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## Child Safety Seats Sold Out In Just Six Hours



AUSTIN, TX — Travis County REACT members Dave Sanders, Genell Clark, and Stuart DeLuca, among others, helped with security, communications, and distribution as nearly 400 child safety seats were sold in 6 hours by Greater Austin Passenger Safety Association.

AUSTIN, TX — Thanks in part to members of Travis County REACT Team 3022, nearly 400 youngsters are now riding more safely in their parents' cars.

REACT members helped the Greater Austin Child Passenger Safety Association sell 385 child safety seats in a six-hour special sale, held in Austin's Highland Mall shopping center on Saturday, August 27.

by Stuart DeLuca  
Travis County REACT

According to Stuart DeLuca, REACT liaison for the event, "We had no idea what to expect. GACPSA ordered the seats from the manufacturer, hoping we would be able to sell at least half of them. But people were lined up ten deep before we were ready to begin the sale, and there were still people in line six hours later when we ran out of seats. If we'd had them, we probably could have sold another fifty or more."

The special sale offered one type of seat, convertible for use with infants or toddlers, at a wholesale price of \$26 plus tax. Comparable seats sell at retail for around \$45.

REACT members helped to provide security and communications between the sales table, set up inside the mall, and the truck on the mall parking lot, where the seats were actually handed out. REACT members also worked in the truck, handing out the seats and safety literature.

Participants in the event, besides REACT and GACPSA, included the Texas Medical Association Auxiliary and

## Honor CB Pioneer



SCOTTSDALE, AZ — Bob Reding (left) president of Scottsdale REACT, presents certificate to Al Gross (right), the father of CB radio.  
(For details see Page 2)

an Austin Girl Scout troop. The Texas Safety Association provided the air-conditioned truck, and McDonald's provided lunch and refreshments for volunteers. Several individuals, organizations, and companies provided funds to publicize the event.

For information about conducting a child safety seat sale, contact GACPSA at P.O. Box 4204, Austin, Texas 78765.

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## First-Hand Account of How W. Coast REACT Helped Avert Disaster

### Story of Michigan REACT's Help in Bringing Plane in on Crash Landing

EVART, MI — On Thursday, August 11 at 5:45 P.M. an airplane taking off from the Evert City airport developed engine problems and was forced to make an emergency crash landing on US-10, within the city limits.

Osceola County REACT Team 3275 was requested to assist the Evert City police and auxiliary during the emergency by manning traffic detour control points within the city, and on US-10 within the city.

Also manned by REACT was a location at the end of a runway of the city airport, where the airplane struck the top of trees during its takeoff pattern.

Some members worked the assigned posts for more than 12 hour periods,

then returned for further assignment after less than four hours rest.

US-10 is the major east-west highway through the city of Evert and is a well traveled vacation bound route to the far western part of the state.

According to Mary Lou Cass, Team Secretary, "Evert residents felt it was by the grace of God, and the skill and decision of the pilot that there were no further fatalities, other than those of the pilot and his co-pilot.

The airplane was demolished after landing on US-10, coming to rest one block from Main Street.

REACT Team members were pleased with the co-operation given by area residents and tourists.

*The following information, which was taken from a letter to Chief George Straka, of the Concord (CA) Police Department, by Al Singletary, describes the events surrounding Diablo REACT's participation involving a potential disaster resulting from a broken gas line:*

At approximately 1725 I received a telephone call from Mr. Warren Estlin, Diablo REACT Unit 39, who informed me at that time of the gas line break, that Willow Pass Road was closed west of Market Street and that Diamond Boulevard was also closed.

He also informed me that he would call Mrs. Lenny Larson, who lives in Lafayette and is not a REACT member, but monitors channel 21 almost every evening from approximately 1600 to 1800 to advise commuters of traffic conditions.

Almost every commuter with a CB radio knows that Roomey (CB handle) will usually have any pertinent information with regards to slowdowns, accidents, stalls, how much of a problem is involved and which alternate route to take if necessary.

Roomey was informed of the situation and immediately began putting the information over the air on channel 21. This was repeated every few minutes.

The people with CB radios were being advised of the broken natural gas line, areas blocked and to take an alternate route if possible within 5 minutes after the break. This information was being received as far west as Orinda.

I immediately started relaying the same information on channels 9 and 17. (My radio will allow me to monitor any channel and scan channel 9 every second). It also transfers to battery power if a power failure should occur. Unit 39 worked channels 9-19 and 21 on the Concord end as necessary.

As soon as Mr. Kenneth Baker, Diablo REACT Unit 63, arrived home, he monitored 19 and 21 to replace Mrs. Larson who had signed off the air.

Within minutes the commuters were reporting back to us with information as to which roads traffic was moving well

on or if jammed up, and what kind of a delay was involved.

We diverted traffic over Pleasant Hill Road, Treat, Monument, etc.

As the information was received, we would update the situation and advise the people still out on the road.

Even though we were following the entire sequence of events on our scanners, we wanted official notification to eliminate the possibility of putting premature information over the radio.

Chief, you may not be aware of the number of CB radios that people have installed in their vehicle for road information and safety while on the road.

I insist that my wife have her CB in her car when on the road on a trip or out at night.

It is also a practice for some commuters who do not have a CB radio in their vehicle to follow vehicles which have CB antennas, if any unusual number of CB people suddenly start leaving the freeway and they see traffic starting to back up.

Diablo REACT has followed the same procedure several times in the past, trying to help the California Highway Patrol due to a major freeway problem.

The tanker that blew up in the Caldecott Tunnel would be the most memorable. I talked to CHP officer Chuck Dalecki, who is the public affairs officer for our area, and since CHP had no serious traffic problems they also benefited from the action that was taken.

At 2019 I received notification from Pleasant Hill P.D. that the roadways were open and that it was O.K. to put out over the air that conditions were normal. This was done.

If Diablo REACT can ever be of assistance in any situation, please do not hesitate to call upon us. My phone number is: 827-3178.

### Way Open to Better Understanding in Puerto Rico

SAN JUAN, PR — With the help of the Puerto Rico REACT Council, members of Metropolitan REACT Diversified Services of San Juan were able to open up doors of mutual understanding and cooperation between Puerto Rican REACT Teams and the Highway Transit Safety Commission. The Commission has provided the Team with photocopies of Team Participation Report forms, and additional material related to the belts and restraints program and public recognition of Team goals and activities.

The Team hopes to reach a statement of understanding between REACT in Puerto Rico and the Highway Safety Traffic Safety Commission.

### Puerto Rico REACTer Honored



SAN JUAN, PR — Edwin Flores Ross, Council President, who was honored at a luncheon celebrated July 18 for his outstanding and continued support of all the Highway Traffic Accident Prevention campaigns for the Highway Safety Commission. He is shown receiving plaque from the Chairman of the Puerto Rico Public Service Commission, Miguel Fabre.

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### Early Bird Registrants to Share Growing List of Prizes

Communications equipment manufacturers have been very generous once again this year to provide donated prizes for presentation to REACT Teams to promote annual membership registration. Every REACT Team has an opportunity to share in these prizes awarded by drawing. Every Team gets one chance to win a prize for every member registered with REACT International prior to January 1, 1984. To date, 60 prizes have been assembled for this program. The drawing will take place shortly after January 1, 1984, and Teams and manufacturers will be notified of the winners. Manufacturers will then ship prizes directly to the winners.

The success of this program over the years has been that approximately 50% of REACT's membership has registered prior to the first of the year. This is tremendously helpful in preparing budgets and allocating financial resources for all concerned.

All REACT Teams should be grateful to the manufacturers who make this possible. These include: Antenna Electronics Company, Antenna, Inc., Antenna Specialists Company, Electra (Bearcat Scanner), Firestick Antenna Co., General Electric Company, Gold Line Connector Company, K-40 Electronics, Midland Communications, Radio Shack, Regency Electronics, The Shakespeare Co. and Uniden

A number of additional companies have not as yet responded and we expect them to provide equipment to be added to the list.

Be sure that your Team sends its registration in prior to December 31st to participate in this fun and productive "Early Bird" registration drawing.



Here are some of the great "Early Bird" prizes REACT Teams will win!

### The Largest REACT Cap in the World

CONOVER, OH — Champaign County REACT Team 4517 made the largest REACT cap in the world last summer with chicken wire and 8500 Kleenex's sprayed with orange and black paint and entered it in the County Fair parade in Urbana, Ohio.

Even the tractor pulling the float was painted orange with a REACT emblem and the members and children of members riding the float threw candy and bubble gum to the crowd.

The Team also voted to pay every

member's dues to REACT International in November and — TO TAKE OUT THE FIVE DOLLAR ACCIDENT POLICY ON EACH MEMBER, AT NO CHARGE TO THE MEMBERS. Team 4517's President is Wes Gould, the Secretary to REACT FORUM, elected at Wichita at the International Convention last July.

The inscription on the float was: "REACT SERVES YOU" and "JOIN 4517 AND WEAR OUR CAP."



CONOVER, OH — World's largest REACT cap (we have it on good authority) is seen mounted on float which was entered in the local County Fair.

## Notes from Northbrook

by Executive Director Gerald H. Reese

### QUALITY OR QUANTITY — MUST WE CHOOSE ONE?

In our desire to expand REACT's membership and make more growth possible for emergency communications organizations who are into other assignments or using other radio services, to join REACT, it has been assumed by some that it is our intention to open the door to anyone who wishes to pay dues. This is not the objective.

It is REACT International's position that any expansion of eligibility need not compromise REACT's high standards of quality Team performance.

REACT members have achieved a *professional* level of communication skills which we do not intend to compromise.

It is my personal observation that high quality standards are *necessary* for increasing membership.

If one looks to successful business examples of companies doing large volume business, the quality image prevails. McDonald's has been successful through maintenance of constant quality standards of product, exemplary cleanliness and well-trained personnel.

Millions who visit Disneyland and Disney World write back saying, "We can't believe how clean it is!" Or they remark, "We were overwhelmed by the special treatment we received."

It is the REACT International's objective to build and attract membership through maintaining the quality of the product and service we supply to REACT Teams. Admittedly, the limited staff now available limits the ability to provide all the service we would like to. We are doing everything we can to insure prompt and thorough response to requests for information, materials, membership input and other direct services to all Teams.

The REACTer has been a successful example of quality producing favorable results. We have upgraded the quality of typesetting, printing and paper beginning with the January 1983 issue. Making a small additional investment in quality has paid off in increased advertising revenue which has put the REACTer securely on a profitable basis for 1983 and in all likelihood, for 1984. No doubt, a better looking, easier to read publication has got to be a greater membership attraction than the cheap-looking newsprint we have used in the past!

Your REACT liability insurance was increased from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 coverage in 1983. This service was instituted in 1981 and is a unique benefit constantly increasing in value to REACT members. The State of North Carolina recently enacted legislation permitting local police departments to train and use volunteers to direct traffic. Liability insurance while directing traffic is also required. The REACT Liability Policy more than fulfills this requirement. All North Carolina Teams are receiving Certificates of Insurance to attest to this coverage. That is a quality service designed to attract quality members!

Official REACT supplies are now available in unique foil decals in 18 inch and 3 inch sizes for use in large vehicles and the small decals can be used on the inside of windshields. We will also have a REACT-Help-Clip litter bag available for mass distribution. A new, easy to use REACT catalog will also be available shortly, after the first of the year.

We will have a new Team Directory, and through cooperation with the REACT Forum, additional "How To" Manuals are being prepared. We are building more information, entertainment and using outstanding facilities and accommodations at our

### Indiana REACT Offers Highway Markers



EVANSVILLE, IN — Members of Vanderburgh County REACT C296 at recent meeting where highway signs were presented. Signs are now located at several key locations in Vanderburgh County.

EVANSVILLE, IN — By special arrangement with a sign manufacturer in Indiana, Vanderburgh County REACT, Inc. is able to make available to other REACT Teams these high quality, regulation size highway signs at \$30.00 F.O.B. destination in U.S. These 24"x30" signs say:

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should check with your local authorities before posting them. These aluminum signs are pre-drilled for easier mounting on one (1) standard 10' sign post (not provided). The lettering is silk-screened to prevent vandals from peeling letters off. The expected life span of these signs is 10 years.

Write to the address below for a current quote on the delivered price of this sign. All orders must be prepaid and must come from your Team's treasurer only. Proof that you are a chartered REACT Team, must be provided upon request. Normal delivery time is 3 to 4 weeks direct from the manufacturer.

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REACT International Conventions. The convention attendees find that it costs very little more to attend a convention in a good hotel location, with maximum availability of facilities and accommodations, than earlier more economical conventions we held at college campuses. The Daytona Beach REACT Team is working diligently to prepare an outstanding event in Daytona in 1984, and the Illinois REACT Council and the Chicago area REACT Teams are planning for an even better 1985 convention! REACT members proudly display the emblem of the President's Volunteer Action Award along side the REACT symbol. They are justifiably proud to be part of a top quality organization that has achieved recognition at the highest level! We seek top quality volunteers to help REACT grow in quality as well as quantity!

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What is your Team doing to attract quality members to your Team?

At a time when all REACT Teams are interested in attracting new members, how do you rate with perspective members who visit your Team?

What kind of image does your Team project? Think about the impression a visitor gets from your Team.

1. Where do you meet? Is it an attractive business like setting? Is it at the same place all the time? Do you meet in members homes?

I have attended Team meetings in a variety of places. These include police stations, civil defense headquarters, Red Cross Chapters, VFW Posts, banks and savings & loans, members homes, apartment building community rooms, union halls, even a court room. Whatever the meeting room, it should be well lit, with comfortable seating and attractive surroundings — preferably a business-like setting.

2. What kind of impression do your members make to a visitor? What is their appearance? Are they in a REACT "uniform"? Are they well groomed? Are they friendly? Do you make the guest feel welcome?

Everyone should make the guest feel welcome. There should be specific members assigned to involve the guest in the meeting, introduce him to other members, and to address his special interests and needs.

3. What is your meeting format? Is it interesting, entertaining or boring? Let's face it... most meetings are boring!

The ideal meeting is a balance between formal and informal with a high interest level. There should be some balance of business/education/entertainment. Do you serve refreshments? Do you vary the format?

Some business is necessary, but keep it short! By handling difficult issues at Board meetings and having good committees, general business meetings can be short and sweet! (As contrasted with long, bitter and painful!) Sometimes you can't avoid a controversial issue. If you have guests, call a recess, get the disputing parties to agree to come to the next Board meeting to debate it, and get on with the rest of the meeting. Often, it is simply the desire to be heard that must be satisfied.

4. Do you follow up on your visitors? Is someone specially assigned to call and/or write a thank you to the guest for coming and asking him to join?

You can't make the sale if you don't ask for the order! You may wish to put the prospective member on the mailing list for a limited period of time to receive your Team bulletin. Invite them to participate in social events and communications activity. Get them involved and sign them up!

Be a top quality REACT Team and add top quality members!

### REACT's Effort Praised

IDLEWILD, MI — Lake County REACT Team 4499 was featured recently in a story carried in the local newspaper, the Lake County Star, on the Team's all out effort to report other drivers whose behavior indicates they may be drunk.

"As motorists, we have all seen erratic, exaggerated driving patterns; ignoring or overshooting or hanging back at travel signals," reported Robert Davidson, REACT Team president. He indicated that nine of ten CB owners said they would notify police of a drunk driver were they in a position to do so.



### Father of CB Honored by Scottsdale REACT Team

SCOTTSDALE, AZ — Al Gross, known as The Father of Citizens Band Radio, was made an honorary member of Scottsdale REACT Team 4148 at the REACT State Council meeting Saturday, August 20th. In honor of holding the first CB license issued by the Federal Communications Commission, Al was assigned unit number 01.

Gross spoke to an audience consisting of REACT Teams from throughout the state and members of the "Phoenix Emergency Radio Group" and showed slides giving the history of CB radio. He also displayed several of his original inventions consisting of the first hand-held walkie-talkie radios, the popular "Beeper" pager, now used to contact doctors and others when they are away from their offices, and the original wrist radio which was to be used in the cartoon strip "Dick Tracy." He also answered questions from the group on the present state of Citizens Band radio and where it is going. Gross is presently employed as an engineer by ITT and recently took up residence in Sun City, Arizona.

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# News of Forum Activities

## Forum President's Message

by John Tracy, President  
REACT Int. Forum

By the time you receive this issue of the "REACTer," the first of what, hopefully, will be a long series of Forum bulletins called "FORUM FOCUS" will be in the hands of State Council Presidents, State Delegates to the Forum, Forum Committee and Task Group Chairmen, Leaders and Members as well as the Forum Executive Committee. The "FORUM FOCUS" is intended to accomplish three things:



1. Provide a means of exchanging information between Committees and Task Groups so that each knows what the others are doing. This will eliminate redundant activity and should also stimulate the development of new projects, particularly those that would involve more than one area of interest.
2. Provide Forum Officers with a way to pass on instructions and general interest information to the working groups. It should help fill the information gap that may have inhibited project development in the past.
3. Keep Council Officers and the Delegates who constitute the body of the Forum advised as to what progress is being made by the various Committees and Task Groups.

So you can see that the "FORUM FOCUS" is a working news bulletin intended to help make the Forum a more effective part of the REACT organization. We still intend to put items of widespread membership interest into the REACTer so that those of you not involved in Forum activities can continue to be kept informed. In the interest of keeping costs low and because the "FORUM FOCUS" is a working document primarily of interest only to Forum participants, we have kept the mailing list down to those groups indicated above. However, if any REACT member not active in the Forum would like a copy of the "FORUM FOCUS," just write or call RACT International Headquarters and they will mail you a copy.

The more members that get involved in Forum activities, the better job the Forum can do for all of us. I solicit your support and participation. If there is a specific area (names and addresses were listed in the September-October REACTer) or you can write to me or any of the Forum Officers with suggestions for projects, comments or just plain chit-chat to let us know that you are still REACTing. Information you provide of value to Forum activities will be included in future issues of the "FORUM FOCUS" or passed on to the appropriate Committee or Task Group.

Incidentally, most Forum projects are moving right along with a number of Committees and Task Groups reporting a lot of activity. Plans for the 1984 convention are well along. By the next issue, we should be able to report on several completed projects.

Finally, and not really related to the Forum, on October 15th the Amateur radio operators in my area (Lincoln, Nebraska) participated in an emergency test day. A number of them worked out of our State Emergency Operating Center where I work. Much to my surprise and delight I received a message from Mike Shoaf, President of Suburban REACT #3410, Wyndmoor, PA via amateur radio indicating that this message and contact had been established using GMRS. To me this illustrates the versatility and usefulness of REACT involvement in and cooperation with other radio services. In actual emergency situations, this type of cooperative communications would be essential. Thanks for the shout, Mike!

John Tracy,  
President — REACT International Forum

To: All REACTers  
From: George & Jacki MacDonald, REACT Forum Computer Task Group  
Re: REACT Computer Bulletin Board

We are pleased to announce the RACT Computer Bulletin Board. This bulletin board is being run on our computer and at present is up 24 hours a day (give or take a few minutes) and runs at 300 BAUD. Since we want it to be useful to REACT members, we plan to limit access to those who inform us that they want to be a part of it. When a user connects to the bulletin board, he/she will be asked their name and password. If their name is not in our table, they will be disconnected. Future enhancements to the system will include running at 1200 BAUD in addition to 300 BAUD.

One of the features of this bulletin board is a news section. We plan to put the latest news into a data set which can be displayed by the users. Anyone with news to include (such as state convention dates, grants, etc.), should contact us and we will place it into the data set. News articles should be kept short (4 to 10 lines or 70 characters) as they will have to be sent to users at 300 BAUD.

Please send us news articles as right now we have two on the file: One about the bulletin board and one on the number of life members. The only way to make this a useful system is to keep it updated and useful.

HELP! HELP! HELP! — We need some news!

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The Disaster Preparedness Task Group requests the assistance of all members of REACT to fill out the After-Action Report Form, to assist us in preparing a Disaster Preparedness Manual.

The purpose of the Disaster Preparedness Group is to create a manual covering both natural and manmade disasters of all kinds. We are requesting your assistance to send any information you have as to how your Team or Council will work in time of a disaster. Also any information you have with a description or warning symbols such as toxic waste areas. Anyone wishing to join our committee, please contact me in writing and I will send you a copy of our reports so far. Please send all information directly to:

Albert J. Moccia, Jr., Chairman  
Disaster Preparedness Task Area  
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Team Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Type of Disaster: \_\_\_\_\_

Initial Time Disaster Occurred: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Contacted by: (Who & When) \_\_\_\_\_ Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Equipment Needed: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Service Needed: \_\_\_\_\_

Communication Equipment: \_\_\_\_\_ mHz

#### On Scene —

Site: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Victims: \_\_\_\_\_ Injured: \_\_\_\_\_ Deceased: \_\_\_\_\_

How many Team members: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency in charge of operations: \_\_\_\_\_

Person's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Supplies Used: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Organization Workers: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Start: \_\_\_\_\_ Finish: \_\_\_\_\_

Any Lost Equipment (if yes, list them): \_\_\_\_\_

Your Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Organizational Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Tri-County REACT Serves Thousands

SHARON, PA — Tri-County REACT C-425 of Sharon, PA served approximately 10,800 cups of coffee and cold drinks plus 186 dozen donuts to visitors from 40 states and 22 foreign countries during the July 4 Safety Break. The Break ran from July 1 to the 4th and was located on I-79 at the northbound rest area between exits 30 and 31.

Among those visiting the Safety Break were members of REACT Teams 259 and S-98 from Trinidad, West Indies.

### Holiday Cheer is Contagious



EAST MILLSTONE, NJ — Members of Somerset County REACT Team 4259 shown with part of the ingredients of a holiday food basket, left to right: Lillian Sharon, corresponding secretary; Keith Bradley, Kevin Malton, Michael Horgos, Team President, Robert Jensen, Incoming President, and Ginger Greco. Basket was presented to a needy family in the spirit of

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LEXINGTON, KY — REACT at the VA Hospital. Members, who are seen on the hospital grounds, help with the wheelchair patients and were at the hospital September 10.

Help REACT, Prepay Dues as Life Member!

REACT members who wish to demonstrate their dedication to the ideals and objectives of the REACT program now have the opportunity to become Life Members in REACT International. The select group (there are only 159 Life Members in all of REACT) has been established as a means of members with more than two years' active membership in REACT showing their dedication to the ideals and goals of REACT. To become a Life Member, you must first submit the application form in the adjoining column. The applicant must be recommended by his Team and must submit dues equal to twenty times the Regular Membership dues that apply at time of application. This is a particularly good time for becoming a Life Member since Life Member dues are currently \$140 (20 times

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Illinois Team Provides Backup Support for Country Western Charity Event

LIBERTYVILLE, IL — Lamb's Farm, a home for mentally retarded children, was the scene. The event . . . the Ninth Annual Country Western Benefit Show, sponsored by WMAQ radio. The stars . . . T.G. Shepard and Earl Thomas Connelly, and REACT was there. West suburbs (Oak Park, IL) was the coordinating Team for this event with assistance of other Teams in the Chicago area. The main objective was to set up and maintain emergency radio communications, keeping the security forces advised of problems and sending for the medical Team when needed. In addition communication was established to keep personnel advised where supplies are needed. This year was no exception and fully realizing that the stars would draw a large crowd, the West Suburbs Team sent their communication trailers in the night before.

over 400 were treated at the medical tent. Five were sent to the hospital. Four were treated and released. Working in pairs and equipped with radios the medical group responded to calls within a matter of seconds and all transmissions stopped until they cleared the call. With the rise of temperature and humidity, so went the tempers, however security forces (State Highway Patrol) were only needed five times. This low rate was attributed to the high visibility of REACT's radio equipped personnel. Members were stationed at points where they could be seen and have a clear view of the crowd, between acts they roamed their assigned sector looking for possible medical candidates. Lost parents and children were reunited at the REACT trailers. By the time the show closed (5:00 p.m.) this band of dedicated members had indeed put in a long, hot day, but all stated they were ready for the tenth anniversary show next year, which WMAQ says will be a "Biggie."

Assistance was again requested from the all EMT/Paramedic and REACT Teams (Southwest Emergency REACT, Sentry REACT, and Metro North REACT). A total of 38 REACT personnel equipped with walkie talkies were on hand by 8:00 A.M. Sunday. Little did they realize that this was to be the start of what later proved a long, hot day. By 8:30 a.m., Joan Shrigley, secretary of the WS Team and personnel coordinator for the event, had given each member their assignment along with the procedures to be followed, and Teammate Rod Nott (project coordinator) had gone over the duties. Both coordinators gave the weather forecast (90 degrees plus and high humidity) and Bob Knox, EMT/Paramedic coordinator, advised all what to look for during the day. By 9:00 a.m. the grounds started to swell with early arrivals. The estimated crowd for the day was 45,000. As the day wore on, repeated announcements by the WMAQ disc jockeys warned the crowd to watch the young for sunburn and others for heat stroke. Yet

Newark Team Assists YMCA with Triathlon

NEWARK, OH — The Newark Licking County REACT Team assisted the Newark YMCA in sponsoring the Triathlon at Dillion Dam on September 11, by furnishing radio communication for the event. The local REACT Team supplied six units, located at dangerous intersections and checkpoints. Their purpose was to further the safety of the riders, and to report their progress on the 50 mile course, and to call for emergency assistance if required. Richard L. Decker, Unit 12, and Vice President of the local REACT Team, was operations officer, charged with the responsibility of coordinating REACT activities and reporting progress to the YMCA Triathlon Director. Sixty five persons participated in the swim, bike ride and run event.

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# REACT SAFETY BREAK REPORT

## Serve Coffee, Cold Drinks, Cookies to Thousands from Near & Far

MARION, NC — The McDowell County REACT Team 2632 has had a successful 1983. They have had three successful Safety Breaks on I-40 between Ashworth Rd. Approximately 10,000 to 15,000 travelers were served coffee, cold drinks and cookies. Travelers from as far as South America, Southern Australia, England, Saudi Arabia, France, and Belgium signed the register book and took time out to chat to some of the REACT members.

Chief of the REACT Team Frank Dysart said, "If one person stopped and rested before traveling on and his life was saved, then we did what we set out to do." The break was manned 24 hours a day in 6 hour shifts. The breaks also had the local McDonald's, Hardee's and others placed to donate the ice and orange drink. The local newspaper, radio station, and TV station spread the word.

Besides the Safety Breaks the Team has been very busy with community activities. Members work the Walk-a-thons, Bike-a-thons, March of Dimes, Parades, Ballgames, Horse Shows, Graduations, Fairs, Tour of Homes, Open Houses and work with the Funeral Homes and Fire Department.

## Minn. REACT Break Gets Excellent Cooperation

ALBERT LEA, MN — Southern MN Albert Lea REACT, Inc. (C-143) served free pop, tea, lemonade, orange drink, coffee and cookies to 10,166 travelers who stopped at the Minnesota Information Center on I-35, south of Albert Lea, during a 78 hour Safety Break over the Fourth of July weekend - from noon, Friday til 6 p.m. on Monday.

Included in the Team's guest book were motorists from 46 states, three provinces of Canada, and 12 foreign countries (France, Philippines, England, Uganda, Brazil, Mexico, Republic of Singapore, Japan, West Germany, Norway, Netherlands, and Ireland).

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

REACT received excellent cooperation from the state, the city of Albert Lea, and local business people and service clubs — this year the list of donors numbered approached 50! Each year, the response is better and better.

## Few in Numbers, KS REACT Has Break Anyhow

JUNCTION CITY, KS — Mid-America Monitor CB Club REACT Team C-515 served approximately 1,500 cups of coffee, iced tea, lemonade and cookies at the Safety Break it sponsored over the Labor Day weekend. Because the Team is few in numbers it was grateful to have some REACT friends from Dickenson County REACT help out. As part of its Coffee Break, the Team set aside a special donation for "Jerry's Kids," turning over \$75 of the proceeds to them.

The Team usually takes two breaks from their work to have a family picnic in the fall and they splurge and take themselves out to the local steak house for a Christmas supper.

## Return Home to Break



LUCEDALE, MS — Erin and Holda Downing who were married here 36 years ago returned to Lucedale after 36 years and were part of the throng that flocked to the Safety Break sponsored by George County REACT Team 3231. Members dispensed coffee, homemade cakes and cookies to weary travelers in the hopes that perhaps they could save a life or two through their selflessness.

## KY REACT with Two Breaks Down Looks To 3rd

LEXINGTON, KY — Lexington REACT Team C-170, has been quite active so far this year, having put on two Safety Breaks at I-75.

Members were called on again this year to help with the Blue Grass Music Festival which will be its fifth year in furnishing communications and assisting the fire department personnel on watching for emergencies and working at the gates. This year, members put in 266 hours. Happily there was only one emergency.

REACT was looking forward to the next Coffee Break on Labor Day weekend and also toward its seventh year helping wheelchair patients at the VA Hospital on September 10 in which there was a carnival for the patients.

## Fine Turnout Turns On Team



BOSWELL, IN — This is how Benton County REACT Team 4298 was set up for its Safety Break held over the July 4 weekend at the County Fairgrounds. The Team had a fine turnout of motorists and travelers, serving them food and soft drinks throughout the weekend.

## Doing Good Its Own Reward



VILLA PARK, IL — It must be contagious. Doing good is often its own reward, as the smiles on the faces of these REACTers, members of Vanguard REACT, seem to confirm. The group is caught in action at Team sponsored Safety Break held over the Labor Day weekend with the help of Metro North REACT and Tri-State REACT.

## Accident Prevention Pays Off for REACT

NEWARK, OH — Approximately 5,000 people took advantage of Licking County hospitality REACT style during the Labor Day weekend, September 2-5, thus helping to reduce the number of highway accidents.

Travelers from as far away as Lima, Peru; Tokyo, Japan; San Carlos, Mexico; Nurnberg, Germany, and from 35 of the 50 states, were among those who stopped for free coffee and refreshments, and very interesting conversation during the REACT accident prevention project. The local Safety Break site, planned and operated by Newark Licking County REACT, was set up at the west bound

rest area #18 on Route #70, between State Routes #13 and #79, from noon September 2 until 8 p.m., September 5.

"We met our goal of getting a significant number of fatigued and drowsy motorists off of the highway long enough to wake them up with a cup of coffee," said project coordinator William R. Burge. "We're convinced this effort reduced the number of would be accidents."

Burge said Safety Break stations were set up by REACT Teams throughout the U.S. He added that more than 300,000 cups of coffee in all were expected to be given away over the holiday weekend.

## Team Calls Break Effort A Privilege Worth Doing

DAYTON, OH — "We had the privilege of serving the traveling public more than 3,000 cups of coffee, 500 cups of lemonade, 192 dozen doughnuts and 35 dozen cupcakes over the Memorial Day weekend," said Lucille T. Kenworthy, public relations officer for REACT Redicum II Team 4416.

"We want folks to stop in and visit us," she noted. "It gives them a break from driving and a chance to stretch their legs and keep from getting sleepy at the wheel." The Team was at its westbound rest area along I-70, three miles east of the Indiana state line from 6 p.m. Friday to 3 p.m. Monday over the Labor Day weekend.

## New York REACT Convinced That Break Helps Save Lives and Accidents

SCHENECTADY, NY — A joint effort of the Schenectady County and Hudson Mohawk REACT Teams helped make the July 4 holiday travel on I-87 a little safer for some ten thousand individual travelers.

The local Safety Break, which was set up to serve the north bound traffic on I-87, just above exit 9, served 9,950 individual travelers this year as compared to 3,500 in 1982. Travelers from 12 states and Canada show warm appreciation for the free coffee and other refreshments which were donated by various business groups.

Steve Schlamowitz, Schenectady Vice President, and Team leader, stated that

the local effort was a total success in helping to keep highways safe for this holiday. He feels, that if just one major accident was avoided, that the entire effort was worthwhile.

Schlamowitz noted that were it not for the support of the local business community — specifically Price Chopper Goulub Corp., McDonald's, Altamont Ave. Corp., Star Markets, Schenectady Lieder Kranz Club and the White Eagle, Freihofer, Millbrook and Entemann's Baking Companies, as well as Sofco Paper Products Company, that the success of this project could not have been achieved.



SCHENECTADY, NY — Team setup of the Schenectady County and Hudson Mohawk REACT Team's Safety Break held over the July 4 weekend proved attractive to more than 10,000 holiday travelers who stopped for a welcome called from their hometown.

**Team's Break Draws Cheers and Local Support**

FARIBAULT, MN — "Pulling our trailer into the Health Creek rest area on Northbound I-35 is something like a winning team being welcomed home." That's the way Raymond Melchert, a member of RCC REACT Team 3771, described the Safety Break the Team set up over the Labor Day Weekend. Members quickly assembled the stands and by 6:30 p.m. Friday, September 2, coffee, cookies and pop were being served in a constant flow to smiling faces. The Team worked hard in stretches of three to four members working together for 6-hour shifts night and day through Monday, September 5.

More than 7,300 weary travelers stopped by, representing most of the states, with the travelers farthest away, coming from Japan. The visitors from Japan found it hard to believe that they could have free refreshments while they rested.

Four travelers from England found out what REACT was all about when they had car trouble along the way and called on Channel 9 for help. According to Melchert, the comments, both written and verbal, were outstanding and made one proud to be a member.



FARIBAULT, MN — This is the lively scene that greeted travelers when they stopped by at Safety Break sponsored by RCC REACT to get refreshments and stretch weary limbs.

**Mich. REACT Works Three Safety Breaks**

CADILLAC, MI — Cadillac area REACT Team has been far from idle. To name a few services, the Team has worked this year: The International Pro Rally Race, Bike-a-thon for Cancer, Triathlon for M.D.A. (Jerry's Kids), Cadillac Lake Front Days, the Health Fair, as well as our Safety Breaks on the three major holidays this year. The Team averaged 4,000 people each Break. For all these events, REACT set up over 90 percent of the communications.

**Break Response Proves Surprise to Carolina REACT**

SELMA, NC — "We were surprised at the response we got" was the reaction of William Ellis, President of Johnston County REACT, at the Team-sponsored Safety Break held over the July 4 weekend at the I-95 rest area, north of Selma. Besides the customary serving of coffee and doughnuts, the Team assisted the motoring public in many ways, helping out in auto repairs, first aid and most important southern hospitality. "We had one of the safety holiday weekends on record," said Mr. Ellis, indicating that he felt the Team had played a small part in this.

**Coffee Provided Graciously**



FAIRMONT, WV — Coffee provided graciously to passing motorists by Marion County REACT Team 2831 is gratefully accepted at Safety Break held over the Decoration Day Weekend.

FAIRMONT, WV — Not content with setting up a Safety Break over the major holidays, members of Marion County REACT Team 2831 provided tea, coffee, hot chocolate, donuts and cookies for 72 days at the site of an Environmental Pollution Unit cleanup. The Team put in more than 1,728 man-hours on this one project alone.

**Texas Team's Effort Pays Off**



SAN ANGELO, TX — Part of San Angelo REACT's activities, but a very important part, was the Team Safety Break, held over the Memorial Day weekend. More than 220 manhours of work went into insuring the event's success. Some of those who stopped to rest their minds and their spirits are shown in the photo above.

**MN. REACT Draws Thanks of Motorists For Sponsoring Break**

EDEN VALLEY, MN — Again this year Ram Rod REACT had a most successful Safety Break over the Labor Day weekend although the number served was down to 3,900 due to bad

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# Nuts & Bolts on 27

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

## Nuts & Bolts on 27 megs

When I first thought about this column, the ideal of "How to Triangulate" was uppermost in my mind. Now, with an obvious change in FCC attitude, it is an absolute necessity.

Firstly, what has happened to the FCC? Whether they have suddenly "Gotten Religion," or whether the switch in responsibility for enforcement from Washington, DC to the field offices, or whether the addition of a contact representative from the public service staff to the field offices has done the trick, we have reason to believe, gained through an invited visit to the FCC field office and a visit as a public speaker to our Team monthly meeting on their part, that the field offices are willing to take action against your "Problem CBer."

They are now empowered to bring down upon his head fines of up to \$750, if, for example, he is knowingly interfering with an emergency transmission on Channel 9. The three current cardinal sins are, (1) over power, (2) operating over, below, or in-between the existing 40 channels, and/or (3) using language which is offensive to the sensibilities (swearing or using profanity).

We have been told that the FCC will accept "recommended targets" from us, but — (1) Without our becoming "vigilantes," (2) they would like us to track down this target to the equivalent location of one city block.

This, or course, means that we have to track down the target through triangulation. Oversimplification would call for two or more of your Team members to stand in front of their homes and point and say, "He is over there." Where the fingers cross is probably the location you want.

Actually the process is just that, with a little refinement to start with, each member with a beam contacts his local city engineer and obtains the latitude and longitude of his own beam location. It will read something like: West — xx hours, yy minutes, zz seconds, and North — aa hours, bb minutes and cc seconds. Next, one or more of the net members (members with beams) will obtain maps of your locality, which are based on latitude and longitude. This type of map is usually "topographic," showing mountains, valleys, rivers, etc., but no streets or houses. The map you want for street locations can be gotten, from gasoline companies or from AAA. Someone now has to get the "city engineer" to correlate the two maps. We suggest that he help you put latitude and longitude lines on your regular city and highway map. Rand McNally area maps show latitude and longitude.

Now refer to the accompanying chart which looks a little like a map of the heavens. Let us assume that four members have volunteered to be part of the "triangulation net." One member, hopefully one who understands what I am talking about, plots the positions of the four (two or more) on the corrected map according to their L & L coordinates (A, B, C and D). The plotter makes sure that there is a north/south line, parallel to the map "compass rose" through each plotted location.

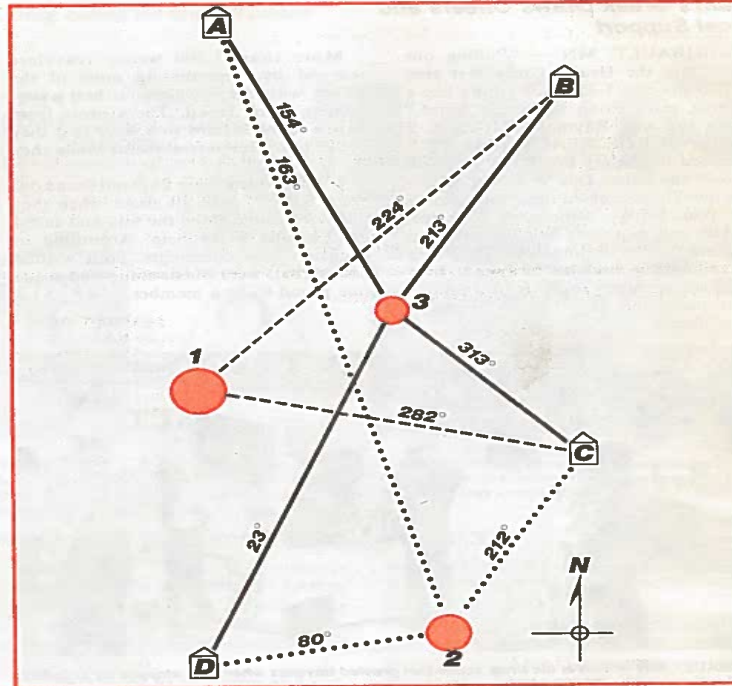
Now, someone starts talking on channel 6 each evening with so much power that he makes it difficult if not impossible to take a call on Channel 9. The communications officer, or net control alerts the triangulation net and two members respond. Member "B" reports that he finds the "target" the loudest at 232 degrees from magnetic north. The net controller then, using a simple "protractor" (every kind has one for school) plots these lines on the map and comes up with target #1. If you are using a city street map, with superimposed L & L lines, you can now read the city (or county) location near where he probably is. Three crossing lines or four crossing lines will obviously more closely reveal his location.

On the chart we have shown target #2, located by azimuth lines from members A, C & D. We have also shown an ideal "triangulation" (quadrangulation) on target #3 with azimuth lines from four members.

Step two is for one of your members, admonished to stay in his car and not to go knocking on doors, to mount one of the gold line Signal Hunters (see Ad on Page 2), or an equivalent range loop on his car, to drive through the indicated area during the indicated time spans and try to reduce the target area to one city block. (Maybe even the correct street address can be targeted.)

Now that you have the target located, you should turn in to the public service staff member at your closest FCC field office, as much info as you can: location, channel used, time he can be found, handle used, what he is doing wrong, and why he is a target for your Team. Your public service staff member will want your complaint in writing, but he/she would also like to talk to you, so don't hesitate to phone and let the FCC office know you are sending in the paperwork. Of course, let them know who you are, who you represent and how you can be reached. Then, as one old FCC friend put it, "Step aside and let us nail him."

Note to my "nuts" correspondents: I realize that the map and the location L & Ls are in true north, and the beams and azimuths will be in magnetic readings, but let's walk before we run. If all azimuths in the area are read as magnetics, the difference from true should still be within the margin of error for Team-member-beam-readings.



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AUSTIN, TX — People lined up for hours to buy child safety seats at wholesale cost. The six-hour sale put almost 400 child safety seats in parents' cars. REACT's Travis County Team 3022 helped with the sale, sponsored by Greater Austin Child Passenger Safety Association. (For more details and another photo, see story on front cover.)

## Across the Board

by Barbara Chuvén, REACT International Board of Directors

It is no longer news that REACT is having financial difficulty. The facts are that many of you have known it for several years. By now you have read or heard about actions taken by the Board at the Convention in Wichita this past summer — audit, budget cuts, salary cuts, etc. These actions were initiated with much deliberation. Input was received from the Special Funding Committee consisting of Jim Bear, PA, Lance Luedtka, WI, Reid Jones, VA, and Bill Appel, MI, as well as input from many Forum members and Teams. These actions were taken to bring expenses back in line with income, fully realizing that the donation dollars are not as plentiful as in the past.

Your present Board is actively working to bring responsible guidance to your organization. We are analyzing all areas that have been a problem and are accepting input from you, the membership. (continued next column)

### Delaware REACT's Signs Draw Cheers



SEAFORD, DE — Lou Bowden, a member of Nantcokes REACT of Sussex County, looks on as President Wayne Medford is congratulated by Police Chief Robert Miller of Seaford, Delaware for his Team's efforts in obtaining highway signs to inform motorists of REACT's cooperation with local police in handling emergencies.

## COLUMN NINE

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### PAYING DUES

There is an organization in town that holds meeting once a week, often with standing room only crowds. This group paid no dues for membership or any other reason. At one meeting a motion was made to establish a system of membership dues of \$15 annually. This motion created quite a controversy, because the members would be obligated to pay dues. The discussion went on for awhile, sometimes quite strongly, both pro and con. One gentleman over in a corner had not said a word. Finally, he got up and asked, "Why not make the dues \$25 a year, or maybe yet \$35 or \$40 a year?" This really raised a roar of protest.

When he was finally able to be heard again he said, "If somebody told me that I had to pay \$15 or \$25 a year to belong to this group, I would walk right out of this building. But just like the rest of you, I am paying \$52 a year to come to these meetings. You see, every week, we pass the hat for a collection to pay for this room, plus any other expenses. Most of us put \$1 in the hat, some put more. At \$1 per week, that is \$52 per year, except for the two or three weeks that we don't meet. Now, do you want to leave it at \$52 or continue arguing about \$15?"

At this point the motion was withdrawn, and the group concentrated on other topics. The purpose of the above story (which is true by the way), is that it could have been REACT that the story was about! How? Let's see now — every time the dues of members are raised \$2 or \$3 a year, there are those who complain that it is too much. Starting January 1, 1984, our Team dues are \$2, plus \$10 for REACT International for a total of \$12 a year. That is \$1 a month, or less than 25¢ a week.

Many of the objectors forget that at each Team meeting, they buy a 50-50 ticket for \$1, which is an additional \$12 a year for a total of \$24 a year. Based on these figures, why is there any objection to the dues increase?

How much would it cost you to buy \$1,000,000 worth of insurance to protect you from something you might do accidentally?

How much would it cost you to subscribe to the REACTer per year?

How much would it cost you to get your ID printed?

There are other items that your dues pay for also. Could you get all this for less than \$12 a year?

"And now," as Paul Harvey says, "for the rest of the story." Think it over, and let's all back REACT International!"

Paul Huckleberry,  
Circle City REACT C261  
Indianapolis, IN

### Juniors Prove They Can Hack It In Best Tradition of REACT



NEW PHILADELPHIA, OH — "They are very helpful. Several events couldn't have been held if we didn't have a junior Team." So Lola Hoover, Secre-

tary, described the recently started Tuscarawas Buckeye Jr. REACT Team C-304. The junior Team, which now numbers eight, helps to run the base station, park cars, and in traffic control. "We hope to have the Team grow in members," said Secretary Lola, adding that each junior member is supervised by an adult when they work at each event.

In the photo are, left to right, first row, B.J. Hoover, Chris Graves, Bobby Cooper. Top row, Steven Cooper, Steve Hoover, Chris Hoover, and Clark Rennicher. Advisors in the back row are, Michael Hoover, Perry Atkinson and Ed Fishel.

Our financial situation did not *just* happen, nor will it immediately resolve, but at last action is being taken to rectify the problems. At Wichita I likened previous financial action to attempting to build a sound house on a shaky foundation. No more! We are building — with your help and support — a strong foundation for a strong, stable REACT. We are looking to a future organization that will be able to provide many of services not presently possible to the members.

If you as members have questions, concerns or suggestions, let us know. Write to the members of the Board. I am a working member of a local Team so I understand problems experienced at a local level. I may not always answer promptly, but all mail is read and considered.

Below is a brief questionnaire. I would appreciate it if you would take a few minutes to answer the questions and return it to me. Let us hear from you. Help decide the future course of YOUR organization.

### REACTively,

Barbara Chuvén, Field Director, P.O. Box 928, Ormond Beach, FL 32074

1. What do you feel REACT should provide to you as a Team? (Example: Guidance Manuals, Team Liability Insurance, REACT supplies for purchase, Timely Public Relations Materials, Leadership Letters, others.)
2. What do you feel REACT should provide to you as an individual member? (Example: Membership card, News publication, Individual Liability Insurance for purchase, others.)
3. How do you feel the human resources of REACT can be best utilized to help the organization? (Example: Board of Directors, Forum, Teams, Individual Members.)

### Calif. REACT's Efforts Help Out In Power Outage

ORVILLE, CA — Butte County REACT recently came to the aid of a community completely isolated due to telephone cables being cut during the telephone company's strike.

Paradise, CA, a community with a population of 31,647 neatly tucked away in the Sierra Nevada foothills, is home to mostly retired citizens, two of whom are Mr. and Mrs. Bud Royer, Butte County REACT Units 19 and 19½. Royer is also communications officer for Butte County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team, and is no stranger to emergencies.

Royer discovered the phone out of order when he arose about 7 a.m. He tried to call Chico and heard only a busy signal. After several tries he tried Paradise Fire Dept. and discovered the local phones were working. The Fire Chief told him the phones had been out since 5 a.m. Butte County REACT then went into action.

Royer called Bill Phelps, Unit 44, in Chico via CB who in turn alerted Enloe Hospital and Community Hospital assuring them that REACT was standing by on CB Radio with communications to Feather River Hospital in Paradise. Royer then reached Edith Speegle, Unit 10, in Oroville, asking her to stand by and alert Oroville Medical Center Hospital. The cables were repaired and Paradise phone service was restored about 4 p.m.

### Calif. REACT Cooperates In Effort to Nab Impaired Drivers

NEW PHILADELPHIA, OH — "They are very helpful. Several events couldn't have been held if we didn't have a junior Team." So Lola Hoover, Secretary, described the recently started Tuscarawas Buckeye Jr. REACT Team C-304. The junior Team, which now numbers eight, helps to run the base station, park cars, and in traffic control. "We hope to have the Team grow in members," said Secretary Lola, adding that each junior member is supervised by an adult when they work at each event.

In the photo are, left to right, first row, B.J. Hoover, Chris Graves, Bobby Cooper. Top row, Steven Cooper, Steve Hoover, Chris Hoover, and Clark Rennicher. Advisors in the back row are, Michael Hoover, Perry Atkinson and Ed Fishel.

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# REACT News From Far and Wide

Special Guest

## Mid-Rivers REACT Rates Praise For Its Support in Triathlon

ST. PETERS, MO — Rating a "bravo" for a job well done in the Lake St. Louis Triathlon was Mid-Winters REACT Team. The Team has already received numerous compliments for thorough planning, radio procedures, professional techniques and appearance. D. Humphreys, event chairman, and T. Yarborough commented on how well members kept officials and aid stations informed as to the 1st to 5th and last place contestants.

Team efforts not only helped make the event safe, but eventful and exciting for the 245 participants and over a thousand spectators anxiously awaiting its reports.

This was the first time Mid-Rivers REACT had ever provided long-range emergency communications for a national athletic event which had entries from all over the United States. CB-equipped REACTers provided communications throughout the 50-mile course and 2 meter-equipped REACTers provided extended range tie-in communications from Net Control to various critical distant points (club house officials, ambulance,

Mette Road and P, P and M Roads, and Freymuth/Guterie Roads).

In addition, Chief Selby, of Lake St. Louis Police, gave permission for Net Control to contact his department direct during emergency situations from our vehicle.

The Team only had to use direct contact 3 times during the event, a blessing for emergencies. At the conclusion, the Team received VIP treatment at the club lounge with food and drinks.

In addition the Team was seen on Channel 4 Sportsnews and shortly on Group W Cable who covered the entire event, including newspaper coverage. A very special thanks to the following REACTers who made this event a success:

**Control:** K. Benjamin, G. Schuchardt. **Two-meter Amateur:** J. Hammers, G. Doerhoff. **CB Aid Stations:** K. James, J. James, Jr., G. Snyder, L. Ament, P. Okai, D. McLane, M. Tilley, E. Blake, A. Earnheart, A. Blanton, L. Morey, R. Bradbury.

## Nashua Works Block Party



NASHUA, NH — Part of the contingent of 14 from Nashua REACT Team #3265 who were involved in Nashua's annual Block Party are seen getting set up. Six traffic locations were covered and members were ready to shut them down and to divert traffic per instructions of the Nashua Police Department at a moment's notice.

MINOOKA, IL — The K.G.W. (Kendell, Grundy, & Will Counties) REACT Team 4488 sadly announce the passing of Charles Schiltz (Frog of Frog Hollow) on August 25, 1983. He is survived by his wife Lois, two daughters, one son, a grandson, both parents, two sisters and a brother.

Chuck was the Team's Charter President. He spent many long hours monitoring the CB radio after an accident and found that his area was out of range for the Midwest REACT of Joliet, IL or the Grundy County REACT of Morris, IL. Under Chuck's leadership, the Team served established Wake Breaks, Bike-n-Hikes for M.S. and Cancer Society, and helped with many local public service activities.

Colonel Bill Kofron, and Lt. Lottie (Pete) Padgett for their work at the festival.

Finally on June 28, while Colonel Kofron had his wife at the doctor's office, a woman entered the office in labor. Within minutes the baby was born. At this time both mother and child started to have some real problems as the baby was born two months premature and was having trouble breathing and the mother had started to bleed very heavily. E.M.S. was called and Colonel Kofron was requested to assist the paramedics. One paramedic was working with the infant while the other paramedic and Col. Kofron placed the mother on a gurney and placed her in an ambulance.

The nurse present, along with the E.M.S. personnel, stated that were it not for the quick actions of Col. Kofron, the lives of both the mother and child might have been lost.

## REACT Cooperates In Post Office Carrier Alert

To the Editor:

In August 1982, Postmaster General William F. Bolger and Vincent R. Sombrotto, President of the National Association of Letter Carriers, signed a joint statement encouraging support of their organizations in establishing the Carrier Alert program.

Under Carrier Alert, a local participating agency notifies the Post Office of customers who wish to participate in the program. The main thrust of the program is that a letter carrier on his or her daily rounds will be alert to an accumulation of mail which might signify a sudden illness or accident.

This program began in Richmond County in October 1982, by Hamlet Postmaster Richard Warfel, Superintendent of Postal Operations. Bob Wright, Rockingham Postmaster Jake Slack, and the President of Richmond County REACT — Jocelyn Goodwin, Father Fred Gilbert, Director of the Senior Citizens Council, and Ernest Watts, Director of the Richmond County Council on Aging.

Elderly and handicapped signed up for this program and were given a bright green decal to stick on their mail box, signifying that they were participating in the Carrier Alert program.

Watts and his office were responsible for maintaining a list of the people joining this program.

Richmond County REACT Team 3206 purchased and installed a CB base station and antenna in Watt's office.

## REACT Couple Honored for Selfless Service in Promoting Safety Breaks

LINCOLN CITY, OR — At a recent meeting of North Lincoln REACT Team 3070 recognition was given to John and June Jackson for the outstanding work they have done for the Team's Coffee Breaks.

John and June have served as chairpersons for the past three years and with the help of other Team members have held four breaks a year at the Wayside Rest Area in the Van Dusen Corridor on Highway 18 west of Portland, Oregon.

They have also served on Teams for



HAMLET, NC — A special meeting featured Dr. Harry Matthews as guest speaker "Disaster Preparedness" (above). Seated: Marsha Davis, Executive Secretary of the Richmond County Chapter of the American R. Cross, Dr. Matthews, Red Cross Disaster Co. sultan, Cleveland County, North Carolina. Standing are Ralph Hudson, Richmond County Amateur Radio Club and Jocelyn F. Goodwin, Richmond County Disaster Chairman and President of Richmond County REACT Team 3206.

When a carrier notices an accumulation of mail at any residence, with green sticker on the mail box, he informs the postmaster or supervisor, who in turn calls the office of the Council on Aging. Watts then calls the person. If no answer he attempts to call relatives or friends listed on the application. If no contact made, Mr. Watts calls REACT on the radio.

The REACT monitor dispatches a unit to check the residence. If no response, local law enforcement agency is contacted to gain entrance to the residence.

We have the complete cooperation of city and county police in our endeavor to help the elderly and handicapped our county and hope to get all of the signed up for this worthwhile program.

R.P. Wright, Superintendent, Post Office, Hamlet, NC

Richmond County REACT Unit 22



coordinating an Evacuation Plan for Lincoln City, Walk-a-thons, Bike-thons, Driftwood Derby Horse Race and 4th of July and Christmas parade.

John has, with regrets, had to give up his duties because of health problems. The Team will miss them both.

## Letters We Like to Get

Mid-Rivers REACT Team 4455  
St. Peters, Missouri 63376

Now that the first Triathlon at Lake Saint Louis is history, I feel it is time to give credit where credit is due.

Police Departments, during large scale events are almost always short-handed, and ours is no exception. With a full complement of Reserve Police Officers, an event with the magnitude of the Triathlon poses geographical problems beyond our capacity.

Your fine organization exceeded all my expectations. They were on time, neat in appearance, courteous to those motorists who were temporarily inconvenienced from time to time, and held the safety of the participants foremost in their minds.

I wish at this point I could cite each and every member by name who participated in the Triathlon for a job well done.

No longer will a REACT Team member merely be a voice on the "CB," or phone alerting us to a possible drunken driver. The officers and myself thank you for your generous help.

Sincerely,  
Joseph Phelan  
Assistant Chief of Police

To the Editor:

I am writing about an article that appeared on page 1 of the Sept.-Oct. issue in reference to the Tri-County REACT being involved with the Air Show, and would like very much for some corrections to be made regarding the article.

"Boys Home of the South Air Show did feature the USAF Thunderbirds for the two day Air Show. There were four other REACT Teams that helped handle the parking and security for the Air Show. The other Teams are Anderson REACT, Belton REACT, and Ocone REACT from South Carolina, Four Seasons REACT from Hendersonville, North Carolina. All were a very big help in dealing with crowd control.

The crowd for the two day Air Show was over 225,000 and not 180,000. This is also the sixteenth Air Show for the "Boys Home of the South" and is an annual event every year.

I am a member of the local REACT Team and I am the Security Chairman for the Air Show and would like and feel that the other Teams that helped with this show be known. The help that the other Teams gave really helped to make the show one of the biggest and best that had been put on in a few years.

I also thank you for the time it takes to read this letter.

Sincerely,  
Bill Long  
Security Chairman  
Boys Home of the South Air Show

## Team Plays Big Part in Passage of Safety Laws

MARION, NC — McDowell County REACT Team 2632 is proud to have had a part in two new laws that were passed in North Carolina in 1983. In one law no one except traffic control personnel could hold Safety Breaks on Interstate 40. The REACT Team was knocked out of a Safety Break because a CB club had applied for it, then backed out.

The other law was most important to REACT in North Carolina, as of January 1983, no one could direct traffic in North Carolina on the highway unless they were a certified law officer. This meant no REACTer could legally stop a car or direct traffic. So McDowell went to work getting this law changed. With the law officers in McDowell County along with Bob Hunter, House Representative from Marion, on June 1, 1983 the law was changed. The law now states that to direct traffic, you had to have adequate insurance which REACT International provides, and go to Traffic Control school for six hours under a certified traffic control officer. You could then go back on the road directing traffic. This law only applies to North Carolina. The McDowell REACT Team is now the only Team qualified to direct traffic in this county. There are 16 members who took this schooling and who are handling the whole McDowell County.

## Well Done is the Verdict as S.C. REACT Supports Festival

WALTERBORO, SC — Colleton County REACT Team 3153 worked the Rice Festival here handling crowd control, traffic control, and providing emergency communications and transportation during the rice run.

The Team received a well done from the Walterboro police and the sheriff's department.

The Team was also asked by the Colleton County sheriff's office to act as a crime watch unit and to help with the patrol of the local motels. This resulted in the apprehension of a drug dealer on a list of drug and related charges which led to his conviction.

In addition the Team worked a total of seven wrecks, forty one on the road motorist assists of disabled vehicles.

In June, the Team received another well done from the Hampton Chief of Police for work during the Watermelon Festival, receiving special thanks was

## REACT News (Continued)

### Angleton REACT Break Brings Out the Crowd

ANGLETON, TX — A successful Memorial Weekend Safety Break has been reported by members of Brazoria County REACT 2988, held during the Memorial Holiday weekend, 1983.

Approximately 2,200 men, women and children took advantage of Brazoria County hospitality, REACT style, during the Break manned by members of the Team and were helped to prevent traffic accidents as well.

Travelers from many states, Michigan, Idaho, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, to name a few, visited REACT's Safety Break, stopping for free refreshments during the four days of the REACT accident-prevention project. The REACT Safety Break was located at the rest area, four miles north of Angleton, on Highway 288. Free coffee and other refreshments were

### REACTers are In Great Demand . . . By Other Teams

EVANSTON, IL — Metro North REACT Team 4515 members are in great demand . . . by other REACT Teams!!! During the past three months, members of Metro North REACT have assisted West Suburbs and Vanguard REACTs, and the Illinois REACT Council with activities ranging from a Bike-a-thon, to a Railroad Days event and a Country and Western concert benefiting a home for the mentally retarded.

Monitoring does not seem to suffer

served to road-weary travelers from 4 p.m. Friday, May 28, through 4 p.m. Monday, May 31.

In addition, REACT monitors handled numerous calls for emergency and motorist assistance on Channel 9. Brazoria County REACT provides a 24-hour monitor service for this purpose.

"There is no way to determine what effect our project had on the total accident picture," said Tony Basquez, Angleton chairman of the project. "We are convinced however," he continued, "that just getting people off the highways long enough for a Safety Break is a contribution to accident prevention. If accidents should happen, we contact the proper authorities immediately. Our two-way radio communications saves time to save lives."

from the activity, however. The Team averaged nearly 700 hours per month during the last quarter, with one member, Membership Chairman Scott Buchanan averaging 300 hours alone. Most of his calls were from truckers requesting help with Evanston's low underpasses.

All is not work, though. The Team recently "convoyed" to a nearby race-track where they received indoctrination into the fine art of transforming racing machines into scrap metal on a short, dirt track.

### Okla. Team Readies for Action



BARTLESVILLE, OK — Caney Valley REACTers get ready for action slightly before tornado swept down and caused an estimated \$20 million in damages in Bartlesville.

### Nashua Team Rings Out Safety Break Season on High Note

NASHUA, NH — The "Long Weekend" season ended recently for Nashua REACT with the Team putting in its third 72-hour weekend this year. Registering a total of 323 manhours and handling 55 incidents, the Team earned the thanks of local residents and visitors.

It was "good news . . . bad news" for many motorists when they became stranded on the roadways for one reason or another, but had the pleasant surprise of being assisted by the local REACT Team. They continued their holiday weekend with a minimum of inconvenience and the feeling that there are still some good people left.

The thanks of the police and fire departments was also earned when 10 REACT units assisted in traffic control at the Ash Street fire on Saturday morning.

The summer will end shortly with the Team handling traffic for two more races and then a quiet time, with only nightly patrols to keep it busy until the snows fly and it's back to stranded motorists, accidents and emergency nurse transports to the hospitals.

### Team Fights Back to Gain Strength

OTTAWA, ON — Ottawa Valley REACT Inc., like many other REACT Teams, has not found the last few years to be "easy sailing." The "CB boom" of the mid-seventies has been dead for quite some time now, and it has become increasingly difficult to generate much interest or enthusiasm in the medium: new members are harder to find, old members are harder to keep, funding is scarce, activities are fewer.

Still, after over 15 years of ups and downs, the Ottawa Team is determined not to give up without a fight. Thus, though it would like to be in much better shape, the Team is nevertheless pleased that it has managed to make some significant gains in the past two years. With a little luck and lots of perseverance, it hopes to make more gains in the future.

Membership has dropped, not unexpectedly, to about a third of previous levels, averaging now about 15 members. However, membership has been very stable over the past two years, and today's members are better trained than before. Team members have prepared their own comprehensive training manual complete with a professional certificate upon completion of the three month probation training period.

During the "boom" years, the Team began to lose outside projects simply due to the unreliable nature of the 27 MHz band. To combat this, the Team undertook to obtain a private VHF FM frequency for such projects. With no outside funding whatsoever, members (again) dug deep into their wallets, and the Team

### REMEMBER



DUES are DUE

VILLA PARK, IL — Vanguard REACT started the year off with the March of Dimes Walkathon for which the Team supplied radio communications along the route.

Memorial Day, the Team sponsored its annual Coffee Break at the intersection of Ogden Avenue and I-294 in the Hinsdale Hospital parking lot. This was manned by Vanguard with the aid of the Metro North REACT and Tri-State REACT.

In June REACT was asked to supply communications and crowd control for the Villa Park Gardenfest, an annual event which features an auction. Vanguard REACTers procured merchandise from local merchants and with the help of Metro North, REACT auctioned off these items to raise money for Christmas decorations in Villa Park. Last year the Team raised nearly \$1,000 for decorations to be used around town.

### T.G. Larmour, Secretary-Treasurer Ottawa Valley REACT

now has such a frequency (this involved years of paperwork), a Team owned base providing communications and traffic control for the recent visit of the NASA space shuttle Enterprise — certainly no "Mickey Mouse" operation.

The greatest amount of determination however, was evidenced in the Team's attempt to obtain official charitable status. This was actually undertaken back in 1977, and only after five years of setbacks, paperwork, money, more setbacks, more paperwork and more money, was finally achieved in 1982. Never say it can't be done!

Most recently, in February of 1983, the local Red Cross provided Ottawa Valley REACT, Inc. with space and facilities in their building for a central monitoring station. For a while, there was quite a bit of confusion, as powers further up the line thought that consideration should be given to amateur operators rather than "CBers." We are very proud that the Ottawa-Carleton branch of the Red Cross felt that 15 years of service meant more than the potential superiority of a heretofore disinterested group.

By the time you receive this issue of the "REACTer," the first of what, hopefully, will be a long series of Forum bulletins called "FORUM FOCUS" will be in the hands of State Council Presidents, State Delegates to the Forum, Forum Committee and Task Group Chairmen, Leaders and Members as well as the Forum Executive Committee. The "FORUM FOCUS" is intended to accomplish three things:



DRAKESBORO, KY — Holding \$100 check which was donated to Muhlenberg County Hospital is George Williams, Vice President of Muhlenberg County REACT. He is shown with J.T. Duvall, his wife, Jettie, and daughter, Melinda Bryant. The money represented the proceeds of funds received over the Team-sponsored Labor Day weekend Safety Break.

### To The Memory of George Kloestra Super REACTer and Friend

by Barbara Murrell

FT. ERIE, ON — On August 3, 1983 George Kloestra, Vice-President of the Peace Bridge REACT Team 3658, passed away suddenly.

George was one of the best REACTers that ever lived. He was a definite asset to our Team, and will be greatly missed by all his Teammates.

George was a lifetime member of the Peace Bridge Area Association for the Mentally Retarded. This was a great part of his life, and he put his heart and soul

into these people who loved him completely. His entire life revolved around helping and giving to anyone in need.

His family and friends turned out in force to say their goodbyes to him and not all could be seated in the Funeral Home. His family asked the Team members to be pallbearers, and we were honored to do this for a fine man and Teammate.

George is a man who will be sadly missed by everyone who knew him and the community that he served so well and with such dedication.

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