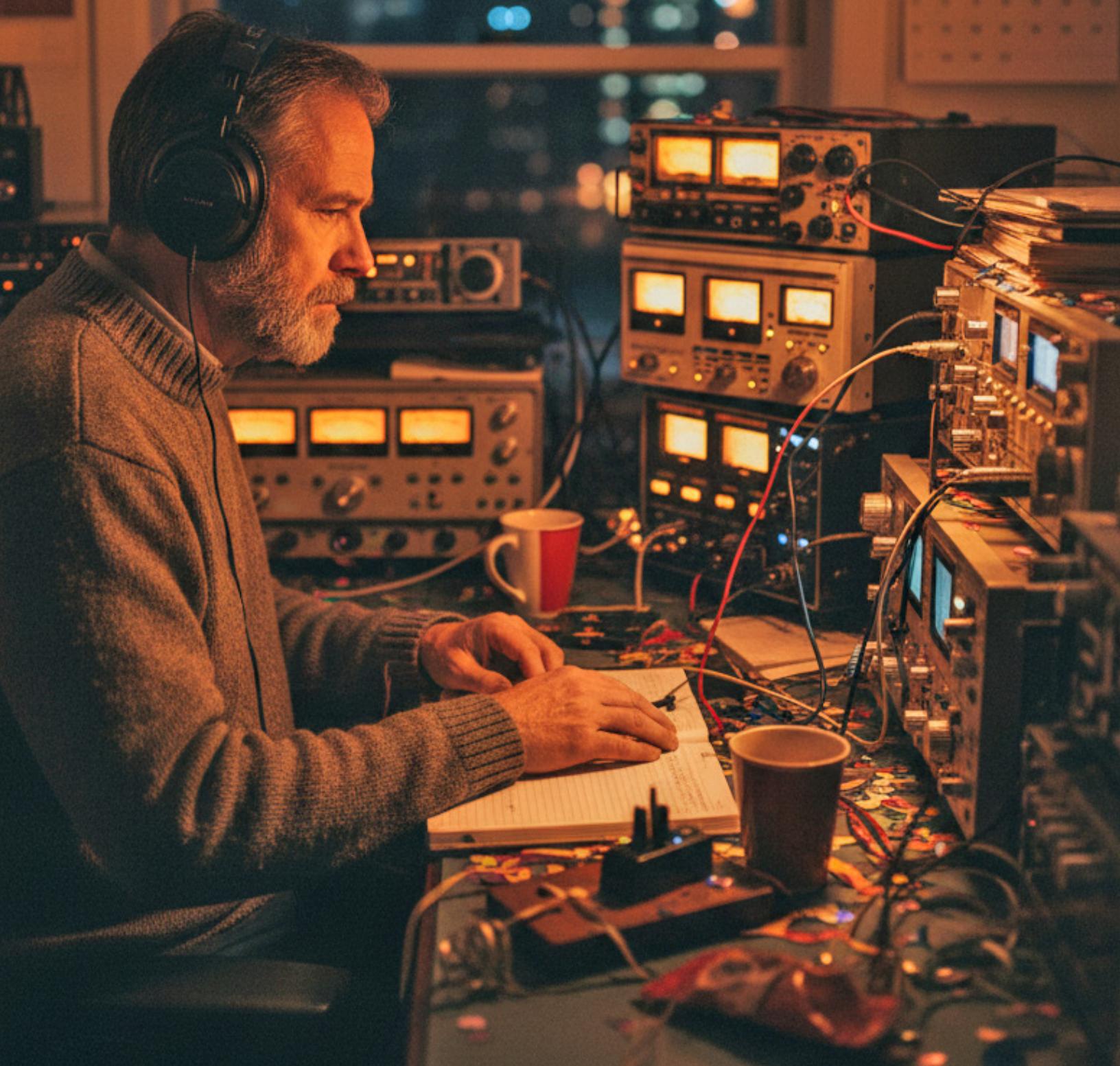


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SWR's mission is to prepare for communications during emergencies and disasters. This preparation is accomplished through working community events such as: The Lakeside Western Days, and North Park Toyland parades, the Midnight Madness Bicycle Ride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

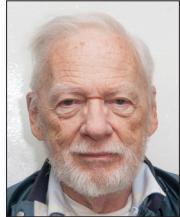
The Southwestern REACT board meeting is held the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM at the Alvarado Road Denny's Restaurant. Any member is welcome to attend. Contact us for the address.

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.

#### **REACT Team Net**

See the website for net information.

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#### **Prologue**

Decade: 10 years. I just started another decade to my life and realized I have five decades of REACT as part of my life. wow!!! I'm not bragging, just bringing to my mind memories. So let's see what we have, when you come with me down the memory lane of my Yellow Brick Road

#### **A Brief Recap: How It Started**

My interest began, while my age was just one digit, with old floor-model Admiral multiband radio, where I discovered that there was more than the local stations; I heard the world. We left that radio behind when we moved to San Diego, where I found the guts of a similar multiband radio that sat beside my bed through High School. My dad, sensing my interest in everything on the air waves, bought me a HALLICRAFTERS H-40-B Shortwave receiver to add to my bed/radio room: moving on.

#### **Sprinting Up To REACT**

In the California National Guard I became Comm Chief for the Brigade (radio and wire), where I had lots of radios to play with and other soldiers to do the heavy lifting. After college I hired on to a great job with Ma Bell, in one of the two or three jobs in the company that dealt with radio. Coupled with a background in broadcasting, I was the Point-of-Contact for all radio and television stations in San Diego and Imperial counties. Also was part of the maintenance staff for the microwave network, which included mountain top sites and San Clemente Island. It was a great job.

As part of my job requirements, I needed a Second Class C commercial Radio License that I got, so that I could work

#### **Thanks For The Memories**

Roger McCollough, SWR 098, President

#### **Time To Start Another Decade**

on the various company radios. Amateur radio testing would be a snap after the Commercial license training but THE CODE could not be mastered. Then along came CB radio that led to joining REACT, followed by GMRS radio, the end of the code requirement, to finally passing the Tech test, then my General Class and finally my Extra Class. That's the path folk that leads me to MY REACT MEMORIES.

#### **Opportunities? You Judge**

I doubt that you will reach five decades of REACT memories, but when you shed your membership or go to another similar activity, I hope you will recall the faces of those you helped, how, in some way, you brought relief or happiness to them, and, to you, the satisfaction and pride of a job well done.

#### **In Closing**

If you made it this far, perhaps you can see where I'm coming from. I thank you for your time and attention. As I write, I recall this WITH A SMILE ON MY FACE.

#### **Please Make it so.**

#### **Future Live General Meetings.**

Thursday, March 19, 2026; set your calendar.

"Nuf said..."

**let's GIT' ER DONE!!!**

## Upcoming Events 2026

Event	Date	Status	Coordinator
Fiesta Island Time Trials	TBD	Unknown	TBA
Touch-A-Truck	TBD	Unknown	TBA
Fiesta Island Time Trials	TBD	Unknown	TBA
Campagnolo San Diego Gran Fondo	TBD	Unknown	TBA
Lakeside Western Days Parade	TBD	Unknown	TBA
Giro De San Diego	TBD	Unknown	TBA
San Diego International Triathlon	TBD	Unknown	TBA
San Diego Triathlon Classic	TBD	Unknown	TBA
Fiesta Island Time Trials	TBD	Unknown	TBA
Silver Strand Half Marathon	TBD	Unknown	TBA
Fiesta Island Time Trials	TBD	Unknown	TBA

**Editor's Note:** This is a list of projected events for 2026, based on past events. As requests for service are received this list will be updated and published each month.

