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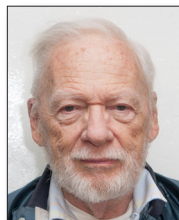
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SWR's mission is to prepare for communications during emergencies and disasters. This preparation is accomplished through working community events such as: The Lakeside Western Days, and North Park Toyland parades, the Midnight Madness Bicycle Ride 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 7:00 PM on the 449.060 REACT/ARES Repeater with a negative offset and a PL tone of 88.5 (Mt. Otay)



To Serve Man

By Roger McCollough, SWR 098, President

What does that mean to you?

A plain-talk discussion of doing our best for mankind through service.

I hope all this doesn't scare you away or cause you to go mow your lawn, take a nap, or go out and meet the gang for a cool one yet. Please just stick with me, if you can, for a little review. The title of today's article, "To Serve Man," refers to mankind; that's all the little boys and girls out there, everyone. In today's world, sadly, you see many people throughout the world suffering from forces they cannot overcome.

Here in United States, hurricanes, earthquakes, wildfires, and especially these mass shootings have filled the media with reports of injury, death and destruction that seem to grow larger and more horrific each day. Some of us must have someone we know that have experienced one or more of these or similar tragedies, I know I have. Each of us must have, at one time or another, ask ourselves, "Is there anything I can do?" Non-governmental agencies that come to their aid suggest money is the best answer to help them do their work. Your time, capabilities, resources, and distance from the problem become your limiting factors.

Just as the media is filled with stories of suffering and tragedy, they also report the actions of individuals and groups that have come to the aid of those caught up in the disaster. Stories and examples abound such as a group of boat owners in Texas, that, at their own expense and time, trailered their boats to the flooded Gulf states and rescued people trapped on their homes. There were companies that sent truck loads of needed supplies, and faith-based organizations creating shelters are among

the many stories that need to be told. And there you have several small examples of man helping man.

Most of you reading this are either a current or past member of REACT or are one of our many Friends-of-REACT. It certainly must have crossed your mind, at sometime, to provide some aid or assistance to others. Reasons to help others vary from the perceived urgent need to simple personal satisfaction. So that brings up the question, why and how do want to serve your fellow man? Over the years your ability or interest in helping others may have changed. Your physical abilities may have decreased and some tasks required may keep you from performing expected duties. Or perhaps maintaining a required certificate or license can limit your performance. And of course there are the effects of other interests, such as travel, family, or a new hobby. Despite all this, I'm sure you can still find a rewarding way to serve man.

The Kanamints (visitors from space) had another answer. Upon arrival, they brought advanced technology to end wars, provide cheap power, eliminate medical problems, make the land more productive, and end all disputes, making Earth a virtual Eden. Their leader carried a book that was believed to reveal this technology. It was titled "To Serve Man. Many people on Earth accepted the offer to visit the alien planet paradise. As our hero boarded the alien ship, he learned, too late, that the Kanamint book, "To Serve Man" was their cookbook.

Who and how will you serve?

Courtesy: Rod Serling, "The Twilight Zone", March 1962

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

Upcoming Events		
Event	Date	Status
Touch-A-Truck	09/22/2019	Approved
Silver Strand Half Marathon	11/10/2019 (Sun)	Approved

SOUTHWESTERN REACT EVENT BRIEFING

PRELIMINARY

A/O (Date)	9/7/19
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A. EVENT NAME	B. EVENT LOCATION (COMMUNITY NAME)	C. EVENT DATE								
Touch A Truck	Lakeside	9/22/19								
D. EVENT TYPE	E. EXPECTED TIME LENGTH	F. EVENT CONTACT								
General Event	4-6 HOURS	Kathy Kassel (619) 561-1031								
G. EVENT COORDINATOR(S)	H. PHONE(S)	I. E-MAIL(S)								
Jay Pistiolas Bob Taylor	619-948-9725 619-972-0394	ko6jay@gmail.com bobtailr@cox.net								
J. BRIEFING LOCATION	K. BRIEFING SHOW TIME	L. EVENT START TIME								
On Site 1600 Riverside Dr. Lakeside (Dirt Lot)	08:30	10:00								
M. TALK-IN FREQ. FREQ./SHIFT/TONE	N. OPERATING FREQ. FREQ./SHIFT/TONE	O. ALT. FREQ. FREQ./SHIFT/TONE								
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Q. REMARKS										
<p>4th year for this event. Part day assignments available. Bring hat, sunscreen, snack/food and lots of water! There will be food vendors on site. Also bring chairs if you have any.</p> <p>Our mission is to provide, safety, security and to answer questions from the public and to explain what REACT is and what we do. Since we will be in an enclosed area, traffic control will not be an issue as there is a traffic control signal at the corner. A temporary fence will surround the the event so we are requested to keep people from bypassing the fence and direct them to the ticket table to purchase tickets. We will be looking for anyone who might need medical assistance, any suspicious articles etc.</p> <p>This event will give SW REACT public exposure and we can field questions regarding our role in the community.</p>										
R. STANDING REMINDERS -> READ THEM <---										
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S. POST ADDL JOBS→ +Coordinator +Shadow +Control (Plus) →	<p style="text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold;">If You are interested in working this event, contact Jay Pistiolas at: starfire66@hotmail.com</p>									

From The Editor

John Wright, SWR 042

I need help!

Every month I have to struggle to find enough content to produce an even number of pages for the REACTER. There are times when I sit here staring at blank pages wondering what I'm going to put in the issue I'm working on.

This is where you, the members of Southwestern REACT and our Friends of REACT come in. This is a team newsletter and the team officers should not be the only ones writing the articles.

I'm looking for a couple of things. First, if you have an idea and you want to write it up for the REACTER, I will welcome the submission. Have you tried out a new type of antenna lately or maybe bought a spiffy

new DMR radio? Send me your impressions for the REACTER. Second, if there are topics you would like to see covered, send me your suggestions. There are many sources of articles that can be reprinted but I need to know what you'd like to see.

If you are a Coordinator or Assistant Coordinator, send me some pictures of your event and include a report on the event for the newsletter. I'm sure there are a lot of people that would like to know what we are doing. REACT International will sometimes reprint team news in the International REACTER.

Submissions and suggestions can be sent to me at k6cpo@cox.net. ✈



Just because, here's another truck...