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## REACT WAS THERE Story of REACT Involvement in D.C. Airplane Crash

It's 4:04 p.m., Wednesday, January 13 when news of the tragic crash of the Air Florida Flight 90 in which 73 lost their lives is flashed to the news media. With the attention of the world riveted to the news of the crash and the highly dramatic rescue efforts which followed. It is learned that a REACT member, Evelyn White, Fairfax REACT Unit 476, was the first to relay news of the crash to the authorities when a motorist on the 14th street bridge reported the disaster on his CB radio. From the start, REACT was involved in the disaster, both in the initial reporting of the crash, and in the rescue and salvage operation which followed, as the highly vivid account which follows clearly shows. The report was submitted by Joe Cochran, Public Relations officer, of National Capital REACT C490.

WASHINGTON, D.C.--The importance of CB radio for emergency communications was never more dramatically illustrated in the National Capital REACT area than in the tragic crash of Air Florida's Flight 90 on Wednesday, January 13. The first word of the crash went out on channel 9 from a motorist on the 14th street bridge reporting that a plane had struck the bridge and plunged into the Potomac River. Evelyn D. White, Fairfax REACT Team C-360 Unit 476; took the call, flashed the news to Arlington, Va. authorities, and within minutes the crash, disaster rescue efforts were underway.

At the time of the crash the 14th street bridge was choked with bumper-to-bumper cars in a "parking lot" of traffic due to snow conditions and the early release of government workers on their way home. There was simply no way in which word of the disaster could have gotten through quickly had it not been for the CB equipped motorist's call and the REACT monitor's alert and prompt response. The control tower at National Airport had lost the plane on radar after take-off and had no firm knowledge as to what had happened until the REACT word came through the authorities.

Tragically, despite the heroic rescue efforts, only five persons aboard the plane survived. With survival time in the icy river limited to about 30 minutes, it seems not unreasonable to believe that these five lives too might have been lost

had it not been for the prompt rescue response made possible by CB radio.

At the time the crash report from channel 9 was going to the authorities, Jim Price, Fairfax Unit 431 got the word over GMRS to Betty Mosley, Prince Georges REACT 2106 Unit 1137. Betty flashed the word to the news room of WMAL radio where REACT maintains a base station. This, too, was the first word to the news media about the crash. Captain Dan, who augments his airborne traffic reporting with morning and evening rush hour reports from REACT, was grounded by the snowstorm and after making his way over to the crash site radioed vivid eyewitness accounts of the rescues from the ice-choked Potomac. Dan, in a later broadcast from WMAL, spoke glowingly of REACT's response to the crash call as well as all our routine and emergency operations. Len Deilbert, WMAL news director, also highly commended REACT in a personal letter which is published on page 7.

For the better part of two weeks after the crash, teams of divers and surface personnel worked from dawn till dark recovering the bodies of the victims and the widely scattered parts of the airplane. REACT was there for this too. Headed up by Federal City REACT 2515's Bob Lumpkin, Unit 19, and Fred Browne, Unit 40, GMRS communications were provided to the Red Cross Disaster Services Unit between the Virginia crash site operations and the Washington, D.C. chapter head-



Disaster personnel salvage piece of plane wreckage from ice-choked Potomac River.



Red Cross personnel coordinate communications and planning with REACT base operator. Left to right are: Joe Long, Director, Disaster Services, Washington, D.C. Chapter, Red Cross; Fred Browne, Federal City REACT-2515, Unit 40; Greg Carey, Medical Supervisor, Washington, D.C. Chapter, Red Cross.



Don Priestler, Montgomery County REACT Unit 2295, communicating via GMRS with Red Cross headquarters in Washington, D.C.

### Team's Participation in Parade Draws Praise

LAKELAND, FL--Members of Citrus Center REACT Team 3720 who participated in the Auburndale Love Parade helped give the team high visibility and had lots of fun. They are, Paul Jones, Bill Edmunds, John Fleischman, Gene Estes, and Betty Saxton. With the help of attractive signs painted by clients of the Sheltered Workshop, REACT won \$100 in prize money, \$50 of which was donated to the Workshop as the team's "thank you."

### Early Bird Winners

## Chikaskia Valley REACT wins Trip to Las Vegas Convention; 92 Teams win

The biggest Early Bird Drawing ever was conducted by the REACT International computer service to randomly select 92 Teams who have come away winners in this promotion to encourage early registration. Every Team registered before June 1, 1982, received one chance for every member registered.

The winner of the "Grand Prize," a trip for two to the P982 REACT Convention in Las Vegas with transportation provided by the Riviera Hotel, was the Chikaskia County REACT Team 2068 of Blackwell, Oklahoma. Winning the Riviera Hotel's dinner show for two was Rutherford County REACT 2651, Rutherford, NC. The third prize donated by the Riviera was a gourmet dinner for two at the Hotel's Delmonico's Restaurant during the convention which was won by Ridgecrest REACT 3109, Ridgecrest, CA. Winners of famous K-40 CB Mobile Antennas from American Antenna Company were Mainland REACT 3907, Surrey, BC, Canada and San Angelo REACT 3387, San Angelo, Texas.

Winners of Antenna Inc.'s Model 13111 base loaded CB mobile antennas with gutter clamp mounts are Tobacco Valley REACT 2625, Warehouse Point, CT; Greene County REACT C-271, Springfield, MO; Hamilton REACT 3885, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada; REACT of Cochise County C-514, Sierra Vista, AZ; Lucas & Wood County REACT C-77, Toledo, OH and Graham County REACT 4134, Safford, AZ. Winning Antenna Inc. Model 60502 All Band Persuader Indoor Scanner Antenna are: Decatur County REACT 3842, Greensburg, IN; Delta REACT 2654, Delta, CO; Crow Wing County REACT 4472, Brainerd, MN; Midwest REACT C-164, Joliet, IL; Cadillac Area REACT 2817, Cadillac, MI; and Eastern Pennsylvania REACT C-655, Warminster, PA.

The Antenna Specialist Company will be sending their model M710 Formula I Mobile CB Antennas for truck or roof mounting to: Allen County REACT C-323, Lima, OH; St. Mary's Area REACT 3947, St. Marys, PA; and Capitol City Communications C-42, Atlanta, GA. Winners of the Formula I Magnetic Mount Mobile Antennas are: National Capital REACT C-490, Washington, DC; Nanticoke REACT 4183, Seaford, DE; and West Suburbs REACT 3310, Oak Park, IL.

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## To Santa with Love



LANCASTER, PA--Five-year-old Nicole Beane, a patient at St. Joseph hospital, gets ready to talk to Santa Claus as REACTers Herbert New and Jim Lyle, and student nurse Linda Porterfield look on. (For details, see story on page 11.)

# THE VIEW FROM WOODHEAD DRIVE

By Gerald H. Reese, Executive Director

We have already received a few comments about the unusual street names on which we seem to locate REACT Headquarters. We have moved from Wacker Drive in Chicago to Woodhead Drive in Northbrook. Wacker Drive is named for Charles Wacker who was responsible for the comprehensive city plan for the City of Chicago. This is one of the first city plans ever conceived and executed in the United States.

Woodhead Drive is a derivative of the Daniel Woodhead Company which is, of course, located on the same street. So even if you have your fun about the "Wacky" REACT Headquarters now located on "Woodhead Drive," at least you know where it came from!

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Elsewhere in this issue, we have announced the 92 Teams who have won prizes in the Early Bird Contest. We appreciate the response which has resulted in a very favorable registration early in 1982. Many Teams are experiencing difficulty in getting new members. However, we are already approximately 50 percent ahead of last year to date in signing up new Teams.

This is an indication of great interest in the REACT Program and the ability to develop local organizations.

In building Team membership, there is no substitute for direct contact between your present membership and potential members. Often, you may know someone who would make a very good member, but you won't get them to join, unless you ask them to join. Perhaps, as a starter, invite them to attend a meeting of your Team to introduce them to the other members and to let them see what is going on. Sometimes asking them to help out at a Safety-Break or other Team functions proves useful. In any case, you must ask them if you are to encourage them to join.

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Excitement is building in anticipation of our 1982 REACT International Convention incorporating the 20th Anniversary celebration. It seems that everyone wants to come to the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas for this event, July 19-22.

Aside from the recreational attractions in Las Vegas, why attend the REACT International Convention? In the past, we have referred to these meetings as "Leadership Conferences." This is truly descriptive. The International Convention provides REACT Team leaders with a sense of identity by being with other REACTers from all over "REACTland." In addition to the educational workshops, the mere ability to discuss mutual Team problems and accomplishments with other members, provides an insight which cannot be duplicated in any other way.

Meeting the leaders of REACT. — Board members, forum officers, council officers from other states — makes it more meaningful when you hear about REACT programs and activities.

Upon returning from conventions, REACTers have said to me that they are enthused, inspired, and have renewed their dedication to the objectives of public service through communications that REACT affords. Recharge your REACT batteries by attending the 1982 REACT International Convention!

We have a very economical package in the 1982 Convention Format in terms of low cost first rate hotel space, a reasonable registration fee and potential bargain fares for many major cities to Las Vegas. In addition, remember that if you attend the convention as a representative of your local Team or your REACT Council, your expenses for attending the convention can be deducted under contributions on your Federal Income Tax Return for 1982.

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Looking ahead, the 1983 Convention will be hosted by Sedgwick County REACT Team 4208 in Wichita, Kansas. Several alternative dates in July are being considered and the final schedule will be announced to all Teams just as soon as possible.

The 1984 Convention will go to the Eastern area with the 1985 Convention returning to Central area and 1986 back to the Western area. Teams and Councils in those areas are encouraged to develop plans to invite REACT International Convention in their area.

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One of the highlights of the 1982 International Convention will be the 20th Anniversary Souvenir Issue of the REACTer. This will, of course, be mailed to all REACT members as all issues of the REACTer are, but it will also be distributed to all at the Convention. Additional copies will be available for sale through your local REACT Team.

A full announcement of this special July/August Issue of the REACTer has been mailed to all REACT Teams. It invites you to submit historical information about your Team and to participate in the advertising revenue available through this special issue for your local fund-raising purposes. If you need any additional information about this, contact REACT Headquarters at once!

Other 20th Anniversary activities include the display of the special emblem. Labels and special embossed plastic tip-ons are available through the official REACT Supply Company.

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## Publicizing REACT

"Happy 20th anniversary to us . . . Has your Team issued a press release about this happy event? Your Team will receive a localized press release from REACT International for this purpose. Schedule a "Cake-cutting" for your next meeting. Invite local officials and the press to get some good publicity.

### FREEBIE

Looking for a good way to package the items for your Team's safety information kits? Use litter bags. This way, even the package is useful to motorists or boaters. Government agencies may provide them, or ask businesses. *Ramada Inns* are one possibility. They issue bags and might like to be in with your Team.

### BAD P.R.?

Channel 9 is always your Team's most crucial P.R. vehicle. Poor operations on Channel 9 will destroy all the efforts of the best P.R.O. "Skip" can carry sloppy operations hundreds or thousands of miles. That can damage other Teams' reputations. Two recent "buddies", both via skip. A REACTer asked another for a radio check on Channel 9. A monitor declined to help a distant caller, saying "Call a closer station." You may well be the only contact a caller can reach. Give what help you can. Every major police force across North America will accept a COLLECT emergency telephone call. Distance is no barrier when help is needed.

Review good operating procedures at Team meetings. Be sure every monitor is working with your P.R.O., not against him/her.

### A PICTURE . . .

Try dressing up your press release with pictures. Snip them out of an extra REACT Supply catalogue. Use them to illustrate the text.

The REACT brochure can be useful to your TV station in prepar-

ing slides for PSA's. Take a copy when you approach a station. Help them to help you.

### ADVERTISE

Let your mail publicize your Team. Order inexpensive address labels from one of the many suppliers. Use them on envelopes. Team with General Delivery addresses can really advertise. How about: "Anytown REACT, 24 Hour Emergency Radio, CB Distress Channel 9, Anytown, Country, Postal Code."? Choose your supplier carefully. You want clear, bold print that gives your label a professional, business look.

### LETTERHEAD

Think your Team can't afford letterhead? Actually, you can't afford to be without it — and it can be inexpensive. Cut and paste just the letterhead from a Headquarters mailing on a plain sheet of paper. Omit the headquarters address line. Center one of your new address labels just above the REACT International line. Paste the "REACT is . . ." information on the bottom of your plain sheet. Locate someone (school, recreation dept., church, print shop, etc.) who has a stencil-cutting machine. Ask nicely and you should soon have a stencil. Offer to pay for it and a package of paper. Now you have some pretty impressive letterhead.

### HOT TIPS

Thanks again to Teams who are sharing ideas with the P.R. Task Group. Keep them coming. We hope you are finding some new and useful tips here for 20th anniversary celebrations. Let us know how they work for you.

Public Relations Task Group  
Ron Mc Cracken  
Chairman

The attempt to derail the FCC's effort to eliminate CB licensing is now concentrated in the U.S. House of Representatives. The subcommittee on Telecommunications has a bill which would authorize the FCC to do just that. Through REACT primary efforts, we have been able to delay consideration of this action. We are hopeful of having legislation introduced which would permit the FCC to access a user fee on CB licensing and thus, establish a means for funding the licensing program plus the administration, education and enforcement effort needed in the CB service. As soon as we have a bill number on that, you may be sure that all Teams will be receiving information to support such legislation.

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Meanwhile on the State level, legislation originally enacted in Texas has been extended to other States to make it a crime to interfere with CB emergency communications. An interesting addition to this is in legislation now pending in Oklahoma which would also make it an offense to give a false call on CB radio. This legislation has passed in Nevada and Illinois, and is pending in California in addition to Oklahoma. We are trying to get information about such legislation so that we may compile the complete list of the states where it has been passed.

One of the very significant elements to this legislation, is that it permits action to be taken after an emergency incident, where the FCC can only act upon situations where their monitors actually hear a situation.

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The effort of REACT International and local Councils and Teams to secure legislation in behalf of the emergency function of REACT makes it even more important that we as CB Radio operators scrupulously observe FCC regulations. We know that enforcement activity is down considerably. However, if REACT operations are to continue in an effective manner, we must observe these rules so that as we seek enforcement, and as we seek cooperation of other CB users and government officials, our operations are beyond question.

No REACT member would knowingly operate in excess of legal power or off the assigned frequencies for CB radio. We are still hearing about some REACT Teams who are initiating nonemergency calls on channel 9 by signing on and off, giving time signals and announcing their presence as monitors. This is not in accordance with FCC regulations. Only emergency calls or responses to travelers seeking assistance are permitted on CB channel 9. If you have any questions about FCC regulations, your Headquarters will be able to provide the answers.

# 4th Quarter Achievement Award Winners

## Team Award - Mid-Rivers REACT Team 4455

Fourth quarter winners in the individual and organizational (team) categories for the REACT achievement awards have been announced by Chairman Greg Anderson, Minnetonka, Minn., of the Task Force on Awards and Recognition. They are Bettie M. Heape, of West Putnam REACT (Florida) and Mid-Rivers REACT Team 4455, of St. Peters, Mo. The two winners of the award sponsored by American Antenna Co., manufacturers of the K-40 antenna, automatically become eligible for the annual awards consisting of \$500 in cash and a trophy plus travel expenses to the International Convention where they will be presented. The awards are presented quarterly to the team and individual best exemplifying the goals of REACT International and carry a \$100 cash prize.

According to Mr. Anderson, nominators for awards for the first quarter of 1982 are presently being accepted and will be announced shortly. Teams are urged to submit their nominations in both categories to REACT International, 3653 Woodhead Drive, Northbrook, IL 60062, where they will be forwarded to Chairman Anderson. Nominations must be accompanied by a statement as to why the team or individual nominated should be selected, written as succinctly as possible.

### W. Covina REACT Shows Way in 1982 Program

WEST COVINA, CA--San Gabriel Valley REACT Team C-280 has embarked on an ambitious program of service to launch the year 1982. Besides assisting the local Optimists with their Half Marathon Run, the team expected to provide support for the Temple City Camellia Parade in late February and on March 21, it cooperated with COMUPAC and Corona Norco REACT for the Crippled Children's Society's "World's Largest Truck Show" at the Pomona Fairgrounds. April 3 should find the team at the Glendora Spring Run.

Excellence in almost every category. This is the distinction of Mid-Rivers REACT Team 4455, of St. Peters, Missouri, fourth quarter award winner, in the team category. In just one area -- membership, the team showed an amazing leap, from 8 members to 50 members in just one year.

Under the category of projects completed, the team shows 27 projects including programs of services to worthwhile organizations such as the American Cancer Society and service to the St. Peters Drug Abatement Council, where the team provided traffic control, auto communications, and parking lot assistance.

During the St. Peters Olde Tyme Picnic, the team assisted with parade line-up of 180 floats, and handled traffic control, parade control, monitoring of channel 9 at the police base station, and manning the first aid and lost children details.

In July, the team participated in the "Send Help" Sign Highway Safety project, by raising contributions from some 40 businesses to support the cost of printing 10,000 REACT Send Help signs. These in turn were distributed to various police departments and at community affairs.

The team, according to Gary Schuchardt, managing director, is also strong on education of members, participating in such programs as advanced first aid and CPR training for team members and local police officers and in Skywarn weather watch training for REACT and other personnel.

Such preparedness paid off last July when the team was called on to perform base station and mobile emergency communication relays, first aid, and traffic control during a tornado disaster which struck a mobile home park in St. Charles County.

Besides all these achievements, the team is public relations conscious and has successfully completed many projects to gain exposure in the local newspapers and TV and radio media, including a special 30-minute program about Mid-Rivers on cable TV. The program included an interview of St. Peters Police Chief E. L. Chapman and a showing of the international REACT film, "Where Seconds Count," and presentations at the local Rotary Club.

Together with Gateway Area REACT Team 2001, the team successfully completed a Safety Break at the Wright City Rest Stop Area on

July 4 weekend and again with Gateway, assisted in the Nora sports car races at MAR Raceways in Wentzville in September. It has also participated in the state council meetings and has made it a point to have representation at the International meeting in Indianapolis.

Total hours monitored by the team came to 11,214 which when divided by the number of members--50--came to an impressive 224 hours monitored per member--in short a record of achievement which can serve as an inspiration for virtually any team in REACT International.



EDMUNDSTON, NB.--Proud members of Edmundston REACT Team 3033 are left to right, first row: Jean Ouellet, Secretary; Jean Paul Cyr, Vice-President; Jacques Laplante, President; Laurier Cyr, Treasurer. Second row: Lewis Levesque, Director of Regulation; Robert Nadeau, Director of Attendance; Berthin Laplante, Director of Mobile Units; Philippe Pelletier, Director of Recruiting; Ben LeBel, Director of Publicity; and Jean Marie Nadeau, Director of Financing.

## Individual Award...Bettie Heape, W. Putnam REACT Team 3490

West Putnam REACT, Inc. Team 3490 would like to nominate our Secretary-Treasurer Bettie M. Heape, as the outstanding REACTer for the fourth quarter.

When Bettie and her husband, Tom, saw a need for REACT in our community in 1976, she was the one who started the efforts to form a team here. Since then, she has been the force behind the team.

Bettie has been the main voice for our team with the law enforcement agencies in our county. When they

need the help of REACT, they call her, knowing that she will get the task done. She does the talking and planning; her husband does the manual labor and the driving when needed.

Bettie helped coordinate with the March of Dimes, three years in a row, their Superwalk, setting up schedules for both security along the 20-mile walk and the people to work the check-points. Our team was large enough one year to work both the security cars and the check-points.

Bettie has kept all the monitoring records since the team began, until this year, when illness forced her to give up some of her duties. I now have that job. She kept the scrapbook for four years and it is large and complete.

Our secretaries in the past would keep the minutes of the meetings, but very often letters that should be written never were, so the task fell to Bettie. She has been our treasurer for several years and this year the team also elected her as our secretary. Never has the team asked her to do anything that she has refused. Her answer is, "I'll try," and it usually gets done.

Bettie has been team delegate to the Florida State REACT Council, District 8 Representative for the same council, team delegate to the Atlanta convention and is now treasurer to the Florida Council of REACT Teams. Her name is well known in REACT circles in Florida.

She and her husband have turned their home and yard almost over to our team. We hold our meetings there, Bettie holds monitor training there, our two trailers are in their yard and all the team supplies are in their house. Walk into her home, and all you see is REACT.

Since October 1976 through August 1981, Bettie has monitored 15,033 hours and has worked an average of 10 calls a month, including several in conjunction with ARES. She is an assistant emergency coordinator between REACT and ARES in this area.

Bettie's radio is always on channel 9. If the regular monitor cannot hear a call, she is there to provide back up. There are very few times during the day or night, that she is not somewhere near the radio, and because of this, our team has 24-hour coverage most of the time. We have other dedicated members who monitor many hours over their scheduled hours, but none more dedicated than Bettie.

She has planned, decorated, made table favors, wrote the skits and even acted in them for our annual November Awards Banquet every year, including this year.

In October Bettie helped build our new trailer to carry our two generators, etc. She painted it, drew and painted the large REACT logo on all four sides.

Our team usually holds five safety coffee breaks a year on I-95. Bettie keeps all the records of supplies, writes the D.O.T. for permission, buys the supplies and then works the full four-day breaks with just a few hours rest each day. There are only five to seven people who work these breaks and we all work long hours. We held a break in October and one in November and Bettie again did all the chores. We are planning another break in February.

She made arrangements for us to drive in the Veterans Day parade and also the Christmas Parade in Palatka. She designed and helped decorate our little new trailer for the parade, with the theme of "An Old Fashioned Christmas." She and her husband did all the work. It took them five days.

These are a few of the reasons why we think Bettie should be the REACTer for the fourth quarter. We thank you for your consideration of our nominee for this award.

REACTively,  
Myron C. Ivins  
Past President

## Mission of Mercy in North Country



COLEBROOK, NH--(Top) It was snowing and blowing fiercely when team members, Don Silloway, left, President, and Donald Knapp, of North Country REACT Team 2514, delivered books to benefit inmates at Coos County Jail. (Bottom) Inside the facility REACTers Silloway and Knapp presented the books to Officer Fred Atherton.

# DISASTER STORY

(from Front Cover)

range communications for these same activities.

Vallejo REACT first became involved in the flood crisis on Monday about 9 a.m. when the Red Cross requested the teams (members and their radio transceivers) began arriving soon thereafter. By 12:30 p.m., the team was well organized enough to conduct a sizable part of the road survey of the stricken or threatened areas of the city. Evacuation followed soon after with units reporting developments, relaying instructions, and handling problems and emergencies as they arose. Seeing the uses to which CB radio was being placed, other CB operators not part of the local team, pitched in by running errands, checking on reported situations, and verifying cases of stranded persons. By 4 p.m., REACTers at the Veterans Memorial building had set up cots, provided for medical assistance, and provided family locator service on families displaced in both private homes and those in the shelter. They also provided advice, counsel, and comfort to persons displaced by the storm.

Meanwhile, the base station, as master control station for channel 9, cracked away with alternative routes for travelers on highways, county roads, and city streets which were blocked off for flood or evacuation purposes. Two trucks were dispatched to aid stalled motorists. Truckers, virtually all with CB rigs, were able to obtain local road conditions, a service not available from CalTrans or the Highway Patrol. Other motorists with CB-equipped vehicles, were delighted to find the REACT operation an invaluable source of information on road conditions, alternate routes, river and tidal conditions, and the availability of services.

About 7 p.m., with the Veterans Memorial building readying capacity and further evacuation of some

threatened mobile home parks and other areas below Lake Chabot and near the Napa river likely a second evacuation center was designated at Vallejo High School, on higher ground but not far from the stricken area. Team members Felix Miller and Vince Sternitzke quickly established communications between the new center and American Red Cross headquarters. Besides providing communications, REACTers unloaded cots and blankets and provided other needed assistance as elderly and often infirm evacuees were unloaded from city buses.

The team continued its services through the night and the days that followed. Team members Ken Ferguson, Betty Yacapin, Ed and Mae McBride, Orville and Dee Usrey, Leland Todd, Richard and John Uuereb, David Vick, Earl King, Bill Aubuchon, Cecil Pettit, Joseph Roderick, and Junior REACTer Tammy Nugent, united with those mentioned above to form a working team for the disaster operation.

Team disaster activities culminated with an active participation in the disaster estimate, conducted by the local American Red Cross chapter, on Thursday.

**CINCINNATI, OHIO** -- Ohio Valley REACT Team was busy in Blue Ash during January. Adverse weather conditions caused a major power outage starting about 0400 hours. By wake-up time the sub-zero temperature produced some frigid households. Heat and light which is routinely expected, was scarce in many homes and businesses. Residents with coal or wood heating appliances were fortunate. The duration of the outage in the intense cold not only caused widespread citizen discomfort and aggravation, but also caused many water pipes to freeze and burst, keeping firemen busy.

## Here's Record to Be Proud Of

**ASHEVILLE, N.C.**--The Tri-County REACT Team C-639 Emergency Traffic Control Team logged more than 17,704 hours in Community Service in 1981. They spent 13,635 hours monitoring the National Emergency Channel 9 on C.B. Radio; assisting stranded motorists, and from doing backup support for fires and other emergencies.

Members gave 382 hours to Easter Seals, 163 hours to cancerama, 36 calls and, 1368 hours to the Police Dept., and a total of 1068 hours to schools, plus many other civic projects.

The men and women logged over 5000 miles on their vehicles -- adding up to an impressive team showing for 1981.

## Happy About Their Van



**ASHLAND, KY**--Pleased as punch at their new communications van, the culmination of a dream of six years and lots of hard work, are members of Ashland REACT Team 317C. According to president Clayton J. Smith, the mobile van was made from a 1984 model Chevrolet walk-in van that members spent months in updating, inside out and from one end of the unit to the other. The greater portion of the work was done by James L. Hall, a member of the team. Says President Smith: "The mobile is complete in every detail to serve any emergency that may come our way. The finished product represents long hours of donated time, money, and talent. Any REACT Team can do what we did, but don't expect a lot of outside help--do it as a team effort." Ranged in front of the van are part of the team's current membership complement of 28: Clifton Famin, team captain; Danny Barrett, member; Team President Clayton Smith; Suzette Wright, secretary; Noah Madden, coordinator with son Jason Madden, and Lester Wright, captain of the Ready Action Team.

With typical concern for the plight of the citizens in the affected area, Blue Ash officials opened up their community buildings, which had heat, as a shelter.

OVR was requested to broadcast this information to the area -- and to suggest that listeners relay the information to elderly persons and/or friends living in the affected locations.

Red Cross responded with their canteen wagon, prepared to provide additional service as required. Civil Defense officials also responded to the emergency.

Some time around 1600 hours the power was restored and dispositions improved, just in time for the Bengal game.

The next OVR mission involved aiding the police in providing surveillance at assigned business locations, hoping to spot an abduction suspect. An offense had occurred at a Blue Ash UDF store. OVR members performed this service for several nights. A total of 17 OVR members responded.

No sightings were made, but everyone on the stakeout was kept on his toes since many resembled the composite picture furnished by the police.

Because of several rape incidents in the areas, many questionable stares were cast in the direction of ten "watchers." One businessman, after checking 23's auto, showed his appreciation by returning with a big hoagy sandwich and large Coke. Another store manager got up enough courage to approach another unit and ask if there was anything wrong. He was told that OVR's presence was to hopefully prevent any "wrong." He was so relieved that he hurried back to UDF without even saying "thank you."

OVR was proud to be trusted with such a mission, and considered it a compliment to members whose disciplined conduct had earned this trust.

## Caught in Action in Kansas Parade



**ENTERPRISE, KS** -- Some of the members of Dickinson County REACT Team 3637, as they participated in the local Kountry Klatter Parade with REACT First-Aid station in the background.

## Indiana Jr. REACT Filming "What is REACT"

**EVANSVILLE, IN**--Over the New Year's weekend, Troy Sanders, and Jim Bengert, members of Junior REACT of Vanderburgh County REACT Team C-296 and Advisor Lee Besing gathered at the local Red Cross to produce a film entitled: "What is a REACT Team?" Video camera equipment was loaned to REACT by Welborn hospital while video cassettes were donated by the Red Cross and member David Schmitt loaned other equipment from his personal stock. WTVW TV provided access to their news footage as well as ten carousels of slides to choose from and the team shot some footage on location.

Those attending the January meeting were able to view the film in its rough version. The local TV station will provide editing and titles to polish it up and Evansville Cable TV has offered to help with additional footage when the team expands the film in the future.

## New York Man Dies at Home

**CLAVERACK, NY**--Robert H. Wadman Sr., 51, president of Columbia-Green REACT Team No. 3094 and the Hudson River CB Club, died at his home Taghkanic, Columbia county, New York, on December 23.

Born June 8, 1929, in Sheffield, Mass., he was the son of the late Valentine George and Claire (Funk) Wadman. Mr. Wadman was a retired truck driver and automobile mechanic and a veteran of the Korean War.

Surviving are his wife, Frances

(Lind) Wadman, several sons and daughters, and grandchildren, two brothers and two sisters.

In paying tribute to Mr. Wadman, Edward T. Thompson, Sr., treasurer of the REACT team said: "From the time that he drove the eighteen wheelers and to the present, he believed and acted on that principle of helping others. We that remain will try to carry on and help people in danger and distress. To me he was an inspiration and to other associates also."

## Nebraska Team Chalks Up Record Membership Gain During 1981

**BEATRICE, NE**--1981 was a good year for Gage County REACT Team 2983 as the total membership increased to twenty-six, a jump of 12 for the year. Under service the team could point to these accomplishments.

City of Beatrice, 161 REACT Manhours, 422 REACT Miles  
Weather Watch, 48 REACT Manhours, 208 REACT Miles  
Private Organizations, 99 REACT Manhours, 118 REACT Miles  
Gage County Sheriff, 46 REACT Manhours, 395 REACT Miles

Also, last year Gage County REACT Team 2983 moved into its own headquarters Building. The property and the facility is leased yearly to the Team at no charge.

The Headquarters facility is equipped with two base CB radios, law enforcement radio, two Scanners, maps on both walls under glass. A telephone system is linked directly from the main switchboard of the Police Department and the Board of Public Works switch panel, two operations desks, typewriter, filing cabinet, and wall lockers to house and secure team equipment.



**BEATRICE, NE** -- New headquarters of Gage County REACT Team 2983.

## Happy to Support Hospital



POTSDAM, NY—A check for \$200 was presented to the Canton Potsdam Hospital's Therapy Unit, representing earnings on the Tommy Scott's Old Timer Show by Douglas E. Pete Memorial REACT Team 3639. Shown during the presentation of the check are, left to right: Martha Bouchard, Gary Hoose, representing the hospital; Robert Taylor, Ken Reasoner and Roland Gilbo, all of Douglas E. Pete Memorial REACT.

## Norfolk REACT Puts on Track Shoes for Fast Start

NORFOLK, VA—With the arrival of 1982, members of Tidewater REACT Team C-53 have put on their running shoes. Going through the first gate was a new membership drive. Members made a lot of people curious about "What is REACT?" when they walked around Tower Mall a few weeks ago.

Coming up on the second gate the team had trainers training eleven new members. Beginning with classroom sessions consisting of the monitoring guide, Constitution and By-Laws, along with the Federal Privacy Act. Next session is "on the job training."

The team is striving for more monitoring coverage and hopes to have someone on channel 9 every hour of every day. With the noise level, that means lots of monitors.

Gate three brought about the election of delegates and alternates for Commonwealth of Virginia REACT Council. Representatives are Delegates Mike Novak, Unit 26, Pete Hennessey, Unit 36, and Alternates Kay Estep unit 101, Joyce Novak, Unit 15.

Elections for Colonial District REACT Council delegates and alternates were also held. Delegates Kay Estep, Unit 101, Mike Novak, Unit

26; Alternates Joyce Novak, Unit 15, Pete Hennessey, Unit 36.

With all these extra ears the team is able to be kept up on all activities at their respective meetings.

Fast approaching gate four it looks forward to the activities planned: with a St. Patrick's Day Parade put on by the Knights of Columbus, including clowns, old cars, little cars, school bands, horses, and people from many organizations.

Letting the Grand Marshal and judges know the location of each entry along the way as well as any problems that arise is first on the agenda. Next is a Walk-a-Thon that will keep members on the move. June 11, 12, 13 and 14 will have the members on their toes at the Harborfest in Norfolk.

Last year members helped children find parents, owners locate cars, and a few emergencies were handled calmly and with professionalism. The team even found the owner of an artificial leg that had been left behind.

Exchanging Ideas with members of the other teams at district and state meetings and assisting with local community special projects helps the Team stay active and fresh.

## Mourn Badger State REACTer

KENOSHA, WI—Co-volunteers, worker, family members and friends were saddened recently by the death of Marvin Kaddatz, 61, who headed Badger REACT Inc. Team No. 4029 since 1978.

Known to friends as the "The Colonel," a title he acquired during his days as an auctioneer, Mr. Kaddatz was instrumental in organizing the REACT unit and served as its second president.

He was co-founder of Project 9, a

volunteer organization set up to monitor channel 9, and he recruited elderly and homebound persons to monitor channel 9, each volunteer devoting an hour a day, five days a week. On holiday weekends on Christmas and New Year's Eve, members monitor the radio around the clock in the event there are any calls for help. Kaddatz himself spent countless hours on the channel, remaining active until recently.

## Soup Labels Pay Off



COLEBROOK, NH—"Save those Campbell Soups labels" say members of North Country REACT Team No. 2514 as the team spearheaded a drive for labels to be exchanged for points. Points in turn are used to purchase articles for the Colebrook School District. Team member Ken Douglas (left) and President Don Siloway make a deposit.

# COLUMN NINE

Where the REACTION is Yours

## Norfolk REACTers Calls Have Happy Ending

NORFOLK, VA—How often have you sat at the CB listening on Channel 9 only to receive noise for hours? It is said that REACT saves lives every day, but you haven't even had a stalled vehicle report. That might have been how Dwayne Adams, Unit 28, felt when he signed on monitoring last December 26, the day after Christmas all the excitement giving way to routine.

A "breaker 9" came through the noise. Dwayne found out it was a stalled vehicle. Part way through the call, a shaky, scared voice was heard asking for a breaker channel 9 for emergency help. Dwayne asked the party with the stalled vehicle to please stand by. He called to the party with the emergency to come back.

According to Dwayne's log book the following was written: Date: Dec. 26, 1981. Time: 23:59. Caller: G.E. Lady. Nature of call: Landline to Clarence, need ride to hospital; asthma attack. So the landline was made and Dwayne went back to his stalled vehicle party.

After handling an emergency call you often wonder if the party is okay. Did Clarence make it and did they make it to the hospital in time?

A few nights later Dwayne happened to be listening. Upon answering the call, Dwayne was surprised to hear G.E. Lady. She had called to thank him for his help a while back. Her doctor had said the quick action

on everyone's behalf had saved her life.

Another member of our Team deserves to be mentioned: Joyce Novak, Unit 15. At 1 a.m. New Year's day, she received a breaker from a lady on her way to the hospital. Her passenger was having a heart attack. With a noise level that was hard to get through and a caller that was overly nervous, Joyce was a calming force.

After finding out the problem and their location, Joyce called the police to fill them in. The officer told Joyce to have the driver stop at the fire station near her. By doing this there would be medical help at hand. Unable to understand the reason for stopping when her passenger was in pain, the driver continued on. With Joyce as a directional, the lady made it to General Hospital of Virginia Beach.

The emergency room personnel were ready and waiting for them. Like most calls we receive Joyce has no idea as to the outcome of her assistance.

These two incidents reinforce the reason for REACT and prove that a good training program provides the monitor with the calmness and sureness to assist the public in varied situations.

Tidewater REACT, Inc-Team C-53  
Submitted by: Lynn Lennox,  
Secretary

## Open Letter to All Non-Life Members

Remember when you first joined REACT? Do you recall that good, proud feeling you had when you told people that you were a member of REACT? Sure, you are still proud to be a member, but I'm talking about that first-time feeling.

How proud you were to wear the REACT patch. How proud you were to display the bumper stickers. How you would look at every car along the road as you drove, hoping they needed help so you could let them know that you were REACT. Have you lost some of that feeling? Would you like to have it back? THEN JOIN LIFE MEMBERSHIP IN REACT. Believe me, it makes that old feeling come back again. I'm very proud to tell people that I'm a Life Member, and when they look at your gold Life Member patch, it makes your blood race and boy do you feel good. Just like old times.

I hope you come to the Convention this July in Las Vegas and that we have a chance to meet, as there is nothing I would rather do than meet or talk to REACT people. I think we all do a great job, and if no one else has praised or thanked you for being a REACTer, let me do it.

I addressed this to non-Life Members, but I know that there are Life Members reading this. So, for reading other peoples' letters I charge you Life Members to bring a deserving member to the Convention this July and make him or her a Life Member. That will teach you not to read other peoples' letters.

O.K. Team, Lets GO, GO, GO, to the convention in Las Vegas this July and make it the GREATEST. See You There.

Carl W. Berg — LM. No. 25  
Chairman, Life Member Committee

## Augusta REACT Hosts Georgia REACT Council

AUGUSTA, GA—Members of Augusta REACT Team C222 recently hosted the Georgia REACT Council Executive Committee meeting in their new (and completely paid for) REACT Headquarters building in South Augusta. On Jan. 9, members of the council met to exchange offices, and share ideas. Present from the Georgia REACT Council were Mike McCloy, Immediate Past President; Robert McKay, President; Bobby Boatright, First Vice President; Betty Ford, Secretary; Terry Boatright, Treasurer, and Ray Kohler, Sergeant-at-Arms. Immediate Past President, Mike McCloy and Secretary Ray Kohler offered suggestions for the 1982 officers.

The main goal of the 1982 Council is to find ways for each team in the state to become involved in Council.

Council voted in Augusta's, Vice President, Ed Stewart, as Publicity

and Correspondence Co-ordinator. He will collect information from Georgia REACT teams, to be shared with members of the Executive Committee.



AUGUSTA, GA—Roy Kohler, left, of the Georgia REACT Council and Ed Stewart, of Augusta REACT Team C222, two of those who attended Executive Committee meeting of the state body, which was hosted by Augusta REACT.

## Indiana Trio Teams up to Catch Crooks Stealing Camper

CHRISNEY, IN--A truck driver, an invalid monitoring CB calls, and the Spencer County Sheriff's Department teamed up Thursday night to apprehend three men who allegedly stole a camper shell.

Madelene Duncan, a radio dispatcher at the sheriff's office and secretary of Spencer County REACT Team C-149 said she received a call at 11:05 p.m. from Wallace Sanders of Chrisney, a shut-in with a CB base station, who reported that a trucker told him over the CB that he had seen two men loading up a camper shell on SR 231 north of Chrisney. They were in a pick-up truck with no tail lights.

Duncan called a resident who lives at the location described, who confirmed the theft.

Deputy David McInerney took up the chase and caught up with a pick-up with an ill-fitting camper shell. He held the driver and two passengers until the man reporting the theft came and identified his property. The three men were charged with theft in Spencer County Circuit and lodged in jail.



CHRISNEY, IN.--These members of Spencer County REACT Team No. C-149 were elected the team officers at a recent meeting. They are left to right: Betty Miller, Treasurer; Ruth Purviance, Parliamentarian; Charles Dillon, 3 year director; Madelene Duncan, Secretary; Lester Purviance, President and LTR Stallings, Vice President. The installing officer was Rev. Glen Davis, pastor of Zion UCC. This team with 38 members, reports 15,865 monitor hours logged for 1981, as well as an active achievement list with county and state emergency agencies.

## Proud of Team's First Craft Show

GRAND ISLAND, NEB--Grand Island REACT Team 2736 is justly proud of the results of the team's first Annual Holiday Gift and Craft Boutique held in a local shopping mall, reports Michael J. Myers, president. With 100 per cent of the members participating, the success of the event was assured. To get widest possible exposure, the team sent out flyers, inserted announcements in the state craft newsletter, sent out public service announcements to radio and TV stations, and inserted paid TV, radio and newspaper ads. More than 10,000 persons attended and with the proceeds, the team was able to purchase GMRS radio equipment.

Afterward the team received a fine letter of congratulations from Greg Rice, property manager of the Grand Island Mall. Wrote Rice: "The management and merchants of the Grand Island Mall would like to congratulate you on the tremendous response from your Holiday Arts and Crafts Boutique on November 21 and 22. It was certainly a very successful promotion for the GI REACT team and the mall. Thousands of people were exposed to both the REACT effort and the new Grand Island Mall in that two-day event..."

## Michigan Team's Action Draws Letter of Praise

BALDWIN, MI--Lake County REACT Team 4499 was on the receiving end of a nice letter of commendation sent by Robert G. Blevins, Sheriff of Lake County, to team president Robert Davidson for the team's assistance during the Deer Hunting season. Wrote Sheriff Blevins: "As always your people were available to assist us whenever a problem came up and we had to locate a hunter. REACT is truly to be commended. AT a time when many sit back and won't become involved, you're always there. You are a credit to the citizens you serve." Also enclosed were certificates for outstanding service for REACT members: Edward Garvon, vice president; Byron Foster, secretary; Pauline Evans, Florance Kadwell, Mike Kadwell, Linda Michels and Jerry Blurke.

## Thanks to REACT

Facsimile of letter from Leonard Deibert, Director, News and Public Affairs, Radio Station WMAL, Washington, D.C. praising REACT for the role it played in providing coverage of the crash of the Air Florida airliner last January.

WMAL, Radio 63 4400 Jenifer Street N.W. Washington, DC 20015 Telephone 202 685-3013

Leonard R. Deibert  
Director, News and Public Affairs

January 21, 1982

Mr. Joe Cochran  
Public Relations Officer  
National Capital REACT, Unit 2335  
3912 Aspen Street  
Chevy Chase, Maryland 20015

Dear Joe:

I wish I could thank every member of REACT personally, but please accept this as a deep and genuine "thank you" for REACT's role in our coverage of the crash of Air Florida Flight 90.

I don't have to tell you that REACT was the first to know, but you should know that REACT 63 was masterful and professional in getting the information to us, helping confirm it, and supplying us with up-dates at critical hours through the harrowing night.

I hope we never take REACT and its dedicated people for granted, for they came through during our period of most critical need.

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# News of REACT Activities Around the World

## Penn. Team Chalks Up Impressive Record in First Year of Operation

ERDENHEIM, PA.--Last year, 1981, was the first fully operational year for the Search and Rescue Unit of Greater Philadelphia Emergency Rescue Team 2647. Since the Unit was started in late 1979 its level of activity has steadily grown. From four drills in 1980, it increased to 12 in 1981, plus the concert assignment. In manhours, the Unit devoted approximately 400 to drill, 500 at the concerts, and 150 at County schools.

The team's material resources have also increased. Among the donations received were a Stokes litter, orthopedic stretcher, backboards, oxygen systems and a storage tank. Other supplies were obtained through the Federal Surplus Property Program.

The radio system has grown as well. There are eight low band units and four high band units operational and three more high band portables are being salvaged for use in its shops. It has not yet been able to obtain radio alerting service but several possibilities are being explored. Pending an open channel and final negotiations, the Unit will be placing a two-meter repeater on the air in the metropolitan area. The repeater would be operated on its

behalf by a local Amateur radio club.

Membership has shown constant growth. By placing flyers in its climbing equipment supplier's store, the team was able to recruit several members. This program of counter flyers will be expanded. A new membership briefing packet is also being developed. Currently team membership is 11 active, 8 in arrears, and two probationary members.

- Goals for 1982 include--
- ...increasing active membership to 30
  - ...acquiring a trailer command post
  - ...successfully concluding negotiations for a radio alerting service
  - ...obtaining support from local charitable foundations.

## Police Call on Illinois Team for Assistance

BELLEVILLE, IL--Fairview Heights Police asked Metro East REACT 2319 member Edna Rohweder to alert motorists not to pick up any hitchhikers in the area. Police advised that four possibly dangerous suspects were on the loose and they urged that motorists not take any unnecessary risks.

## Going Strong in Puerto Rico

BAYAMON, P.R.-- Newly elected members of the board of directors of the Puerto Rico REACT Council are seen with the REACT banner in the background. Left to right, front: Miguel Rodriguez, treasurer; Luis Rosario, vice-president; Robert J. Campbell, president; Nestor Cestero, 2nd vice president; Adolfo Figueroa, secretary. Back row, left to right: Gamallier G. Ruiz, 3rd vice president; Alfonso F. Barbosa, 4th vice president; Richard Bocanegra, public relations, and Edwin F. Ross, counselor.



BAYAMON, P.R.--The future of REACT here would seem to be secure and bright with 12 of 16 teams on the island represented at a meeting of the Puerto Rico REACT Council held here January 12. At the meeting, participants agreed that the top priority of the Council for 1982 is both members and teams via an island-wide campaign. The council is also involved in the formation of two special tactical groups: one in the area of air search and rescue and blood transportation and the second

in the area of emergency medical technicians.

A Puerto Rican agency is coordinating an island-wide campaign for promotion of REACT. The campaign will cover the following areas: REACT promotion by the press, radio and television; an island wide fund-raising campaign using newspaper ads. Still under study are the possibilities of filming a movie in Spanish involving several REACT teams.

## Small but Mighty...California Team Blazes Proud Record of Service for 1981

OCEANSIDE, CALIF.--Small in numbers, but mighty in accomplishments. That is the word for Oceanside Seacoast REACT Team C-412. Highlights of the year just concluded reveal the following achievements.

Twenty-five members plus four Junior Members donated 22,886 hours in the team's efforts. Twelve Community Events such as bike-a-thons, walk-a-thons, parades, tractor pulls, mission fiesta days, Antique Farm Show and marathons were worked. In addition members provided communications for the team's annual Halloween watch as well as a canteen service for the Marine Corps Junior Field Events besides spending five long holiday weekends at its "Wake Breaks" on Southbound I-5 Rest Stop. To provide for Administrative expenses,

ten bake sales were held. These events do not include the two meetings a month and for the officers an additional two board meetings. Last but not least, was the team's statistics for Total Monitoring hours - 20,474.

According to Team President Bobbie Sloop this is over and beyond many hours a majority of members spend on their CB's at home and during their four-hour shifts at the Oceanside Police Department on weekends monitoring. Singled out for special mention were six members who spent a total of 14,961 hours with "their ears on" -- Russ Folsom, Unit 61, - 5,332 hrs.; Barbara Folsom, Unit 62, - 3,856; Rich Collier, Unit 60 - 2,142 hrs.; Keith Baillie, Unit 15, - 1,414 hrs.; Phil Jones, Unit 17 - 1,218 hrs.; and Don Gilpin, Unit 2, - 1,000 hrs.

## Member's Passing Saddens Fellow REACTers in South Bend

SOUTH BEND, IN.--St. Joseph Valley REACT, Inc., has begun the new year without a member who will be missed. Their friend and compatriot, John Bunyan passed away December 26, 1981. As the many members of the team who knew him, and those lives he touched by radio will attest, John was a credit not only to REACT, but to the community and to the image of the good samaritan who gave what was his to those in need.

Although crippled by polio and muscular dystrophy, he nevertheless used his talents and abilities to serve his fellow man. If it's true that monitoring Channel 9 is what REACT is all about, John Bunyan was one of the cornerstones of organization. From 1976 through 1981 John reported 366 radio calls by monitoring almost 8000 hours. This does not include Bunyan's service in 1980 or the fact that he was REACT's link to the telephone on every event during those years.

The true impact of the hours

telephone in service to the public are immeasurable. According to Charles Hughey, public relations chairman, "His hand out to anyone in need of assistance, was and always will be a reflection of the man, without whom our task will be far more difficult." In honor of John Bunyan, unit number 12 has been permanently retired.

## Okla. Throws Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

PONCA CITY, OK.--Pioneer Area REACT Team 3084 kicked off National REACT Month by giving their 3rd Law Enforcement Appreciation Day Coffee at the Public Safety Center. More than sixty officers attended including Osage and Kay Counties' Sheriff's departments, the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, Mayor John Raley and Ponca City Commissioners.

According to Jahelle Cowan, president of Pioneer REACT: "This is our way of showing how much we appreciate our law enforcement people and enjoy working with them."

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### Police Program Trains Missouri REACTers



ST. PETERS, MO.—Chief E. L. Chapman, of the St. Peters Police Department, as he provided a seminar on vehicle theft awareness to Mid-Rivers and Gateway REACT team members. After completion of the highway

safety mobile training program, each REACTer was presented with a special certificate of training by the St. Peters Police Department.

ST. PETERS, MO.—The St. Peter's Police Department recently provided a course of instruction for Mid-Rivers REACT Team No. 4455 here. The course, entitled "React Highway Safety Mobile Training Program," consisted of 10 hours of instruction by members of the St. Peters Police Department and the St. Peters Fire Protection District. Approximately 26 attended the classes over a four-week period, including members of Gateway Area REACT Team No. 2001.

The program, designed by the St. Peters Police Department at the request of the directors of Mid-Rivers REACT, trained the mobile members in how to handle the kinds of situations they may encounter on the highways! Proper reporting procedures, auto theft awareness, DWI/C&I awareness, hazardous reporting procedures, vehicle fire hazards and traffic control.

In addition members of the mobile

program were required to be certified in first aid and CPR and to maintain their vehicles and equipment in a constant state of readiness. Many members are advanced first aid trained. They are also trained to conduct themselves in a professional manner, including their actions, appearance and radio communications, all conducive in maintaining the REACT image.

Members believe that training is important whether for REACT base station monitoring or mobile activities. They also believe that offering training to both qualified mobile and base operators builds a qualified and well respected REACT operation in their area. It furthers the team's preparedness when it is called upon to help local agencies in community fairs, severe weather warnings, searching for missing children, Halloween watches, or disaster situations.

### Evelyn Harband, REACT Writer

SAN FRANCISCO, CA.—REACT of the Golden mourns the passing of Evelyn Harband, March 7, 1982. For years, Evelyn was the unofficial co-editor of the Golden Gate REACTor, in conjunction with Charlie, her husband, who acted as editor, publisher and mailing house. Never outwardly wanting any recognition of her artistic ability, she mostly typed and edited many of the articles that were printed during the 60's and 70's while both of them worked with Golden Gate REACT.

In addition to her assistance to

Golden Gate REACT in our local publication, Charles and Evelyn Harband have written many articles and stories that have appeared in the International REACTer and *CB Magazine*. In 1976, Evelyn was chosen to write the true to life stories in the "Complete Book of CB," published by *Consumer Guide Magazine*. Mrs. Harband also wrote short stories published in the *Ellery Queen Magazine*.

Her passing will form an obvious loss to both REACT of the Golden Gate and to REACT in general.

### Utah REACTers Mourn Member's Passing

OGDEN, UT.—Lester (Pete) Fought, long-time member of Northern Utah REACT, died December 24, 1981, in Ogden, Utah, of cancer. He was 60 years old.

Pete had held most elected offices and committee chairmanships in Team C-505 over the years. He was one of those whose presence could be expected at every team event. Even so "Unit Two REACT are you by?" became a frequent channel 9 call along the section of I-15/I-84 that runs close to his home.

At last year's Installation Dinner his team honored Pete for his dedication and service with the presentation of a 10-year REACT pin. Seven years ago Pete was the Northern Utah REACTer of the year. Like many dedicated REACTers, Pete had wide interests. He was a lifetime

member of the N.R.A., a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a leader in his local union.

Monitoring was one of his favorite activities. He had two radios, one in the house and one in the shop. Pete provided assistance himself when mobiles were unavailable or other monitors could not go out to help.

Born December 24, 1920, in Everton, Arkansas, he married Ella Thomsen in Heyburn, Idaho, on October 23, 1941. In 1979 he retired as an aircraft mechanic from Hill AFB, Ut.

He was a Veteran of U.S. Marine Corps having served during WWII.

Pete's cheerful helping hand will be missed. He always presented the best view of REACT and REACT ideals.

## NEWS OF FORUM ACTIVITIES

### FCC PROPOSES TO UPDATE RULES FOR G.M.R.S. (CLASS A) RADIO

The Communications and Inter-Agency Liaison Task Groups of the REACT Forum have announced a STUDY GROUP to encourage and coordinate REACT involvement in the recently announced Notice of Proposed Rule Making to update and simplify the F.C.C.'s rules pertaining to G.M.R.S. (formerly known as Class A Citizens Radio).

The deadline for comments in this F.C.C. action is after this summer's Las Vegas Convention. Therefore, a Convention Session on this topic will also be scheduled.

For more information about this STUDY GROUP, send a self-addressed, stamped (20¢) envelope to:

Dennis Lowry  
3505 Tuttle  
Cleveland, OH 44111

Since the STUDY GROUP will be meeting two or three times before Las Vegas, your immediate inquiry about its operations is necessary.

### FCC INQUIRES ABOUT FUTURE SPECTRUM NEEDS

The FCC has recently issued a Notice of Inquiry through which it solicits comments from the general public about land-mobile (including personal radio) spectrum needs through the end of this century.

National REACT leaders have been specifically requested to participate in this inquiry. To share our ideas and to coordinate our responses, a STUDY GROUP has been formed as a joint project between the Communications and Inter-Agency Liaison Task Groups of the REACT Forum.

For more information about this STUDY GROUP, send a self-addressed, stamped (20¢) envelope to:

Ned Smith  
1410 East Willow Grove Ave.  
Philadelphia, PA 19118

Since the comment period ends in early June, your immediate action will be necessary.

### Tucson REACTer's Alertness Helps Party in Distress - Miles Away

TUCSON, AR.—While monitoring Channel 9 during his scheduled hours on Wednesdays between the hours of noon until 4 pm here Gerald Moomey, of Tucson REACT Team C-176, overheard a distant breaker attempting to contact any Forest Fire Control station, or authorities of any department. The party was frantically attempting to report a forest fire she had visual contact with.

Moomey identified his station as being in Tucson and offered assistance, the lady breaker advised that she was in an isolated cabin in the Boise Cascade area of Oregon (several hundred miles away from Tucson) and was unable to make radio contact with any authorities. She informed him that she had no

telephone or means of transportation, and was stranded in the cabin with only her CB radio. While he maintained radio contact with the woman for several minutes Moomey contacted the long distance telephone operator in Oregon reporting the forest fire. The Operator advised she would relay the information to the local forest fire control.

Moomey informed the breaker that assistance was on the way, and she was relieved to know someone on the channel airwaves (REACT) was there to accept her request for help, even though it was several hundred miles away. Comment was made on their distant communication, and the ability to communicate in spite of the Mexican channel nine interference he was experiencing at the time.

### Christmas Party Draws Praise as winner

SALT LAKE CITY, UT.—The annual Christmas Party of Salt Lake REACT Team C269 was held in the Murray Recreation building and featured a delicious turkey dinner. New officers were introduced and the old officers thanked for their service to the team. Concluding the gala event was singing and a visit from none other than--Santa himself.

### Team Sets Record for Round-the-Clock Break

BRADENTON, FL.—Apparently Florida has the only team in the nation running a seven-day-a-week coffee break. Daily, week-in and week-out REACT Team of Manatee County No. 4012 maintains the following schedule: 6 a.m. to noon, Monday through Saturday, and 7 p.m. to midnight, Monday through Sunday, and 24 hours a day for all holidays. Any REACT member who wants to see how it is done is invited to visit the team's Coffee Break at the South end of the Desoto Bridge on Highway 301-41 at one of the above periods.

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# MORE REACT HAPPENINGS AROUND THE NATION



McMINNVILLE, TN--Seen here is the Warren County REACT Team's officer slate for 1982. From left seated are Vice-president Wilburn Norrod, President Douglas Perry and Membership Chairman Jack Hutchings. Standing from left are Treasurer Mrs. Virgie Knowles and Secretary Mrs. Hilda Holt. Hutchings said the team is seeking to increase its membership of qualified CB operators.

## Early Bird Winners (Continued from page 1)

Antenna Specialists has provided Professional All Band Base Monitor Antennas Model MONR 31 to: Dallas County REACT C-622, Dallas, TX and Henderson County REACT 4502, Athens, TX. Norco REACT 3985 of Garnerville, NY won the Antenna Specialist Model MS 119 Super Scanner CB Base Antenna. Danville REACT Team C-1 of Danville, IL won an Avanti Model AV 122 CB Beam Antenna from the Antenna Specialists Company.

The following Teams won one-year subscriptions to CB/Radio Times Magazine: Monterey Peninsula REACT 2192, Marilyn, CA; Gulf Coast REACT 2927, Magnolia Springs, AL; CB Rangers REACT 4035, Butler, PA; Coshocton County REACT C-575, Coshocton, OH; Bloomsburg REACT C-502, Catawissa, PA; Canton REACT C-181, Canton, OH; Waterville Emergency REACT 4471, Waterville, MN; Three Rivers REACT C-263, Gray Summit, MO; Tsimspean REACT 2485, Port Simpson, BC; Orange County REACT 2791, Orlando, FL; Nova REACT 2356, Springfield, VA; REACT Radio Patrol C-22, Hagerstown, MD; Fort Sutter REACT 2260, Sacramento, CA; Tri-State REACT C-453, Huntington, West VA; Caldonia County REACT 2424, St. Johnsbury, VT; Greater Carlisle Area REACT 2859, Carlisle, PA; Ashland REACT 3176, Ashland, KY; Lansing REACT C-264, Lansing, MI; Jefferson & Ashtabula REACT 2214, Ashtabula, OH; Douglas E. Fete Memorial REACT 3609, Canton, NY; North Central Missouri REACT 4328, Chillicothe, MO; Sedgwick County REACT 4208, Wichita, KS; Mt. Vernon Knox County REACT C-114, Mt. Vernon, OH; St. Joseph Valley REACT C-100, South Bend, IN; and West Jersey REACT 3728, Lebanon, NJ. Channel Master will be shipping their Model 5060 Lunar Probe CB Beam Antennas to: Columbus-Franklin County-REACT C-333, Columbus, OH; Panhandle REACT 2486, Guyman, OK; and McCreary County REACT 4428, Whitley City, KY.

McGregor REACT 2615 of McGregor, Texas won the Cobra Communications Model 29 LTD Mobile CB Radio.

Electra will be presenting their Model BC Two, Bearcat Thin Scan hand-held pocket size two band FM monitor receivers to: Greater Columbiana REACT 2172, Salem, OH; and Tehoma County REACT 3431, Red Bluff, CA.

Firestik Antennas will be presenting their new "Diesel-Stik" bare-hands tunable antennas to the following Teams: Deutsche Hauptstz REACT, Ludwigshafen, W. Germany; Mecosta County REACT C227, Big Rapids, MI; Road Rangers REACT 4497, East Berstadt, KY; Tem-Bel REACT 2406, Temple, TX; Leeds & Granville REACT 3588, Brockville, Ontario, CA; Circle City REACT C-261, Indianapolis, IN; Erie County REACT 4493, Fairview, PA; 1000 Hills REACT 4284, Kirksville, MO; Gaston County REACT 2885, Gastonia, NC; Hot Line REACT 4086, Boonsboro, MD; Seaway Valley REACT 4403, Lisbon, NY; Tri-City REACT 4434, Petersburg, VA; Navarro County REACT 3051, Corsicana, TX; Washita Valley REACT 2998, Carnegie, OK; McDowell County REACT 2706, Old Fort, NC; Newark Licking County REACT C-254, Newark, OH; Kankakee County REACT 4500, Kankakee, IL; Honolulu REACTC-10, Honolulu, Hawaii; Northern Indiana County REACT 4100, Marion Center, PA; Maple City REACT 2133, Chatham, Ont. Canada; Rose City REACT 2060, Windsor, Ont. Canada; West Putnam REACT 3490, Interlachen, FL; Mid-Rivers REACT 4455, St. Peters, MO; Mississippi Valley REACT 4242, La Grange, MO; and Pinnacle Valley REACT 2675, Middlesboro, KY.

The General Electric HELP Radio, the original packaged Emergency CB radio with cigarette power plug in the telescoping magnetic antenna was won by KiHitas Valley REACT 2682, Ellensburg, WA.

The Hustler Model XBLM-1 magnetic mount mobile antenna was won by Pontotoc County REACT 4233, Ada, OK.

The President Grant 40 Channel SSB Mobile CB Radio made by President Electronics was won by Haywood County REACT 4309, Hazelwood, NC.

The Realistic Navaho Model TRC-490 AM/SSB Base Station CB radio from Radio Shack was won by Richland-Lexington County REACT C-485, Columbia, SC.

HyGains's Penetrator Base Station Obidirectional Antenna from Telex Corporation was won by: Muncestown REACT 3239, Muncie, IN; Tigress REACT 4352, Yabucoa, PR won by the Turner Expander 500 base station microphone from Telex. The Turner Super Side Kick base station microphone was won by Morrow County REACT 3006, Mt. Gilead, OH. Kearney REACT C-353, Kearney, NB won the Turner RK 56 noise cancelling dynamic microphone from Telex Corporation.

Lucerne Valley REACT 2801, Lucerne, CA, won the Model 902 three foot "Crock Stick" mobile CB Antenna from the Winn Tenna Company.

## Get Down to Business Quick is Washington Team's Call to Action

PUYALLUP, WA.--Summit View REACT Team 4501, which received its Charter in November, 1981, has wasted no time in getting down to business. The team has approved its Bylaws, elected officers, and formed Committees.

Recently the team purchased and remodeled a 16 foot trailer for use as a concession mobile, and conducted its first Safety Break, December 29th - January 3, at a Rest Area on Interstate 5 near Olympia, Washington.

President Donna Remeto and

Vice-President Mike Remeto spent the entire five days working on the site and supervising the team. They reported that approximately 10,000 were served coffee, cocoa and hot apple cider.

Many travelers expressed their gratitude, especially as a snowstorm made the roads hazardous and accidents were frequent. The team was able to assist in getting help to the motorist through Channel 9.

The team has another Safety Break planned for February as the REACTer goes to press.

## Detroit First: Team's Share Traffic Information in New System

DETROIT--History was realized in this area recently when Michigan Emergency Patrol 2036, and Plymouth Area REACT, inaugurated their effort to share traffic information through use of an interconnecting teletype system now in operation. Using a hardcopy deckwriter located at Plymouth Area REACT Team base to receive a signal originating from MEP's Fisher building base, the information is transmitted through special telephone wires.

The target date for the kickoff of the new system was set by MEP

President Ed Taff and Plymouth Area REACT President Chuck Van Vleck as no later than a week before the Super Bowl, which was to be held in nearby Pontiac. And sure enough, a week before the scheduled Super Bowl, the new system was installed and ready to go to better help speed traffic information to police and radio stations during the actual event. The successful effort is another milestone in the continued growth of the REACT efforts in the Greater Detroit area and both teams are to be commended for their efforts.

## Team Helps to Assure Safe Landing for Santa

AMELIA, OHIO--Good things come to those who wait. That's what happened at 2 p.m., Sunday, December 13 when eleven members of Clermont County REACT Team 3593 braved the extreme cold for over five hours to help out at the annual holiday events. A helicopter, complete with a jolly Santa Claus, landed to the delight of over 2,000 children. Clermont County REACT members helped with the crowd control, prepared and passed out treats to all the children. It was a long, hard, cold day but the team members didn't seem to notice. They all had a good feeling of satisfaction that comes from seeing the happy expressions on the children's faces.

## REACT Closes Book on Impressive Scorecard

POMEROY, Ohio--For the year just concluded, the record of accomplishment of Meigs County REACT Team No. 3837 looks like a champion scorecard. In just one month, May, the team assisted in the Hike/Bike for Meigs County Mental Retardation with 15 members on duty and it helped in the Pomeroy Regatta parade with nine on duty. The team also held its annual picnic and has participated in many other civic, social and educational programs during the course of the year. As of this date, the team is rapidly rounding into shape an Emergency/Portable Tower Trailer, built to go anywhere and equipped with a 35 foot tower which can be erected in 10 minutes.

## Canadian REACT Plays Good Samaritan to REACTers

AGINCOURT, ONT.--On December 28, a cold blustery night, Lake Simcoe REACT was able to help two Agincourt REACT members, when their truck refused to start after returning from a snowmobiling trip about twenty miles north of Toronto. Luckily, one of our men had the insight to bring a magnetic mount antenna as the other's truck antenna had been stolen earlier that day, so they were able to contact Lake Simcoe REACT unit 25. Unit 25 contacted Agincourt REACT unit 5 so that arrangements could be made for the rescue.

## Indiana REACT Looks Back on Impressive Record

FRANKLIN, IND.--Johnson County REACT Team C-273 can look back on 1981 with pride. Besides serving as volunteers for the Indiana State Police and the Insert Program, the team works with the Indiana City and Edinburgh police and provides parking for Franklin High School at its basketball and football games. In addition the team sponsors a Rest break on I-65 for the Labor Day, Memorial Day, and July 4 holiday weekends and assists the local police department on parades and Halloween patrol. If that weren't enough, the team's emergency van is ready to roll any time needed and members have received advanced first aid, CPR, and disaster training.

## Yakima REACT's Year is Busy, Productive

YAKIMA, WA.--The year just completed was a busy one for Yakima Valley REACT Team C-582. To improve the effectiveness of individual monitors, the team sponsored a three-session Total Teamwork Seminar with guest speakers including the mayor, the Yakima County Sheriff and representatives from Search and Rescue, the Department of Emergency Services, and the Red Cross. Sessions covered information on placing a call, how CB can be used to assist search and rescue operations and other emergency services and FCC rules and regulations.

In addition the team has supplied backup and communications for the Diabetes Bike-A-Thon and sponsored coffee stops at two separate rest areas over the Memorial Day and Labor Day Weekends. It served free coffee, cake and cookies, and tea to hundreds of weary travelers. This is the twelfth year of sponsorship by the team.

In addition REACT participated in a halloween patrol under the supervision of the local police department, the thirteenth year of its participating in this program.

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## Children's Holiday is Brighter Thanks to REACT

LANCASTER, PA.—Members of Lancaster County REACT Team No. C-130 helped brighten the Christmas holidays for children confined to St. Joseph Hospital by arranging for the youngsters to talk to "Santa" on CB radio. Linda Porterfield, president of the hospital school of nursing student council and REACT members Herbert New and Jim Lyle circulated among the children in the pediatric ward. With Ms. Porterfield wielding the radio the children talked to some of the Santa's elves, Mrs. Claus, and the chubby fellow himself.

Jack Brubaker, a REACT member who arranged the connection, said members hoped to give children at Lancaster General and Osteopathic hospitals the same opportunity to talk with Santa before Christmas.

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## Announce Second Annual Newsletter Competition and Awards

Around the World \*\*\*\* The Second Annual Newsletter Awards are to be given at the International Convention in Las Vegas this year. We, the Awards Committee, hope you the, "REACT People Around the World," will submit your Council newsletter or (if there is no council) your Team's newsletter. We hope to meet many of you. Please bring the newsletter with you or send it to REACT International, Mr. Gerald Reese, 3653 Woodhead Drive, Northbrook Illinois, 60062. (Please state "Newsletter Contest")

**Newsletter Contest Judging Criteria.** Each of the newsletters will be judged on Contents and overall appearance in each Division. There are four divisions: A - less than 25 members, B - 26 to 50 members, C - 51 or more, D - Councils. Entering is easy: just bring your newsletter with you to the Convention or mail it to REACT International, care of Mr. Gerald Reese, 3653 Woodhead Drive, Northbrook Illinois, 60062. (Please state "Newsletter Contest").

Greg Anderson  
Awards & Recognition T. G.

## Muncie Rings Up Banner Year for 1981

MUNCIE, IN.—The year 1981 was a banner year indeed for Muncietown REACT Team 3239. In the year just concluded the team can point to such highlights as providing of traffic control for police, fire, and other emergency control groups, and participation in such well known activities as Big Brother, March of Dimes Walk-A-Thon, Special Olympics, Ball State Sport Games for the Handicap, and the Run for Epilepsy, to name but a few activities. The team has also sponsored highly successful Safety Breaks over the Memorial Day, July 4, and Labor Day holidays, and was represented at the sub-council, state and REACT International Conventions.

## Maine REACT Rates Two Letters of Praise

SOUTH PORTLAND, ME.—On the receiving end of two letters of praise from local chiefs of police were members of Southern Maine REACT Team No. 3603. Said Chief Ralph Segal of South Portland Police Department: "The South Portland Police Department has a good working relationship with this agency and wholeheartedly endorses the concept of the organization and the services they provide to the community."

According to Chief of Police LeRoy R. Darling of the Westbrook Police Department, "We endorse their efforts and have a good relationship with their organization."

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