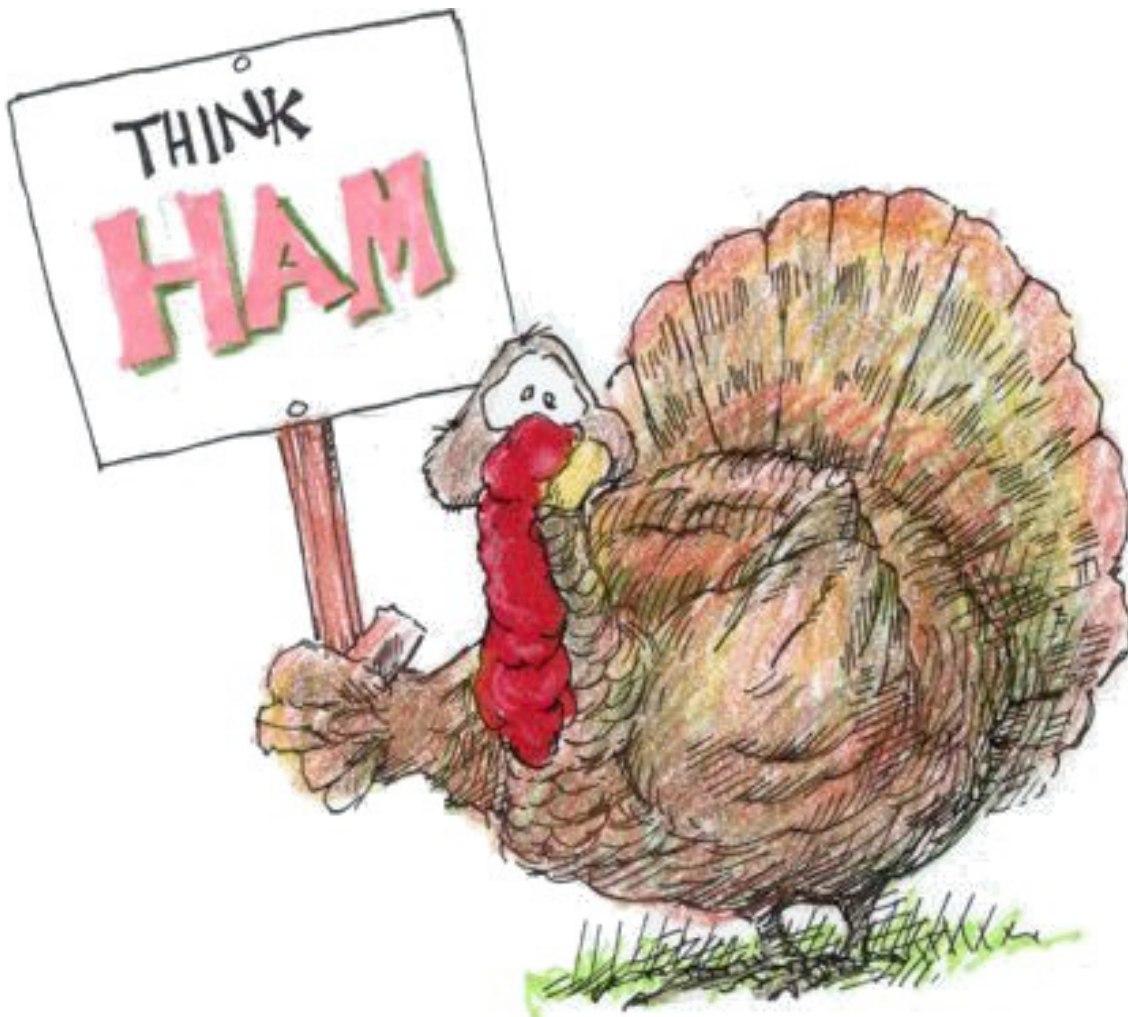




# Southwestern REACTer



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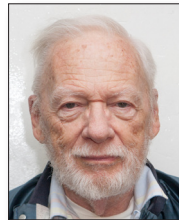
SWR's mission is to prepare for communications during emergencies and disasters. This preparation is accomplished through working community events such as: The Lakeside Western Days, and North Park Toyland parades, the Midnight Madness Bicycle Ride and Fiesta Island Time Trials, the Silver Strand Half-Marathon,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



## Time Flies: Are We Having Fun Yet?

Roger McCollough, SWR 098, President

### 2022, With Less Than Two Months To Go.

#### Prologue

Oncoming rush of Holidays, ZOOM meetings, crazy gas prices, politicians fighting for your vote and each other, costs spiking, wars and unrest everywhere, TV shows in and out of re-runs unless you pay a "+" fee, with more channels you can count, and worst of all, the sound of silence from event promoters that we once supported. Only our world is just too quiet currently. So let's us talk about it.

#### So Let's Look Backward A Bit

REACT has been around over +60 years doing what we do best; serving our community through assisting their management through experience and radio communication. In the past we built up a strong and well earned reputation for our communication and situational control. Requests for our help rose to nearly two dozen a year; that's two a month, with several requiring multiple days to complete. Each of these events made us better as we faced new and different problems and their solutions. Our experience base grew with each one and our input into event proved we were not just radio talkers.

#### Let's look To NOW.

Let's face it, without event activity within the Team schedule, we still must find something to do. In several of my past activities I've been subject to a make-work philosophy, especially in the military. Command just could not stand seeing the troops sitting without being busy. In like style, companies found work for you, laid you off, or removed you from their employment roles. I'm sure you can think of other examples, perhaps in your current life.

But we are volunteers with no pay and plenty of other unrelated things to do in your life. So it should come as no

surprised if your interest may wane. We do have several routines we ask you do that don't take much time but will keep you connected to the Team and its purpose.

Ongoing we ask you to keep informed about emergency communications that REACT and other groups, such as ARES, are doing. We send out our REACTER newsletter; do you read it? We hold a twice a month radio net; to you check in and participate? We hold a monthly General Meeting, currently done on ZOOM, (but soon to go face-to-face) to get updates and share your feedback, with the opportunity have personal contact; do you attend? Have you checked and updated you equipment and Go-Bag? Are you remaining radioactive? **BOTTOMLINE; ARE YOU READY?**

#### Let's Look To The Future.

There seems to be three futures.

- 1. Things don't change.** We can continue like we are at this time with signs indicating interest is less than healthy, ability to respond is likely below standards, and the membership lacks knowledge of the Team members. Some members don't get involved unless called upon. They don't schedule Team activities on their personnel calendars. And so it goes. I'm sure you understand what I'm saying.
- 2. Things change for the better.** Members get more involved. Membership and non-members interest and support grow. We unearth or discover new events that want our support and end the lack of response to training opportunities. Some sort of family involvement

for fun. Better name recognition in the community we serve. More support to and by other amateur groups. Present our brand to others at gatherings. What are your ideas; all are welcome.

3. **Things change for the worse.** I really don't think I need to dwell on this. If item #2 does not happen then only item #1 stands before item #3 becomes our future.

**Our Stand and Desire.**

It is, and has always been, the power of radio communications to serve and protect the community. The

Amateur Radio Service is rooted in its title **SERVICE**; the Communications Act makes that clear. REACT was formed to follow a similar mandate in the old Part D Citizens Band and hold true as we added GMRS then Amateur Radio. REACT will continue being a valuable service to all communities, where ever they exist.

**PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR REACT TEAM!**

“Nuf said...”

**LET'S GIT' ER DONE!!!** ⚡

**Southwestern REACT Board Meeting, October 13, 2022**

June McCollough, SWR 054, Acting Secretary

The Meeting was called to order by President Roger McCollough at 7:03 pm

**Quorum Check** – Four (4) Board Members present. Excused Jay Pistiolas, **Visitors** –Heather Wright

**Special Motion** – None

**Meeting Minutes** – Approved and accepted for filing

**Correspondence List** – Reviewed

**Treasurer's Report** – June McCollough reported an ending balance of 5,057.45 as of Sept. 30, 2022. Approved for filing

**REACTer Editor** – REACTer was out 10/13/2022

**Webmaster** – Updated

**Unfinished Business** – **National Weather Service** is looking for Skywarn Amateur operator to observe and report weather sighting. **ARES ABC50** mile run 12/3/22 not a REACT event but they need help.

**New Business- Per Martin #53** Motion by June McCollough, Seconded by John Wright to recommend Per Martin for full membership. **Discussion** – **cost of working events for members** - We need event request ASAP to be able to poll member's ability to travel for event. Do this before we accept events. Do briefing on Zoom for big events.

**Pre-Event Insurance Certificates** – John, Roger & June attended a International REACT Zoom meeting and learned that we should have a certificate of Insurance for all our events. Requested and received certificates of insurance for FITT & Silver Strand ½ Marathon. **Budget Committee** – met on Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> and voted to leave dues at current price of \$45.00 for 2023. **Pending Election Committee** – TBA at General Meeting.

**DMR Talk Group for REACT** – Roger McCollough talked to John Capodanno about REACT talk Group for DMR. Will advise.

**Post Events** – None

**Upcoming Events** –

FITT	Sun. 10/16/2022	Approved	SWR081
Silver Strand Half Marathon	Sun. 11/13/2022	Approved	SWR081

**Good of the TEAM** – None

Meeting Adjourned at 8:21PM ⚡

# Southwestern React General Meeting, October 20, 2022

June McCollough, SWR 054, Acting Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Roger McCollough at 18:39 (On Zoom)

**Quorum Check** – Four (4) Board Members; Jay Pistorias excused; Five (5) General Members.

**General Meeting Minutes** – Motion by Carl Jensen, Seconded by George Reeves to accept the meeting minutes; motion carried.

**Correspondence List** – Reviewed

**Treasurer's Report** – Ending balance of \$5057.45 as of Sept. 30, 2022

**REACT Editor** – REACTer is out. **Webmaster** – Website is updated.

**Unfinished Business – ARES Events - Anza Borrego Cuyamaca 50 Mile** (ABC 50) Run December 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. This is not a REACT event but we can support it. Contact Marty Latterich by email at mlatterich@gmail.com

**New Business – Per Martin #53** recommended for full membership by the board. M/S/C by Mike Bailey and June that Per Martin is approved for full membership. **Board discussed new event approval** – When we get event requests that we need to make sure we have members that can afford to do it. Maybe look at carpooling to the events and that we have enough to cover the event. **New Certificate of Insurance for events** – We are now required to have International request a Certificate of Insurance for our events from our insurance carrier. **Budget Committee** – Meeting was held October 9<sup>th</sup> at 2650 Melbourne Dr. San Diego, CA about 11:00 am. June McCollough, chair; Carl Jensen, Marilyn Jensen, George Reeves & John Wright were present. After reviewing 2022 expenses we decided to approve that our dues will stay the same for 2023 of \$45.00. Budget was approved by the membership. **Nomination Committee** – Carl Jensen volunteered to make phone calls to all members about running for office for 2023. It will be reported at the General Meeting in November. Discussion about **change in By-laws** to hold election every two years or longer. Also discussion on changes in Policy and Procedure to update. Does International REACT have a **DMR REACT Group**? It was asked of District 8 rep to let us know. **December meeting** will be held at the church in person.

Post Events – FITT, Sun 10/16/2022 – was well staffed and event went well.

Upcoming Events –

	Event Date	Status	(* - Reqr Action) Coord.
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Silver Strand Half Marathon	Sun 11/13/2022	Approved	81#
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Going to need about 12 or more to cover this event.

Good of the Team – Face to Face training on the Go-Kit.

Meeting Adjourned at 19:55. ⚡



## Southwestern REACT Team Dress Code

John Wright, SWR 042, Vice-President

At the last Fiesta Island Time Trial (FITT) event of this year, a question came up about the Team Dress Code. Two team members were wearing black trousers along with the required red shirt. Another team member wondered if the dress code had changed to allow the wear of black trousers. This led to other questions about the dress code, including which patches were authorized for wear on the uniform shirt. Since no one present at the time seemed to know the correct answers, here is a review of the dress code as it appears in Section 5, Subsection XI of the December 2013 Edition of the Southwestern REACT Of San Diego County, Inc. Policies and Procedures Manual.

In keeping with the requirements of the Team Dress Code, I found a source for a very nice red windbreaker style jacket that is perfect for our climate.

<https://shop.aramarkuniform.com/s-catalog-outerwear-jackets-lightweight-three-season?style=414&assort=catalog>

### XI. Dress Code.

A. In keeping with the customary practices of volunteer and non-volunteer public safety organizations, the following dress code listing the recommended normally worn “standard” and “optional” items is established. This dress code will ensure easy identification of the members by others and insure a distinctive and standard appearance. All clothing items should be well fitting, neat, clean and properly pressed in appearance. The apparel should also be in a good state of repair. Free of visible holes, tears, stains and frays. Event Coordinators using these guidelines will be responsible for determining that Team members participating in Team events present an acceptable appearance. Coordinators are expected to use good judgment in deciding if a member’s appearance serves the good of the Team.

#### B. Description of recommended attire.

##### 1. Shirt/Blouse.

a. Color: Solid red

b. Style: Polo, Golf, or other button-up. Long or short sleeve. With or without pocket(s).

c. Insignia Placement:

Left sleeve(standard): The Team patch to be worn centered on the sleeve with the top of the patch 1-2” below the shoulder seam.

Right sleeve(optional): A second Team patch centered the same as on the left sleeve or, An Emergency Medical Service patch, if qualified, may be worn in place of or below the second Team patch.

Left front(optional): On or above the left pocket (or normal area for the pocket), one of the following may be worn:

REACT International Patch with the Team’s name,

REACT international Life Member Patch

REACT international junior Member Patch

REACT international Anniversary Patch

Right front(standard): The Team issued name tag should be worn on or above the right pocket (or normal area for the pocket).

Collar(optional): Centered on the right collar tab, a Team pin may be worn. Centered on the left collar tab, a REACT International pin or Emergency Medical Services pin may be worn. An American Flag may be worn on one of the collar tab. Other pins may be approved by the board.

Back of shirt (optional): A large REACT patch centered 4” below the yoke May be worn or, the lettering “Southwestern REACT” along with the member’s unit number may be embroidered or heat transferred.

d. Name Tags: Only the Team issued name tag should be worn. This name tag is white for active members. During Public Service events name tag hangers should be limited to four and in the following precedence order, top to bottom: Unit Number, GMRS License, Amateur

License, Current and Senior Office.

2. Pants/skirts/shorts:

- a. Color: Solid color. Colors worn should complement, not contrast the shirt.
- b. Styles: Because of safety considerations, shorts may not be appropriate. Check with the Event Coordinator first.
- c. Extreme or inappropriate styles, such as sweat pants, mini-skirts, short shorts, etc., should not be worn when representing the Team in public. Good judgment should always be considered first.

3. Jumpsuits (optional):

- a. Color: Solid red
- b. Insignia Placement: Same as on the shirt.

4. Shoes:

- a. Color: Avoid wild colors which would detract from the overall appearance of the attire.
- b. Styles: Closed toe, leather or tennis shoes are recommended. For safety considerations, open-toed shoes, such as sandals, shower shoes, thongs, etc, should not be worn unless medically prescribed. As members may be on their feet for long periods, shoes should already be broken in and otherwise comfortable.

5. Hats/sun visors:

- a. Color: Solid red or red and white.
- b. Insignia (optional): Head attire may have a Team or REACT International patch sewn on the front or may be embroidered or heat transferred with the Team's name and member's unit number, or the word "REACT" and the member's unit number.
- c. Pins (optional): May be worn on the hat, but should be limited to the Team pin, a REACT International approved pin, an American Flag and/or a pin issued by the current event sponsor.
- d. Any REACT International distributed hat may also be worn; however a red hat described above is preferred.
- e. Hats with lettering, logos or designs other than that described above, or not representing and approved by the current event sponsor may not be worn.

6. Jackets:

- a. Color: Solid red
- b. Insignia Placement (optional): Same as on the shirt.
- c. Leather jackets (optional): May be worn as safety equipment when operating on a motorcycle. A safety vest, if available, should be worn over non-Team apparel.
- d. Cold Weather/Rain Gear (optional): May worn as the weather may dictate. Any suitable attire is acceptable. A safety vest, if available, should be worn over non-Team apparel.

7. Safety vests (optional):

- a. Color: Orange, red or yellow with optional, but recommended reflective stripes for safety at night.
- b. Insignia Placement (optional):  
Left front: A Team Patch.  
Back: A large REACT International patch.

8. Ties (optional):

- a. Color: Solid white, navy blue or black.
- b. Style: Plain dress, bow or Bolo ties are acceptable. Women's ties or scarves of similar color are also acceptable.
- c. Tie Tacks (optional): A Team or REACT international pin may be used.

C. Other Occasions:

1. Events: When participating in an approved Southwestern REACT event or an authorized team call out.

2. Team Business Meetings. Although not required for meetings, wearing a Team shirt is encouraged. Members wearing civilian attire are encouraged to meet the same quality standards as listed above for Team apparel. This will ensure the Team presents a positive image to visitors.
3. Official Public Functions. When representing the Team at meetings other than Team meetings, members wear the Team shirt or business or similar attire. This does not always mean a suit, but members should present themselves in a manner which fits into the group, not stand out. If in civilian attire, the Team Identification Badge should be worn so that others will know who you are and who you represent. If attending a meeting where you are NOT representing the team, wearing the Team shirt is not appropriate.
4. Other: Any other occasions as may be determined by the Southwestern REACT board.

All team members are expected to adhere to the Team Dress Code when participating in Team activities as outlined above. ✨



### **Team, It Is That Time Again!**

June McCollough, SWR 054, Acting Secretary

Dues are due... \$45.00 for regular member and \$40.00 for first family member

Please pay by December 15<sup>th</sup> 2022.

Please mail to: PO Box 632955, San Diego CA 92163

Or if you need to call me to make a meet. ✨

### **Miscellaneous Notes**

John Wright, SWR 042, Vice-President

**T**eam Comm Plan Change: The K6RRR repeater (449.720) listed as Channel 1 on the comm plan is no longer in service and it's unlikely it will be returned to service. Please remove this repeater from your copy of the comm plan.

The December meeting, scheduled for December 15th, will be an **IN-PERSON** meeting and will be held at the usual place and time.

## After Action Report: Fiesta Island Time Trials

George Reeves, SWR 081, Coordinator

On Sunday, October 16, 2022, the San Diego Bicycle Club coordinated the FITT event, a timed cycling course around Fiesta Island. There were approximately 92 riders, on cycles of various descriptions: traditional road bikes, three-wheelers, recumbants, tandems, and hand-cranked. Many of the riders ran three laps of the Island to record their times.

In attendance were REACT members Wayne Oliver (#142, Youth Camp), June McCollough (#54, North 1), Roger McCollough (#98, North 1), Jim Patterson (#151, Southwest Curve), Don Dodson (#55, West 1), John Wright (#42, West 1.5), Mike Bailey (#92, Shadow), George Reeves (#81, South Curve/Net Control), and Friends of REACT Patrick Gooden (K6PFG, North 2), and Anthony Reidler (KR6ATC, West 1).

All communications were conducted on Simplex Team Channel 5 (Triple Nickle), which, for the most part, worked well across the entire course. After all REACT

Units were in place, a station check was performed, with all Units reporting in with good signal. Weather was good (overcast and cool) with a fairly dry track, after a light rain the previous evening. No unusual or hazardous conditions were observed.

The first participants were rolling on the course at about 0700. There were no calls for assistance, either medical or police, with only one rider walking his bike back to the Start line with a mechanical problem shortly after the start time.

A short de-brief was held at the South Bend location at approximately 0915. All in all, it was a smoothly-run event, with (as always) all REACT operators and guest operators working professionally and efficiently. My thanks, as REACT Coordinator, to all those who offered their services! Well done! 73 ✨

### The Fiesta Island Time Trial (FITT)

Supplement by Mike Bailey, SWR 092

On October 16, 2022, Southwestern REACT assisted with the Fiesta Island Time Trial. Operated by the San Diego Bicycle Club, the Fiesta Island Time Trial or FITT has four events per year. Fiesta Island, in beautiful Mission Bay, is closed off to motor vehicles to allow the 4 mile loop to be used by cyclists in various age divisions to compete against the clock. Distances ranged from one to six loops. SW REACT manned 7 stations spaced around the island to ensure the course was under complete visual monitoring. Monitors watch for crashes, mechanical issues with the bikes, errant vehicles, and pedestrians who wandered onto the course. Constant surveillance enhanced the safety of the course, the ability to immediately launch a standby paramedic unit and to track the progress of the riders.

While 93 riders pre-registered for the event, only 83 showed up, probably discouraged by the prior night's rainstorm. In spite of wet pavement, the time trial went off without a hitch and no accidents or safety incidents occurred. Some riders failed to notify the course timer and officials when they completed their laps resulting in uncertainty of who remained on the course. The race director was able to utilize SW REACT to receive updates on the remaining riders on the course and to determine when the event could be closed.

With the high team member turnout, strategic placement of personnel, and excellent net discipline, SW REACT was instrumental in ensuring rider safety and assisting the race director in critical decision-making.

