPX RTTY	ARRL DX-SSB CQWPX SSB		CQWPX CW	ARRL Field Day 22-24			CQWW RTTY	CQWW SSB	CQWW CW	
Volunteer Events	OC Chili Run	Paws Fur Pink	OC Chili Run Baker to Vegas	Dessert Storm Rally Vision Quest	HD Trails OC Marathon	ARRL Field Day 22-24	MV Fire-works 4			OC Cycle fo Life OC Prep Expo		Run for a Claus

Dates subject to Change - Check the SOARA Web Site (<http://www.soara.org>) to verify locations and times

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# SOARA Information

**SOARA** meets at the Norman P. Murray Center, 24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo, CA on 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, except June. Exams are at 6pm. Prior registration is not required and walk-in applicants are welcome. For June, exams are held at Field Day. For further information, email Sean Reigle, AJ6B, at [aj6b@soara.org](mailto:aj6b@soara.org).

**SOARA Library:** SOARA has many amateur radio related books such as hand books, books about electrical theory, etc. available to lend out to club members. Contact Heiko Peschel [ad6oi@soara.org](mailto:ad6oi@soara.org) for more info.

**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, or [repeater@soara.org](mailto:repeater@soara.org).

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	-	(pvt)	Santiago Peak. (C)
440	—	445.660	-	(110.9)	Laguna Beach
D-STAR 440	—	445.705	-	(K6SOA B)	Laguna Beach
440	—	447.180	-	(pvt)	Santiago Peak. (C)
D-STAR 1.2G	1282.600	-	(K6SOA A)	Laguna Beach	

## Nets:

UHF/VHF (447.180, 147.645 & 224.640): Tuesdays @ 8:00PM

D-STAR (146.115 C module): Wednesdays @ 7:30PM

40 meter HF (7.200 MHz +/- for QRM), Sundays @ 8:00AM

10 meter HF (28.410 +/-) Sundays after the 40m net.

Gordo HF (7.250 MHz +/- for QRM), Weekdays @ 8:30AM



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