

# Southwestern REACTer



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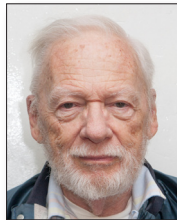
SWR's mission is to prepare for communications during emergencies and disasters. This preparation is accomplished through working community events such as: The Lakeside Western Days, and North Park Toyland parades, the Midnight Madness Bicycle Ride and Fiesta Island Time Trials, the Silver Strand Half-Marathon,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



## Desk Clutter, Ideas, Up-Coming Calendar: Time To Sort Out

Roger McCollough, SWR 098, President

**Oh, the notes: Post-em, scratch, email, reminders, etc...**

### **Prologue**

This month's message is stuff buried in my "To-do" list, and the stuff mentioned above. Nothing earth shaking, but I hope is worth the read. I have, in the past messages, expressed my concern about our ability to cover the requests with the quality we have shown in the past that we have already received. Let's see how we roll so far.

### **Let's Talk About My "Flash Message", That I Sent, Before the Lakeside Western Day's Parade,**

First, and foremost, George pulled it off with the members help. Next let me be clear, the message was sent to ALL the membership, and not to specific members. It raised two points.

1. We need for all members to **be aware** of ALL upcoming events by marking in their active calendars. If it conflicts with other planned adventures, so be it. You can always re-choose if things change.
2. The choice is **always yours**. Your perceived value of the events and your ability to attend is your decision. We value your abilities and service, providing your support.

### **Is Digital In Our Future?**

DMR (Digital Mobile Radio), Yaesu System Fusion®, and D-STAR are becoming perhaps the most popular of the digital radio modulation formats. Digital clarity and range in point-to-point exceeds analog. For our purposes, direct or repeater use, on a selected talk-group, has demonstrated clear and reliable communications. Ever notice that your cell phone has no noise? Mark that up to the digital modulation method. Maybe we will get into that at another time.

Bottom line: Some of our members

have various digital radios and talk directly to ARES and Red Cross amateurs during events and nets. The links below will provide information, comparison and demonstrations to help blow away some of the fog.

[MOTOTRBO DMR DEMONSTRATION DR3000 GB3GB AMATEUR RADIO 70CM REPEATER ON TEST - Bing video Digital vs Analog Radio - A Brief Comparison - Motorola Solutions](#)

This site offsets additional digital radio information that is worthy of review. See the menu line at the top of the page.

[DMR DSTAR FUSION Head To Head - Which One Is Best? | K6UDA Radio - YouTube](#)

Each of the systems is unique and are currently not interchangeable but that may change as technology changes.

### **About ZOOM And Our Meetings And Briefings**

While the Pandemic caused us to embrace ZOOM into our toolbox, we now face the rising cost of gas to travel to get together. It has been very useful for the board and general Meetings, but we have added pre-event briefings to the list of uses. Face-to-face (F-2-F) is desired. ZOOM, and similar virtual services, have become a gathering standard. Its reduction of travel and time cannot be ignored. Currently the Board has resumed meeting F-2-F at I-Hop, the general Meetings will continue on our ZOOM. Until further notice, the link will remain the same, so save it as it might also be used for short-notice meetings.

### **More Scraps Next Month.**

"Nuf said..."

**LET'S GIT' ER DONE!!!** ✈

## After Action Report, Fiesta Island Time Trials

George Reeves, SWR 081

### Event: Bicycles of various design, running timed laps on Fiesta Island.

The Fiesta Island Time Trials for April 2022 were held on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> (Easter Sunday), beginning at 0700, and ending at 0915. REACTers attending: Mike Bailey SWR 92, Wayne Oliver SWR 142, Dan Willan SWR 61, John Wright SWR 42, and George Reeves SWR 81 (Coordinator). Positions staffed were Start/Finish/Shadow (Mike), Youth Camp (Wayne), North One (Dan), West One (John), and South Curve/Control (George). Mike Barreras, the Event Coordinator, was not in attendance, but the position was covered by Mike McCollough.

Briefing was held at 0615, under a turbulent sky and in a light drizzle. San Diego PD conducted a sweep of the Island at 0630, and several vehicles were escorted out. On my initial sweep of the Island, I observed a handful of minor sand patches and small puddles, none of which appeared to present a significant safety hazard to the riders. Other than the somewhat slick pavement, due to the earlier drizzle, conditions were fair.

In attendance were approximately 93 riders, on varied bicycle designs: Front or Rear-wheel Trikes, Recumbents, and traditional-style racing bikes. There were no accidents, but there was a serious near-miss (read on); no medical aid was rendered, nor was Law Enforcement required.

Primary Operating Frequency was "Triple Nickle" (Team 5 Simplex), which worked very well from all locations, and was used exclusively for the event. Secondary Frequency was Mission Hills (Team 9).

Due to staffing deficiencies, the two positions for the Western stretch of the Island were assimilated into one REACT unit (John, #42) positioned almost centrally

on the mostly N-S straight-away. This gave him the ability to observe (North) towards North End's position (Dan, #61), and (South) to just before South Curve (George, #81).

At approximately 0800, I observed a Sanitation truck (on the raceway!) approaching my position at South Curve. He pulled onto the sand west of the track to pump out the Porta-Potty, which took about 15 minutes. Upon completion, he very casually pulled back out into oncoming bicyclists, causing several to swerve at high speed to avoid crashing into him. After delivery of MANY (expletives deleted) shouts from the cyclists, I advised him using the PA on my truck to travel to his next assignment on the shoulder of the road. He semi-complied. Mike at S/F/Shadow advised us when the vehicle was leaving the Island. The subject of having a sanitation truck on the course during the ride will be discussed with the FITT Event Coordinator. In addition, they should also discuss the scheduling of events on a major (religious or otherwise) Holiday. This fact probably contributed greatly to the lower-than-usual turnout, both in riders and REACTer's. Last items of note, several walkers/joggers were advised of the risks of wandering into the bike lane; an aggressive individual with a dog caused some concern, but he wasn't seen for the duration of the race; no LE were involved.

Overall, the outing was a success, even given the fact that we were short a few Operators. All Team members involved displayed true-to-form professionalism and presented our best face to the public and FITT officials. Bravo and 73! ✨

## After Action Report, Lakeside Western Days Parade 4/23/2022

George Reeves, SWR 081

### EVENT: Annual parade held in the downtown area of Lakeside, CA

As in years past, REACT was on hand to work Course Communications for the Lakeside Western Days Parade, an annual event, which was held on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. In attendance were: George Reeves, SWR 81 (Coordinator/Step-Off/Control), Roger and June McCollough, SWR 98 and 54 respectively (Announce 1 & 2), Carl Jensen, SWR 67 (Announce 3), Jim Patterson, SWR 151 (Announce 4), McKenzie Jackson, SWR 37 (Announce

5), and Mike Bailey, SWR 92 (Announce 6). All comms used 145.555 (Simplex Team Channel 5), which worked rather well from all points on the parade route. The Rattlesnake Repeater (Team Channel 8), was deemed secondary operating frequency.

After Briefing in the Lakeside Café parking lot at 0700, all REACT units were deployed to their assigned locations. Upon reaching stations, each unit advised Control.

After all units checked in, a test of the operating frequency and alternate Frequency was performed.

The parade consisted of 120 entrants; motorized, floats, equestrian, banners, and walking entries. Step-off advised all announce stations of drops, adds or out-of-sequence participants, to be passed along to the announcers.

The first parade entry took to the course at 0935, and the last entry passed Step-off at approximately 1115.

The event went very smoothly, due in large part to the

high level of organization provided by the Lakeside Chamber Of Commerce; primarily, Crystal Grobner and Kathy Kassel (Coordinators), among many others. There were no notable occurrences or problems encountered for the duration of the event.

The REACT Team was graciously fed lunch after the parade, and displayed, as always, our high level of professionalism and diligence while on the job. Well done, team! 73 ✨

## Southwestern REACT Board Meeting, April 14, 2022

June McCollough, SWR 054, Acting Secretary

The Meeting was called to order by President Roger McCollough at 7:11PM

**Quorum Check** – Four (4) Board Members present; Jay Pistiolas excused

**Visitors** – Jim Patterson and Heather Wright

**Special Motion** – None

**Meeting Minutes** – Approved and accepted for filing

**Correspondence List** – Reviewed

**Treasurer's Report** – June McCollough reported an ending balance of \$5,345.34 as of 03/31/22.

**REACTer Editor** – Reacter is out early this month.

**Webmaster** – Updated – Send changes to John Wright

**Unfinished Business – Audit Committee** – Met on 2/28/22 shows ending balance of \$6053.79 as of 12/31/21. **Annual Charitable Trust Renewal** – June McCollough will process this week, **Update on Jay Pistiolas** – Was moved to his home and will start home therapy. Old Trailer – John Wright – No member knows where the trailer is except it was at Cal-Fire the last anyone knew. Will find out from DMV what to do to file an abandon vehicle for the trailer.

**New Business – Touch-a-Truck** Three Certificates for Roger & June McCollough and George Reeves. They had no other names.

**Post Events** – Campagnolo SD Granfundo 04/03/2022 event went well. Discussed using APRS in the follow vehicles and SAG Wagons.

### Upcoming Events –

FITT	Sun. 04/17/2022	Approved	SWR081
Lakeside Western Days Parade	Sat. 04/23/2022	Approved	SWR081
FITT	Sun. 05/15/2022	Approved	SWR081
Giro de San Diego	Sat. 06/11/2022	Approved	SWR092
SD International Triathlon	Sun. 06/26/2022	Approved	SWR081
FITT	Sun. 10/16/2022	Approved	SWR081
Silver Strand Half Marathon	Sun. 11/13/2022	Approved	SWR081

**Good of the TEAM** – We are reminded to not represent ourselves as First Responders for any reason.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:56PM

# Southwestern React General Meeting, April 21, 2022

June McCollough, SWR 054, Acting Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Roger McCollough at 18:40 (On Zoom)

**Quorum Check** – Four (4) Board Members. Five (5) General Members. Jay Pistiolas excused

**Meeting Minutes** – Motion by John Wright Seconded by Marilyn Jensen to accept minutes; motion carried.

**Correspondence List** – Reviewed

**Treasurer's Report** – June McCollough an ending balance of \$5345.34 as of Mar. 31, 2022

**REACT Editor** – Reacter was out before the Board Meeting. Webmaster – Updated.

**Unfinished Business** – Audit Committee was voted on with the corrected report sent via email. Motion by Carl Jensen and Seconded by Mike Bailey to accept audit report; motion carried. Update of Annual Charitable Trust – June McCollough will process this week. Old Trailer – still open – trailer has been trashed. Update on Jay – He is at home and doing PT. He has posted videos on Youtube.

**New Business** – Lakeside Western Days Parade - They are looking to have about 120 enteries. Six announcer stands and Step-off. See briefing form for information. Research why we are having minimum turn out for events. SW-React Google Drive – set up with documents for new Trifolds and other things.

**Post Events** – Campagnolo San Diego Granfundo Sun 4/03/22 – It had a good member turn-out. No major accidents, no injuries. Feed back was good to change some of the route. Granfundo needs more mechanics. Discussion about using APRS for rovers and sag wagons. FITT Sun 4/17/22 – Five Members -so had minimum coverage. 120 riders signed up but 93 showed. Port-a-potty truck was on the route during the event and was backing out on to the course.

<b>Upcoming Events –</b>	<b>Event Date</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Coord.</b>
Lakeside Western Days Parade	Sat 04/23/2022	Approved	81#
FITT	Sun 05/15/2022	Approved	81#
Giro di San Diego	Sat 06/11/2022	Approved	Open
San Diego International Triathlon	Sun 06/26/2022	Approved	81#
FITT	Sun 10/16/2022	Approved	81#
Silver Strand Half Marathon	Sun 11/13/2022	Approved	81#
			# Pending

**Good of the Team** – APRS Go-Kit – look into making one up for team use. Promotion for new ham radio operators – work 3 events and get a free radio. Will discuss at Board Meeting. John Wright has CB radios both mobile and desk top for sale.

Meeting Adjourned at 20.41 ⚡

