



Southwestern REACTer



JUNE 2021

KEEP
CALM
IT'S THE
FIRST DAY
OF SUMMER



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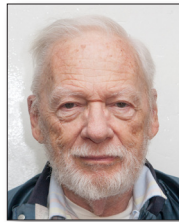
SWR's mission is to prepare for communications during emergencies and disasters. This preparation is accomplished through working community events such as: The Lakeside Western Days, and North Park Toyland parades, the Midnight Madness Bicycle Ride and Fiesta Island Time Trials, the Silver Strand Half-Marathon,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

The Southwestern REACT board meeting is held the second Thursday of the month at 7 PM on the Zoom application. Any member is welcome to attend. Contact us for the link.

The Southwestern REACT General Meeting is held the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM on the Zoom application. Contact us for the meeting link.

Reactive Team Net

The Team net is currently on hiatus.



Behold The Squeaking Door

By Roger McCollough, KF6HBU, SWR 098, President

When It Was Last Opened, It Didn't Squeak

Prologue

Our last event, that then closed the "Event Door", was the North Park Toyland Parade on 12/08/2019, a Sunday. No wonder that the Activity Door has become stiff and squeaky; that is almost a year and a half ago that we had the opportunity to refresh and demonstrate our capabilities. In that time we have lost valuable members through relocation, lost of interest, and, sadly, through their passing. Our abilities and training through our past experience has taken a beating. I have, over the time suggested finding other amateur radio activities where ever you could find them or joining in on the various Zoom information or training sessions presented by the SDG and LAX ARES, and the Ratpac Groups.

Soon we will be able to return to regular meetings, face-to-face with real people. It has been too long in coming. The plan will include, for the time being, simulcasting the General Meetings live and with Zoom, for those not ready to mingle with real people, that are unable to travel, or they are faced with long travel distances. That said...

We Need The Sounds Of Rustling Members, Not Crickets.

Okay guys, you know the importance and valuable work this team has done and needs to continue to do. The Board and I have asked for your help in preparing us for that door swinging wide open. We have emphasized in our team that we are a team, and that teamwork requires everyone play their part. If you have any questions about your responsibility to the team, consider the following:

- Your primary job is to prepare yourself, and be capable of supporting

the team.

- Maximize your team work skills and actions.
- Be professional in your actions and appearance. Remember, the event volunteers and the public are looking to you for our knowledge, support, leadership in difficult situations, and prepared for the unexpected that may arise.
- Prepared to contribute ongoing situations and relevant information to the event control.

These are all reminders of the basic event activities. These are things that demonstrate our value to the event and support our value for future callbacks and other related events.

When Will The Government Unlock Our Door?

As usual, the various government agencies can be a major stumbling block for return of what we may call normal operations. Permits, and their costs, have kept many of our users on hold. The state has indicated that, later this month, most restrictions will be lifted. Let's hope so.

The board is still maintaining contacts with our past users and perhaps, near the end of August, Lakeside will have their Western Day's celebration and perhaps parade. Please keep your eye on the news for other charity events that could use our support, and simply do not know that we exist. Some of these events are static, that is, they take place only in a location, and may not need a useful support effort from us. Keep your eyes and ears open about these possible events. Most of these events are also run by volunteers, many of which don't even know we exist. So

if you see or hear any advertising for any upcoming event, notify the board's, so that we can reach out and bring them up to date or add them as a new request-er we can support.

So let me be clear! We want and need your support. In the opening introduction of The Lone Ranger", the announcer said "let us return to those thrilling days of yesteryear, that from a cloud of dust, the sound of thundering hoof beats (radio operators) the rising crescendo of

commands of Southwestern REACT control, Hi Ho REACT, AWAY!" (Apologies to the script writer for that show)

Participate! It's really painless and it can make you feel very good.

"Nuf said..."

LET'S GIT' ER DONE!!! ✈



60 Year Anniversary Patches Available

The team has twelve of the 60 Year Anniversary patches available for a donation of \$2.50 or more each. These are fully embroidered patches and are 3 inches in diameter. These are perfect for replacing some of the out-dated patches on team uniform shirts. So far, only three members have obtained the patches, but others have asked about them. If interested, contact June McCollough, SWR 054 to obtain yours. ✈

Southwestern React Board Meeting , May 13, 2021

Submitted By Jay Pistiolas, SWR 046, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Roger McCollough at 19:08

Quorum Check – Five (5) Board Members & Two (2) Visitors

Special Motion - None

General Meeting Minutes – April Meeting Minutes were approved and ready to file

Correspondence List – Reviewed

Treasurer's Report – June McCollough reported a balance of \$6,135.64 as of 4/30

REACT Editor – Latest issue is out and posted on Website

Webmaster – Website is up to date

Unfinished Business – Ratpac, seminars and training

Supporting repeater groups

Team repeaters, no new information at this time

Tri Folds now have REACT 60th Anniversary Logo on it

New Business–New member Dana Fontenot has been accepted and on probation

Nets, training and drills

My Shake App

Get ready for future events coming up

60th REACT Anniversary in Las Vegas in 2022. Details forthcoming

Past Events - None

Upcoming Events – Regular events are virtual at this time

Lakeside Western Days Parade 8/28, Sun. (Scheduled in person as of now)

Good of the Team – Check in on various Nets. Keep your radio skills sharp!

Meeting adjourned at 20:23 ✈

Southwestern React General Meeting, May 20, 2021

Submitted by Jay Pistiolas, SWR 046, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Roger McCollough at 18:46

Quorum Check – Four (4) Board Members & Two (2) General Members

General Meeting Minutes – Accepted for filing

Correspondence List – Reviewed

Treasurer's Report - June McCollough reported a balance of \$6,135.64 as of 4/30

REACT Editor – Latest issue is out

Webmaster – Went over domain renewals and site is updated

Unfinished Business – Team repeaters. No new updates
Participation in non-interface events
Table the motion to support local repeater owners
Request from MEARC for the PCT 50 has been cancelled

New Business – Training, drills, nets – what's next? Prepare for events

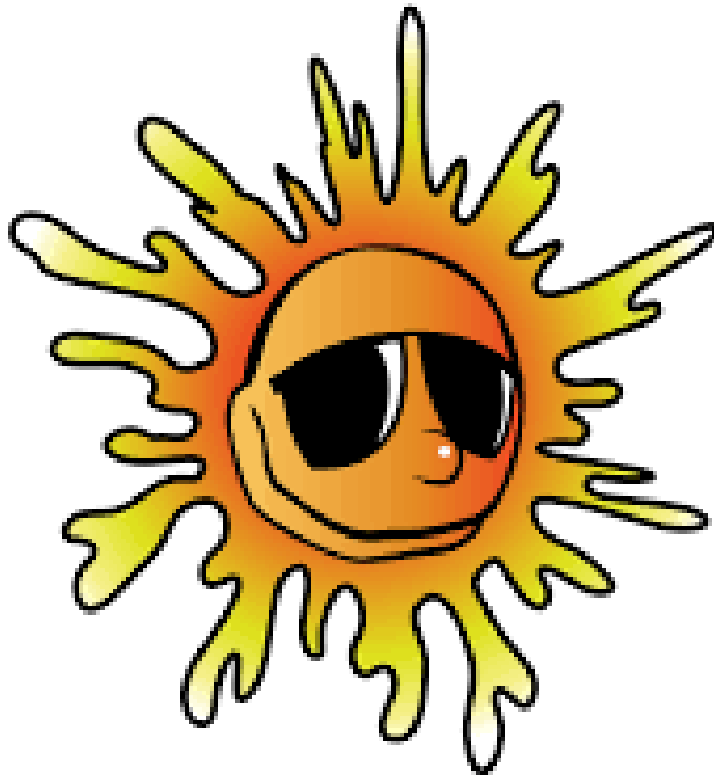
Post Events – None

Upcoming Events – Lakeside Western Days Parade: 8/28 – Saturday

(NOTE) June 15 will be the day California will re-open. More events could be forthcoming. Stay tuned!

Good Of The Team – Check on the various radio nets in the County

Meeting Adjourned @ 19:40 ✈



June 20, 2021 is the first day of summer. Are you ready?