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## We Were There

### Personal Account of New Orleans Plane Crash

On the night, of July 9, a night members of Jefferson REACT Volunteers won't forget, an aircraft went down in the town of Kenner near New Orleans, La. and the local REACT team was tested as it has never been tested before as is apparent in the following account, submitted by the team's Secretary, Janet Wilson:



SCHENECTADY, NY— Getting set to do his thing—taking a quick dip in the tank at Carnival for Muscular Dystrophy is Bob Snell, president of Schenectady County REACT Team 3030. Bob took many dips to benefit MDA and he took it with a smile. For more on story, see page 4.

KENNER, LA--It was raining hard and a strong wind was blowing. All members of Jefferson REACT Volunteers, Inc. Team 2686 were attending an early meeting the night of July 6 when horrible news, about a plane crash in Kenner, arrived.

Jefferson REACTers went to work. They started unloading food and clothes for the unfortunates. It was hard to believe so many people could lose so much, so fast. The Kenner gym was jammed. The City of Kenner sure was thankful to so many people.

Jefferson REACTers worked long hours to make sure these people were taken care of. Every member was happy to help and so were many non-members. All were glad they could be there. People from all over the state offered to help, fixing food, offering clothes, and opening up their homes.

Many special teams worked all night so that everyone could be helped. No matter what it took. No matter how tired they got, they kept on working.

So many different groceries were received from nearly every store in

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### Dallas REACT Keys New Year's Free Ride Home

DALLAS, TX--For the second year, the Dallas Council on Alcoholism will include the "Free Ride Home" on New Year's Eve as part of the larger "HOLIDAYS AHEAD" campaign for safe and sane drinking. Again this year, Dallas County REACT Team C-622 has been given the main responsibility for the event, and DCR's Terry Allen (34) has been appointed by both DCR and DCA as "in charge".

Terry expects to have a minimum of 20 vehicles and Teams available during the peak period of activity from 1 pm to 3 am. In addition to DCR participation, vehicles and drivers have been promised by Sears Driving School and Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). DCR's newly revitalized GMRS system will be used for communications and control.

As in 1981, the headquarters on New Years Eve will be the Ben E. Keith Company Hospitality Room, which will be located in the company's new facility at 805 Record Crossing.

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## Chris White, Lancaster REACT Team Win Awards

### Cattle Roundup on Busy Chicago Expressway Draws Best Efforts of REACT Volunteers

On September 3 at approximately 3:15 a.m., a car in the northbound lanes of Chicago's Kennedy Expressway (on the City's Northwest Side) overturned at the Hamlin Avenue exit and smashed into a two-tiered truck trailer, carrying 42 cows and steers. The truck's roof ripped open, allowing the animals on the top tier to escape and leading police and pursuers on a merry chase. Dawn Weide, vice president of Apollo REACT Team 4534 of Wilmette, Illinois, was heavily involved and the following is her account of what happened.

WILMETTE, IL--On September 3, at approximately 3:15 A.M. Dawn Weide, a member of Apollo REACT Team 4534 received a call on Channel 9 involving an 18-wheel cow-carrier and an automobile. The accident took place on the Kennedy Expressway and Hamlin. El Ray Transportation from Francis Creek, Wisconsin, heading towards Green Bay was carrying 42 cows when the collision occurred.

Thinking this was a crank call, I called the Chicago Police to confirm. They had not heard about it. Returning to the CB I was advised to call the Pulaski-Lawrence police station, which I did and found that the call had been reported and police were on the way. Again, I returned to my base and told the caller I would stand by if further assistance was necessary. The caller was Big M, Michael McDonough KTMS 4543 and, Night Watchman. The two of them corralled a cow 15 minutes later in the vicinity of the crash.

At this point another base station (not REACT) called. His name was Richard and he wanted to help in the

round-up. I did too and offered to pick him up since he didn't have a car. When we arrived near the scene I smelled something burning. The car involved in the accident was on fire and the woman driver had been thrown from it totally uninjured. We told the police we would help in any way we could. I showed Sgt. Roger Stack my drivers license and introduced myself as a member of Apollo VII REACT. He quickly reviewed the situation for us so as not to jeopardize the capture of the animals and the clean-up of vehicles and we joined Big M in the round-up.

Not far away we spotted two men trying to tie up a cow. She was struggling with them all over a small park in the area. Richard and I came to their aid. I calmed her down by talking quietly to her while the men lassoed her. I was still holding her as they tied her to a tree. A couple of officers watched in disbelief and complimented my ability as a cow girl. I told them I was a city girl and the closest I'd ever come to ranching was from TV. The cow mooded her thanks for the care she got from us.

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What does it take for success in REACT--persistence, dedication to the needs of your fellow man, willingness to go the extra mile to get the job done. That and lots more perhaps and that's why Chris White, a member of the San Bernardino Valley REACT Team C-167, and Lancaster County Team C-130 Lancaster, PA are first quarter winners of the REACT achievement awards in the individual and team categories.

According to Awards Chairman Greg Anderson and his committee, both are highly deserving of the awards and reflect credit on REACT, both in their communities and nationwide. The awards are presented quarterly by American Antenna Company to the individuals and teams which best exemplify the ideals of REACT International.



CHRIS WHITE

Each carries a \$100 cash award and an appropriate trophy. From the ranks of the quarterly award winners, are selected the winners of the annual awards consisting of \$500 cash and a trophy plus travel expenses to the International Convention.

According to John Northrup, Vice President of San Bernardino REACT C-380 who presented Mrs. White's name in nomination, Chris joined South Bay REACT in 1967 and has been a Team Officer for nine years, serving as president twice, vice president once and secretary four times and also as communications officer. Chris has also been very active in southern California REACT Council and is presently REACT Council President.

Chris is active in REACT International serving on two Forum committees and has attended the past few International Conventions. Last Spring, Mrs. White was nominated for International Field Director but lost.

Lancaster County REACT holds a record of achievement which could well serve as a model for almost any team in REACT International. In just two months--May and June--here are just a few of the activities in which the team was involved. Carry them out for the entire year, and you can easily see why the team is so outstanding:

- distributed Easter flowers to all of the residents of the county hospital and home.

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### A Busy Man Who Lives REACT Daily

by Eleanor Smith  
Fulton County REACT Team C-028

Ray Whitcomb has been a member of Fulton County REACT, Inc. Wauseon, Ohio, for approximately 12 years. He uses Unit 51 during official functions.

Ray monitors channel 9 starting at 6:30 a.m. in the morning and continues through the day until late evening.

Ray averages about 300 hours per month even though he suffers from Osteomyelitis of his left leg and Osteoarthritis of the spine, which limits his physical activities. He is also a disabled veteran.

Last summer despite his disability he sat at the Fulton County Fairgrounds all day in the rain waiting and checking the cars for the Rally of Energy Conservation.

For years he has led the Retarded Children's Bike-a-Thon, and the Church Council Crop Walk. Besides that Ray monitors channel 9 and 3, other channels, and keeps in contact with the sheriff's office when needed by phone.

Truly, Ray deserves recognition for the fine job his is doing in keeping up the ideals of REACT by standing by and monitoring channel 9.

**Niles (Ill.) Team Works Run**  
NILES, IL--Metro North REACT Team 4515, of Niles, has been appointed to handle communications for the annual Golf Mill 10 Kilometer (6.2 miles) race through the Village of Niles.



RAY WHITCOMB

### New York Team Works for Muscular Dystrophy

SCHENECTADY, NY--The fourth of July, found Schenectady County REACT Team 3030 sponsoring their second "Wake Break" on the north side of I-87, at Clifton Park, New York. This is a major traffic artery for travelers heading north, to Lake George and Canada.

Local coverage of the event by radio, television and C.B.ers was outstanding as 1,900 travel-wearied motorists stopped in for free coffee, ice tea, donuts and travel information.

At least four team members were on duty at all times during the 24 hour break.

### REACT Was There

### California Team Plays Lead Role in Coordinating Communications at Festival

HOLLISTER, CA--The annual Gilroy Garlic Festival was held July 30 - August 1, attracting approximately 125,000 garlic fanciers.

Pacheco Pass REACT Team C-556 manned three base stations which monitored five base radios handling traffic from 81 portable and mobile units. Mobile and portable units were used for traffic control, perimeter security, fire and first aid.

The Team handled approximately 355 calls per 10-hour shift. Unfortunately numerous visitors were overcome by heat and many aged and disabled persons were assisted to first aid stations and to their vehicles. Altogether Pacheco Pass REACT C-556 logged 457 man hours.

Pacheco Pass REACT was assisted by the 4xFun Four Wheelers, and Gavalan Amateur Radio Club on 2 meters.



HOLLISTER, CA--Glad to be part of the action at the annual Gilroy Garlic Festival which attracted approximately 125,000 garlic lovers last July are REACT member Patty Donn (left) and volunteer Barbara Brown, who are shown with Comic Danny Kaye, who was among those on hand. Pacheco Pass REACT Team C-556 played a lead role in the coordination of communications, traffic control, security and first aid at the mammoth event.

# NEWS OF REACT ACTIVITIES

## THE VIEW FROM WOODHEAD DRIVE

By Gerald H. Reese, Executive Director

Every REACT Team should have received their 1983 Registration Package by the time this November/December REACTer reaches you. Your 1983 registration is to be submitted beginning November 1, 1982. In addition, all registrations received prior to January 1, 1983, will provide eligibility for our annual "Early Bird Promotion."

Last year we had a record 92 Teams winning prizes in this fun promotion. Your Team receives one chance in the drawing for every member registered prior to January 1. In this way, there is an incentive for you to register early, and the donated prizes provide an extra bonus and excitement in the process.

Your Team's membership drive should include new and old members. Every Team needs to recruit new members. You need new members just to stay even! There are always some losses in membership for various reasons. We hope your Team will be bigger, stronger and better than ever for 1983!

For membership drive help, request a free copy of REACT's membership Protection Program Guide.

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CB radio delicensing is an issue that REACT members have been very concerned about. It was probably the number one topic at the 1982 REACT International Convention.

In spite of all the excellent arguments in favor of retaining licensing, the Congress and the FCC are more concerned about saving money, eliminating paperwork and regulations than dealing with the merits of this particular issue. Nonetheless, you should be aware of the extent to which REACT International has attempted to save CB licensing.

The Senate Bill 929, passed in September included an amendment introduced on the floor by Senator Goldwater to permit delicensing. We had no opportunity to testify before Senate Committees or to make any input prior to that vote.

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The House of Representatives invited us to testify at a Communications Subcommittee Meeting November 19, 1981. We also appeared before one of the early en banc meetings of the full group of FCC Commissioners in February. Evelyn White, who received the call reporting the air crash into Washington's 14th Street Bridge, also participated in that meeting along with Corwin Moore, Chairman of the REACT Forum Communications Task Group, Nat Maryn, President, REACT Forum, Randy Knowles, Chairman, Interagency Task Group of the Forum, and Jim Southworth, of the Fairfax REACT Team.

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We were also privileged to participate in a personal meeting with Senator Goldwater along with Messrs. Knowles, Maryn and Moore. The Senator listened to what we said and concluded that he would like to try delicensing and thought that if it didn't work, it could be reinstated at a later date.

REACT Teams and a small number of additional CB'ers provided us with about 6,000 signatures on petitions (which were turned in to the House Subcommittee). Many REACT leaders also contacted specific Congressmen on the full House Committee on Energy and Commerce when this matter came up. Unfortunately, we couldn't come up with the votes to change the Committee's report.

I think we would need a truckload of petitions to make an impression!

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To update you on this matter, the Congressional authorization has been passed and the President signed it as of September 13, 1982. It is now up to the Federal Communications Commission to determine whether it is in the public interest to eliminate CB licensing. This will be forthcoming no earlier than late November in the form of a proposed rulemaking to eliminate the licensing. This means amendment of Part 95 and other sections of the FCC rules. Final action is not possible until early 1983.

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OGDENSBURG, NY—Honored at a dinner held here last Spring was Flo Brigham, a member of REACT of St. Lawrence County. Ms. Brigham was presented with a special recognition award certificate for her years of service with the American Red Cross and the Team. The Team, possibly the only one in all of REACT with a membership of nearly 100 per cent disabled, has sponsored three coffee breaks this year over each of the major holiday weekends. Shown at the dinner are, front row, Florence Baldock, Bessie Kelly, James Baldock, George Slocum; second row, President Robert Gagnon, Hugh Kelly, Elsie Slocum, Pearl Bowman, Morris Needle, Peter Putnam, Sharon Putnam and Flo Brigham.

### BREAK! BREAK!

### Anyone Out There Listening? By Rev. Bill Shafer REACT Field Director

Sound familiar? As a REACTer you know how important it is to be a Channel 9 "listener." At one time there were a lot of REACTers listening to Channel 9, but in recent years that number is getting smaller and smaller. Many reasons have been given for REACT's membership losses, various solutions have been applied to the problem, and still our number decreases. Oftentimes reasons are merely excuses that avoid the real problems that must be dealt with.

Let's examine some of the problems that have been dealt with and see if the solution has worked. AT REACT's First Convention in 1976, it was reported that 208 REACTers were in attendance. Let's have more conventions, it was said, and we'll solve all our problems. Thus far, each of REACT's National Conventions have had 200-300 attendees and there are still problems. At the recent "TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION" there were 297 REACTers present, one and one-half percent of REACT's general membership. Of the approximately 1,500 REACT Teams in existence today, only 133 of those Teams were represented at the recent Convention, barely 9 percent of the Teams present.

Another problem often cited was the lack of "Field Directors" on the REACT International Board. Today there is an equal representation of directors from the Public Sector and the REACT membership, plus the Executive Director. It's embarrassing to report that out of approximately 1,500 Team votes only 278 Team votes were cast. Only 18 1/2 percent of REACT's Teams cared enough to cast their ballots in the last Field Director's Elections.

Give us a chance to share ideas, develop programs, have a voice in planning our future; surely this will solve the problems. Thus the REACT Forum was born. There is no doubt in my mind that the purpose and function of the REACT Forum is one of REACT's greatest strengths. Every REACTer has the opportunity to participate in the work of the REACT Forum, but far too few have done so.

CONVENTIONS, FIELD DIRECTORS, FORUM: each has been developed in response to the concerns and needs of the REACT membership. And yet, according to the previously quoted statistics, only a minority of the REACT membership attended the last Convention, voted in the last Election of Field Directors, and provided input last year to the REACT Forum. It is apparent, as REACT's membership shrinks, that REACT is suffering from "Apathy". This is not an uncommon problem in today's society. To ignore "apathy" is a crime in itself. A healthy organization is best characterized as a partnership between leadership and membership, working together to achieve its stated objectives.

No one can deny that REACT Teams are losing members, that REACT Councils are losing Teams, that in general REACT itself is in a "slump." But the biggest loser of all is the General Public! This is not to deny that many REACT Teams across the Nation are performing valuable and needed services in their communities. It is because of their dedication and commitment that REACT exists today whereas similar organizations have failed. Just as a local REACT Team needs the support of its members to continue its services in their community, REACT on the national level needs the support of its REACT Teams to maintain its effectiveness in the national community. It is evident that the REACT "generals" are leading, but the REACT "troops" are not following. It is my intention to find out why through "listening" to you, the individual REACTer. I am prepared to listen to all who care enough about REACT's future to take the time to respond to the following questions. If there is a healthy response, I am sure that future membership polls on other vital concerns can be considered. Poll results will be distributed to REACT's Board of Directors and Forum Officers. Help me do the job I was elected to do as a Field Director, to be your voice on REACT's Board of Director. Let's build that partnership between leadership and membership NOW!

Please answer the following questions; then mail to:  
Rev. Bill Shafer - 9 Maple street, Woodville, N.H. 03785

To assist in tabulating responses, please fill in the following information.  
My REACT Team number is \_\_\_\_\_ My Postal Zip Code is \_\_\_\_\_

- 1.) Did you attend REACT's 1982 Annual Convention? YES  NO   
(If you checked "YES", answer question 2; if "NO", Question 3)
- 2.) Briefly list your reason(s) for attending the 1982 Convention.

Were you (please check all that apply) a Team Delegate , a Team Alternate , a Council Delegate , a Council Alternate , a Forum Officer , a Forum Committee or Task Group Chairperson , a REACT Board Member , a REACT Team Member , a REACT Spouse , Other . Please estimate distance traveled in miles, one way, between your home and Las Vegas, Nevada.

- 3.) Briefly list your reason(s) for not attending the 1982 Convention.  
Did any of the following (please check all that apply) affect your decision not to attend?  
Cost  Distance from your home  Time of the year  Length of Convention
- 4.) Have you ever attended a REACT International Annual Convention? (circle one) YES NO.  
If "YES", circle year(s): '76 '77 '78 '79 '80 '81 '82
- 5.) Should REACT International Conventions (check only one) be held every year , every 2 years , every 3 years , every 4 years ? (NOTE: If Conventions were not held every year, during years between Conventions a series of Regional Conferences would be considered.)
- 7.) Did your Team cast its ballot in the last Field Director's Election? (circle one) YES NO. If "NO", briefly explain why.

8.) As a REACT Team member briefly describe, on a separate piece of paper, what you believe are REACT's major problems.

### 1983 REACT International Convention Invitation

Save these dates—1983 REACT International Convention—July 25-28—Plaza Holiday Inn, Wichita, Kansas. \$38 per night, 1 to 4 persons in room. An educational, entertaining program is being arranged by host team—Sedgwick County REACT and the REACT Forum.

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## Nuts & Bolts on 27 megs

By Charlie Harband  
REACT of the Golden Gate  
San Francisco, California

Charlie is my name and improving your 27 meg operation is my aim. Let us talk about your voice, its volume, and its modulation... Cause, when you talk into the microphone, those are the ingredients that make up your broadcast. You see, the CB set, unless you have fiddled with it (illegal) uses only five (5) watts, and that doesn't really make your output any louder than what comes out of your mouth. So you can't whisper or talk softly and expect to be heard at any distance or over the usual skip. Instead you have to really belt it out...talk loudly to be heard.

The "Carrier"... the electronics on which your voice is imposed, or impressed, is a straight line. When seen on an oscilloscope, the volume or loudness of your voice shows up like a distant mountain sitting on the line. The louder the voice, the higher the mountain. Now, when the height of the mountain changes and the mountain gets fatter or thinner sideways...you have MODULATION. And it is Modulation that determines the character of your voice, and, unfortunately, determines whether you are going to be understood. You remember Demosthenes, the famous Greek who put pebbles in his mouth and spoke into the pounding surf. He was trying to improve his ARTICULATION AND HIS MODULATION.

What can you do? You can get yourself a Radio Check hopefully off Channel 9 (and have your friends tell you: (a) if they can hear you loud enough without increasing their own volume to the "skip" level, and (b) clearly enough so that they can "UNDERSTAND" every word.

As the saying goes, it might not help, BUT it can't hurt.

There is also the matter of the microphone. Most mikes have two flat surfaces, a front and a back. Many CB faults are so-so simple, and even ridiculous when you point them out, BUT...talking into the back of the microphone is a very common one, and it sure does NOT improve your transmission. If your mike is shaped like an ice cream cone instead, be sure you hold it as perpendicular to your mouth as you can get it. And, of course



LANCASTER, PA--Baltimore residents--Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Harr and Mrs. Fred Berl receive coffee and donuts at coffee break sponsored by Lancaster County REACT Team. Manning the REACT trailer are left to right, Jim Bear, Sharon Bear, Robert Doman, and Helein Baminger.

speaking into the "ice cream" end of it. This kind of mike is directional, and if you speak into it, holding it to one side, as you would while blowing smoke rings, you are only picking up part of your voice emission.

Distance of the mike from your mouth is also important. Holding the mike right up against your mouth distorts the signal similar to overmodulation and holding the mike two feet from your mouth only picks up part of your voice and it is difficult to hear you. Experiment off channel 9 and find the best place to hold your mike.

In another issue we will cover SWR, what it means, and how it controls whether your voice is ever going to get out through the tip of your antenna. I want to thank Penny Barker, our Georgia "Peach," who serves as our National Forum VP for Administration, for her note of support for this column, and hasten to answer her question:

Meanwhile, back at the typewriter, the only way this column can continue to exist is to get some input from interested members on "suggestions for improvements." Send those letters to Charlie Harband, 685 Howard St., San Francisco, CA 94106.

"Mobile antenna mounting and cable routing on today's cars are a nightmare"



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### Air Crash (From Front Cover)

the area. It's hard to name them all. There were so many clothes, they covered the entire gym floor. They included everything from personal items to household items.

People gave, even after we asked for no more. We simply didn't have the space.

Because of this tragedy we've gained four new members. And seven Junior REACT members.

Gov. Treen of Louisiana helped by declaring Kenner a disaster area. These victims needed and still need all the help they can get.

### Awards (From page 1)

- had nine members travel to Carlisle for the state REACT Council meeting.

- supplied personnel for the annual Cerebral Palsy Runathon in the County Park.

- supplied personnel for traffic control at the Sertoma Bar-B-Q which annually is listed in the Guinness Book of Records.

- supplied mobile patrol units for the tourist season programs in the county.

- was involved in the disaster planning for a nuclear drive to be conducted in June.

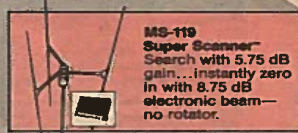
- supplied personnel and communications for the county's 300th anniversary program for the Commonwealth.

And the record goes on like this for pages. But perhaps the major achievement for the two months was the successful staging of the biggest Country-Western Musical program ever presented in the area as a combined fund-raiser for REACT and the Jaycees. The promotion, planning and coordination of this event, which was built around seven major country-western acts and attracted 2,000, is a textbook in planning which could serve as a guide for other teams considering sponsorship of such events. According to James Bear, team president, who presented the award-winning nomination, "to other teams that may contemplate doing such a project, be sure you have the up front capital to enter into such a venture. These projects cannot be started without adequate funds, since most of the finances must be paid prior to, not after, the activity."

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# REACT SAFETY BREAK REPORT

News of REACT safety breaks held successfully by teams throughout the country continue to pour into REACT headquarters and have served to cement relationships with the thousands upon thousands of motoring public and have cemented intracub relationships between Teams and members as well, as the following reports prove:

## Team Serves More Than 4,000 Motorists in July 4 Safety Break



CORYDON, IN--Members of Harrison County REACT Team 3327 getting set up for safety break Team sponsored over the July 4 weekend on I-64, one of several the team sponsors each year. More than 3,000 road-weary travelers were served during the July 4 event alone. Radio and newspaper coverage was excellent. From Evansville to Louisville, the public saw announcements providing the location of each break.

### Break Draws Appreciative Response in Missouri

EDEN VALLEY, MO--RAM Rod REACT TEAM 3844 found people on the receiving end of the Team-sponsored safety breaks very appreciative of the free coffee, cookies and Koolaid. According to Karen Wendroth, safety break chairperson, "People were great and though we are only eight, our team enjoyed it very much."

### Very Successful is Verdict For Arkansas Break

RUSSELLVILLE, AR--"Very successful" were the words team secretary, Penny Johnson used to describe the Safety Break sponsored by Pinetree REACT Team 3166. "Member cooperation was great and so much appreciation was shown by travelers," writes Penny. Approximately 1,100 travelers from 32 states and three foreign countries were served.

## Indiana Team Plays Vital Role in States Emergency Response Group

DANVILLE, IN--Aside from its many other functions in serving the public--monitoring of channel 9 and sponsorship of several Safety Breaks during the year--the Hendricks County REACT Team serves as a vital cog in the Indiana Council of Emergency Response Teams (INCERT) which was coordinated by the Indiana State Police following the Blizzard of 1978.

According to Team President Ray Klepfer, INCERT is a volunteer organization consisting of CB, ham radio, four-wheel drive and snowmobile organizations. "We aid the state police through INCERT and get up communica-

CORYDON, IN--There was no time for volunteers to sit down during the second Safety Break held this year by Harrison County REACT Team 3327 over the Memorial Day weekend. A steady stream of visitors--nearly 3,000 in all--paused for free refreshments over the four-day period, including travelers from as far away as Saudi Arabia and Germany.

Extra heavy traffic combined with hot humid weather caused a run on the liquid beverages served. By Sunday, REACT members had to make extra runs for supplies--coffee, tea, lemonade, cups and napkins. A newly purchased, but not completely renovated, REACT trailer made the weather easier to bear.

Since it was apparent to members that many people do not know what REACT is and what it does for the community, the team is planning a major membership drive for the near future, in which prospective members will be offered "trial" membership in REACT.

### Joint Break Serves Thousands in Indiana

EVANSVILLE, IN--This year for the first time, Vanderburgh County REACT Team C-296 joined with Spencer County REACT to conduct a joint Safety Break over the Labor Day Weekend.

The Break was held at Interstate 64, in southern Indiana, at the 58 mile marker rest stops on both sides of the road.

Spencer County REACT served over 2,800 persons in the 76 hours that they were open on the East-bound side while Vanderburgh County REACT served over 2,600 persons in the 72 hours the Team was open on the West bound side. A total of 5,414 persons combined were served from all over the country, besides England, and other countries.

During the entire holiday period, the State Police reported no accidents in the vicinity and credited this partially to the safety breaks.

tions in the event of a disaster," said Klepfer adding that the team has also supported state police by setting up vandalism patrols and in other ways, but only if instructed to do so by the state police.

### Local Merchants Contribute To Break's Success

EFFINGHAM, IL--Local merchants donated lemonade, coffee, cookies, donuts and napkins to help insure the success of the Safety Break held by Effingham County Team 4220 over the Labor Day Weekend. Members worked a total of 21 hours and served more than 3,200 motorists.

## Drivers Stop for Break That Refreshes



SCHENECTADY, NY--Just a few of the travel-wearied motorists who stopped at the Coffee Break sponsored by Schenectady County REACT Team 3030 over the July 4 weekend.

SCHENECTADY, NY--The fourth of July, found Schenectady County REACT Team 3030 sponsoring their second "Wake Break" on the north side of I-87, at Clifton Park, New York. This is a major traffic artery for travelers heading north, to Lake George and Canada.

Local coverage of the event by

## Golden Gate REACT Stages Successful Break with Help of other Area Teams

SAN BRUNO, CA--With the help of two other local REACT Teams, REACT of the Golden Gate Area, Team C-373 did the impossible--by sponsoring its first safety break ever over the Labor Day Weekend. All credit for helping make the event a success go to Marin REACT and Diablo REACT.

Spearheading the Team's effort was member Jonathan Tufts who was sold on the program as a result of what he had heard at the International Convention in Las Vegas. It was only with the cooperation of many local businesses, such as the 7-Eleven Stores and the Safeway Stores, that the team was able to adequately stock up for the event.

Visitors included a couple from

radio, television and C.B.ers was outstanding as 1,900 travel-wearied motorists stopped in for free coffee, ice tea, donuts and travel information.

At least four team members were on duty at all times during the 24 hour break.

New York, who were celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary, and others from Poland and Hawaii. The Team estimates between 2,000 and 3,000 stopped by. As part of its planning, the Team recognized businesses who helped out and it plugged its forthcoming Associates Day Picnic/Fundraiser. In addition, the team was grateful to members of Marin REACT and Diablo REACT for donating supplies and manning the booth and in general helping to make the event a success. So pleased was REACT with the Reception, that it is already planning another break to be held over the Thanksgiving weekend and another for New Year's.

## Minnesota Team Boosts Coffee Breaks After Staging Successful Event

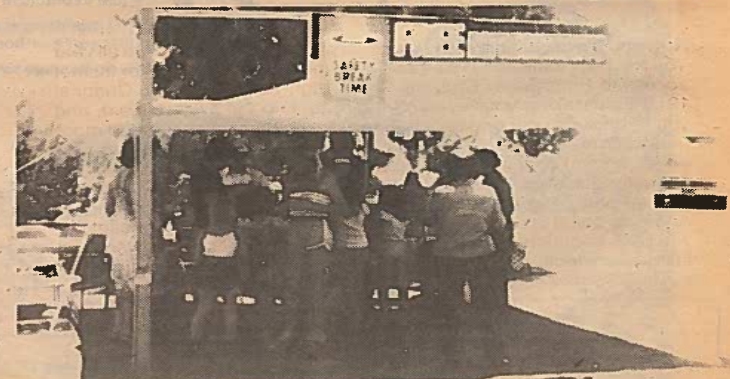
ALBERT LEA, MN--South Minnesota Albert Lea REACT, Inc. Team C-148 served free pop, tea, lemonade, orange drink, coffee and cookies to 8,862 travelers who stopped at the Minnesota Information Center on I-35, south of Albert Lea, during a 78-hour Safety Break over the July 4 weekend.

Included among the guest book registrants were motorists from 45 states and nine foreign countries (France, England, Mexico, Canada, Sweden, Scotland, Ghana, Germany, and South Africa).

Coffee was donated by the City of Albert Lea, and area merchants and service clubs donated refreshments and supplies.

The Team received excellent cooperation from the State of Minnesota, the City of Albert Lea, and from local business people and service clubs -- this year its list of donors numbered over 40! Each year, the response is better and better. It is a very gratifying experience, and members urge every REACT team to try it!!

## Motorists Flock to Barstow (Cal.) Safety Break



BARSTOW, CA--Part of the hundreds of travelers who stopped to refresh themselves at the Safety Break sponsored by Barstow REACT Team 2190.

### Team's First Break Works Out Just Fine



VICTORVILLE, CA--Part of the crew who pitched in at the Safety Break sponsored by Victor Valley REACT Team 2444 over the Labor Day Weekend.

VICTORVILLE, CA--Victor Valley REACT Team 2444, and Joshua Palms VFW Post #2924 (Hesperia) reports a good number of motorists stopped just to thank them for the joint break they held.

The VFW Post 2924 was a great help and helped the same time as REACT volunteers. In addition, the Team's Junior Volunteers stayed up the whole weekend with little rest.

A big help was the fine support supplied by the local merchants of the Victor Valley.

Since this was the Team's first

break, members are well-pleased and are planning another next year.

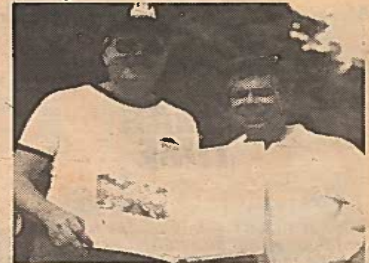
### Motorists Grateful for Break

ANGLETON, TX--"I feel participation and donations for this break came through 100 per cent," writes Secretary Debbie Lindsey of the Safety Break sponsored by Brazoria County REACT Team 2988.

"Every traveler that came by greatly appreciated our efforts in helping to insure safety," she writes adding that fewer accidents were reported during the period of the break. A total of 2,000 travelers were served.

### Busy New York Safety Break Serves 10,000 Travelers in Three Holiday Weekends

WESTBURY, NY--With the end of summer, the team sponsored coffee breaks of Central Nassau County REACT Team C-047 also comes to an end. But it was a busy period for the team, which served more than 10,000 holiday travelers over the three major holidays--Memorial Day, July 4 and Labor Day--all at the Long Island Tourism Center on the Southern State Parkway. The team thanks the many members who gave of their time to assist in this most-worthy activity and is looking forward to covering the major holiday weekends during the winter months.



LANCASTER, PA--On June 19, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania presented Lancaster REACT Team C-130 with a Citation of the House, the highest award the state can bestow, for the Team's Service. In the photo, James Bear, left, chairman of the REACT Team's Board of Directors, is presented with the citation by Representative Marvin E. Miller, Jr. The Team recently was named first quarter achievement winner for REACT International (see story on page 1)

### Breaks Challenge Team To New Service Success

MUSKEGON, MI--With the last coffee break of the year out of the way, members of Muskegon County REACT 3880 can breathe easier somewhat. According to team publicity chairman, Charles Corpe, in the three breaks the team sponsored, the turnout at each was excellent, and the team worked out of a house trailer that it had renovated, special for the occasion. In between the breaks, the Team has been called on to supply communications for a walk-a-thon and 10 and 15 km road runs.

### Minnesota REACT Rings Bell With Labor Day Break

MOTLEY, MN--Tri County REACT held its 4th annual Labor Day weekend safety break with very encouraging results.

Despite the apparent decrease in traffic over the long Labor Day weekend, about 1,400 travellers from 12 states as well as other countries, including Finland, Norway, Sweden, Canada and Mexico, stopped for refreshment and a break from the stress of travel.

The fine cooperation of area business men as well as the interest shown by the public, speaks well of the Central Minnesota area's concern for the safety and welfare of their neighbor.

Many who stopped at this break commented on the service that was rendered to the motoring public through these breaks. There were also comments indicating that these safety breaks are helping to introduce others to REACT.

### Cow Catch (From page 1)

Fortunately, she was only frightened, not hurt.

We continued our search for strays and found the police corraling three cows in a back yard. Further on we saw a tow truck driver guarding a couple more. We canvassed alleys in the area and found damage to garbage cans, fences etc. It was now getting light and we couldn't hear any more moos, so we returned to the accident site and found the cow truck on the ramp and the expressway moving as usual. It was 6:30 a.m.

We went directly to Sgt. Stack and told him about our search and where we left our cow tied to the tree. I mentioned I would write this report for our newsletter praising their work. he said it wasn't necessary, it was part of his job. But it is our feeling that they did a fantastic job, considering we're not a cow town. At this point we had to leave so I could get some sleep before work and we said our goodbyes. I told them it was a pleasure meeting "Chicago's Finest" who did a job over and beyond the call of duty. Thanks for a job well done. We were glad to be able to assist.

### REACT Credited for Prompt Action in Fireworks Explosion

LAKEWOOD, OHIO--REACT figured prominently in a report carried in the LEARA (Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association) Bulletin recently. The report credited REACT with quick and effective action when the entire fireworks display scheduled for the Lakewood Firework show went up prematurely after being accidentally ignited, threatening viewers and property nearby alike.

LEARA and REACT members worked jointly in helping to locate casualties, assisting in clearing the park, and helping to get families back together after the initial panic. The park was evacuated in about a half hour, casualties went to a nearby hospital and some order was quickly restored. Thanks to REACT and other volunteers on the scene, "what might have turned into chaos became instead a controlled situation," the report said.

### REACT Joins in Exposition

SAN DIEGO, CA--Participating in the annual Southern California Exposition held here in July were members of Southwestern REACT Team. The REACTers were one of several groups volunteering to help out during the event which lasted for several weeks. Each volunteer donated at least four hours of time to stand at a display mounted by the San Diego Ranger Unit and to speak to fair visitors.

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# NEWS OF FORUM ACTIVITIES

## Missouri Team Goes All Out For Muscular Dystrophy



ST. PETERS, MO—Jerry Lewis Labor Day Muscular Dystrophy Telethon. Some 22 Mid-Rivers REACT Team no. 4455 members participated directly in the MD Telethon September 6, manning the pledge telephones at group W cable in St. Peters. This was an all out effort by Mid-Rivers REACT to assist the St. Charles Jaycee women in their efforts to raise some \$5,000 in pledges. Pictured above are some of the REACTers and their families. From left to right: Carl Deister (standing), Kenny James, Jr., Ken James, Senior, Susan Morey, Lloyd Morey, Lisa Morey, John Pollock, and Dlanee Wawrzniak. Besides helping to man the pledge telephones, REACTers made frequent calls for help from motorists asking them to stop at the Telethon locations.

## View From Woodhead Drive (Continued from page 2)

We have sent more detailed information about this to your REACT Team. Your Team leader should share it with you. If you are interested in more specifics, we will be happy to send it to you on request.

The Congressional Conference Report on the delicensing bill mentioned REACT and our reasons for wanting to keep licensing. It also emphasizes the Commission is responsible to continue to enforce the rules in the service, and that while individual licensing is no longer required, "blanket licensing" is required. This is in order to meet conditions of our international telecommunications treaties with other countries. We will be looking very closely at the FCC proposal to see how it relates to the treaty requirements.

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Unless the climate in Washington changes drastically, very quickly, in my opinion, we face delicensing in 1983. The FCC asked the Congress for authority, which they received. At this point, the FCC is obligated to carry out the action. It seems highly unlikely that this projected plan can be diverted.

In facing delicensing, we should be very careful to evaluate exactly what the real results will be. How much more will discipline deteriorate on the channels? What can be done to apply the needed enforcement when required? How can the newly authorized volunteer effort be applied to enforcement? What can and should REACT do immediately to encourage rule compliance and gather more CB users to its ranks and to its support? What other changes in CB rules should propose, if any?

With the proper program, REACT can be the focal point for CB activity in a delicensed service. REACT could even "replace" the FCC license with a means of recognition and identification by serious CB operators. Your comments and suggestions on all these matters are invited.

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The REACT Forum has established an ambitious and enthusiastic program for the next year. Your Forum Officers have provided information published elsewhere in the REACTer. Also note the special message and questionnaire provided by International Director Bill Shafer. Bill has invited all REACTers to respond directly to him so that he may be a source of input and information to help continue to build our organization. We are really excited about the possibility of the next 20 years of REACT beginning in 1983! We hope that your Team stays with us and grows in size and capability in the months ahead.

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I wish to express my personal appreciation for the outstanding work of all REACT members, Teams and Councils in 1982. I know that for many, it has been difficult to fulfill all the volunteer service you planned. Many REACT members have faced unemployment, underemployment and other personal problems related to general economic conditions. Your performance at all levels have been first class in spite of these obstacles. All members of the Board of Directors, Forum Officers, Task Group and Committee members have been providing great support and assistance to your Headquarters staff. With a full year's experience in our Northbrook Headquarters, we will serve you even better in 1983!

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Finally, a REACT headquarters wish for all REACT members and their families to share a joyous Holiday Season and looking forward to a bright and happy New Year!

## Goebel Attends Emergency Response Meet

WASHINGTON, D.C.—REACT International Director Gene Goebel was among the prominent police, fire, civil defense and other officials active in disaster preparedness present at an emergency planning conference sponsored by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) here last July. Gene represented the International Association of Chiefs of Police. The meeting was the first time that all

emergency response departments have met together to discuss their common problems and to arrive at mutually agreeable solutions. Solutions in turn form the basis for a new training course for the heads of government and department heads and many volunteer organizations, including REACT and others active in NVOAD. The National Volunteer Organizations Assisting in Disaster.

## Task Force on Interagency Programs

At our first meeting on July 21, Interagency Programs was very fortunate to have ten members show up. This included members from a number of states, and one from Canada. The primary goal for Interagency is to create a guide on "how to" establish a working relationship with other city-state-county and private industry corporations on how REACT can be of assistance to them.

We were very fortunate to have at the meeting, Jan and Alasdair Mackay as guests from the United Kingdom to give us their viewpoint on how they've established a working relationship in England. We received much input from the other members present. On the second day of our meetings, we had Malcolm Baumann of Alberta, Canada, attending, and he gave us information on how they're working in Canada. The aftermath of these two meetings was the first mailing of seven pages of information and suggestions, that has

been sent to the Committee Members to work up ideas and to see how they would apply in their areas, and what suggestions they would have.

I am asking all members of REACT, whatever methods you have used in your team to obtain a better working relationship with the police, fire, Red Cross, Civil Defense, etc., to send them to me directly so that these ideas can be sent to the rest of the committee to work on. Also, any agreements you may have, be it with a city, government agency or private business... so this can be also incorporated into the final guide. The deadline for the first mailing to the Forum is Jan 13, 1983. This shows there's very little time left to get the information back to me, so I can distribute it throughout the United States, Canada and England.

Al Moccia, Jr., Chairman  
2022 2nd Ave. N  
ST. Petersburg, FL 33713

## Task Force on Public Relations

If your Team does not have a Membership Committee and a Public Relations person-get them. They are a vital part of Team operations.

The PR person should pursue every route possible to keep your Team in the eyes of your community. This is done through local radio stations, television stations and your newspapers. All stations (radio & TV) are required to donate an enormous amount of time to Public Service Announcements, in order to renew and hold their licenses. The smaller weekly newspapers are sometimes more cooperative in publishing "freebies" or very low cost advertising. Check into those in your area. (One Team in Texas received membership announcements with a local radio station every day for a three-month period). It takes time and effort, but it certainly isn't impossible to accomplish. PEOPLE MUST KNOW WHAT YOU DO.

Listed below are other areas you might want to try to gain members:

1. If you have a person who is a good spokesperson, set up speaking engagements at CB radio club meetings and at other civic organiza-

tion meetings such as Lions, Rotary, Civitan, etc.

2. Consider Junior REACT. Youngsters are important leaders of tomorrow. School organizations are good for this one. Or try the Scouting program in your area.

3. Older citizens are not useless either. How about installing equipment in a Nursing Home? Be sure to obtain clearances.

4. How about being placed on the calendar of your local Chamber of Commerce? Your Team may even consider membership.

5. Membership Drives - Offer incentives to your members for the one or two who recruit the greatest number of members in a given period. Offer merchandise, free local dues, plaque, etc.

The list could go on; but if you have not decided which to pursue or haven't come up with your own ideas, the space will be wasted. Take a positive attitude. Strive in earnest to increase your Team membership in 1983. REACT needs people and people need REACT.

Doris Lindblad  
Public Relations Task Group  
Texarkana, Texas

## Here are Winners in REACT Newsletter Event

County REACT, Rockville, MD.

CLASS C (51 or more members)

First Place, Golden Gate REACTer, REACT of the Golden Gate, San Francisco, CA.

Second Place, The REACTer, Southwestern REACT Team C-475, San Diego, CA.

Third Place, The Dallas County REACT-O-Gram, Dallas County REACT, Dallas, TX.

CLASS D (Councils)

First Place, Land of Lincoln Gazette, Illinois REACT Council

Second Place, The Cornhusker Monitor, Nebraska REACT Council

Third Place, Washington State REACTer, Washington State REACT Council

Named the best overall publication in all of REACT, both as to quality and content, was the *Land of Lincoln Gazette* published by the Illinois REACT Council. Honorable Mention went to Golden Gate REACTer. Congratulations to all of the winners for setting a high standard of publication.

NORTHBROOK, IL—A chance to get some deserved recognition was presented as a part of the International Convention in Las Vegas recently in the competition for the best Newsletters in REACT International. Winners were selected in several different categories, according to size of the team, and in a separate category for Councils by the Awards Committee headed by chairman Greg Anderson. Newsletters were judged by Don Washburn, Sedgwick County REACT Team 4208, and Jake Jacobson, of CB Voice. The winners are:

CLASS A (Less than 25 members)

First Place, Tucson REACT Newsletter, Tucson, AZ  
Second Place, REACT News, Lancaster County REACT, Lancaster, PA  
Third Place, Summit View Eagle, Summit View REACT, Tacoma, Wash.

CLASS B (26-50 members)

First Place, Fairfax REACTions, Fairfax REACT, Springfield, VA  
Second Place, Snoopy's Dog House, REACT of Manatee County, Bradenton, FL  
Third Place, Montgomery County REACT Newsletter, Montgomery

# REACT ACTIVITIES FROM FAR AND NEAR

## Letter Praises Minnesota REACT for Olympics Support

ST. CLOUD, MN--"REACT was the glue that held the 1982 Minnesota Summer Special Olympics together. Words really cannot accurately express how very grateful I am to your membership for providing their time, energy and interest. Your provision of concerned and cautious people to staff our games was outstanding. We could not have found finer people to assist us. REACT is an impressive collection of humanity..."

The above letter was received by the President of St Cloud REACT Team 3791, from Diane Guse, Chapter Games Director, Minnesota Summer Special Olympics.

Planning for this event began early in 1982, after Deborah Kushnir, Minnesota Chapter Director, sent a request asking St Cloud REACT to provide radio communications for the summer games, held June 2 and 3.

It was soon apparent that the project required equipment and personnel beyond the resources of the team. A call went out inviting other Minnesota teams to participate, with St Cloud REACT acting as the host team. Ramrod REACT Team 3844 - Eden Valley-Watkins, Starfire REACT Team 3179 - Wayzata, and Tri-County REACT Team 4266 - Motley, Mn., responded. Together, the teams provided the much-needed communications for the summer games. A combination of base, mobile and handheld CB radios were used in the network to provide speedy transmittal of messages from, between and within three separate areas.

Truly a cooperative project, the Minnesota Summer Games (consisting of 3,000 competitors, 1,000 coaches, 1,000 volunteers, families and friends of competitors and special dignitaries Eunice Kennedy Shriver, National Special Olympics Director, The Honorable Al Quie, Governor of Minnesota, and other distinguished leaders) was brought to a successful conclusion.

## Illinois Team is Proud of REACT Service

LINCOLN, IL--Members of Lincoln Railsplitter REACT Team C-733 are proud of their affiliation with REACT. Wrote President Wilbur Goldhammer on the occasion of REACT's 20th anniversary: "We are proud of the contribution our volunteer members provide to this community. Among our accomplishments are communications, help with storms, and many other activities."

## REACT Keeps 'Em Moving



LARGO, FL--Lois Lewis, a member of Central Pinellas REACT, directs traffic at Wagon Wheel Flea Market, a continuing team activity with members volunteering for duty every weekend.

## Texas REACT Enlarges-Scope to Encompass County

BELTON, TX--Texas' Bell County REACT Team 4047 has recently become a county-wide organization. For nearly a year, as Belton Area REACT, the Team has supported an unusual community betterment activity.

Boy Scout Camp Tahuaya which is located four miles south of Belton, nearly didn't open this season. Facilities had deteriorated to the point that they could not meet Board of Health standards. The REACT Team spearheaded a fund-raising drive for the necessary renovations.

After a few bake sales and a rummage sale, Unit 122, John Ansay, chaired a committee which persuaded Texas Governor Bill Clements to be the guest speaker.

To date, the Team has purchased a tractor and plumbing supplies for a new shower facility at the camp. This has motivated other community organizations into donating labor and materials which guaranteed another successful season of camping at Camp Tahuaya and kept the site from reverting back to the donor's estate.



BELTON, TX--Bell County REACT Team 4047 President, Karen Pratz, and Texas Governor William Clements flank the old Belton Area REACT Banner at a fund-raising dinner held to raise funds for Camp Tahuaya, a Boy Scout Camp in Southern Bell County.

## Texas Team Carries on in Face of Tornado

SWEETWATER, TX--Although it has on the whole been a good year for Nolan County REACT, the team monitoring activities, normally 1500 to 1600 hours a month, were drastically curtailed by a torrential hail storm and tornado in June in which several members lost their

antennas and roofs. As a result of the team's efforts in behalf of the tornado victims in Paris, several members including Lucky and Vada Thompson were photographed taking a load of donations to Paris for tornado victims.

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# REACT ACTIVITIES (Continued)

## Member's Death Leaves Void in Salt Lake REACT's Activities

SALT LAKE CITY, UT.--Mike Wallace, Unit 51, Salt Lake REACT Team C-369, passed away September 6 of a heart attack. He was at home when the attack occurred and paramedics rushed him to the hospital where he passed away.

Mike was born at home on Jackson Street on August 19, 1909 in Salt Lake City to Stuart and Alice Grant Douglas Wallace.

The Wallace family moved often during Mike's childhood living part of the time in Salt Lake City and part of the time in Oakland, California. Mike attended the Jefferson School when they were living in Salt Lake City. He graduated from a high school in Oakland.

One subject that Mike really excelled in was an art class. A few years after graduation Mike returned to Salt Lake and lived with his grandmother. During this time a young lady was working for his grandmother and Mike fell in love with her and after six months of dating they were married on July 4, 1935. They lived with Alice and Stuart for one month then moved into their own home.

Mike and Margaret had two other children, David born on March 11, 1942 and Helen born on August 1, 1944. They have 14 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

February 1, 1941 Mike and his partner opened their own shop "City Welding and Radiator Works." It was located where the Salt Palace now stands. The business moved to two other locations before Mike retired on Dec. 1, 1975. Mike became a security guard in February 1979 for the food stamp distribution center and worked there for a year.

Mike became a ham operator when he was younger and was active with that for about five years. He also became a pilot in 1945 logging over 300 hours flying time.

## REACT to the Rescue of Marathon Runner in Distress

OMAHA, NE.--When you are sick or injured and in need of help, there is no finer organization to have nearby than REACT--that is what Leah Canuney, a young student from New Mexico found as a result of injuries she sustained while a participant in the Bonne Bell 10 Kilometer run in Carter Lake, Iowa. Ms. Canuney appeared to have twisted her ankle badly as a result of a fall. But thanks to REACTers Roger Riley, Rich Quaife, and Dick Schneider, she is none the worse for the effort. First, the three lifted her up and placed her in Schneider's van, where Quaife using his vehicle as a lead with lights flashing and the van with the injured passenger following closely. She was then transported by ambulance to St. Joseph's hospital where her injuries were diagnosed as being either a dislocated hip or a fracture of the upper femur.

Since the young lady had left her purse and keys inside her unlocked car, Schneider and Quaife made it their business to find the car, with only the vaguest description of the car and no idea of its location.

After the race, Unit 34, Rich Quaife brought the vehicle to the hospital, where he then gave the keys to the driver. Afterwards, the team learned that Ms. Canuney had undergone surgery for five hours to repair a stressed fracture of the femur, and will be hospitalized for several months.

Mike and Margaret joined REACT in August-September of 1973. An extremely active member for the full nine years, he had participated in almost 100 percent of the activities, been an excellent monitor, receiving the Francis Peterson Monitoring Award twice and had attended faithfully the general meetings.

Mike served as a Communications Officer, Trustee in-Trust, President, Presidential Advisor and Communications Coordinator. He had been the Membership and Orientation Chairman and the Awake Break Chairman and had received the Outstanding Officer Award and the Outstanding Service Award four times.

Mike was an individual who has touched the lives of many people. He spent his time helping and caring for others. He was a warm and loving person and spent many hours doing good.

## Chicago Area Teams Again Mount Super Support for MS Event

WILMETTE, IL.--When Barbara Schoondyke, of Northwest REACT, co-ordinator for communications for the Multiple Sclerosis Bike and Hike contacted Apollo VII REACT Team to help cover unmanned territories, the Team came through with flying colors.

The cooperation with Multiple Sclerosis was great and Virginia McClintock did a super job supplying maps and information prior to the run. Bob Schoondyke, though hospitalized prior to the run, managed to keep everyone aware of what was happening. On the day of the event she visited as many of the check points of almost every Team in this area as she possibly could. Only time prevented her from reaching them all. Her job as coordinator was an enormous task and she did an excellent job of it.

## Oklahoma Teams Prove Equal to the Challenge of Disastrous Fire

NORMAN, OK.--The weekend of September 18-19 proved very full for the combined forces of the University of Oklahoma REACT Team 3916 and the University of Oklahoma Amateur Radio Club.

Since neither organization had activities scheduled for Saturday, most members looked forward to listening to the OU/Kentucky football game, which was being played in Lexington, Kentucky. However, a three-alarm fire on Norman's historic Campus Corner changed all that. REACT President Richard Feinberg and Public Information Officer Gayland Kitch were the first to learn of the fire. Help was immediately offered to the Norman Police Department, who asked that two units be sent to the fire area to assist with traffic and crowd control. After quick consultation with Secretary David Long, it was decided to alert all available team members (several were out-of-town).

As Kitch began the call-out and Feinberg drove to the Team's headquarters for additional GMRS radio gear and traffic control equipment, member John Keller had seen the fire and responded without waiting for call-out. Upon arrival, Keller called for additional assistance and immediately started working crowd control in the vicinity of the fire.

## Team Honors Member's Achievements



EAST MILLSTONE, NJ--Recipient of a special award, by Somerset County REACT No. 4259, for logging over a thousand hours of service to help citizens of the community on her CB for the year 1981 was Lillian Sharon. Lillian, code name "Sunshine," joined the Team nearly two

years ago and has been a tremendous asset in the team's efforts to build membership. She was recently named the Team's corresponding secretary. In the photo she is seen being presented with her award by Team President Michael Horgos.

By Greg Swanson, President  
Apollo VII REACT  
Wilmette, Illinois

Apollo VII covered three areas, North Branch, Wilmette/Evanston, and McHenry County. They accomplished this with the help of Northern Illinois Emergency Services and New Trier REACT. The group totaled a number of 24 people in 17 cars.

Covering North Branch were the following:

From Apollo VII: Dawn Weide, Nancy Haddon, Larry Kirsch, Bob Hundreiser, Sr., Bob Hundreiser, Jr. and Bob Muschong.

From NIES: Frank Giampa, Mike Slisz, and Connie Slisz.

Covering Evanston/Wilmette Branch were:

From New Trier: Bill Sauer, Arnold Jacobson, Rob Deitrich, Paul Onley, Tony Marini, Betty Furlan, Pat Lewis and Dwight Verdin.

Covering McHenry County:

Greg Swanson, Terry Alexander, Ray Alexander, Andy D'Egidio, Wanda Jasper, Scott Logan, Regina Remien.

Feedback from all three teams indicated very few problems and in general a positive response to their participation in the event.

A majority of REACT volunteers remained for the entire day and did an excellent job. Many had no prior experience working a Marathon walkathon with their only knowledge acquired from briefing sessions.

The volunteers from M.S. were more than friendly, they appreciated our help and did a marvelous job. North Branch's Check Point No. 3 was the center of most injuries and Apollo was there to help on each occasion.

by Gayland Kitch,  
Public Information Officer  
University of Oklahoma  
REACT Team 3916

damage, and most, if not all, shops in the area suffered business losses. There were no major injuries, and only a few minor ones. Some 40 firefighters fought the blaze for nearly three hours. Eleven REACTers and two Amateurs assisted over a period of 17 hours.

On Sunday, the teams worked two scheduled events, but in unscheduled rainy weather. Under the direction of Amateur Secretary Greg Smith and former President Peter Richeson, the teams provided communications for bicycle races held on the streets of downtown Norman. Radio traffic during the event was extremely heavy, as the rain made for very slick roads over the course. Several accidents occurred, but with the communications provided, EMS personnel were quickly notified.

Sunday afternoon also saw REACT members directing traffic into the Lloyd Noble Center, at which country-western singer Merle Haggard was appearing. Donation for traffic control at LNC concerts have financed OU REACT operations and the team's GMRS equipment.

Sunday night proved uneventful, and members were ready for rest. None regretted the weekend, though, as the activities were all what the combined volunteers have trained and equipped to handle - all in a weekend's work.

## Good PR for Nebraska Team at State Fair



Left, Vern Belknap, President of Lancaster Community REACT 2467 and Gall Winfrey, Public Information Officer. Picture compliments of Capt. Flansburg, Police Department, Lincoln, Nebraska.

LINCOLN, NB—For the second straight year Nebraska State Council of REACT was invited by Lowell Sellmeyer, chief of police, Seward, Nebraska, to set up a display booth at the Nebraska State Fair, September 3-12, in Lincoln.

The booth, located in the Nebraska Law Enforcement Building, in the same area as the Nebraska State Patrol, as well as Sheriffs and police departments from throughout the state, was staffed primarily by Lancaster Community REACT 2467 and their Jr. REACT Explorer Post for twelve hours a day, the entire ten days of the fair.

Officials at the Law Enforcement Building estimated that 40,000-45,000 people visited the building during the ten day period. A total of

114½ hours were spent monitoring Channel 9, with a reported 23 calls logged. This was a unique experience as most calls were relayed personally rather than making a phone call. Also atmospheric conditions didn't help the number of calls.

REACT monitors heard many comments. Several, "Yes, REACT has helped me on Channel 9", but even more, "No one ever answers on Channel 9." This should be an incentive for more of us to monitor, according to Gall Winfrey, public information officer. A good deal of information on REACT was distributed and members had an excellent chance to explain REACT to many people who did not know it existed. Approximately a dozen people indicated they would like to join.

REACTers put in a total of 254 hours, hours well spent.

## Land, Sea, Air and REACT—Lesson in International Cooperation

DETROIT, MI—International cooperation between two countries comes in many forms. Recently, members of Michigan Emergency Patrol Team 2036 in Detroit learned this firsthand as they joined with Windsor's Rose City REACT in Canada to provide communications for the international air show, part of the International Freedom Festival.

The control point for communications was the rooftop of an apartment building on the Windsor riverfront, 23 stories off the ground. Communications consisted of several systems working together. One VHF radio frequency enabled Ty Tyler of Windsor REACT to stay in touch with Detroit City Airport, from where the planes took off, and with pilots of the planes. Another VHF radio kept Windsor in touch with members at checkpoints throughout downtown Windsor. A CB base kept Rose City REACT in touch with their base in the Viscount Hotel. In addition, M.E.P. provided its UHF GMRs system.

M.E.P.'s role was to provide communications not only on the ground in Windsor, but also from Hart Plaza in Detroit to the rooftop in Windsor. An air show official was broadcasting from a point on the riverfront in each city. M.E.P.'s members would transfer information on event times, whether an event was ahead of or behind time, etc. This information was then sent to the pilots directly by Ty Tyler. M.E.P.'s members used the direct mode (radio to radio) and not the repeater, thereby not disturbing the Fisher base operator.

The air show itself was spectacular, with stunt planes flying from across the North American continent to participate. Other events included lifesaving procedures by the U.S. Coast Guard, water skiing experts, boat-to-plane transfers, and terrific aerobic maneuvers.

Windsor REACT and M.E.P. members who participated in the event are to be congratulated on a job very well done. Special thanks go to Ty and Stu from Windsor, and Goldie McMichael, Mike Daniel, John and Colleen Snethkamp, and Frank Boyd from M.E.P.

This event was done in the true spirit of REACT teams, helping one another and working together whether it be neighboring cities or neighboring countries. The Michigan Emergency Patrol looks forward to continued and closer friendship with Rose City REACT in Windsor.

### Pardon Our Slip

The following message was inadvertently omitted from the 20th Anniversary issue (July-Aug.) of the REACTer and we sincerely apologize for the omission.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO METHUEN REACT TEAM 2771 (Massachusetts)**



EDMUNDSTON, NB—When Alberta Pelletier, a well-known retired fire fighter, was lost for three days in the Green River Woods some 40 miles north of Edmundston, Edmundston REACT Team 3033 was called in to assist and direct security during the search. Mr. Pelletier was found three days later, suffering from exposure, a few external wounds and malnutrition, but in pretty good condition considering his ordeal. In the photo, Mr. Pelletier is seen with Jean Yves Ouellet and Jacques Laplante, both members of the team.

## COLUMN NINE

Where the REACTION is Yours

If there were any doubts about React's standing in the community and with other emergency and service organizations, these doubts were dispelled by

Jefferson REACT Volunteers,  
Kenner, Louisiana  
Dear Sir/Ms:

Until Saturday, July 17, I did not know your organization existed. I do now! Not wearing my "hat" as the President of the Chamber of Commerce, nor wearing my "hat" as the President of Warren H. Green Medical Publishers, I was on my way to New Orleans to be installed as the President of Southeastern University which is a Doctoral University headquartered in New Orleans.

My radiator started to boil and I took the first exit looking for a filling station. By an "act of God" we exited at Independence. There was no filling station. I saw a man in the driveway and pulled into the driveway. Of all of the places on this whole earth, I drove into the driveway of your Ronnie Baham.

It was hot! Very hot! We were ushered into air-conditioned quarters, Ronnie spent quite some time on the telephone trying to locate help, arranged for us to get the car into the Cadillac garage in Hammond, escorted us to Hammond, only to find that they did not have a rental car and after we reached New Orleans we could not rent a car and bring it back to Hammond since there is no pick up for rental cars in Hammond.

We were stuck!  
I had important meetings on Saturday night!

Like the angel that she is, Ronnie drove us to New Orleans which is certainly service beyond the call of duty any way you would want to look at it. The "service" did not stop there. Knowing that we could not

several letters which we are privileged to reprint, since they typify the efforts of all REACT teams everywhere:

rent a car and take it back to Hammond to pick up our own car, on Tuesday morning, July 20, she drove from Independence down to New Orleans to pick us up and take us back to Hammond!

Since our car started boiling on Saturday, it could not be serviced until Monday so we had no choice but to leave it in Hammond for them to fix it the following Monday.

It is difficult to imagine the millions of driveways in the United States and I chanced to have car trouble and drive into just that one driveway in the whole world!

There is truly no way to express my feelings about such a wonderful service which goes to prove the whole world is not bad. There is much that is positive and beautiful!

In spite of the fact that it was a rather difficult situation it turned out to be a marvelous experience. Ronnie even introduced us to a good seafood place on the highway and took us to an Oyster packing plant near Independence where we were able to pick up a gallon of glorious select oysters.

The time, the energy, miles driven, and the extremely friendly attitude was beyond explanation or comprehension.

It is a poor "thank you" but please accept the enclosed certificate of appreciation from the Chamber of Commerce. A similar one is being sent with a copy of this letter to Ronnie.

You may be certain that on future trips we will be a regular caller at her house.

With the deepest appreciation and kindest regards.

WARREN H. GREEN  
President—St. Louis, Mo.

Ms. Ruby Molinet, President  
REACT  
Evansville, IN 47710

Dear Ms. Molinet:

Please accept the enclosed check with our appreciation for REACT's help with our Welborn 5K Freedom Run which was held on June 26.

We are always grateful for all the support your organization gives us each year. I hope our collective efforts have had a positive impact on our community.

Please extend our appreciation to all of your members and especially to Jack Byrley who has been very helpful.

I'm looking forward to working on future events with your group.

Sincerely,  
Larry Bohleber  
Associate Director of Education  
Welborn Baptist Hospital  
Evansville, IN.

The Honorable William H. Hudnut III  
2501 City County Building  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Dear Mayor Hudnut,

Just wanted to drop you a note to let you know of an act of kindness and help I really appreciate.

On my way to work yesterday I had a flat tire (the second in a row) and two men stopped to help. They offered to call for help, change the tire, take me wherever I needed to go or whatever. After explaining that the spare was not workable, they took off the tire, had it fixed and replaced it.

In the course of the conversation with these two men—Louis D. McKain and Dave Hartzler, I found out they work as volunteers under the Circle City REACT Program (under the guidance of the State Police Post on east 21st Street) and they give about 40 hours of their time each month driving the highways and helping others.

I just can't say enough for the assistance they gave me and for the work they are doing and thought you might like to know of it.

Sincerely yours,  
Sara V. Ashcraft  
Editor INDAC Magazine

To REACT International

I am writing to give credit to the Tri-City REACT President Frederick N. Adams and the REACT team for a job well done on our Tobacco Days celebration, July 23-25, 1982. They took care of the park cleanup and patrolling the grounds 24 hours a day.

I have had them now four years for the same work details and they always do a good job. As I have other things to look after, I never have to worry about their duties.

I feel they have in full lived up to the REACT name and so in closing I feel that the President Adams and all the REACT Team 4365 should be highly commended for a job well done.

I thank you.  
V. Dale Controy  
Edgerton, WI  
President and Co-Chairman of  
Tobacco Days Inc.

## New York Team Trailer is Nerve Center at Break



ROCHESTER, NY--The Safety Breaks REACT Team 2126, Monroe County REACT sponsored on Memorial Day, July 4, and Labor Day were very successful. The Team served an average of 2,400 cups of coffee, 21 gallons of soft drinks, and nearly 100 dozen donuts per holiday. REACTers worked from 10 am Friday to 5 pm Monday for each of the holiday weekends. And they served 24 hours a day, two people per each six hour shift. The Rochester Safety Council worked with REACT on the

"Buckle Up Make it Click" project during the Labor Day weekend. As to visitors they came from such countries as Norway, West Germany, Canada, England, Scotland, Canada, Wales, and nearly 30 states including Alaska.

The Team has had good coverage on radio and TV this year. The publicity has helped to bring our membership from 11 to 33.

The attractive Team Trailer which served as nerve center for each break is pictured above.

## Call Goes Out: Illinois Team Responds with Support for MD

QUINCY, IL--The call had gone out for REACT Teams to hold a fund raiser for muscular dystrophy. So in July, Adams County Junior REACT Team 4391 responded to the challenge and decided to hold a car wash.

Earlier the Senior REACT Team had held a car wash which netted \$60 so the Juniors increased their target to \$70 to better the other's total.

The date is set for August 14 from 9 to 5. Then the work began. First, the Town and Country Bank let the Team use their parking lot and provided the water. A local rental firm donated a Wet/Dry Vac to clean out the insides of vehicles, soap was donated by Krogers. With the help of the advisors, flyers were made up and placed in local businesses.

Local radio stations provided air

time for two weeks prior to the car wash, and members obtained cardboard boxes and made big signs promoting the event.

On the day of the carwash, with the temperatures a bit cool for the time of year, the Team arrived at the bank with buckets, soap, rags and hose ready for action.

Until 2 p.m. there was a steady stream of cars and water, sometimes as much on them as on the cars. By four o'clock the cars had stopped coming and it was decided to call it a day. The first tally showed the Team had netted a total of \$70 better than the take of the senior Team.

Although defeated by the youngsters, the Senior REACT Team is proud of their Junior Division, who put a lot of effort into this project.

## Carolina REACT Puts Training Into Effect

HAMLET, NC--On their way home after a regular team meeting, several members of Richmond County REACT were able to put into effect what they had learned before when they came upon several people who were badly injured after their motorcycle had hit a car. While Team President Goodwin worked to stem the bleeding of one of the riders, another man from the rescue squad

in Goldsboro worked on the other person injured. Unit 27, Bobby Henry, directed traffic, while Unit 9, Winston Lewis, Unit 43, Earl Carr called Hamlet Police Department and rescue squad. Unit 42 Marilyn Buchanan went on base at her home and Unit 23, Betty Henry, was on mobile at the scene. Upon arrival of the Hamlet Police Department and Rescue Squad, REACT's work was done--all in a good night's work.

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITION TASK FORCE

The Awards & Recognition Task Group was pleased with the response to the Quarterly Achievement Awards program last year and was looking forward to judging this year's nominees. But we did not receive anything for the second and third quarters and the fourth quarter ends December 31.

The Awards & Recognition TG is EAGERLY awaiting your nominations. Remember, Individual & Team nominees may be resubmitted for the next quarter if they are Not already a quarterly winner.

As chairman for the Newsletter Contest, I was surprised at the GREAT response from all the teams & councils who entered the contest. Newsletters entered ranged from a page to many pages and showed continuity in appearance & content. It was difficult for the judges Jack Jacobson from CB Voice & Don Washburn from Sedgewick County REACT to pick the winners for each category which shows what a good job all of you have done with your entries.

Quarterly Award nominations should be postmarked no later than January 15, April 15, July 15, and October 15. Breakdown on quarters is as follows: January-March, April-June, July-September, October-December.

The Awards and Recognition Task Group urges you to reprint the criteria for the quarterly awards and newsletter contest in your newsletters for all to read.

Greg Anderson, Chairman  
Awards and Recognition Group

## Forum Activities (Continued)

### UPDATE ON FORUM TASK GROUPS Forum Vice-President, Programs

I would like to bring you up to date on the activities of the Forum Task Groups to make you aware of all the work that these Task Groups do.

The Fundraising group is putting together necessary information that is needed for fundraising at the local level. Leadership and Training is trying hard to prepare a Team Management Handbook that will not be a repeat of any of the manuals already printed.

Communications is working on CB delicensing, CB Monitoring Hardware and GMRS, rewrite. The Co-Chairman of this group is writing the Nuts & Bolts column appearing in the REACTer.

The Interagency Task Group has an article in this REACTer explaining their function. Computer Services has already prepared a new registration form to be used for the conventions, Disaster Preparedness has been putting material together on Emergency Vehicles, and will be mailing out flyers on the chemtron book and handling of Hazardous Materials, also will be working on a Riverwatch program.

Public Relations is responsible for the Handbook that was handed out at the convention and this year they are expanding on projects started last year. The PR group is also working on materials to aid in membership. Publications is in charge of getting all printing of REACT International and the Forum coordinated, printed, and distributed, in both review and final form.

Awards and Recognition is responsible for selecting the recipients of the Quarterly and Annual REACTer Achievement Award also for the Council and the Team Award and the News Letters. The only way this group can do their job is if they receive nominees to select from and if the Councils and Teams submit their Newsletters. I know that we have hundreds of members that deserve to be nominated for this award so come on Teams and Councils, submit your nominees, and be sure to submit your Newsletters nominees to be at the convention. Send these materials directly to the Awards and Recognition Chairman, Greg Anderson. The deadline for entering Newsletter will be announced in a future REACTer. A Monitors Training Manual was voted on and accepted at the convention and should be printed and mailed early 1983. This manual was prepared by a Forum Task Group.

Hope this gives you an idea of what the Forum is all about and the work that is accomplished through the Forum. If you would like to serve on any of these Task Groups or have materials that you think would be helpful, please contact the chairman of the Task Group or contact me and let me know what group you would like to serve on. Remember we always need new people and new ideas. These Task Groups are not for a few select people, they are for you the REACT members who want to take part in making REACT a great organization.

Christene (Chris) White, South Bay REACT, Inc.

Vice President, Programs

The REACT Forum

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### OVERSEAS AWARDS

Accepting nominations from overseas is difficult as there is a problem in receiving mail in time for judging within the quarter. It has been suggested that any nominations for that given quarter be sent to the equivalent of either the FORUM or REACT International to be judged and then forwarded to the Achievement and Recognition Task Group. It was further suggested that REACTers overseas set up a program similar to that of the Awards & Recognition Task Group's, which would lessen the time it takes to receive mail from overseas and make it possible for these to be judged with nominations received from the states.

However you look at it, mailing time is a factor. The Awards & Recognition Task Group would like to hear what suggestions the International committee have for solving this problem. Furthermore, we think our fellow REACTers overseas should be recognized at the REACT International Convention also.

Greg V. Anderson, Chairman  
Achievement and Recognition Task Group

### NEWSLETTER JUDGING CRITERIA

1. Submit one newsletter from each quarter, beginning with the REACT International convention.
2. The quarters are Aug-Oct, Nov-Jan, Feb-Apr, May-July (convention time)
3. All newsletters are judged on content and overall appearance.
4. The newsletter need not be sent each quarter to Headquarters or A&B task group.

### INTERNATIONAL QUARTERLY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

For those Teams wishing to enter REACT International's quarterly Achievement Awards Competition, we will recap the judging criteria used for awards.

1. Team participation and attendance with these exceptions:
  - a. Physical or medical reasons
  - b. Employment reasons,
2. Civic endeavors or projects,
3. Uncommon accomplishments,
4. Public safety assistance,
5. Documentation of above.

#### Team Awards

1. Active In State Council,
2. Civic endeavors or projects,
3. Uncommon accomplishments,
4. Public Safety assistance,
5. Documentation of above.

#### Annual Council Awards

1. Percent of Teams participating,
  2. Newsletter publication,
  3. Accomplishments in the areas of Team betterment and growth,
  4. Documentation: documented by officers of three Teams.
  5. Uncommon Accomplishments Between Councils
- All deeds must be accomplished within the quarter submitted.  
\*Any monetary award will be given to each council or divided among the councils.

## Highlights of the Forum

by Penny Barker, Vice President, Administration

- F**OCUS ON CURRENT PROBLEMS  
AHEAD IN THE FUTURE  
FELLOWSHIP THROUGH COMMUNICATING
- O**RGANIZING FOR ACHIEVEMENT  
OBJECTIVES, SOUGHT AND REACHED  
OURSELVES, REACTERS AT WORK
- R**ESPONSIBILITY FOR FUTURE GROWTH  
READINESS TO WORK HARD  
REACTING FOR PUBLIC SERVICE
- U**NITY IN PURPOSE  
UPWARD MOVING AND THINKING  
UNIQUE IN OUR SPECIAL WAY
- M**ANAGING OUR RESOURCES  
MOTIVATING OTHERS TO JOIN US  
MATURITY AS AN ORGANIZATION

### HISTORY OF THE FORUM

The FORUM was established at the 1980 REACT International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. At that time the first annual election of FORUM officers took place, the FORUM Standing Rules were adopted, and Standing Committee and Task Area Chairmen were appointed to carry out the goals of the first FORUM annual meeting.

### PURPOSE OF THE FORUM

The purpose of the REACT FORUM is:

1. To provide, within the REACT structure, a method of formal participation by the membership in open discussion and the interchange of information and ideas.
2. To utilize the individual expertise of the members of REACT for the benefit of the entire REACT organization by establishing Task Groups to address areas of interest and concern to REACT members and to develop such guidelines, procedures and material as is deemed essential to the fulfillment of REACT objectives.
3. To provide for a method to allow coordinated advisory input from the membership to the REACT International Board of Directors, and to respond to specific tasking from the International Board.

### FORUM MEMBERSHIP AND REPRESENTATION

The body of the FORUM consists of one delegate from each recognized REACT Council, plus one delegate from each state, province or country not having a recognized council. This delegate is selected by caucus of REACT teams from the area in attendance at each annual REACT convention. Each delegate serves in that capacity until the next annual convention.

### OBJECTIVE OF THE FORUM TASK GROUPS

The objective of the FORUM task groups is to accomplish the research, developmental and advisory functions of the FORUM. Task areas are established by the FORUM Executive Committee based on recommendations of FORUM delegates, REACT teams and councils, REACT headquarters and the REACT International Board of Directors.

### WORK FLOW OF THE FORUM

REACT team and council members in the field submit ideas and suggestions to the FORUM Standing Committees and Task Group Chairmen. The FORUM Chairmen and committee/task group members prepare specific proposals to present to the FORUM at its annual meeting, or if necessary, by mail. The FORUM delegates act on presented proposals at the annual meeting of the FORUM, or if necessary, by mail ballot. Proposals approved are forwarded to the board of directors of REACT International, Inc. for action at the annual open board meeting, which serves as an Annual Meeting of the membership (TEAMS) of REACT International, Inc. "AND THE CIRCLE IS BROKEN" -- from the TEAMS to the FORUM to the BOARD to the TEAMS.

### MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE FORUM

- 1980 - Organizational structure of the FORUM completed and approved.  
Standing Rules of the FORUM completed and approved.  
Convention Site Procedures completed and approved.  
Public Relations material for National REACT Month Kit completed and approved.
- 1981 - Individual and Team awards criteria established.  
Team Management Manual completed and approved.  
Public Relations Manual completed and approved.  
Minimum Team criteria submitted to International Board for approval.  
Leadership and Training Manual completed and approved.  
CLIP card completed and approved.  
Public Relations material for National REACT Month Kit updated.
- 1982 - Monitoring Guidelines Manual completed and approved.  
Long Range Planning objectives completed and approved.  
Newsletter guidelines submitted for publication.  
Comments and Reply Comments to the FCC's NPRM, GMRS rewrite, completed.  
20th Anniversary publicity submitted.  
Cartoon distress signal submitted.  
REACT brochure revisions submitted.  
Team Director information revisions submitted.  
Congressional awareness of the REACT program enhanced through testimony at the Congressional hearings on delicensing of the CBRS.

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## Objects of Appreciation



NEW CASTLE, DE--Plaque of appreciation was awarded to a local businessman and his wife for their hospitality in allow Tri-State REACT Team 2227 to hold its annual Labor Day and Memorial Day Safety Breaks at the couple's place of business. Shown are, left to right: Cathy Briggs, Team Secretary; Harry Siegel and his wife, Mary, who were awarded the plaque, and Charlie Briggs, President of Tri-State REACT.

### SOME CURRENT FORUM PROJECTS

#### CONVENTION COMMITTEE:

1. 1983 REACT Convention Program.
2. 1985 REACT Convention Site.

#### RULES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE:

1. Convention Guidelines for convention hosts.

#### AWARDS & RECOGNITION TASK GROUP:

1. 1982/83 quarterly and annual awards.

#### COMMUNICATIONS TASK GROUP:

1. Complete rewrite of FCC "PART 95A", General Mobile Radio Services Rules.
2. Opposition to the delicensing of the CBRS.
3. Comments regarding the G. E. 900 MHz proposal.

#### DISASTER PREPAREDNESS TASK GROUP:

1. Emergency Vehicle and Equipment Guidelines.
2. Procedures guidelines for winter storm, rail disaster, hurricane, forest fire.

#### INTERAGENCY PROGRAMS TASK GROUP:

1. Guidelines for contacting other agencies.
2. Implementation of the REACT/ARRL project established by the Disaster Preparedness T/G.

#### LEADERSHIP AND TRAINING TASK GROUP:

1. Council Program Guidelines.
2. Index of Team/Council training material available by state, by topic and by costs.
3. Closer Interstate Council relationships.

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS TASK GROUP:

1. Law Enforcement Appreciation Guidelines
2. CLIP litter bag (to replace HELP flag)
3. CB Road sign adoption
4. Television PSA by a well-known star
5. CB pocket directory by a donor firm
6. REACT labels
7. Standard REACT message form

#### COMPUTER SERVICES TASK GROUP:

1. Standardization of REACT Convention Registration Forms.
2. Interconnection of task group computers

#### PUBLICATIONS TASK GROUP:

1. Publication of the following:
  - a. Monitoring Guide
  - b. Index of Team/Council training material
  - c. Team Directory

### CLOSING COMMENTS

All FORUM Chairmen have been asked to submit a written report to the FORUM Vice President, Administration and Vice President. Programs every 60 days so that information on the progress of each committee and task group can be included in each issue of this publication. Beginning with the next issue, progress reports from each will be summarized, in addition to feature reports from individual chairmen. These articles will be the major contact between the FORUM and the REACT membership between convention meetings. In turn, the FORUM chairmen and officers anticipate that these articles will generate interest within the REACT membership and will encourage further FORUM participation by REACTers everywhere. The FORUM officers, executive committee, chairmen and standing committee and task group member have spent many, many hours in many meetings during the 1982 Las Vegas convention, working on projects and programs to improve the overall REACT organization. These same people continue to work between conventions, however, input and ideas from the REACT membership is necessary to further enhance the REACT program. All REACTers are encouraged to participate in the FORUM by working as a member of one of the standing committees or task groups. CONTACT THE FORUM TODAY.

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