



# Southwestern REACTer



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**OFFICERS**

**President:** Roger McCollough  
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**Vice-President:** John Wright  
SWR 042

**Secretary:** Mike Bailey,  
SWR 092

**Treasurer:** June McCollough  
SWR 054

**Director-At-Large:**  
Per Martin, SWR 053

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

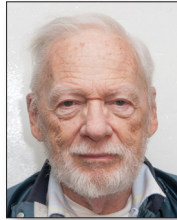
The Southwestern REACT board meeting is held the second Thursday of the month at 7 PM at the Mission Valley iHop restaurant. Any member is welcome to attend. Contact us for the address.

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**

See the website for net information.

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**Prologue:**

2024 has been a bit quieter than years in the past; however all event needs were met without loss of performance or any "customer dissatisfaction". [Note: I have not found a satisfactory term to use for referring to the group that requested our help. They are not really clients, agencies or customers. Send me your suggestions.] So let's dwell a bit, of what 2025 should bring. Think about it. Please.

**Our Situation and Duty.**

As of this writing, we have received four requests for FITT coverage and a pending return of the North Park Toyland Parade; inactive since COVID-19 interrupted most crowd gathering activities. The World has spun a lot since then with life almost returning to a COVID normal. Other viruses have emerged, but we move on.

Are we looking for another event or two? Of course! Coming with better weather, I would love to see a training and/or practice get-together, or...? Don't be shy. Feedback to me or the Board would be appreciated! How the team goes belongs to ALL the membership.

We all have our lives to live, so we plan, both short-term and long-term, both fixed dates (birthdays, holidays, vacations, etc.), to fill our calendars, if you use one. But do you post our Events on that calendar or think, when the time comes, and someone reminds you of it, "I'll think about it". Perhaps then you are less likely to later plan a personal or family event that day. This is not a big request as most of our Events are planned well in advance.

**Limits? Of Course!**

Time! It's always time and how to use

**2025!! it's Here**

Roger McCollough, SWR 098

**Time For Checking-In**

it. There are 24 hours in a day, or maybe 16 useful hours most days. That gives us about 192 hours in a week, or about 9984 hours in a year. Seems like a lot until you need to find time to do something now. We don't track your hours; we leave that up to you.

**Opportunities? You Judge,**

Public Relations and REACT name identification are useful, if not vital, to maintaining our image to the public. One way we encourage, is to invite other amateurs to ride-along during an event and assist, or at least see what we do. I have often remarked that bringing a family member or friend along, Most kids love parades, and there often a get-together after some events with free volunteer feeding or just a team gathering at some restaurant to "Hot Wash" the event or...? All are welcome.

**Make it so.**

With that in mind, I suggest that there are the elements of service, pride of a job well done, and friendship among the troops. What is better than feeling good for the success after an Event?

"Nuf said..."

**let's GIT' ER DONE!!!** ✨

# Southwestern REACT Board Meeting, December 12, 2024

June McCollough, SWR 054, Acting Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Roger McCollough at 7:09pm.

**Quorum Check** – Four (4) Board Members. Visitors: Jim Patterson and Per Martin

**Special Motion** – None

**Board Meeting Minutes** – Motion to accepted and filed; Moved by John Wright, Seconded by George Reeves. Motion carried.

**Correspondence List** - Reviewed

**Treasurer's Report** – June McCollough reported an ending balance as of November 30, 2024 of \$4040.80

**REACT Editor** – Latest issue is out – Webmaster – Website is up to date

## Unfinished Business:

**Membership application** – Richard Miller, if no show at general meeting we will disregard his application.

**Renewals for 2025** – As of Dec. 12th we have 11 renewals. Reminder will be sent before general meeting.

**Election Procedure** – Comment received from an inactive member; use of email address and having to sign into link to get ballot. We have 11 ballots back so far.

**Team Go-Box** – Battery box is almost complete. John will work on Radio box next.

**December meeting** – December 19th will be Face to Face at the church with a potluck.

## New Business:

**North Park Toyland Parade 2025** – We received a phone call from Robert Simone wanting to know if REACT was still around. Roger called him back and he is looking to restart the North Park Toyland Parade in 2025. He will keep us informed of progress.

**Next Training Moment** – Crossband repeater will be presented by Per Martin at the December meeting. Other training moments - After Go Kit complete in person training on use and set up.

## Post Events:

None

## Upcoming Events:

See SWReact.com/events

## Good of the Team:

Travis Colleado is still in Hawaii hope to be back by end of the month. He wishes all a Happy Holiday.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15pm. ✨

Upcoming Events 2025			
Event	Date	Status	Coordinator
Fiesta Island Time Trials	02/23/2025 (Sun)	Approved	TBA
Fiesta Island Time Trials	03/30/2025 (Sun)	Approved	TBA
Fiesta Island Time Trials	09/28/2025 (Sun)	Approved	TBA
Fiesta Island Time Trials	11/09/2025 (Sun)	Approved	TBA

# Southwestern REACT General Meeting, December 19, 2024

June McCollough, SWR 054, Acting Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Roger McCollough at 6:35 pm.

**Quorum Check** – 14 members present. Visitors: Heather Wright and Bea

**Election opens at 6:40**

**Special Motions** - None.

**General Meeting Minutes** – Motion made to approve November Minutes Moved by John Wright, seconded by Wayne Oliver; Motion Carried.

**Correspondence List** – Reviewed

**Election closed at 6:56 pm**

**Treasurer's Report** – June McCollough reported an ending balance as of November 30, 2024 of \$4,040.80.

**REACTer Editor** – REACTer was out by December 9th. **Webmaster** – Updated.

## Unfinished Business

**Renewals 2025** – As of tonight we have 20 of 21 renewals. I will email last member and see if he will send check before end of month.

**Election results** – Sixteen ballots were received. Results as follow:

President – **Roger McCollough** 16

Vice President – **John Wright** 10; Tyler 6

Secretary – **Michael Bailey** 16

Treasurer – **June McCollough** 16

Director at Larger – **Per Martin** 14; Wayne Oliver 2

**Team Go-Box** – John – Battery box is done; will be working on Radio box next.

**Membership Application** – Richard Miller have not heard from him; several emails were sent to him. June McCollough will send him an email to let him know that we will not be considering his application at this time. He will be allowed to reapply in the future.

**Testing on Fiesta Island** – John Wright did some testing on Fiesta Island to determine the best use of our check points. Discussion followed.

## New Business

**North Park Toyland Parade** – Robert Simone contacted REACT with his plans to get a committee together for 2025. Wayne Oliver volunteered to be point on this.

**ZELLO (REACT International)** -- International has an account that they use when working events to be in contact with event coordinators, sag wagon, and repair vehicle. Roger McCollough will get more information. This will not replace Ham Radio but can be another tool for us.

**New Officers** – The new officers for 2025 were sworn in for next year.

**How to use Cross Band Radio** – Per Martin gave an overview of what is needed and how Cross Band can work to help when you are not in an ideal location to the repeater. Thank you Per.

## Post Events

None

## Upcoming Events\*

**\*See SWReact.com for complete list**

## Good of the Team:

Meeting Adjourned at 8:26 pm.

**Special Meeting of new Board:** We have decided that the Board Meetings in 2025 will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month. Therefore the REACT net will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays at 6:30pm. The January 2<sup>nd</sup> and February 6<sup>th</sup> Board Meetings will be on ZOOM. The link will be sent the day of the board meeting.