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## REACT at the 20-Year-Mark- All Signals Are Go!



Symbolic of the increased prestige and recognition which REACT has received in recent years was the awarding of the President's Volunteer Action Award to the organization last April. REACT was one of 18 organizations, individuals and companies honored at the White House in the photo. Henry "Pete" Kreer, former Executive Director of REACT International, and Evelyn White, Fairfax REACT Team C-360 display the prestigious award with the White House in the background. For full details, see story in the May-June REACTer.

### California REACTer Surmounts Handicap; Rates Tops in Hearts of His Team

OROVILLE, CA--Butte County REACT Team C-287 is justifiably proud of member Jim Miller, better known as Unit No. 1 and who also serves the team as Captain No. 1.

Butte County is 70 miles North of Sacramento and Miller resides in the Palermo area, about eight miles South of Oroville.

When motorists driving through Butte County call for help on their CB radios, it's often Miller who answers. He spends much of his time monitoring Channel 9, ready and waiting to help someone who calls.

Even though he handles numerous calls, Miller until ten years ago, was just an ordinary guy -- husband, father of three teenagers and Pacific Telephone Co. employee who dabbled with CB radio as a hobby.

One afternoon ten years ago he climbed a pole and fell to the ground. Three hours later he was placed in an ambulance and rushed to a Chico hospital, more dead than alive.

Some time after his fall, Miller was discovered by some of the area residents. Though he has no memory of the accident, Miller was conscious enough to tell his rescuers how to work the CB radio in his telephone company truck.

As a result of the fall, Miller is almost completely paralyzed. Thus his CB radio is an important link with the rest of the world.

Since he is unable to move anything but his arms, Miller has a special headset on his phone so he can place emergency calls without lifting the receiver.

"Lots of times I'm dialing a number for help while I'm still talking on the radio," Miller said.

As a result of his work with REACT, Miller had some unusual experiences the past few years.

In 1978 he was listening to the radio when he heard a distress call from a downed plane. Because of skip, Miller was talking with the pilot of a charter plane which had



OROVILLE, CA -- Crippling injuries suffered by Jim Miller, at work several years ago have proven no handicap in his REACT activities. Jim, a member of Butte County REACT, performs in a number of capacities for the Team (for full details, see accompanying story).

made an emergency landing in Juarez, Mexico.

The pilot gave Miller a number to call in Los Angeles to ask for another plane to fly in for him and his passengers.

#### WELCOME TO THE CONVENTION:

This Special souvenir Issue of the REACTer is being distributed at the 1982 REACT International Convention. Welcome to all on behalf of the Las Vegas United REACT 4906. As REACT gathers to observe its 20th anniversary in sun-splashed Las Vegas, show biz' capital of the United States, we wish those of you present a stimulating and a challenge-filled convention. The objective is to return to your Teams and Councils with renewed enthusiasm and vigor filled with excitement about the prospects for continued service and growth through REACT, and eager to render service to your fellow townsmen and communities through REACT. (For more about REACT today, see Annual Report on page 11).

### REACT Looks Back at 20-Action Filled years of Growth, Achievement, Involvement

The idea of using Citizens Band Radio in an organized way for emergency communications was born in a Chicago snowstorm. Henry B. "Pete" Kreer, tells the story, "One day I was driving home on the Edens Expressway in an absolutely blinding snowstorm when I saw a car along the side of the road with its hood up, flashers flashing. I stopped to see if I could be of any help, and a very young couple with a very sick child. I didn't know what to do, so I got on the CB and someone answered me, and in about 10 minutes a State Patrol car showed up and took the baby to the hospital.

"I spent several days thinking, 'wouldn't it be great if there were some organized scheme for us civilians to talk to each other, strictly to help people in trouble?'"

It was a great idea that Pete Kreer was able to transform into a reality. He persuaded the Hallicrafters Company, a CB radio manufacturer, that it would be good public relations for them to sponsor an organization to promote and facilitate volunteer emergency communications using Citizens Band Radio. The final decision for this was made January 23, 1962. Hallicrafters agreed to sponsor the REACT Program, if Pete Kreer would be the National Director.

Thus, REACT was born!

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#### MILESTONES

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| 1962 - Founding with Hallicrafters Sponsorship, Henry B. Kreer, National Director   | First REACT International Convention at Trinity College, Deerfield, IL  |
| 1964 - Recommend Voluntary use of Channel 9 as Emergency Channel  | 1977 - Second REACT International Convention and Leadership Conference, Dallas University, Irving, Texas  |
| 1967 - Petition FCC for Official Emergency Channel  | 1978 - REACT completes Training Program Under Contract to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, U.S. Dept. of Transportation. Convention held at Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, Ohio. Members List Computerized for Direct Mailing of the REACTer to Every Member. |
| 1969 - GMRL Assumes Sponsorship, Gerald H. Reese added as Managing Director   | 1979 - REACT Membership Declines. Headquarters Staff Reduced. Teams Respond to Successful Emergency Funding Program. Direct Mailing of REACTer Begun.   |
| 1970 - FCC Rules Channel 9 Official Emergency Channel for CB Radio. Ohio Test Program Announced. Official Emergency Channel Inaugurated, Team Numbers Issued.             | 1980 - REACTers Aid in Mt. St. Helens' Eruption. Teams Elect Three Members to Board of Directors. REACT Forum Organized at International Convention Hosted by Capital Cities Communication REACT C42, Atlanta, Georgia.   |
| 1971 - REACT Signs Cooperative Understanding with American National Red Cross   | 1981 - Indiana REACT Council Hosts International Convention in Indianapolis. REACT Forum Programs Advanced.   |
| 1972 - Film "Where Seconds Count" is produced   | 1982 - REACT Receives President's Volunteer Action Award.   |
| 1973 - REACT On NBC-TV Network "Today" Show   |   |
| 1975 - Incorporation of REACT International, Inc.   |   |
| 1976 - IRS Group Tax Exemption, REACT represented at White House Conference on CB Radio, REACT Takes Active Role in FCC's Personal Users Radio Advisory Committee (PURAC) |   |

### Sen. Eagleton is Guest at Missouri Meeting



SPRINGFIELD, OH -- United States Senator Thomas Eagleton, (D.-Mo.), with a few of the Missouri REACTers at the start of the 1982 Missouri State REACT Convention which was hosted by Greene County REACT here. The two-day convention featured several training seminars and an Awards Banquet. A few of the many awards given included: Missouri REACTers of the year, Douglas Cleston of 1000 Hills Area REACT, and Damon Sherrod, of Gateway Area REACT. Other awards went to Missouri REACT teams of the year, Mid-Rivers REACT, 1000 Hills Area REACT, and Mississippi Valley REACT. O.R.E.O. REACT was honored as the newest REACT team in Missouri.



# Parade of REACT Growth

## Steady Progress, Growth: That's Story of Solano, California REACT Team

FAIRFIELD, CA--Solano County REACT Team 2271 was formed in 1970, and received its REACT charter in 1972. It was formerly C.B. Radio Assn. of Solano County.

Since 1970 the team has made great progress towards assisting the community and aiding in Disaster preparedness. Among others, the Team has won seven first place awards, two seconds and a third for displays in the Solano County Fair held every year, and received dozens of citations for outstanding assistance to the community and service to the public.

Solano County REACT 2271 has provided communications for Red Cross, Civil Defense during mock disasters and in real emergencies, aiding in parade control, monitoring Channel 9, conducting first aid training for Boy Scouts and the general public, safety programs, community watch projects, Project ID, and feels it has excellent track record.

## Dedicated to Helping in Any Way: Motto of Willits, California Team

WILLITS, CA.--Willits Valley REACT was started in 1978 as a result of the disappearance of young Chris Wear during a storm in December 1977. A group of interested citizens which included the Willits Police Chief and two other officers, felt that the Willits area needed some form of training and organization for future emergencies that might occur.

The Team's first president Bill Glass served from 1978 until 1981 with the election of Dick Bays who is still serving today.

Because of its location in a valley of a mountainous region approximately 150 miles north of San Francisco monitoring poses a problem for members. Fortunately a few members who live on the hills have helped to cover a wider area in monitoring Channel 9 for any emergencies.

The team has been involved in many activities including an annual search and rescue practice with pot luck dinner and family type games afterwards. Willits Valley REACT is also involved in helping the police department during our local July 4 week-long Frontier Day held annually. The Team provides traffic control and street barricades, serving coffee to persons passing by their trailer set up near the rodeo



FAIRFIELD, CA — Award winning photo taken at the Isleton disaster in 1972, shows a former member of Solano County REACT overseeing the disaster scene. The photographer was the team's current president, Ken Kramer.

grounds. The trailer has a base radio with which patrolling members check in regularly reporting any malicious mischief which is immediately reported to police. REACT lost and found also find LOST PARENTS! The area of Willits High School is also patrolled during football games. And on Halloween night REACT volunteer units are placed by the police department at different locations throughout the town to watch for any evidence of malicious mischief. REACT has also provides burn out victims with clothing, furniture, food and money. Controlling traffic for several local jogging and "run for your health" meets is a job members handle primarily in the spring.

Willits Valley REACT has for the past three years sponsored the March of Dimes Walk-a-thon which consists of weeks of work with members gathering donations for prizes and food. On the day of the actual walk, all members are on duty and get set up at 6 a.m. for registration of walkers, handling checkpoints along the 32 kilometer course, manning mobile patrols, tallying and typing all walkers, sponsor sheets and serving food.

With 30 active members, relatively few compared to some teams in other areas, the Team is dedicated to helping in any way it can.

## Training Program, Community Service Payoff for Carolina REACT Team

HAMLET, N.C.--REACT for Richmond County Team No. 3206 had been discussed for some time by concerned citizens who had been monitoring Emergency Channel 9. It was decided to have a benefit supper to promote the establishment of Richmond County REACT. The president of the Fort Bragg REACT attended and discussed the project of starting a REACT, a few weeks later.

In late February of 1976 a team roster with 49 members and their dues was sent to International Headquarters for Richmond County to obtain a charter, which was subsequently received in April.

Since then Richmond County REACT, Inc. No. 3206 with the call letters KBBU 2031, given by the Federal Communications has received approximately 325 calls per month.

In 1977 the Team purchased radio equipment to be installed in our police departments and portable units to be used during search and

rescue emergencies.

Through its training programs, most members are certified in CPR, First Aid and Personnel Safety, Radiological Monitoring, Weather Spotters and EMT through the Red Cross. Some units have completed administrative supervisory training.

As of now REACT will be in charge of setting up communications for the local Red Cross Disaster programs.

In January, 1978 the Team's president was elected to serve as director of the Southwestern Regional District and as a member on the North Carolina REACT board (Council). Another member was elected to serve as secretary for the state. Another member was elected to serve as communications officer for the district. Two of the three are still serving on the state board.

Of the original 49 members, two are still active: President Jocelyn F. Goodwin and Madison Swicegood, an honorary member.

## St. Louis Gateway Leads Way to New Heights Since Chartering



ST. LOUIS, MO — Members of Gateway Area REACT Team 2001 and one of several mobiles the team maintains for disasters and emergencies. From a low in membership following a dues increase several years ago, the team has rebounded in membership, which is today 130 strong with the end nowhere in sight. Don Bessler is Team president.

ST. LOUIS, MO--Gateway Area REACT Team 2001, chartered on Feb. 16, 1970, has continued to grow in membership and strength in the St. Louis area. Like many REACT teams the prevailing desire of members is to make Gateway Area REACT strong in assistance through Channel 9 and in the community. During the first five years when the dues to REACT Interna-

tional was \$1, the team had over 100 members but little coverage of Channel 9. Once dues were raised to \$5, the membership dropped to 30. Even though the dues to International have increased and interest in CB has declined, membership in Gateway Area REACT has continued to increase annually to where, in 1982, the membership is greater than 130 members.

As the team has grown, so have its activities and coverage of the emergency Channel 9. During 1981 members of Gateway Area REACT monitored Channel 9 for 50,000 hours and handled more than 13,000 calls for help. In addition to monitoring Channel 9, communications and safety assistance is given to the Special Olympics, Walk For Mankind, American Cancer Society Bike-A-Thon and other, plus the Holiday Safety Break.

Gateway Area REACTers have not sat at home to avoid work as can be seen by the undertaking of a Law Enforcement Appreciation night for 86 Police Departments, Precincts and Districts in St. Louis and St. Louis County. The mobile program is another example of how REACTers can help. Currently 32 members of the Team belong to the mobile team that has already, after only two years, saved at least three lives that can be documented, and an unknown number that cannot be documented.

## Small But Oh My: Texas Team Cited for Public Service

CHILDRESS, TX--Somewhat overwhelmed and surprised were members of Childress XIT REACT Team 2492 when presented with a certificate of appreciation by Police Chief Bob Seagroves for the team's assistance in crime control and public service. Accepting were four members of the team.

The Team was chartered in 1974 as XIT REACT, the initials standing for Ten (X) In (I) Texas (T) which represents ten counties in Texas and Oklahoma served by the Team. Highly trained members include a civil defense coordinator, two first-aid instructors, four members who are trained in radiology, and two emergency medical technicians.

Officers for 1982 include Johnny Ann, President; Ivan Knox, Vice President; Daniel Barber, Treasurer; Paula Hayes, Secretary; Jerry Scott, Sergeant At Arms; Chris Knaus, public relations and

Dave Knaus, chairman of the board. By working closely as a unit the Team has built a voice in the com-

munity both on and away from CB, and it is an important and effective part of the community.



CHILDRESS, TX — Shown with Chief of Police Bob Seagroves after he presented them with certificate of appreciation are several members of XIT REACT Team 2492. Left to right are Johnny Ann, President; Paula Hayes, Secretary; Bobby Hayes, Daniel Barber, Treasurer, and Chief Seagroves.

# A Cavalcade of History in Photo and Text

## Riverside, Calif. REACT offers Range of Service

RIVERSIDE, CA.--Riverside County REACT C-241 offers members a wide range of activities and areas of community service such as monitoring, wake breaks, and working with the amateur radio operators. In addition the Team participates in R.A.C.E.S. in disaster preparedness and civil defense, communications for community events such as bike-a-thons, parades, walk-a-thons, 10k runs, and it provides speakers to local high school driver education classes on CB emergency and safety procedures. Besides this, members are involved in "Toys for Porterville" State Hospital, and participate in community celebrations and carnivals with other service groups, as well as active involvement in the Southern California REACT Council and cooperative work with all local REACT Teams.

Because of this diversification the Team finds great need to have prospective members go through an extensive training program so they will feel comfortable taking part in any Team function and can choose the fields of service best suited to their interests and capabilities. This program is conducted in several short sessions over a two-month period in the REACT radio station in the city police department Emergency Operations Center. Training is done on a one-to-one basis between the prospective member (trainee) and the training officer and can be tailored to the individual's needs and interests.

At the end of the training program, trainees have the required knowledge and are confident of their ability to handle any situation professionally, without panic or fear. This is most important in emergency communications. The prospective member has no misconceptions about what REACT is or what membership involves. If at the end of the program, the trainee decides he or she does not want to join, they are still much better equipped to handle emergencies independently or to assist REACT in getting the information we need "Where Seconds Count."

## Team's Efforts Help Apprehend Klansmen in Cross Burning

LINCOLNTON, NC.--When a cross was burned on the lawn of a Boger City couple, a Lincoln County prison guard radioed REACT for help as he chased a car away from the scene. Thanks to the Team's relay of the message, police were able to capture two of the local Ku Klux Klan leaders, who were charged in connection with the cross burning. That was one of the first major actions of Lincoln County REACT.

A few days later, nine REACT members spent a Saturday night searching for two young runaways--two boys 10 and 11. They found the youngsters hiding in a ditch.

Later that month, REACT volunteers directed traffic around a local restaurant as the police chief convinced a gunman with five hostages to surrender. In just a few short weeks the Team had more than proven its value to the community.

Lincoln County REACT was started in November 1980 by Barry Finley, who is legally blind and his wife Melba after Ed Reading, REACT state communications officer heard Finley on CB and urged him to start a Team in Lincoln County.

## Delaware Team's Auto Accident Prevention Program is cited for Service by State Police

SEAFORD, DE.--Colonel Norman V. Cochran, Superintendent of the Delaware State Police, recently presented awards to four REACT teams at a ceremony at State Police headquarters for their participation in Operation C.A.R.E. (Combined Accident Reduction Effort).

Receiving the plaque for his team was President Wayne Medford of Nanticoke REACT of Sussex County, who is also State REACT President. The event was televised and shown on local stations.

Besides this, President Medford was recently congratulated by Police Chief Robert Miller of Seaford, Delaware for his team's efforts in obtaining highway signs to inform motorists of REACT's willingness and availability to work in cooperation with the local police department.



SEAFORD, DE -- Receiving plaque for participation of Nanticoke REACT of Sussex County in Operation CARE (Combined Accident Reduction Effort) is team president Wayne Medford, with team members, John Marino, Jane Medford and Catherine Medford. Presenting the plaque is Colonel Norman V. Cochran, Superintendent of the Delaware State Police. Nanticoke REACT was one of four Delaware REACT teams honored.

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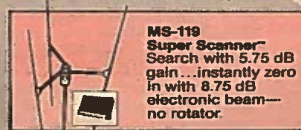
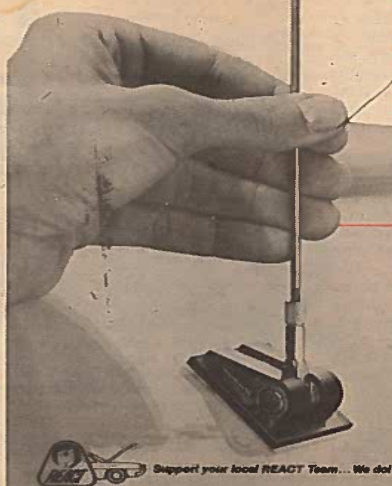
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# Cavalcade of REACT

## Burke County, REACT: Going The Extra Mile



DREXEL, NC — Members of Burke County REACT 3240 look good for the camera following Walk-A-Thon for Cystic Fibrosis. They are shown with two units of the East Burke Rescue Squad.

DREXEL, NC.—Members of Burke County REACT Team 3420 believe in the Golden Rule - but definitely. One night last winter, team members answered a call to a local family which was out of oil in sub-freezing temperature. Team members took up a donation from among themselves and delivered oil to the family, which included several small children.

"Just to see the faces of that family light up when we arrived with the oil was all the thanks we needed," stated Public Affairs Officer Jake Rudisill.

Then one morning recently, a woman called on her car CB to say she was stranded and had a flat tire. She asked REACT members to notify her husband. She had her baby along with her in the car and it was cold. Since it would have been difficult, and perhaps dangerous for her to leave the auto to seek help, Burke County REACT members came to the rescue. They notified her husband, and that emergency also had a happy ending.

Another day, REACT team

members assisted Southern Bell Telephone Company in Morganton, N.C., when a major water line burst in the basement of the utility and disrupted telephone service in this area.

Still another hand of assistance was offered by Burke County REACT when members assisted Duke Power Company and Rutherford Electric Membership Corporation during the recent snow and ice storm by reporting downed power lines, blown transformers and line fuses and giving the power pole numbers and exact locations to speed restoration of power. They also directed traffic at the downed power lines to prevent accidents.

Last June 18, the team was scheduled to bring to the community one of the top groups in gospel music - Jerry and the Singing Goffs. The program featured the Meetin' Time Quartet.

Proceeds from the gospel singing were to go toward updating team equipment and to enable the team to continue service to the people of Burke County and the traveling motorist.

In addition to monitoring the emergency Channel 9 and responding to calls for assistance, the team has a clothing closet set up to aid burned out families.

In addition members have helped park cars at the presentation of the historic Outdoor Drama, This Day Forward, at Valdese, N.C. They have worked safety, traffic control and communications for the Walk-a-thons for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and March of Dimes for a number of years without accident.

Burke County REACT has also worked safety, traffic control and communications for the St. Jude's Children's Hospital and American Diabetes Association Bike-a-thons, without an accident.

Team members have helped many stranded motorists by going to their aid or by calling for aid and by calling long distance to report late arrivals, or any other assistance needed.

If that weren't enough, members have set up roadside refreshments "Safety Breaks" at the Rest Areas on I-40 on holiday weekends for 24-hour periods in an effort to give tired motorists a break from their travel.

These deeds - and many more - have been done in most cases without monetary remuneration. Members buy and maintain their own uniforms and equipment, and keep it up to the FCC's regulating standard - all at their own expense. They donate their time, money and privately owned vehicles, as well as CB radios to assist other non-profit organizations, law enforcement agencies and fire departments. For them, it's a labor of love.

"We do it for the satisfaction of knowing we are helping people," states Jake Rudisill, and that's all the thanks they need."

## Agincourt Team Offers Broad Service

AGINCOURT, ON.—Agincourt REACT Team 4423, although only affiliated with REACT International since April 1980, appreciates all that REACT has done in Canada, the United States and around the world.

The Team came into existence after two independent monitors of Channel 9, heard another REACT team answering calls. After attending a meeting with this REACT team, the two began recruiting to form Agincourt REACT. In no less than six months, Agincourt REACT had its charter, and was an official team.

Within the first year of the Team's

## Participation Plus: Busy Florida Team Serves Area since 1976

INTERLACHEN, FL.—West Putnam REACT Team No. 3490 was formed in 1976 when Thomas and Bettie Heape noticed that the CB channel used mainly in that area for communication had become over crowded so that in an emergency only those who belonged to the local CB club could get through. Although the Heapes were members of that club, they felt that there should be another channel for emergency calls. Through a local REACT team Bettie was able to contact REACT International. It wasn't long before a team was formed.

At first there was some opposition from the other CB club, and although some of that opposition still exists, the team has persisted and slowly REACT has convinced the CBers there, that REACT is there to help on Channel 9

The team enjoys excellent relations with their law enforcement agencies in their county. They have given Captain Tom Hodges, Florida Highway Patrol, Sheriff Walt Pellicer, Lieutenant Larry Beaton, Chief of Communications, Sheriff's Office, Police Chief Jim Hill, Palatka, Police Chief Lee Huckleberry, Interlachen, and Mrs. Lora Britt, Palatka Daily News, auxiliary team memberships. Each November at the team's annual awards banquet, these auxiliary members are guests for an evening of good food and entertainment.

The team participates in almost all local parades, works on the March of Dimes Superwalks each year, sponsors CPR courses and helps law agencies whenever they are called on. In addition REACT holds five Safety Breaks a year on I-96, located some 70 miles from their homes.

## Teamwork, Initiative Pan Out for Lake Simcoe, Ontario REACT

KESWICK, ONTARIO.—On January 1, 1979 Lake Simcoe REACT Team 4270 commenced monitoring CB Emergency Channel 9. On that same date, Communications Canada re-designated Channel 9, restricting it to emergency communications. This action as made our task considerably easier.

Professionalism became the Team watchword from the outset. Police and emergency services promptly received copies of the Team roster and manual, as well as occasional visits from Team officers. Team monitors studied to obtain their RRO (Restricted Radio-telephone Operator) certificates. Speakers from police and other emergency services briefed monitors on topics that would enable Lake Simcoe REACT to assist callers more effectively.

Team members unearthed a wealth of free government or industry publications and used these in its public information program. Most items were safety-oriented. They helped increase public awareness of the Team and its emergency role.

Cooperation with police and emergency planning officials culminated with the erection of CB road signs in January 1982, REACT International's 20th anniversary.

Regional and provincial police have requested assistance from the Team on several occasions. The Team has had the privilege of aiding a caller in Texas whose correct distress call allowed us to help without ever speaking to him 1,250 miles away.

Lake Simcoe REACT gratefully acknowledges the fine support and encouragement it has received from various government authorities, from industry, the media, and other community organizations. We acknowledge also the efforts of Headquarters and the REACT Forum on behalf of our Team.

## Active is the Word For Joliet, Ill. REACT

JOLIET, IL.—Midwest REACT G-164 was chartered in December 1968 with eight members. Over the years the membership has climbed to 47 and at present there are 20 members.

Besides monitoring Channel 9 more than 12,000 hours per year, we have worked many projects. Midwest helped to organize the first March of Dimes Walk-a-thon in 1972 and worked each Walk the next seven years.

It also began one of the first Wake Breaks in this area by working the rest area on I-80 at Minooka, IL. With the help of other CB Clubs and friends members worked both the east and west-bound sides on Memorial Day week-end. For several years the team funded these Wake Breaks themselves, adding Fourth of July and Labor Day week-ends and now only do the west bound side. This year will be its ninth year of Wake Break sponsorship.

Midwest has also worked Bike-a-thons, Multiple Sclerosis Walk-a-thons, Octoberfest parades, Walk-for-Mankind and Walk-for-Animal Welfare.

existence, members provided communications for special events, became first aid trained, and a part of the municipal disaster relief plan, organized by the local Red Cross Branch. CBers in the area were now occasionally calling specifically for an Agincourt REACT base station when they required assistance.

Members sponsor a continuous effort to promote the team, increase membership, and increase the public's awareness of REACT.

REACT is now strong, only because of the help received from members, other Canadian REACT teams, and of course, REACT International Inc.

## North Carolina Proclaims National REACT Month



BURLINGTON, NC—Melba C. Finley, center, Lincoln County REACT, and North Carolina Council Public Relations and Awards Chairperson, holds proclamation from Governor James B. Hunt, Jr., of North Carolina, designating November as National REACT Month. Seated to her left is Congresswoman Bertha "Bea" Holt, and seated right is Alice Nicely, Burke County REACT and North Carolina Council Treasurer.

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## Ventura, Calif. REACT Long in Service

VENTURA, CA.--The Ventura California REACT Team No. 3983 was organized in July, 1976.

Some of the community service activities in which team has been involved include providing communications for Walk Against Hunger and McDonald's annual Bike-a-Thon. At Christmas members collect toys for retarded children for the Toys for Porterville Hospital program.

On several holiday weekends during the year, the Team sponsors Safety Breaks on busy Highway 101, the main road from Los Angeles to San Francisco, and serves free coffee, soft drinks and cookies to hundreds of motorists. Flying atop the Team trailer at these Breaks is a flag that has flown over the Capitol.

So that they can better serve their community in an emergency, several members have taken part in the Red Cross disaster assistance training program.

The team donates funds raised from raffles, pot luck dinners, etc. to Guide Dogs For The Blind of San Rafael, Calif.

Officers for 1982 are: President, Kenneth Weber; V.P. Herb Berling; Secy, Mary Berling; Treas. Kathy Carrington; Special Projects, Nick Nichols; Communications Officer, Bill Carrington; and Past President, Ruth Nichols.

## Much to Show for its Existence: Southern Maine

FALMOUTH, ME.--Chartered in January of 1977 and incorporated three months later, Southern Maine REACT Team 3603 saw its membership grow to a gratifying high of 114 dues paying members. Membership tapered off slightly then held near 100 for several years, but has fallen off recently.

For now Southern Maine REACT is concentrating on recruitment and the construction of the trailer unit to serve as a mobile headquarters. Despite all the difficulties, the Team has recorded over 14,500 monitor hours in 1981. During the blizzard of early April, virtually every monitor was on the air, many until the early morning hours when even tow trucks had ceased operation.

One of SMR's continuing gratifications is its Disaster Assistance Team formed in conjunction with the local chapter of the American Red Cross. The primary purpose is to assist ARC with communications, relaying information as to shelter and clothing needed, for example, in the event of a fire. SMR maintains a small communications center in ARC headquarters. It is equipped with REACT radio gear, battery powered, to assure the Red Cross of communications in the event of a disaster. The equipment was provided by REACT and Radio Shack and is maintained by the team.

Southern Maine REACT also bears responsibility now for maritime coverage on Channel 9. The U.S. Coast Guard discontinued its monitoring of Channel 9 last year because of the many channels it must cover and a reduction in resources. It asked SMR to assume the responsibility which it has gladly done and has assisted several mariners in distress. It is not a minor consideration with the heavy volume of commercial and pleasure craft plying these waters in summer.

## Douglas County REACT Nearing No. 13; Has Much to Point to

OMAHA, NB.--Douglas County REACT Team, one of the largest and most active volunteer emergency communications teams in the state of Nebraska, is nearing its 13th year of continuous public service.

Beginning in 1969 with a few service-minded Omaha CBers, REACT has grown to a current membership of 57 men and women. The Team covers all of Omaha and surrounding communities with its communication capabilities.

All members have their own personal radio equipment, while REACT has a fully equipped Emergency Communications Van capable of self-sustained operation as a control center for extended periods.

It maintains established permanent base stations at the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Sarpy County Civil Defense Emergency Operation Center (EOC) and the fully operation REACT Central at the

Omaha-Douglas County Civil Defense Emergency Operation Center, in downtown Omaha. All stations and a number of mobile units are fully equipped with GMRS (General Mobile Radio Service) Class A equipment funded by donations from public and private sources. These stations and mobile units are manned by REACT members as required during severe weather or emergencies.

As a non-profit organization, REACT monitors Citizens Band Emergency Channel 9, to provide assistance to motorists in distress. The Team also co-ordinates with Civil Defense, National Weather Service, Douglas County Sheriff, and American Red Cross for winter storms, tornado watches, flood watches and search activities, and assists the community and local agencies with radio communications as needed.

## Massachusetts Council Observes Big 20th



FRAMINGHAM, MA -- At a recent meeting of the Massachusetts State Council of REACT Teams, a cake cutting ceremony was held to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of REACT. Representatives from many Massachusetts teams were in attendance. Pictured with the cake are Council officers, left to right, Robert W. Chin, President; member of SMA REACT; Nita Eldred, V.P. Public Information & Community Programs, Member of Emergency Citizen's Rescue REACT; Debbie Skolton, V.P. Administration & Finance; member of SMA REACT; and Richard Smith, V.P. Internal Programs & Membership, member of Mystic Valley REACT.

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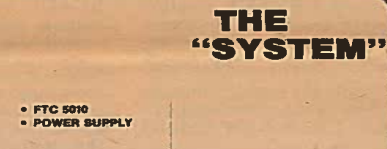
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# NEWS OF REACT ACTIVITIES

## All-Team Kansas Get-Together



PHILLIPSBURG, KS.—Members of Phillips County REACT 3135 get together to enjoy a potluck supper and to relax. Left to right, row one, Ken Hadley, Vice President; second row, Gladys Hansen, Joyce Stockham, Marion King, Melvia King, and Charles Weems; third row, Deborah Hadley, President; June Kearns, Bill Boyle, and Bill Murphy, and fourth row, Dee Stockham, Jim Hansen, 2nd Vice President, and Ernest Kearns.

## Tucson REACT is on Television

TUCSON, AZ—Tucson REACT C-176 members presented a T.V. Skit on, "Arizona Illustrated," a program taped by Channel 6 and shown on T.V. during November, National REACT month, 1981.

In the program REACT monitor Nancy Rogers received an urgent message from a motorist, Helen Ford; who was stranded and out of gas in the boonies. The monitor called for assistance and another REACTer Roy Jones collected a can of gasoline and located the grateful motorist.

The program was introduced by interviewing Miles Wager, president and Roy Jones, Technical Advisor. Nancy Rogers demonstrated how to take a REACT call on Channel 9, the emergency channel.

The purpose was to show how REACT works and how the local team is related to the International organization and to other teams.

Although the segment was only a fifteen minute segment, the taping took three and a half hours. The people involved had a marvelous time doing the skit. All comments after the viewing were favorable.

## Burlington, N.C. Hosts First Annual Meet and Awards Presentation

BURLINGTON, NC.—At the North Carolina REACT Council's annual state convention and first awards banquet held here last November 8, Melba C. Finley, of Lincoln County REACT 4402 who is also N.C. REACT Council Public Relations and Awards Chairperson, displayed a proclamation presented to her for the state of North Carolina designating November as National REACT Month. It was signed by North Carolina Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. Also present was Congresswoman Bertha "Bee" Holt who presented a speech on a bill she has introduced before Congress which will enable REACT Teams across North Carolina to buy low cost permanent license plates for team owned vehicles. She also helped Mrs. Finley present the awards to teams and members all over the state from Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. and from N.C. REACT Council. Also present was Alice Nicely of Burke County REACT and N.C. Council Treasurer.

Winners of awards were Barry R. Finley of Lincoln County REACT - also N.C. REACT Council Communications Officer, who received an award for the most outstanding call taken for the year of 1981; Betty Worrell, of Durham Durham County REACT, for an outstanding job as N.C. State Council Secretary.

Also honored were Alice Nicely, of Burke County REACT, also N.C. REACT Council Treasurer, who received the award for Iredell Coun-

ty REACT, for the largest team in the state. Steve Garver of Lincoln County REACT, representing this team, accepted an award for the most improved team and also for the most hours monitored in the state. Aaron Bradley, of Durham-Durham County REACT, accepted for his team, the most outstanding REACT team, also the team with the most emergency call-outs. Astor Lucas, Jr. of Cumberland County and Fort Bragg REACT, Vice President of N.C. REACT Council, accepted an award as the male REACT Booster of the Year.

Melba C. Finley, of Lincoln County REACT also Public Relations and Awards Chairperson for N.C. REACT Council, as the female REACT Booster of the year. Amery Griffin, of Richmond County REACT, was awarded as the most outstanding male Junior REACTer of the year.

Not present were Sean Robert McKenzie of Richmond County REACT, who was honored as the most outstanding male REACTer of the year. Jocelyn Goodwin, Richmond County REACT, also President of N.C. REACT Council, received the award as the most outstanding female REACTer of the year. Alice Goodwin, Richmond County REACT, was presented an award as the most outstanding female Junior REACTer of the year. Richmond County REACT, was honored for the most calls taken for the year.

## Mid-Rivers Names Shaver for Team's REACT of the Year Award for 1981

ST. PETERS, MO.—Ronald E. Shaver, a member of Mid-Rivers REACT Team 4465 since February 1981 was presented the REACT of the Year Award for 1981, on the basis of outstanding levels of performance within the following areas: Channel 9 Monitoring, Logging Reports, Activities, Training, Leadership ability, Congeniality and Outstanding Dedication to REACT Professional Volunteer Image and Objectives.

According to team members, Ron's humanitarian efforts go far beyond REACT. He is never too busy to help others in need. A typical example, after learning of a lady stranded about 20 miles from his home, he put his tools in his truck and went to assist. He found that her car was overheating. Upon inspection it was noted that the water pump was defective. Since it was Sunday afternoon, all auto repair shops were closed. But this didn't bother Ron. Through his many connections he was able to find a rebuilt pump. Due to the adverse weather and working conditions he spend approximately four hours in sub-freezing weather replacing the pump. After a thorough inspection he advised the lady her car was ready to go. She asked Ron how much she owed him. Ron replied: "Cost for the parts, no labor." The lady stated that she didn't know how she would ever be able to repay him for his help. His reply: "If you ever find someone who needs help, do so if possible, then you will have paid in kind." He wished her a Merry Christmas and went on his way.



Ronald F. Shaver

Since joining the team last year, Ron, a native of O'Fallon, MO., can point to the following:

REACT Training accomplishments; Base Monitoring, Highway Safety Mobile CPR, Advanced First Aid, Skywarn and presently pursuing his Amateur Radio licence.

During 1981, he monitored approximately 600 hours on channel 9 and has actively participated in many REACT activities including: Halloween and Christmas shopping area spotter assisting for the St. Peters PD.; American Cancer Society Bike-A-Thons REACT support; REACT Highway Safety Mobile program, and the REACT send help sign project, to name a but a few.

## Florida Team Active in Space Shuttle Columbia Launches

TITUSVILLE, FL—North Brevard REACT Team 2562 has played a major role in the launches of the Space Shuttle COLUMBIA in Brevard County.

For each launch, the team has been setting up the REACT communications trailer at the Southeast Bank of Brevard in Titusville. It provides free coffee, launch and tourist information, and emergency communications between the trailer and the Titusville Police Department. The team also broadcasts launch information over Channel 19 prior to each launch.

Team President Sue McLendon says: "The launches have generally gone very well. During the last

launch, we received over \$150 in donations for the team. We estimate we served over 580 cups of coffee during the launch. We also handed out over five membership applications."

The team has also played a major role in the recent March of Dimes Superwalk held in Titusville April 3. With 12 units in the field, the team provided communications between the checkpoints along the 20-kilometer route. It also patrolled the route in conjunction with the Titusville Police Department to assure the safety of the walkers.

The team, currently with 29 active members, has been serving the North Brevard area since 1974.

## Meet Bryon Stewart - REACT's Youngest Member

TEHACHAPI, CA—Bryon J. Stewart boasts the distinction of being the youngest member of REACT.

Bryon joined Tehachapi REACT Team 3600 in December, 1981 at the age of five months.

The young REACTer has been very active. His activities include attendance at the 1981 International Convention in Indianapolis, 1981 Western Regional Conference, Central California REACT Council meeting and a visit with the International Board of Directors when they met in Chicago, November 1981. Bryon also has a perfect attendance record at local team meetings and has helped "hold down the fort" at the Labor Day Wake Break.

Bryon hopes to save his allowance and become a Life Member when he



Bryon Stewart

has fulfilled the two-year membership requirement.

He is the son of Field director, Susan Stewart and Bob Stewart, President, Tehachapi REACT.



# FROM FAR AND WIDE

## Kettle Moraine REACT Honors Local Law Enforcement Officers



SUSSEX, WI — Keith Patterson (extreme right) president of Kettle Moraine REACT 3866, presents "Little REACTers" to law officers who attended Team's first annual law enforcement evening. Left to right are Captain Simms, Waukesha Police Department; Waukesha County Sheriff Raymond Klink, and John Erdmann, Lake Area Communications System. It was the team's way of saying Thank You for attending.

SUSSEX, WI—Kettle Moraine REACT Team 3866, Inc. recently hosted a law enforcement appreciation evening. Law enforcement personnel from various communities in Waukesha County attended. Sheriff Raymond Klink of Waukesha County addressed members and spoke about how the police and REACT could work together.

As a result of the evening, Kettle Moraine REACT 3866 and Waukesha Area REACT 4089 hope to establish a base at the sheriff headquarters to be manned in case of emergency -- severe weather or tornadoes.

The evening was very successful, and the Team looks forward to making this an annual event.

## REACT of Golden Gate in on Earthquake Preparedness Test

SAN BRUNO, CAL—Wednesday afternoon April 21 saw 11 members of REACT of the Golden Gate Area, Inc. and two non-members, through the San Francisco division of the American Red Cross and member Pete Ashen, volunteering assistance in the Annual San Francisco City and County Earthquake Disaster Preparedness Test.

This year tests were intended to check communications solely. Nine of the secondary shelter locations had a REACT of the Golden Gate Area member and his/her radio present along with local ham radio operators, Red Cross personnel with their radios, county personnel with their radios, and the Civil Air Patrol and their radios.

REACT of the Golden Gate Area, together with the other services, had a member and radio in the Red Cross Headquarters. The team used their hilltop station to facilitate com-

munications that were relayed to the Red Cross Headquarters. The afternoon's events started with each location giving to the radio services present an opening message containing such facts as the date, time, location, condition of the shelter, and additional information.

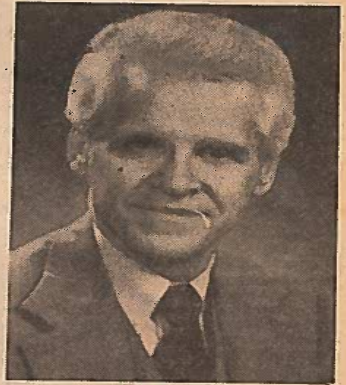
Each radio service was to transmit this exact message to the Red Cross Headquarters and the Red Cross was monitoring for speed, accuracy, and completeness of the information.

The afternoon's activities concluded by the radioing of the closing report. One location had an unexpected supplemental report that was not pre-planned. REACT of the Golden Gate Area, Inc. is happy to report that again this year the team held its own and did a respectable job. The two non-members that assisted, may become REACT members.

## Oklahoma Team Plugs Members' Disc to Aid Will Rogers Memorial

BARTLESVILLE, OK--Besides being Manager of Employee Relations at the First National Bank in Bartlesville and a member of Caney Valley REACT 4464, Dale Smith is a record artist of some renown. Dale was designated Oklahoma's singing Ambassador by Governor George Nigh and has sung several songs that are recognized by the State as memorial songs. One of these, a song about a great American, "Oklahoma's Will", about Will Rogers.

O.S.R.C and Caney Valley REACT are working together in a money-raising project for needed equipment by promoting this record for the Will Rogers Memorial. For a \$3 donation, contributors receive this commemorative record. Proceeds will be split between the Will Rogers Memorial, and the teams. Interested teams should contact Caney Valley REACT Team 4464 for copies and shipping costs. Dale has also



Dale Smith

written a Song for REACT International.

## Here's Scenario on Connecticut Team's Disaster Plan Participation

ENFIELD, CT--On March 19, the Connecticut Council of REACT Teams, was called on to furnish communications for a simulated nuclear disaster at the Yankee Nuclear Power Plant in Waterford, Connecticut. The plan called for 180 school children and about 45 Senior Citizens to be evacuated from Waterford to other receiving points about 50 miles away.

The 'White' Alert was sounded about 6:15 am indicating that there was trouble brewing at the plant. The 'Yellow' Alert was sounded at 8 am--this meant that the trouble was serious and REACT was called at this time and then the 'Red' Alert came at 9:00 am. Within 15 minutes REACT had stations in operation, all mobile except for one base at Marlboro (about midway between Waterford and Wethersfield where the buses took the children.) New London County REACT had members on board the buses with radios plus mobile units leading and following the buses and REACT was in touch with them all the way. Teams furnishing members and equipment were: New London Coun-

ty REACT, Connecticut Valley REACT, Mum City REACT and Tobacco Valley REACT under guidance of the Council Officers. As a result, the Council received a nice letter of commendation from the Connecticut Red Cross Disaster Committee.

Besides this on Sunday April 25 the March of Dimes called on the Council again this year for help at their 'Super-Walk' in Hartford and West Hartford. Again the Council acted with members of Forestville REACT Squad, Mum City REACT, New London County REACT, Tobacco Valley REACT and Tri-County REACT responding plus an ambulance from L & M Ambulance Co. (a private concern), 2 - 4 wheelers from Lipman Motors and 4 first aiders from Post 51, Farmington Explorers. REACT volunteers all put in a long 12-hour day. There were many blistered feet, a few minor cuts and bruises and the most serious case a youngster went into convulsions from not eating or drinking anything during the Walk. This case was taken to a local hospital in the ambulance, the only one to require it.

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## HISTORY (Cont. from page 3)

Starting out as simply as possible, all that was needed to form a Team was to provide a list of at least three members, who agreed to monitor CB for emergencies and request recognition. The Team was then presented with a charter of recognition, membership cards, bumper stickers and pamphlets for each of the members they registered. There were no dues or other requirements except to comply with all Federal and State regulations.

By 1964, it was determined that there was a need for a National CB Emergency Channel. REACT National Headquarters asked all REACT Teams to monitor channel 9 as a voluntary emergency channel. All CB operators were encouraged to use channel 9 for emergency calls, and to restrict all other communications on the channel. At this time, there were only 560,000 licensees REACT had 800 Teams at that time.

By 1967, a concept of a dedicated emergency channel was well entrenched. REACT led a movement to ask the Federal Communications Commission to designate channel 9 as an official emergency channel.

Seeking a means of encouraging highway communications through CB radio, and a research opportunity to validate the benefits, General Motors Research Laboratories assumed sponsorship of REACT in 1969. The intent was to expand the program and to document the legitimate role of CB radio for highway safety communications. At this point, Gerald H. Reese was added to the staff as Managing Director. Henry B. Kreer remained with the title of Executive Director.

Plans were soon developed for a research program to be conducted in the State of Ohio to be known as The Ohio REACT Emergency Network. This was launched in 1970 with the appointment of Frank Travis, a retired truck driver, past president of the Summit County REACT Team C480, in Akron, Ohio. Frank served on a part-time basis and helped to get the Ohio program moving and to make it a success.

The program was launched in June of 1970, at the State Highway Patrol Academy in Columbus with Colonel Robert M. Chiavomonte, Superintendent; Lt. Colonel Clifford E. Reich, Superintendent, and Capt. Clifford R. Kimber, Communications and Records Officer. Participations: Richard Everett, Chief of The Citizens Radio Section of the FCC, also attended along with Henry B. Kreer and Gerald Reese. Representation from General Motors Research Laboratories included Clark Quinn. The program ran in 1970 until 1972 and resulted in the publication of two papers before the Transportation Research Board, affiliated with the National Academy of Sciences. Subsequently, a summary was presented to the Society of Automotive Engineers.

The Ohio REACT Emergency Network June 24, 1970, the same date that channel 9 became an official emergency channel under FCC rules. This was to emphasize the relationship between the two innovations.

The organized state program in Ohio led into the organization of Ohio State REACT Council and the pattern for REACT Councils throughout the country. 1970 was also the first year that REACT dues were charged. One dollar per year per member was instituted along with a \$5 charter fee. Teams who were in operation did not have to pay a charter fee. Submitting their registration and dues also provided them with a new REACT charter and assigned Team number. Prior to this, no Team numbers were assigned. Teams who were chartered in 1970, were designated "Charter Teams" and have the "C" designation in front of their numbers.

In 1971, REACT's agreement with the American National Red Cross became a reality and at that time, the Canadian Department

of Communications designated channel 9 as an official emergency channel in that country.

"Where Seconds Count," a 12-minute film about REACT was produced with the support of General Motors in 1972. This has become a valuable public information tool for all of REACT.

NBC's *Today Show* televised a feature on the National REACT Program on April 24, 1973. Pete Kreer and Gerald Reese appeared on the program from Chicago and talked about the program and a clip from "Where Seconds Count" was also shown. 220 stations carried the program to an estimated audience of six million people. Over 500 inquiries were received from this one program.

1975 was a very important year for REACT. General Motors and REACT management agreed that the growth of CB radio and the potentials of REACT required an independent unique structure. REACT International was organized as an independent not-for-profit corporation in Illinois. At the same time, REACT International applied to the Internal Revenue Service for recognition as a fully tax exempt organization capable of accepting tax deductible contributions. All REACT Teams were included in the application to obtain a group exemption. Full group exemption from Federal taxes was finally granted in 1976. REACT's first Board of Directors included Henry B. Kreer, Executive Director and Chairman; Edward Weller, Manager of Electronics Dept., General Motors Research Laboratories, Milford R. "Bud" Fink, Director Communications, Disaster Services, American National Red Cross; Eugene Goebel, Retired Director of Communications, Illinois Disaster Services; Robert M. Chiavomonte, Superintendent Ohio State Highway Patrol, Retired; and Aaron M. Strauss, of Golden Gate REACT C379, San Francisco.

REACT was represented at the only White House Conference ever held on CB radio on June 1, 1976, by Managing Director Gerald Reese. 1976 was also the occasion of the first National Convention held at Trinity College, Deerfield, Illinois.

1976 was a very big growth year for CB radio in general. It also was the first year National REACT Month was instituted, the year that Mrs. Betty Ford (first ma ma) gained notoriety for her use of CB radio, the beginning of the NEAR program by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration of the Department of Transportation, approval REACT's tax exemption, and many other significant achievements at the national and local level.

1977, the REACT Convention moved to The University of Dallas in Irving, Texas. REACT participation was very prominent in the FCC's Personal Users Radio Advisory Committee (PURAC), the American Trucking Associations joined as cosponsors of REACT Safety Break Program, and Colonel Sam S. Smith replaced Robert Caramontey as a member of the REACT International Board of Directors. Colonel Smith at that time had retired as superintendent of The Missouri State Highway Patrol. Pennsylvania REACTers responded to the Johnstown Pennsylvania flood and REACT International was awarded a contract for purpose of producing a training program for the NEAR program for the National Highway Traffic Association. In addition, REACT participated in the hearings of the Communication Subcommittee of the Interstate Commerce Committee of the U.S.

REACT exhibited at the APCO (Associated Public Safety Communications Officers) Convention in Chicago. REACT Help Flags were introduced. REACT Team Councils also grew to a total of 40.

By 1978, the REACT membership peaked along with CB radio to a total of 74,000.

REACT members were asked to nominate members of the Board of Directors, increasing representation of the membership to 4. The Field Members nominated by the Teams and added to the Board were Joseph H. Layburn, Salt Lake REACT Team C269, West Jordan, Utah; Michael R. McCloy, Capitol City CB Communications REACT C42, Atlanta, Georgia; and Margaret Williams, Tidewater REACT C63, Norfolk, Virginia. Retired FCC Chairman, Rosel H. Hyde was added to the Board and Arthur Underwood, Manager, General Motors Research Laboratories (retired), replaced Ed Weller. The total number of Board members then stood at eleven.

The third annual REACT Convention was held at Baldwin Wallace College, Berea, Ohio. CBS radio produced public service announcements featuring Pat Butrum than ran on the network for 13 weeks. Records of these spots were provided to all Teams. The membership list was computerized to permit direct mailing of the REACTer.

The NEAR Training Program was completed and introduced to the Conventioneers. REACT International also concluded an agreement with Special Olympics for local Teams to participate in providing communications for Special Olympics.

1979 was a year of decline in REACT membership from the peak of 1978. Three Regional Conferences were scheduled but were canceled, due to lowered levels of participation, and concern about gasoline shortages preventing attendance. As a result of the drop in interest in CB, and consequently the decrease in REACT membership, an emergency funding program was instituted. Teams were asked to assist with contributions to an emergency funding to eliminate the deficit incurred. In 1979 REACT dues were raised to \$5 per member. John Tracy, of Lancaster County REACT 2467, Lincoln, Nebraska, joined replacing Aaron Straus.

1980 brought the eruption of Mt. St. Helen's, and the REACT International Convention was held in Atlanta, Georgia. Life Membership was introduced, and the REACT Forum became a reality. Advertising was introduced into the REACTer for the first time, Lance Luotke of the Waukesha Area REACT 4085, Waukesha, Wisconsin, and Susan Stawart of Tehachapi Mountain REACT 3600, Tehachapi, California were elected to the Board of Directors replacing Mike McCloy and Joe Labrum, who had completed their terms. The new Board members were elected by vote conducted by mail ballot by all of the Teams—another first! The first Forum Officers, elected in Atlanta, were President Nat Maryn, National Capital REACT C490, Washington, DC.; First Vice-President Raymond K. Adams, of Knoxville

Area REACT C255, Knoxville, Tennessee; Second Vice-President Rev. Wm. Shafer, S.E. Rockingham REACT 4105, Woodsville, New Hampshire; and Mary Jane Glock, Lancaster County REACT 2467, Lincoln, Nebraska, Secretary.

1981 began with an increase in dues to \$7 for Regular U.S. members and \$5 for Family and Junior Members. The International Convention was hosted by the Indiana REACT Council in Indianapolis. The new directors elected were Rev. Wm. Shafer of Woodsville, New Hampshire, and John Tracy, who was reelected to serve a second term. Pete Kreer stepped down as the Executive Director and was replaced by Gerald H. Reese moving up from Managing Director. With the resignation of two outside directors, (Arthur Underwood and Rosel Hyde), the Board was fixed at 9 members; including four outside Directors, four Field Directors and the Executive Director. REACT UK was formed and welcomed into REACT by Executive Director Reese who journeyed to England, Belgium and Germany to greet European CB'er and REACT members. The Forum continued with Nat Maryn, National Capital REACT C490, reelected as President, Barbara Chuyen, Daytona Beach REACT 2194, as Vice-President for Programs; Rick Munton, Roanoke Valley REACT 2186, as Vice-President for Administration; and Penny Barker, of Capital City Communications C42, Atlanta, as Secretary. The Forum approved procedures for convention rotation from Western to Central to Eastern to Central to Western areas. The 1982 Convention was scheduled for Las Vegas and the 1983 was scheduled for Wichita, Kansas. General Mobile Radio Service operations continued to grow and became a more significant part of REACT operations. This was very evident at the Indianapolis Convention where it seemed almost everyone was on the frequency.

1982 has seen the growth of REACT in a more advanced way as we come together in Las Vegas. We have received The President's Volunteer Action Award; we have achieved international status with over 200 Teams in REACT UK; participation in South Africa, Australia, and other places around the world. In celebrating this our 20th Anniversary as an organization, we can proudly and without qualification state that *REACT is the most significant organization of its type anywhere in the world.*

We are confident that the success we have is based on the outstanding volunteer dedication of our committed members, and we are even more assured of a strong and competent leadership in every level to build an even better organization in the years ahead.

## CONGRATULATIONS on REACT's 20th Anniversary and the President's Volunteer Action Award

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Congratulations to the New Rescue 8 REACT 4508 from Pentucket Elec-  
tronics

Congratulations to REACT International from Daytona Beach REACT  
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Rosetta Sears, Harrison County REACT Team 3327

Edward Oakes, Cattaraugus County REACT Team 2471

Helen Waldron, Cattaraugus County REACT Team 2471

Unit 14—Robert Johnson, Christmas City REACT Team 2914

Unit 50—Mickey "Polar Bear" Gosnell, Christmas City REACT Team  
2914

## Carolina Team Adopts Children's Home



ANDERSON, S.C.—Anderson REACT Team C-491 has made great strides forward in assisting people in need of help. Pictured is part of the group of children and Directors of the Haven of Rest Children's Home in the Anderson area. The team has helped supply food, clothing, firewood and Christmas gifts to the Children's Home. Anderson REACT planned to have a yard sale in April to raise money toward the purchase of a garden tiller for the Home. All the members are proud of the project.

# REACT International, Inc. Annual Report for 1981

1981 marked the end of 20 years of service to the public by REACT Teams, and leads into the 20th Anniversary celebration in 1982. The achievements of the REACT organization in 1981 reflect 20 years of progress.

In spite of the declining interest in Citizens Band Radio, and adverse economic conditions, REACT maintained membership at 25,000 members in 1981. The dedicated efforts of REACT volunteers continue to provide significant communications services on emergency channel 9 of the Citizens Band. Through the utilization of UHF repeater stations established by REACT Teams in the General Mobile Radio Service, the ability to relay CB radio communications, and to conduct important community communications support grew in many areas in 1981.

REACT programs such as REACT Safety Break Time, co-sponsored by the American Trucking Associations, continue to serve 1,000,000 free cups of coffee annually. REACT Communications support of Special Olympics, March of Dimes, Muscular Dystrophy, Cancer Fund, Heart Fund, and other charity events takes place regularly throughout the year.

REACT completed negotiations with the Salvation Army for a cooperative understanding to be published in 1982. This is similar to our agreement with the American National Red Cross.

REACT's relationships with disaster response agencies was implemented through REACT's joining the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster. Including the American Radio Relay League, Red Cross, Salvation Army, and most religious denominations, this coalition provides a means of imputing the disaster services at the planning stage throughout the U.S. It provides communications among the represented organizations for better understanding of each organization's capability and their ability to communicate at state and local levels. REACT continue to

seek a more formal agreement on cooperation with the American Radio Relay League for disaster communications and cooperation. While this cooperation between REACT members and amateur radio operators continue at the local level, the American Radio Relay League is considering the matter toward a more formal relationship.

REACT's greatest growth has come from the establishment of new national organizations in other countries. While CB radio was legalized in November 1981, the REACT UK organization was already in place to start issuing Team charters in England, Scotland and Wales. It is expected by the end of 1982, the growth will surpass 200 Teams and 5000 members. REACT organizations are also active in South Africa, Australia, Belgium and the Philippines. The Caracas, Venezuela REACT Team has celebrated its 15th Anniversary and continues to provide important volunteer services in that area.

REACT's volunteer leadership has reached new heights of achievement through the second year of election by mail ballot of all Teams of two members to the REACT Board of Directors. In addition, the REACT Forum has completed its first year of operations and has elected its second slate of officers, and a wealth of program input is now coming into existence through this mechanism.

The 1981 REACT International Convention held in July in Indianapolis and hosted by the Indiana REACT Council was a record breaker in attendance and participation. It also marked a high level of dedication, confidence and harmony that is sure to carry through 1982 and REACT's 20th Anniversary Celebration.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: 1981 presented the organization with an improved income potential through the increase of new membership dues and the first full year of advertising sales in the REACTer publication. Life membership was also a very important source of income to the organization.

1981 was the third consecutive year in

which the "bottom line" showed total net income to the organization. As a result, the total prior deficit for consolidated operations has been reduced to only \$583 from a high of \$48,000 as of January 1, 1979.

We point out that this was in spite of a loss of \$2,668 from operations of the Official REACT Supply Company in 1981. Operations of REACT International, Inc. resulted in a net income of \$8,385 compared to a budgeted amount of \$7,750.

OUTLOOK FOR 1982: The most dramatic change for 1982 is the move of REACT International Headquarters from downtown Chicago to a suburban location. The quarters provide 1,406 sq. feet compared to approximately 900 in the former location. The extra space is concentrated primarily in a warehouse facility connected to our offices. This has permitted consolidation of all our inventory of supply company goods on the premises. In the past, this was stored and shipped by a company providing mailing and shipping services.

In August 1981, the company that had been doing this since REACT's founding went out of business. The advantages of the downtown location were thus diminished by that loss of experienced service. The renovation of the building in which we were located would cause doubling of rent expense.

It is anticipated that in 1982, Official REACT Company will become profitable through more efficient handling of inventory and the lowered cost of shipping with our own personnel.

The movement to new quarters in a new location has meant that we have lost the services of our former Headquarters Secretary Pat VanDenHandal. She has been replaced by Diane Goodman. Our part time administrative assistance Clara Brown has been replaced by Gina Lazzaretto. We have added Dominic Lisuzzo to handle our shipping of REACT Supply Company and other materials.

1982 has started with an outstanding series

of 20th Anniversary Celebrations and has culminated in the early part of the year, with the presentation of The President's Volunteer Action Award to REACT International. Being one of eighteen recipients of this highest of all volunteer forms of recognition in the volunteer action should be a great boost to the enthusiasm and dedication of all REACT members. We hope it will result in additional publicity about REACT that will encourage financial support and additional membership throughout the organization.

1982 begins the next 20 years of even greater volunteer service to the public through the REACT organization.

## Thank You!

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 1981:

- American Trucking Associations
- The Antenna Specialists Company
- Armstrong Industries
- Avon Foundation
- Communications Center (Anaheim, CA)
- Dynascan Corporation
- Electra Company
- Frastik Antenna Company
- Francis Industries
- General Electric Company
- General Motors Foundation
- Milord International, Inc.
- Molrola, Inc.
- Radio Shack
- Shakespeare Electronics
- Spectronics, Inc.
- Tandy Corporation
- Telex Communications
- Union Oil Company of California Foundation

## REACT International and Subsidiaries Audited Accounts - December 31, 1981 and 1980

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, 1981 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, 1981, 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, except for the change (with which we concur) in the method of reporting Advertising Income and the applicable expenses described in Note 2.

Chicago, Illinois  
February 24, 1982

Robert A. Mahor & Co.  
Certified Public Accountants

### Comparative Consolidated Income Statement

	1981	1980
<b>INCOME</b>		
Dues	\$162,968	\$145,987
Team Charters	1,165	1,015
Advertising Income (See Note 6)	34,561	5,481
Grant and Contributions	20,419	20,887
Government contracts - Net	0	984
Interest Income	4,908	2,717
Emergency Funding	304	749
Official REACT Supply Co. - G/P	2,840	13,084
Commissions-Official REACT Supply Co.	4,372	6,015
Lifetime Membership	8,182	3,688
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$239,835</b>	<b>\$207,157</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
<b>Membership Services and Communications</b>		
Advertising (See Note 2)	\$ 1,896	\$ 0
Membership Kits	9,307	16,069
Membership Promotion	11,063	5,842
React & Other Membership Publ.	42,184	29,547
Membership Insurance	12,815	14,119
Junior REACT & Special Programs	3,000	85
Publicity	465	274
Team Council Expense	4,343	5,398
Postage	6,710	4,531
Telephone	2,239	3,515
Directors Expense	11,019	11,068
Data Processing	8,732	6,087
Safety Break Program	1,024	1,271
Charters	980	843
Forum Expense	1,505	543
Convention Expense	1,281	1,411
Exhibits and Displays	1,388	190
<b>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP SERVICES &amp; COMMUNICATIONS</b>	<b>\$122,882</b>	<b>\$100,967</b>
<b>General and Administrative Expense</b>		
Salaries	\$ 58,505	\$ 49,266
Payroll and Miscellaneous Taxes	892	98
Printing and Stationery	5,240	4,753
Miscellaneous	8,436	4,510
Insurance	5,121	2,482
Legal and Audit	11,612	6,048
Travel	5,721	268
Rent	8,103	7,184
Dues and Subscriptions	446	265
Foreign Exchange	543	639
Pension Plan	4,045	3,147
Interest Expense	0	1,745
Federal and State Income Tax (See Note 2)	2,273	0
Fund Raising	510	1,878
Depreciation Expense	181	181
<b>TOTAL GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$111,426</b>	<b>\$ 82,594</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$234,108</b>	<b>\$183,561</b>
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 5,727</b>	<b>\$ 23,596</b>

#### 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 its parent company which is the tax exempt organization. OFFICIAL REACT SUPPLY COMPANY, INC. is a regular corporation subject to all taxes.
- For the year 1981, the Official REACT Supply Company, Inc. showed a Net Loss of \$7,858 and REACT International, Inc. showed a Net Income of \$8,385. This results in a consolidated Net Income for the year of \$5,527.
- Income Taxes. REACT International, Inc. began selling advertising space in their quarterly publication, THE REACTER, in 1980. This unrelated business income is subject to regular corporate tax rates. The Federal and State Income Tax Liability was \$2,273.
- Official REACT Supply Company, Inc. is a corporation subject to the normal corporate income tax rates. For the year ended December 31, 1981 they showed a Net Loss, therefore eliminating any income tax liability for 1981.
- Lease Agreements. Effective January 1, 1982, the corporation entered into a two year lease for office space at 2653 Woodhead Drive, Northbrook, Illinois 60062. The lease contains fixed lease payments and a stipulated penalty for early termination.

### Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheets

	1981	1980
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash in Bank - Public Contributions	\$ 180	\$ 15
Cash in Bank - Checking	10,044	9,616
Cash in Bank - Savings	277	254
Money Market Fund	20,050	30,172
Accounts Receivable	3,128	8,033
Inventory	15,215	14,831
Security Deposit	1,350	600
Prepaid Expense	6,347	8,407
Furniture and Fixtures - net of depreciation	1,981	2,182
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 58,872</b>	<b>\$ 74,000</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL</b>		
Deferred Income - 1982 Dues	\$ 49,155	\$ 51,022
Accounts Payable	8,037	27,385
Payroll Taxes Withheld	1,930	868
Income Taxes Payable	2,773	1,471
	<b>\$ 59,455</b>	<b>\$ 80,586</b>
<b>Fund Balance (Deficit) January 1</b>	<b>(8,110)</b>	<b>(31,871)</b>
Donated Capital	1,500	1,300
Net Income (Loss) For The Year Ended	5,727	23,596
	<b>\$ (683)</b>	<b>\$ (8,470)</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Capital</b>	<b>\$ 58,872</b>	<b>\$ 74,000</b>

### Comparative Statement of Changes in Financial Position

	1981	1980
<b>Working Capital Was Provided From:</b>		
Net Income For Year	\$ 5,727	\$ 23,595
Depreciation - Furniture and Fixtures	181	181
Reduction in State and Federal Income Tax	186	0
	<b>\$ 6,074</b>	<b>\$ 23,776</b>
<b>Working Capital Was Used For:</b>		
Security Deposit	(750)	0
Asset Acquisitions	0	(414)
<b>Increase in Working Capital</b>	<b>\$ 5,324</b>	<b>\$ 23,362</b>
<b>Changes in Components of Working Capital</b>		
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Current Assets</b>		
Cash	\$ (9,208)	\$ (1,248)
Accounts Receivable	(4,905)	(2,595)
Inventory	354	(1,398)
Prepaid Expenses	(2,080)	978
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Current Assets</b>	<b>\$(15,787)</b>	<b>\$(4,263)</b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Current Liabilities</b>		
Income Taxes Payable	\$ 802	\$ 1,471
Accounts Payable	(21,348)	(37,900)
Payroll Taxes	1,302	(5)
Deferred Income	(1,867)	8,608
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$(21,111)</b>	<b>\$(27,825)</b>
<b>Increase in Working Capital</b>	<b>\$ 5,324</b>	<b>\$ 23,362</b>

- Effective January 1, 1982, the corporation entered into a five year lease agreement with General Equipment Leasing Company for their telephone system. The lease contains a fixed monthly rate and upon failure of monthly payments all future payments shall become immediately due.
- Pension Plan. Effective November 1, 1977, the corporation 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.
- Money Market. REACT International, Inc. is a participant in a money market fund. The fund invests primarily in government securities, thereby creating little risk for the investor.
- Advertising Income and Expenses. For the year 1980, the year of inception of Advertising Revenue, advertising income was shown net after applicable expenses. For the year 1981, Advertising Revenue was shown gross with applicable expenses detailed on attached schedule.
- Lifetime Membership. Lifetime Membership allows an individual to be a member for his or her life without further dues. There is no obligation on the corporation's part to refund this money upon termination of the corporation. This income is considered current income.
- Depreciation. Depreciation on Fixed Assets is computed under the Straight Line Method over the estimated useful life of three years.

### Here's Story of Michigan Team's Involvement in Science Fair

DETROIT, MI.--For the second straight year Michigan Emergency Patrol REACT Team was asked to aid in the 1982 Science Fair held at Cobo Hall. At the Science Fair, Junior High and Senior High school level youngsters from the tri-county area compete for awards by submitting various science projects. Team participants in the science fair for MEP were: Earl Sparkman, president; Ruth Sparkman, Tam Heise, Roy Nuffer, Mike Daniel, Frank

Boyd, Ray Arnold, and Walt and Helen Bone. Over 1900 exhibits and an equal number of students were on hand.

Building on the previous year's experience, the team continued to awe the Fair sponsors with their ability to handle assignments. At one point, the operators at the various locations were even handling the assignments of extra judges to insure that the locations short of judges weren't short for very long.

As member John Miceli put it: "When you have members participating in events such as this, we can do nothing but impress those we are associated with. I thank each and every one of you for making my job of coordinating this project the simplest task of the day. Once again, our members put a feather in the cap of MEP by doing yet another outstanding job."

Miceli further thanked members who allowed use of their radios even though they couldn't be there, adding that the job could not have gotten done without their cooperation. They included Milt Portmann, Jack Lees, Goldie McMichael, Paul and Marsha Math.

### Truck Topples-Illinois REACT to the Rescue



QUINCY, IL -- Helping to unload cargo of truck which has toppled over with 3,500 pounds of cornish hens and other meats are members of Adams County REACT Team 4391. Within an hour after being contacted by the Sheriff's Department at 4 a.m., the team had a full complement of members at work helping out.

QUINCY, IL--The response of Adams County REACT Team 4391 made members proud of their team when a tractor trailer truck carrying more than 3,500 pounds of cornish hens and other meats tipped over in May. The road was blocked for several hours, as Adams County REACT helped load the frozen

meats into two other trucks. According to Team President Joan Rennaker: "We were happy that we were able to help when called by the Sheriff's Department at four o'clock in the morning and were able to get all the people out to help within an hour."

### Indiana Team Rescues Group Trapped in Snow

BLUFFTON, IN--On January 16, seven persons, five of them children and all very cold, were rescued from their heatless home by Wells County REACT units battling through snow drifts seven and eight feet deep in 65-below zero wind chills.

The rescue effort started at 6:15 p.m. when REACT received a call from the Sheriff's Department, where the seven residents plight had been reported.

Operating in the county-declared emergency through headquarters at Bluffton National Guard Armory and in Uniondale, plus communications points around the county, REACT responded to the Zanesville area situation via the Uniondale unit.

After rescuing the family, REACT turned them over to the Red Cross for shelter and food.

The biggest general service provided by Wells County REACT during the harsh winter was getting medical personnel to the from work.

### Delaware REACT Rates Plug in News Column

WILMINGTON, DE--Clinton County REACT Team 3292 rated a nice mention in Dana Dunn's column recently in the Wilmington News Journal. Wrote Dunn: "REACT members respond to incidents on sight and by monitoring channel 9 on citizen's band radios. According to club officials, REACT members do not stop anyone or even talk to suspicious characters...All REACT members do is stay alert and watch for trouble. In turn the incident is reported to a REACT base which then calls the proper authorities to handle the situation."

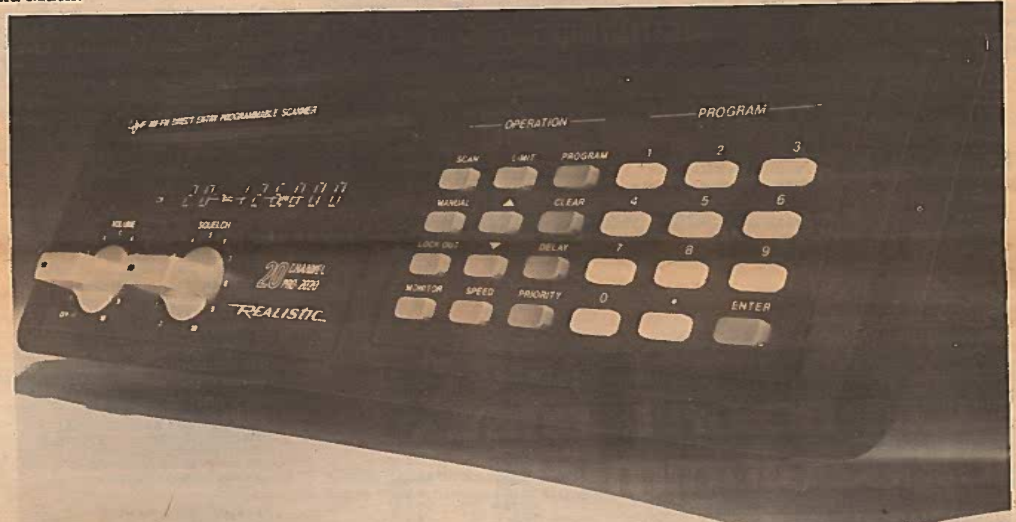
The article went on to list the number and kinds of calls received and how they were disposed of, and finally listed some of the Team's numerous civic activities such as coffee breaks, drawings for the Clinton County bloodbank, bike-a-thons for the Clinton County Unit of the American Cancer Society, and many others.

Concluded columnist Dunn: "Mine and your REACTION to all this should be "Thanks."

### N.Y. Team Cited for Service



CANASTOTA, NY -- Charles McRorie, center, president of the Oneida Memorial Association, presents members of REACT of Madison County Team 2854 with a plaque of appreciation for the team's service to the association. Accepting the plaque are Thelma and Ralph Polisse, flanking McRorie. Team served hot dogs and soft drinks following Memorial Day Parade sponsored by the Association.



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# 1982 REACT International Convention Program

## SUNDAY, JULY 18, 1982:

- 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.: Election Committee - Count Board Election Ballots, Room 1  
 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.: Registration & Convention Orientation Mixer - Foyer  
 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.: A) Forum Executive Committee Meeting, Room 1  
 B) Forum Task Group & Committee Meetings as called by Chairmen

## MONDAY, JULY 19, 1982:

- 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.: Exhibit Setup - Room G & H  
 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.: Registration - Foyer  
 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.: Forum Executive Committee Meeting with Forum T. G. and Committee Chairmen, Room 1  
 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.: Forum Task Group & Committee Meetings (open to all attendees)  
 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 a.m.: Lunch Break, Exhibits Open, Roms G & H  
 12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.: Caucus for States without Councils, Rooms 1, 2, 3.  
 1:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.: OPENING GENERAL SESSION - Rooms E & F  
 Convention Chairman, Jack Stotesbury, Las Vegas United REACT 4096  
 Opening Ceremonies  
 Executive Director's Report  
 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.: FORUM GENERAL SESSION - Rooms E & F, Task Group and Committee Reports  
 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.: Exhibits Open, Rooms G & H  
 (Evening Seminars - Participation Voluntary, Rooms E & F)  
 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.: CB Dedicating Battle Plans Panel Discussion  
 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.: FCC GMRS Rewrite: General Discussion  
 9:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.: FCC GMRS Rewrite: General Q & A  
 10:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.: FCC GMRS Rewrite: First Working Session

## TUESDAY, JULY 20, 1982:

- GENERAL SESSION, Rooms E & F  
 8:30 a.m. - 8:50 a.m.: REACT's Role - Seat Belt Safety Program - Administrator, NHTSA  
 8:50 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.: Forum Business Meeting: Election of Forum Officers  
 Vote on Task Group & Committee Projects  
 10:20 a.m. - 10:35 a.m.: Break  
 10:35 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.: Seminar: REACT Roles: Community Relations  
 Building Credibility, Acceptance, Cooperation  
 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.: Seminar: Technical Help:  
 A) Antennas, Bob Levy, Regional Sales Mgr., Antenna Specialists  
 B) Radios, CB & GMRS - Kenneth C. Linder, V.P., General Manager  
 Commercial Communications Division, Uniden Corp.  
 12:00 noon - 2:15 p.m.: Lunch Break, Exhibits Open, Rooms G & H  
 (Forum Executive Committee Meeting, Biarritz Conference Room)  
 GENERAL SESSION, Rooms E & F  
 2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.: Seminar: REACT Roles: Disaster Preparedness  
 Moderator, Ned Smith, Happy Valley REACT 3814  
 Disaster Preparedness Task Area Chairman  
 Participants: George Alex, California Dept. of Forestry  
 Bobby Baines, American National Red Cross, Disaster Services  
 Lt. Col. Ernest Miller, Salvation Army, Chairman, Executive  
 Committee, National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster  
 3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.: Break  
 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.: Seminar: Promoting REACT:  
 Moderator: ron McCracken, Lake Simcoe REACT 4270  
 Public Relations Task Group Chairman  
 William Appel, John Micelli, Michigan Emergency Patrol 2035  
 Gordon West, Editor, CB Radio-Times  
 Lee Riley, Free Spirits REACT 3223, Program Dir., KXEN Radio

## Special Olympics Has Special Meaning For Oklahoma's Coney Valley REACT

BARTLESVILLE, OK.--Caney Valley REACT Team 4464 worked the Special Olympics again this year. This is one of the team's favorite events of the year since it enables REACTers to work with these special children, to see the joy on their faces and the love in their hearts. The Special Olympics is indeed a very special event--it enables these children to achieve and accomplish goals that mean much to them. Although the day of the Olympics was very cold, that did not stop the children from getting out there, and running the race or throwing the baseball or jumping the high hurdles, their hands tucked in their pockets to keep them warm, and their faces red from the cold wind. Despite their handicaps, the smiles on their faces and love in their

hearts...was enough to warm onlookers hearts. Caney Valley REACT was proud to have been a part of this very SPECIAL OLYMPICS FOR INDEED THEY ARE SPECIAL!

NORTH SMITHFIELD, R.I.--An agreement between Northern Rhode Island REACT and Radio Station WWON resulted in up to the minute traffic advisories to radio listeners of WWON traveling roads and highways in the Greater Woonsocket area.

Project Traffic Alert allows an estimated 3,000 CB-equipped motorists to report road accidents, hazards and conditions to REACT and if the call is of major importance, the station then contacts WWON.

- 4:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.: Seminar: CB Hardware - For Monitoring Enhancement  
 Leigh Bartlow, Emergency CB Monitor C122  
 4:45 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.: Exhibits Open, Rooms G & H  
 (Forum Executive Committee Meeting)  
 (Evening Seminars - Participation Voluntary, Rooms E & F)  
 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.: GMRS Hardwares Panel Discussion  
 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.: FCC GMRS Rewrite: Working Session On Specific Proposals

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 1982:

- GENERAL SESSION, Rooms E & F  
 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.: Forum: Announcements of Appointment of Task Group and Committee Chairmen  
 9:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.: Working Meetings of Forum Task Groups & Committees:  
 1982-83 Projects (All convention attendees expected to participate)  
 11:45 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.: Lunch Break, Exhibits Open, Rooms G & H  
 Life Member Luncheon, Ristorante Italiano  
 GENERAL SESSION; Rooms E & F  
 1:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.: Seminar: REACT Roles: Community Action  
 Moderator: Barbara Chuyen, Daytona Beach REACT 2194  
 Nevada Emergency Teams, Reg Bingham, So. Nevada REACT 3342  
 Jack Stotesbury, Las Vegas United REACT 4096  
 Mardi Gras Communications, Charles Magas, PAC REACT 4265  
 America's Marathon, Randy Knowles, North Shore Emergency C479  
 Project 9 (Senior Citizens), Jackie MacDonald, Kettle Moraine  
 2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.: Seminar: Technical Help: How GMRS Helps REACT  
 How GMRS Supports REACT Programs, Bob Lee,  
 Corona-Norco REACT 4252  
 Panel: Organizing GMRS Operations  
 Moderator: Joe Granducci, Northern Utah REACT C505  
 Tom Bowling, National Capital REACT C490  
 Chuck Thompson, Dallas County REACT C822  
 3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.: Break  
 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.: Proposed Personal Radio Communications Service at 980 MHz  
 James Kearney, Alan Gauthier, General Electric Company  
 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.: Future of Personal Radio - Raymond A. Kowalski, Chief  
 Special Services Division, Private Radio Bureau,  
 Federal Communications Commission  
 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.: Exhibits Open, Room G & H  
 (Evening Seminars - Participation Voluntary, Rooms E & F)  
 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.: CB Hardwares Lecture/Demonstration  
 8:00 p.m. - ? : FCC GMRS Rewrite: Plans for Friday Post Convention

## THURSDAY, JULY 22, 1982:

- 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.: Completion of Forum Task Group & Committee Working Meetings:  
 1982-83 Project Report Preparation  
 (All Convention Attendees Expected to Participate)  
 10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.: Break  
 10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.: GENERAL SESSION: Rooms E & F,  
 Presentation 1982-83 Forum Goals  
 11:45 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.: Lunch Break, Exhibits Open, Rooms G & H  
 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.: GENERAL SESSION: REACT International Open Board Meeting  
 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.: Reception (open bar & Hors d'oeuvres) Compliments  
 of Riviera Hotel, Room B

## FRIDAY, JULY 23, 1982:

- POST CONVENTION SEMINARS-Participation Voluntary Rooms E & F  
 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.: GMRS Advanced Session  
 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.: GMRS Advanced Session

## REACT Willing and Able to work with Amateur Radio Groups in Disasters



HAVERTOWN, PA — Robert Josuwell (third from left), an official of the American Radio Relay League, told a May 3 meeting of Suburban REACT Team No. 3410, how amateur radio and REACT could be coordinated in a disaster. From left to right are Gerald H. Shoaf, team president, Mae Harmer, secretary-treasurer, Josuwell, and Floyd Schoenberg, vice president.

## Wisconsin Teams Junior Members Are Ready to Roll-Up Sleeves; Pitch in



FOND DU LAC, WI — Junior REACT members of Fond du Lac County REACT Team 4354 — Amy Jo Wallace, Shane Vogel, Michael Darren Wallace, and Bradley Butschlick, Junior Advisor and a member of the Board of Directors. Jason Vogel was absent when the picture was taken. Junior REACT started in September, 1981. Junior members have been helping at Coffee Breaks.

## Tale of Community Service: That's Story of Virginia's Tidewater REACT

NORFOLK, VA.—Tidewater REACT, Inc. Team C-53 has been busy with a St. Patrick's Day parade sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and a Superwalk sponsored by the March of Dimes. In the near future we will assist Multiple Sclerosis with a 150-mile bike ride by Tidewater Biking Association. There will be four days of activities at the Harborfest in Norfolk sponsored by Norfolk Merchants Association, and the Team will be there with any communication assistance needed. Peninsula REACT is having a booth at New Market North shopping center and we will be there to lend a helping hand.

Again this year Tidewater REACT will be at Seashore State Park to provide the communications for the Volksmarch sponsored by the area German Clubs. For those

bikers who did not get enough during the summer, there is another 150-mile bike ride in early fall sponsored by Multiple Sclerosis.

The Team's communication van has been utilized and will continue to be available for all activities.

In addition to special projects, Tidewater REACT, Inc. is still monitoring channel 9 and participates in and contributes to state and colonial meetings. According to Team Secretary Lynn Lennox, "Our disaster program is still in full swing and is a model for other REACT teams and local disaster organizations."

As she puts it: "REACT is available to provide the nearby communities with communication assistance. This effort is worthwhile when you consider all the good we achieve."



SHIPPENSBURG, PA — Very appropriate emblem which is used on team letterhead, members' shirts and jackets, adorns communications van of Blue Mountain REACT Team 2684.

SHIPPENSBURG, PA.—During the past few months Blue Mountain REACT Team 2684 has established a new high in public relations. The team has visited eight service organizations (Lions, Kiwanis, Ruritan, B.P.W. etc) within Franklin County to tell the REACT story via a 25-minute, 35 mm slide presentation prepared by several of our members. In addition it has also visited another organization in Central Virginia when they heard of its presentation. For 1982, the team has seven (so far) bookings scheduled at various locations around their area.

The team is continually updating and adding to its show with new slides as members are involved with more projects.

Blue Mountain REACT, Inc. just provided communications coverage for a very successful event on April 18. With an assist from Cascade REACT and 81-30 C.B. Club, members provided communications for a 13-mile Bike/Hike sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, benefiting the Retarded Citizens of Franklin County.

To further add to its image, Blue Mountain REACT has developed a very fitting Letterhead. Designed by the team Secretary, Albert Kyler, the mountain scene is used on its Letterhead, all members' shirts and jackets and the sides of our communication Van (Photo enclosed).

## Ontario REACTer Sets Hard To Beat Standard of Service and Activity

BELLEVILLE, ON.—On arriving home from work April 19, Wayne Ruttan, of Hastings County REACT Team 4283 turned his radio on, as is his custom. As he turned away from the radio, he heard a distant call "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY." He attempted to return to the caller but was unable to do so, but managed to pick up the information that a boat was in distress and the location he picked up was Galveston. He thought it was Galveston, Maine.

He immediately contacted the Ontario Provincial Police in Belleville, who in turn contacted the Rescue Coordination Centre in Trenton. The latter were in touch with the U.S. authorities, who concluded that it was Galveston, Texas.

This was later confirmed by the Provincial Police, who learned that the rescue was successful.

Wayne Ruttan is but one example of what dedication and proper training can do in an emergency.

He is also one of the Team's most dedicated operators and sets a fine example as a REACT monitor. Many callers in the Belleville Area owe thanks to Wayne for his outstanding dedication to REACT.

Hastings County REACT though a team of only 11 monitors through December, 1981 handled 1033 calls and monitored 10,136 hours. During this period there were times when the team consisted only of five monitors.

The team has been of assistance to the Emergency Measures Organization, the local police and assisted in searches for missing persons and is also involved in marine rescue assistance.

## Arizona REACTer Spurs Members to New Activity

SIERRA VISTA, AZ.—The President of REACT of Cochise County Team C-514 for 1982, and President of Arizona REACT Council, Eugene E. Mahoney, was Communications Officer for the preceding two years. During this period he acquired a 50-watt Repeater which he placed on a nearby 7,000 foot peak, inspiring the membership to purchase a number of UHF Radios and assisting each member in obtaining proper FCC licensing.

Uplink to the Repeater is 467.675 MHz with 4A tone control and Simplex is 462.675 MHz. REACT coverage is so good that members can talk as far east as Lordsburg, New Mexico, as far west as Picacho Peak, Arizona, both towns approximately 120 mile away. Mr. Mahoney has, through lectures, inspired other Arizona Teams to acquire and update their GMRS equipment.

## Carolina Team Supports March of Dimes Walk

BLACK MOUNTAIN, NC.—Working hard to coordinate all phases of the March of Dimes Superwalk held in downtown Asheville last March were 254 volunteers, including the Old Fort REACT Team 2706, of McDowell County. The team helped with traffic and radio communication at the event at which an estimated \$45,400 was raised. Some 1,270 persons participated in the course which covered 20 kilometers

## Preston county Coffee Break

KINGWOOD, W. VA.—Preston County REACT Team 3369 held a Coffee Stop over the Memorial Day Weekend at the Intersection of Routes 50 and 92 in Preston County. Free coffee and refreshments were served to all travelers who took advantage of the team's generosity as members continued working non-stop around the clock the entire weekend.

## Virginia Team Salutes Members, Past and Present at Birthday Celebration

HAYSI, VA.—Dickenson County REACT Team 2974 held its seventh birthday party for past and present REACT members. Invitations were sent to all county officials, Congressman William C. Wampler, Senator John Buchanan, Delegates from the Ninth District, together with 250 past REACT members. During the festivities President Jim B. Mullins presented plaques to present and past members of the County Board of Supervisors. The team presented certificates to the following for outstanding support of REACT: Financial Support, Coca Cola Bottling Co., Norton, VA. Distinguished Service, Gerald

Gray., Distinguished Service, Pepsi Cola Bottling Co., Norton, VA., WDC Radio, Clintwood, VA., Coalfield Progress of Norton, VA. and Cumberland Times of Clintwood, VA.

This was followed by a delicious lunch furnished by REACT, prepared by the "ladies" of REACT at no cost to the public.

The team has 29 new members bringing membership to 61.

Present at the event were congressman Wampler, members of the past board of Supervisors, and of Southwest REACT Council, Washington County REACT, St. Paul, Virginia REACT.

## Letters We Like to Get

STREATER, IL.

Dear Administrator,

On April 27, 1982, the Illinois Valley Chapter of the March of Dimes conducted a very successful Walk America Campaign in the LaSalle-Peru-Utica area.

As you know, we are a group of volunteers who band together and raise funds for research and public and profession education in the fight against birth defects.

The group of volunteers that we had for the supervision of walkers and their safety was the Illinois Valley group of REACT under the leadership of Doug Narczewski, President. They manned checkpoints, provided water for thirsty

walkers, returned walkers who tired before completing the walk and oversaw the safety at crossings and along the route. It would have been a terrible thing to have had someone injured; thanks to the REACT Club and all their help, there were no mishaps.

I wanted to be sure that you are aware of the great service that they performed, and if their work that day qualifies them for a special award in the statewide organization of REACT, please put their name in the running.

Thank You.

Anne M. Hinterlong,  
Executive Director

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