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General Meeting

June 21, 2021
7:00 PM
via
[GotoMeeting](#)

Presidents Message - June 2021

ARRL Field Day is upon us! As you read this, it will be less than a week away beginning with preliminary set-up on next Friday, June 25, at around 3pm, followed by the major set-up on Saturday, June 26, at 7:30 am (or as soon as the park gate is unlocked by Mission Viejo). Operation begins at 11:00 am Saturday, and runs continuously through 11:00 am Sunday, June 27, for a full 24 hour operating period. then take down begins, which is often when the most help is needed. We hope to complete the take down and storage of all equipment by 2pm on Sunday.

First, let's reflect on the true purpose of Field day: To learn and hone our abilities to operate under emergency conditions in the event of a major disaster, or the like. We will have our operation independent of commercial power, self sustained, and ready to pass radio traffic in and out of the affected area, just as when normal communication modes have been disrupted.

Whether your a newbie or and old salt, field day is always exciting, and your help is always needed. While this year's SOARA Field Day will be "Field Day Lite" compared to previous years, thanks to our old friend Covid -19, We will still have an interesting and fun time. There'll be lots of opportunities to learn or improve your operating skills, no matter your experience level, so take advantage of this event.

Because we will be operating under the latest City of Mission Viejo Covid precautions (not the State of CA rules) things may be more restrictive than we'd like. Since the precautions are currently a moving target, we have to plan for the current restrictions, as of today. We will be asking that only fully vaccinated folks attend, restricting the number of persons in the immediate operating area (tent) to 6, 1 operator and one logger per HF radio.

be prepared to be masked, unless you are a phone operator. Equipment will be sanitized and wiped down between operators.

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Additionally there is a max of 20 people allowed in the immediate operating vicinity (outside, but near the operating tent), 15 for set-up and take-down. this was set by the City, and might change before FD. We'll keep all advised, so watch for "members" emails about FD.

Unfortunately, we are not being allowed to serve food, as we have in the past, with great meals coming out of our field kitchen. People are responsible for bringing their own lunches and snacks. We will set up the club's new gas BBQ if someone choose to bring something to be grilled. Also SOARA will have hand washing facilitates near the BBQ and picnic tables, as well as providing bottled water for everyone. We are able to justify the water as a safety measure as good hydration is very important!

We hope to know more after Monday, so please join us for this Monday evening's "Go to Meeting" virtual meeting at 7pm. The link will be posted on the home page of our website: www.soara.org.

Once again, the ARRL has published a rules exception, allowing club members to enter our official club name in the logging software or on their paper entry, and this will assign those scores to SOARA. One caveat: You can only operate form one location, that is, if you operate at our Field Day site, you can't operates from home of some other location and claim the score. You can come by our FD site to visit, help set up, or the like, then go home and operate, and that's OK. Just don't sign in or operate from more than one station. Obviously mobile stations can operate from multiple locations, but not at our FD site. FMI, see the ARRL website: <http://www.arrl.org/field-day-rules>.

In spite of Covid, It will be great to get together once again, operate as a group in the great outdoors, and feel like it's almost back to normalcy! Try to stop by Gilleran Park, on Olympiad Rd, about 1000' South of La Paz Rd, in Mission Viejo! anytime after 3 pm Friday, through noon Sunday. We'll be there, 24 hours a day!

73 to all from Ray, AE6H

[General Meeting - Field Day 2021 Planning](#)

Please join us on GoToMeeting at 7pm as we prepare for Field Day 2021. We will provide to you information on what you can expect FD 2021 to look like as we meet in Gilleran Park again. There will still be some restrictions in place and we will give you the latest updates as to how we plan to operate. This is also the time that you can let our Activities Director, Kevin Brouelette AJ6EE, know when and how you can participate and help out with set up, tear down, and of course radio operation.

Erik Wresch

Vice President - South Orange Amateur Radio Association

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[SOARA Elmer Saturday/Tech Net](#)

We have fun at SOARA Saturday events talking about all types of topics.

Since we can't meet in larger numbers at the Murray center or Gilleran park, we are having virus free radioactive technical nets. The log is here:
<https://www.soara.org/soara-saturday-log/> I try to post useful on-topic links in the log. Worth a look..

73,
Ed, WA6ED
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SOARA Elmer Saturday Coordinator

[SOARA Library/Nets](#)

As some of you have already heard the AD6OI/SOARA Library is now up and running at our house. (Please see attached picture for details). This library contains ARRL Handbooks, Repeater location guides, Tech modification books, radio and electrical books and a wealth of radio related information. For now the library will be open from 1pm to 4pm on Saturdays, and other times by appointment, if you call first, either by radio or telephone. E-mail will also work but allow at least 24 hours for a reply.

In other news, when using SOARA repeaters there are some things that it might interest you to know.

It is always good to key down for several seconds when first waking up your favorite repeater, otherwise the beginning of your announcement won't be repeated.

Also if you are in an extended conversation please leave room for others to break with their call sign.

It is never good form to interrupt a conversation with a comment. Using your call sign to identify yourself is usually sufficient to get the attention of the individuals involved in a conversation (aka QSO). When recognized feel free to go ahead with your comment.

You can find a summary of all of our nets at [SOARA Net Schedule](#)

Thank you
Heiko AD6OI
Director of Communications for SOARA

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[SOARA Equipment For Sale Online Site](https://soara.org/mailman/listinfo/forsale)

Based on numerous requests from SOARA members for a place to post Ham Radio related items for sale to other club members, we have set up an opt-in based Mailman mailing list on our server. Interested SOARA members are invited to join the mailing list. The SOARA organization and Board of Directors do not provide any warranty or guarantee for the items being advertised, buyer beware!

To subscribe, navigate to:

<https://soara.org/mailman/listinfo/forsale>

Enter your "real" email address, not your at "soara dot org" alias. You must be able to send and receive email from the address you provide.

Once subscribed, you will receive email when other members post items for sale. When posting to the list, you should provide an accurate description of the item for sale, its condition, and asking price. Replies to postings should be sent to the poster of the item, and not the list.

The archives of postings are publicly available on the web here:

<https://soara.org/pipermail/forsale/>

This mailing list may be suspended or discontinued at the discretion of the SOARA Board of Directors should that become necessary.

Brian, NJ6N

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[GotoMeeting Information](#)

WHAT TO EXPECT MONDAY EVENING

When you join Monday's meeting, it is highly recommended you use Google Chrome if you plan on entering via browser. It is also recommended to use a headset or earbuds with a mic. Avoid a laptop mic as the speakers that sit right next to the mic tend to produce echo and feedback. Your webcams will be disabled.

The meeting will be locked in order for Soara Board members and our Presenter to arrive first. Please email me if you would like to make an announcement to the other members so I'll know in advance to call on you. You will be in a waiting room until 7pm when I'll open up the meeting. Please keep your microphones muted when not talking. I will Mute all attendees if there is an unmuted mic disrupting the meeting.

You can use the Chat feature to request to ask a question. When, acknowledged, you can unmute your mic and ask away. You may ask the question in the chat if you prefer and we'll ask the question for you. You may comment as well if you like, just keep it clean. You can also chat with a specific individual privately. Just be sure of what you are saying and where it is going.

As this meeting is open to the public and announced as such on the website, we expect a smooth meeting. If we, by chance, get a disruptive guest they will be Dismissed from the room by the Moderator and the meeting room will then be locked to prevent re-entry.

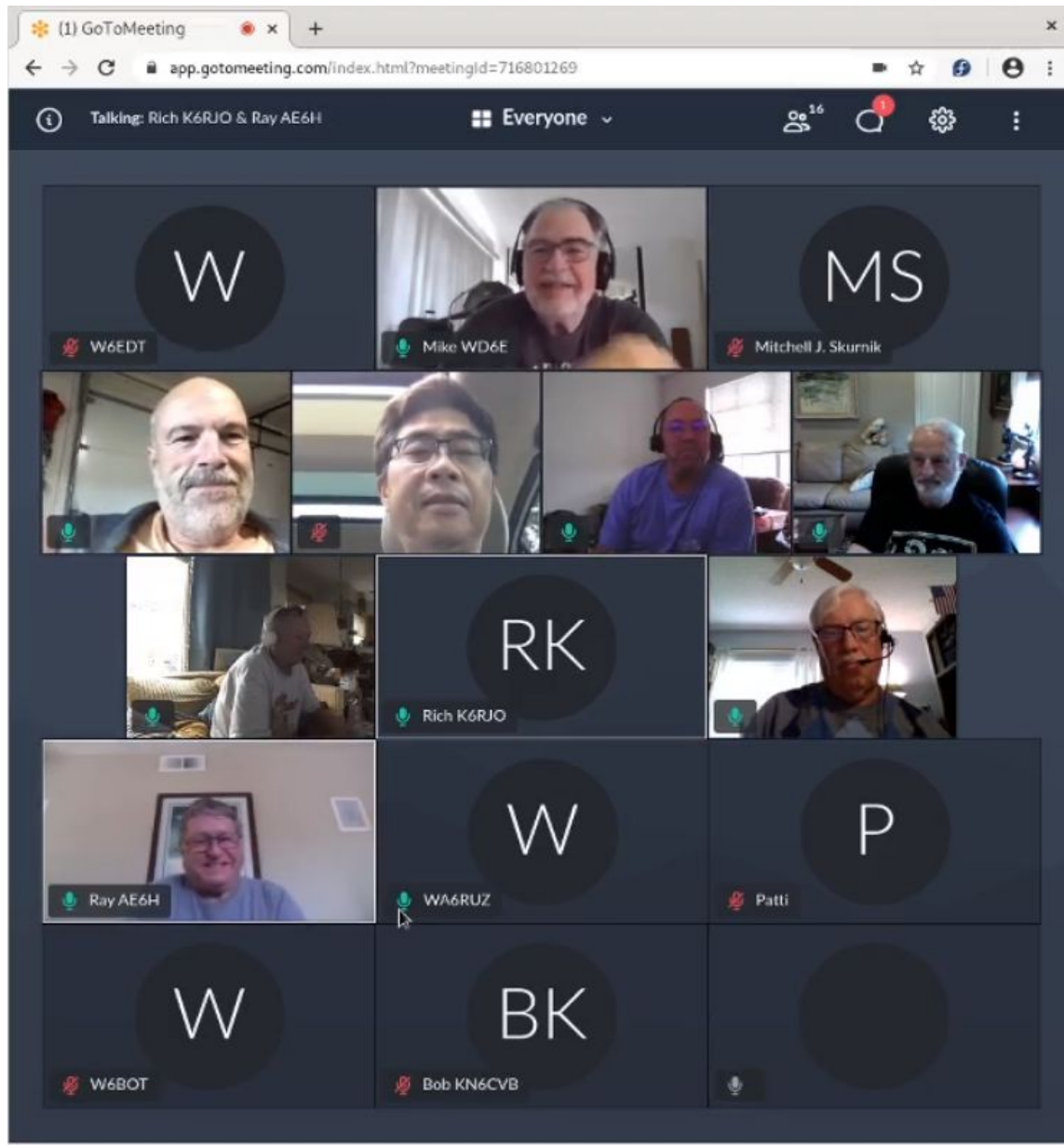
Let's have a great online meeting!

Erik, W6INE

Some additional notes from Dale Tyler. Meeting details and links, etc. will be sent out Monday afternoon and will also be available on the soara.org website.

So far, the only browser that I have seen work is Chrome. The meeting link will look something like SoaraMeeting_**subject to change - check email or soara.org**). When you follow the link you will see a screen similar to this

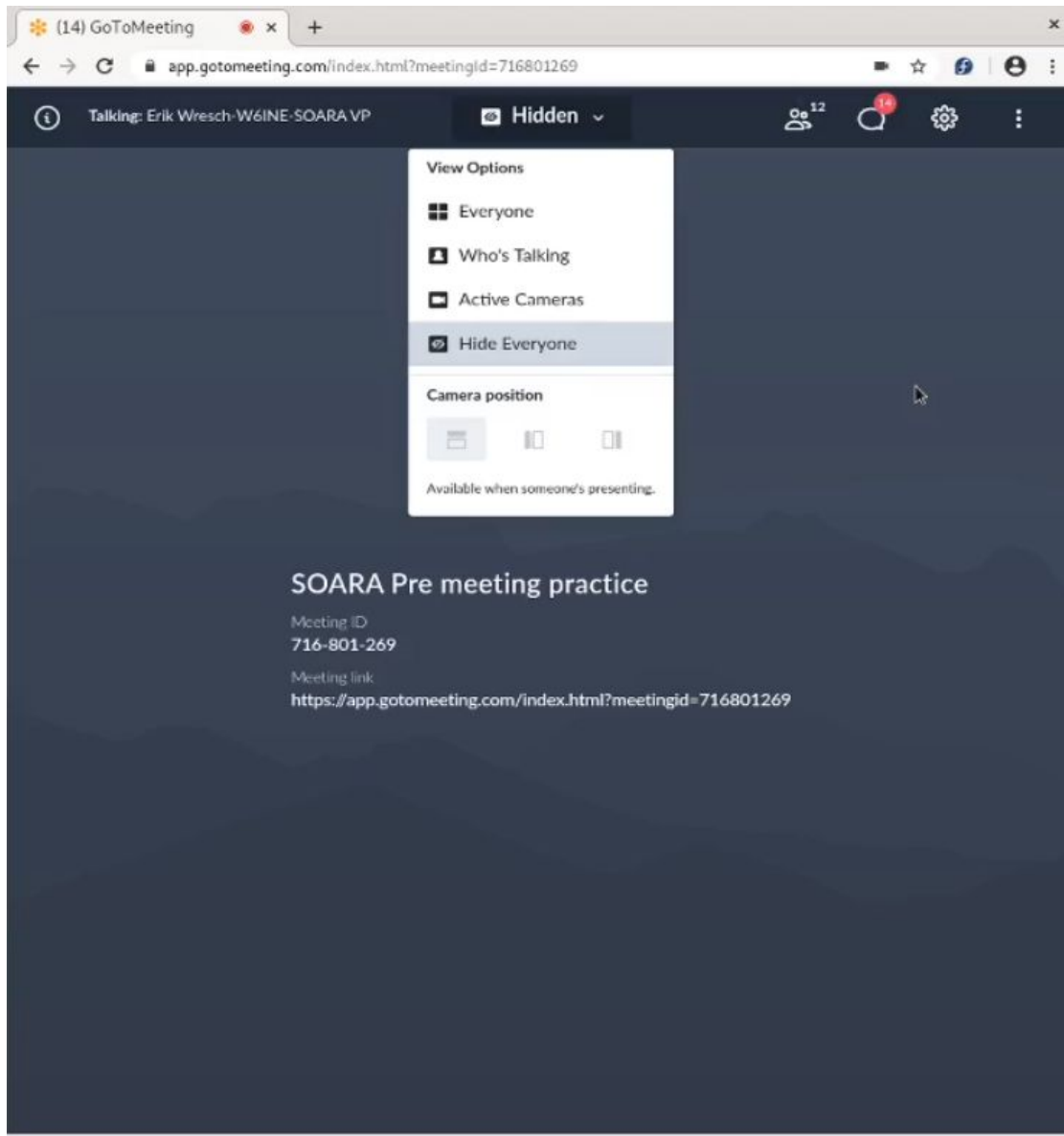
Be sure to choose "Join Meeting in Browser". Next you will have an opportunity to enter your name and ID. Please use your callsign for your ID. For example, I used W6EDT and my name was Dale. If you have previously used GotoMeeting, your name and ID will be stored in cookies associated with the site. You may or may not want to change them,



As was mentioned above, a headphone is best, but as long as you do not unmute your mike, the PC speakers will also work. Once you enter the meeting you will see something like this (I am the “W” in the upper left):

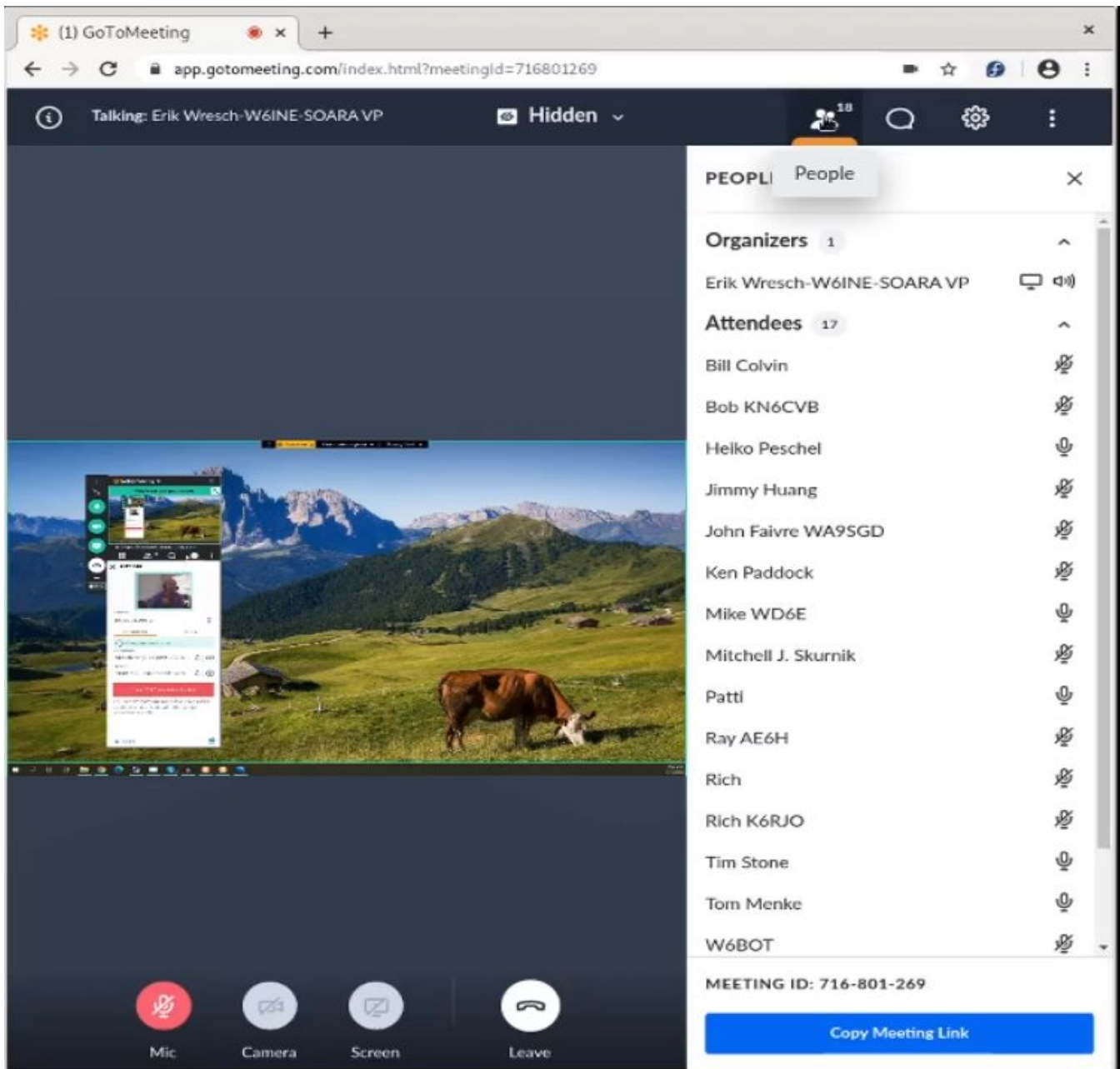
I would suggest you click on 'Everyone' at the top of the screen and change the display to 'Hide Everyone'. This will make the presentation, larger and easier to see.

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Finally, if you need to update your name or simply want to see who is logged in, use the people icon at the top right of your screen. To update your name or ID, click on your name and press "Edit" in the drop down menu.



Please leave your Mic icon as shown (muted **RED**), which prevents noise at your location from disrupting the meeting.

There will also be a telephone number you can call on a telephone and an access code to allow you to listen to the presentation, if a computer is not available. Please be sure you have unlimited long distance, as the number will not be toll-free.

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If you wish to join the meeting on a phone or tablet, either Android or Iphone, you will need to install the GotoMeeting App from you phone vendors approved 'store' The App is free, but may require certain permissions to function.

If you need help getting connected, please place a call on the Santiago repeater and I'll try to help you.

Also, if you would prefer to watch a live stream on YouTube, the link will be announced on the soara.org web site. The meeting will be available for playback later on YouTube as well.

This is a great way to participate in our club's meetings even when staying home to be safe.

**73,
Dale, W6EDT**

2021 SOARA Calendar

Month	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
General Meeting 7:00 PM	18	15	15	19	17	21	19	16	20	19	15	-
Program	-	-	-	-	Spring Auction	Field Day Prep	-	SOARA Fair	-	-	-	-
FCC Ham Exam 6:00 PM			15	19	17	-	19	16	20	19	15	-
Education Classes 8:00 AM			13	17	15	-	17-	14	18	16-	13	-
SOARA Elmer Saturday 9:00 AM	Net Every Sat	Net Every Sat	20	24	22	FD	24	21	25	23	20	-
SOARA T-Hunt 1:00 pm	updates	updates	Updates	Updates	Updates	Updates	Updates	Updates	Updates	Updates	Updates	updates
Board Meeting	25	22	22	26	24	FD-	26	23	27	25	22	-
Special Events	Quartz-fest 17-23	Palm Springs Yuma		Visalia DX	Dayton Ham-vention	ARRL Field Day 25-27	HRO Ham Jam	SOARA Picnic		JOTA 16-18		SOARA Holiday Party
Major HF Contests		ARRL DX-CW 20-21	ARRL DX-SSB 6-7 CQWPX SSB 27-28		CQWPX CW 29-30	ARRL Field Day 25-27			CQWW RTTY	CQWW SSB	CQWW SSB	
Volunteer Events	OC Chili Run	Paws Fur Pink OC Chili Run	OC Chili Run Baker to Vegas	Dessert Storm Rally Ride for Rwanda	HD Trails LH Marathon	ARRL Field Day 25-27	MV Fire-works 4				Vision Quest OC Marathon 7	

Dates subject to Change - Check the SOARA Web Site (<http://www.soara.org>) to verify locations and times or click on the live links in the table

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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.

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 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.

	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:

- 40 meter HF (7.200 MHz +/- , Sundays @ 8 AM
- 10 meter HF (Technicians Welcome) (28.415 +/-) Sundays @ 9 AM
- General Membership Net - UHF/VHF (447.180, 147.645 & 224.640): Tuesdays @ 8 PM
- Astronomy - VHF 147.645: Wednesdays @ 7 PM
- D-STAR (146.115 C module): Wednesdays @ 8 PM
- Dinner Net - 147.645, 224.640, 447.180: Fridays at 7 PM
- Tech Net - 147.645, 224.640, 447.180: Saturdays @ 9 AM

- California Rescue Communications (Gordo Net) HF (7.250 MHz +/- for QRM): Weekdays @ 8:30AM
- MVRACES - 447.180: Tuesdays @ 7PM
- Tri-Cities RACES - 146.025: Wednesdays @ 8 PM
- LNACS - 147.645: Thursdays @ 7 PM
- OC Parks Fire Watch - 447.180: Thursdays @ 8 PM

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