



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 on the Zoom application. Any member is welcome to attend. Contact us for the link.

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

The Team net is currently on hiatus.



Patriots In Our Time

Roger McCollough, SWR 098, President

A Mostly Non-Political Review Of The Term

Prologue: A Disclaimer Of Sorts.

Let's be clear: There are crazies among us, through-out the country, that think they are patriots, and their actions, directed by their leaders, not by our laws of the land and the Constitution, know better and should disrupt the country they claim to be saving from the government and minorities, that they say "don't belong". Their list is long, self-serving and without merit. This opinion does not reflect on REACT International or its leadership or members, but rather in conversation with others.

So Let's Look At Some History

By the time you read this, Americans will have celebrated the 4th of July for 2022. It will be a big event after the Covid crowd control mandate for the last two years. More importantly, it is a time to recall and respect those that serve and protect the nation and its citizens; that's you and me, our friends and family, all who are called "Americans". This holiday falls close on the heels of Memorial Day, where we direct our thoughts to those that served and now serve in the Armed Forces of America. These are true Patriots. Are there others? Let's check.

Webster Says: patriot (noun)

1. a person who loves his or her **country** and **supports its interests and policies**
2. the contention that true *patriots* would be willing to do anything for their country

Given that definition, let's add to "country" which speaks to our government, the term, "communities". That means those people that are the heartbeat of America. For those we have civil agencies and charities. Many of them are manned, totally or in part, by volunteers that are filling the need with their time or treasure, and talent to maintain the Nation's health and promise. Just a few are American Red Cross, Salvation Army, Challenged Athletes, and, of course, REACT. And the list goes on. Many of them have asked for our support and we have given it. So, using that definition and our purpose to exist, we should humbly add Southwestern REACT.

So let us continue the job before us. Yes, **you are patriots**, not for the glory or recognition that is perhaps given to others, but rather, the pride of the well done job. Know that the fun and joy elements you can experience during and after each event is well earned. Remember, it is Patriotic to be a Patriot.

"Nuf said..."

LET'S GIT' ER DONE!!! ✈

The Groups.io Reflector

John Wright, SWR 042, Vice President

In an attempt to help Southwestern REACT Team Members broaden their horizons, I have made arrangements with ARES to allow our members join their Groups.io page. Groups.io is a web-based e-mail reflector that allows members to keep up on the business of an organization or group by setting up an account and arranging to receive e-mails posted to the group's site automatically.

The ARES Groups.io site will allow our members to keep abreast of ARES exercises, operating days, nets and other activities. By receiving this information, members will be able to sign up and participate in ARES activities. Becoming a member of a Groups.io page is free.

The process for signing up is simple. Open your web browser and go to the following link: <https://sdgares.groups.io/g/main>. Scroll down and click on the button that says "Apply For Membership In This Group." This will open another dialog that will ask for your e-mail address. Enter the e-mail address at which you wish to receive notifications from the group. From there just follow the instructions you receive.

Once your request is approved and you have access to the site, you may configure the e-mail preferences as you choose. This is done under the "Subscription" tab that will appear on the left side of the screen. There are six choices under email Delivery.

Individual Messages

Receive each message in an individual email.

Full Featured Digest

Receive up to 12 messages grouped together in one email instead of receiving each message individually (rich text formatting).

Plain Digest

Receive up to 12 messages grouped together in one email instead of receiving each message individually (plain text formatting).

Daily Summary

Receive one email every morning that contains only a list of the topics posted to the group the previous day.

Special Notices Only

Receive only special notices sent by the moderators. (Go to the group's website to view other messages.)

No Email Receive

No group messages by email but remain subscribed so you can view content on the group's website

My particular choices depend on how active I am in the organization. For an organization like ARES or a club, I will select Individual Messages. For most others I will use Daily Summary. The choice is up to you.

In addition to the ARES Groups.io page, I have created one for Southwestern REACT. Hopefully this will help us into improving our dissemination of information regarding future event needs. The link is:

<https://groups.io/g/SWREACT>.

Everyone is encouraged to sign up for this group. It is also open to Friends of REACT members.

Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Status	Coordinator
Touch-A-Truck	02/27/2022 (Sun)	COMPLETED	George, 081
San Diego Gran Fondo	04/03/2022 (Sun)	COMPLETED	Mike 092
FITT	04/17/2022 (Sun)	COMPLETED	George, 081
Lakeside Western Days Parade	04/23/2022 (Sat)	COMPLETED	Open
FITT	05/15/2022 (Sun)	COMPLETED	George, 081
Giro di San Diego	06/11/2022 (Sat)	COMPLETED	Open
San Diego International Triathlon	06/26/2022 (Sun)	COMPLETED	Open
FITT	10/16/2022 (Sun)	Approved	George, 081
Silver Strand Half Marathon	11/13/2022 (Sun)	Approved	Open

Southwestern REACT Board Meeting, June 09, 2022

June McCollough, SWR 054, Acting Secretary

The Meeting was called to order by President Roger McCollough at 7:02PM

Quorum Check – Three (3) Board Members present. Excused Jay Pistiolas and George Reeves. **Visitors** – Jim Patterson and 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 \$5,326.00 as of 05/31/22.

REACTer Editor – Reacter was out on Tuesday.

Webmaster – Updated

Unfinished Business – REACT bimonthly net- There are plans to start the Southwestern React net again on July 7th, 2022. Notice will be in Reacter and email sent to team members. **NETS/Training** – Lots of local nets available to participate in. Events are good training. **Analog vs Digital Radio** – few member have it not many interested in purchase of a new radio.

New Business – Event Approval – It is the feeling of the board that we no longer approve events but that they be reviewed for history. Giro de San Diego had some problems that should have been addressed before we approved it.

New Event Briefing Form - There will be a new event briefing form that shows the need for Go Kit for the event.

June General Meeting – John Wright will host Zoom meeting, Roger & June will attend as not available.

Post Events

FITT	Sun. 05/15/2022	Approved	SWRo81
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Upcoming Events –

Giro de San Diego	Sat. 06/11/2022	Approved	SWRo92
SD International Triathlon	Sun. 06/26/2022	Approved	SWRo81
FITT	Sun. 10/16/2022	Approved	SWRo81
Silver Strand Half Marathon	Sun. 11/13/2022	Approved	SWRo81

Good of the TEAM – None

Meeting Adjourned at 8:07PM ✈

Digital Voice For SWR?

John Wright, SWR 042, Vice President

The has been some discussion at the board level about adding digital voice capabilities to our toolbox. Toward that end, there are some things the board needs to know:

How many members are interested in adding digital voice to the Southwestern REACT toolbox?

How many members currently have digital voice capable radios—D-Star, DMR or Yaesu Fusion?

Please send your answers to these questions attention Communications Officer: kk6sle@arrl.net

We would like to have the information by the next board meeting on July 14, 2022.

Southwestern React General Meeting, June 16, 2022

June McCollough, SWR 054, Acting Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Vice President John Wright at 18:35 (On Zoom)

Quorum Check – Four (4) Board Members. Jay Pistiolas excused. Seven (7) General Members.

General Meeting Minutes – Motion by Marilyn Jensen, Seconded by Jim Patterson to accept the meeting minutes; motion carried.

Correspondence List – Reviewed

Treasurer's Report – Ending balance of \$5,366.00 as of May 31, 2022

REACT Editor – REACTer is out; **Webmaster** – Updated. Facebook link is missing will look into it next week or sooner.

Unfinished Business – **REACT Team Net** - George Reeves to start REACT Team Net starting July 7th. Board Members will discuss at Board Meeting keeping on Thursday, change of time to 6:30. George will do first one and add more net controllers. As to have repeater disconnected from All-Star. **Event Coordinators** – Ride Along - Have event coordinators get another member or non-member to help with event coordinating to learn firsthand with they need to do. Also see Training Manuel (revised 2019). **Analog vs. Digital** - Board discussed adding Digital to the tool box. Will put out in REACTer for email blast to find who in the team has Digital radios and if they are interested in getting digital radios.

New Business – What we as a team need to do to go forward – We need members to participate more. We still have CB stigma as REACT members. Amateur community still doesn't see us as Amateur Radio Operators. Possible join ARES so we can show we want to belong. ARES has a simplex net on the fifth Thursday; field day event on the fifth Saturday and also many weekly nets. ARES is starting the Hospital drills in July and they will be working the Miramar Air Show in Sept. ARES uses Groups IO (a reflector group) John Wright will check with ARES to see if we as SW REACT members can join. Mike Bailey doesn't think that having mandatory meeting attendance and working events will improve membership. He also thinks that contacting new Amateur Radio licensees that don't know REACT's history.

Post Events – Giro di San Diego Sat 06/11/2022 -Event went well with difficult radio comms. The repeater is not on top of Palomar Mt. We learned lessons on linked repeaters. Jim was late and apologized for that; 1st time in all his years as a member. We worked around it. There were 438 riders in 94 degree temperature. Koz was impressed with our good job. Jennifer's husband is thinking of joining REACT. REACT was a success; good job by Mike Bailey for coordinating this big event.

Upcoming Events –

San Diego International Triathlon	Sun 06/26/2022	Approved	81#
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We will use Mission Hills Repeater as downtown event. Event participates go from Spanish Landing to Port Loma to Rucco Park. Need workers.

FITT	Sun 10/16/2022	Approved	81#
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Same as other FITT events

Silver Strand Half Marathon	Sun 11/13/2022	Approved	81#
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We will use SOBARS w/ Metro as back up

Good of the Team – Carl Jensen having shoulder surgery on Friday. Cindy Jackson has a new granddaughter. Congrats Cindy and family. Thank you, Mike for use of your Zoom account. George DeLaBarre was in attendance good to see him.

Meeting Adjourned at 19:30 ✈

