



# Southwestern REACTer



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## SPARK TRANSMITTER

Radiguet & Massiot  
French, c. 1900

Small spark transmitter used for ship to shore  
communication. Range was about 10km.



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**Treasurer:** June McCollough  
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**Director-At-Large:**  
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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

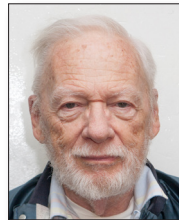
The Southwestern REACT board meeting is held the first Thursday of the month at 7 PM at the Friars Road Denny's Restaurant. Any member is welcome to attend. Contact us for the address.

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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**Surviving The Last Two Months**

Roger McCollough, SWR 098, President

**THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND the UGLY!**

**Prologue:**

This past month and a half have been filled with a series of <sup>HIGHS</sup> and <sup>LOWS</sup>, some of which, I am sad to bring up again. While reading this, please consider what part you may have played. Here we go.

**Our Situation and Duty.**

**THE GOOD:** Friendship among the membership showed its face when it was made know that June (SWR054) was in the hospital recovering from gallbladder surgery and other health discovery tests. I'm glad to report she is home, active, with a slightly modified life-style. All is good. More on the **GOOD** side was the ongoing offers from various team members to provide support and transportation to me. I speak for the both of us when I say, **THANKS TO A GIVING TEAM.** That's who we are and that's what we do.

**THE BAD:** The lack of response to continued requests to fulfill our requests to members to try a leadership position for an event. Being the "Sidekick" to the coordinator is the best way to upgrade your skills. Where would The Lone Ranger be without Tonto, or The Cisco Kid without Poncho, or The Green Hornet without Kato, or... Well George R. (SWR081) has carried that load far too much and would be more than happy to show new "Sidekicks the ropes. On the **GOOD** side, it adds strength and support to the team leadership; a very valuable asset in a time of need.

**THE UGLY:** Your attendance at team meetings and nets has shown a dismal lack of interest to participate in these scheduled activities. How can we share information without communicating? The top excuses range in "reasons" seems to be "I forgot" or "I

had a [*insert favorite events*] I was invited to". Come on! Haven't you heard of a **CALENDAR**? Most computers and Smart Phones have one, and most of those on phones have a Reminder function. The Old Fashioned Paper one on the wall or refrigerator still works; even in event of a power failure.

**THE SADDEST UGLY** of all: No one responds to your invitation: Were you at the last Face-to-Face General Meeting? The invitations went out and announced several times in the **REACTOR**. The hall was rented and prepared with limited refreshments, warmed for comfort and Agendas for all to peruse. So what didn't we have? **Members!** No quorum, so no business could be done. All we could do is hope the bus carrying the missing members was late. I could only apologize to our guests. Was this another calendar issue? I'm told several people (members or?) texted about why the Zoom was not up. **NOTE:** Face-to-Face General Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the third month of each quarter: i.e. Mar, June, Sept., and Dec; and has been so for over a year.

Make it so.

How this all goes is up to.....**well WHO do you think it is?**

"Nuf said..."

**LET'S GIT' ER DONE!!!** ⚡



### Cover Photo

The rebuild of the team go kit is complete. It has been reduced in size and weight, but should provide the same capabilities as the prior iteration. Instructions for the setup and use of the new kit will be forthcoming.

### Upcoming Events 2025

Event	Date	Status	Coordinator
Fiesta Island Time Trials	02/23/2025 (Sun)	Completed	TYLER 050
Touch-A-Truck	03/02/2025 (Sun)	Completed	GEORGE, 081
<b>SWR QUARTERLY IN-PERSON MEETING</b>	<b>03/20/2025 (THUR)</b>	<b>COMPLETED</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Fiesta Island Time Trials	03/30/2025 (Sun)	Approved	TYLER 050
Campagnolo San Diego Gran Fondo	04/06/2025 (Sun)	Approved	TBA
Lakeside Western Days Parade	04/26/2025 (Sat)	Approved	GEORGE, 081
Giro De San Diego	06/07/2025 (Sat)	Approved	TBA
<b>SWR QUARTERLY IN-PERSON MEETING</b>	<b>06/19/2025 (THUR)</b>	<b>SCHEDULED</b>	<b>N/A</b>
San Diego International Triathlon	06/22/2025 (Sun)	Approved	TBA
San Diego Triathlon Classic	09/13/2025 (Sat)	Approved	TBA
<b>SWR QUARTERLY IN-PERSON MEETING</b>	<b>09/18/2025 (THUR)</b>	<b>SCHEDULED</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Fiesta Island Time Trials	09/28/2025 (Sun)	Approved	MICHAEL, 092
Silver Strand Half Marathon	11/09/2025 (Sun)	Approved	TBA
Fiesta Island Time Trials	11/09/2025 (Sun)	Approved	MICHAEL, 092
<b>SWR QUARTERLY IN-PERSON MEETING</b>	<b>12/18/2025 (THUR)</b>	<b>SCHEDULED</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Toyland Parade	12/06/2025 (Sun)	Pending Request	TBA

#### EVENT NOTES:

1. This list includes the return of the Toyland Parade (North Park.) This is still in the formulation stage and is pending.
2. The Silver Strand Half Marathon and the last Fiesta Island Time Trials both occur on the same date, creating a scheduling conflict.
3. The Southwestern REACT quarterly in-person meetings have been added to this list . Please note and put them on your calendar.

# Southwestern REACT Board Meeting, March 6, 2025

Mike Bailey, SWR 092, Secretary

**Call to order at 1837 hrs.**

**Present:** Roger McCollough, Per Martin, John Wright, Mike Bailey. Quorum met.

**Visitors/General Members:** Tyler Klein.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes of the last Board and General Meeting are in the REACTer and on the Website. Last Board Meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

**Correspondence List:** No incoming correspondence. June was unable to compile outgoing correspondence due to illness, surgery and her hospitalization.

**Treasurer's Report:** June was absent, no report available.

**REACTer Editor:** Touch a Truck event went well. New Go-Kit worked well at the event.

**Webmaster Report:** Per showed his event page and reservations chart. It shows non-REACT members as well who have volunteered for specific events. Mike noted that the Gran Fondo Bike Event for 4/6/25 may have fewer volunteers due to the conflicting Baker to Vegas event. Per noted only 4 team members have signed up so will re-send the event request to see if additional individuals will volunteer.

## Unfinished Business:

1. **Distribution of the 2025 ID Cards:** June has distributed approximately 50% of cards to the membership at recent in-person events. She will continue to distribute at in-person events such as the next Membership meeting.
2. **Renewal of Team "Club" License:** With June's absence, the renewal can't occur by March 10<sup>th</sup> so it will expire. However, it can be renewed within 2 years of the expiration date so we can complete the application at a later date. As SW REACT does not operate a repeater, it will not impact our operations.
3. **Tracking Method:** No discussion has yet taken place with John Capodanno.

## New Business:

1. **Audit Committee:** Committee met and approved the financial review. The report generated by June will be submitted at the next Board meeting.
2. **Team Inventory:** June sent the list to the membership. No further updates. Will discuss at the next general meeting.
3. **Report of Completion of Training Period:** Richard Miller, new member, SWR057T. He has reached the 90 day limit for training but has not yet participated in an event. He is likely to do well but is a relatively new ham and may not have had much applicable experience. Mike volunteered to reach out to him, go over the Training Manual, and answer any questions he may have.
4. **Adding encode/decode tones to existing team channels to allow cross band operations** – Per. He has sent a modification to the Communications plan to John. After some discussion the board agreed but using a PL tone of 103.5. Per and/or John will make the change to the communications plan document. Per will follow up with members to make the change.

## Training Moment

1. Discussion of the last training moment on Psychological First Aid was whether to post it on the website under Resources. Per has the recording of the presentation and can post it. He requested a copy of the slide deck in pdf format to include as a download.
2. John Wright will present the Go Box as the next training moment. Per will also discuss the cross band repeater.

## Completed Events:

1. **FITT (Fiesta Island Time Trials)** – The event went well outside of the cross band repeater going down for a short period. Tyler went to breakfast with Doug, the FITT organizer afterwards and noted that the REACT support was much appreciated.
2. **Touch a Truck** – the description of duties did not match the actual duties. REACT was to monitor the perimeter but that was not necessary and so filled the breach when inadequacies with event personnel or uncovered functions occurred, e.g., Per and George helped with vehicles exiting the rodeo grounds after staff departed the event. An area for improvement for next year was to have direct contact with an event organizer in the case of a need for consultation or emergencies. This event could be used to recruit Team members.

## Upcoming Events:

1. A coordinator is needed for the Campagnolo San Diego Gran Fondo that occurs next month.
2. The Toyland Parade is going forward but there has been some resistance from business
3. In November, there are two events scheduled for the same day (Silver Strand Half-Marathon and a FITT) that will need to be coordinated to ensure we have adequate coverage for both events.
4. Tyler reported that the Mother Goose Parade may be making a comeback. No other details are available.

Meeting adjourned at 2009 hrs. ✨

## **Southwestern REACT General Meeting, March 20, 2025**

June McCollough, SWR 054, Acting Secretary

**Call to order at 1845 hrs.**

**Present:** Roger McCollough, Per Martin, June McCollough, Carl Jensen, Larry Bierma, and Richard Miller No Quorum met.

**Visitors/General Members:** Dennis Yard (ARES EC)

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes of the last Board and General Meeting are in the REACTer and on the Website. Last General Meeting minutes were not approved

**Correspondence List:** Corp. Processing Svc. (SCAM)

Email Thank you form Lakeside Chamber for help with Touch-A-Truck.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ending balance as of February 28<sup>th</sup> \$3,756.43.

**REACTer Editor:** No Report REACTer out/.

**Webmaster Report:** Per – Website is up to date

## Unfinished Business:

1. **Distribution of the 2025 ID Cards:** June Still has 8 ID Cards to get to members.
2. **Renewal of Team "Club" License:** Still Pending.
3. **Tracking Method:** Still in progress.
4. SD Granfondo need a Coordinator for in 4/6/25 – Larry Bierma stepped up to help with the event.

## New Business:

1. **Audit Committee:** Committee met and approved the financial review. The report generated by June will be submitted at the next Board meeting.
2. **Team Inventory:** June sent the list to the membership. No decision made
3. **Report of Training Period:** Richard Miller, new member, SWR057T. Richard started probation period at

Feb. General Meeting.

4. Team feedback on Psychological First Aid – Team members present agreed that it was good and helpful on how to approach the issue.

### **Training Moment**

1. Training moment was on hold due to poor attendance.
2. John Wright will present the Go Box as the next training moment.
3. Per will also discuss the cross band repeater.

### **Completed Events:**

1. **FITT (Fiesta Island Time Trials)** – The event went well outside of the cross band repeater going down for a short period.
2. **Touch a Truck** – Thank you email was received from Lakeside Chamber for our help. Need to work on better understanding of our mission at this event. New location worked well, easier to control entrance of guests.

### **Upcoming Events:**

1. FITT 3/30/25 Sign up to help Tyler Klein to coordinate it.
2. A coordinator is needed for the Campagnolo San Diego Gran Fondo that occurs 4/06/25.
3. Lakeside Parade 4/26/25 Daniel Willan will be coordinating it.

Meeting adjourned at 2040 hrs. ✈