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Evansville REACT Earns Town's Thanks

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Team C-295

EVANSVILLE, IN -- On Tuesday, June 8, the Vanderburgh County area was hit hard by a storm. That Monday in anticipation of bad weather, the Team assistant communications coordinator had set up our radio communication control center in the American Red Cross building. Many volunteer members were there already to assist with the emergency blood drive in progress when the severe weather warnings were announced. NOAH weather service called that morning and asked us to set up the Weather Net on CB channel 14 at their airport location for motorists to report in weather conditions and to pass out weather information.

When the storm hit shortly after noon, the power was knocked out in the Red Cross building, including the Blood Bank's refrigeration units. Shortly afterward, the storm "borrowed" our 100' antenna tower. REACT was off the air. Within 30 minutes, while the storm was still going strong, REACT members were

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Trucker's Balloon Stunt Ends Happily with REACT's help

LONG BEACH, CA -- Truck driver Larry Walters attempt to fly in a lawn chair powered by several mammoth balloons at 16,000 feet high rated headlines all over the country recently. But it was a scary experience for the adventurous air traveler, who said that now that he has gotten it "out of his system," he will never do it again.

Doug Dickson, of Costa Mesa, and fellow radio enthusiast Ron Montgomery, of Huntington Harbour, maintained close contact with Walters as he drifted into the path of oncoming aircraft at Long Beach airport. Both are members of Santiago REACT and were instrumental in alerting officials of the FAA and Long Beach Airport Tower of Walters' plight. Eventually Walters managed to come down in the balloon-powered contraption, but not until he had blown out several balloons with a rifle and had become entangled in a power line, briefly blacking out a small area in Long Beach.

PR Ideas for Your Team



FORT ERIE, ON -- Front center with other major service groups in the area's road signs at entrance to communities they serve is sign of Peace Bridge REACT. PR conscious Teams take note.

Indiana Lad wins TV set in REACT Fund-Raising Drive

NEW SALISBURY, IN -- New Middletown Eighth Grader Michael Gieseler collected a total of \$208 in Harrison County REACT sponsored Bike-a-thon. Proceeds from Research Center. For his achievement, the lad received a portable TV from REACT.

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REACT'S LAS VEGAS CONVENTION—A WINNER!



The 1982 REACT International Convention drew almost 400 REACT boosters to the Riviera Hotel Convention Center in Las Vegas. The local convention host Team, Las Vegas United REACT, was hampered by the inability of Jack Stotesbury, Convention Chairman, to participate in the convention itself after working so hard to insure a successful event. Jack was hospitalized for a triple heart bypass operation one week before the convention. At this writing, he is home and doing very well.

Team President Frank Chapman and Vice-President Jim Mitchell stepped in to lead the host organization with support from the Southern California REACT Council and other attending REACTers from around the country who pitched in to insure a smooth running and effective administrative effort.

Preceding the opening general sessions, the election committee

counted the election ballots for the board of Directors election. The Forum Executive Committee met with Forum Task Group and committee Meetings and the International Board of Directors met. At 1:00 p.m. Monday, July 19, the opening session was called to order by Executive Director Gerald H. Reese. The attendees were welcomed to Las Vegas by Frank Chapman, President of Las Vegas United REACT, Ron Lurie, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Las Vegas, and Thalia Dondero, Clark County Commissioner.

Executive Director Reese read the letter to the convention from President Reagan. (See column 1).

As part of the Executive Director's report, an updated slide sound presentation, "REACT is You," was viewed.

Participating as a speaker in the opening session was T. W. "Tommy" Smith, National Chairman, Council of Safety Supervisor of the

American Trucking Associations. Mr. Smith presented an informative and entertaining talk which explained the trucking industries highway safety program.

The remainder of the afternoon Monday was taken up by the Forum General Session at which Forum President Nat Maryn, of National Capitol REACT, presided. The Task Group and Committee Chairmen for 1981-982 presented their reports at this session.

Opening the convention at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday was Diane Steed, Deputy Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration U. S. Department of Transportation in Washington. Ms. Steed explained how REACT can participate in the safety belt program that the Department of Transportation has organized. REACT Teams will be informed as to how they can obtain audiovisual materials through REACT International to make

presentations to local groups in their communities on this subject.

Even though this was the first early morning general session for the convention, Ms. Steed's talk was well attended and exceedingly well received. REACT certainly supports the safety benefits of auto safety belts and child safety seats.

The Forum business meeting was held the remainder of that morning with the election of Forum officers and voting on task group and committee projects. Thirty-six Forum Delegates were present to vote. The new Forum officers are: Rick Munton, Vinton, Va., President; Penny Baker, Powder Springs, Ga; V.P., Administration; Chris White, Lawndale, Ca., V.P., Programs; Sandra T. Moccia, St. Petersburg, Fl., Secretary.

Randy Knowles, Task Group Chairman for Interagency Activities, moderated a seminar on

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VIRGINIA BEACH, VA - Mrs. Kay Estep, of Tidewater REACT Team C-53, is presented with a March of Dimes Walk America Outstanding Service Award. For 12 years the local organization has provided radio communications for the March of Dimes 25 Kilometer Walk-a-Thon at Virginia Beach. Poster Child Mandy Moore and March of Dimes Chapter Chairman Clarence Keel made the presentation.

Form New Group for Major Funding

Formation of a Special Committee on Major Funding has been announced by the REACT Board of Directors and the Forum. The Committee is aimed specifically at: (1) developing appropriate materials for the support of major funding efforts, (2) identifying potential sources of major funding assistance, and (3) coordinating major funding actions.

"We know that many Teams and Councils solicit sums of money from various sources," said the Committee's Co-Chairmen, Robert Miller, of the REACT Board, and Nat Maryn, past President, of the REACT Forum. They urged that Teams which have developed proposals resulting in grants of \$1,000 or more send copies of the proposals to the REACT International headquarters, attention of Mr. Gerald Reese, Executive Director. The address is: 3653 Woodhead Drive, Northbrook, IL 60062.

REACT Launches Safety Belt. Child Safety Campaign

NORTHBROOK, IL--REACT International has announced its support and participation in the national campaign to encourage the use of automobile safety seat belts and child safety seats to reduce deaths and injuries resulting from vehicle accidents.

Research has disclosed that half of the fatalities caused by traffic accidents in the United States could be eliminated if people would use seat belts already installed in private vehicles.

REACT Teams are being prepared to present audiovisual programs about this important campaign to civic groups in their local com-

munities. Service clubs, church groups, women's groups, schools and youth organizations and others are to be included.

REACT International is joining in this campaign led by National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. U. S. Dept. of Transportation along with the National Safety Council, auto manufacturers and many other leading industrial and volunteer organizations. Volunteer REACT Teams are active in over 1,000 communities and provide highway safety, emergency and public service communications.

"REACT always supports highway safety activities," stated Gerald H. Reese, Executive Director. "We believe that helping to develop a regular habit of safety belt use is a high priority objective to save lives. The wider use of safety belts and child safety seats can significantly reduce the tragedy of permanent injury and death from highway accidents."

The committee is in addition interested in obtaining information on any source of funding Teams or Councils might recommend, including companies which support organizations in which employees participate.

Annual Achievement Award Winners Receive Honors at Annual Convention



LAS VEGAS—Main feature of the 20th anniversary banquet was the presentation of Annual Awards from the K-40 Electronics Company to Barber Chuvén (left), of Daytona Beach REACT, winner of the individual achievement award, and to Lake Simcoe REACT, of Keswick, Ontario, for the Team award, Ari Heath accepting (right). The presentations are made by Doug Melo, President of K-40 Electronics. In addition to the trophy, annual contest winners received expense paid trip to the convention to receive the awards and \$500 cash to the team. In 1983, there will also be an Annual Council Award. Individual and Team Awards are presented quarterly (plaques plus \$100). Quarterly winners are then eligible for the Annual Awards.

Bills Calling for Presidential Proclamation for National REACT Month Needs Your Support

Two bills requesting the President to designate the Month of November 1982 as "National REACT Month" have been introduced in the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives.

The Senate bill is sponsored by Sen. Charles Percy, of Illinois, and co-sponsored by Senators Tsongas, East, Gorton and Cohen. The House Bill introduced by Rep. John Porter, (R-10th District 1-Illinois). Cited in the bill is the fact that REACT cumulative effort totals more than 10 million volunteer manhours this year, or handling one emergency call every twenty seconds. This has resulted in the "saving of many lives because of the greater speed with which medical aid reaches the scene of an accident of natural disaster."

The bill also cited the fact that REACT has been honored as "recipient of the 1982 President's Volunteer Action Award" and that the organization is celebrating its twentieth anniversary this year.

All REACTers in the United States are requested to contact their Senators and Congressmen requesting them to co-sponsor the joint resolution. Senators should notify Sen. Percy that they wish to co-sponsor S. J. Reso, 214. Members of the House of Representatives should notify Congressman John Porter that they wish to co-sponsor H. J. Reso, 484.

It is necessary that we have 50 percent of the members of each house as co-sponsors to have the President issue the proclamation.

We suggest you call your Congressman's local office and ask for co-sponsorship. A telephone call may be sufficient, but ask if a letter is necessary.

Following is a list of Congressmen who have already become co-sponsors of H. J. Res. 484:

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- NEBRASKA
 - Hal Daub (R) Omaha
- NEVADA
 - A-L Jim Santini (D) Las Vegas
- NEW JERSEY
 - William J. Hughes (D) Ocean City
 - James J. Howard (D) Spring Lake
 - Christopher H. Smith (R) Old Bridge
 - Milliecent Fenwick (R) Bernardsville
 - Edwin B. Forsythe (R) Moorestown
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- VIRGIN ISLANDS
 - Del. Ron DeLugo (D) St. Thomas
- DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
 - Del. Walter E. Fauntroy (D) Wash., D.C.

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OPEN MEETING

July 22, 1982
Riviera Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada

The meeting was called to order at 2:12 p.m. with Executive Director Gerald H. Reese, presiding.

Others participating included Board Members: M. L. "Bud" Fink, Robert Miller, Eugene Goebel, H. B. "Pete" Kreer, Susan Stewart, John Tracy, Lance Luedtke, William Shafer; and Directors-Elect Barbara Chuvén and Carl Berg; Canadian Liaison Ron McCracken; Team Delegates and convention attendees.

The Executive Director noted the passing of Frank Blackwell, Publisher of CB Voice and a good friend of REACT.

The New England Compact presented a REACT flag to International. Report of Credentials Committee was made by Dottie Thomas.

A roll call of Team delegates was made.

A report of previous meetings of the Board held in Las Vegas including a financial report, was given by the Executive Director.

John Tracy and Lance Luedtke explained the new project tracking procedure.

All current activities now in process are listed on flow sheets to provide tracking information including an item number, origin, start date, item description, responsibility for action and review, review date, target date and status report.

This procedure assists the Executive Director and all others in tracking projects. It involves others to assist in follow up, by designating the person responsible for action and review. The Executive Director accepted the concept wholeheartedly and said it would be of great help to him in coordinating the work of the Forum, Board Members and Headquarters staff.

John discussed specific projects and programs, noting that number one priority was the Team Management Handbook.

A report was given on the REACT International Committee for Major Funding by Bob Miller. This committee is co-chaired by Bob Miller and Nat Maryn. (See report on page).

Jerry Reese commented on the ad-hoc committee concerning de-licensing. He announced that the Board requested that the Forum establish the committee and provide the board with a budget and goals for review.

He reported the establishment of the International Committee consisting of one member per country where REACT is active.

Enrico Compagnoli, Secretary, World CB Union, was introduced. He described his organizational goals, and invited delegates to sit in on their meeting to take place over the weekend. WCBU comments were referred to the International Committee to consider a working relationship with WCBU.

Gene Goebel commented that REACT is not just a CB group but a public service communications organization. The Board concurred that point should be emphasized in all publicity.

It was reported that the Forum budget had been increased by \$300 to \$6,300 for 1982.

Pete Kreer explained the function and structure of the Executive Committee and moved that the Executive Committee be restructured and activated. The Executive Committee is to include three members: the Executive Director, one at-large director and one Field Director. Lance Luedtke seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Board.

Lance Luedtke moved to designate John Tracy and Gene Goebel as members of the Executive Committee. Bill Shafer seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Board. It was suggested that all REACT Teams should reaffirm their compliance with government regulations in the use of radio. A discussion including Team Delegates ensued.

Pete Kreer moved that the Board reaffirm REACT's policy of strict adherence to radio regulations; examine and take action with REACT Teams that are persistently and consistently guilty of major violations of laws, rules and regulations, and re-affirm itself to this policy each year. Bill Shafer seconded. Further discussion with Teams was held. Motion passed by unanimous vote. A vote of Team Delegates was taken with all in favor.

Discussion on Forum proposals and other issues including delicensing of CB radio included Team Delegates and Board Members.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

On Hand for Ontario Cake-Cutting



Hamilton, Ont.—Ontario Provincial Police Staff Sergeant Murray Gregory was Guest Speaker at the third annual Ontario REACT Conference. Here, he assists John Keine, CGRSA president (left center), in a REACT 20th Anniversary cake cutting. Hamilton REACT prepared the cake and provided coffee to go along with it. Hamilton REACT president Ken Elliott (right) and Canadian Liaison Ron McCracken (left) look on. 35 delegates from across the province shared the refreshments and ideas that work for their teams. Behind is the CGRSA mic road sign used by OPP, RCMP, REACT and other Emergency Channel 9 monitors across Canada.

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Parade, Good Training for Nebraska Team

OMAHA, NE -- Douglas County REACT Team has been busy with parades and several walkathons and runs. Over the next few months, there will be several more parades before that activity finishes for the year. The opportunity to work and assist at parades has proven good training for members in operation of net control and assignments of duties for those who come to work a parade. The team has found this to be a good tool as it is something you can only talk about in a training session. It is the actual working of a parade and the control that provides the lasting training.

The severe weather of May and June had resulted in two very active months. The Omaha area has, over the past months, luckily, has no tornadoes and no major flooding. REACT has been called out four different times to assist National Weather. On two of these occasions, members went into a flood watch condition when the tornado watch was terminated. The last flooding of June 14 to 15 was the worst for the areas around Omaha with a great deal of property loss and damage.

Douglas County REACT was called out on the night of June 13 to assist Police in a search for a lost two-year-old boy. Twenty members responded in a matter of 30 to 45 minutes. From 11 p.m. on the 13th to 1 a.m. on the 14th, the Team searched backyards and anything else a two-year-old could possibly get into to no avail. The search was called off on June 14 by the police and a water search of a lake close by would begin during daylight hours. Sadly, the child's body was found in the lake 75 feet from shore.

All teams are working toward 24-hour coverage on Channel 9 and, hopefully, Douglas County will be able to realize that goal. From January to May total hours monitored by the Team were 2,151.75 or an average of 14 hours per day. Total calls for the same period were 913, or an average of 6 per day.

Jess Collier and Rich Ryan taped an interview on local radio station, KFAB, which was broadcast on June 27 at 5 p.m. It was an excellent opportunity to tell as many people as possible about REACT and the desire for new members.



FESTUS, MO -- On hand helping to raise money for Jefferson Little League were members of Ozark REACT Team, left to right: Gene and Brenda Cook, David and Donna Crannick, M. Sweet, R-7 President Jim Swyers, REACT President Wiley Sims, Ralph and Donna Aubuchon, June Aubuchon, Missouri State Rep. Howard Garrett and member John Shrum.

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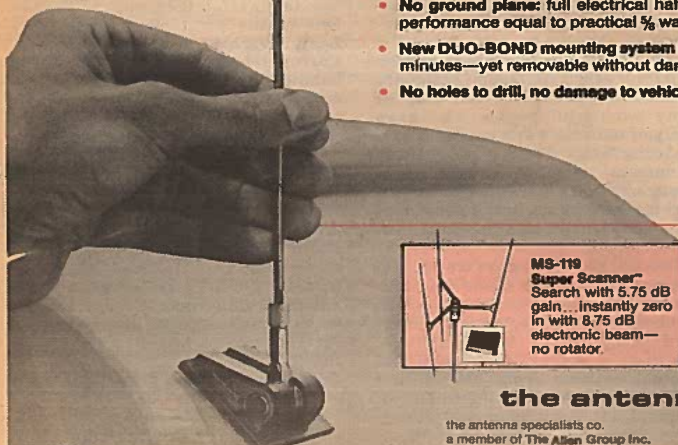
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REACT is an important and essential component of our public safety communications system. The vital highway safety, emergency, and public service communications that you provide through Citizens Band Radio contribute greatly to the health, safety, and welfare of millions of your fellow citizens both in the United States and abroad.

Effectively meeting today's challenges requires renewed dedication to the sound principles of private initiative and individual voluntary action that have contributed so much to our nation's strength. In presenting the President's Volunteer Service Award to REACT earlier this year, I noted that throughout our history, Americans have always extended their hands to neighbors in assistance. The dedication and proven commitment of REACT members, Teams, and Councils demonstrate the continuing vitality and fundamental soundness of these traditional values and principles.

Through your actions, those who travel on highways are safer and better informed of road, weather, and emergency conditions. Yours is a record of sustained public service few can match.

I commend you once again for your service to our country and wish you continued success in serving public safety communications needs in the years to come.

Ronald Reagan

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FESTUS, MO - Ozark REACT Team C-121 has become the first rescue squad in the state to have its vehicles designated as emergency vehicles. According to REACT president Wiley Sims, "the designation will allow the squad to make it to the scene of emergencies in a shorter period of time." Displaying the new license plates are, left to right, County Court Judge Howard Wagner, REACT Vice President Bill Aubuchon, member Earl Smitzer, State Rep. Howard Garrett and State Rep. Bud Lewis, REACT President Wiley Sims.

STORM (Continued from front cover)

able to start our 15kw diesel generator and provide power for the Blood Bank and the entire building. At the first break in the storm's high winds, we set up our field communications trailer out in the parking lot, and the Red Cross's FM radio communications control in their motorhome.

REACT began receiving hundreds of calls and reports on the CB emergency channel 9. Motorists were reporting accidents, trees and power lines down across roads, traffic signals out, and flooded streets.

Our first priority was to take care of life-threatening dangers, and we concentrated our 4x4 units and manpower to the clearing of streets and finding the condition of the major streets so that we could advise the emergency agencies of clear routes. Later we began to direct traffic around bad locations.

CB'ers began to call in wanting to assist in any way they could. Some relayed phone calls and many came in person to the Red Cross for assignment to various duties such as traffic direction or ride-a-longs with other REACT members.

The total number of hours put in by our members during this period was 422 manhours. We had 24 units working on June 8, 12 units working on June 9, and for the period of June 11 - 14, we had 14 units working.

A summary of REACT activities during this period shows: Traffic Control, Monitoring CB Channel 9 for emergency reports, Emergency Runs, Emergency Standby for Red Cross, Blood Transportation to hospitals from Red Cross, Radio Communications for Red Cross,

Delivery of emergency food, Security Patrol with Civil Defense (6/8/82 only), Removing blockage from streets, Mapping out the clear routes for emergency vehicles, Towing stranded cars from flooded area (with owner's permission.)

Our power has been restored at the Red Cross, and we are 10-8 in the REACT Control Center with a makeshift antenna on what is left of our tower.

A graphic article in the EVANSVILLE SUNDAY COURIER . . . PRESS was part of the coverage we received. We are trying to take advantage of the increased spirit of volunteering by conducting a stepped-up membership drive.

REACT to the Rescue of Ship in Distress

SEATTLE, WA -- At about 1:34 a.m., a 24-foot Bayliner vessel with five aboard which had run out of fuel called on channel 9 for help. Their location was one mile west of Auke Bay at Juneau, Alaska.

King County REACT Team 2346's Unit 58, Varney Ice, picked up the call. He was assisted by King County REACT Unit 56, Paul Clemens, and Pierce County Radio Watch Unit 270. Together, in the Seattle/Tacoma, Washington area, they got aid to the boat in Alaska.

Around 2:14 a.m., Varney Ice received a call from Petty Officer Sheeves from the Auke Bay Coast Guard Auxiliary, Juneau, Alaska. He thanked King County REACT and units 56 and 58 - it was a job well done. The five people aboard the vessel also sent their thanks - they were all safe.

California REACTers Take Fire Training



MARYSVILLE, CA - Among those on hand at the First Annual Yuba County Rural Fire Training Day were, left to right, Don Liberman, John Hirschhorn and Anna Marie Hirschhorn. All are members of Twin Cities REACT No. 2953.

COLUMN NINE

Where the REACTION is Yours

LANCASTER, CA -- Now, I know what it is like to be in trouble, then hear REACT's welcome, "May I help you?"

I was darn upset on a recent Thursday evening when I discovered I had locked myself out of the house. I tried everything I could think of to get back in - to no avail. I didn't wish to break a window.

It was almost 10 p.m. when I began to feel a bit panicky at the thought of spending a night on the mountain-side in only my pajamas. All help -- keys, tools, phone and C.B. Radio -- were behind locked doors. We lock our cars so no help there. However, I decided to check them just in case. Boy, was I ever glad to find Unit 63's open.

I immediately called for Antelope Valley REACT and my third call brought the welcome "May I help you" from Unit 40. I had intended to request help from the fire department but Unit 40 quickly asked if her husband might help me. He could - and did!

During the 10 years I have been with REACT, I have never needed help. I had made a big "boo-boo" when I locked myself out and

another when I hollered 10-33.

When I am monitoring, I am not pleased when someone calls "10-33" and it really isn't a matter of life or death. I think I can now understand why they do it. I felt mighty alone and helpless in my predicament.

It is really great to hear REACT respond when you have a problem and it is especially nice when they help you personally. Many thanks Unit 40 and Ed.

As I was writing these few lines, a call declaring a 10-33 was made from El Mirage Dry Lake. I answered and learned another cyclist had been seriously injured. Paramedics and ambulance were requested. I called San Bernardino Fire Department and they responded immediately.

This was but one of the many emergency calls our team takes regularly. I am very proud to be part of a team that does its best to be on the air when needed.

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Santa Cruz REACT Backs Local Event

by Fred D. Cummings
Vice President and Junior Advisor
Santa Cruz County REACT 2343

SCOTTS VALLEY, CA -- Scotts Valley, a small, rural community located near Santa Cruz and San Jose, has for years sponsored a small celebration, Scotts Valley Days, to commemorate the establishment of the town.

This celebration is held the weekend nearest to August 1 and includes a variety of activities from early Saturday morning to late Sunday night.

Last year, Santa Cruz County REACT 2343 became involved by providing personnel to handle parking, take fees, and do traffic control, communications, emergency telephone,

first aid, and serve as 'gofers' for whatever needed to be done.

As a result, the Team Secretary, Bev Anderson, was appointed as Parade Chairperson for the 1982 Scotts Valley Days, and REACT as a unit was again asked to be involved.

During January 1982, the Scotts Valley area suffered a severe storm, with major property damage and loss of life. One of those lost as a direct result of the storm was Darrol Anderson, Team Treasurer and husband of Bev Anderson. Mrs. Anderson elected to stay on and to continue her duties as Parade Chairperson.

The assignment list was indeed long for a very small team, with only 18 members, but with the help of many wonderful people who gave freely of their time and energy it succeeded. The Team fielded 20 volunteers, for the most part teenagers, who did a superlative job, working long hours in the hot sun at jobs they had no previous experience with.

REACT 2343 set up its trailer late Friday evening and made final adjustments and communications checkouts for the big days to come. Fred Cummings, Vice-President, was in charge of traffic control and communications from the trailer both days. REACT operated on Channel 11, the designated secondary channel in this area, and on Channel 14 for the Walkie-Talkie units. Everyone was on station and

operational by 0800, Saturday 31 July, and the event began and continued for the next two days. Saturday, nearly all operations were confined to the immediate park area, and a slow start gave members time to iron out problems that had been overlooked. Things generally ran smoothly, although there were a few minor hangups in the traffic control areas and a few minor disagreements about who could bring vehicles into the park, but most were quickly and easily resolved.

Sunday many of the Team volunteers had to be shifted to the parade route for work there, leaving the park with minimum personnel, but again REACT made it through with no major problems, and most important no injuries.

The attendance has been estimated at 5,000 on Saturday and 10,000 on Sunday.

With some assistance from other Team members, Bev set up a great 105-unit parade that went off with only a few minor hitches. Bonnie Bailey and many others assisted her in parade lineup and spacing. Phil Culver, the Treasurer, kept close tabs on the Mayor so we could reach him if needed. Rex Thompson, Communications, provided invaluable service as a radio relay from a hilltop near the center of town.

A traffic accident occurring late Sunday marred the areobatics show. One of the stunt pilots apparently misjudged his altitude and crashed. Fortunately the crash occurred behind a hill, out of sight of the crowd. REACT sent fire and rescue to the scene immediately with the radio telephone. Daniel Heinrichs, an EMT-1 and volunteer for the day, and his father Dr. Daniel J. Heinrichs, who had stopped by to visit the REACT Trailer, were among the first to the scene. Dr. Heinrichs and others were instrumental in extricating the pilot from the pond where he had crashed, and rendering first aid. But it was all in vain, as the pilot, John "MAC" McDowell was killed in the crash. Several other of our Walkie-talkie equipped personnel were dispatched to the scene.

The final announcement of the pilot's death was delayed for about an hour to ease the shock to the crowd.

NEWS OF FORUM ACTIVITIES

From the President of the REACT FORUM

I would like to express my gratitude to all those who made the Las Vegas convention a success; the Las Vegas United REACT Team, those from the Southern California REACT Council and all the other members of REACT around the country who pitched in and accomplished the impossible when it needed to be done. I would also like to thank you, the delegates of the FORUM, who have entrusted in me the task of trying to operate the organization for the upcoming year. I'll do my best to keep everyone informed as best I can and try to accomplish what was started in Las Vegas.

For those who couldn't make it, you missed one of the most enjoyable and interesting conventions yet. It seems as if the more we try to work our problems out, the more we all pull together. The Board of Directors has taken on a more active roll in the operations of REACT, along with the FORUM. We are now working more hand in hand than ever before to try to work out some of the problems REACT and its members are facing. However we can't do it alone. We need the active support of every REACT member. By that I mean, if your team or council has publications or training aids on any subject, we would like to see them.

Any team or council having the knowledge or expertise in fund-raising is urged to contact the task area on fund-raising.

I feel this is one of the most serious problems facing REACT and its members. The FORUM isn't just four elected officers, the field members to the Board of Directors, and the chairmen of some committees and task areas; it is every member of REACT working together for the betterment and future of REACT. We can't do it alone, we need your active support and help. Every REACT member can participate in the FORUM. There is only one vote from each state council, foreign nation, or province of Canada, but the majority of the work that the FORUM does is done by REACT members just like you. Please write or call any of the chairmen of the Task Areas or Committees that are listed here. They need your input and information if they are to develop any ideas. Don't be afraid of getting involved in this task; you've already been involved in helping your fellow man in your communities through emergency communication so get further involved within your organization.

I will try to help anyone I can if called upon. If you have written any of the task areas or committees chairman and don't get a reply in a reasonable length of time, write the Vice-President in charge of that area or me and we'll look into the matter. I'm not going to tell you that I have all the answers to all the problems of REACT, but I sincerely feel that if we all work together, we can solve the majority of them. I look forward to working for and with all of you in the upcoming year and urge you to write if I can be of any help.

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FORUM Vice-President Administration-Convention Report

Another annual REACT International convention has come and gone—the ribbons and trinkets have been laid aside—and now is the time to sum up what has been accomplished in the past year and what we aspire to achieve in the year ahead. As a Vice President, Administration, it is my duty to coordinate the administrative requirements of the REACT FORUM and to coordinate the activities of the FORUM Standing Committees. This report will cover accomplishments and aspirations of these committees.

The Convention Site Selection Committee considered all 1984 convention bids and recommended that the 1984 REACT convention be held in Daytona Beach, Florida, with our hosts being Daytona Beach REACT and the Florida State Councils. This recommendation was approved at the annual meeting in Las Vegas. Bids are now open for the 1985 convention in central USA and the deadline for submitting bids to the Convention Committee is April 1, 1983.

In addition to planning the FORUM sessions of each annual convention, the Convention Program Planning Committee, at Las Vegas, was given the task of planning future convention seminars and scheduling speakers. This requires close cooperation with REACT Headquarters and the local convention committee which is responsible for the logistics of the annual convention. A preliminary report covering the highlights of the 1983 REACT International convention, to be held in Wichita, Kansas and hosted by Sedgwick County REACT, will be included in the Nov.-Dec. issue of the REACTer.

The Credentials Committee did an outstanding job, under stressful conditions, in verifying credentials of Forum and Team delegates at the '82 convention. A total of 36 States and Provinces were represented in the Forum, in addition to the United Kingdom and South Africa. A total of 127 Team Delegates attended.

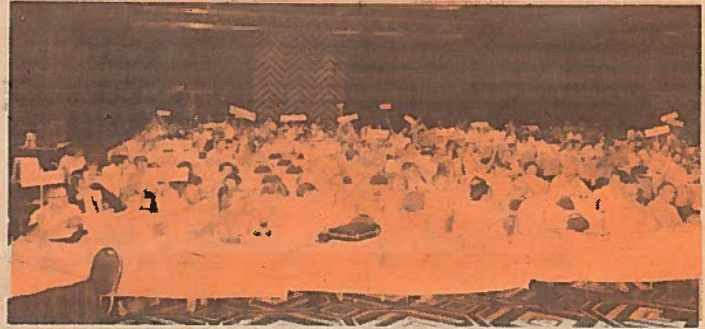
The Future Planning Committee, formerly the Long Range Planning Task Group, recommended, and the FORUM approved, the following ongoing projects:

- (1) Support for expansion of personal use radio in the portion of the spectrum above 460 MHz.
- (2) Establishment of a training program designed to raise the skill level of REACT members who deal directly with the public.
- (3) Encouragement of specific relationships with other NVOAD members by means of simulations, participation in selected events or other means to develop the expertise to assure successful joint operations.
- (4) Examination of organization structures having longer than one year terms of office and a greater balance between responsibility and authority, these structures to be recommended for adoption by the teams.

The Future Planning Committee will continue its work, following up last year's recommendations, and will also study policy changes needed to reflect adequately the international scope of REACT.

The Government Relations Committee, formerly a part of the Inter-Agency Liaison Task Area, has been working diligently to stop implementation of the de-licensing of CB proposal which is currently before the Congress of the United States. This effort will continue.

On Hand at Historic Las Vegas Meeting



Here is a view of the hall showing forum delegates as they gathered at the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas.

The Life Member Committee was organized 1981 to promote Life Membership in REACT. The Committee hosted the Convention Orientation Mixer at the '82 convention, in addition to manning a Life Member booth in the exhibit area.

The Rules and Procedures Committee prepared all the standing rules amendments necessary to carry out issues approved by the FORUM. In the coming year, this committee has the task of formulating procedures for REACT conventions.

The chairmen of all the standing committees of the FORUM appreciate the efforts of all their committee members during 1981-82 and look forward to another productive year. Any REACT member is eligible, and is encouraged, to participate in the activities of the FORUM Standing Committees. Just send your name, address, telephone number and ideas to the chairmen listed in the FORUM address list included in this issue.

Penny Barker
Vice President - Administration

FORUM Vice-President Programs Message

As your Forum Vice-President, Programs, I see my primary purpose as one of coordination of the Task Group activities. We have good, enthusiastic Task Group chairpersons, but the people in Chicago and your Task Group Leaders can't do it alone. We need your ideas and suggestions. Select the Task Group that you are interested in, and write or call the chairperson that is listed in this REACTer. If you don't want to be a member of the Task Group but have a suggestion or idea, send it to the Task Group chairperson.

The Forum was formed so that you the REACT member could have direct input into the various programs of REACT, so come on REACTer's, let us hear from you. I know that there are many members that are unable to attend the conventions who have expertise in all of the Task Group areas and we need you to participate.

If I can be of any assistance or if there are new programs that you would like to have, please write or call me.

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STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE REACT FORUM

There are presently six Standing committees of the REACT Forum. Committee Chairmen are appointed by the Forum President and confirmed by the Executive Committee and each chairman serves at the pleasure of the Executive Committee of the Forum. The committee chairmen are selected from among REACTers attending the annual meeting and any REACT member can serve on a standing committee. Committee members are selected by the committee chairmen, subject to approval of the Executive committee; however, volunteers from the field are always appreciated. Members of these committees serve at the pleasure of the Forum President and their terms otherwise shall expire concurrently with that of the Forum President.

The Forum Standing Committees and their purposes are as follow:

CONVENTION COMMITTEE: Shall review all proposals for future convention sites and make recommendations to the FORUM. The sites recommended should be selected on a rotational basis (i.e., West, Central, East), and selected at least two years in advance. Shall plan the program for the annual convention, including FORUM sessions, committee and task group meetings, seminars and speakers.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: Shall verify seating of all Council Delegates to the annual FORUM meeting and all Team Delegates to the annual meeting of the membership.

FUTURE PLANNING COMMITTEE: Shall be responsible for developing long-range plans for the expansion, growth and stability of REACT as an international organization, providing ideas for future direction of REACT encompassing all trends in personal use radio.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE: Shall promote working arrangements between the FORUM and various governmental agencies including the FCC and shall advise REACT International on matters concerning governmental actions involving CB and other forms of personal use radio.

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Jersey Rest Break Draws Like Magnet



FLORHAM PARK, NJ -- Here's a bit of activity so typical of the entire three-day safety break staged by members of N.J. Inter-County REACT 2416 over Memorial Day which gained members of the team the goodwill of passing motorists. More than 4,000 travelers stopped to take advantage of the free refreshments and the opportunity to stretch out.

FLORHAM PARK, NJ -- It seemed like a reunion of old friends as N.J. Inter-County REACT 2416 held a safety break over the Memorial Day Holiday on Route 287 northbound, Harding Township. Members maintained the stop from 7 a.m. daily for the three-day weekend until closing each day. In the process they dispensed with 4,000 cups of coffee, some 300 dozen donuts, as well as

cakes and cookies supplied by members' wives, cold drinks and other refreshments. Signatures in the Guest book show that visitors included motorists from West Germany, California, many Southern states and even from as far away as Tokyo. The team plans to hold another break over the Labor Day weekend, even as this report goes to press.



REACT SAFETY BREAK REPORT

Ark. Team's Safety Break Proves Real Crowd Pleaser

LITTLE ROCK, AR -- Outstanding was the word for the safety break conducted by Central Arkansas REACT Team C-704 over the July 4 weekend. Members who participated enjoyed talking with the motorists and the team received outstanding TV and radio coverage, including one segment showing the team's assistant coordinator Tom Woliski working the break with his wife, Andrea. Coverage was received on three local TV stations and 14 radio stations, including a three-minute segment of the team Coordinator, Christine Hill, reminding viewers of the event. These public service announcements ran about every hour to an hour and a half.



LITTLE ROCK, AR -- Getting ready for the highly successful safety break held by Central Arkansas REACT Team C-704 are, left to right, George Marsh, Kenneth England, and W.R. Harrell. In the back is Carl Browner. It was one of the best events ever conducted by the team.

Sharon, Pa. Break Proves Popular



SHARON, PA -- Doing land-office business at team-sponsored Coffee Break held over the Memorial Day Weekend are members of Tri-County REACT C-245. The Team was one of the first in REACT to sponsor the breaks, holding its first one in 1970.

SHARON, PA--One of the first REACT teams to organize a safety break was Tri-County REACT C-425 which held its first one in 1970. Since that pioneering effort, according to Darrell Lewis, Team chairman, the Team has served more than "300,000 cups of either coffee or lemon blend. We serve approximate-

ly 10,000 cups each holiday."

At the team-sponsored break held over Memorial Day weekend, about 10,000 motorists stopped to get a quick energy charge and included visitors from as far away as: Japan, Finland, England, Scotland, South Africa and Germany.

Rain No Dampener For Indiana Team's Break

NEW SALISBURY, IN -- Unpredictable Memorial Day Weekend weather failed to dampen the spirits of Harrison County REACT's coffee break and it definitely proved no handicap with travelers and truckers on Interstate 64. Even though severe weather and a power shortage forced the Break to close two hours earlier than scheduled, motorists still consumed over 140 dozen donuts, sweet rolls and cookies and 28 pounds of coffee. Over 1,700 travelers paused to replenish their spirits and energy at the event.

California Break is Well Received by Truckers, Autoists

VENTURA, CA -- Ventura REACT Team 3983, as they have done for the past several years, held a Safety Awake Break over the three-day Memorial Day weekend.

The team set up its trailer near an off-ramp of Highway 101, the heavily traveled coastal route between Los Angeles and San Francisco, and served coffee, soft drinks and cookies. According to the Team's publicity director, Carolyn Weber, it has been very well received by truckers and tourists alike and many repeat customers stop year after year for a chance to stretch their legs and enjoying a refreshing drink. The team is scheduled to hold another Awake Break over the Labor Day weekend, according to their President, Kenneth Weber.

REACT Break Keeps Team Members More Than Busy

SPRINGFIELD, OR -- What started with a bang on Friday, July 2 -- the successful July 4 Coffee Break of Lane County REACT Team 2855 -- ended on Monday, July 5 without a fizzle. Team members who participated in the event had their hands full. Besides doling out the usual coffee, tea, cool-aid and hot chocolate, the Team served more than 600 cups of Pepsi-Cola, provided free of charge by Willamette Beverage Co. to help make this one of the best breaks sponsored by the team ever.

Public Backs Maine Breaks All The Way

WILTON, ME -- The response to the first two safety breaks ever sponsored by Franklin County REACT 4482 has been enthusiastic on the part of both the public and local officials.

The team, only in existence one year, has 20 active members. For its next project, it is planning a membership drive for early Fall. According to Team Vice President Charles Stairer, recognition of local

Tourism Down? Vermont Team Tries Holiday Safety Break

ST. JOHNSBURY, VT -- Although tourism may be down somewhat in this area, you'd never know it from the successful Safety Break staged recently by members of Caladonia County REACT. The REACT guest book showed that a total of 1,790 road weary travelers from 32 states and provinces and from Germany, France, Puerto Rico, Holland and Israel took advantage of the break to recharge their energy. Local REACTers set up the event at two locations on I-91 Barnet Mountain Overlook.

residents is growing for REACT. In September, the team plans to help the Jaycees in Augusta in their annual 100 mile Bike-a-thon. According to Stairer, Radio Station WKDJ in Farmington has been most supportive of the coffee breaks. He urges that former REACTers interested in rejoining, who receive the Team newsletter, should contact Team President, Robert McDonald by writing to REACT, care of Post Office Box 747, Wilton, Maine 04294.



VENTURA, CA -- Setup at Safety Break as members of Ventura REACT Team 3983 dispensed with coffee, soft drinks and cookies to weary motorists.

Amador County REACT Racks Up Best Break Ever

JACKSON, CA --The past Memorial Day weekend saw the most successful Safety Break in the four and a half year history of Amador County REACT 4173.

President Roy Schaffner spearheaded the caravan up state route 88. Included in the assemblage were a React Trailer; Little-John (OUT-House On Wheels); pick-ups; motor-homes; including campers; and other vehicles as well as other equipment and supplies. There were 12 hardworking members who each donated their five days, or 65 hours, to make the break a success.

Once everything was in place, the 4500 Watt Generator was hooked up and the coffee started perking. With the large signs announcing to both lanes of traffic and the American Truckers Association signs, the free coffee and donuts awaited the travelers.

There was no lack of customers. The group was kept busy dispensing refreshments, including hot chocolate and punch for the kiddies. From 6 a.m. to midnite, the React Trailer served a total of 1,500 people in four days, motorists who welcomed a break in the long drive over the mountains. Many expressed their

gratitude for the refreshments and the chance to stretch cramped muscles as they consumed 60 pots of coffee and uncounted amounts of donuts and cookies.

Members who could not stay full time were pressed into service as "Go-fers" who were sent on various errands.

While busy with the Safety Break, REACT was not neglecting other aspects of aid to the motorist. Thursday while setting up, a call came on Channel 9. A motorist who had been trying to get help since 9 a.m. had vehicle trouble. Relief was immediately on its way.

Carolina Team's Initial Break Draws 10-12,000

MARION, NC -- The first safety break of 1982, held over the Memorial Day Weekend by McDowell County REACT Team 2632 drew an estimated 10,000 to 12,000 travelers, who paused to take advantage of the free coffee and donuts. Working in six-hour shifts the entire three-day weekend, members dispensed over 30 pounds of coffee, two cases of Coffee Mate, six cases of cookies and 210 gallons of soft drinks.



New Presidential Award Items Available

Interested in honoring your own outstanding members or outstanding supporters of the team from the community? It's good P.R. and now available specifically for this purpose are two very handsome new certificates containing the seal of the President's Volunteer Action Award, recently won by REACT International for its volunteering and service activities. Anyone would be honored to receive one of these handsome certificates printed on gray parchment-like paper.

Also a distinctive award which will be treasured by any recipient is the beautifully Cloisonné Pin which combines the distinctive Presidential Award with the REACT symbol in orange and black, or the distinctive embossed vinyl "touch on" emblem with pressure-sensitive back which can be sewn easily on clothing.

To order any of these striking new items, simply fill out the handy order form which appears below:

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Ship To: Team _____ Number _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Per _____ Title _____

Scottsdale REACT Supports Employee Fete

SCOTTSDALE, AR--For the sixth time in three years, Scottsdale REACT Team 4148 furnished communications support for approximately 2,000 employees and their families at the bi-annual Garrett Employees Fishing Derby. Participating REACTors traveled nearly 115 miles to take part in the event.

From about 1:30 p.m. Friday November 6 to approximately 1 p.m. Sunday, November 8, five-members monitored channels 14 and 19 for emergency traffic and handled requests for information about the Derby and the locations of people callers were to meet.

Throughout the weekend team monitors handled a variety of requests for medical assistance, mostly of a minor nature, but two calls - one involving a possible broken leg and another a severe bronchial attack, involved arranging for transportation to a local hospital. Calls were also received for lost teenagers or for lost pets.

Members staffing the field unit included Dan McNamara, tactical communications officer; Don Way, vice president; Dee Way, secretary, Ed Outhouse, treasurer and Mrs. Lois Outhouse.

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News of Forum Activities (Continued)

STANDING COMMITTEES (Continued from page 5)

LIFE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Shall promote the Life Member Program with REACT and organize Life Members to help in the operations of the FORUM and REACT in general.

RULES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE: Shall develop FORUM standing rules and administrative procedures. Shall prepare proposals on issues to be considered by the FORUM and shall prepare the wording of any resolutions to be considered by the Forum.

NUTS AND BOLTS ON 27

Charlie Harband, REACT of the Golden Gate C-373
Co-Chairman, Communications Task Group

Greetings from an old friend in a new job. I was sitting in the Convention Room listening to Chairman Corwin Moore and his worthy cohorts discussing GMRS and the new GE proposed 900 meg service and made the mistake of asking "what was being done for the little old senior citizen in tennis shoes who still was dedicated to monitoring the millions of sets who crowd on the 40 channels of 27 megs".....the great unwashed who obviously were not ready for GMRS, (460 megs) and maybe even don't completely understand operations on 27 megs as yet. The next morning, I found myself a co-chairman of the Forum Communications Task Group, with specific charge to stay with 27 megs and to be as much help as I can to the users.

I am going to need your help to accomplish my task. After you read some of the cautions and helpful hints below, you will certainly have some to offer on your own. The way to get those out to the general REACT membership is to write or type the suggestion and mail it to me:

Charlie Harband, REACT FORUM Communications Task Group, 585 Howard St., San Francisco, Ca., 94105.

First a word or two about what the other half of the Committee is doing. They are reviewing, and are prepared to offer comment to the FCC on:

1. - Some changes in GMRS rules--
2. - Use of the 900 MHz (GE) plan by REACTers--
3. - Preventing the delicensing of CBers as planned, and instead, (a) license, (b) charge a nominal \$5 fee, and (c) use those fees to police channel 9 and the two adjacent channels 8 and 10.

Unofficially, 462.675 and 467.675 is the GMRS pair of channels for REACT Repeater use. 141.3 is fairly standard for the activating tone. Some members of the GMRS committee are willing to help you obtain licenses and to select the proper equipment (GMRS). For this, contact:

Paul Southworth, 109A Colonial Drive, Reading, Pa., 19607.

Some hints on 27 MHz CB Channel 9 monitoring:

- (1) If you like to ride with your squelch closed, be sure to open it when you call in a 10-33.
- (2) If you are not an 18-wheeler and have twin antennas on a small car, it is possible that you are harming your signal rather than helping it. Best word we have is that the two antennas should be located approximately (9) nine feet apart.
- (3) Ignition noises can be in your alternator, or ignition system, or both. A simple check is to temporarily loosen your belt to your alternator. If the noise continues, your ignition system at fault.

If the noise abates, it is probably your alternator.

(4) If your antenna is mounted on your rear trunk door or on your bumper, be sure that there is a solid "ground" from your antenna to your car body. Hinges on trunk lids are not considered solid ground. Connect the trunk lid to the body with a grounding strip.

(5) You can use your sideband to hear an AM call more clearly. You must have two sets and a pair of earphones. One set must have SSB capability (set A) and the other (set B) is to be used for your transmitting. In its simplest form, if you have a call on channel 9 and you have interference from CH 8, plug in your earphones on set A and turn to Upper CH 9. The receive signal should come in very clear. Be sure to respond on Set B, the AM set. If the interference is from channel 10, then switch your SSB to lower 9 and you should get clear reception. Be sure to respond on AM. The earphone on set A is to prevent feedback when you respond on the other set.

NOW ---- aren't you glad you stayed tuned in to your all new "NUTS and BOLTS" column. If YOU have some helpful hints for the next issue, please send them to your loyal servant, Charlie Harband.

*PS: Let's put into print the largest problem of all:

With the ever increasing noise on Channels 8 and 10 bleeding over, and with more and more users chit-chatting on Channel 9, it becomes a nerve-wracking "burden" to monitor Channel 9 in contrast to just shutting the rig down and turning to the pleasures of Cable TV or HBO. The bottom line consequence is that you can drive cross country, and, at almost any time, except for large metro areas, you just don't get your 10-33 answered. In the San Francisco area, with at least seven REACT Teams listed and within range, I placed a call from 2000 feet up on a coastal mountain, at 10 o'clock on a Sunday morning. I got ZILCH. Yes, I checked other channels and my squelch for Receive. Everything was A-OK with the set, but no one was monitoring on Channel 9 (including my own TEAM)

I am posing the problem-----I don't have the solution---I am asking you if you have a suggested solution.

REPORT: LIFE MEMBER COMMITTEE

In addition to the Life Member Luncheons, several points of business were discussed.

It was suggested that a committee review the Life Membership criteria to see if any changes need to be made. A report of this committee will be made to all Life Members.

The Life Members in attendance discussed what designation should be made for the first 100 Life Members. The consensus of the group was not to set apart these members as a special group, but just give a different indicator in their number. It was decided that these members will use a C-number; in the same way charter teams do. (For example, Susan Stewart, Life Member C-55.)

A badge for Life Members is now available. It is available as a pocket insert or a pin. To order, write to Mike McCloy, 4848 Keighley Drive, Stone Mountain, GA 30083. The cost is \$7.00. Please indicate pocket or pin and give

your name, Life Member number and town.

The Life Member mailing list is now available to Life Members. It was mailed from Chicago August 15. If you have not received your copy, please send me a post card.

The Life Member Committee was made a standing Forum Committee, with the purpose of promoting Life Membership and REACT in general. This committee is slightly different in that we select our own chairman and include all Life Members.

WELCOME to all the Life Members who signed up during the Convention.

Allan F. Marks
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Comments, suggestions, etc. may be sent to me anytime. Susan Stewart, 512 Mill St., Tehachapi, CA 93561.

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SCENE AT THE CONVENTION



"How to Do It" . . . Team and Council

Whether a Team or Council publication is called a newsletter, paper or bulletin, it should be designed to keep the membership informed. The publication of a newsletter is time-consuming, but very much appreciated by the membership.

Before a Team starts to publish a newsletter, a few items must be decided, such as:

- Name of Publication
- Frequency of Printing
- Method of Distribution
- Cost of Publication
- Editor and/or Staff
- Objective of Publication
- Format
- Advertising

Name of Publication

The name can be "catchy" or descriptive. It might relate to Team name, area, projects, state, motto or any number of other possibilities.

Frequency of Printing

When deciding the frequency of publishing, the costs of printing and method of distribution should be considered. If a Team newsletter is involved, a monthly publication might be in order. If it is a State Council publication, a quarterly edition may be what your group needs.

Distribution

If your Team or Council is small, first class mailing is probably the only choice unless they are distributed at a meeting. If you are fortunate enough to have a wide distribution, be sure to check into the possibility of obtaining a bulk mailing permit for non-profit organizations. This can save your group a tremendous amount of money over the first class mailing rates if you can qualify for minimum mailing quantities.

Method of Printing

The major cost of the newsletter, other than postage, is printing. The ideal situation is where a member of the group has free access to a copier. The next step is to find a printer who is willing to exchange printing costs for advertising placed in the newsletter. (Some Teams have been known to get paper donated; then exchange the paper with the printer in lieu of printing costs.) Pursue all avenues; the doors are wide open.

Cost of Publication

This item will basically depend upon size, content, offset of costs, distribution, etc. Final costs will depend on you.

Editor and Staff

The objectives and size will be the determining factor here. Again, if the group is small and distribution is limited, one person may be all that is needed. Others may need a staff of five or ten persons. Receive input from your officers, committee chairmen, etc.

Objective

You may relay as much or as little information as you desire. Items you might wish to include: Upcoming events-Synopsis of Meetings-Committee reports-Articles of Interest

REACT Comes Through: Cincinnati Team Supports Railroad Reserve Operation

CINCINNATI, OH -- At approximately 4 p.m. on June 15, several railroad tank cars derailed in the yards over the Hopple Street Viaduct. One car was leaking carboric acid. Some dozen persons were affected by the material and were transported to several downtown hospitals. Police and fire authorities quickly set up a command center and everyone went to work to resolve the problems. Within minutes the Cincinnati Police advised Ohio Valley REACT Team 2601 that the heavily used Hopple Street Viaduct would be closed and that it would release a traffic advisory,

which it did. Later Aspen police requested REACT to instruct motorists on I-75 to close their car windows when passing the spill area. This was a typical public information mission for REACT's CD-CB Support Team. Many members from Southern Ohio and Kentucky participated in the emergency.

In contrast to the work performed by the on-scene emergency personnel, REACT's role was insignificant. Yet it was a situation where public information was needed, and REACT and CB again proved to be a useful medium for dispensing the information.

Washington Team Comes Through in a Pinch

TOLEDO, WA -- Can REACT respond to an emergency? You be the judge. On July 1, a call came in to Dick Whitman, president of SW District Council, Lewis County, that the traffic control plans for the July 4 celebration had fallen through and could REACT help?

Although July 4 is a busy time of the year for REACT, a few from various teams volunteered. All met in the park in Chehalis, Washington at 5:30 a.m.

The first event started at 6 a.m. (a fishing derby). Volunteers parked cars, handled the main gate and issued gate passes to officials. REACT also had a foot patrol in the park all day and has the blisters to prove it.

At 7:30 p.m., the volunteers were able to go home, but not until seven lost children were reunited with their parents. Says Carl Berg, 1st Vice President, Washington State Council, "We can respond when needed, and the nice thing is that out of several teams, REACT members will act in an emergency and help to carry out the needs of others."

Training of Dog and Handler is NY Team's Objective

OGDENSBURG, NY -- To help provide better police service to the community, REACT of St. Lawrence County Team C-72 has launched a fund-raising program to aid the Sheriff's Department in training a dog for police work. According to the team, Scott M. Sutherland, a sergeant with the Sheriff's Department, and a male German Shepherd dog, Shadow, will be trained for police duty at an approved Police Dog Training School. When the team completes training, it will be able to track missing or wanted persons, search buildings for persons or objects, detect certain drugs, and the dog will be able to protect his handler as well.

REACT on Hand to Support Training in Fire Handling

MARYSVILLE, CA -- Twin Cities REACT was there to lend a hand for the First Annual Yuba County Rural Fire Training Day, organized specifically for the purpose of training volunteer firefighters in fire procedures and techniques.

Interest from officers and members-President's Comments-Functions of Team or Council-Swap or For Sale Column-Report of Sick or Bereaved-Council and/or International Info, Monitor hours report, etc. Include pictures or an occasional humorous item. The list could go on and on. But remember -- the main objective is to keep your membership informed.

Format and Layout

This is an item of great versatility. Make your basic layout before the first item is ready for print. You must know where you are going from here at all times. Make sure all pages are completely filled by deleting or adding. It is always a good idea to have one or two stories or interest items that can be used as a filler or that can be pushed aside if not needed. Always include the most important items first. Make your layout neat and attractive and your material will always be more interesting reading.

Advertising

This item though listed last, is of great importance. Your publication and distribution may be small and you may elect not to sell advertising. If you are a large distributor, you may find there is an advantage to selling advertising. Determine the sizes of ads to offer, cost to the advertiser versus number of issues per year. Most firms can be sold on a yearly fixed rate; therefore, once your "ads" are sold, you have offset the costs for that year. Recommended sizes of ads would be; Business Card size, 1/4 page, 1/2 page and Full page. Cost should depend on circulation; but a possible list could be;

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| 1/4 page _____ | 2.50 per issue |
| 1/2 page _____ | 5.00 per issue |
| Full page _____ | 10.00 per issue |

A discount should be given if the advertiser pays for ads for a full year. For example;

If the newsletter is monthly, a full-page ad would mean yearly cost of \$120. you might offer a full-page for one year at \$100-if subscribed and paid for at the outset.

Copies of the newsletter should be sent to each advertiser who places an ad in the publication. It lets a person see what he gets for his money.

Newsletters are fun but also hard work. To make a selection of your staff is another important task. you must have people who have and are willing to give: Sufficient time, Knowledge of REACT, Sense of Responsibility, Personal interest in Team or Council, Stamina for working long, hard hours, Follow-through ability.

Publish your newsletter, paper, bulletin, or whatever you choose to call it. Enjoy it and remember COMMUNICATIONS is the word.

MAILING

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Doris Lindblad
Public Relations Task Force

S. Carolina Team Compiling Impressive Service Record

WALTERBORO, SC -- Colleton County REACT Team 3153 has collected in March for well over \$400 for the Kidney Foundation of South Carolina. In April the team aided the Walterboro Police Department donating the use of the team's base station after it was learned by Colonel William (Bill) Kofron, Team president, Police Department radio was out of commission. Police Chief Tom McJunkin stated that the department really appreciated REACT's help.

In May Colleton County REACT put in over 125 manhours in one weekend after the team was asked to help with the Walterboro-Colleton

County Rice Festival. The team assisted the State highway Patrol, the Colleton County Sheriff's Department and the Walterboro Police Department with traffic and crowd control during the festival and at the rodeo.

In June and July team members assisted the highway patrol and several different police departments as far away as Charleston with traffic control at several accidents and gave first aid when needed. In addition Mildred McMillian, Team Treasurer, was presented with a trophy as the Team's REACTer of the Year. Col. Kofron was also presented a trophy for his work as President of REACT during 1981.



SWEETWATER, TX--A bucking bronc and the REACT logo were featured on two quilts donated by members of Sweetwater REACT Team 2683 during the recent renovation of the town's auditorium. Bertha Polnack, one of REACT's most faithful backers, along with her daughter, Bette Frye, team secretary-treasurer, did most of the sewing and quilting on the two quilts, while F. E. Healer, team president, handled the art work. Proudly displaying their work are left to right: Mrs. Polnack, Bette Frye, F. E. Healer, and Robert Musgrove, Auditorium Renovation Committee chairman.

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community relations in which Lt. Sam Steele, Las Vegas Metro Police Dept. and Ron Leary, Mayor Pro Tem of Las Vegas, participated.

This was followed by a seminar on Technical Help moderated by Communications Task Group Chairman Corwin Moore, of Ann Arbor Washtenaw REACT. Participating were Bob Levy, Regional Sales Manager, Antenna Specialist Company, on antennas, and Kenneth C. Linder, Vice-President, General Manager, Communications Division, Uniden Corporation, on radios including CB and GMRS.

The lunch break included the opening of exhibits. A total of 20 exhibits were present. A list is included elsewhere in this issue of the REACTer.

The afternoon session continued with a seminar on REACT's roles: Disaster Preparedness, Ned Smith, Happy Valley REACT 3814, Disaster Preparedness Task Area Chairman, Moderator. Participants included George Alex, of the California Department of Forestry; Bobby Baines, National Red Cross Disaster Services; and Colonel Ernest Miller, Salvation Army, Chairman, Executive Committee, National Voluntary Organizations in Disaster. Colonel Miller emphasized the three main points of volunteer participation disaster preparedness: Commitment to perform volunteer service; Community of people to be served; Cooperation with all other agencies to produce the most effective planning and execution of disaster services.

The seminar on promoting REACT was moderated by Ron McCracken, Lake Simcoe REACT 4270, Public Relations Task Group Chairman. Participating from Michigan Emergency Patrol Team 2036 were William Appel and John Micelli. Gordon West, the Editor of Ob Radio Times, and Lee Riley, of Free Spirits REACT 3223, and Program Director of KXEM radio, provided the professional media side. In addition, an unscheduled showing of the slide presentation by the Minnesota REACT Council presented at the Public Relations Seminar. The days concluding seminar conducted by Lee Barlow, of Emergency CB Monitors Team C122, covering special CB hardware for monitoring enhancement was followed by a more detailed session later that evening on the same subject.

Wednesday morning at 8:30 a.m. the Forum convened with the announcement of the appointment of Task Group Committee Chairmen. Then the Forum adjourned to individual working meetings of various Task Groups and Committees to plan the 1983 projects. This was followed by a lunch break at which time exhibits were open and the Life Member Luncheon was held. A report on the Life Member Luncheon and Life Member Committee of the Forum is reported elsewhere in this issue of the REACTer. That afternoon, the general session for all attending the convention convened for a seminar on REACT roles; community action. The moderator was Barbara Chuyen, Daytona Beach REACT 2194. Participating from Nevada Emergency Teams was Reg Bingham of Las Vegas United REACT 4096. He described how the REACT Teams in the Las Vegas area cooperate with the Metropolitan Police Department to man a central monitoring base station to serve the 24 hour needs unique to the Las Vegas area.

Charles Magas of PAC REACT 4265 in New Orleans described how his Team works with the New

Orleans Police Department to man the 17 observation towers during the 7-day Mardi Gras period. Randy Knowles of North Shore Emergency REACT C479 described the participation of Chicago Area REACT Teams in coordinating communications for the 26-mile America's marathon which has between 8,000 to 10,000 runners. Jackie McDonald of Kettle Moraine REACT spoke about the program developed in Wisconsin to provide base stations for cooperating and willing senior citizens and other homebound individuals who will agree to monitor channel 9.

A seminar providing technical help on "How GMRS Helps REACT" was led off with a presentation of how GMRS supports REACT programs by Bob Leef of Corona-Norco REACT 4252. He stressed that GMRS serves two main purposes. First, it is an information link between channel 9 monitors on CB and second it is an alternate frequency for conducting organizational for the REACT Team. The panel stressing the organization of GMRS operations was moderated by Joe Granducci, of Northern Utah REACT C505, with Tom Bowling of National Capitol

REACT C490, Jess Collier, Douglas County REACT C663, and Chuck Thompson, Dallas County REACT C622, completing the panel.

The afternoon session continued with the presentation of the General Electric Company's proposed personnel communications service at 900 MHz presented by James Kearney and Alan Gauthier. This is a plan to utilize 150 channel service at this new frequency which has been presented to the FCC.

The concluding speaker was Raymond A. Kowalski, Chief, Special Services Division, Private Radio Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, Washington DC. Mr. Kowalski presented a brief view of what has happened with personal communications and the future of personal use radio.

The Thursday morning program began at 8:30 a.m. with the meeting of the Forum Task Group and Committees. The goal was to prepare the reports on proposed 1982-83 projects. A general session was convened at 10:15 for presentation of these 1982-83 Forum goals. Lunch break was the last time exhibits were open. At 2 p.m., the International Board of Directors met in open session. All in attendance participated. Minutes of

this meeting are published elsewhere in the report. When the meeting was adjourned, all attending were gathered outside the convention hall for a group picture.

The convention concluded with a sumptuous reception compliments of the Riviera Hotel at 6 p.m. with the banquet following. The banquet was an opportunity to present awards, recognize those who have worked so hard during the convention and during the year. The highlight was the presentation of the annual awards from the K-40 Electronics Company to Barbara Chuyen, of the Daytona Beach REACT, winner of the individual achievement award and to Lake Simcoe REACT, of Keswick Ontario, Canada for the Team award. Art Heath accepted that award for Lake Simcoe REACT.

Following the conclusion of the banquet many of the participants gathered in the Versailles Room of the Riviera Hotel to see Shirley McLaine/David Brenner show. Needless to say, an outstanding conclusion to the entire convention was experienced in the gala evening of Thursday, July 22.

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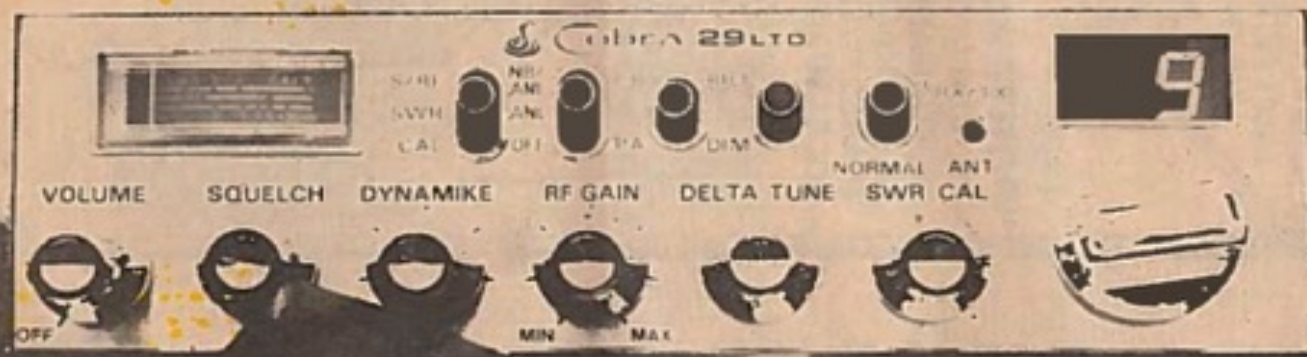
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