

as the majority of the communications will take place in the back country of East Lake. I am attempting to pre-run the route to check communications and I am making sure we have a good plan in place for all locations.

Last year we used Mt Otay repeater 146.640. which provided us with good communications through the majority of the needed locations, albeit with some minor adjustments that were made on the fly. This year will be the same.

This year's event will take place on Saturday May 21. Meeting time is 06:15. Briefing at 06:30 at East Lake Middle School which is located at 900 Duncan Ranch Rd, Chula Vista, CA 91914. You will need to be at your location after briefing by 07:30. The start of the event is at 07:30.

Please let me know if you are planning to work this event ASAP. We only have 2 operators signed up at this time and we are in need of 5 more to be able to meet the need for this event.

Event preliminary briefing and final briefing will be sent out next week. We are looking forward to seeing many of your smiling faces out at this event.

EVENTS/MEETING/NET

- May 21st Cycle Eastlake
- May 21st CALFIRE VIP Red Flag Patrol Training
- June 18-19th Descanso Endurance Ride (?)
- June 26th San Diego International Triathlon
- July 4th CALFIRE Red Flag Patrol
- Sept 25th Fiesta Island Time Trails #5 of 6
- Nov 6th Fiesta Island Time Trails #6 of 6
- Nov 20th Mother Goose Parade
- May 19th REACT General Meeting
- June 9th REACT Board Meeting
- May 26th REACTiv Net
- June 2nd REACTiv Net

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

board@southwesternreact.org.

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Spring Checkup

By Lonnie Trammell

Possibly a word or two.... On checking all of the connection's to Txcvrs and Antenna's, now that spring is here, and the wx is warming up, it does not take much to make a 'diode', due to loose connections, and be heard on items not intended to be received on.....

Reactively Yours, Former SWR 128, KD6PFN, KAE1910, KAWH8806

Thanks from a SOUTH BAY SWAMP RAT

By Michael Ellis

I was stationed at Twenty Nine Palms and came home every Friday from 75 to 76, and when I got into Miramar I got on channel 9 on my CB and called REACT and it was KZN 3628 the Mariner to call home and let them know I was on my way.

And they did that every Friday for me. I saw your Advertisement in the East County Gazette and brought to mind the great job you did for me. At that time I belonged to the South Bay Swamp Rats. I just wanted to say thank you for all your help and I really appreciated all the work you did for me. Mike

Copy of the article from the *East County Gazette, 2016 Lakeside Western Days Parade, Official Program page 2*

Southwestern REACT Parade Volunteers

Lakeside Chamber appreciates the assistance Southwestern REACT give to the parade every year. Members of Southwestern REACT volunteer their time to ensure the parade runs smoothly & safely.

Founded in 1966 in Imperial Beach, Southwestern REACT has 50 years of communication experience providing radio communications for non-profit & community events (bike rides, horse rides, parades, marathons and much more), with preparation for emergency and disaster communications being their primary mission.



Mexico through San Diego and Orange Counties.

SWR assists the California Department of Forestry (CDF/CAL Fire) by participating in Red Flag Fire patrols in the back country, and the team has helped San Diego Police Department with lost person searches and special events.

For more information on REACT (and how to join), please visit our website at www.swreact.com

Thank you for the many years of volunteer hours working our annual Western Days Parade!

Southwestern REACT members are skilled communications volunteers providing a wide range of radio-related services to public, using radio systems that enable the members to talk from the border of

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

American Red Cross Communications Team Report

By June McCollough

The ARCCT meeting for May was held on May 7th. After general announcements from Chapter and Lead; we discussed the Fry's Operating Day and Shelter HOT (Hands on Training) that

was held on April 30th. Fry's was well attended. The ECRT was there for show and tell and was used as a mobile CDOC for Shelter HOT. We also did training on RMS Express Winlink. This was the second practice with more to come.

ARCCT has a net every Tuesday night at 2000 hours (8:00 PM) on the ACS Frequency: 147.195; all amateur radio operators are welcome to check-in.

The next meeting will be on June 4th 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.

ACS

By June McCollough

The ACS meeting was held on May 2nd at the Office of Emergency Service (OES). ACS was down at Fry's Operating Day with RACES1. There was discussion on the upcoming opportunity at Mesa College on May 24th. There are three committees that are set up to help make ACS better; they are Training, Technical and Vehicles. They all deal with different parts of the ACS organization.

We have a net every Monday except First Monday or County Holidays at 1830 Hours (6:30 PM). It starts on frequency 147.195 and then moves to 223.800, 52.600 and 448.78(not necessarily in that order). If you would like to check it out, please feel free to check-in as visitor when requested at the end of the formal part of the Net.

If you are interested in joining ACS, please contact either Roger McCollough or myself and we will give you contact information. The next meeting will be on June 6th at 1830 hours (6:30PM). All are welcome.

Lakeside Western Days Parade

AFTER ACTION REPORT

By George Reeves

Southwestern REACT deployed to work the Lakeside Western Days Parade on Saturday, April 23rd. REACT members who worked the event were: Carl Jensen (Coordinator), George Reeves (Co-Coordinator), Marilyn Jensen, Craig and Cindy Wilcken, Ralph Wilcken, Chris Wilcken and family, Don Dodson, Daniel McDougal, Wayne Oliver, Dan Willan, George DeLaBarre, and Mike Woods.

The Team members were posted at six Announcer Booths, located East along Woodside Avenue, and turning North along Maine Street.

Assignments were: Staging: R. Wilcken, Step-Off/Control: Carl & Marilyn Jensen, Ann. 1: Reeves, Ann. 2: McDougal, Ann. 3: DeLaBarre, Ann. 4 : Woods, Ann. 5: Willan, Ann. 6: Craig & Cindy Wilcken, Shadow: Dodson, REACT vehicles: Oliver and Chris Wilcken.

Briefing was held at 0700 at Mila's Lakeside Cafe , with all members present. All maps and pertinent information was provided to the Team at this time. The event utilized the Team Repeater, set up by McDougal the previous day, at a new, higher elevation. The Talk-In/Primary Frequency for this event was 446.860 (Team 13), with Secondary Frequency of 446.880 (Team 15). A sub-net on 145.555 (replacing FRS) was utilized between Staging and Step-Off to advise them of changes/drops, which were then announced over Primary by Control to all Announce Booths. .555 Simplex provided excellent signal for this purpose.

□ To avoid road closures, the Team dispersed from Briefing at 0815. A formal announcement opening the Net was made by Net Control at 0845, and upon reaching assigned locations,

Team members reported "In Position". A formal radio check was performed, with all locations sending and receiving well.

□ The Event began on-time at 0935, with 135 floats, banners and vehicles. REACT vehicles driven by Oliver and Chris Wilcken (and family) took position #139 in Div. 12.

□ Two calls for Medical Aid call were received; one for a "person down" at the area of Ann. 5-6, and another for an equestrian rider who was thrown from her horse, in the Staging area. Police and Medics responded to both calls.

UPDATED: The rider who was thrown from her horse, a member of the Escondido Mounted Posse Search and Rescue, has passed away from the head trauma she received in the fall. This tragic accident occurred after the entrant had returned to Staging, and her horse reared, causing both to hit the pavement.

Our condolences will be forwarded for the REACT Team by Sunshine to EMPSAR.

□ As the last participant passed each Announce Station, Net Control released the REACT Team member and closed the post.

Last entrant finished the course at approximately 1145.

□ After the event, lunch was provided by the Lakeside Chamber of Commerce, and consisted of pulled pork, hot dogs, coleslaw and other side dishes.

Noteworthy Items:

1. The coverage by the Team Repeater was EXCELLENT, reaching all areas with minimal path noise, thanks to Daniel's placement of the unit at a higher location. UTM Coordinate for the location was 34.84334/116.92959.

2. Some clarification related to activation of EMS/Police should be addressed at the next Logistics Meeting for this event; initial REACT notification came from Shadow (Dodson), as two motorcycle CHP units passed my location at Ann. 1, rolling Code. This would indicate someone other than REACT called 911, (which is ok), but in the event REACT requires PD/EMS units, we are to dial 911 and advise Net Control; Shadow will advise their Principle to initiate response. As the initial responding agency in this case was CHP, our Shadow position (stationed with CHP) was in a good spot to pass information out to the Team immediately. Well done, Don!

3. "Gaps" in the line-up need not be put over the air, especially when the entrant is not listed on the Line-Up sheet. This may have caused some confusion for the Announcers (?). It is also EXTREMELY important that each REACT member have the Parade Line-up, (Alpha AND Numerical) in their possession before leaving Briefing and staffing their Post.

Carl and I extend our sincerest thanks to all those who participated in this event, and we are proud of the professionalism shown by the REACT

Team...well done!

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Jensen, SWR 067
George Reeves, SWR 081

The Cloudy Side of Sunshine

By Cindy Wilcken

Overall we have quite a healthy team if it wasn't for "Miss Sunshine" herself. Cindy is having rotator cuff surgery first thing Monday morning. She is not looking forward to forced inactivity.



The Antenna WEB

By R Craig Wilcken

The Southwestern REACT websites www.swreact.com & www.southwesternreact.com are up and running just fine,.

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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]
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Building & Planning _____ Tyler Klein
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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
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Policy and Procedures _____
Program _____ Dee Osargent
REACT Net _____ George Reeves
REACT Store _____ Mike Woods
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ADDITIONAL TEAM JOBS FROM BY-LAWS

Article XI

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