

EVENTS/MEETING/NET

March 13th Fiesta Island Time Trails
April 23rd Lakeside Western Day Parade
(pending team approval)
Feb 18th REACT General Meeting
March 10th REACT Board Meeting
Feb 25th REACTivE Net
March 3rd REACTivE Net

If you would like to help with these events; please contact a board member at board@southwesternreact.org.

2016 DUES ARE DUE

It is that time again for us to renew our memberships for the year 2016.

Dues are as follows:

Regular member	\$35.00
2 nd family member	\$25.00
Junior Member (under 18)	\$20.00

Thank you to all of you who have paid your dues. We'd like to remind you that the renewal deadline has passed, but do hope you will renew as soon as possible.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

American Red Cross Report

By June McCollough

The ARC meeting for February was cancelled due to a scheduling conflict. The next meeting will be on March 5th at 9:00 AM at 3950 Calle Fortunada, San Diego CA. 92123. This is an open meeting for anyone unless they are discussing confidential ARC business.

TRAINING MOMENT

By Dee Osargent

Due to a request to have training in "How to be a Coordinator", Don Dotson will present that topic at the March 18th Training Moment.

ACS

By June McCollough

The ACS meeting was held on February 1st at the Office of Emergency Service (OES). If you are interested in joining the new ACS, please contact either Roger McCollough or myself and we will give you contact information. The next meeting will be on March 7th at 6:30 (1830 hours).

SANDARC

By June McCollough

The first quarterly meeting of SANDARC was held on January 28th. There was discussion on the VEC Budget and SANDARC has a committee to review the convention and feasibility of SANDARC sponsoring the 2018 ARRL convention. Delegates will be getting surveys to bring before their organization about their participation with the 2014 convention. The next meeting will be April 28th at 6:30 at Sizzler's Steakhouse Restaurant. We are looking for delegates to represent Southwestern REACT at these meetings. If you are interested please contact a board member.

ARES

By June McCollough

ARES meeting was held on February 13, 2016. There was discussion of reporting hours for meetings, events and nets to maintain 501(c)3 status as well as qualify for grants and donations. Image is important; always be clear and professional in appearance. The training was HIPAA – volunteers are held accountable for information passed on your radio. Discussion of ARES Field organization and the need to add more Emergency Coordinators to report to leaders from the regular volunteers. Upcoming events are the ARRL-Yuma Hamfest Feb. 19 and 20, 2016. ARES have started to have meetings with the Miramar Air Show – no night show Saturday due to tighter

security, also no ice chests and only clear plastic bags. There will be a hospital drill May 3rd. ARES will soon be launching an ARRL Section related website with all events from all amateur radio organizations including Southwestern REACT by April. Next meeting will be March 12, 2016 with workshop to build Node.

The Cloudy Side of Sunshine

By Cindy Wilcken

We have often heard that to truly appreciate the sunshine we must experience some clouds, well it seems the Team has been pretty healthy except for the sender of the SUNSHINE cards. I recently experienced up close and personal how uncomfortable gallstones can be. I evicted those interlopers & my gallbladder and now things are looking up. Thank you to June for sending me a card from the team.



SOUTHWESTERN REACT will be celebrating 50 years (1966-2016) as a REACT Team. We will have special dessert at the General Meeting on February 18th.



WHILE PERUSING OTHER CLUB NEWSLETTERS ON LINE, I NOTICED THIS ARTICLE ON THE SIX SHOOTERS SITE:

R. Craig Wilcken

Times Are "A-Changin"

Written by Randy Hamud, KJ6JAJ, Six Shooters Secretary

To all members:

I was tasked with calling 38 members to solicit possible nominees for the upcoming election. In

doing so, I learned of a complete disconnect between our new status as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and the wish of certain of our members that we remain as we were before, i.e. (paraphrasing one of our members), a "social club, where we meet, have jovial conversations, swap 'lies,' and otherwise have a bon vivant time." Regretfully, as a matter of law, we may no longer exist for such a limited but valuable purpose. The club is now a 501(c)(3), tax-exempt charitable corporation. That is a good thing. But as a 501(c)(3) organization, both California and Federal law demand that we commit ourselves to charitable goals like education, emergency assistance, and the like. In other words, we have grown well beyond a group of men and women getting together to swap stories and complain about 6 meters.

Thus, in our new capacity, we have to engage in more public activities in which we share our skills, knowledge, and abilities with others in the field of ham radio. Probably our primary goal should be educational activities in which we interact with members of the general public and/or aspiring hams and young people. The government gives us the tax deductions and in return demands that we do for others. There is nothing wrong with that paradigm.

If some of you did not understand what it meant to become a 501(c)(3) organization, perhaps that is "on me." But nobody complains when they deduct their contributions to the club or when we receive, as a club, valuable equipment the contribution of which can be deducted from our benefactor's income taxes.

I think it's a reasonable trade off. I hope ALL OF YOU agree. I see no reason why we cannot ALL GET TOGETHER AND "SWAP HAM RADIO LIES" so long as we don't envision that scenario as our exclusive reason for existing. Otherwise, we loose the 501(c)(3) status and all contributions, big and small, will no long be deductible on our taxes. Regards and 73s.

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TEAM JOBS FROM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Appointed officers (sect. 2)

Sergeant-at-Arms _____ Carl Jensen
Chaplain _____ Carl Jensen
Hostess _____
Historian _____
Parliamentarian _____
BB Repeater Trustee _____ Daniel McDougal
Amateur Repeater Trustee _____ Doug Waltman
Public Information Officer _____

Committee chairpersons (sect. 3)

Audit _____ [as needed]
Budget _____ [as needed]
Building & Planning _____ Tyler Klein
By-laws _____
Team Equipment _____ Mike Corum
Election _____ [as needed]
Inter-Organization _____ **Liaisons**
Animal Rescue _____ Dee Osargent
ARES _____ Mike Corum
CalFire _____ Eric Crosser
Civil Air Patrol _____ Mike Woods
ACS (formally RACES) _____
Red Cross _____ Roger & June McCollough
SANDARC _____ Roger McCollough, Grady Yearwood,
George Reeves, June McCollough
VOAD _____ Roger McCollough
Membership _____ Grady Yearwood
Nominating _____ [as needed]
Policy and Procedures _____
Program _____ Dee Osargent
REACT Net _____ George Reeves
REACT Store _____ Mike Woods
Sunshine _____ Cindy Wilcken
Training _____ Carl Demas
Ways & Means _____
Amateur Radio Club _____
Junior REACT _____
Management Information System _____ Tyler Klein
Web Master _____ Mike Corum

ADDITIONAL TEAM JOBS FROM BY-LAWS

Article XI

Team Bulletin Editor _____ R.Craig Wilcken

*Southwestern REACT general meeting 3rd
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Melbourne Drive, San Diego CA*

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