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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)

GROWTH

By Roger McCollough, SWR 098, President

The Promise of an Even Better Team

This month we took another step in the improvement and growth of the team with the addition of the "REACT Repeater." You should have received the message, from John W. (SWR042) and myself, with the details. Other recent signs of our growth would be the completion of our first VHF / UHF "go-box" and the start of a second "go-box" power supply, destined to be Universal (Capable of supporting various radio equipment) we might want to use.

Another sign of our growth is, of course, our membership. We don't have a mob pounding at our door to join in our efforts to be THE voice and action of the community disaster communications, but by "being out there"; by being visible through our service activities we have gained recognition beyond our CB heritage 50 plus years ago. We promote our mission at gatherings of amateurs, and to other disaster groups such as ARES, ACS, and Red Cross. Many events in our history have come and gone, and some are still with us, but all have expressed their thanks for a job well done.

Then there is the individual effort of members to upgrade licenses and

learning to enhance their abilities to work with any of these agencies. There is our work with new or soon-to-be hams to "ride shotgun" at our events, in some cases, their first time talking on their radio. There is also our effort to prove our ability to be an asset to the community at all levels of need.

The obvious question rears its head; What about the future? Well, the answer could be as easy as "You are the future." This brings me to the root of this message. In you are the means and, hopefully, the desire to continue your growth within the team. To be effective, you must be a participant and not a member of the audience. As I have stated before, "Each of you [at an event] are middle management." With the team elections coming, ask yourself "How can I help us grow into a more positive force for the safety and welfare of my community?" Only through your work can you feel the pride and satisfaction in your life you will deserve. Work is not always a bad word.

"Nuf said..."

let's GIT' ER DONE!!! ✈

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Details On The New Repeater

By Roger McCollough, SWR 098

Background:

John Talbot contacted us about having the Southwestern REACT Team join with his Metro REACT in using the Metro repeater [449.060 (-) 88.5] as the REACT repeater for the region. Further, it would be available to groups serving the community, such as ARES for scheduled use, much as PARC and RACES/ACS do with their repeaters. WE agreed that Metro had the equipment and Southwestern had the

manpower; working together would serve the community and our purpose.

Actions Taken:

A meeting was held with John Wright (SWR042), June McCollough (SWR054) and myself to meet with John and Roy of Metro to work out the details. At the meeting it was decided:

- Its primary use would be for REACT operations and needs.
- Scheduled use would be maintained

by one point of contact, currently Roy.

- Non-profit public service groups, such as ARES, could workout a MOU that would invite their use of the repeater for drills and scheduled nets.
- The repeater would allow “open” use
- It would be known as “the REACT Repeater”
- The repeater would identify with K6RRR, the REACT Amateur Radio Club call sign. [Note: KK6SLE is the Southwestern REACT ARC call sign, and can continue to be used for control of team operations.]
- The SWR Board will decide where the new frequency will be added to the Team Fleet Map.
- This frequency is not exclusive, but co-channelled

(shared) with a repeater on Mt. Wilson. To prevent interference from that repeater, when entering the frequency, set your radio to ENC DEC (ENCODE DECODE) or TSQ (TONE SQUELCH) so that your radio will only listen to our repeater.

Unless you have an other favorite channel, please consider this your “home” channel.

The REACT net conducted the first and fourth Thursdays of the month at 8:00 PM will now be held on the new repeater.

If you have questions, refer them to John W. or myself. We hope you will enjoy the team upgrade. ✎

Additional Repeater Information

Provided By John Talbot, K6XI

Repeaters REACT operates from Mt Otay: “K6RRR”

- 146.520/449.120 (Nickname “ZEBRA”) a two meter (RX) 440 crossbander (TX)
- 223.840 (107.20)
- 449.440 (107.2) “The Hangout”
- 449.060 (88.5) REACT Repeater
- 449.100 DMR (Color Code 01, Time Slot 2, Talk-group 310014 -San Diego Local REACT) HT Code

Plugs Available

On the crossband we have lots of scanner fans that monitor (mostly non-hams) and get regular emails from that community (!!)

Cover Photo: Roy Gallagher, KR6RG, and John Talbot, K6XI, work on REACT repeaters inside the repeater vault. ✎

License Upgrades

John Wright, SWR 042

In keeping with the President’s comments about team members upgrading their license class, congratulations are offered to Roger McCollough, SWR 098 and George DeLaBarre, SWR 076, on passing the Amateur

Extra examination last month.

Way to **GIT’ER DONE!!!** ✎

Upcoming Events

Event	Date
Touch-A-Truck	09/16/2018 (Sun)
MCAS Miramar Air Show	09/28-30/2018 (Fri, Sat, Sun)
Giro di San Diego	10/21/2018 (Sun)
ARES Hospital Drill	11/15/2018 (Thurs)
Silver Strand Half Marathon	11/11/2018 (Sun)

Event Notes:

Although our assistance has not been formally requested for the MCAS Miramar Air Show, it is listed here because ARES has issued a blanket invitation to all amateur radio operators to work this event. If you are interested, e-mail the Editor for contact information.

Southwestern REACT does have a formal event request from ARES to assist with the hospital drill taking place on November 15. A representative from ARES will be at the September general meeting to answer any questions team members may have about the drill. ✎

SAN DIEGO HAMFEST October 6, 2018



Time of the Event: 7 AM-3 PM
"Old Radio Trade Show" Starts at 6 AM

Hamfest Cost: \$5.00
Trading Post: "Consignment Booth"

Old Radio Trade Show in parking lot!
Set-up a table and sell your unwanted
Old Radio Gear ONLY \$5.00 a space!

All Local Ham Clubs Welcome
Button Hole "QSO's" with other Hams
Visit Ham Club Booths
ARRL Forum
Ham Radio Vendors
Door Prizes
VE Testing
T-Hunt
Speakers
"FREE" Antenna Friendly Parking

Grand Door Prize



ICOM 7300



Vendors!



Used Radio Trade Show

Location

Lakeside Rodeo Grounds
12584 Mapleview Street
Lakeside CA



You are cordially invited to attend the
4th Annual San Diego Hamfest 2018.

We plan on starting out the day with an
Old Radio Trade Show, Vendors,
Speaker Forums, and VE Testing.

So come on out and let's Ham it Up!

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