

# Southwestern REACTer

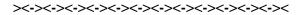


Feburary 2016

#### FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

#### **GATHERING FOR THE GREATER GOOD: THE GENERIAL MEETING**

#### Were You There?



In the December REACTer the Vice President presented, in his article, changes that the 2015 Board came up with. For the past year it has asked the members for their guidance in improving the Team's response to activities including meetings, committees. and events. Team response was less than enthusiastic and forthcoming. Faced with little direction, the Board decided to propose steps to present as possible solutions to kick-start those changes. Some took it as already carved in stone while others determined that changes needed to be made to the changes.

At the January meeting comments and proposals were brought forth and steps taken, Some were "baby-steps"; but they represented the needed action. If you were there, you know of what I speak. Our Articles of incorporation spell out how we are to be organized. The Board is the administrator of the Team, but, unlike most business, where the workers only follow the Board's directions, our Team members are its' "shareholders". As such, they have the final word, through their voting, as to Team operation.

#### So what do you want to do?

Let me suggest the obvious. That every member that can, be at the General meetings to hear other member's suggestions as well as your own. When describing the Team's position at an event, I have stated many time that we are there to do a job and while working for the event, we are all middle management in event operation. That means you all must use your leadership skills. If you are a parent, you have a family to run. If the military was in your past, you have been drilled in leadership. Others in the Team have had similar

opportunities to take the lead. Now is the time to do and give your best.

The Board received a two page description of events at the January meeting. Some will be used at the February meeting and beyond. Just as the community needs our Team, the Team needs you.

#### That Brings Up Another Need

**The renewal of your membership**. The first renewal package has gone in to International and 19 ID cards were received, because only 19 members are paid-up. I don't have another "coach's locker-room rah-rah speech" in me, nor should I need one. You are all responsible adults, as displayed by your Team activity, and, with our "early payment plan" [Example: That's 11 payments of \$2.95 with a 12<sup>th</sup> payment of only \$2.55 – What a bargain], you should be paid-up by now. You, of course, know who you are, as does the Team Treasurer. So, get your shiny-new 2016 Laminated Custom Team membership ID card, by acting now.

#### **On Another Matter**

The Annual Yuma Hamfest for 2016 is coming up this weekend (Feb. 19-20) in, of course, Yuma. You can check out the website at:

#### www.yumahamfest.org

The Yuma ARC puts on a quality weekend on the fairgrounds, with a \$5.00 entrance fee. With gas prices low (about \$1.00/gal. cheaper in Arizona so fill it up), it might be worth considering.

"Nuf said..."

let's GIT' UR DONE!!! Roger McCollough / SWR 098

## **EVENTS/MEETING/NET**

March 13<sup>th</sup> Fiesta Island Time Trails April 23<sup>rd</sup> Lakeside Western Day Parade (pending team approval)

Feb 18<sup>th</sup> REACT General Meeting March 10<sup>th</sup> REACT Board Meeting

Feb 25<sup>th</sup> REACTive Net March 3<sup>rd</sup> 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<sup>nd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> Training Moment.

#### ACS

By June McCollough

The ACS meeting was held on February 1<sup>st</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 (1830 hours).

#### SANDARC

By June McCollough

The first quarterly meeting of SANDARC was held on January 28<sup>th</sup>. 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 HIPPAA – 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 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 18<sup>th</sup>.



## 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 deductable on our taxes. Regards and 73s.

## 2016

## TEAM JOBS FROM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

#### **Appointed officers (sect. 2)**

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

#### Committee chairpersons (sect. 3)

Audit	[as needed]
Audit Budget	
Building & Planning	[as ficeded] Tyler Klein
By-laws	
Team Equipment	Mike Corum
Election	
Inter-Organization	
Animal Rescue	Doo Osargent
ARES	
CalFire	
Civil Air Patrol	Mike Woods
ACS (formally RACES)	Wilke Woods
Red Cross Roger	
SANDAPC Pager McCall	ough Grady Vearwood
SANDARCRoger McCollough, Grady Yearwood, George Reeves, June McCollough	
VOAD	
Membership	
Nominating	
Policy and Procedures	
Program	Dee Osargent
REACT Net	George Reeves
REACT Store	
Sunshine	
Training	
Ways & Means	
Amateur Radio Club	
Junior REACT	<del></del>
Management Information System	am Tyler Klein
Web Master	
WGD Master	IVIING COIUIII

#### ADDITIONAL TEAM JOBS FROM BY-LAWS

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Team Bulletin Editor \_\_\_\_\_\_R.Craig Wilcken

Southwestern REACT general meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month 7:00 pm at 2650 Melbourne Drive, San Diego CA

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## Team officers 2016:

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