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California REACTer Reports on Experience with Cordless Telephone

In an effort to keep members abreast of how the latest in communications equipment can be utilized for REACT operations, we are pleased to publish the following reports from Al Singletary of Diablo REACT Team 4245, Concord, CA, concerning his use of a cordless telephone.

There could be considerable delay in making an emergency telephone call, if I were to be working in the uppermost greenhouse on the top level of my garden.

Following are a few of the more serious calls I have had, using Cobra Model CP-2105 cordless telephone to call the proper authorities:

1. I received a call from a person on Channel 9, stating that he wanted to report a vehicle on fire. He stated that the vehicle was a pickup filled with furniture and that the furniture was on fire.

I immediately called the Consolidated Fire Department, without logging anything but the time. I was in the uppermost greenhouse at the time.

After making the call, I came down the hill, took off my boots, went into the bedroom where all of my equipment is located and turned on the scanner.

The total time that elapsed was four minutes when the fire engine that re-



Al Singletary uses this cordless telephone when monitoring from his unique remote stations distributed at various levels from his hillside garden.

sponded reported that the fire was under control and asked their dispatcher to call a tow truck.

2. A party called and stated that he wanted to report a medical emergency.

When I answered the call, which again was at the uppermost remote unit, he reported that his wife was in contraction; baby on the way and heading for the French Hospital in San Francisco, about 3 miles away from where they were.

The husband requested that I notify the California Highway Patrol, giving me his planned route, the make and color
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as Illinois REACT Handles Air Show

by C.J. Blase, Metro-East REACT



Belleville News Democrat Photo

BELLEVILLE, IL — The opportunity to see the first space shuttle, shown above, was one of the attractions which drew nearly half a million to Scott Air Force Base.

BELLEVILLE, IL — "What a Crowd! What a Show!" These were the newspaper headlines after Scott Air Force Base in Belleville, Illinois opened their gates to an estimated 400,000 people. Gates which had to be closed to another 100,000 waiting to get on base.

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REACT Acts to Assure Future at Wichita Meeting



GRASSE, FRANCE — Since the formation of a REACT Team here, a lot of progress has been made. As can be seen through the attached photo, the Team has a communications truck which is being used quite often, according to Pierre Furst, for various events such as security for motor races, bicycle races

and as a communications center during an exercise with various emergency agencies in the area. Seen in the photo are members Lavest, Ray (the president) Gagnol, Furst, Meant and Grazianetti. Members have approved a proposal to obtain uniforms and are seen wearing T-shirts with the REACT patch on it.

Several important actions to assure REACT's future were taken at the 1983 REACT International Convention held in Wichita, Kansas, July 23-28.

Recognizing the current immediate financial crisis facing REACT, the Board of Directors took steps to cut REACT expenses and to increase revenues for the remainder of the year. These steps designed to reduce the possible application of 1984 dues funds to 1983 expenses are outlined in the accompanying statement issued at the convention.

In another key area, the delegates concurred in a policy statement approved by the Board of Directors to look toward expansion of REACT's membership base. This statement is published in this REACTer for input by all REACT members so that final implementation of this policy by the Board of Directors can be taken with the benefit of input of the entire membership.

Finally, the scheduled dues increase for 1984 has been reaffirmed by the Board of Directors with full acknowledgement of the need by the delegates attending the convention for this increase in revenue. Dues effective for 1984 will be \$10.00 for Regular members and \$8.00 per Family and Junior members. These dues rates will also apply outside the US.

Highlighting the speakers at the convention, Raymond A. Kowalski, Chief, Special Services Division, Private Radio Bureau of the Federal Communications Commission outlined the new enforce-



Diane Steed, Deputy Administrator National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, U.S. Dept. of Transportation, tosses a "Frisbee" to promote seat belt use.



Ray Kowalski, Special Services Division, Private Radio Bureau, Federal Communications Division, fields the tough questions from an intensely interested REACT audience.

Resolution Concerning the Expansion of REACT

Because of the long-range significance of this action, it is requested that REACT Teams and members review the statement below and respond to REACT Headquarters no later than November 1, 1983.

WHEREAS, REACT was established to provide help to government officials and the general public through the use of Citizens Band Radio, the originals, major form of personal radio, and,

WHEREAS, other forms of personal radio have grown and other public service activities have grown on CB radio and the other personal radio services, and,

WHEREAS, groups performing these public services can benefit from participation in the REACT program, and,

WHEREAS, groups which may be formed to aid the public using future forms of personal radio would also benefit by participation in the REACT program, and,

WHEREAS, the REACT program and existing and future REACT Teams can benefit from the inclusion of active organizations providing vital public service activities using personal radio; and,

WHEREAS, the purposes of REACT as stated in the bylaws of REACT International, Inc., can already accommodate such personal radio based public service organizations;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

(a) We reaffirm that monitoring CB Channel 9 to aid in emergencies and to assist travelers has been and remains a principal purpose of REACT and a goal of REACT Teams; and,

(b) We recommend that REACT International recognize the growing importance of other personal radio services to the public by the discretionary issuance of REACT Team charters to personal radio based organizations performing public service activities to aid in emergencies and other forms of aid to citizens in keeping with the purposes of REACT International.

PROVIDED THAT:

Such charter applications are referred to REACT Councils (or to nearby Teams in the absence of recognized Councils) for investigation and recommendation before issuance of such charters, and,

PROVIDED FURTHER THAT:

In the event of a negative recommendation which is not concurred in by the Executive Director of REACT International the matter will be referred to the REACT International Board of Directors for final resolution.

ment policy of the Field Operations Bureau concerning Citizens Band Radio.

Under the current regulations, every individual who operates a type accepted radio in a legal manner without illegal amplifiers, antennas, etc., is considered to be operating in an authorized and

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Winners for Team, Individual Achievement Are Announced at Wichita Meeting

Of special note at the International Convention was the presentation of the REACT Achievement Awards, presented to the club, individual, and Council, who in the opinion of the Committee on Recognition and Awards has recorded the most significant achievement. This year's awards were presented to: Chris White, of South Bay REACT C167 (CA), Individual; West Putnam REACT 3490 (Interlochen, FL), and the Pennsylvania Council of REACT Teams, Council Award.

Besides the handsome trophy each of the winners received a \$500 cash award and all expenses paid to the convention site. The competition, sponsored by

K-40, is open to all REACT Teams and individuals. Nominations must first be submitted for the Quarterly competition, and winners of that competition then go into a pool from which the final winners for the International competition are selected.

The awards were presented by Mr. Pat Navins, of K-40 Electronics, the sponsor. Winners in both the Individual and Team categories were selected by the Awards and Recognition Task Force, headed by Greg Anderson, of Minnesota. A form for submitting nominations for the Quarterly Awards is being devised and is expected to greatly simplify the process of nominating individuals and Teams.

Omaha REACT Team Acts to Combat Drunk Driving



OMAHA, NE — Sgt. Terry Campbell, left, and Lt. Herb Walker of the Omaha Police Department accept CB radio equipment and antenna from the Douglas County REACT. Presenting the equipment were Jack Griffey, REACT President, second from left, and Bill McCullum, Executive Vice President.

OMAHA, NE — In a special presentation to Lt. Herb Walker and Sgt. Terry Campbell, of the Omaha Police Department Special Enforcement Unit, members of Douglas County REACT presented a radio and three antennas purchased through a \$100 donation from Xerox Corporation. These were purchased with the help of Unit 12, Pat Sorensen and the cooperation of Randy's CB Center.

The equipment was presented at the Team's meeting on May 19.

In accepting these, Lt. Walker told the Team that DWI arrests (Driving While Intoxicated) were up 199 per cent for April 1983 over 1982 resulting in 215 arrests. It is the Team's hope that through its assistance, Lt. Walker and his unit will continue their efforts in taking the DWI driver off the streets.



Conventioners gather in the courtyard of the Holiday Inn in Wichita for this official convention group photo. Prints available from REACT International.

Notes from Northbrook

by Executive Director Gerald H. Reese

YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE . . .

Because you are there when someone needs help . . . to respond on Channel 9!

Evy White made a difference when she received the motorist call that a plane was hitting Washington DC's 14th Street Bridge. John Tracy made a difference when he reported sightings of tornados in Omaha in 1975. Barbara Schoondyke makes a difference when she helps organize the Multiple Sclerosis bike and hike in the Chicago area. And every REACT Team that participates in the Safety Break Program makes a difference when they serve free coffee and permit motorists a safer and more wide awake journey. REACT makes a difference when your Team helps other organizations raise needed funds for important work. When your Team helps make your community and the entire continent a safer place. REACT makes a difference when you help save lives!

REACT makes a difference! And every REACT member makes a difference . . .

REACT is made up of Teams and Teams are made up of individual members and every individual member makes a difference. The more Teams—the more members—the greater the potential benefits. A bigger REACT can make a bigger difference!

The problem is that REACT is shrinking! From a high of 72,000 members and 2,000 Teams in 1978, at the end of 1983 we will have approximately 18,000 members and less than 1,100 Teams.

THE MOST PRESSING PROBLEM WE FACE TODAY IS OUR SHRINKING MEMBERSHIP. If in the next 6 months, we do nothing else as an organization, we must concentrate on ways and means of reversing the trend and produce membership growth.

Our 1983 convention in Wichita took one major step in attempt to broaden the base — to change our membership requirements to attract more members.

First, we will not lower REACT's quality of standards in terms of performance and in terms of high level of public service we perform. Secondly, our concentration is still in the area of communications with a public service objective. We want people who will perform public service communications on a volunteer basis to serve their community. That is the real definition of REACT!

REACT Teams perform many functions. We have evolved into a full purpose organization. With the activities previously mentioned they can be grouped into several headings which come under the area of community service through communications. REACT volunteers assist in highway safety activities, disaster preparedness, crime prevention programs, and a wide variety of community service activities to assist other organizations and official agencies on a local basis.

We are not intending to abandon the CB Channel 9 monitoring function of REACT. We do recognize that many REACT Teams now do not effectively monitor Channel 9. We do not condone this but we must recognize the limitations we have on enforcing any specific participation of REACT Teams or other volunteer groups in specific activities. If we cannot guarantee monitoring performance of existing REACT Teams, how can we insist on an effective monitoring system to be a function of new REACT Teams?

We want to be assured that each new REACT Team is involved in personal radio communications, as a volunteer group for public service to their community. We have maintained as indicated in the accompanying resolution the emphasis on Channel 9 monitoring as an important function. We want to motivate all REACT members, old, new and those yet to come to perform this vital task. Without motivation it won't be done no matter what the compulsion. We want to encourage public service to the community, including Channel 9 monitoring, and permit groups involved in other radio services such as GMRS, Amateur Radio, proposed PRCS, and any other type of service that may become available to participate as a REACT Team.

FCC staff members tell us that they rely on REACT as the voice of responsible personal radio users to comment on FCC matters and to cooperate with the FCC on enforcement, administration of personal services other than Amateur Radio.

Let us recognize the need for REACT's continued survival and growth. If we limit our sights to the past, we will die as an organization. We must look forward to the future and prepare for new activities, new roles and new media of communications. If REACT does not grow bigger, we will surely shrink away completely.

Every REACT member and every REACT Team *does* make a difference!

Report of the Election Committee John W. Tracy

The Election Committee members, consisting of the following, met July 24 at Wichita, KS:

John W. Tracy,
Nebraska, Field Board Member
Barbara Chuyen,
Florida, Field Board Member
Carl Berg,
Washington, Field Board Member
Ron McCracken,
Ontario, Canadian Liaison
Lance Luedtke,
Wisconsin, At Large
Jackson Kling,
Nebraska, At Large

256 ballots were received prior to counting (three more were received later in the week but were too late for consideration). Of these, 22 were considered to be *not valid*, mostly because there was no validation envelope containing the two required signatures of officers of the voting Team in accordance with the published rules. There were also several ballots marked only with X's which could not be used under the current ballot counting procedures. A total of 234 ballots were valid and were the basis for

the election count.

Counting in accordance with preferential redistribution procedures resulted in the following being elected to the REACT International Board of Directors for two year terms:

Christine White, California
Bill Shafer, New Hampshire

Because of the complexity of counting procedures under the existing rules the Election Committee recommends the following changes:

1. Ballots should continue to be marked in preferential order (at least through position 3).
2. The total number of 1st and 2nd choice ballots will be tabulated for each person.
3. Those nominees garnering the most 1st and 2nd choice votes (combined) shall be declared elected.
4. In case of ties (three-way for first place or two-way or more for second position) then 3rd choice selections

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Forum Executive Committee for 1983-84 elected at the Wichita Convention: Front Row (l to r) Field Director Barbara Chuyen, Forum Vice-President Administration Penny Barker, Back Row: Forum Secretary Wes Gould, Field Director Bill Shafer, Forum President John Tracy, Forum Vice-President Programs Jim Bear, Field Director Carl Berg.

Board of Directors Financial Plan for Remainder of 1983

Meeting with the members of the Special Committee on Funding, the Board fully assessed the current financial situation and developed a plan of action to meet the situation.

We currently face a projected deficit by year-end of \$35,000. This was determined by reviewing current accounts payable, additional anticipated expenses, and actual cash on hand, and anticipated additional sure income.

Plan of Action

While it is possible that additional income may be received, we are taking every step to reduce expenses, particularly administrative overhead. Beginning at the top, this includes reduction of Headquarters expense, including a voluntary 10% salary cut for the Executive Director, and all other possible savings. The Directors have reported an ongoing effort to absorb personal expenses as personal circumstances allow.

We are encouraged at the prospect of additional funding coming from previous corporate sources who have not yet contributed for 1983. In addition, we have just made a solicitation mailing, emphasizing our leadership role in the CB Coalition Against Drunk Driving, to 1377 home office insurance executives. Some significant funding could result from these efforts.

In the meantime, REACT creditors will be advised of our temporary cash shortage, and asked to accept a payment schedule that will be compatible with our current ability to pay.

To summarize, we have put into effect a financial survival plan that will permit continued operation under worst-case conditions, with a goal of minimal application of 1984 dues income to 1983 expenses.

Letter from Pete Kreer

July 19, 1983

Mr. Gerald H. Reese
Executive Director
REACT INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Dear Jerry:

For entirely personal and very compelling reasons, I find it necessary now to withdraw from further active involvement in REACT. Therefore, I must respectfully request that the Board of Directors accept my resignation, effective August 1, 1983, as Secretary-Treasurer, Member of the Executive Committee and Director of REACT International, Inc.

Had it been possible, I would have preferred to say this in person to you, the Board and the membership at the convention in Wichita.

It is equally impossible to describe the depth and scope of my feelings in a letter. Not even forty years' experience as a professional communicator have prepared me to express adequately my respect for the job you have done under the most difficult of circumstances . . . the dedication and constructive guidance of your Board . . . and my profound admiration for the men, women and youth of REACT membership.

Sincerely,

Henry B. Kreer

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**REACT International Board of Directors Open Meeting
July 28, 1983 — Holiday Inn Plaza Hotel, Wichita, Kansas**

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m. with Executive Director, Gerald H. Reese presiding. All attending the Convention were invited to be in the audience with the following directors participating: Carl Berg, Barbara Chuvén, Bud Fink, Bill Miller, Bill Shafer, John Tracy and Chris White. Also participating was Ronald McCracken, Liaison to the Board of Directors for Canada. Joe Stephany was called home because of his wife's illness. The resignation letter of Henry B. "Pete" Kreer was read.

Before commencing the meeting, the Team delegates were provided with voting identification cards on which they were to place their Team number.

Bill Shafer, Acting Secretary, was asked to read a summary of the Board of Directors actions up to this time. This includes the Board's financial plan for the remainder of 1983. (Page 2)

John Tracy, REACT Forum President, presented a report of the actions of the REACT Forum. He indicated that the transition to the newly elected officers had passed smoothly, and that there is progress toward continued achievement for the 1983-84 term of office. The resolution was brought forward from the Forum for consideration by the Board of Directors concerning the expansion of REACT. It was pointed out that this had been developed with the input of many people, including those who had come to the convention opposed to the concept of expanding the membership base.

Barbara Chuvén moved, seconded by Bill Shafer to refer the resolution to a vote of Team delegates assembled. The Board voted unanimously to present the issue to the Teams present for a vote. After considerable discussion, Walter Smith, Spring Creek REACT #4307, Houston, TX called for the question (a motion to end debate). Seconded by John Northrop, San Bernardino REACT #C380, California. The Team delegates voted by show of their cards. The motion was overwhelmingly passed by the team delegates with only three dissenting votes.

Bill Shafer moved that the Board of Directors reaffirm the adoption of the resolution by official Board vote. Seconded by Bill Miller and passed unanimously by the Board.

Bud Fink moved, seconded by Carl Berg that the resolution be published in the REACTer before implementation so that Teams can make comments and input to REACT International. Jerry Parker, Madison County REACT #C697, Anderson, Indiana, requested information as to when this action would be put into effect. It was agreed that because of the importance of the matter response should be received by November 1, 1983. Implementation would follow review of responses. (See Resolution on Page 1.)

The meeting was turned over to Claire Harris, Daytona Beach REACT #2194, Chairman of the 1984 REACT International Convention. Full information about the convention to be held July 29 - August 2, 1984 was given and a specially prepared video tape was shown.

The Open Board Meeting reconvened officially and the floor was open to discussion from those assembled. Jerry Parker of Indiana indicated that his Team, Madison County REACT #C697, will give 5% of their fundraising earnings to REACT International until the current financial crisis is over.

Richard Howe, Greater Anchorage REACT #3462, Alaska, indicated that 10% of his Teams fund raising earnings will be presented to REACT International for the next year.

Forum Rules and Procedures Committee Chairman Allan Marks, Marin County REACT #C318, San Rafael, California, presented three resolutions from the REACT Forum.

Resolution No. 1

Whereas; Sedgwick County REACT has made visiting REACTers from all over the United States and Canada, welcome and

Whereas; Sedgwick County REACT worked hard and long to assure adequate facilities and support to make a success of the 1983 International REACT Convention, and

Whereas; Sedgwick County REACT has provided communication services on both the Citizens Radio Service and the General Mobile Radio Service, and

Whereas; Sedgwick County REACT has provided a forum for discussing the pressing issues confronting REACT today, and

Whereas; Sedgwick County REACT provided enjoyable and entertaining activities for the entire REACT family, and

Whereas; Sedgwick County REACT should feel proud that REACTers are pleased that they held their annual convention here in Wichita, Kansas;

Now there, be it resolved that the delegate, by this resolution, show their grateful thanks and appreciation to Sedgwick County REACT and to Ron Mayes, the Convention Chairman, for making the 1983 International REACT Convention a success.

Done this twenty eighth day of July, 1983, at the International REACT Convention in Wichita, Kansas by the delegates and members in attendance at the fourth Annual Meeting of the REACT Forum. Passed by acclamation of all assembled. Resolutions number 2 and 3 were referred to the Forum Executive Committee.

Resolution No. 2

Resolved that starting with the Annual Convention in 1984, the Board of Directors declares that the Open Board Meeting at the Annual Convention be known as the "Meeting of the Member Teams" for the purpose of voting on matters affecting the general membership and that notices of such be sent out in accordance with the REACT International Bylaws Article IV Section 2.

Resolution No. 3

Resolved that said meeting be declared the annual meeting of the Board of Directors of REACT International, Inc.

Having completed the planned agenda, the floor was opened to general discussion:

Fred Breiding of Gateway Area REACT of St. Louis reported on Don Bessler's illness as the reason why he, was not in attendance. He has suffered from a re-occurrence of an Asian virus and is recovering. The body agreed that they would all sign a get well card for Don.

Nat Maryn, Montgomery County REACT #2388, the Maryland state delegate reported that the correspondence from Dundalk REACT #2414, Baltimore, MD was awaiting a response from REACT International. The Executive Director assured that such a response would be forthcoming in an expedient manner.

Tom Bowling, Fairfax REACT #C360, Alexandria, VA, indicated that his feeling was that the membership assembled was supportive of the increase in dues effective 1984.

Rick Munton, Roanoke Valley REACT #2166, past president of the REACT Forum expressed a feeling of increased cooperation between the leadership at all levels in REACT and the general membership.

Larry Hofstetter of Southwestern REACT #C475, San Diego, CA, asked all REACT members, Teams and Councils to help REACT International in its current financial crisis. He promised that he would do what he can do to encourage dollar contributions.

Craig Hoepfner, Deer Valley REACT 4492, President Iowa Council, indicated that he would go home to get his Teams and Council supportive of REACT International and hoped that some additional financial support can be obtained.

John Fiskin, Seattle REACT #2503, Seattle, Washington said that he needed more information that he received at the convention. With that we can all be more supportive. He concluded that if every REACT member would donate \$2.00 we would be out of our current deficit.

Richard Pratz, Bell County REACT #404, President of Texas State REACT Council, promised to go back to Texas and help in every way possible to build a stronger and more financially secure REACT organization. He observed that there was considerable tension among the membership when we arrived in Wichita, and as we go home we leave as friends united in common purpose.

Reid Jones, Roanoke Valley REACT #2166 promises to do his best through his position on the fundraising committee to get REACT going. He asked all to contribute and challenges everyone to provide the financial support needed.

Carol Wiggins, Oakland County REACT #C238 Pontiac, MI, suggests that Councils refuse to accept the reimbursement available to them from REACT International to save money.

Austin Davis of Tucson REACT #C176, AZ, said he will be supportive of all actions to move REACT ahead.

Don Perry, Salem area REACT #4397, and President of Oregon State REACT Council admitted that he came to the convention with strong opposition to the dues increase. He will go home, not only changed in his own attitude, but with every effort to change the attitudes back

home. He will try to encourage his Teams and the Council to raise money to help REACT International.

Barbara Chuvén, Board member from Daytona Beach REACT #2194, commented on the progress made toward building a stronger REACT organization. She credited the Forum for much of this progress and Forum President Rick Munton in particular. The assembly gave him a standing ovation in recognition of his leadership in the past year.

Nat Maryn observed the enthusiasm at the Convention, but cautioned the members to go home and encourage that enthusiasm among others. Keep the base that we have now and then expand beyond our current membership.

Dave Thomas, Circle City REACT #C261, Indianapolis, encouraged everyone to sign up new members. And he also asked that the REACTer carry Council meeting dates.

Craig Hoepfner invited everyone to come to the Iowa Council meeting.

Sandy Moccia of Lower Pinellas REACT #C610, St. Petersburg, FL, asked that the Forum Secretary's notes be published in the REACTer.

Jim Considine, who exhibited Emergency Highway Signs at the convention, pointed out that any fundraising effort requires salesmanship. He promised to send 50 cents to REACT International for every sign he sold to REACT Teams. He suggested that REACTers should not be discouraged in their fundraising efforts. Remember, every "no" gets you closer to the "yes."

There being no further business for the Board of Directors and the Open Meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William Shafer
Acting Secretary



Convention Delegates speak their minds and hearts at Open Board Meeting and other General Sessions.



Convention Chairman Ron Mayes looks on proudly as the Convention program moves smoothly along.



Barbara Chuvén gets a pie in the face from Rick Munton. This is the 1983 Convention "Annual Pie Auction" which netted \$1807 for the Fund for Forum Projects. Rick got back for the pie he took at the 1981 Convention. But, the second photo proves that it's all in good fun!

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News of Forum Activities

Minutes of Forum Business Meeting, First Session Tuesday, July 26 at 9:30 a.m., Wichita, KS

Meeting called to order by President Rick Munton.
Roll Call by Sandy Moccia showing a total of 30 Council delegates. (28 states, 2 provinces responded).
Tennessee moved to waive the reading of the minutes. Maryland seconded and carried. Some scribes said they did not receive minutes.
President Munton gave Annual Report statement and Vice President of Administration, Penny Barker, gave her report and called on her committee chairmen who gave individual reports.
Dottie Thomas, Site Chairman recommended Chicago's Sheraton O'Hare for 1985. Georgia moved to accept. Wisconsin seconded and approved.
Vice President Chris White gave her report and introduced her committee chairmen who also gave reports.
Communications: Corwin Moore and Charlie Harband offered a resolution for re-definition of purpose to include monitoring and use of public radio service. North California moved to accept the resolution. Florida seconded, carried.
Recommendation that REACT International provide for and the Forum endorse, REACT expanding its services to include GMRS and 900 in the non-monitoring areas. Northern California moved to accept the recommendation, Maryland seconded, Wisconsin moved to table the discussion until next session and re-define. Minnesota seconded and it was carried.
Publications: Recommendation that all printed materials be put on sale. Wisconsin moved to allow Forum to put material up for sale; Texas seconded and carried.
De-licensing balance to be put into International account for future Forum projects.
It was noted that the Board of Directors unanimously passed on an action for a precise audit by an unrelated agency.
Corwin Moore recommended that the Forum make arrangements for a Team Directory no later than October, 1983. Alaska moved to accept the recommendation; Texas seconded. Canadian Teams to be included. Carried.
Nominating Committee reported for officer elections for 1984:

- Nominees for President** Rick Munton, Virginia
Robert Stuller, Ohio
John Tracy, Nebraska
- Ohio moved for ballot voting. Carried.
Maryland moved to amend the procedure to provide for secret balloting. Iowa seconded. Carried.
Elected President: John Tracy.
Nominees for Vice President, Administration Penny Barker, Georgia
Jim Bear, Pennsylvania
Dottie Thomas, Indiana

- Jim Bear declined.
Elected Vice President, Programs: Penny Barker
Nominees for Vice President, Programs Ron Mayes, Kansas
Al Moccia, Florida
Jim Bear, Pennsylvania
Bill Restwick, Calgary, declined
Rick Munton, Virginia, declined

- Elected Vice President, Programs: Jim Bear
Nominees for Secretary Gayland Kitch, Oklahoma
Wes Gould, Ohio
Rick Munton, declined
Dottie Thomas, declined
Al Moccia, declined

Elected Secretary: Wes Gould
Meeting adjourned at 12:40 P.M.

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REACT Forum Business Meeting: Second Session Thursday, July 28, Wichita, Kansas at 8:30 a.m.

Meeting opened by President John Tracy with announcements, passing out of the minutes of the first meeting, and issuing of gate cards. Alan Marks was appointed Parliamentarian. Council showed 28 delegates and 15 being a majority for voting.

Old Business:
Maryland moved to bring the Expansion Resolution back on the floor for discussion, seconded by Minnesota and carried. Maryland moved to amend the resolution and the new resolution was distributed to all delegates for their approval. Seconded by Virginia. After the reading of the second half of the new resolution for expansion, all delegates applauded to its their acceptance.
George motioned to adopt. Michigan seconded with a word change in the last paragraph. The word "for" to the word "be" changed and accepted. Unanimously passed.
President Tracy said, "Our job is not finished, and we must work with the Board of Directors and assist in the implementation of the resolution."

New Business:
President Tracy urged the exchange of ideas and assistance to the Board of Directors, and said, "We will try our utmost" complimented the previous officers for a "super job," with thanks.
President Tracy announced that Chuck Thompson from Dallas had accepted the job of putting together a newsletter, and that would work closely with REACT Headquarters keeping projects moving through the field, and said the Forum would do their best with a growing REACT.
All officers expressed their views for the future of REACT.

Committee Reports:
Vice President of Administration Penny Barker asked for the committee chairmen to make their reports.
Jim Bear, Vice President-Programs, asked for all Task Force reports.
All chairmen gave their reports and all were accepted as read. A copy of Forum officers and committee chairmen reports is published in this issue.
Public Relations Committee announced that a slide presentation award competition will be held in 1984.
President Tracy thanked all delegates for their cooperation, and commended all for their services and suggestions. He stated would be a privilege to work with all down the road and said, "Let's all pull together and work for a better REACT."

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Nashua REACT Again Breaks Up Area's Canoe Race

NASHUA, NH — The Fourth of July has come and gone again and Nashua REACT again covered the local roads and highways for the full 72 hours.

Starting at 6 p.m. on Friday the familiar communication trailer was again set up at Edgcomb Steel's parking lot on Route 3 for the 72-hour road coverage provided by the local REACT volunteers. During those 72 hours, 350 manhours were logged and a total of 59 incidents were handled.

Along with the regular road patrols, and the dispensing of coffee, the Fourth also strains the members "volunteerism" to the fullest because of other events with which they are asked to assist.

On Sunday at 10 a.m., 20 members hit the road along with the runners of the annual summertime 7½-mile road race. They were not running but again protecting those runners by covering approximately 20 of the more dangerous intersections. Later on that evening assistance was given the Nashua Police Department at the stadium during the fireworks display.

All in all it was a very eventful Fourth for the local REACTers who again gave of their time to assist the residents and visitors to Nashua.

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Forum Activities (Continued)

Report of the Forum VP-Programs: Jim Bear

The conclusion of the '83 International Convention brought a lot of sobriety to the attendees, in view of some of the most important matters facing this great organization in a time of a dragging economy and a declining membership. Several important areas were reached for the first time, mainly the financial operations of the corporation. In order to prepare us for the great resurgence that is coming, we are presently undergoing a complete financial audit. This audit is being conducted in order to advise and guide us in a more economical operation, and to assist the Executive Director to perform his duties and responsibilities in a more efficient time-saving manner. I'm sure this report will be stated elsewhere in this issue, and I must remind each of you, we must maintain our present membership levels, and make every effort to enlarge our bases. It is your responsibility to insure that your Team has everyone registered in order for us to perform the many tasks you have commanded us to accomplish.

The Task Groups are at this time working very hard to enhance the overall REACT program. Your Forum officers are presently working to accomplish the tasks they were given. I personally solicit your assistance and talents. If we have a Task Group that you are interested in, please don't hesitate to contact me, and I'll get you on that working group. Together we can overcome the minor obstacles that we now face.

Our Task Group reports are as follows:

Awards and Recognition: Greg Anderson, Chairman.

Objective is to revise the current operating procedures and to find ways for better participation in programs from individuals, Teams, and Councils. This includes format changes for individual and Team awards, newsletters with division changes, and possibility of presenting additional incentive awards.

Communications: Ned Smith & Charles Harband, Co-Chairmen.

Objective is to coordinate and implement additional areas of personal communications, including CBRs and GMRS. Additional areas are 900-900 MHz, licensing changes, and possible training and informational communication publications.

Computer Services: George & Jackie MacDonald, Co-Chairmen.

Objective is to provide Forum with computer services, which include program exchanges, creation of a publications base, and continue on computer inter-connects.

Disaster Preparedness: Al Moccia, Chairman.

Objective is to prepare and publish a "How To Manual" on natural and man-made disasters, letters of understanding, resources lists, after action reports, and emergency communications vans.

Fundraising: John Wells, Chairman.

Objective is to supply necessary information and ideas for Team fundraising, starting with the very basic and following up with grantwriting.

Leadership and Training: Lance Luedtke, Chairman.

Objective is to continue the update of the Team Management Handbook and other leadership guides, and investigate areas of financial sponsorship for specific manual printings. Leadership and Training from previous years will be grouped in this area. A Forum inter-group newsletter will be formulated for publication and distribution, with the assistance of Charles Thompson, TX. Inter-agency association will also be tasked in this area.

Public Relations: Ron McCracken, Chairman.

Objective is to develop materials encompassing all areas of REACT public relations and membership recruitment as economically as possible and disseminate to all Teams for public and organizational information.

Publications Clearing: John Nixon, Chairman.

Objective is to provide all Teams a listing of, and access to all publications presently available. This area will supply limited printed materials in the interim period of International reorganization to publish and distribute required materials as required and requested by Teams and Councils.

From the interim reports submitted, each of you can readily note these Task Groups are working to produce for YOU. I would also like to make note at this time, the International Fundraising Committee is also working, and it does have some bright prospects to enhance the REACT program. It's now time to forget the individual rewards, and ask ourselves, "What Can I Do For REACT?" and then DO IT!

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Bear

Two Forum Resolutions Passed at Convention

WHEREAS, the name and the reputation of Col. John Tracy, USAF (Ret.) became known to many REACTers after his actions in the 1975 Omaha, Nebraska Tornado, and

WHEREAS, John Tracy has served his REACT Teams, first in Omaha and now in Lincoln, Nebraska with distinction as a hard working member and officer, and

WHEREAS, John Tracy helped to establish, and has served with distinction as the President of the Nebraska State REACT Council, and

WHEREAS, John Tracy served as a principal seminar leader at the first REACT International Convention in Deerfield, Illinois and has continued to serve as an advisor, teacher and inspiration to his fellow REACTers around the world ever since, and

WHEREAS, John Tracy was twice elected to the Board of Directors of REACT International, Inc., by the REACT Teams in recognition of his leadership, intelligence and dedication, and

WHEREAS, John Tracy did the necessary conceptual and developmental work on the concept of involving the membership of REACT in advising and performing program development and other membership based work, presented it to the Board of Directors of REACT International, Inc., and shepherded its passage through the Board and the membership at the Fifth REACT International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, that concept being the REACT FORUM, and

WHEREAS, John Tracy leaves the REACT International Board of Directors after two distinguished two-year elected terms;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the grateful thanks of all REACTers is given to JOHN TRACY for jobs well done, and that the pledges of confidence and assistance of all REACT members are given to him on this occasion as he embarks on his next phase of work for and with the members and Teams of REACT International.

Presented this Twenty-Eighth day of July, 1983, at the International REACT Convention in Wichita, Kansas, by the delegates and members in attendance at the Fourth Annual Meeting of the REACT Forum.

WHEREAS, Penny Barker, Sandy Moccia, Richard Munton, and Chris White were elected the Forum officers for 1982-1983, and

WHEREAS, they have exercised leadership, guidance, patience, and perseverance, and

WHEREAS, their leadership has helped promote and forward the purposes of REACT International and the REACT Forum, and

WHEREAS, they have also served as advisors to the Board of Directors of REACT International in thoughtful and instructive ways, and

WHEREAS, the amount of work, dedication, and effort always exceeds the rewards and recognition received;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT we the assembled Teams of the 1983 International REACT Convention do hereby proclaim and announce our grateful thanks and unbounded appreciation for the tremendous efforts put forth by these exemplary REACTers.

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Forum President's Message: John Tracy

Fellow REACTers,

I take it as a great honor to have been chosen by your Delegates as President of the REACT Forum for the next year. I accepted the position as a challenge to continue the outstanding work that the Forum has done over the past three years and, if possible, to see expanded benefits, programs, and guidelines provided to the REACT membership. An energetic and talented group of REACTers has stepped forward to serve on the many committees and task groups that will accomplish our 1983-84 Forum programs. I urge you to join them as a participant in their efforts. If you cannot serve on a committee or task group at least provide them with input so that they can develop programs and guidelines that are best for REACT.

Critical times are at hand for REACT as we broaden our horizons to encompass all of personal use radio. As we do so, we must not forget our continuing commitment to the monitoring of CB Emergency Channel 9. At the same time we must strive to establish REACT as the voice of all personal radio users involved in emergency communications. To do this we must first maintain our basic CB radio foundation, then continue to solidify our active position in the General Mobile Radio Service, and finally energetically seek the establishment of additional personal use capability in the 900 MHz portion of the frequency spectrum. We are the only volunteer organization that speaks for the public interest in this area. Without a strong and active REACT involvement, personal use radio as we know it may wither away.

For all these reasons it is especially important, now, for all of us, the membership, the Forum, REACT Headquarters, and the Board of Directors to pull together toward building a bigger and even better REACT. As I left the 1983 convention in Wichita I sensed a positive, "Can-do" attitude among all the attendees. With this type of spirit carried forward we cannot help but to succeed in our efforts.

John Tracy, President

Task Force on Future Planning

REACT International has taken a first step toward bringing new groups of public service-oriented personal radio users into REACT. A resolution recommending expansion of eligibility for membership was approved by the Team and Forum delegates and by the Board of Directors. This action was taken at the Eighth Annual REACT International Convention in Wichita, Kansas.

The expansion resolution (reprinted in this issue) was a joint effort of the Forum Communications Task Group and Task Force on Future Planning. Work on this issue, which began after last year's convention, was reinforced by a request from the Board of Directors. The purpose of the work was to determine how REACT might deal with groups of Amateur Radio, General Mobile Radio Service or other personal radio groups who are involved in the variety of public service activities that REACT Teams perform and who would benefit by joining REACT.

Both groups also considered how REACT might grow as new forms of personal use radio came into being (such as the proposed 900 MHz Personal Radio Communications Service now being considered by the FCC).

The proposal was discussed at length by the delegates. Two major concerns emerged in these discussions. The first was a clear concern that REACT should not abandon Channel 9 monitoring. The second was how to make sure that a new group would be issued a Team chart before investigation by the appropriate Council or nearby Teams.

In approving the recommendation, the Board directed that Teams be informed of this action in the REACTer, and be given opportunity to comment on the proposal and the means for implementing it. These comments may be sent to Headquarters or to Don Premo, Chairman of the Forum Future Plans Committee, 5815 Greenleaf Dr., Bethesda, MD 20814.



Out-going Forum Officers were honored at the banquet. Left to right are Sandra Moccia, Secretary, Vice-President Programs Chris White, Executive Director Gerald Reosa who presented the awards, Vice President Administration Penny Barker and President Rick Munton.

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Out-going Forum President Rick Munton was surprised by the belly dancer's performance at the banquet. After serving with 3 female officers, it seems appropriate "shiek Rick" was feted in true harem fashion!

FCC Answers Most Frequent Questions About the Elimination of Individual CB Licenses

On July 3, 1983, the new rules eliminating individual station licenses in the Citizens Band Radio Service became effective. Here are the answers to the most frequent questions about this action, provided by the Federal Communications Commission.

Q. Is a license required to use a CB radio?

A. No. Anyone may use a CB radio, as long as they are not a foreign government, a representative of a foreign government acting in an official capacity, or a Federal Government Agency. You may not operate a CB station if the FCC has issued a cease and desist order to you, and the order is still in effect.

Q. Is my old CB license valid until its expiration date?

A. No. All CB licenses expired July 3, 1983.



Roy Ekstein (right), President Sedgwick County REACT, accepts a plaque of appreciation for the Team's hosting the 1983 REACT International Convention from Executive Director Gerald H. Reese.

Cordless Telephone (from Front Cover)

of his vehicle and license number. He also requested that I notify the French Hospital and the doctor.

I notified the CHP, giving them his exact location and they reported that they would respond.

When I notified the French Hospital of the situation, they advised that the doctor was on their staff but they did not deliver babies there.

The doctor was enroute to the Children's Hospital in San Francisco and that is where the husband should have been heading.

CHP was notified and when I called the Children's Hospital — they had already been alerted that a woman having a baby was on the way.

3. I received a call that a vehicle had hit the divider strip on the freeway and that there were possible injuries.

Again I immediately called Consolidated Fire who, because possibly injuries were involved, dispatched an engine, ambulance and the CHP.

Convention Summary (from page 1)

licensed manner under part 95 of the FCC regulations. Anyone who is operating non-type accepted equipment, with linear amplifier, and/or illegal antenna etc., is considered to be operating without benefit of authorization. Thus, such individuals are in violation of the communications act and subject to criminal penalties of up to \$10,000 fine and one year in jail.

Mr. Kowalski also pointed out that the Field Operations Bureau has instituted a specific \$600 penalty for interference with emergency communications on Channel 9. Under new legislation, this also permits the commission to confiscate radio equipment. The specific penalty on interference is the first specific enforcement effort ever made to protect emergency Channel 9.

The development of a volunteer program with the FCC on enforcement has a major role for REACT. Mr. Kowalski pointed out that REACT is the only organization that has sizeable numbers nationally to speak for the personal radio operator on CB, CMRS, PRCS and other issues before the Commission.

Other speakers included Diane Steed, Deputy Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, US Department of Transportation who emphasized the continuing importance of the campaign to encourage the use of seat belts, and also REACT's role in the CB Coalition Against Drunk Driving. This was Miss Steed's second appearance before the REACT Convention

Several minutes later I received a call from another party that an ambulance was needed and that there were head injuries to a female.

I gave Consolidated Fire the above information and they informed me that an ambulance was already rolling and should be at the scene momentarily.

I have also received several routine fender-benders where there were no injuries involved but in which traffic was being tied up.

In addition, I would like to add that I believe the phone is also a great asset while working around the yard, my boat or car since I am assured of not missing a call.

I wish to express my gratitude and appreciation to Dynascan Corporation for the opportunity of testing their cordless phone in emergency situations — using my emergency system. They are a great team!

The phone would work equally as well if a person had more than one radio rather than remote units.

following her appearance in Las Vegas in 1982.

Dr. Herman Ogg, Mayor of Douglas, Kansas, gave an inspirational and informative keynote address sparked with humorous anecdotes that entertained as well as educated the audience.

Richard Murphy, represented the Neighborhood Crime Prevention Coordinating Committee. He is an executive of the Electra Company, manufacturers of Bearcat Scanners. REACT's Executive Director also serves on the Board of Directors of this group. Mr. Murphy's presentation emphasized the role that REACT Teams can play in the development of Neighborhood Watch Programs and other citizens participation programs related to crime prevention.

John Kesse and James Gauthier of the General Electric Company reviewed their proposal which is now Gen. Docket 83-26, a proposed rulemaking of the Federal Communications Commission to establish a new personal radio communications service in the 900 MHz Band.

Most REACT members believe that this system has great potential for all personal radio applications including emergency and disaster communications. Individual members should submit their comments as individual citizens so that it does not appear that REACT has an organizational effort solely designed to support this matter. Realistically, we must recognize serious opposition to the proposal from a wide variety of business interests who fear competition from this source.

Q. Do organizations still need CB licenses?

A. No. The word "individual" does not refer to the type of person affected, but refers to stations. Individual stations no longer need to be licensed.

Q. Do I have a right to exclusive use of my old call sign?

A. No. The FCC no longer issues CB call signs, and has voided all previously assigned licenses and the call signs associated with them.

Q. Do I need to identify my CB communications?

A. No. However, the FCC encourages identification by previously assigned Commission CB call sign, prefix followed by operator initials and residence zip code, name, or organizational name and number.

Q. Can state police organizations continue to encourage the voluntary use of certain call signs to facilitate contact with law enforcement units in emergencies?

A. Yes. Programs involving the use of certain call signs such as KNC-0911 (for the North Carolina Highway Patrol) and KMD-0911 (for the Maryland State Police) for this purpose are not prohibited.

Q. Can Civil Defense and related organizations continue to identify by previously assigned Commission call sign?

A. Yes.

Q. Can I now transmit on new channels (frequencies)?

A. No. No new channels have been authorized for CB transmissions. You are authorized to transmit on the 40 CB channels (CB Rule 7).

Q. Can I now use a linear amplifier?

A. No. This rule has not been changed. You may not attach external radio frequency (RF) power amplifiers (linears or linear amplifiers) to your CB transmitter (CB Rule 11).

Q. Can I now increase my transmitter power output?

A. No. This rule has not been changed. Your transmitter power output must not exceed 4 watts carrier power for AM (A3) emissions or 12 watts peak envelope power for single sideband (SSB) emissions (CB Rule 11).

Q. Must I be 18 years of age to operate a CB radio?

A. No. This rule was repealed. There is now no minimum age requirement.

Q. Do I have to be a United States Citizen or a United States resident to operate a CB radio in the United States?

A. No.

Q. Is Channel 9 now available for general use?

A. No. Channel 9 is still reserved for emergency communications or traveler assistance (CB Rule 7).

Q. Do I have to be a member of a public service organization to use Channel 9?

A. No.

Q. Are there any specific channels assigned to any specific groups or organizations?

A. No. All channels are available to all CBers for shared use.

Q. I plan to travel to Canada and I want to use my CB radio there. However, I no longer have a valid license to show that I am authorized to operate in the U.S. What do I do?

A. You must write to the Regional Service Office of the Canadian Department of Communications closest to your anticipated point of entry into Canada.

Addresses of Regional Service Offices (in each case write to the Regional Director, Department of Communications):

Atlantic Region • P.O. Box 5090 • 222 Main Street • Moncton, NB • EIC 8R2

Quebec Region • 295 E. St. Paul St. • Montreal, Quebec • HZY 1H1

Ontario Region • 9th Floor • 55 St. Claire Ave. East • Toronto, Ontario • M4T 1M2

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GRS Licensing Centre (Gen.) • Postal Station D, Box 2798 • Ottawa, Ont. • K1P 6H4

Q. What CB rules have changed?

A. The only rules that have been deleted are those requiring individual station licenses, requiring identification, and requiring a CB operator must be 18 years old. All other CB rules are still in full force and effect.

Q. Is the FCC abandoning the CB Radio Service?

A. No. The FCC will continue to assess fines of up to \$2,000 against violators as the primary method of enforcing the CB rules. Cease and desist orders may be issued and enforced. Out-of-band or over-power violations will not be automatically treated as direct violations of the Communications Act, which could result in fines or criminal prosecution.

Q. Where can I get a copy of the new CB rules?

A. The new rules were published as an Appendix to the Report and Order in PR Docket No. 82-799 (FC 83-169), adopted April 27, 1983 and released May 10, 1983. This Report and Order was published in the Federal Register on June 3, 1983 (48 Fed. Reg. 24884). A copy of this Report and Order may be obtained (for a fee) from ITS, Inc., 4006 University Dr., Fairfax, VA 22030. Telephones: 717 337-1437 (Gettysburg, PA); 202 296-7322 (Washington, DC); 703 352-2400 (Fairfax, VA).

Field Board Member Report to the General REACT Membership

One year has passed since I was elected as Field Director by you, the membership. It has been an interesting year, a year of learning, a year of successes and frustrations. At this time, I would like to pass on to you, the REACT membership, some of the observations I have made.

This year has been a learning experience. A whole new perspective of the organization is gained by viewing it from the national Board level. It makes one realize that the things that members or Teams want done are not always feasible. This is not to say that all is right with the Board. One of my primary concerns has been the manner in which REACT funds, including your dues, is expended. Much of this spending may be due to simple misjudgment, misunderstanding, or confusion about the manner in which financial reports are prepared. For these reasons, I agree with the Forum idea of engaging an outside concern to advise on the proper procedure for fundraising and what is required. I have gone one step further and have requested that an outside consulting firm study the financial picture, audit and list guidelines for the financial health of REACT, to make it possible to achieve more service for your dues paid.

2) I am a "Field Director," or am I? As a Field Director, it would seem that I should be able to go into the field to visit with Teams a council to give guidance when appropriate, and to present their problems and concerns to the Board. This is not possible, due to lack of funds, and there is a definite problem which refers back to Paragraph 1, and brings me to observations 3.

3) While it is great to have the REACT Executive Director at your State Conventions of regional meetings, etc., in addition to travel expenses incurred, it is taking costly time of a REACT paid employee who could be spending time instead at REACT Headquarters. This, therefore, makes it more cost effective to utilize the Field Director located in that particular geographical location. The extra time spent at headquarters might also serve to rectify the situation of which I have received complaints: that of poor follow-through on materials sent to Headquarters.

4) The REACT International Board had a formal meeting this year in February in Chicago. In order to cut down on costs, telephonic calls and mail have been utilized extensively. One of the main subjects at the February meeting was the upcoming budget. The original budget was decided to be unrealistic in expectation and income, and therefore complete revision was done. The new "ba budget" budget was felt to realistically represent the projected income to REACT, and of course the projected spending was also drastically cut. This cut to some degree into membership services. It was at this time reluctantly agreed that an increase in dues would still leave us well below the dues structure of most national organizations. It was also realized that much must be done in the field of national fundraising. This has been hampered to a degree by our statement of financial position, a problem we again hope will be rectified by the suggestions in Paragraph 1.

5) CB is dying, and has been de-licensed by the FCC. Although your particular area may be active, on a national basis, CB purchase and usage is drastically down, as is our membership. Other more sophisticated types of radio usage are gaining popularity. For REACT to remain a viable organization, we must grow. We must therefore look to an expanded base. This is not to say the group "yahooe" you removed from your membership last year could now become a Team. There would have to be much thought, work, as definite guidelines approved by the membership. Another name may be used for Teams in other services. An expanded base does not mean that CB Channel 9 would be deserted, but hopefully services would be expanded by the inclusion of others within field of emergency communications usage.

In closing:

I feel that the REACT International Board of Directors is now making every effort to rectify past problems, and to work for the good of the REACT program.

I at this time once again ask for input from all REACTers, and urge all of you to give both your suggestions and your criticisms represent you to the Board. I want to know your feelings.

REACTively,

Ms. Barbara Chuvien
P.O. Box 928
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Convention social events were highlighted by the Monday night dinner playhouse at Cow Town. Here the conventioners were treated to a audience participation melodrama and buffet supper. The show wound up with an energetic musical review by the talented performers. The cast showed their appreciation for REACT's overflow audience by returning to the convention hospitality room at the Holiday Inn, hosted by Sedgwick County REACT.

The concluding banquet on Thursday night featured dancing and listening to the City Limits band. The evening was saved when the air conditioning system was restored to operation before conclusion of the buffet meal.

The attendees returned home with inspiration, education, recreation and an excited anticipation of next year's convention in Daytona Beach, Florida. See the minutes of the Open Board meeting for more news of the convention.

Letters We Like To Get

To the Editor:

Dear Sir,
During the Memorial Day Safety Break, our unit Tri-County REACT #2129 would like to express our appreciation and thank you to Folgers Coffee Company for the coffee and cups they gave to us for the holiday weekend.

From noon Friday until 6 p.m. Monday, we are proud to say we served 6,203 people.

To the Editor:

On behalf of the NC Cystic Fibrosis Foundation I wish to commend the Richmond County REACT Team for their support and excellent coverage of the Richmond County Bike-A-Thon.

Without REACT's participation we would not have been able to have the event. Your organization ensured the safety of the bikers. Even though our

In our survey after the Safety Break, we served people from 43 states and 18 foreign countries, from as far away as Hawaii and China.

Tri-County REACT is happy to say there were no fatalities in our two counties, Escambia and Santa Rosa.

Harold O. Blum Jr., President
Tri-County REACT Team #2129
Pensacola, FL

group was small, REACT handled the event professionally and we managed to raise \$127.10.

Please extend my appreciation and thanks to a mighty fine group of people who have big hearts. REACT's the greatest!

La Wanda McDonald, Chairman
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
Wilson, NC

Five-Hour Search for 6-Year-Old Ends Tragically

SHAWNEE, OK — In the early hours of the morning, the Pottawatomie Sheriff's Department, Seminole Police Department and Pottawatomie County REACT Team #4563, together searched for five hours for a 6-year-old boy who had been missing for approximately 6 to 7 hours.

The family of the child and several friends left an all day outing when all members of the two vehicles thought the boy was in the other car.

Air Show (from Front Cover)

The attraction was the first exhibition of the Thunderbirds since four of their pilots were killed in a practice run in Nevada some 18 months ago. Then, there was the shuttle, Enterprise, perched like a king atop a 747. Put the Army's Golden Knights parachute team in this group, along with some 25 other aircraft exhibits ranging from World War II aircraft to some of the most sophisticated aircraft used today, and you can see what brought the people out.

Helping the Air Force security police was Metro-East REACT Team #2319. Setting up their command post next to the base information booth, Team #2319 was in immediate contact with problems as they came up anywhere in the exhibit area. Such information was immediately relayed to foot patrols with walkie talkies, walking the flight line where the exhibits were positioned. The foot patrols were also in immediate contact with the REACT command post when a health emergency arose.

Though the temperature was in the 80's, the heat from the concrete runways seemed a lot hotter. A number of heat cases were handled. In such emergencies, a radio message to the command post brought another message to the base security police radio room, which was manned by two REACT Team members. Such calls brought an immediate response to the area in question of an ambulance and paramedics.

Besides the health emergencies and the constant reminders for people not to smoke in the area of the aircraft, the Team was called on to find a lost retarded adult who had wandered away from his companion. After about an hour of scouring the area in this mass of humans, the man was found in good shape.

After all the exhibits and shows were over, the REACT Team command post was deluged with requests for band-aids for blisters; in fact all the Team's first aid kits were exhausted of their band aids. There were a couple of blisters on eye lids that could not be taken care of with band aids.

The day was very positive, especially since just five days earlier the Team had had a very successful four-day Memorial Day Wake Break and we all enjoyed the crowd, the show and had a real interesting day.

Ohio REACT in Food Giveaway

CONOVER, OH — Champaign County REACT Team #4517 has been commissioned by the Tri-County Community Action Committee to coordinate, schedule and deliver (12,000) pounds of cheese and (14,000) pounds of butter, in conjunction with the surplus food giveaway program, to thirteen townships in Champaign County.

The large civil defense truck is loaded directly from the shippers trailer truck by REACT workers and distributed to the townships for giveaway to the citizens of the county. Shown are left to right, REACT President Wes Gould, who is also Civil Defense Director of the county; Roy Monroe, Director of Team #4517, and Ralph Fox, Sr., Team's Sgt.-at-Arms. This is an ongoing project for the Team and is done monthly.



Forum Task Force Seeks Info on Team Experiences on Special Events

Information is wanted from Councils, Teams, and Members of anything relating to the successful experience, planning, and followup on various special events such as Walk-a-thons, Run-a-thons, Bike-a-thons, Special Olympics, March of Dimes, and parades.

Such material will form the basis for the completion of the Management Book which will be made available to all Teams. Teams which have experience in such events are requested to send it to any of the following:

Lance Luedtke
W271 S4094 Overlook Lane
Waukesha, WI 53186

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How REACT Policy is Made

One question coming out of the Wichita Convention is how REACT policy changes come into being. Resolutions at the convention are brought before an Open Board Meeting at the conclusion of the convention. Here, the REACT International Board of Directors ask the Team delegates assembled to vote on various matters. After that, because the Board is legally responsible for the administration of REACT International, the Board votes to ratify recommendations by the delegates.

The nine-member Board of Directors of REACT International includes four members who are elected from the field membership by mail ballot of all Teams. We elect two every year. This year, Bill Shafer of New Hampshire was reelected for another term, and Chris White of Southern California was newly elected to the Board. John Tracy completed two terms on the Board.

Four additional are at large and elected by the Board for their expertise and ability to assist the organization. At times they are called "Blue Ribbon" Board members. In addition, to the four field members, and the four at large Directors, the Executive Director also sits on the Board.

In 1980, the REACT Forum was created. The objectives of the Forum were stated:

1. Provide membership participation in open discussion and interchange of information and ideas.
2. Establish task groups where experienced REACT members can develop guidelines, procedures and materials.
3. Help the REACT International Board of Directors establish meaningful policy.

The complete Forum meets annually at the REACT International Convention and is composed of one delegate per state and province or country outside U.S. and Canada, attending the convention. Generally, these are delegates elected by the Councils. In cases where no Councils are organized, the Team delegates present from that state or province or country, elect a delegate from among those attending to represent them on the Forum. This permits the broadest possible representation on the Forum inasmuch as it is much easier to have a distribution of state delegates from a maximum number of states versus the smaller percentage of Teams represented. We generally have about 100 to 120 REACT Teams represented at a convention. However, we generally have at least 30 states or provinces represented. The Forum officers are elected at the convention to serve for one year. The Forum officers, (President, Vice-President-Administration, Vice-President-Programs, and Secretary) plus the four field members on the Board of Directors constitute an eight member executive committee of the Forum. With the Field Directors on the Committee, there is direct input and communication to the Board of Directors.

The process of developing programs is achieved through Task Groups and committees of the Forum submitting proposals to the full Forum body. Recommendations from the Forum are presented to the REACT International Board of Directors. The Board may act at the Open Board Meeting at the Convention, or at any other time. The purpose of having the open Board Meeting is to permit all of the delegates at the convention to have an opportunity to have an input on various matters of interest.



Nuts & Bolts on 27 megs

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

Most of us who bought CB sets had a double purpose in mind — to talk on that radio and to listen to it. We all talked for a while to the general public, but found that the conversations were meaningless, and our correspondents a little hard to take. So — we joined a REACT Team so that we would be talking to people that we knew and worked with and that our work and involvement would have a meaning and a purpose.

In REACT, monitoring is not really the end. The real end is the public service we provide, monitoring merely being the means by which we provide it. Most of us monitor Channel 9 in the CB 27 meg channels. It is fairly known that in some areas where Channel 9 is "impossible," some other channel has developed as the major target for monitoring. When we monitor this special channel, we are able to:

(A) Let the highway patrol know that there is an accident, and how bad it is. Where the stall is and whether it is blocking traffic, and whether the stall is an (Example) — a woman alone.

(B) Let the Coast Guard know of boats in distress or missing.

(C) Let the Fire Department know of developing fires whether on the highway or in the neighboring communities.

(D) Let the local police know of accident, stalls, malicious mischief, or other items covered by community radio watch.

Most Teams also engage in public service thru communications other than monitoring, an activity wherein all participants talk to each other. Examples are:

(A) Periphery Guards at a stadium or arena, usually an expansion of some police activity.

(B) Communications on walks, runs, rides, or parades to keep the control aware of who passes your station, and to report accidents and incidents that might affect the activity. This usually also covers calls for the pick-up wagon for those who poop-out.

(C) Search and Rescue, usually in conjunction with a sheriff's posse activity, and usually in rural or mountain areas.

(D) Coffee Stops — Highway Safety Breaks — Highly regarded by the National Safety Council and most highway patrols. Where you serve hot coffee and donuts to motorists passing a selected rest area, to keep them awake for another hour or so. Coffee and donuts are usually donated; you cannot sell but you can accept donations.

(E) Participation in local fundraising TV activities like the Jerry Lewis MD Marathon in which you talk on the telephone and get your picture on TV.

And the old monitoring for drunk drivers wrapped up in a new package. For example, in Northern California, MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) and their highway patrol "partners" have been approaching REACT Teams to monitor extra hours and with extra personnel over most major holiday weekends. Since there is a three way partnership, with the highway patrol doing the apprehending, the REACT people doing the communicating, and the MADD people concentrating on public relations and publicity (and they do a good job) REACT is bound to get some good mileage on TV, radio and in the press.

If your Team has an activity we have not covered, write us so we can include it in a future issue.

And a final REACTion that was a real "shocker" — when the question came on the floor as to why the pocketbook list of Teams with their county and phone number (emergency) had not yet been created — many, many people stressed the fact that the real need was for monitors in emergency situations to get help from neighboring and distant Teams (as the case may be). The answer was given that many Teams just did not respond to National's request for emergency phone numbers. At least two delegates took the microphone to claim that they did not, and would not give their address and/or phone number to be placed in the booklet, because (get this), they were afraid it would increase the volume of "junk mail" that came to their P.O. Box.

We would suggest that people who think this way should start to realize that "what is best for International REACT is what really counts," and that being able to help someone out in an emergency takes precedence over the volume of mail received in a P.O. Box.

Incidentally, unless you have a "permanent" secretary whose address will not change, get yourself a P.O. Box. As to phone (emergency) number, get someone who is usually home to volunteer, and then help that person to obtain a phone answering device.

It is significant that in Wichita there was full opportunity for everyone at the Open Board Meeting to ask questions, comment or otherwise to participate and have their views and questions heard. The Wichita convention provided everyone attending to voice an opinion, ask questions or to state their position in front of the entire body and the full Board of Directors.

Mark your calendar now for the Daytona Beach REACT Convention in 1984, Chicago in 1985 and in the western states in 1986. Your attendance will give you a new perspective, broader outlook and an opportunity to participate in building REACT.

Open Letter To All REACTers

In 1962 Henry Kreer conceived and gave birth to an organization which was later to be named REACT. The original concept of this new idea, to monitor the Citizens Band radio to assist the public.

As the baby grew and became a teenager, it began to mature, as any teen would. Growing pains became evident. As time passed some disappeared; some became worse. However, the teen continued to mature. Some examples of this maturing experience are election of 4 field directors, establishment of the Forum, the yearly convention, increased dependence on the Councils, etc. In 1983, REACT became an adult, leaving behind its teen years, but still experiencing growing pains.

In 1983, a proposal has been put forward, which at first glance, appears to be an attempt to revert back to its teenage ways. However, upon closer examination, this proposal actually reaffirms REACT's basic goals, and continued to support the many lessons learned in past years, plus paving the way for future, unlimited growth potential. This proposal now called "The expansion proposal," after much debate and even heated discussion at the 1983 Convention, now appears to be an acceptable and maybe even a desirable way to continue our trip into adulthood and the future without diminishing the lessons and values upon which Mr. Kreer founded this organization.

I feel that in its present form the "expansion proposal" should, after careful study, be accepted and even applauded by all members of REACT.

Therefore, I give my wholehearted endorsement and support and urge all other members to do the same.

Lee Riley
Free Spirits REACT
Granite City, IL

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Riley was among the Convention delegates originally opposed to the expansion proposal.

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Report From the Vice President, Administration

by Penny Barker, V.P. Administration

Even though the Forum has been in existence for three years and several articles about the Forum appeared in the past year's REACTer, many REACT convention attendees still say they do not know what the Forum is all about. For all new REACTers and for the review of all other REACTers, the following is a condensed version of previous REACTer articles:

PURPOSE — to provide a method for participation by the membership in open discussion and interchange of information and ideas, to utilize the expertise of REACT members for the benefit of REACT, and to provide a method for advisory input from the membership to the REACT International Board.

MEMBERSHIP — consists of one delegate and one alternate from each existing Council and one delegate and one alternate from each state, province, or country not having a recognized Council. Each elected delegate serves for one year beginning and ending with the annual convention.

OFFICERS — Officers elected at the annual meeting of the Forum are a President; Vice President, Administration; Vice President, Programs; and Secretary. They serve for one year beginning and ending with the annual convention. The President is responsible for the overall performance of the Forum, presides at all Forum meetings and serves as Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Forum. The V.P., Administration coordinates the Forum administrative needs and coordinates the activities of the Forum Standing Committees. The V.P., Programs, coordinates the activities of the Forum Task Areas. The Secretary maintains Forum records and keeps minutes of Forum meetings.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE — is composed of the four Forum officers and the four elected field directors of the REACT International Board. Their duties are to coordinate all Forum functions between annual meetings and provide interface between the Forum and the International Board.

STANDING COMMITTEES — The standing committees for 1983/84 are: Convention, Credentials, Future Planning, Government Relations, Life, Rules and Procedures.

TASK AREAS — The task areas for 1983/84 are: Awards and Recognition, Communications, Computer Services, Disaster Preparedness, Fundraising, Leadership and Training, Public Relations, Publications Clearing.

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

regular membership dues), but are scheduled to increase to \$200 in January 1984 when the dues increase to \$10 per member takes effect.

And now to make Life Membership even more accessible to our members, REACT is offering three convenient payment plans: (1) Check or Money Order with application for full amount. (2) Direct Charge. Use your bank card — Visa or MasterCard, as provided in the accompanying form. Application is processed immediately if methods (1) or (2) are utilized. (3) Submit the form with \$20 deposit and pay \$20 per month for six months. Life Membership will be awarded only when fully paid.

Note: \$1 per payment service charge will be added for those who initiate this plan (3) after November 15.

London REACT Hosts Conclave



LONDON, ON — Ontario REACT Teams were pleasantly surprised when Bill Reavick (front, 2nd left) of City REACT of Calgary, Alberta attended the 4th annual Ontario REACT conference hosted this year by London REACT. Ron McCracken, Canadian Liaison to the REACT International Board of Lake Simcoe REACT, is second from right, front row.

Standing Committee Reports From the 1983 Convention

by Penny Barker, V.P., Administration

General Session, July 26: The Convention Site Selection Committee recommended that the 1985 REACT convention be held in Chicago, IL at the Sheraton O'Hare Hotel. The Future Planning Committee recommended that REACT International continue to support efforts to expand personal use radio above 450 MHz, that the Forum continue to work toward establishing a training program designed to raise members' skills, that the Forum examine organizational structures having longer than one year terms of office and recommend adoption by the Teams, and that REACT International provide for and the Forum endorse the admission into membership of Teams whose primary function is any one of the purposes of REACT.

General Session, July 28: The Convention Planning Committee will be planning the program for the next annual convention and preparing a guideline for REACT convention planning. The Credentials Committee recommended the creation of a credentials validation sub committee. The procedures for credentials validation were recommended by the committee and will be published for 1984 attendees. The following procedures were recommended for special case delegate recognition situations:

"In those cases where unforeseen events may prevent an elected Team or Council delegate from attending the International convention, and time or distance prevents proper revision of the delegate's credentials, or, in those isolated cases where a Team or Council fails to submit delegate credentials, and so long as there is no documentation from said Team or Council indicating they do not wish official recognition, this procedure authorizes the credentials committee to recognize a member in attendance from that Team or Council as the delegate.

When there is more than one representative in attendance, in those cases described above, these representatives will caucus and select a delegate and alternate using the same procedures and forms as used for Forum Delegate (states not having Councils). In all such cases the Credentials Committee will recognize a delegate and alternate as appropriate for that Team or Council. Challenges to credential validity will be handled on a case by case basis by the Credentials Committee."

The Basic Objective of the Future Planning Committee is to provide ideas for future directions of REACT. The committee will review past recommendations, define the impact of a personal radio citizens service (900 MHz) on REACT operations, survey REACT Team involvement in various types of activity, analyze survey results, monitor the expansion of REACT. The Government Relations Committee will be the Washington, DC presence of the REACT Forum. The committee expects to consult with FCC and monitor developments in commission proposals for use of volunteers in enforcement. Rules and Procedures Committee projects will be to recommend certain changes in the Forum standing rules and to recommend certain changes to REACT International bylaws.

Note: The address and telephone list of Forum officers and chairmen appears on page 4 of this issue. All REACTers are encouraged to participate in Forum activities by submitting suggestions to the appropriate Forum chairmen.

REACT Calendar of Events

1983

September 23-25:
Fifth Annual Convention
Nebraska REACT Council
Columbus, Nebraska Holiday Inn
Carrie Kesper, P.O. Box 6
Bellwood, NE 68024

November 11-13
Indiana Council REACT Convention
Howard Johnson East
Indianapolis, IN
Contact Dee Morgan
1469 Leland Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46219

November 13
Turkey Jamboree —
The New Rescue REACT
Team 4508
P.O. Box 69A, Haverhill, MA
1984

September 30-October 2
Annual Convention — Commonwealth
of Virginia REACT Council
West Central 4-H Camp
Roanoke, VA
Contact Rick Munton, 514 Aragona
Vinton, VA 24179

July 29-August 2
REACT International Convention
Desert Inn Hotel
Daytona Beach, FL
Contact Claire Harris, Chairman
Convention Committee
P.O. Box 6284
Daytona Beach, FL 32022



APPLICATION FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP IN REACT INTERNATIONAL

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I hereby request consideration of this application of LIFE MEMBERSHIP in REACT International. I am a member in good standing of:

(Team Name) _____ (REACT Team Number) _____
I joined the Team in _____ (Month) _____ (Year) and have maintained my membership in good standing for _____ years.*

I understand that acceptance as a Life Member in REACT International does not release me from any financial or other obligation of membership in my local REACT Team. I shall be entitled to all privileges of Life Membership in REACT International wherever and so long as I live and my conduct is consistent with the purposes and ideals of the REACT organization.

Permission to publish name, address and telephone number to other REACT Life Members is _____ authorized.

Enclosed is my _____ Check _____ Money Order in the amount of \$140.00 (20 x \$7.00 Annual Dues) for Life Membership Dues.

I prefer to charge to my (check one) _____ Visa _____ MasterCard Card No. _____ Expiration Date _____ (Considered a tax deductible contribution on U.S. Federal Income Tax return for year in which it is paid.)

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Approval of this application is recommended by REACT Team:
Team: _____ Number: _____
Officer Name: _____ Title: _____
Officer Name: _____ Title: _____

(Requires signature of two Team Officers other than applicant, of which Team applicant is a member) Date: _____

Team Comments: _____

*Note: If applicant's two year membership requirement is fulfilled through membership in more than one Team, please attach letter of explanation stating which Team and reason for change (moved, etc.).

Send to REACT International, Inc., 3653 Woodhead Drive, Northbrook, IL 60062.

Clearwater Break Rates Interview



CLEARWATER, FL — Robert E. White, President of Central Pinellas REACT C111, being interviewed by WXFL-TV Channel 8, on Sunday May 29 at the Team sponsored Memorial Day Coffee Break. Channel 10 also showed up at the affair to provide no charge TV spots during the news.

Team Learns of Passing of Beloved Member in Connecticut

ENFIELD, CN — Word has reached REACT of the recent death of Catherine I. Floyd, 64, known by her CB radio handle of "Aunt Kate," and an active member of Tobacco Valley REACT for many years. She was the wife of REACT President Roy V. Floyd.

Born in Boston, she lived in Leominster, MS for many years and in Enfield for 21 years.

Besides her activities in REACT she was active in the March of Dimes, Multiple Sclerosis, Loaves and Fishes,

Knights of Columbus, and the Retarded and Handicapped Children's Fund.

Besides her husband, she is survived by a daughter and three sisters.

According to fellow REACT member Robert F. Zalewski, "Kate was a very special lady. She'd help others out in need, without thinking twice."

"She changed many lives around for the better, including my own. My future wife was introduced to me by Kate. Whoever met or knew Kate loved her. You couldn't help it. She was special — like my own Mom to so many others also."

Mo. REACTer Rates Praise for Radio Work

ST. PETERS, MO — Winner of a certificate and commendation from the American Radio Relay League for his efforts in behalf of amateur radio was Gary Schuchardt, a founder of Mid-Rivers REACT Team #4455 here.

"This commendation is not the type of award that is specifically worked for, asked for, or expected," said the accompanying letter from John F. Lindholm, Communications Manager of the ARRL. "It comes as a spontaneous recognition of outstanding work by individual amateurs." Nice going, Gary, for another in a string of spectacular achievements.

Pa. REACTer In on Marine Duty in Lebanon

LANCASTER, PA — Figuring prominently in the pages of the May 17 edition of *USA Today* was a picture of US Marine Pfc. Rick Bear, a member of REACT Services, Inc., Team #3851 and the son of James E. Bear. Private Bear was shown guarding a diplomatic mission — the British Embassy — in Beirut, Lebanon. It was the first time a US Marine has been assigned military guard duties at a foreign embassy. Says Jim Bear, "The past nine months have been rather nervous ones for me, however, I am pleased to advise that he arrived safely home on July 4."



LUCEDALE, MS — A new wrinkle was added at the Memorial Day Safety Break sponsored by George County REACT Team 3231 when members held a drawing at which passing motorists had the chance to win prizes. Shown is President Willie Gaines and Treasurer Harold Mason with Willie Stone, of Esterville, Iowa, who drew the third prize award, a tackle box.



Break Draws Visitors From Coast to Coast

FREEPORT, FL — Visitors from coast to coast flocked to the roadside stand erected by members of Country Side REACT Team #4477 over the weekend of July 8-10. More than 1,500 cold drinks, cola, lemonade and root beer and 1,500 cups of coffee were dispensed during the event which drew visitors from as far away as India, Holland, Vietnam, and Saudi Arabia. According to Inez Holland, Secretary, the Team is so small, it is known as the "Mighty Mites," but that's not stopping it from planning its next Break for Labor Day.

Ill. Team Serves Public In Holiday Breaks

DANVILLE, IN — May saw a couple of Coffee Breaks sponsored by Hendricks County REACT Team #3172. The first was held on the May 13-15 weekend on Interstate 70. Coffee, orange drink and snacks were served to motorists and several travelers with car trouble were aided by REACT members.

The second Break was held over the Memorial Day weekend, and was abetted by the showing of a film on seat belt safety which was shown periodically. TV coverage was provided by Channel 6 of Indianapolis.

Maryland Team Cheers REACT Break Effort

HYDES, MD — The Safety Break sponsored by Harford County REACT Team #2342 over the Memorial Day Weekend was enthusiastically received by both the public and the Maryland State Police and the Harford County Sheriff's Department. According to Carl Wehr, the Team's Activity Chairman and Treasurer. Some 3,098 were served.

Local county government as well as state highway administrative officials and local merchants were cooperative of the enterprise.

Radio Spots Help Boost Team Event

MULLENS, WV — Local spot announcements on radio stations WWYO and WPMW and in the *Independent Herald* helped to boost the Safety Break sponsored by Wyoming County REACT Team #4051 last June. The Team was also planning a Break to be held over the July 4 weekend.

Second Safety Break Proves Winner for Muskegon REACT

MUSKEGON, MI — While the first Safety Break of the Muskegon County REACT Team #3880 was only moderately successful because of the cold and rainy weather, the second Break, held over the fourth of July, was a huge success with sunny and warm weather. More than 2,600 stopped for a refreshing cup of coffee or a cold drink.

Using a Team van as its base of operations, the Team also has a tent set up with the sides open so that in case of rain travelers could sit and enjoy their coffee and donuts.

Scheduled to be held shortly is the Team's third Safety Break, planned for the Labor Day Weekend.

REACT SAFETY BREAK REPORT

Team Thrives on Safety Break Program

EAST MILLSTONE, NJ — Somerset County REACT Team #4259 has already held two Safety Breaks — Memorial Day and Fourth of July — and will be having a third Labor Day weekend. Both Breaks were very successful. In addition, the Team had geared up to work with the 4-H Fair which was held August 17-19.

In other activities, the Team is joining hands with other Teams in New Jersey to familiarize them with public relations to help their Teams grow so we can have a very strong REACT organization in New Jersey. Local radio stations, WCTC, WMGQ (New Brunswick) and WBRW, (Somerville) will help to promote the other Teams in New Jersey with one-half hour talk shows, to help acquaint them with how PR works so that they can better use PR in their own communities.

Vt. Break Draws Motorists from 32 States

ST. JOHNSBURY, VT — Nearly 2,231 travelers took advantage of the Hospitality of Caledonia County REACT Team #2424 at a Team sponsored Safety Break during the July 4 weekend.

Travelers from 32 states and as far away as France, Mexico, Nova Scotia, Quebec and Ontario stopped for free refreshments at the Team stand before going on.

According to Lenna Ranney, Team Secretary: "Our Coffee Breaks are well received. We have not had a fatality in our areas on the Coffee Break weekends. This is sufficient enough reason for us to continue with this activity."

"They Couldn't Thank Us Enough," Says Cadillac REACT

CADILLAC, MI — "We had radio coverage throughout the weekend and the efforts of the Michigan State Police and all of the other volunteer groups was greatly appreciated by the public. The response from people was great. They couldn't thank us enough for the service we provided."

Thus Luana Denzel, president of Cadillac Area REACT described the highly successful Coffee Break the Team sponsored over the Memorial Day weekend.

Said Luana: "We can see the results of Operation Care in the lessening of traffic fatalities — the tougher drunk driving laws — and the child restraint laws. These have all contributed to safer holiday weekends..."



MUSKEGON, MI — Traveler approaches Coffee Break setup during event sponsored by Muskegon County REACT. He was one of several thousand motorists who did so.

W. Va. REACT's Motto: "We Are Here To Serve" Proves a Blessing

FAIRMONT, WV — This small community has had a bad problem with the spilling of PCB's. Reportedly a junkyard was tearing apart electrical generators which were allowing PCB's to seep into the soil.

The EPA was called into the community and went to work under the direction of Mr. Jack Downie. The agency is called in when there is a chance of endangering life, health and property. Hundreds of soil samples were taken and tested.

The EPA also responds to emergency calls involving water or soil pollution, toxic chemical spills and oil spills.

Also present was a 40-man Coast Guard crew which had been called in by the EPA.

The 40-man force included 14 divers, five who responded to chemical spills only. The rest of the Team handled per-

sonnel support, air sampling, monitoring procedures, sight and safety and security.

The crew was on call seven days a week and in two hours can have two to four men on the road. In 12 hours they can have the entire Team on the road with 80 tons of equipment, all airborne.

According to Patty Comas, Secretary, Marion County REACT Team #2831, "We hope to let the rest of the country know how important it is for us to help."

The Team has a small, fully-equipped trailer ready to roll at a fifteen-minute notice. It is stocked with coffee and tea pots, cream substitute, sugar, coffee, etc.

When the EPA moved into the area, the County Commission requested that we take our trailer out for their use. REACT President Roy L. Stewart set up the trailer for the agency's use and had coffee made for the men when they came on the site.

Dallas Backs Police Crime Prevention Effort

DALLAS, OR — Besides monitoring Channel 9 and sponsoring monthly Coffee Breaks, Polk County REACT Team #4026 has joined the Dallas Police Department's volunteer Crime Prevention Unit in handling city patrols.

Doors and windows are checked to see if they are locked, booklets are placed on unlocked cars or trucks, residential areas are checked for fires and suspicious persons, possible burglaries, etc.

In addition parks are checked day and night, and schools are spot checked when they are not in session for suspicious persons in the area or along routes frequented by youngsters.

Community acceptance is excellent and security is improving. The Team also offers emergency transportation to seniors who have to travel at night. Dallas has many areas where the neighborhood watch program is operating and the city is also expanding the block homes program in hopes that there will be at least one home involved in each residential block.

Security Role for Springfield REACT

SPRINGFIELD, MO — Greene County REACT Team C271 was active in supplying security for a Bike-A-Thon for Muscular Dystrophy. The 22-mile ride involved 150 youngsters.

The riders were treated to a burger and cold drink from McDonald's in Springfield and the Team was glad to help in the fund-raising campaign.

Littleton REACT In on Project Identification

LITTLETON, CO — In addition to the "Eyes & Ears" weekend patrol operated by Littleton REACT Team #4884, the Team is now engaged with the Littleton Police Department in Project Identification. Members help the police fingerprint school children, to provide quick identification of children that are missing, kidnapped, or lost. Each child is provided with an identification card complete with fingerprints.

In the event of a problem the parent can present the card to the police along with the missing person report and valid and immediate identification is available.

To this date REACT has fingerprinted about 960 children, and will continue this project through the end of the school year, and then go on to shopping centers, where it will print any other children that are interested.

For additional information contact Ed Hammel, President — Littleton REACT, P.O. Box 142, Littleton, CO 80123.

Clearwater (FL) REACT Splits Duties In Break

CLEARWATER, FL — Central Pinellas REACT C111 had a very successful Memorial Day weekend Safety Break. Members worked in six-hour shifts, with at least three units per shift. Vice President Don Nickey was in charge of set up and take down. Joe M. Lewis, Public Relations Officer, was in charge of press releases. We had WXFL TV 8 and WTSP Channel 10 news give us TV spots.

Punxsutawney Scores In Break



PUNXSUTAWNEY, PA — Members of Punxsutawney REACT Team #3522 are seen gathered in front of the roadside sign announcing Coffee Break the Team sponsored over the Memorial Day weekend.

PUNXSUTAWNEY, PA — The members of Punxsutawney Radio Emergency Service Team #3522, Inc. have been especially busy with three projects involving the entire community.

Starting off February 2 was the annual Groundhog Day ceremonies to decide whether the area would have six more weeks of winter weather or sunshine and spring-like weather around the corner. All members were on duty on top of Gobbler's Knob at 4 a.m. that morning. Members controlled traffic, protected the groundhog, and controlled the enormous crowd of people in very wet, rainy and icy weather. Fortunately the groundhog did not see his shadow meaning that spring-like weather was right around the corner.

Next came the First Annual Punxsy REACT Safety Break. For the first time

in the Team's seven years of existence, members attempted a Safety Break over the Memorial Day Weekend. It turned out to be a real success not only on REACT's part, but for travelers as well. Travelers from as far away as Texas, were served. Nearly all required supplies were donated.

Finally came the Team's second annual sponsorship of a Red Cross Bloodmobile Visit. Members feel the opportunity to observe people giving lifesaving blood is a fine experience for anyone. REACT was responsible for shuttling the blood from the donors to the blood technician, who in turn got the blood ready for transport to the medical facility. REACTers also helped donors to the donating tables and then to the snack table for recovery. By day's end, the Team would up with 158 pints of lifesaving blood.

Tx. REACTer's Alertness Helps Rescue N.M. Man

SAN ANTONIO, TX — An alert member of Bexas County REACT #2708 helped to save a New Mexico snake hunter stranded in a dry river bed threatened by rain.

According to the *San Antonio News*, the good samaritan turned out to be Gary Fishburn. The hapless hunter was Johnnie D. Butterfield, of Rio Rancho, NM who had taken his pistol into the desert near Rio Rancho to shoot rattlesnakes. But he became stranded when he attempted to drive his car across a dry river bed and became bogged down in the sand. For more than an hour, Butterfield tried to rouse help on his car CB before being picked up by Fishburn who called Rio Rancho police, a small community near Albuquerque, nearly 650 miles from here.

Fishburn is a major at Brooks Air Force Base and says his CB radio goes on when he goes home and stays on. He monitors it four hours a night.

Cinci REACT Rates Police Gratitude

CINCINNATI, OH — In a recent presentation ceremony Cincinnati Police Chief, Col. Myron J. Leistler, presented a Cincinnati Police Division Certificate of Appreciation "in recognition of exemplary service to the community," to Ohio Valley REACT Team #2611. OVR accepted this acknowledgment in the name of all area REACT Teams who together contribute their time and effort to serving Cincinnati and other area police agencies.

Tri-County REACT In Greenville Air Show

GREENVILLE, SC — The Greenville Air Show featuring the Thunderbirds held last June was a great success.

Tri-County REACT Team #4457, along with three other local REACT Teams, handled parking and security for a crowd which totalled — get this — 180,000 over the two-day period of the show.

Top Newsletters in REACT Competition are Announced

Winners in four separate categories have been announced in the Newsletter Competition. Newsletters submitted were judged for overall content and appearance in four categories: Teams with less than 25 members; Teams with 25-50 members; Teams with 51 or more members; and Councils. The panel of judges was selected from the attendees at the convention. In addition a winner was selected as the best Overall Newsletter as was an Honorable Mention. The winners are:

- Category A. Under 25 Members:
 - 1st: Lancaster County REACT (PA)
 - 2nd: Sentry REACT (IL)
 - 3rd: Northwest Suburban (IL)

- Category B. 26-50 Members:
 - 1st: Lancaster Community REACT (NE)
 - 2nd: Lower Pinellas REACT (FL)
 - 3rd: REACT of Manatee County (FL)

- Category C. 50 or More Members:
 - 1st: REACT of Golden Gate (CA)
 - 2nd: Dallas County REACT (TX)
 - 3rd: Southwestern REACT (CA)

- Category D. Councils
 - 1st: Land of Lincoln Gazette (IL)
 - 2nd: Cornhusker Monitor (NE)
 - 3rd: Sooner REACT (OK)

Judged the best overall Newsletter for both content and appearance was the *REACT of Golden Gate*. *Land of Lincoln Gazette* received Honorable Mention.

Our congratulations to all the winners for an excellent job.

Nashua REACT Again Backs Up Area's Canoe Race



NASHUA, NH — Alan Mendel, of Nashua REACT, is seen at the unloading area at the annual canoe race. He was one of several units directing traffic and canoeists so that they could get their boats to the starting line in Hollis without incident.

NASHUA, NH — Again this year Nashua's Park and Recreation Department called on Nashua REACT's many talented people to assist with its annual canoe race.

With units directing traffic and canoeists at the unloading area, participants were able to get their boats to the starting line in Hollis without incident.

The next step was to station units at the start, and finish with some units along the course in boats to assist anyone having problems. By staying in radio contact at all times, everyone was aware of who was on the course at any one time thus cutting down the chance of mishap.

The GMRS radios that more and more units are purchasing proved invaluable because of the distance and terrain covered by this event, which is turning out to be very popular with local canoeists of all ages.

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