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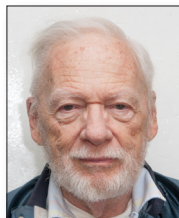
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SWR's mission is to prepare for communications during emergencies and disasters. This preparation is accomplished through working community events such as: The Lakeside Western Days, and North Park Toyland parades, the Midnight Madness Bicycle Ride and Fiesta Island Time Trials, the Silver Strand Half-Marathon, the San Diego International Triathlon and the Descanso Endurance Horse Ride

The Southwestern REACT General Meeting is held the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM at: 2650 Melbourne Drive, San Diego, CA

Reactive Team Net

The Team net is held on the first and fourth Thursdays of the month at 8:00 PM on the 449.060 REACT/ARES Repeater with a negative offset and a PL tone of 88.5 (Mt. Otay)



Experience Is Learning

By Roger McCollough, SWR 098, President

Getting the Larger Picture

This month's message is not intended to be about me, but rather what has passed in my experience log. Like many of us, who have lived long enough, our communications experience began with CB in the late 50s, early 60s. In the early 70s, I became aware of REACT and its activity in the San Diego area, aiding motorists and forwarding requests for assistance; the beginnings of what we have become today.

For any of our new kids on the REACT block, we moved from the world of CB, to GMRS, then Amateur Radio. Our communications method may have changed but our mission has not. In case you haven't noticed we're not the only ones that have a similar mission, such as ARES, various clubs, and repeater groups, and individuals. One such group is the Red Cross Communications Team (RCCT) of the San Diego-Imperial County Red Cross chapter.

The event they participated in dealt with more than 50 teams of 3 to 4 workers, working throughout the Chula Vista community, installing free smoke detectors. The RCCT task, as you might expect, was to deploy with the support vehicles. The Red Cross takes care of its volunteers by offering a breakfast before the briefing, followed by the briefing, then it disperses the teams throughout the area in the vans and several MTS buses, to assigned distribution points, to move throughout the community.

Each team was equipped to install up to three smoke detectors at each location. When a team ran short of supplies, such as the smoke detectors, they would call their distribution point and request a van delivery of the needed supplies. At

about 1 PM, most teams had completed their assigned areas and were returned to their assembly area, a local middle school, for a "thank you bag" of goodies, and lunch. ALL the support volunteers also received the bag and lunch.

RCCT communications were maintained using their "Go-kits", using a simplex VHF frequency and a standby repeater frequency. It currently reminds me of our methods when doing a back-country endurance horse ride; right?

This event leads me to the value of working with other groups, sharing our experience and training with their methods before the need becomes critical. We've often said, that once the "ball drops", is NOT a good time to learn to coordinate with others. Just as we have invited others to work with us at our events, it is equally important that we learn to work with the other emergency and disaster workers.

Those of you that have military experience, you learned that there are groups or units, within that organization, with different specialized backgrounds other than your own, that create a greater team for the common good.

It's "bottom line" time (at the bottom, of course) for my message. As to the meetings of other groups, may I recommend using their website for meeting information, so you can make the time to attend. There is stuff to be learned out there, so go for it.

"Nuf said..."

let's GIT' ER DONE!!! 

Upcoming Events		
Event	Date	Status
Giro di San Diego	06/15/2019 (Sat)	Approved
San Diego International Triathlon	06/23/2019 (Sun)	Approved
Touch-A-Truck	09/22/2019	Approved
Silver Strand Half Marathon	11/10/2019 (Sun)	Approved

The remaining four events for 2019 have been approved by the board. In order to provide the requested services, we need to assign Coordinators can be assigned, send repeater requests and circulate sign-up sheets. Anyone wishing to act as a Coordinator or sign up for one of these events, contact any board member.



LOGO 1



LOGO 2



LOGO 3

So far, only one response has been received in the selection of a new logo for Southwestern REACT. The final decision will be made by the board at the May 9th board meeting and presented to the team membership at the general meeting on May 16th. If you wish to have a voice in the selection of a new logo, get your vote in now!



Interdepartmental Training for Law Enforcement, Fire & EMS



REACH 21

5400 Willows Rd, Alpine

Wednesday, May 8th 9am - 11am

Please join us for an “open house” style training of helicopter operations with multiple aircraft from SD Sheriff & REACH.

Training will include:

- Mission Capabilities
- Communications
- Crew Coordination
- Hands on experience with each aircraft