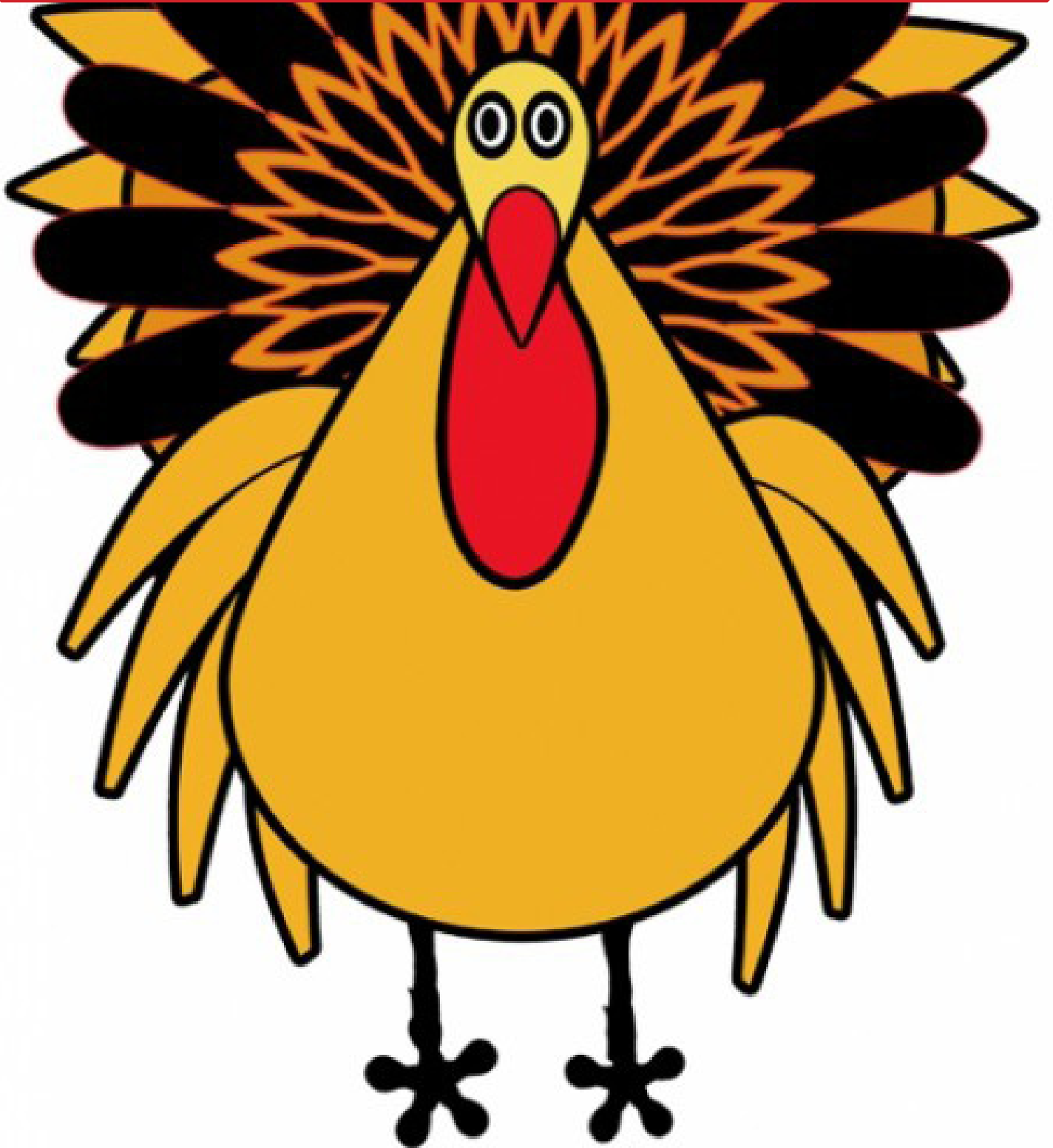


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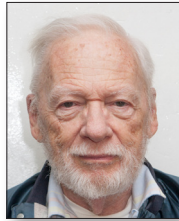
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SWR's mission is to prepare for communications during emergencies and disasters. This preparation is accomplished through working community events such as: The Lakeside Western Days, and North Park Toyland parades, the Midnight Madness Bicycle Ride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

The Southwestern REACT General Meeting is held the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM at: 2650 Melbourne Drive, San Diego, CA

Reactive Team Net

The Team net is held on the first and fourth Thursdays of the month at 8:00 PM on the 449.060 REACT/ARES Repeater with a negative offset and a PL tone of 88.5 (Mt. Otay)



Times To Remember And Honor

By Roger McCollough, SWR 098, President

Always Room For More

Many people, over the years, have chosen to support the team with their membership. Some earned special mention, but I fear if I go there, I will miss someone I should remember but don't. I feel we have had a number of longtime members that either passed on or relocated to distant locations. For these, I offer my sincere thanks for your time, sweat, and dedication to the team and those you served. Many served as leaders in the team efforts. To all you reading this, I wish you had known them, or better yet, worked with them; maybe some of them are reading this from their new homes. If so, please contact us and let us know how you are doing.

To you that are still active, please accept my thanks for your time and effort. Us old-timers see a newer group learning how Southwestern REACT works as a service to and for the needs of our community. Someday you will be filling our shoes. Let us help you to be your best.

Sadly, some members left the team because of some dispute or disagreement; real or imagined. You were always valued and desired, even though you were, to some, a pain in the... Well, you know.

That leads me to those non-members known as "Friends of REACT" that step up to complete the crew needs at larger events. Many are past or present members of other teams or clubs that wish to help and/or refresh or renew their event coverage skills. To you the team offers our thanks for a job well done. In that crowd are inactive members that offer their support and knowledge. Thanks!

We are probably the longest active team trained in emergency, disaster,

and community support chartered in February of 1966 and Incorporated in 1969; that's 52 years (older than many of you members!). That is a very special heritage and you are a part of it. The need for more membership participation in meetings and events is evident, and I hope that will soon change.

We have offered to assist ARES with their Hospital Drill on Thursday, Nov. 15. If you can help, contact Rob Freeborn at k6rjf.rob@gmail.com ASAP.

And a current thanks to Michael [SWR092] & Jay [SWR046] for their efforts coordinating the latest long distance bike ride [Giro di San Diego]. Please thank each Event Coordinator for the job they do. Often the "feel-good" goes both ways. At that bike ride, after the ride, at the dinner, one of the riders came up to me, patted me on the back and vigorously shook my hand and said "It's so good to have you people helping. I feel much safer." OK gang, that goes to all of you. With my thanks to you all.

FINALLY

Team Nominations are at the next general meeting followed shortly by the elections later this month. Vote!

Important!!!

Our e-mail domain name has gone dark so the mail addressed [xxxx@southwesternreact.org] will not reach us. For that reason, others attempting to reach us WON'T. We are attempting to reach out to those that may want our help and other usual correspondents. Use your roster to communicate directly to a Board member of choice. Our reflector is out for the same reason but a new reflector will be tested soon. You should receive this REACT-ER on time using other methods.

"Nuf said... ***let's GIT' ER DONE!!!*** ✈

Dues Are Due

By June McCollough, SWR 054, Treasurer

Once again Dues are due. The dues for 2019 will remain the same as in the past year. REACT International would like renewal by December 2018 so please plan to renew your membership no later than the December General Meeting on December 15th.

Regular Dues are \$35.00, Family/Junior members \$20.00.

Please see June McCollough if you have any questions. ✈

Upcoming Events

Event	Date
Giro di San Diego	10/21/2018 (Sun)
ARES Hospital Drill	11/15/2018 (Thurs)
Silver Strand Distance Classic	11/11/2018 (Sun)

Event Notes:

Southwestern REACT has a formal event invitation from ARES to assist with the hospital drill taking place on November 15. Anyone wishing to participate in the drill should attend the ARES meeting on November 10 or contact Rob Freeburn, k6rjf.rob@gmail.com, as soon as possible.

The Silver Strand Distance Classic takes place before our next general meeting. If you wish to participate in this event contact Event Coordinator George Reeves, SWR 081 to sign up. ✈

An Easy Way to Renew Your Amateur License

Fred Curtis, K16GRO

One is never too old to learn. So the saying goes. Learning new things is one aspect of amateur radio that I really enjoy. Not only learning new things, but gaining knowledge from other hams, is a great thing. I bring this up because while helping a fellow ham and SOBARS member, I learned something new in the area of renewing one's amateur radio license.

I was assisting a fellow ham renew her amateur license. She had filled a form from the FCC and mailed it in to get her renewal. Instead of receiving her renewal from the FCC, she received a form letter indicating she had not signed the form, which resulted in her license becoming expired. She had to start all over again. I went to the FCC web site and found a 10 page form that I thought could be used to renew a license. This form and its explanation on what was required, was clear as mud. My fellow hams, the FCC is a government agency; need I say anything more?

If you have an account on the FCC web site, you can renew your license there. The person I was helping did not have an account and I could not create the account for her. What to do now? Remember that gaining knowledge thing? I contacted fellow ham and club

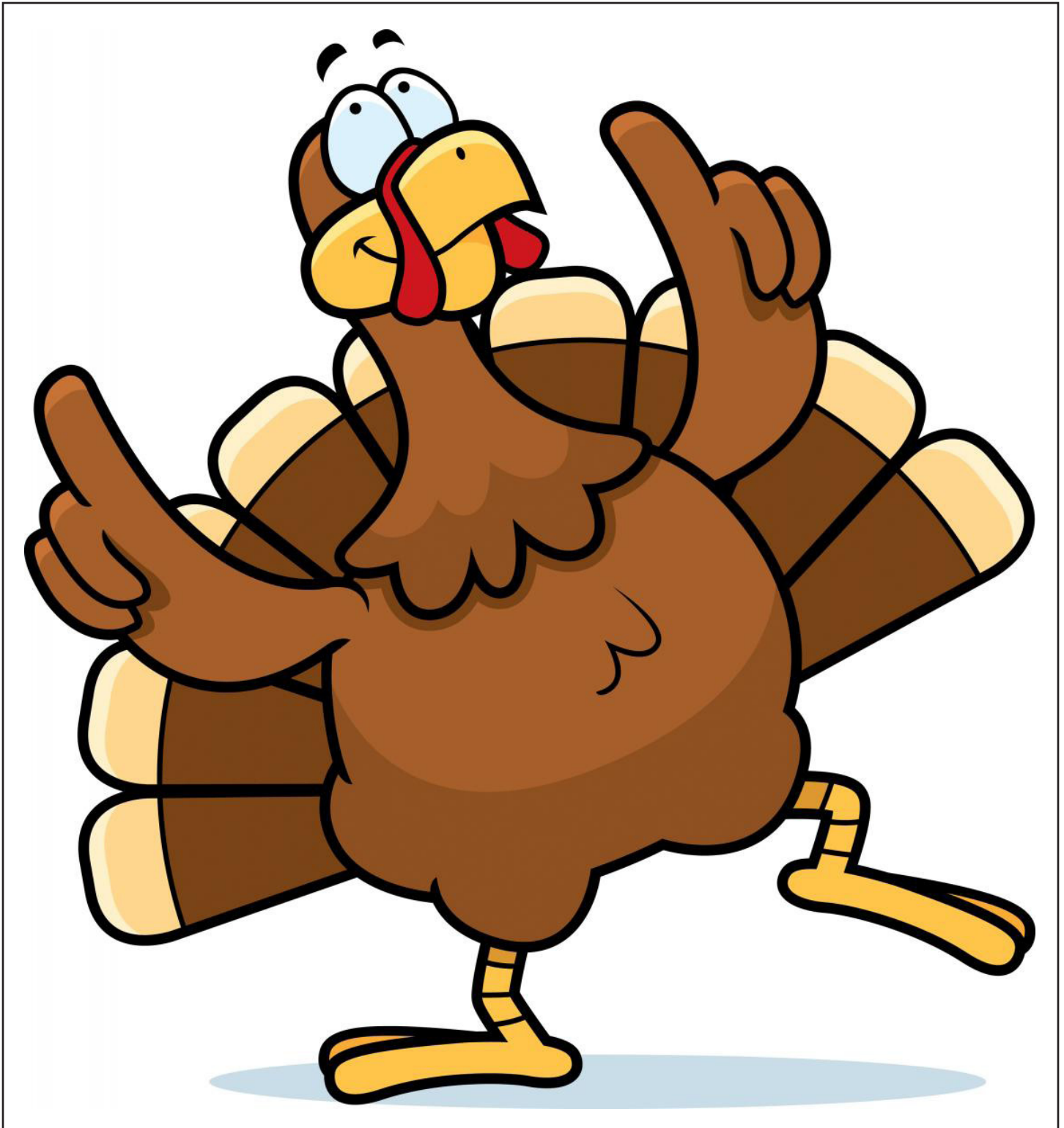
member, Mike Todd, K6WD and explained the situation to him. He said, "You know she can renew her license using a NVEC 605 form. Have her fill it out, check the "Renewal of my license grant" box, sign and date it. Bring the completed form to any VE session and it will get processed along with all of the exams for that day. She will most likely have her renewal by the following Monday." I am embarrassed to say that I am a VE and had totally forgotten about that. I could had a v-8!

I took the form to our fellow member's house and had her complete it. I took it to the next SANDARC VE session which I participated in and gave it to Team Leader, John Wright, K6CPO. He told me there was no charge to submit this form because it was a renewal only. Great! He submitted her form with the other test forms for that day and lo and behold, her license was renewed by the middle of the following week! One simple form was all it took.

The issue of renewing an amateur license was timely and of interest to me. You see, my license expires in November of this year and I was wondering what I needed to do. Now I know of another easy method to renew my license. Per FCC rules, you may renew your

license up to 90 days in advance of expiration. To get a copy of the NCVEC 605 form, go to <http://www.ncvec.org/ncvec605.pdf> and download it. Complete the top portion and bring it to any SANDARC VE session for submission. Simple, easy!

Thanks to fellow hams and SOBARS members Mike Todd, K6WD and John Wright, K6CPO for their assistance! No one knows everything, but as the song goes, "I get by with a little help from my friends (and hams)." Sing it! ✨



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!