



Southwestern REACTer



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**The clocks go
forward next
weekend. Not
sure how far
forward, but I
think four months
should do.**



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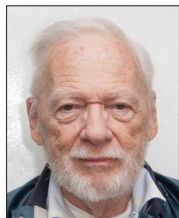
SWR's mission is to prepare for communications during emergencies and disasters. This preparation is accomplished through working community events such as: The Lakeside Western Days, and North Park Toyland parades, the Midnight Madness Bicycle Ride and Fiesta Island Time Trials, the Silver Strand Half-Marathon, 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 at the Mission Valley iHop restaurant. Any member is welcome to attend. Contact us for the address.

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

See the website for net information.



I'm From Southwestern React

Roger McCollough, SWR 098, President

What Does That Mean?

Prologue

What does that mean?

Depends who you are talking to. Let's talk about reputation, training and the situation. We may be at an event, meeting, accident or... We hope we do not have to explain "What is Southwestern React?" So our reputation may be in question if we don't put ourselves in a positive, capable and community supportive way.

The Measure Of Training and Reputation.

To communicate on a radio, it helps if you know how it works. That means more than just being able to turn it on. Can you adjust the volume, squelch, select the assigned frequency, and listen and talk on that frequency? Basic stuff, right? What if the assigned frequency is NOT in memory? Can you field-program it? Do you know what to say in a manner of a radio-operator, not talking on your cell phone? Are you prepared for incidents that require your attention? Are you prepared to deal with the public's needs, including providing information, directions, and support?

In the sports world, there are pre-season workouts that refresh our minds and muscle. You are responsible to be current in your actions and that your equipment is ready to go. Events are our pre-season work to refresh until the real "game-time" occurs. Let's be clear. The real thing can occur at an, otherwise, normal event. They have in the past, and are likely to occur again.

Reputation

Our reputation is supported by the activities we are asked to support. They come to us when they need our broad band of talents and past responses. Simply they trust our decisions to oversee the activities and, if possible,

mitigate the situation to limit within the limits of our training (there come that **training** word again). Training comes from the class room, personal study, and experience.

Situation

Observe, Assess, Report, Respond; The elements of "Sit-Rep". One of the many positives of 2-way radio communications can be found in that all communications are shared to all on the net. Cell phones offer Person to Person information sharing with only one-at-a-time sharing. Critical information may be spread too late to correct the problem. This concept is sometime missed where all activity is not monitored full time! This can be a critical error. Again; practice, practice, and more practice!

Be active in ALL TEAM ACTIVITIES!

We ask very little activity outside of the events that we do. Here is the list:

- Attend meetings
- Check in on the bi-monthly net.
- Read all of your REACTER (You know, just like you're doing now?)
- Monitor and/or participate with other group's activities. Listen and learn, and share.

A Short, But Important Message

The Webmaster is constantly updating our website with reports and updating of schedules. Recently added is the Descriptions of Upcoming Events. If you see an event, such as Touch-a-Truck or Lakeside Western Days Parade, you can see, what, when, and where it is, and duties we do. Check it out for further details. Notify Webmaster if you have any comments.

"Nuf said..."

LET'S GIT' ER DONE!!!

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

	KK6SLE	KK6SLE@ARRL.NET	
Date: 02-09-2023		Report By	Daniel W SWR061
Called to order: 19:09	Board of Directors	In attendance: Yes	http://www.swreact.com
President: Yes	Rodger MC	Vice President: Yes	John W
Secretary: Yes	Daniel Willan	Treasurer: Yes	June Mc
Director at Large: Yes	George	Editor: Yes	John W
Quorum: Yes		Webmaster: Yes	John W
Opening and Special Motions:	No		
Correspondence List	Yes: 02-07-2023 Registry of Charitable Trust		
Minutes of the last Board Meeting	Approved: Yes	Minutes of the last Board Meeting	Approved: Yes/No
Reports:	Treasurer:	Yes	\$4,631.81
	Reactor Editor:	Yes	
	Webmaster:	Yes	
	Guest:	No	
Unfinished Business			
Committee to review bylaws and policies and procedures form a committee to review and update bylaws and PNP John 042			
New Business			
Audit committee completed audit, all good, no discrepancies found			
Closing of HRO, Motion to donate to pizza fund, John/June \$25.00 approved 5-0 voting			
501 C 3 Status, June to research			
Events moved to Teams approval			
Please attend the SWREACT monthly NET, 1 st and 4 th Thursday at 18:30, 449.440, - offset, pl 107.2			
Events			
Future Events	Event Date	Status	Coordinator
Touch-A-Truck	02/26/2023	Approved	TBA
Touch-A-Truck	Alt Rain 03-05-2023	In Case	
FITT	04/09/2023	Approved	#081
San Diego Gran Fondo	04/23/2023	Pending teams Approval	TBD
Lakeside Western Days Parade	04/29/2023	Pending teams Approval	TBD
FITT	05/14/2023	Approved	#081
Giro de San Diego	06-10-2023	Pending teams Approval	TBA
SD International Triathlon	06/25/2023	Pending teams Approval	TBA
Silver Strand ½ Marathon	11/12/2023	Pending teams Approval	TBA
Good of the Team			
Is you FCC Ham License up for renewal? Ask John how to renew			
Reminders			
	Date and Time	Location	
Board of Director Meeting	2 nd Thurs at 18:30	IHOP at 2169 Fenton Pkwy, San Diego, CA. 92108	
General Meeting	3 rd Thurs at 18:30	Zoom unless in person	
SWReact Net	1 st and 4 th Thursday 18:30	449.440, - offset, pl 107.2	
Meeting Adjourned	20:06		

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

	KK6SLE	KK6SLE@ARRL.NET	
Date:	February 16, 2023	Report By	June McCollough KG6JJM
Called to order: 6:35 pm	Board of Directors	In attendance: Yes/No	http://www.swreact.com
President: Yes	Rodger MC	Vice President: Yes	John W
Secretary: No	Daniel W.	Treasurer: Yes	June Mc
Director at Large: Yes	George	Editor: Yes	John W
Quorum: Yes		Webmaster: Yes	John W
Guests/Team	Michael Bailey Per Martin	Jim Patterson Walter Wallenborn	Carl Jensen Marilyn Jensen
Pledge of Allegiance:	Carl		
Opening and Special Motions:	None		
Correspondence List	See Agenda		
Minutes of the last General Meeting	Approved: Yes	Minutes of the last General Meeting	Approved: Yes
Reports:	Treasurer:	Yes	\$4,721.81
	Reactor Editor:	Yes	
	Webmaster:	Yes	
Unfinished Business			
Committee to review By-laws and Policy and Procedures – Form a committee to have a meeting after next week. If you want to help please contact John Wright.			
Closing of HRO 2/28/2023- Board voted to donation \$25.00 to Pizza for the farewell party.			
New Business			
Audit Committee – Was read by June McCollough Voted to approve the audit with correction of December 31, 2021 balance rather than December 31, 2022 in paragraph one.			
501 (c) 3 Statement – June McCollough is looking into it. Seems we have been revoked.			
Events approved - San Diego Gran Fondo; Lakeside Western Days Parade.			
Email to Team and Friends of REACT – requesting their availability to work upcoming events. Also do event summary of what is expected of radio operations for the event.			
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Rainout date	03/05/2023	Approved	#081
FITT	04/09/2023	Approved	#081
San Diego Gran Fondo	04/23/2023	Approved	#81/#92
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Meeting Adjourned	7:54		

Need to Renew Your License?

John Wright, SWR 042

Recently some of the members of Southwestern REACT have had to renew their amateur radio licenses. The process has led to a bunch of difficulty and frustration. The FCC Universal Licensing System (ULS,) particularly the fee payment portion of the process, is not the easiest thing to navigate, especially if one hasn't looked at it in some time.

Recently I came across a post in the Amateur Radio feed on the REDDIT website forum that should make the entire process more understandable. Reddit user Calm-Kiwi-9232 made the effort to research and share some tips on navigating the ULS and particularly the new CORES registration site.

First, a little necessary background information. The US amateur radio license is issued for a period of ten years. Upon the expiration of the license at the end of the ten years, there is a two year grace period during which the license can be renewed without penalty. All that is required is applying for the renewal and paying the fee.

A couple of notes:

1. The license may be renewed at any time within 90 days prior to expiration.
2. Once the license expires, the individual cannot operate, even during the grace period.

Once the grace period passes and the license is still expired, it is then cancelled and the license holder must start from scratch. If the license is cancelled, the individual loses their call sign and license class. However, not all is lost. All a former ham has to do to become re-licensed after a cancellation is take and pass the Technician examination. If they held a higher class license; General or Extra, and can prove it, that class of license will be reinstated without taking the pertinent examination. Again, the previous call sign will not be re-issued but may be applied for as a Vanity Call if it is available. This will entail a separate application and fee (non-refundable if the vanity is not granted.)

Before the closure of the legacy CORES system and the imposition of the application fee (by order of Congress through legislation) all that was required for renewal of an amateur radio (or GMRS) license was logging into the ULS using the FCC Registration number (FRN) and the password created at the time of registering for the FRN. It was then a simple matter to apply for renewal.

Now it's bit more complicated. It requires establishing an account with a user name (the e-mail address associated with your license) and password, associating that user name with your FRN and then logging in with the user name and password to conduct business with the FCC (renewal in this case.) Note that establishing the user name and password is a one-time evolution and can be used for subsequent renewals.

Here are the links to the process. These links should be of assistance in navigating the renewal process.

Creating a Username

<https://whaididwasblog.wordpress.com/2023/02/02/creating-a-username/>

Associating FRN to username

<https://whaididwasblog.wordpress.com/2023/02/02/associating-frn-to-username/>

Renewing an Amateur / GMRS license

<https://whaididwasblog.wordpress.com/2023/02/15/renewing-an-amateur-gmrs-license/>

Paying FEES

<https://whaididwasblog.wordpress.com/2023/02/15/paying-fees/>

Hopefully, this will help out when renewal time rolls around. I would suggest that anyone whose renewal is still several years off complete the process of establishing the user name/ password account and associating that user name with their FRN now. The process will then be so much simple when it comes time to actually renew.

If anyone needs assistance with anything relating to their license, don't hesitate to contact me and I will endeavor to assist you.

Thanks to Reddit user Calm-Kiwi-9232 for allowing the use of their links. ✍

New Channel Added To Comm Plan

John Wright, SWR 042, Communications Officer

I have added a new Channel to the team communications plan. Channel 15 has been added as follows:

Receive	Transmit	Offset	Mode	Team Name	Tone Mode	CTCSS
147.180	147.780	Plus	FM/Fusion	SWR15LF	Tone/ENC	110.9

NOTE: This repeater is the former Coronado emergency Radio Operators (CERO) repeater now owned by SOBARS and is located on the roof of the Las Flores Tower at the Coronado Cays Condominium Complex at the North end of the Silver Strand. This should provide excellent coverage for the Silver Strand Half Marathon in November. A downloadable copy of the Communications Plan is available on the Southwestern REACT website:

<http://www.swreact.com/react-communications-plan.html> ⚡



Spring Ahead...

Well, it's that time of year again (that we've all come to hate.) The government is once more going to cause you to lose an hour of sleep. Don't forget to set your clocks an hour ahead before going to bed Saturday night, March 11, 2023. ⚡