

Southwestern REACTer



January 2016

IT'S TIME TO IRON OUT A FEW WINKLES

Let's Start By Hitting "Reset"



First, before we start, let me take the opportunity to do a loud shout-out of thanks to the 2015 Board for their efforts to all; Your Team and the organizations that we support. Also sincere thanks to those members that have stepped up to meet the Team obligations. That brings me to the subject of this month's letter to all: The support and obligations we have accepted as established by the Team to our community.

Pecking Order: Rules in Stone

Team's Rules, Policies and Procedures, even Suggestions, and Ideas don't go to the stone masons **until** the Team gives the final approval. There may seem to be several exceptions, but we will get to that later. Let's look at the chain of command for a new or changed action:

- 1 Member to member
- 2 Member to Board
- 3 Board to Committee (optional)
- 4 Committee recommendation to Board
- 5 Board either takes action (if action is administrative), or recommends action to the Team. The Team can always vote to modify a Board action.
- 6 Stone cutter is alerted if Team gives their OK and tablets prepared.

(Note: The introduction of a suggestion can start at any point on the list and then continue down until decision is made.)

Now to the Case In Point

In 2015 the Board pondered the problem of Team response. Several events either came up short or

members that had not signed up appeared. Also non-members came in to fulfill needed coverage. This has been brought up to the team at our meetings and various communications. Faced with obligations to Event Managers, and event acceptance at a General Meeting (when presented to the attending membership), the Board was forced to present a resolution of **POSSIBLE** actions that may be future guidelines to strengthening the Team.

Before I go on, I refer to my letter last month where I said:

"...we have members that are unable to respond due to age or physical problems. Most of these are long time members and remain with the Team to be a support and lend their experience to the newer members. Their input is invaluable and welcome. They have put in a big chunk of their lives to make the Team what it has become. The Vice President and I thank them for their efforts and our words are, in no way, address to them." [REACTer Dec. 2015]

One other thing. It should be obvious that your input is important and needed to correct, maintain, and improve your Team. The best way is by attending the General Meetings. What do you think?

Speaking of Meetings

We haven taken several steps to shorten the meetings and continue "flash" training. What else can we do to make meetings more meaningful?

"Nuf said..."

LET'S GIT' UR DONE!!! Roger McCollough / SWR 098 PRESIDENT

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EVENTS/MEETING/NET

Jan. 24th Fiesta Island Time Trails (pending team approval)

April 23rd Lakeside Western Day Parade

(pending team approval)

Jan. 21st REACT General Meeting Feb. 11th REACT Board Meeting

Jan. 28th REACTive Net Feb. 4th 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 2nd 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 must be sent in before Jan 31st.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

American Red Cross Report

By June McCollough

The ARC meeting was held on January 10th due to the New Year's Holiday. We reviewed the Standard Operating Guidelines for ARC. The next meeting will be on February 6th 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.

RACES/ACS

By June McCollough

The RACES/ACS meeting was held on January 4th at the Office of Emergency Service (OES). The first announcement was that RACES will be known as ACS (Auxiliary Communication Services) to better recognize our service to other organizations. ACS will be starting an aggressive training program, the first will be held on January 30th. This will be training on the Vehicles that ACS have available to them. 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 February 1st at 6:30 (1830) hours).

January 2016 Net Committee Report

Timothy Everingham

Southwestern REACT continues a net every first and fourth Thursday at 8:00 PM. It is on the 449.440 MHz Community Based Repeater with a standard negative input offset of 5 MHz and a PL of 107.2 Hz on Mt. Otay. Both Southwestern REACT members and visitors are welcome. On December 24 there were eight member and two visitor checkins. On January 7 there were seven member and three visitor check-ins. George Reeves and Timothy Everingham are sharing net control duties. Greater publicity of the net is probably still necessary to increase participation on the net. Over time there have been some changes to the net script to increase efficiency, which need to made to the official net script.

The Cloudy Side of Sunshine

By Cindy Wilcken

We have often heard that to truly appreciate the sunshine we must experience some clouds, but luckily the only clouds we've had lately have floated though the sky and delivered much needed precipitation.

Thought of the Month:

"What sunshine is to flowers, smiles are to humanity. There are but trifles, to be sure; but scattered along life's pathway the good they do is inconceivable." -Joseph Addison Remember the value of your "Smile".

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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]
	[as needed]
	[ds fielded] Tyler Klein
By-laws	
Team Equipment	Mike Corum
	[as needed]
	[as needed]
Animal Rescue	Dee Osargent
	Bee Gargent
	Eric Crosser
	Mike Woods
RACES	WINC VVOOdS
Red Cross	Roger & June McCollough
	r McCollough, Grady Yearwood,
George Reeves, June McCollough	
	Roger McCollough
	Grady Yearwood
	[as needed]
Policy and Procedures	
Program	Dee Osargent
REACT Net	Tim Everingham
	Mike Woods
	Cindy Wilcken
	Carl Demas
Ways & Means	
Amateur Radio Club	
Junior REACT	
Management Informati	on System- Tyler Klein
Web Master	Mike Corum

ADDITIONAL TEAM JOBS FROM BY-LAWS

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Team Bulletin Editor _____ Craig Wilcken

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