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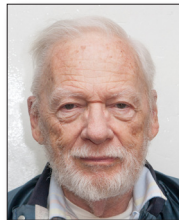
SWR's mission is to prepare for communications during emergencies and disasters. This preparation is accomplished through working community events such as: The Lakeside Western Days, and North Park Toyland parades, the Midnight Madness Bicycle Ride and Fiesta Island Time Trials, the Silver Strand Half-Marathon, 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.



2021 – A New Calendar, The New Norm, A New Opportunity

By Roger McCollough, SWR 098, President

Let's Continue To Work Together As Before

The Past Is Past But The

Future Is Ours To Create

The first order of business is to learn. To learn better answers to the negatives that were before us and learn how we would (and did) overcome them with better answers. "Those that do not learn from their history of mistakes, are condemned to repeat them." One year like the 2020 is more than enough. Stop!...Take a breath, then think of the events; especially those that effected you, your family, friends, work, and life in general. Example: What would happen if you walked into a local bank, with a mask on, several years ago? Or walked into that same bank today without a mask today? The new norm?

ALL the elections are over, including the Team Officers for 2021. The effects of the last National elections are winding down (?), several vaccines are emerging, most of us are still up and running; well you can make your own positive and negative list if you must, but if you do, please Focus On The Positive. What have we learned?

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Next order of business is to remind and request those that have not yet paid their dues that **THEY ARE DUE!!!** That helps keep the lights on and the Treasurer smiling, and best of all, tells us you wish to continue doing what you can, when you can.

At this point I have writer's block; how do I say again what I have said before and you are certainly aware. Simply, like similar non-profit groups, now stuck in the Covid Lockouts, we need workers, dedicated workers, capable and prepared communicators; the Best of the Best.

...And Then, Shades Of 2020 Comes Jan. 6, 2021...

REACT, and certainly Southwestern REACT, is NOT NOW OR EVER CAN BE a political organization, yet, with that in mind, I have come to realize that we, as Americans, have some emergencies we are not prepared for or immune from. This chaos was a major problem for law enforcement and, although the crowds were unruly, dangerous, and out of control, it did not quite become like the burning and looting riots we have seen last year. However, it, in my mind, speaking as an American citizen and not for REACT or its members, the rioters exceeded their right to protest. I was shocked, sadden, but powerless, as this unfolded. I then thought "well what could I do if this happened here? Could the Team help toward the return of peace, safety, and order? We have trained for natural emergencies but where, if at all, do citizen emergency response groups, such as REACT, respond during and following this unnatural emergency? Think about it. Some of us also support other communications of organizations that may deploy; your duty may be there. Without question – DO IT.

Time To Gather And Plan

If you still have the desire to be part of REACT and support its work, when the opportunity exists, please renew your membership. If you have ideas what we can do to up our activity and interest, email me, or better yet, tell the Board. We are listening. In the "Star Wars" world, "The Force" is made up from the combined power of humanity. Southwestern REACT's Force has, and will always come from its members.

"Nuf said..."

LET'S GIT' ER DONE!!! ✈

It's That Time Again – Time To Pay Your 2021 Dues

By June McCollough, SWR 054, Treasurer

Yes, even with the pandemic we still need to support the team with our dues. This year since we are not meeting in person ALL dues will need to be mailed (snail mail) to:

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In case you did not review the budget or see the minutes of the October General Meeting, dues are as follows:

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| Regular Member | \$45.00 |
| Family Member | \$40.00 |

Regular Member is the first member of any household; family member is the second member in the same household. There is also a rate for third member but we do not have any at this time.

If you are unable to pay the full amount at this time, please feel free to contact me and we can work out payments for you. ✨

Southwestern React Board Meeting, December 10, 2020

Submitted By Jay Pistiolas, SWR 046, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Roger McCollough at 19:02

Quorum Check – Five (5) Board Members present

Visitors - None

Special Motion – None

General Meeting Minutes – Meeting Minutes accept and ready to file with corrections

Correspondence List – Reviewed

Treasurer's Report – June McCollough a balance of \$6462.23 as of November 30

REACT Editor – Still in progress, will be issued soon

Webmaster – Updated

Unfinished Business – 12 out of 19 members have renewed

Looking for a new Club E-mail for members & general use

Under KK6SLE. Possible ARRL e-mail address for REACT

New Business – RATPAC (Radio Amateur Training & Activities Committee)

Looking to create a Zoom link for our event vendors to meet on line for future events.

Post Events – None

Upcoming Events – Campagnolo Granfondo, 4/11/21 – Sunday (scheduled as of now)

Meeting Adjourned at 19:40 ✨

Musings Of An Old REACT Member

By Don Dodson, SWR 055

When we used to work Thunder Boats, and the large blue and silver aircraft with rotating propellers would circle for a landing, we would call all REACT Members working the event to come to the landing zone, which we call an LZ, so we could maintain a perimeter so that no one would become entangled by the rotating propellers or caught under the skids; of course the Team Members selling ice on Fiesta Island would not respond because it would take too long for them to drive over to the Thunder Boat pit area; and this event was considered training for the real disasters when REACT used to land helicopters for Father

Junipero Serra during the rainy season and the ox carts were not able to cross the San Diego River, which really is not like the Missouri or Mississippi Rivers because the rainfall in the Cuyamaca Mountains is much less, where we used to help with the 50 and 100 mile endurance rides before the Permit costs became prohibitive for them, and Terry would have to assure the National Forrest Rangers all of the digested horse fodder that was, how should we say, eliminated from the horses would be picked up, since it might introduce alien species of flora into the endangered habitat ✨

Southwestern React General Meeting, December 17, 2020

Submitted by Jay Pistiolas #046 Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Roger McCollough at 18:41

Quorum Check – Five (5) Board Members and Six (6) General Members

General Meeting Minutes – Accepted and approved for filing

Correspondence List – Reviewed

Treasurer's Report – June McCollough reported a balance of \$6462.23 as of 11/30

REACT Editor – Latest issue is out and posted on Website

Webmaster – Website is up to date

Unfinished Business - June McCollough reported 12 renewals and 9 outstanding

New REACT E-Mail. Jay is working with ARRL with this

New Business – Mike Bailey has announced that George Reeves is Director at Large

All four (4) Board Members have been reelected to their positions

Additional use of Zoom account

Open Discussions?

Post Events – None

Upcoming Events – Encinitas Half Marathon has been cancelled for 2021

Campagnolo GranFondo – 4/11, Sunday

San Diego International Triathlon – 6/26, Saturday

(NOTE) All 2021 events listed are scheduled to run as of now but that could change

Good Of The Team – Happy Holidays!!!

Meeting adjourned at 19:26 ✨

| Upcoming Events | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Event | Date | Status | Coordinator |
| Encinitas Half Marathon | 3/28/2021 (Sun) | Cancelled | |
| Campagnolo GranFondo (San Diego) | 4/11/2021 (Sun) | Pending | |
| San Diego International Triathlon | 6/26/2021 (Sat) | Pending | |

One event for 2021 has already been cancelled and it appears as though others may follow. Stay tuned...