



Southwestern REACTer



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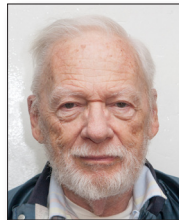
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SWR's mission is to prepare for communications during emergencies and disasters. This preparation is accomplished through working community events such as: The Lakeside Western Days, and North Park Toyland parades, the Midnight Madness Bicycle Ride 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)



The Theory(?) Of Three
By Roger McCollough, SWR 098, President

Maybe the Third Try Is The Best?

**Some things that
come in Threes**

Threesomes, three's a crowd, sides of a triangle, meals in a day, and so on. This was the start of my first offering, and was well on its way of being complete, until... The events of the day (civil unrest, law enforcement under attack, the Pandemic) now caught my attention and caused me to begin work on something that was non-political in emergency management to say with my try number two, until... California caught on fire, and I realized an army of First Responders were suddenly being mobilized. And then, what came to be known as the Valley Fire, hit San Diego. I, like most of you, felt the urge to somehow respond to the need. However, the pandemic, and the latest county emergency plan, as to who could be called by government agencies, left me with the feeling of being unrecognized and a level of frustration. Don't you feel the same? So here we are at try three.

That leads us with the need to explore how we can somehow support the efforts of those that are responding; that's part of what we are trained to do. I feel that I have neither the necessary knowledge, and no longer the needed strength and endurance fight fires, however, we are trained and most of us have the experience to support most agencies, and their workers that work within the fire area. Perhaps we should look at this as an opportunity to reach out to these agencies (and others?), when things calm down, and suggest there might be something in their operation that we could support.

Some of the things that come to mind might be:

1. Provide a radio operator with a

field worker(s) to allow them freedom from any radio distraction, to performing their work.

2. Provide a control point for Internet agency communications.
3. Provide situation reporters and observers.
4. Support through relieving other radio operations.

Because of whom we are, trained in various aspects of emergency response and human need, each of us is free to decide how we can help others in need or peril. There is a line we must be careful not to cross. As a member of Southwestern REACT you are not acting in behalf of the Team, unless the Team is called out by a response agency; basically you are unsolicited volunteer. Be smart on how you present yourself.

During major emergencies, such as the Valley fire, one or more amateur repeaters establish themselves as clearing houses of information. Different stations will monitor a selected media source, while others listen to the more active channels information. RUMOR CONTROL starts here. Treat and preface all information received as "It has been reported, but not verified that ...". Live television reports may be a reasonable exception (if viewed by you). To quote Sgt. Joe Friday, of "Dragnet" fame, "Just the facts ma'am".

From the first day you entered the team, we emphasize this is a Team, and what we do must be a Team effort. So, with your free time, get up off your COVID-19 Couch and help us find a way or ways to get in to the action and do the job we joined to do. There is a job to be done and we are the best to do it. I hope you are hearing me.

"Nuf said..."

LET'S GIT' ER DONE!!!

Southwestern React Board Meeting

August 13, 2020

The meeting was called to order by president Roger McCollough at 19:04

Quorum Check – Five (5) Board Members present

Visitors – None

Special Motion - None

General Meeting Minutes - Approved and accepted for filing

Correspondence List - No mail and reviewed

Treasure's Report - June McCollough reported a balance of \$6,120.23 as of June 30

REACTer Editor – Latest edition is out and posted on Website for August

Webmaster – Updated

Unfinished Business – Contacts for events, vendors

Earthquake Activity – Imperial Valley, Salton Sea are concerned

Otay Repeater interference (see New Business)

New Business – REACT Net still viable?

REACT has its own Zoom account

Loss of three Members (Silent Keys)

New Palomar Repeater

Otay Repeater interference , Mexico commercial use on that frequency

Post Events - None

Upcoming Events – Touch A Truck – TBA

Trail of Terror – 10/23 & 10/24, 10/30 & 10/31

Silver Strand Half Marathon – 11/8

(all events on hold at this time)

Good Of The Team – Attend our Zoom Meetings, check in on the Nets

Meeting adjourned at 19:53

Submitted by Jay Pistiolas, Secretary #46

Southwestern React General Meeting

August 20, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Roger McCollough at 18:47

Quorum Check – Five (5) Board Members & Four (4) General Members, One (1) Visitor, Victor Ashbaugh

Meeting Minutes- Accepted for filing

Correspondence List – Reviewed

Treasurer's Report – June McCollough reported a balance of \$6,120.23 as of July 31

REACTer Editor – August issue is out and posted to website

Webmaster – Updated

Unfinished Business – Earthquake series and fires in CA. Be prepared

New Business – Nets, discussion of continuing? George Reeves will be contacted

REACT Zoom Account

Silent Mics. Adding names to the Memorial Plaque

New Palomar Repeater, New Downtown SD Repeater coming soon

REACT Repeater on Otay has Allstar comms to keep it busy

Post Events – None

Upcoming Events - Touch A Truck – TBA

Trail of Terror – 10/23 & 10/24, 10/30 & 10/31

Silver Strand Half Marathon – 11/8

Good of the Team - Stay active and prepare. Attend meetings

Meeting Adjourned at 19:39

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Upcoming Events			
Event	Date	Status	Coordinator
Encinitas Half Marathon	3/29/2020 (Sun)	Cancelled	Jay, 046
Campagnolo GranFondo (San Diego)	4/5/2020 (Sun)	Postponed	
Lakeside Western Days Parade	4/25/2020 (Sat)	Cancelled	George, 081
ARES Hospital Drill	4/29/2020 (Wed)	Cancelled	
Giro Di San Diego (Escondido)	6/13/2020 (Sat)	Postponed	
San Diego International Triathlon	6/28/2020 (Sun)	Cancelled	
Touch-A-Truck	9/??/2020	Pending	
Trail of Terror	10/23 & 24, 30 & 31/2020	Approved	Pending
Silver Strand Half Marathon	11/8/2020 (Sun)	Approved	Pending

Due to the ongoing Coronavirus/COVID-19 situation, several events have been either postponed or cancelled. There has been no change in event status since last month.