



Southwestern REACTer



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Southwestern REACT Vice-President Daniel McDougal, SWR 063 and Team Member George Reeves, SWR 081 staff the team trailer at the Fry's Operating Day, May 2, 2015. Because of the condition of the trailer and estimated cost of repairs it was decided that all salvageable equipment would be removed from the trailer and potential buyers sought. A report on the trailer salvage will appear in an upcoming edition of the 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 Mother Goose (El Cajon) and North Park Holiday Parades, Descanso Endurance Horse Ride, San Diego International Triathlon, Fiesta Island Time Trials, the Silver Strand Half Marathon and CalFire Volunteers In Prevention Red Flag Patrol .

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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 monthly on the first and fourth Thursdays at 8:00 PM on the 449.440 Mhz Community Based Repeater with a Negative offset of 5Mhz and a PL tone of 107.2 Hz (Mt Otay).

How To Improve The Team

By Roger McCollough, SWR 098, President

Discussion #2

Last month I proposed a stronger dedication to training and a compressed meeting agenda. This first run was at the July, and August general meetings. For some reason the desire to learn or refresh their knowledge was obviously of little to no interest to a majority, as evidenced by the painfully low attendance. Those that attended were highly motivated and responsive; check your copy of the minutes for details. You don't have a copy of the minutes? You must not have been at the meetings. I can't stress the obvious when I say that **you must maintain and be current in your training to be your most effective.** This is a Team and personal responsibility.

I can't tell you, in advance, the type of training that will be available, unless it is a special training meeting, such as a part of a Saturday exercise or other major training effort. Although the board can pick and choose certain training lessons, you, the membership, are charged with telling the board what training you feel is needed.

On the other side of the training coin would be the trainer. I don't think any trainer would say they know EVERYTHING about a given subject. This can, with your help, become a share-the-knowledge event. This suggests that you should attend every training session to fill or refresh your knowledge in the subject, and, perhaps add a valuable point to round-out the subject.

Elsewhere in this REACTER issue you will find a basic (perhaps limited) list of training items. Five of the items were selected by the board (from a shorter list) by a proposed priority. I present this list for you to add or modify. There are empty lines in each subject and at the bottom for any other subjects. All of you have experience in Team and related activities. The Team needs your expertise and guidance in its' future strength and value. Please show your Team interest by your response.

To those that read this article and are not members of Southwestern REACT, we offer our training sessions to you for the same reason; the amateur radio community improvement and preparation in time of emergency. We welcome others to offer their knowledge to present at our meetings or special events. In case you had not heard, we offer you the opportunity to work with us at events to gain or improve your capabilities in the world of amateur radio support of **our** community.

I look forward to **your** discussion on how we can make this happen. Everyone knows these are lessons we need to learn to be at the top of our game. To make this happen, you **must take part.**

"Nuf said..." ✈

LET'S GIT' ER DONE!!!

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Training Items

Steering Committee

- Board recommended goals _____
- Report progress _____
- _____

Team Task List Assignments

Training Items (arranged in order of priority):

- Create Trainer Pool _____
- Powering Equipment _____
 - Basics _____
 - Supplies _____
 - Components _____
 - Other _____
- Radio Units _____
 - Basics (Types: Coverage, Models, Pro & Cons, etc.) _____
 - Basic controls, terms, and setup) _____
 - Other _____
- Antenna _____
 - Basics _____
 - Types (fixed, mobile, portable) _____
 - Build _____
 - Effect and use _____
 - Connections, cable, support, tuners... _____
 - Other _____
- How do Repeaters work? _____
- How to setup the Team Repeaters _____
- On-The-Air Procedures _____
 - Basics _____
 - Messaging _____
 - Other _____
- Team Activities and Procedures _____
- ICS Training _____
 - Classroom Training _____
 - Personal (on-line) Training _____
 - Other _____
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American Red Cross Communication Team Report

By June McCollough, SWR 054

The ARCCT meeting was held on September 10, 2016 (due to Holiday weekend). Roger & I did not attend.

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 on October 1st 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. ✎

Auxiliary Communications Services (ACS)

By June McCollough, SWR 054

The ACS meeting was held on September 12, 2016 at the Office of Emergency Service (OES). At the training held on September 10th at 1300-1700; we discussed Earthquake Preparedness and ACS Response.

The Miramar Air Show will be September 23-25th and ACS participation is yet to be determined. ACS will participate in the Great California Shakeout on October 20th at 1020. There will also be a Radio Rodeo Interoperability Exercise November 15th, time and place to be determined.

ACS has a net every Monday except First Monday or County Holidays at 1930 (7:30PM). It starts on frequency 147.195 and then moves to 223.800, 52.600 and 448.78 (not necessarily in that order). 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.

The next meeting will be on October 3rd at 1830 hours (6:30PM). All are welcome. ✎

News From International REACT

By June McCollough, SWR 054

I was asked at the SW REACT board meeting “Does International REACT still publish their REACTER?” I sent an email to REACT International and received this response: “It is

available on line at <http://www.the-reacter.com>. The next issue is due September 15, 2016. There are past issues but the last one was in October 2015.

The TEAM has also received the 2017 Renewal packet and we will be requesting the Budget Committee to meet by the October General Meeting. ✎

ARES SET Training

By June McCollough, SWR 054

San Diego ARES conducted a Simulated Emergency Test (SET) training event on Saturday 8/27/16 from 1200 to 1600. This was a “comms only” drill with no deployments.

Roger & I participated in this drill. We were listening to the frequency that was designated for mid-city San Diego (our area). We checked in on the repeater and simplex. We learned that we could hear the repeater at Sharp Hospital and also Red Cross Headquarters on the repeater and simplex. We did not have HF so we did not participate in that part.

It was worth the time spent monitoring the frequency to see who you could communicate with during an emergency.

Do you know who you can make contact with if it is an emergency with or without a repeater available? How many of you have participated on our net? Find out if you can reach it – what others? ✎

Editor's Note: The ARES Comm Plan can be found at the following link on the San Diego ARES website:

<http://www.sdgaes.net/dynamic/library/commplan/files/ARESCommPlan-4-1-16.pdf>

ARES Meeting

By John Wright, SWR 042

The regular monthly ARES meeting was held Saturday, September 10, 2016.

The primary topic discussed was the Miramar Air Show, taking place September 23, 24 & 25, and the changes taking place in this year's event. On hand to brief the members was Capt. Chris Robinson, USMC, Director of Law Enforcement Operations at MCAS Miramar.

Perhaps the biggest change in the air show this year is the increased security requirements and the

cancellation of the Saturday Twilight Show: *"This measure will allow us to maximize our security presence and also minimize traffic congestion that usually takes place on Saturday, the day with the largest attendance."*

More information can be found at the Miramar Air website: <http://miramarairshow.com/>

If you wish to assist ARES at the air show, your assistance would be welcomed. Shifts are available all three days (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) of the show, both morning

and afternoon. Contact the Section Emergency Coordinator Bruce Krypton at kg6iyn@arrl.net.

Other topics discussed at the meeting were an after-action report on the recent SET Drill (mentioned above), the ongoing San Diego County credentialing process and the upcoming November Statewide Hospital Drill.

As always, the meeting was followed by the Gateway Communicator training class. ✈

Events/Meetings/Nets

- Sept 15th REACT General Meeting
- Sept 18th Lakeside Touch-A-Truck
- Sept 22nd REACTIVE Net
- Sept 23-25 Miramar Air Show (ARES event—REACT has been invited to participate.)
- Sept 25th Fiesta Island Time Trails #5 of 6
- Oct 1st CF Cycle For Life
- Oct 1st Lakeside Hamfest
- Oct 13th REACT Board meeting
- Oct 6th & 27nd REACTIVE Net
- Oct 20th REACT General meeting
- Nov 6th Fiesta Island Time Trails #6 of 6
- Nov 13th Silver Strand Half Marathon
- Nov 20th Mother Goose Parade (pending request)

If you would like to help with these events, please contact a board member at board@southwesternreact.org.

Team Training Moment For September

John Wright, SWR 042, will present his completed Go-Kit, based on the Ridgid Tool Box System from Home Depot. Photos of the build can be found at: <https://johnwright.smugmug.com/Amateur-Ham-Radio/Go-Kit-Build/>.

