



Southwestern REACTer



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Dan McDougal, SWR 063, set up at Kate Sessions Park for Jamboree On The Air.
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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 7:00 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 449.440 Community based Repeater with a negative offset and a PL tone of 107.2 (Mt. Otay)

From Your President

By Roger McCullough, SWR 098, President

Do We Have Limits?

Why?

I got to thinking about the Team and what direction it was heading. The board struggles with that problem every meeting. We have made some changes to engage the membership with varying results. But without feedback or suggestion, it is hard to direct the needed growth. We are the best at what we do BUT we must continue to grow in numbers, capabilities, and performance. We are not MacGyver with only his Swiss Army knife to overcome the impending disaster. Our "toolbox" is slowly growing and so are our abilities to use it.

With elections coming up, we need to encourage the leaders to step forward and take us to the next level. We need all the members to support the leadership so they can do their best. Sadly, some volunteers are of a mind that they can pick-and-choose what their duties will be and limit their efforts to what they find least disturbing to their daily lives, when really, they should realize they have committed to a job, with all of its responsibilities and duties, (and the special feeling of a job well done),

Carl (SWR 067) has been calling each of you asking if you would run for any of the Board positions. Response was disappointing, to say the least; all good people but, at last word, not a complete ballot. We have five jobs: President, V. President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Delegate-at-large. Two of the current Board members say they won't

be running this year. We need people to fill the positions. We will work with whoever is elected to perform the job duties.

So whether you run for office or support those you have elected, we all have the same job of team success in everything and everyone that asks for Team Southwestern REACT. This brings us back to the opening question of "Do We Have Limits; Why?"; You have 12 General Meetings and 12 more Board Meetings, plus unlimited access to e-mail or a telephone to voice your ideas, concerns, and feelings.

Addendum to message

In many (most?) of my monthly messages, I feel the need to speak like a coach in his locker-room pep-talk. But at game time, some of the team is still in the locker room or ?? So that is that. If I still have this job after the election, I'll try to create a broader message; stay tuned.

Closing

At the end of each of my messages I express my feelings in the words of "Larry, the Cable Guy" "Git er Done". How many REACT members does it take to run the Team - - - ALL.

"Nuf said..."

Let's Git' Er Done!!!

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Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS)

By June McCollough, SWR 054

The ACS meeting was held on Nov. 6, 2017 at the Office of Emergency

Service. There was a recap of the Great Shakeout Communication exercise.

ACS had about 21 members check in; which was more than signed up. A reminder to know your County grid map location at any place you might be so you can report it if needed. ACS also participated in the Poway Emergency Neighborhood Corps Exercise and were represented by Ronald Earl of Poway. This drill required teams to locate pictures of disasters and describe them over the radio. They send out different teams to find the

same picture and then compared the description and they were all given close to the same description.

ACS has a net every Monday except First Monday or County Holidays at 1930 hours. It starts on frequency 147.195 and then moves to 448.78, 52.600, and 223.800. 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.

ACS upcoming event(s) and training:

Fry's Operating Day Nov. 18, 2017
Time 0800 to 1300 Hours

The next meeting will be on Dec. 4, 2017 at 1830 hours (6:30 PM). All are welcome. ▶

American Red Cross Communication Team Report

By June McCollough, SWR 054

The ARCCT meeting was held on Nov. 4, 2017. New activity lead, Bob Brich wants to do hands on training with the Go-Kits. He was to have in the field training not just in the class room or parking lot.

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 Dec. 2, 2017

at 9:00 AM at 3950 Calle Fortunada, San Diego CA 92123. These are open meeting for anyone unless they are discussing confidential ARC business. ▶

Jamboree On The Air AAR

By June McCollough, SWR 054

The Boy Scouts Jamboree on the Air was held on October 21st. Jim Patterson, Roger and June McCollough went to Camp Balboa at 7:00 am; we had Daniel McDougal at Kate Sessions Park in Pacific Beach and George Reeves at his home in Mission Valley. We set up a station on 2 meter simplex to allow the scouts that wanted to talk to an amateur in the local area. Other stations were set up for HF for reaching out to other boy scouts out all over the world. We had almost 50 scouts make contact. We also had Anthony Zuppero, K5TZ, also help with contacts at the end of the day. Daniel had some wind problems and George used all four of his HT

batteries.

If you were not able to help us this year, please plan on attending this

event next year in October. It is very rewarding to see young people take an interest in the hobby. ▶



From left: June McCollough, SWR 054, Jim Patterson, SWR 151 and Roger McCollough, SWR 098 at Camp Balboa for the Boy Scouts Jamboree On The Air.

Dan Willan, SWR 061

Cystic Fibrosis Cycle-4-Life AAR

By June McCollough, SWR 054

Cystic Fibrosis Cycle-4-Life was held on October 28th. We have worked this event in the past; but this had new rest stops and we were concerned about radio coverage. Jim Patterson, Roger & June McCollough went out on October 24th and did radio checks for the Otay Repeater (SWR11) and also the Palomar Repeater (Metro REACT). We found that with mobile and outside antennas; we could hit the repeaters.

As coordinator of the event and being that the Start/Finish was in a small parking lot; I deployed the members directly to the Rest Stops. It also allowed that them start at a later time, no zero-dark thirty.

The event was small. There were 25/30 short distance riders and 10 long distance riders. So we were not busy and did not have a lot of calls. But the event coordinator was very

happy to have us out there watching the riders.

The following members were there: June & Roger McCollough, Jim Patterson, Jason Pistiolas, Alan Dyer, McKenzie Jackson, Daniel McDougal, Michelle Harman and Michael Fletcher (FOR). Thank you all for giving up your Saturday morning to help. ▶

Silver Strand Distance Classic

By George Reeves, SWR 081

November 12th, 2017, After Action Report

Southwestern REACT deployed to work the annual Silver Strand Distance Classic on Coronado Island, Sunday, November 12th, 2017.

Mike Bailey (092), and Coordinator George Reeves (081).

The Team members were posted at six Water Stop Stations, located at Miles 1.5, 3, 5, 7, 9.25, and 10. Net Control (Reeves) was in a static position at the Finish Line. No Shadow post was assigned. Mike Bailey posted as Rover on his bicycle.

the Team at the briefing.

- To avoid road closures, the Team dispersed at 0600. A formal announcement opening the Net was made by Net Control at this time, 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; three distances were covered: 5K, 10 and 13 miles, with start times staggered for the respective distances/categories; 5K @ 0700, skaters, ElliptiGos, handcycles and wheelchair participants @ 0715, and Half Marathon/10 Mile runners @ 0730.
- One Medical Aid call was received for a fallen runner, but was cancelled. The runner continued on his own to Finish, and was treated for minor abrasions



Morning Team briefing at the Coronado Public Library.

Dan Willan, SWR 061

REACT members who worked the event were: Carl and Marilyn Jensen (067 & 068), Roger and June McCollough (098 & 054), John Wright (042), Jim Patterson (151), Dan Willan (061), Danny Briggs, Jay Pistiolas (046), McKenzie Jackson, (037), Alan Dyer (047),

Library at 640 Orange Avenue, with all members present. The Primary Frequency used for this event was the Chula Vista based SOBARS Repeater, 146.085, and the alternate frequency was 449.440. All maps and pertinent information were provided to

by the Race Medical Team under the direction of Dr. Paul Marsh.

- Last runners, escorted by Coronado PO, crossed the finish line just before noon.
- As the last participant passed each Water Stop, Net Control released the Team members at that location, and formally closed the post.

Noteworthy Items:

1. KOZ Events Coordinator Jennifer Nanista Stephens, also an Amateur Radio operator, was able to monitor our comms, and provide us with information directly when questions arose.
2. Mike Bailey used his bike to move about the course in Rover position, which greatly extended our “eyes and ears” capability. He also fielded questions from the public related to towing company information and location of



Jim Patterson, SWR 151, on station at Water Stop 3.

John Wright, SWR 042

the Shuttle stops. After being approached by a few ham operators requesting information about REACT, he suggested that for future events, each post location's

team members should have a small number of REACT business cards and possibly a few team tri-folds to hand out. These may be provided to the team by the event Coordinator at the briefing. Well done, Mike!

3. REACT Coordinators for this event in the future should attend the Coordination Meeting held by the KOZ Events Race Crew, and refer to the information contained in the REACT binder for more direction related to staffing, event time-line, logistics and problematic areas.

4. The SOBARS Repeater functioned brilliantly, and all stations were sending and receiving via HT with very little path noise. I would certainly advocate the use of this repeater for future SSDC events. Many thanks to John Wright and SOBARS for the generous use of this machine!

5. The portion of the course entering the Naval Radio Facility in years past was again dropped, and the distance made up for by routing participants into the residential neighborhoods near

Connecticut and Fern Avenues in Imperial Beach.

I wish to extend my sincerest thanks

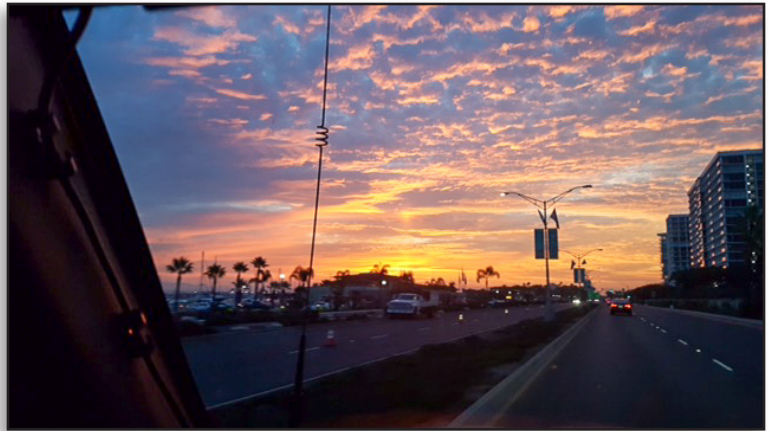


Mike Bailey, SWR 092 (left) and Danny Briggs, KD6OKR at Water Stop 4.
Dan Willan, SWR 061

to all those who participated in this event, and I am very proud of the professionalism displayed to the public and the KOZ Events team by SW REACT. Another event well done!



KOZ Events Coordinator Jennifer Nanista Stephens, (l) and George Reeves, SWR 081.
George Reeves, SWR 081



Sunrise over the Silver Strand.

George Reeves, SWR 081



Runners in the Half Marathon and 10 mile races passing water stop 3.

John Wright, SWR 042



Each water stop had a band playing for the entertainment of the runners. This group was at Water Stop 4.

Dan Willan, SWR 061