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CB Radio Active in Disastrous Italian Earthquake

MILAN, Italy — When a disastrous earthquake struck Southern Italy in the Naples area last November, volunteer CB radio operators were very much in the thick of things within a matter of hours. Under the auspices of their sponsoring organization, the S.E.R. (emergency radio service), teams of car-dispatched CB radio operators were sent together with food, supplies and medical teams to various areas in the disaster area. There they provided desperately needed communications in routing food, clothing, medical aid, and other services to the thousands of persons in need following the disaster. In the words of Prefetto Bianco, director of the Civil Protection agency: "... I wish to express deep appreciation and thanks for timely and valid cooperation offered in such grave circumstances to civil protection services."

DRILLS TRAIN TEAMS



TOWSON, Md. — Victim in a search and rescue operation conducted by Towson Maryland REACT C-184 in cooperation with eight other organizations, is sprawled on a fallen stump, as participants prepare to evacuate him. The vic-

tim, supposedly injured in a parachute jump, suffered a broken arm and leg, head injuries, internal injuries, and had to be very carefully handled prior to evacuation.

Mock Disaster Drills and Simulated Search and Rescue Operations continue to put REACT teams to their mettle and are a supreme test of the team's efficiency and ability to operate under pressure, as the following reports indicate:

TOWSON, Md. — On Sunday, November 16, Towson REACT C-184 was the host of a mock search and rescue operation to which all members of the Citizens Band Alliance of Baltimore County were invited. Some 59 persons from eight other organizations — including four REACT teams — responded. A base station was set up in the parking lot of Oregon Ridge, located in a very rugged and scrubby area. To assist there were four cars with CB radios comprising the Hot Line. One was stationed in front of the local fire station and another at the police station. If help was needed they could make immediate contact with the authorities. //

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NEWS FLASH! London, England ... CB operations on 27 MHz are now legal with 22 channels, FM; and a second band in the 900 MHz range. REACT is organizing Teams in UK to become active as soon as possible.



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KICK OFF REACT AWARDS PROGRAM

Individuals and Teams are Eligible

A series of awards for outstanding performance by individual REACT members, local REACT Teams, and State REACT Councils has been established under a new program sponsored by the American Antenna Company, manufacturers of the K40 CB antenna.

Each quarter, one outstanding individual REACT member and one outstanding REACT organization (local Team or Council) will each receive an appropriate trophy plus a \$100 cash prize. In the case of individual winners, the cash prize will be given to the member's Team.

Each quarterly winner will be eligible for the Annual Awards of \$500 cash, and trophy, plus travel expenses to attend the REACT International Convention to receive the award prizes.

James Liautaud, Chairman of the Board, American Antenna Company, stated, "Our Company feels that recognition of the highest order is due to the people who make the REACT program work at the local and state level. We want to use this means of directing public attention on the important role of REACT and CB Radio in highway safety and disaster communications. We also recognize the important role that REACT Headquarters plays in coordinating all these activities and for that reason we are providing a substantial contribution to REACT International, Inc. and matching the quarterly and annual cash prizes with cash contributions to REACT International as well."

The criteria and selection of winners of the awards will be conducted by the

REACT Forum Task Group on Awards and Recognition, Chaired by Fred Elsesser, member of Superstition REACT Team C-251, Phoenix, Arizona.

(Nominations for first quarter awards are now being accepted. Send your nominations for both individual and organization awards to: REACT Int., 75 E. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Ill. 60601. State who you think deserves the award and why. Nominations will be forwarded to members of the Forum Task Group on Awards from REACT headquarters.)

REACT Named Member of Key Volunteer Group

REACT International has been admitted to membership in the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster. The organization is comprised of leading national organizations involved in disaster planning and activity, including the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, and the Boy Scouts. In notifying REACT of the action of NVOAD, Robert D. Vessey, national director of disaster services, wrote: "... It is our hope that we will begin a closer working relationship between REACT and the other NVOAD members which will result in better service to people in time of disaster."

Executive Director Gerald Reese attended the NVOAD Annual Meeting on January 26, 1981. It was significant that the American Radio Relay League was the other group attending its first meeting. It indicates equal standing of REACT and ARRL in relation to volunteer communications support in disasters.

Pa. Team Gives Carter a Royal Reception

BEAVER, Pa. — Pressed into action to coordinate the impending visit of then President Jimmy Carter prior to the November election where members of United Valley REACT Team. With less than 48 hours to do the job, the team, led by their President Bill Coffey, responded magnificently. Routing had to be planned, the route checked, vantage points had to be selected, area barricades installed, just to mention a few details, but by the time Carter visited, some 48 hours, everything was in place and ready to go down to — a true testament to the efficiency and dedication of United Valley REACT.

Okla. Team Comes Through in Search for Child

OKLAHOMA CITY, Ok. — Johnnies on-the-spot when called out by the Oklahoma City Police Department to search for a missing child were members of Oklahoma County, Emergency REACT Team #2620. Found at 5:30 p.m. on January 11 after being reported missing since about 4:30 a.m., the child was none the worse for wear aside from being a little cold with the temperature hovering near the 24 degree mark. Members went home buoyed in the knowledge that they had done well.



ELGIN, ILL. — A smiling Jim Liautaud, chairman of the board of American Antenna Co., left, presents Gerald Reese, REACT International Executive Director, with check for \$5,000 to kick off the 1981 REACT Awards program. For the exciting details of this program, see story in column 2.

Here are Early Bird Winners

Here are the names of the lucky winners in the 1981 Early Bird drawing. With the help of our industrial sponsors, whose support is deeply appreciated, teams that completed their registration early had a chance to win one of many fine quality CB equipment prizes. Teams which have not yet completed their registration are urged to do so before January 1 to help us close our books for the current year. Winners in the Early Bird competition are:

- Marion County REACT #2329 (Salem, OR) wins the American Radio President Line Model 144 40-Channel AM/SSB Mobile Citizens Band Radio.
- Mid Peninsula Monitors #2617 (Belmont, CA) wins the American Antenna Famous K-40 CB mobile antenna with truck-lip mount.
- George County REACT #3231 (Lucedale, MS) wins the American Antenna Famous K-40 CB mobile antenna with truck-lip mount.
- Alamance County REACT #2083 (Burlington, NC) wins the Antenna Specialists Model M-2117 5/8 Wave Omni-directional CB Base Station Antenna.
- Gateway Area REACT #2001 (St. Louis, MO) wins the Antenna Specialists Model M-2117 5/8 Wave Omni-directional CB Base Station Antenna.
- Travis County REACT #3022 (Austin, TX) wins the Avanti Sigma IV 3/4 Wave Omni-directional CB Base Antenna.
- Wabash Valley REACT #C375 (Terre Haute, IN) wins the Cobra Communications Model 141GTL AM/SSB Base Station.
- Cooke County Radio Relay REACT #2926 (Newport, TN) wins the Electra Bearcat Thin Scan Aircraft Scanner.
- Eastern Pennsylvania REACT #C655 (Philadelphia, PA) wins the Electra Bearcat Thin Scan Aircraft Scanner.
- Halifax Area REACT #4254 (Daytona Beach, FL) wins the Francis Antenna Model CB 95 Base Station Antenna Omni-directional.
- St. Marys Area REACT #3947 (St. Mary, PA) wins the Francis Antenna Model CB 95 Omni-directional Base Station Antenna.
- Metro East REACT #2319 (Belleville, IL) wins the Francis Antenna Model CB 95 Omni-directional Base Station Antenna.
- Kings County REACT #3377 (Hanford, CA) wins the Francis Antenna Model CB 95 Omni-directional Base Station Antenna.
- Kosciusko County REACT #3125 (Warsaw, IN) wins General Electric Model 3-5869 40-Channel Citizens Band two-way base station radio.
- Ramona REACT #C85 (Ramona, CA) wins Motorola Model 4009 radio with priority Channel 9.
- M & M REACT #C366 (Marquette, WI) wins Radio Shack Realistic Model TRC 421 CB mobile transceiver with 40-Channel & LED Channel read-out.
- Dundalk REACT #2414 (Baltimore, MD) wins the Firestiks Antenna 5/8-wave top loaded Model KW3 mobile antenna.
- Stephens County REACT #4296 (Toccoa, GA) wins the Firestiks Antenna 5/8-wave top loaded Model KW3 mobile antenna.
- Metro REACT North Floyd #C158-5 (New Albany, IN) wins the Firestiks Antenna 5/8-wave top loaded Model KW3 mobile antenna.
- East Baltimore REACT #C67 (Baltimore, MD) wins the Firestiks Antenna 5/8-wave top loaded Model KW3 mobile antenna.
- Lonoke County REACT #4297 (Cabot, AR) wins the Shakespeare Super Big Stick Base Antenna.



WASHINGTON, D.C. — Earlend Bleske (middle), Woodlawn REACT Team #718, hands Chris Core (left) and Bill Trumbull, announcers on radio station WMAL AM, a REACT traffic report. WMAL maintains a CB channel 9 station which is manned by National Capital REACT members

on weekdays from 6:30 to 9:00 a.m. and from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. and receives on-the-spot traffic reports from mobile REACT units and CBers as a byproduct of the REACT station operation.

HEADQUARTERS REPORT

The REACT International Board of Directors held its 1981 Annual Meeting January 23-24 in Chicago. The following significant actions taken:

1. 1981 Budget and Financial Plan approved. Includes full funding of the REACT program without asking REACT Teams for additional funding. Team responses strongly rejected supplementary funding ideas in the recent survey. Details of the Budget are published below.
2. Reorganization of Executive staff was completed with Henry B. Kreer's resignation as Executive Director effective January 1, 1981. This in accordance with Mr. Kreer's planned retirement as disclosed at the Open Board Meeting held in Atlanta, Georgia on July 19, 1980. Mr. Kreer, REACT founder, will remain as a member of the Board of Directors. Gerald H. Reese was elected as Executive Director. Patricia VanDenHandel was elected as Secretary/Treasurer of the corporation. The budget includes no additions to the headquarters staff in the coming year. Part-time supplementary staffing is included in the budget at a slightly higher level than in 1980.
3. In line with the emphasis on overall economy and efficiency, the Board voted to reduce the number of Directors to nine while accepting the resignations of Rosel Hyde and Arthur Underwood with deep regret and warm appreciation for their valuable service. The Board of Directors now constitutes an even balance between Field Directors and outside At-Large Directors, with four of each. The Executive Director is the ninth Board member.

TEAMS ASKED TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS FOR 2 BOARD SEATS

Nomination Forms to submit your Team's nomination for election to the REACT International Board of Directors have been sent to all REACT Teams. These forms must be received at REACT International Headquarters no later than March 25th. All forms submitted must include a publishable statement by the candidate of no more than 200 words. This is for publication in the REACTer. A photo of the candidate, (preferably black and white) must also accompany the application. Thus we will be ready to publish photos and statements for the eight finalist candidates selected by the Nominating Committee composed of Field Directors. The results of the mail ballot election will be announced at the 1981 REACT International Convention in Indianapolis, July 14-17, 1981. The procedure is similar to that conducted last year.

Field Director Dottie Thomas, Circle City REACT C261, Indianapolis, IN, and John Tracy, Lancaster County REACT 2467, are completing their terms of office. Their seats on the Board will be filled through the election process. They are both eligible for re-election.

TEAMS RESPOND "WE DON'T WANT TO PAY MORE"

A response form concerning a number of supplementary funding proposals was sent to every REACT Team with their 1981 Registration kit. Analysis of the returns clearly indicates that REACT members do not want to pay to support REACT International in excess of membership dues.

Evaluating the results the REACT International Board of Directors voted not to ask for additional funding from the membership in 1981, and adopted a budget that does not require such funding.

The Approved 1981 Budget is published on this page. Below are the results of

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survey responses received from 377 REACT Teams.

SUMMARY OF TEAM RESPONSES TO REACT SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDING PROPOSALS FOR 1981

1. If it becomes necessary to ask REACT Teams to fund REACT International in addition to membership dues:
 - A. Should such funds be made a mandatory fixed rate of \$25 per Team?
16% Yes 78% No 23% Don't know
 - B. Should such a request be totally voluntary?
81% Yes 14% No 5% Don't know
 - C. If a voluntary fundraising program is instituted for 1981, how much money would your Team pledge? \$ _____ or _____ % of your local fundraising?
33% indicated participation: 24% No: 43% "Don't Know"
 2. Should REACT establish a New Member fee of \$5 for all Regular Members not previously registered with REACT International?
17% Yes 70% No 13% Don't know
- If such a fee were enacted, should new Teams be requested to pay new Charter fee in addition to new member fee? 18% Yes 62% No 22% Don't know
3. Should REACT authorize the Greeting Card fundraising program as described in the enclosed material? 16% Yes 62% No 22% Don't know
- Retaining control, should REACT International "rent" the mailing list for carefully screened offers by reputable companies?
40% Yes 51% No 8% Don't know

REACT International, Inc. 1981 Budget

INCOME

Dues -	\$182,000
Team Charter	1,250
Grants & Contributions	25,000
Service Charge - Supply Co.	6,000
Interest Income	2,200
REACTer Advertising	36,000
Total Income	\$252,450

EXPENSES

<i>Membership Services & Communications</i>	
Membership Kits	\$14,000
Membership Promotion	5,000
Membership Publications	20,000
REACTer	28,800
Membership Insurance	13,500
Publicity	5,000
Team Councils	5,000
Postage	6,000
Telephone	6,000
Director's Expense	5,000
Data Processing	12,500
Safety Break Program	9,000
Charters	5,000
Convention Expense	1,000
Exhibit & Displays	1,000
Forum Expenses	4,000
Miscellaneous	1,500
TOTAL MEMB. SERV & COMM.	\$137,300

GENERAL & ADMIN. EXP.

Salaries	1,000
Payroll Taxes	5,000
Printing & Stationary	6,000
Misc. Office Expense	5,200
Insurance	7,200
Legal & Audit	5,000
Travel	10,200
Rent	800
Dues & Subscriptions	1,000
Foreign Exchange	2,000
Fundraising	4,000
Pension Plan	1,000
TOTAL GEN. & ADMIN. EXP.	\$107,400
Reserve for Federal & State Income Taxes	1,600
Capital Reserve	6,150
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$252,450

* Note: Net Advertising Income is taxable



LEXINGTON, Ky. - As part of their ongoing program of service to the community members of Lexington REACT Team C-170 spend a good part of their time with patients at the local VA hospital. Here are some of the team members prior to helping wheel a group of chair patients at a carnival. They are: Car and Anis Hughes, Charles and Juanita Kirks, Nick and Frances Beasley, Oliver Kayes and Phillip Jones.

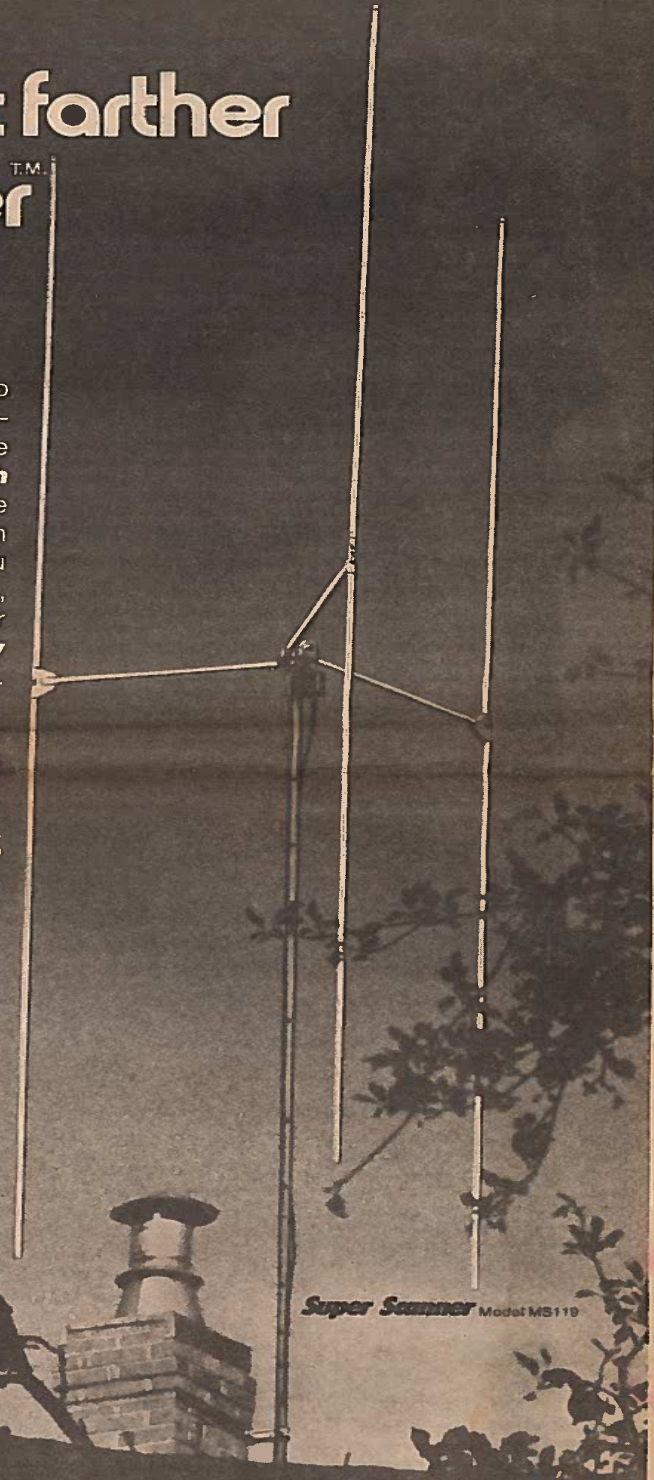
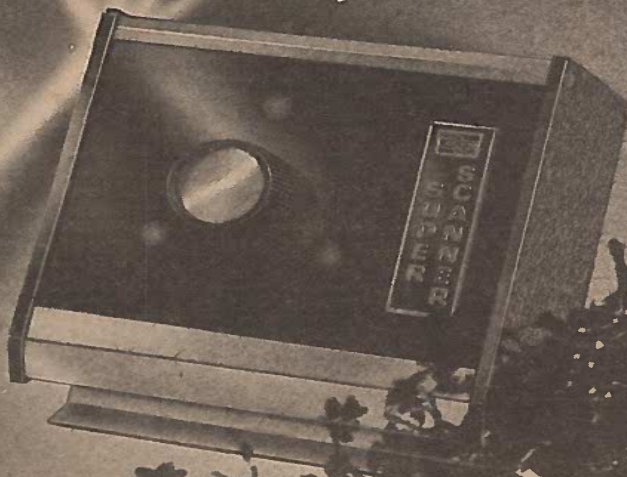
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REACT International, Inc. Annual Report for 1980

The main objectives of the REACT organization continued to be well served during 1980. The membership reached a total of 32,000 active members organized into 1,500 local Teams. Membership continued to be in effect in all 50 United States, Canada, and a growing number of other countries.

The addition of a REACT Team in the Philippines with a developing national organization, plus the recognition of the United Kingdom REACT Supporters Club in anticipation of legalization of CB in that country, were landmark extensions of the program.

In the U.S. and Canada, REACT continues to provide the primary volunteer monitoring service on emergency channel 9 of the Citizens Band Service. This amounted to hundreds of thousands of hours of monitoring, and many thousands of emergencies handled. Detailed statistical information on REACT's monitoring service is being compiled for publication.

REACT's participation in disaster relief activities also continued during 1980 with special attention given to the tornado at Grand Island, Nebraska. The Nebraska REACT Council provided assistance drawing upon state-wide resources within the organization. The REACT Teams in Las Vegas, Nevada responded admirably to assist in the evacuation and relief of guests following the MGM Grand Hotel fire. Many other local and less spectacular disasters were provided with REACT assistance. REACT Teams continue to get involved in the disaster plans for their community. Contact with the new Federal Emergency Management Administration, was maintained at the national level. Continued cooperation with the American National Red Cross under our cooperative understanding is rewarding for all concerned.

REACT Teams continued active participation in a number of valuable public service programs. REACT International provides the coordination at the national level. REACT Councils establish state level communications, and REACT Teams provide volunteer service at the local level. These specific programs were among those continued in 1980:

- Special Olympics competition for retarded persons enjoyed REACT's volunteer support for local, state and international events in 1980. Through their unique communications capability, REACT Teams add to the safety and efficiency of this program.
- REACT Safety Break Time: Sponsored by the American Trucking Associations, REACT Teams provide free coffee and other refreshments to motorists on holiday weekends. Again in 1980, over 1,000,000 cups of free coffee were provided through this program.
- Operation CARE is a program of the 50 State

Police and Highway Patrol organizations in support of the 55 Miles Per Hour speed limit. The program emphasizes citizen cooperation and compliance on key holiday weekends. REACT Teams pledged support of this program and assisted in distributing bumper stickers and literature supplied by the U.S. Department of Transportation. This participation dovetails with REACT Safety Break Time.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: The situation entering 1980 called for a fiscal plan of minimal expenditures and increased income. With only two full-time staff members, expenditures were kept at a minimum. Income was maximized through the extension of emergency programs seeking funding from the membership, and continued external fundraising efforts wherever possible.

One of the key efforts in improving the revenue picture, was to accept advertising in the membership publication, *The REACTer*. Beginning in the second half of the year, it was possible to publish two major issues of *The REACTer* with advertising. This produced a net profit which changed *The REACTer* from an expense item to an income item. More importantly, in 1981, six issues of *The REACTer* will be mailed to every Regular member of the organization.

Advertising revenue also permitted an updating of the list of public officials and other interested persons to receive *The REACTer* on a regular basis without charge. This additional list will soon number 1,000 key people.

Support from key industry members, foundations and corporations was instrumental in meeting our financial goals. The following contributed funds and/or were advertisers in *The REACTer* during 1980:

American Radio Corporation
American Trucking Associations
The Antenna Specialists Company
Avanti Research & Development, Inc.
Communications Center (Anaheim, CA)
Dynascan Corporation
Electra Company
Firestiks Antenna Company
Francis Industries
General Electric Company
General Motors Foundation
Motorola, Inc.
Shakespeare Electronics
Spectronics, Inc.
Tandy Corporation
Telex Communications
Union Oil Company of California Foundation

ORGANIZATIONAL GROWTH: The election of two members of the Board of Directors to replace

two retiring Field members was accomplished by mail ballot of all REACT Teams. This resulted in the election of Susan Stewart, Tehachapi REACT #3800, Tehachapi, California, and Lance Luedtke, Waukesha Area REACT #4089, Waukesha, Wisconsin, to replace Mike McCloy of Capital City REACT C42, Atlanta, Georgia, and Joe Labrum of Salt Lake REACT C289, Salt Lake City, Utah. The establishment of this procedure marked a major change with the full participation of all the membership in the election of members of the Board of Directors. This procedure is being incorporated as a standard procedure by amendment of the By-Laws.

The announcement of the election of Directors was made at the 1980 REACT International Convention hosted by Capital City REACT C42. The Convention also saw the organization of the REACT Forum. The Forum will provide a means by which the membership through task groups and committees can input programming suggestions to the Board of Directors for implementation. The Forum Task Group on Public Relations prepared the material for Team use during National REACT Month. This is an example of future activity through the Forum. The Forum has one representative per Council and one representative per state in those states where Councils are not organized. The first officers for the Forum include: Nathan L. Maryn, President, National Capital REACT C490, Potomac, MD, Raymond K. Adams, First Vice President, Knoxville Area REACT C255, Knoxville, TN; Rev. William Shafer, Second Vice President, Southeast Rockingham REACT #4105, Mary Jane Glock, Secretary, Lancaster County REACT #2467, Lincoln, NE.

1981 OUTLOOK: Our Fiscal Plan is close to a rerun of the 1980 plan with one major difference. Membership dues have been increased for 1981 to \$7.00 per Regular and \$5.00 per Family member. The Regular member dues in Canada and other areas outside U.S. are \$1.00 additional to cover the additional cost of postage where U.S. special non-profit rates do not apply.

The 1981 budget has been approved by the Board of Directors with an eye toward providing the maximum services without asking the members for any additional funding beyond membership dues. Recognizing continued decline in public interest in CB radio, and the possible effects of dues increase, the projected membership is forecast at 28,000 from the 32,000 members at the end of 1980. The support of the Antenna Specialists Company for a special First Quarter membership drive should help to make this forecast sooner and perhaps surpass the forecast by the end of the year.

A major organizational change has taken place with the retirement of REACT founder Henry B. Kreer as Executive Director. Mr. Kreer will remain as a member of the Board of Directors and his advice and counsel will continue to be highly valued by the organization. Gerald H. Reese has been elected as the Executive Director from his position of Managing Director. Patricia VanDenHandel, who has served as Executive Secretary, has been elected the Secretary/Treasurer of the Corporation. The Board has also accepted the resignations of Rosel H. Hyde and Arthur Underwood as members of the Board of Directors effective January 1, 1981. This reduces the size of the Board of Directors to nine. At their January Meeting the Board decided to maintain that number by amendment of the By-laws to reduce expenses, and provide for a more efficient, smaller Board. This also recognizes the balance between the Field Directors elected by the membership now totalling four with four outside "At-Large" Directors and the Executive Director constituting the ninth member. This should satisfy the desire of the membership for equal representation on the Board.

The retirement of Mr. Hyde and Mr. Underwood from the Board was noted at their January meeting. Both of these gentlemen have contributed extensively to the direction of REACT International. This is particularly true in the last few years when the counsel of these senior experienced people has been so valuable.

1981 will be marked by greater participation by the membership in important decisions and programming developments. This will be the second year that Field Directors will be elected by the membership. It will be the first year that the REACT Forum is operational for an entire year. It will be the first year that Field Directors on the Board are equal to the number of "At-Large" Directors. The decision to increase dues; the location of REACT International Conventions; and other important issues, are all being influenced by participation of the membership in the REACT Forum and other activities.

As we enter 1981, the destiny of REACT is literally in the hands of the membership. The highlight of the year will be the 1981 Convention to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana July 14-17. The planning for the 1982 International Convention to be held West of the Rocky Mountains is now underway. The 1982 Convention will be a highlight of the 20th Anniversary Celebration of REACT International. A full year of commemorative activity is planned and participation of all members and interested supporters is invited. 1981 should build to an outstanding climax to commemorate REACT's 20th Anniversary in 1982.

REACT International, Inc. and Subsidiaries Audited Accounts December 31, 1980 and 1979

Comparative Consolidated Income Statement

	1980	1979
INCOME		
Dues	\$145,987	\$194,222
Team Charters	1,415	1,610
Advertising Income — Net	5,481	0
Grants and Contributions	20,687	42,095
Government Contracts — Net	964	5,992
Interest Income	2,717	912
Emergency Funding	7,149	12,944
Official REACT Supply Co. — G/P	13,094	2,391
Commissions — Official REACT Supply Co.	6,015	5,633
Lifetime Membership — Net	3,688	0
TOTAL INCOME	\$207,157	\$265,799
EXPENSES		
Membership Services and Communications		
Membership Kits	\$ 16,069	\$ 26,925
Membership Promotion	5,942	5,750
Membership Publications	29,547	26,945
Membership Insurance	14,119	23,735
Junior REACT Program	85	2,382
Shipping Charges	0	2,302
Publicity	274	3,852
Team Council Expense	5,388	7,993
Postage	4,535	6,279
Telephone	3,515	4,800
Directors Expense	11,088	5,543
Data Processing	6,067	20,253
Safety Break Program	1,271	3,056
Charters	943	2,493
Forum Expense	543	0
Convention Expense	1,411	730
Exhibits and Displays	190	759
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP SERVICES & COMMUNICATIONS	\$100,967	\$144,797
General and Administrative Expense		
Salaries	\$ 49,266	\$ 62,315
Payroll and Miscellaneous Taxes	99	882
Printing and Stationery	4,753	6,263
Miscellaneous Office Expense	4,510	4,978
Insurance	2,482	3,013
Legal and Audit	6,048	10,322
Travel	298	978
Rent	7,184	8,996
Dues and Subscriptions	265	10
Foreign Exchange	639	1,233
Pension Plan	3,147	1,485
Interest Expense	1,745	605
Fund Raising	1,978	2,923
Depreciation Expense	181	0
TOTAL GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE	\$ 82,594	103,993
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$183,561	\$248,790
NET INCOME (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS	\$ 23,596	\$ 17,009

Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheets

	1980	1979
ASSETS		
Cash in Bank — Public Contributions	\$ 15	\$ 429
Cash in Bank — Checking	9,616	24,952
Cash in Bank — Savings	254	15,924
Money Market Fund	30,172	0
Account Receivable	8,033	10,628
Inventory	14,631	16,229
Security Deposit	600	600
Prepaid Expense	8,407	7,429
Furniture and Fixtures — net of depreciation	2,182	1,929
Total Assets	\$ 74,090	\$ 78,120
LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL		
Deferred Income	\$ 51,022	\$ 42,213
Accounts Payable	27,385	65,285
Payroll Taxes Withheld	688	693
Income Taxes Payable	1,471	0
Fund Balance (Deficit) January 1	\$(31,871)	\$(48,880)
Donated Capital	1,800	1,800
Net Income (Loss) For The Year Ended	23,595	17,009
	\$(6,476)	\$(30,071)
Total Liabilities and Capital	\$ 78,090	\$ 78,120

Comparative Statement of Changes in Financial Position

	1980	1979
Working Capital Was Provided From:		
Net Income For Year	\$ 23,595	\$ 17,009
Depreciation — Furniture and Fixtures	181	0
	\$ 23,776	\$ 17,009
Working Capital Was Used For:		
Asset Acquisitions	(414)	(129)
Increase in Working Capital	\$ 23,362	\$ 16,880
Changes in Components of Working Capital		
Increase (Decrease) in Current Assets		
Cash	\$(1,248)	\$ 6,304
Accounts Receivable	\$(2,595)	10,390
Inventory	(1,398)	(14,515)
Prepaid Expenses	978	2,914
Net Increase (Decrease) in Current Assets	\$(4,263)	\$ 3,615
Increase (Decrease) in Current Liabilities		
Income Taxes Payable	\$ 1,471	\$ 0
Accounts Payable	(37,900)	(9,057)
Payroll Taxes	(5)	266
Deferred Income	8,809	21,756
Net Increase in Current Assets	\$(27,625)	\$ 12,965
Increase in Working Capital	\$ 23,362	\$ 16,880

REACT ACTIVITIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD



BIRMINGHAM, England — Smiling as she is presented with the Distinguished Service Award is Evelyn Henley, a member of Catalaveras REACT Team #3969, San Andreas, California. Mrs. Henley receives the award from Ivan Francis, REACT United Kingdom Coordinator, of Bristol as Mr. Henley looks on. The presentation, the first to be made in the United Kingdom,

was made at the quarterly Committee and Area Coordinators meeting of the REACT Supporters Club in England held last October in Birmingham. The UK REACTors are working for legalization of CB in their country, and are organizing to launch many official REACT Teams as soon as CB is authorized by the government.

Calgary REACT Team's Good Deed Pays Off

CALGARY, AL. — City REACT of Calgary Team #2627 supplied communications for some well publicized parades and got excellent TV coverage on all of them: Stampede Parade, Alberta 75 Labour Day Birthday Parade and the 1980 Easter Parade. Communi-

cations was also the Team's assignment for the Great Escape, sponsored by the Boy Scouts of Canada — in which the Scouts were "Let Loose" to race across the countryside at night to avoid being caught by their Leaders before reaching the finish line.



CALGARY, AL. — Officers and wives of City REACT of Calgary TEAM #2627 are left to right, George Blyth, secretary; Carol Blyth, Doreen Bauman, Malcolm Bauman, vice-president; Sara Scott, Sharon Levesconte, Jim Scott, president and Jim Levesconte, treasurer.

Virgin Islands Team Shows Appreciation



ST. CROIX, Virgin Islands — To show their appreciation for the fine work members of the island's K-9 (police) corps are doing in controlling crime, members of Virgin Island REACT Team #3617 recently presented the unit with four mobile CB radios and antennas for use in their police cars. The radios, which provide backup for regular police radios in emergencies, are monitored

continuously by K-9 officers when in their vehicles on channel 9. Left to right in the photo are Lou Tirell, Civil Defense official; Officer Steven Brown of the K-9 corps; c-C K-9 Officer Melbourne Clarke; Team secretary, President Walter Howard; Vice President Straschnov and Treasurer Williams.

German Team Can Be Counted on in Pinch

RAMSTEIN ARMY BASE, Germany — Proud of its growing reputation as a dependable source of help in time of need is K-Town REACT #4058. Recently the team was called on by the base commander in response to a request for assistance from German authorities to Martinshoe who had requested help in forming a search party to find a 79-year-old German man reported missing. Because of the time and inclement weather, the team responded with two units. After several hours the search was called off due to extremely poor weather conditions.



PARANAQUE, Metro Man., Philippines — Kilo REACT Unit #4419 is alive and definitely well in the Philippines. In the photo member Tony R. De Silva helps to coordinate traffic directions with highway patrol officer. Members assist in handling victims of auto accidents on their weekend assistance operations conducted from 2000 p.m. (8 p.m. Saturday to 0100 Sunday morning). They help investigate auto accidents, administer first aid to victims, set up warning devices to other motorists at the scene of the accident, control the flow of traffic around the accident site, and provide refreshments to accident victims.

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PR Project Pans Out For Maryland Team

HAGERSTOWN, Md. — Members of Hagerstown REACT Team C-22 have learned first-hand the value of advertising and public relations. As part of National REACT month in November, the team had a booth at the Valley Mall in Hagerstown where it arranged a continuous showing of the film: "When Seconds Count." More than a dozen applications were distributed as well as hundreds of pieces of literature. The project was undertaken with the joint assistance of Cascade REACT Team.

In addition, one of the team's members presented a talk on REACT to the Hagerstown Kiwanis Club where he was enthusiastically greeted by members of the club, including the chief of police, the mayor, and a businessman who as a result is now donating all coffee cups, sugar, and coffee stirrers for the team's Safety Breaks.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- On November 14, 1977, REACT International, Inc. incorporated OFFICIAL REACT SUPPLY COMPANY, INC. as a wholly owned subsidiary. The purpose of the new corporation is to separate the sale of material and supplies from the parent company which is the tax exempt organization. OFFICIAL REACT SUPPLY COMPANY, INC. is a regular corporation subject to all taxes.
- For the year 1980, the Official REACT Supply Company, Inc. showed a net income of \$7,546 and REACT International, Inc. showed a net income of \$18,048. This results in a consolidated net income for the year of \$25,596.
- REACT International, Inc. began selling advertising space in their quarterly publication, THE REACTOR, in 1980. This unrelated business income is subject to regular corporate tax rates. The Federal and State income tax liability for 1980 is \$1,471.
- Official REACT Supply Company, Inc. is a corporation subject to the normal corporate income tax rates. For the year ended December 31, 1980, they showed a net income of \$7,546. They, however, had a net operating loss carry forward from the years ending December 31, 1977, 1978 and 1979, totaling \$23,111, thereby eliminating their income tax liability for 1980.
- Effective November 1, 1978, the company entered into a five year lease for office space at 75 East Wacker Drive, Suite 405, Chicago, Illinois 60601. The lease contains a stipulated escalation in definite dollar amounts and a stipulated penalty for early termination.
- As of January 30, 1980, REACT International, Inc. received a termination notice effective April 30, 1980. The intent of the management agent is to make substantial improvements to the building in order to bring the building up to modern standards. As yet, no new lease has been entered into.
- Effective November 1, 1977, the company established a qualified pension plan with the AETNA Life & Casualty Company. The plan covers all employees. The pension is to replace the Social Security Benefits available to most employees in other companies. REACT International, Inc. is a tax exempt organization and as such did not elect to participate in the Social Security program.
- During 1980, REACT International, Inc. became a participant in a money market fund. The fund invests primarily in government securities, thereby creating little risk for the investor.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To: The Board of Directors REACT International, Inc.

We have examined the consolidated balance sheet of REACT International, Inc. as of December 31, 1980 and the related consolidated statements of income and changes in financial position for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly the financial position of REACT International, Inc. as of December 31, 1979, and the results of its operations and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Chicago Illinois
February 5, 1981

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TIMELY TAX TIPS FOR REACT MEMBERS, TEAMS

The articles which follow, both contributed by Howard L. Wright, a member of the well-known accounting firm of Arthur Anderson & Co., should be especially timely and informative as teams head into that time of year which we must all face — Income Tax time. Mr. Wright, a member of Herndon REACT C-332, Vienna, Va., is a CPA and a graduate of Michigan State University, from which he received his BA in 1955 and an MA in 1956, and we are greatly indebted to him for sharing his insights with us.

On Your Personal Return . . .

Now that the year 1980 is over and you're facing those complex tax forms, it's time to consider several tax aspects of being a REACT member or contributor. Let's begin by answering a few common questions.

Q. Are donations to REACT deductible?

A. They certainly are. REACT is a qualified charitable organization and your donations qualify as charitable deductions if you itemize your deductions. This includes gifts of either cash, merchandise or other property.

Q. Do my dues qualify as a contribution?

A. Yes, REACT dues are fully deductible.

Q. Am I allowed a deduction for items I donate such as coffee for use in REACT Safety Breaks?

A. Yes, contributions of this sort are deductible up to lesser of their cost or fair market value.

Q. Is there anything I might be missing?

A. Quite a bit. The IRS has stated that all out-of-pocket expenses incurred on behalf of REACT may be considered deductible contributions if unreimbursed. Examples would be: any necessary expenditure made in order to perform a necessary REACT function such as the cost of all long-distance phone calls made solely in the service of REACT; the cost of repairs and maintenance to equipment which is directly attributable to use for REACT; and the cost of automobile mileage incurred in behalf of REACT.

Q. How does the deduction for mileage work?

A. Basically, any mileage incurred by a REACT member on behalf of REACT is deductible at the rate of 9 cents a mile. However, the REACT member must be prepared to substantiate this deduction by showing the purpose of the trips and their relationship to REACT. This may easily be accomplished by keeping a simple mileage log on which the date, mileage and purpose of the trip can be entered. Examples of trips which are eligible for this deduction are trips to REACT meetings and other sponsored affairs such as workshops, and assisting in other REACT activities.

Q. Would my expenses to attend the recent convention in Atlanta be deductible?

A. Yes, all "reasonable" expenses for food, lodging and admission are deductible. In addition, your transportation expenses may be deductible as well.

Q. What type of substantiation will I need in order to deduct my convention expenses?

A. No special type of substantiation is required for this convention. All that is required is that you be able to substantiate your expenses with receipts or some other type of documentation and be able to show that under the circumstances they are reasonable.

Q. Is there a limit as to how much I can deduct for REACT contributions?

A. Yes, there is a ceiling which is set at 50 percent of Adjusted Gross Income. If you suspect you might be exceeding this limit, you should reread the instructions for filing or call the local IRS office for taxpayer assistance. They will be happy to assist you.

Q. What if my charitable contributions do exceed the limit?

A. In that case any excess contribution above the ceiling would be carried forward as if made in future years, for up to a maximum of five years after the actual year of contribution. As stated earlier, the year 1980 is now long gone. The year 1981 is still young. You may not have maintained the records needed to adequately support a deduction in 1980. Hopefully, this will prompt you to do so in 1981. The charitable contribution deduction is designed to benefit those who help society. As a REACT member you owe it to yourself to keep adequate records and reduce your taxes.

Q. What about state and local income taxes; are my expenses deductible?

A. That depends upon state and local tax laws. Some allow the same deduction as for Federal income tax purposes. Others do not. You should read the information with your state and local returns. Your team should be able to get an exemption from state sales taxes in most states. Your REACT council should have information on state tax policy. If you have additional questions, contact the appropriate tax office or a competent professional advisor.

Q. How about contributions to REACT International?

A. If you have made direct contributions to REACT International to help alleviate its current financial situation, they are deductible in addition to your contributions in connection with your team activities.

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

There appears to be considerable confusion about the designations of Regular and Family members. After one member of a household has registered at the Regular rate, each additional Family member at the same address is eligible for this reduced rate. Currently Regular members pay \$7 annual dues in U.S. and \$8 outside the U.S. Family members pay \$5 everywhere.

There is no difference in membership "status" between Regular and Family membership, and the membership cards and other materials each receives will be identical. EXCEPT that the Family member will not receive an individual copy of the REACTer.

There is a difference in membership status for Junior members. They will be listed on the team's print-out, but will receive special Junior ID cards and decals rather than the regular materials, and Junior members also will not receive the REACTer.

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Tax Tips for REACT Teams

From time to time we receive questions from treasurers of REACT teams covering a wide range of subjects. One area of particular importance at this time is taxes. We therefore felt that it might be beneficial to discuss some of the more common questions below along with some general answers. The most commonly asked question is? What does it really mean that REACT International is considered a tax-exempt organization for federal tax purposes?

Generally, the answer is that REACT International does not have to pay tax on income it receives. All U.S. Teams should be covered by REACT International's Group Exemption, Number 2746. Annually, REACT Headquarters supplies the IRS with an up-to-date list of all teams covered by the exemption. The IRS will assign an Employer Identification Number (used for organizational identification — you don't have to employ anyone to have this number), for those teams added each year. If you do not know your EIN, contact REACT International, or the national office of the IRS.

A common misunderstanding of some teams is that once it has a tax-exempt status, the team thinks it no longer has to file tax returns. However, this is not necessarily the case. Individual teams may be required to file exempt organization tax returns with the IRS, depending on the circumstances. Consequently, another common question is: How do I know if my group should be filing a tax return and if it should, which form do I use? All exempt organizations who are

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Councils Plan Conventions

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — The Missouri State Council of REACT Teams will hold its state REACT Convention here on Saturday and Sunday, April 25th and 26th, at the Holiday Inn. Informative Seminars scheduled for Saturday afternoon and Sunday, will be given on Team Management, Fund Raising, Public Relations, GMRS, Planning and Supporting Local Disaster Operations, Team Disaster Exercises and Mobile Operations, and Team Newsletters. The festivities Saturday night will feature a banquet dinner at which Governor Kit Bond, the head of the Missouri Highway Patrol and the Council's Missouri State Highway Patrol Liaison Officer, are expected.

Awards for REACTers of the Year and Team of the Year will be presented and there will be drawings for a President Dwight "D" Base, Silver Eagle Mike, 35mm Camera, Pocket Calculators, PA Speaker, Soldiering Iron and many more items. An FCC Forum at which personnel from the Midwest Region office are expected to attend will also be presented. To enable REACTers from all over the state of Missouri to get to know each other better, there will be a Hospitality Suite.

Registration fee for the Banquet Dinner, Hospitality Suite and all training materials is \$10.50 on or before March 15 and \$13 thereafter. Registration will be from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, with the Convention closing at 4 p.m. Sunday. For reservations contact the Holiday Inn in Jefferson City at 1-800-238-5510. If you plan to attend, ask for the special REACT Convention rate of \$28 for a single and \$36 for a double. Registration forms have been mailed to all Missouri State REACT Teams. For additional information or a registration form, write Don Bessler, President, Missouri State Council, 12201 Belwyn Dr., St. Louis, Mo. 63141 or Don Cleeton, Convention Chairman, RR #1, Box 31, La Grange, Mo. 63448.

Other councils which have scheduled meetings for the next few months are the following:

Nebraska REACT Council Mini-Conference, Best Western Circle S — Cozad, Nebraska — March 28-29.

Utah Council of REACT Teams — Third Annual Conference — Weston's Lamplighter Motel Logan, Utah — March 28.

Washington State REACT Council — Spring Conference — Holiday Inn — Ellensburg, Wash. — April 25-26

Canadian REACT Teams Encounter Exchange — 401 Flags Inn — Kingston, Ont. — May 23-24.

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required to file tax returns must file a Form 990, an exempt organization information return, with the IRS on or before the fifteenth day of the fifth month after the close of their taxable year (May 15, for those using a calendar year). The address for filing this return is the Internal Revenue Service Center, for your IRS District.

The following rules can be used to test whether or not your group should be filing this return. If your team has existed for less than a year, you must file a 990 tax return if you have received or donors have pledged to give \$15,000 or more during your first year. The threshold amount drops to \$12,000 for the second and third years and to \$10,000 if the team has existed for more than three years.

To determine whether or not you meet these threshold limits, you should be keeping books and records which can adequately establish items of gross income and expenditures, and any other information which may be stated on the exempt organization tax return Form 990. It is suggested that all team treasurers obtain this form and review it to be certain that they are keeping adequate records. In addition, all team financial records should be kept as long as the team exists since the IRS could revoke the team's exemption retroactively to its first year of existence.

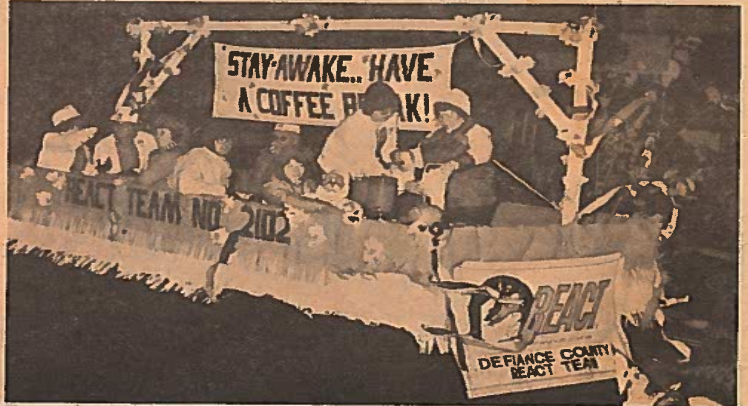
If after reviewing your records and applying this quick test you discover your group should have filed a tax return but didn't, don't panic. For although the IRS can impose a penalty of \$10 per day, (up to a total of \$5,000) for each day a return is late, they would probably waive it if an explanation is sent with the return. This is especially true in light of the general level of financial activity at which most of our teams operate.

Because your team is listed as exempt under the REACT International Group Exemption, you may receive a Form 990 from the IRS. If you are not obligated to file, simply place a checkmark in the box that states you are not obligated to file, and return it to the IRS as your filing. Failure to do this will result in followup mailings from the IRS, and you will be listed as not filing, even though you don't have to file.

Another frequent question I get is: What sort of receipt should be given to persons donating property or money to teams? While the IRS does not specify any information which must be given to a person who has donated property or money, it would be helpful if the team provided a receipt listing the name of the person, date the donation was made, and general description of the donation and its estimated fair market value plus your Team's EIN and the REACT Group Exemption Number 2746.



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OCEANSIDE, Ca. — Members of Oceanside REACT Team C-412 did themselves proud over the five-day New Year's weekend when they staged a highly successful coffee break. Even after suffering several minor mishaps, more than 27 regulars and five juniors participated to dispose with a total of 8,000 cups of coffee, 60 gallons of juice, and 20 pounds of cocoa.

SPRINGFIELD, Or. — More than 4,788 motorists and passengers were served at the Thanksgiving Highway Coffee Stop sponsored by Lane County REACT Team #2853. Donations totaled \$635, a clear indication that motorists and their families enjoyed the refreshments provided in hopes that their journey would be safe.

Also serving the public in a Thanksgiving coffee break were members of Onslow County REACT Team #2718, Jacksonville, N.C.

NORTH BRUNSWICK, N.J. — Figuring prominently in a story and photo on REACT was Erv Hampson, president of Central Jersey REACT Team #2429. Erv, an Abe Lincoln look-alike, was shown working outdoors at a REACT sponsored coffee break at New Brunswick's Johnson Park, and the story, from a booklet entitled CB Radio, was published by Motor, 1790 Broadway, New York, N.Y.

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — The Monroe County REACT TEAM #2121 is quite proud of its achievements in sponsoring Safety Breaks over the Memorial Day, July 4 and Labor Day weekends. In these three periods alone, more than 1,500 visitors have been served — many from various parts of Europe, Africa, India, Israel, Germany and Japan.

DRAYTON PLAINS, Mich. — On the weekend of November 13-15 when many deerhunters are headed north, monitors of Oakland County REACT Team C-238 set up a coffee break for motorists wishing to take a break from the expressway travel. They also performed the same service on Thanksgiving weekend, November 26-27 and on November 29-30 to catch holiday travelers and hunters on their way back.

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Involved in the word for Lexington REACT C-170. Not only did members host coffee breaks over the major holidays, but the team was also involved in several other activities: manning the gates for the Blue Grass Music Festival and helping park cars for the Arthritis Foundation Marathon.

REACT FORUM ACTIVITIES GROWING

WASHINGTON, D.C. — REACT FORUM President Nat Maryn and Interagency Liaison Task Group Chairman Randy Knowles met here recently with FCC Field Bureau Chief James McKinney, in charge of the Commission's Field Operations Bureau, which oversees the FCC's enforcement program as well as its field offices. The meeting was arranged to begin work on the first major project of the Interagency Liaison Task Group, a primer on understanding and working with your local FCC office. Task Group Chairman Knowles indicated that this would be the first priority of his group because it is of vital interest to almost every team, and directly affects virtually all REACT organizations.

Discussion at the meeting centered on problems on channel 9 and local REACT team relations with the various FCC offices around the country. Once again the Spanish problem was pointed out, along with concrete evidence that such interference to channel 9 is often local, and not international skip.

Also covered in the meeting were the increased Commission Field Office capability with the new FCC computerized CB license file system, (Mr. Maryn is a data processing expert with the Department of Commerce) and potential new methods to beef up self-enforcement (Mr. Knowles is a lawyer and former prosecutor in the Lake County, Illinois State's Attorney's Office).

Capitalizing on their prior acquaintance with McKinney (both Maryn and Knowles were Task Group Chairman with the FCC's PURAC-Personal Use Radio Advisory Committee) the two REACT FORUM members had a most cordial meeting, and Bureau Chief McKinney pledged his cooperation and support. Task Group member Tom Bowling, of Alexandria, Virginia will continue the Washington contact with members of the FCC Bureau staff as preparation of the primer goes forward.

Other projects of the Interagency Liaison Task Group, including relations with other government agencies, volunteer groups, CB and Amateur organizations, etc. will be tackled in the future once the FCC Field Office Primer is completed.

"We can only undertake one, or possibly two things at a time as things stand now," Chairman Knowles stated, indicating that only a handful of volunteers have come forward so far to help in the work of the Task Group. "We need at least one or two dozen people to really get things going," Knowles concluded. If you are interested in helping on one of the projects of this FORUM Task Group, or in suggesting and helping with a new one, please contact Randy Knowles, Chairman, FORUM Interagency Liaison Task Group 530 Essex Road, Kenilworth, Illinois 60043.

Membership Task Group Report

With the new programs being developed within REACT, there is increasing opportunity for Teams and Councils to provide input and ideas: but too often these opportunities do not address the grass-roots ideas and problems of the REACT membership. Therefore the REACT FORUM Membership Task Group needs the help of all REACTers with two specific areas.

First, the Membership Task Group would like to know specifically what Teams and the membership have found to be successful in recruiting new members. If specific ideas, programs, or activities have gotten you new members please tell us about them. Any specific information would also be appreciated: When was the idea successful, when not? Where did you use the idea? And so forth.

Second, what has been the main reason you have lost, or that you are losing, members? Is skip the main reason? Or was it the boring meetings? Or did the old members just get tired of CB? Again, any specific information would be very appreciated, especially anything related to ideas that worked (or didn't work!) in your effort to retain these members.

We are not looking for formal responses, and they will not be run through a computer for all sorts of numbers manipulation. We do want to get a "feel" for the feelings, problems, and ideas of all REACT members, so every person connected with REACT is urged to comment. So, if you have any input you would like to provide (or would like to help out with the Membership Task Group) please contact: Edward "Ned" Smith, Chairman, Membership Task Group 1410 E. Willow Grove Ave. Wyndmober, PA 19118.

Communications Task Group

SPECIAL CHANNEL 9 MONITORING HARDWARES

A Special Task Force has been created by the REACT Forum Group on Communications to investigate and report on special hardware which can assist REACTers in their CB Channel 9 monitoring programs.

Reports from this Task Force will appear in future editions of the REACTer. The Task Force is especially interested in learning of new hardware or special equipment which other REACTers have found useful in their Channel 9 monitoring activities. These could include special antennas, Channel 9 "over-ride" receivers, and filters to reduce adjacent-channel interference.

Persons wishing to supply information on previous experience, or having particular ideas on future inquiries, should contact the Task Force Coordinator:

Leigh Bartlow
2107 Shades Crest Road SE
Huntsville, AL 35801

Leigh can also be reached at (205) 533-5596.

Watch for future reports here in the REACTer!

G.M.R.S. DIRECTORY BEING REVISED

The REACT Forum Task Group on Communications announces that a revision in the G.M.R.S. Directory is being prepared.

The new Directory will contain the names, locations, and other contact and operating information for approximately one hundred G.M.R.S. repeaters around the country which permit Channel 9-type road information inquiries and reports.

The most recent Directory was distributed at last summer's REACT International Convention in Atlanta. Since then, dozens of additional REACT teams have licensed for GMRS operations to supplement their CB Channel 9 monitoring programs.

REACTers who wish to supply information for listing in this Directory should contact:

Cornelius Tilton
9010 Olive Street
New Orleans, LA 70118

STATE COUNCIL COORDINATION OF G.M.R.S. ACTIVITIES

State Councils are encouraged to appoint a GMRS Coordinator for their states. The Coordinator's duties would include maintaining a list of state GMRS repeaters, and the names and other contact information for each. As the number of REACT-affiliated GMRS operations continues to increase, this coordination will become increasingly important. For instance, to minimize interference between repeater systems, and to help coordinate in areawide activities of mutual interest.

The potential also exists for creating wide-area linking of activities of local REACT teams through a state's repeater network. Similar coordination networks are already in existence in several states, and more are likely in the near future.

The REACT Forum Task Group on Communications will shortly be establishing a newsletter-contact service amongst REACT State Council Coordinators. To be sure to take fullest advantage of this project, notification of your Council's Coordinator should be sent to:

Edward "Ned" Smith
1410 E. Willow Grove Avenue
Wyndmober, PA 19118

"HOW-TO" MATERIALS FOR G.M.R.S.

Informational sessions on the General Mobile Radio Service (formerly, Class A of the Citizens Radio Service) have been very popular in recent REACT Conventions and State Council meetings.

The REACT Forum Task Group on Communications has not begun a program to collect and distribute basic information packages on GMRS, covering such topics as:

- licensing
- equipment
- interface with team Channel 9 operations
- special emergency operations
- coordinating with other GMRS users

The Task Group is especially interested in receiving copies of memos which have been prepared by other REACT teams on these and other GMRS-related topics. These materials will be available at the Indianapolis Convention in July, and will be available upon request by mail afterwards.

For further information, and especially to send copies of current publications from other REACT teams, contact:

Dave Adams
1478 Bridgeview Terrace
Eagan, MN 55121
Telephone (612) 454-8908

Revised G.M.R.S. Rules

The REACT Forum Task Group on Interagency Liaison announces the availability of a revision of the FCC Rules governing the General Mobile Radio Service (formerly Class A of the Citizens Radio Service).

The prior version, available from the Government Printing Office, was dated April 1977 (orange cover), and was very much out of date.

The new rules are current to February 1, 1981, and include many significant operating and licensing changes.

The revision will be sold on a private, subscription basis, with periodic updates included. (This is not a GPO printing, but is done instead by private, REACT-affiliated individuals who are involved in GMRS rules revisions.)

For further information, contact:

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Big D's New Year's Offer Draws Big Response

DALLAS, Tex — Responsible for one of the most creative and needed ideas in a long time in REACT were members of Dallas County REACT Team C-622 who offered a free ride home to those who needed it on New Year's Eve. The team received 150 callers taking them up on their offer and delivered 40 New Year's revelers to their doors. Channel 8 was there while they did it, and additional coverage was obtained from local radio stations and newspapers.

Named REACT Team of the month by the Texas State REACT Council were members of the newly named Lake Palestine REACT Team. The team, one of the largest in the state and perhaps in the nation, serves four counties, a large lake area and works with seven different volunteer fire department. Besides obtaining and equipping one of the best REACT emergency vehicles in the state, the members also found time to work three parades and to stage three rest stops at a park 25 to 40 miles from most of their homes. They have also collected thousands of dollars in funds for several worthwhile causes and have purchased American and Texas flags for use at all REACT meetings.

New Yorker's Exploits Rate Top Billing

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. — Object of a nice writeup in the Citibank News was Trevor Baker, a senior programmer with Citibank's North American group, and a member of Richmond County REACT Team #3355. Since they volunteered for REACT last February Baker and his wife have logged more than 500 hours on the air, primarily from the basement of their Staten Island home.

Recently Baker received a signal from a boater whose compass had gone wacky. He had no idea where he was, but the Coast Guard wouldn't respond since he wasn't in any immediate danger. The Bakers stayed with the lost sailor and contacted authorities for help until a nearby ship got him to a spot he recognized where he could handle his own navigation.

Needy Family Adopted By New Orleans REACT

NEW ORLEANS, La. — Members of Police Assistance Communications REACT Team #4265 have adopted a needy family through the Volunteer and Information Agency. The family consists of the two grandparents, the mother and five youngsters, ages 6 through 16. Gifts were brought for the children and a grocery basket for the family.

As the team president puts it: "The thought of giving to one less fortunate than yourself should make all who participated feel good and have the true meaning of Christmas in their hearts."

For the future, the team hopes to raise enough funds to adopt more than one family — even an Old Folks home.



TOUTLE, Wash.— Motorists approaching the town of Toledo near here are greeted by this handsome new sign erected by members of REACT Emergency Team #4453. Not bad going for a new team.



NEW ALBANY, Ind. — Grouped around Santa and a few of the gift baskets they worked hard to obtain for the needy are several members of Metro REACT North Floyd County Team C-158-5. Left to right are Norman Lee, Mrs. Elva Shuck, Santa, and Judy Bryant. Thanks to the team's efforts Christmas was a little brighter for more than six local families.

Cal. Team Sees Lot of Action

HESPERIA, Cal. — Very much in the thick of things at the Apple Valley Pow Wow Days parade were members of Victor Valley REACT Team #2444. The club was represented by twelve members in six cars and the Grand Marshal, Pat Butram is a member. Members assisted in emergency control during the parade. For its efforts, Victor Valley REACT was rewarded with first place in the parade.

CONTINUE AVAILABILITY OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

We are pleased to announce the continuance of the REACT Liability Insurance Plan. As you know the policy provides up to \$500,000 of coverage for suits alleging bodily injury and property damage liability. All members, Teams and Councils located in the United States, its territories and possessions, or Canada who are in good standing with REACT International are automatically covered.

To facilitate the issuance of Certificates of Insurance, the plan will be underwritten by the Atlanta International Insurance Company. This company is a subsidiary of Howden Swann LTD, the American affiliate of Alexander Howden Swann, an international brokerage firm and one of the largest firms active at Lloyds of London.

Within the next few weeks brochures and certificate request forms will be sent to each Team headquarters. We are pleased to have Albert H. Wohlers and Company to continue as administrator of this important membership benefit. If you need any further assistance you can call the Wohlers Company at 800/323-2106.

Radio Pioneer Group Cites Goebel

NEW YORK, N.Y., Eugene S. Goebel, a member of the Board of Directors, REACT International, Inc., was named a Fellow of the Radio Club of America at its annual awards banquet held here November 21, 1980.

Goebel was one of 23 members of this distinguished organization, founded in 1909, to be elected as Fellows at the 1980 Annual Meeting. Among the others named was Al Gross, who is considered the "Father of Citizen's Band Radio."

Goebel is considered a mobile radio pioneer and has continued to be active in Committee work at APCO.



Eugene S. Goebel as he appeared in 1922 as Chief Engineer and Announcer on radio station WDAR, Philadelphia.

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INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Despite a fierce storm which dumped more than 6 inches of snow on parts of the state, Indiana REACTers braved bad driving conditions to attend a planning meeting for the International Convention to be held in Indianapolis, July 14-17 at the Airport Hilton Inn (see story on Cover Page, Jan. Feb REACTer). Left to right are Dr. William Witt, Circle City; Dee Morgan, Circle City, Richard Powers and Steve Hess, both of Decatur County, Dottie Thomas, Circle City, and Gene Klein, Hamilton County. Not shown, since he's behind the camera is Dave Thomas, Circle City.

You Are Invited . . .

TO ALL REACTERS:

The Indiana REACT Council invites you and your Team members to attend the 5th International REACT Convention to be held at the Airport Hilton in Indianapolis from July 14 through July 17, 1981. The International Conventions give us the opportunity to renew old friendships and make new ones. They also provide workshops where we are able to gather new information and exchange ideas. We have planned an exciting and informative four days, combining work and pleasure, to make this Convention a memorable experience for all.

We are confident that with the program we have planned, (see March/April REACTer) you will not want to miss this Convention as there is something for everyone. If your Team or Council desires to submit any informational material for use in workshops, it must be sent to the Indiana REACT Council no later than March 10. Any Team or Council wishing to reserve a display table should do so immediately. There will be no charge for these tables, but due to limited space they will be on a first come first serve basis.

You will find a registration and motel reservation form printed in this issue of the REACTer. Note the early bird registration deadline of May 15. The newly-decorated Airport Hilton is ready to welcome you in their own tradition of excellence with Convention room rates guaranteed at \$38.00 per night allowing up to four people in one room.

The WELCOME MAT is out. Hoosier Hospitality awaits you at the Crossroads of America. See you in July.

REACTfully,
RUSSELL WILLIS
President

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(Full details on economy rate motels and camp grounds in the vicinity can be obtained from the Convention Committee, c/o Dolores Morgan, 1469 N. Leland, Indianapolis, In. 46219)

See You in Indianapolis

More than ever REACTers from all over the nation, and beyond, owe it to themselves and to their teams to be present when the curtain goes up in July for the 1981 REACT International Convention in Indianapolis.

This year Circle City will also be: (1) Fun city (2) Enlightenment City (3) Inspiration City, and (4) Entertainment City, (take your pick) as Indiana Council pulls out all stops to make this a memorable convention. As Convention Chairman Russell Willis puts it, the Council has been hard at work these past months finalizing on a full schedule of workshops, general sessions, and social sessions. Add to this the vaunted Hoosier hospitality which will be ladled out in generous scoops and the attractions of Circle City itself and you have a combination which is hard to beat. Then, too, the Convention host committee has been busy collecting an array of invaluable door prizes to go those present during workshops. Finally, there is the very special convention rate of \$38 per night at the Airport Hilton Motel, convention headquarters, up to four to a room. The full convention program for each of the four days follows. See you in Indianapolis.

Convention Highlights Day by Day

TUESDAY, JULY 14

- Registration — 9:00 AM-12:00 PM and 2:00 PM-6:00 PM
- Forum Executive Meeting — 8:00 AM-11:30 AM
- Forum Task Group Meeting (optional) — 8:00 AM-11:30 AM
- Lunch — 11:30 AM-1:30 PM Dutch Treat
- Task Group Summary Meeting — 1:00 PM-5:00 PM
- Dinner — 5:00 PM-7:00 PM
- Team, Council, National Organization & Manufacturers Display 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY — JULY 15

- Registration — 7:00 AM-11:00 AM and 1:00 PM-6:00 PM
- State Caucus — 7:00 AM-8:00 AM
- Opening General Session — 8:00 AM-9:00 AM - Ballroom
- Forum — 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
- Election of new Forum Officers & final Task Group Reports — 9:00 AM-11:30
- Lunch — 11:30 AM-1:00 PM
- Workshops — 1:00 PM-4:30 PM
 - Training, Monitoring & Communications
- Junior REACT — 1:30 PM-2:55 PM
- Membership — 3:00 PM-4:00 PM
- Dinner — 4:30 PM-6:30 PM
- Workshop — 6:30 PM-8:00 PM
 - Amateur Radio
 - Computer Operations

THURSDAY, JULY 16

- Registration — 7:00 AM-11:00 AM and 1:00 PM-6:00 PM
- Workshops — 8:00 AM-9:25 AM
 - (1) GMRS basic
 - (2) Public Relations
- Workshops — 9:35 AM-11:00 AM
 - (1) Advance GMRS
 - (2) Council management
- Lunch — 11:00-1:00 PM
- Workshops — 1:00 PM-4:00 PM
 - (1) Disaster Preparedness
 - (2) Team Operations
 - Bylaws of Incorporation
 - Budget & Finance
 - Project Coordination
- Dinner — 4:00-6:00 PM
- Workshop — 6:00 PM-7:30 PM - Antenna Specialists
- Team, Council, National Organization & Manufacturers Display

FRIDAY, JULY 17

- Workshop — 8:00 AM-11:00 AM
 - (1) Communications policy
 - (2) How to prepare a convention
- Lunch — 11:00 AM-1:00 PM
- General Session — 1:00 PM-2:25 PM
- Open Board Meeting — 2:35 PM-4:30 PM
- Social Hour — 6:30 PM-7:30 PM
- Banquet — Ballroom — 7:30 PM

Banquet ticket included in registration fee.



DAYTONA BEACH, Fl. — On hand to greet registrants at the membership meeting of the Florida State REACT Council held in Daytona Beach last fall was this cheery threesome, all members of the host team, Halifax Area REACT #4254. Left to right, Juanita Biggerstaff, Barbara Heltkemper and Les Heltkemper.



LAKE SIMCOE, Ont. — It was nice to be on the receiving end as REACT members of Lake Simcoe REACT Team #4270 were presented with the team's first log book donated by Victor Boston, a local printer. In the photo Boston, third from right, presents the book to Kerry Lea Chadwick as other members stand by. Left to right are Norm McLeod, Shelly Loader, Jim McArthur, Jean Waghorn, Ms. Chadwick, Ron McCracken, Mr. Boston, Art Heath and Elmer Loader.

Cal Team Rates Hurrahs

OAKDALE, Ca. — Members of Oakdale REACT Team C-270 are collecting hurrahs from their townsmen and police at a record pace for their services to the community. Typical was this letter sent by Mr. Don Lenkeit, an official of the annual "Run for the Cheese of it," who wrote: "Without your assistance and cooperation (and that of Junior REACT) there would not have been the same quality of race. Traffic control is one of the most important functions in a smooth running foot race. Potential for an 'unhappy incident' is greatest when you mix the runner and the automobile on too close of terms.

"REACT personnel were helpful and knowledgeable about our race procedures. Every runner is grateful."

They Deserve Pat on Back

HOLLISTER, Ca. — Members of Pacheco Pass REACT Team C-556 could give themselves a well-deserved pat on the shoulders for helping to find an 88-year-old man missing from a local convalescent hospital after they participated in a search effort to find him. The aged patient was located after six hours of search and taken to the local hospital.

PR Tip of the Month

CANTON, Mich. — Public Relations pointer of the month comes from Plymouth Area REACT Team. When a local Citizens 2-Way radio shop held a grand opening of their new store, members of the team including Dick Merrill, Don Russell, Lloyd and Jenny Crawford, and Dick's two daughters worked on a table display for Plymouth REACT. Pictured were radio equipment, pass out literature, information on REACT and how it works, how to use Channel 0. Dick expressed his deep appreciation of the generous support given the team by Michigan Emergency Patrol, KBW 5826, who had a similar display with eight members working. Coffee and doughnuts were served.



VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. — Proving an invaluable adjunct of the emergency control activities of Tidewater REACT Team G53 is this brightly painted communications van. The van, which has radio capability, CB, and a 2-meter ham with 12 and 110-volt portable generators, was donated by C & P Telephone Co. It was hand-painted by one of the members, Duke Swinehart, and the logo and hand lettering were also contributed. The unit has been accepted as a service vehicle by civil defense officials.

Activity in Georgia

AUGUSTA, GA. — Members of Augusta REACT Team C-222 would like all readers to know that the team is alive and well. Newly-elected officers are: Jay Wylds, president; Ed Stewart, vice president; Lena Chandler, secretary, and Frank Tollison, treasurer. As this issue goes to press the team is scheduled to hold a multimedia first aid course, sponsored by the Red Cross and weekly public auctions are held in the team's headquarters building.

Base Station is Humming

HENDERSON, Ky. — The base station of Ohio Valley REACT Team C-519 installed in the Henderson Police Department radio room is still humming. According to Chief Homer Browder, who initiated the program in 1977, the team averages 35 calls a month including checks on prowlers, drunk drivers, accidents, and emergency calls. According to Major W.D. Jack Rice and Sgt. Bill Schwartz, the program has survived because members are continually undergoing training, strict rules are enforced, and the team is always looking for ways to improve.

Team Does Itself Proud

EAST HANOVER, N.J. — With more than 4,700 total team hours in monitoring logged for 1980, New Jersey Inter-County REACT Team #2416 can be proud. The project represents the combined efforts of eleven members and a total of 1,836 calls answered. Rating a special recognition is Pete Crosta who monitored 2,694 hours for the year and took 292 calls. That's monitoring.

Small But Mighty

KETCHIKAN, Alaska — Because nearly all of the calls received by Southeast Alaska REACT Team #3629 are in response to emergencies of one kind or another, the team works very closely with state troopers, city police, fire departments, and other rescue and emergency personnel. Usually the team's participation is in the area of crowd and traffic control. As Team President Walt Smith puts it: "Our team is small but quite active and we hope to continue our work for some time to come."

Good Work Draws Praise

AMARILLO, Tex. — A member of Potter County REACT Team # 3810 went on channels 9 and 19 with a description of a vehicle carrying several desperadoes after they had shot and killed an Amarillo policeman. Largely as a result of this action, the thugs were picked up in less than a half hour after they crossed on the Canadian River bridge. For this excellent work, Potter County REACT rated some well-deserved newspaper publicity and the thanks of the community.

Mock Disasters (Continued from cover page)

Six teams, an average of six persons per team, participated. Each team included one member well versed in first aid, and was equipped with at least one walkie-talkie.

Prior to the search, a Towson member, supposedly injured in a parachute fall, was planted in the woods and searchers were told to try to locate a lost, possibly injured person.

Teams were deployed around the very rugged terrain, walking over and around fallen trees, through marshes and over large boulders. Clothes of many were snagged by briars and their boots caked with mud.

After much traipsing about, the victim was spotted, sprawled upside down, draped over the trunk of a fallen tree. Signs on his person indicated that he had suffered a broken arm, a broken leg, a head injury resulting in loss of consciousness and possible internal injuries.

Since this was the group's first search and rescue operation, participants were asked to fill a questionnaire.

In addition to Towson REACT, teams participating included Randallstown REACT Team No. 3442, North Baltimore County REACT Team No. 3782, and Carroll County REACT Team No. 3202.

ERDENHEIM, Pa. — Members of Greater Philadelphia Emergency REACT Team #2647 have good reason to remember the disaster drill held January 11 because of sub-zero weather. All available members plus prospective members responded. After a briefing the group proceeded to the drill site, the Schuylkill River Silt Basin in Conshohocken. During the drill members scaled almost vertical embankments to reach the silt tower where a "victim" was located. The silt tower scaled, members repelled down the vertical concrete sides of the tower on the descent. During the descent, one member's descender snagged due to a combination of cold weather and new Goldline climbing rope. The topside safety crew quickly rigged an additional hauling line and recovered the member.

PAMPA, Tex. — On Monday, December 8, at 4 p.m. members of Gray County REACT Team were put to the test together with the police and fire departments, ambulance services and the hospital when they were called to respond to a disaster drill involving a chemical leak at the local water treatment plant. The entire drill, lasting 35 minutes, was observed by city officials and the Mayor.

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