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Thank You...for helping REACT International in 1983...



NASHUA, NH — Witness to the signing of document proclaiming November as National REACT Month in Nashua, are left to right: Lee Corbit; Mayor Maurice Arel, Norm Fournier, and Bill Marsh. Corbit, Fournier and Marsh are all members of Nashua REACT.

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We wish it were possible to personally thank every REACT Team and every REACT member who helped make 1983 a successful year for REACT. The great work you do to help your community is the most important way to help REACT International remain a vital volunteer force worldwide for many years to come!

Goodwill Bonanza

National REACT Month Tops Goodwill Pipeline

There's a reservoir of goodwill out there created by REACT's selfless acts of service for their fellow citizens and neighbors. All you've got to do is tap into it as the following stories, all built around National REACT Month held last November, would seem to indicate.



An Independent Non-Profit Public Service Organization Providing Organized Citizens Two-Way Radio Communications In Local Emergencies

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Amateur Radio League Tables Agreement With REACT

We previously announced the decision of the American Radio Relay League Board of Directors to approve the concept of a cooperative understanding with REACT International. Unfortunately, at the last meeting of the ARRL Board, this action was tabled. We are now asking all REACT members who are also members of the American Radio Relay League to contact the ARRL Director elected from your geographical division to represent you on the ARRL Board and ask their support in this matter. The following are copies of letters received from the General Manager of the League and a replay written on behalf of the Board of Directors by REACT's Executive Director. Your comments or copies of any correspondence you may initiate on this matter will be most gratefully received at Headquarters. We want to have a good file on this issue.

FCC Says "No" to No Code

The FCC recently terminated a proceeding in PR Docket 83-28 that would have established a class of Amateur radio operator license which would not have required proficiency in the international Morse code.

In declining to establish the new license class, the commission said that its studies have concluded that "the five word-per-minute slow speed Morse code

requirement for the present entry-level Novice and Technician class licenses in the Amateur Radio Service does not unduly bar potential applicants. Nor does the requirement pose an unacceptable burden on handicapped applicants." To the contrary, the commission said that it had learned handicapped Amateurs are proud of mastering the Morse code and generally do not seek special treatment.

Minnesota Man Lives, Eats, and Breathes REACT; Profiled in Local Paper

The story which follows profiles one of our most dedicated REACTers — Dick Gudridge, president of the St. Cloud (MN) REACT, and we are pleased to reprint it, with permission of the St. Cloud Times, because it shows the care and concern which typifies most REACTers from coast to coast.

by Bob Geiger
Times Staff Writer

Each night before Dick Gudridge goes to sleep, he switches on the citizens band radio beside his bed.

He hopes that the CB headphones that hang near his head don't squawk to life signaling a possible emergency.

But if an accident has occurred or someone wants directions between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m., Gudridge, 64, is ready to REACT to people calling for help over CB Channel 9.

Gudridge and 33 other members of St. Cloud (REACT) constantly monitor Channel 9, which is reserved by the Federal Communications Commission for emergency messages.

"The last thing we want to be known as is hobby cops," Gudridge said. "REACT has been awfully low key. I'll wager that if you walk downtown and interview 50 people you will probably not find four who have heard of REACT."

But for accident victims found by people with CB radios in their cars, time often makes the difference between life and death.

Gov. Rudy Perpich proclaimed November as REACT month, honoring the 21 Minnesota REACT Teams that provide an airwave sentry service.

Gudridge, who is Minnesota REACT Team Council President, is proud that state REACT members are being recognized for their public safety service.

A 22-year U.S. Air Force veteran, Gudridge speaks gruffly in the short, precise sentences that make up radio communication, smokes Pall Mall straights, and respects the proper use of CB radios.

At one time he didn't even want a CB radio. But, when he got out of the Air Force and went to work as a district supervisor for Pinkerton's Inc., he changed his mind.

in the morning, 35 below zero, and snowing," Gudridge said. "I want some communications available.

"I got into REACT because I was traveling on the road at all hours of the day and night. And during the winter-time I wanted some communications because I knew they could help me," he said.

So he joined REACT, and was named this year as "Minnesota REACTer of the Year."

Gudridge monitors the CB radio roughly 270 hours a month mostly during late-night and early morning hours.

"I don't sacrifice much sleep," he said. But when his sleep is disturbed, he only has to lean to his left and grab the microphone on his 40-channel CB radio which sits on a table next to his bed. A telephone sits next to the radio so Gudridge can immediately call the authorities with accident information.

The number of calls Gudridge makes to local police, sheriff and the State Patrol from his west side home is about 18 a month, he said.



Times Photo by Steve Wolf
ST. CLOUD, MN — Dick Gudridge, Minnesota REACTer

THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE, INC.
Headquarters Society of the International Amateur Radio League
Administrative Headquarters Newington, Connecticut, U.S.A. 06111

November 1, 1983

Gerald H. Reese
Executive Director
REACT International, Inc.
3653 Woodhead Drive
Northbrook, IL 60062

Dear Jerry:

Last April, the ARRL Board of Directors authorized the effecting of a Memorandum of Understanding with REACT International to better facilitate effective disaster communications and to delineate communications responsibilities on the scene of a disaster. This authorization, while not unanimous on the part of the Board, was the culmination of a long effort to accomplish such an agreement. As you know, the drafting of the actual Memorandum was completed just prior to the Board's Second Meeting, in early October in Houston. The text of the final draft was shared with the members of the Board a few days before this meeting.

At Houston, as reported at Minute 84 of the Minutes, the following transpired:

84) Moved by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Butler, that the President is authorized to sign, on behalf of ARRL, the draft memorandum of understanding between ARRL and REACT International, Inc., developed in response to Minute 75 of the April 1983 Board Meeting. But, after discussion, on motion of Mr. Nathanson, seconded by Mrs. Lewis, it was VOTED, 9 in favor to 7 opposed, that the matter is laid on the Table.

The best I can do in summarizing the apparent change of heart on the part of the Board is to say that several Board members questioned the benefit to be gained by ARRL from such an agreement now that individual licenses are not being issued in the CB Radio Service. I believe that this is the concern that must be addressed if an agreement is to come to pass.

I can imagine your disappointment at this turn of events, and can say that it is shared by those members of the ARRL staff who have labored for so long on this project, as well as by several members of the Board.

73.

Sincerely,

David Sumner, K1ZZ
General Manager

DS:dst
cc: President Clark
John Lindholm
Robert Halprin

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December 22, 1983

Mr. David Sumner, General Mgr.,
American Radio Relay League, Inc.
Newington, CT 06111

Dear David:

The Board of Directors of REACT International is very distressed to learn of the action of the ARRL Board of Directors tabling the matter of the Memorandum of Understanding between ARRL and REACT International, Inc.

I enclose a copy of the May/June issue of the REACTer where this was the featured story. We had hoped that at long last there was some recognition of the role of REACT in emergency communications by the American Radio Relay League.

I offer the following for consideration by your Board of Directors and trust that you will forward this information to all the Board members:

1. There is no relationship between the elimination of individual licenses in the CB Radio Service and the operation of REACT International, Inc. We point out that the agreement is not with CB licenses, but with the members of REACT. While it is true that REACT depends almost entirely upon the CB Radio Service, this is the only service that is available to the general population. REACT is the largest, and perhaps the only national organization solely dedicated to providing volunteer emergency and public service communications.
- The delicensing of the service has created a very minor change in the entire operation. The agreement is with REACT International and not with an entire band of operators. The ARRL should conclude this agreement to recognize the positive force possible in any communications situation with dedicated volunteers.
- Furthermore, we find it difficult for the League to change its attitude toward REACT because of an action of the FCC, when REACT was the only organization vigorously fighting delicensing. If the League is now acting in response to the Commission's action, why didn't your organization make an effort to stop the FCC from taking this action?
2. The League should conclude this agreement because it verifies the situation that is already taking place. In many areas REACT Teams are cooperating with Amateur Radio operators at the local level. Many REACT Teams include Amateur Radio operators among their membership.

This involvement of radio amateurs in the REACT organization is bound to grow. As REACT members become more sophisticated in communications, they are interested in getting Amateur Radio licenses. Furthermore, we find through contacts made by working emergencies together, and other meetings of amateur radio operators with REACT members, more amateurs are joining REACT Teams. In addition, our new policy of expanding the role of REACT to all volunteer public service communications activities makes it possible to have a REACT Team composed entirely of amateur radio operators.

We urge the League to reconsider the action taken at the October meeting and complete the cooperative understanding with REACT International.

Sincerely,

Gerald H. Reese
Executive Director
GHR/rls

Notes from Northbrook

by Executive Director Gerald H. Reese

We have been asked a lot of questions about the "August Audit" at REACT International. The committee of Bill Appel and Reid Jones, Jr. who conducted the audit insisted that the full report be sent to all Teams, which has been done. We suggest you ask your Team leader for the details.

Although the Committee did not supply a summary report for *The REACTer*, I think it appropriate to publish the first two paragraphs of the committee's transmittal letter of the auditor's report. This was signed by Bill Appel and Reid Jones.

"After a few hours at REACT International with Andy Freundlich and Joe Schenk from Deloitte, Haskins and Sells, it became apparent that a detailed audit was not necessary. The financial statements which REACT International had been furnishing were in accord with general accounting practices. The main problem with the reports was that they did not answer questions which both the Board and the membership were asking. To overcome this you will read in the accompanying report from Deloitte, Haskins and Sells that some of the titles for the various expenses and income have been more detailed. But more important, footnotes have been added explaining what these expenditures (or income) represent.

There was not any indication that a further audit would reveal any misuse of funds or other intentional irregularities."

Forum President's Letter

by John Tracy

With each new year all of us, in one way or another, take a critical look at the past, assess the good things, and the bad, and based on this establish goals for the next year. The Forum should not be different from everyone else, so here goes.

First, let's take a fresh look at what the Forum is, where we fit into the REACT scheme of things and what our objectives are:

The Forum is an official function of REACT International (in a sense an extension of the Board of Directors) that is carried out entirely through the volunteer efforts of the members of REACT. As such the efforts of the Forum are supported by REACT International, both administratively and financially. In turn, the Forum accomplishes needed development and planning work and advises the REACT International Board of Directors. In a nutshell and Forum is all of us, members, Teams, Councils, Headquarters and the Board of Directors, working together to build and maintain a strong and effective REACT organization. To help achieve this the Forum established these primary goals:

- To encourage the interchange of information and ideas.
- To develop essential guidelines and supporting material to help strengthen Councils and Teams.
- To assist in policy setting by providing advisory input to the Board of Directors.

This leads us to the question "have we met these objectives?" The answer would have to be yes and no. "Yes" because the results of Forum efforts can be seen everywhere we look — The energetic and vocal interchange that occurs at the Annual REACT Conventions; The how-to-do-it and Team support material that has been distributed in recent years; and the changes in policy, and even Board structure, that have resulted from Forum advisory input. "No" because all that has been accomplished is just a drop in the bucket compared to what can be done.

Which leads me to our New Year's resolution: I (we) resolve to make or reaffirm our commitment to REACT and the Forum; to work hard during 1984 to complete our chosen or assigned projects; and above all to work together, in harmony, at International, State and Local levels to achieve our ultimate goal, service to the public through REACT.

One final note: I goofed! The last mailing to the Teams and Councils included a package from the Forum. One of the items was a Forum Pamphlet titled "Agreements and Memorandums of Understanding." I failed to fully research the origins of parts of that document. I find that several of the examples were developed originally by *North Jersey REACT #2497, River Edge, New Jersey* and were included in the package as part of a project by the 1983 *Disaster Preparedness Task Group* of the Forum. I apologize for not including them in the attribution. Great credit is due to both these groups for their input and effort.

I wish all of you a happy, prosperous and productive New Year.

The lead paragraph in the comments provided by Deloitte, Haskins and Sells was headed "Marketing Strategy."

"The major problem appears to be the ability of the organization to generate revenues sufficient enough to continue to provide and improve services and communication to its members. It appears that the development of a formal marketing strategy to increase membership expanding the ways in which the objectives of the organization can be accomplished should be Board's highest priority.

Questions such as the following need to be addressed in the very near future:

- How should the organization's objectives change?
- What other group of members would be attracted to the organization in the future?
- How is the organization going to solicit funds from individual and corporate non-members?

The REACT International Board of Directors will meet in January to consider plans for 1984 to accomplish these objectives. You will receive full information about the decisions.

The concept of a Marketing Plan is equally appropriate at the Team and Council level. Now is the time for your Team leaders to not only develop a calendar of activities for the year, but also to establish some objectives in terms of project and program goal membership objectives, development of relationships with appropriate official agencies and other volunteer organizations, fund-raising objectives, etc. Your plan should include deadlines to achieve all of the various objectives within a specified time. Break down projects into assigned tasks with responsibility and deadlines assigned for each task. This makes your ability to show progress and followup much easier.

Often objectives are not feasible for completion within a one year span and this why two, three and five-year plans develop. If nothing else, going through the planning exercise will force you to make some decisions which you might otherwise never make.

Plans of this nature must be accompanied by sufficient flexibility to permit modification or revision as you go along. Don't feel that planning is a restriction. Some detours may be found on every road to success!

As 1984 membership registrations come in, we note wide variations in Team membership. A number of Teams are showing losses, while a number of other Teams are showing significant gains.

If your Team has found a way to build your local membership, please share it with REACT Headquarters and all the other REACT Teams. Send us information as to your successful plan and program to build your Team membership. We all want to know!

Diane Steed Sworn in as New NHTSA Administrator

WASHINGTON, DC — Secretary of Transportation Elizabeth Hanford Dole recently swore in Diane K. Steed, a federal executive for more than a decade, as Administrator of DOT's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

NHTSA is the federal safety agency responsible for enforcing the government's motor vehicle safety regulations and helping the states carry out effective highway safety programs.

Secretary Dole described Steed as "an outstanding federal careerist experienced

in regulatory policy and management activities and dedicated to the agency mission to foster a strong highway safety program."

The new administrator said NHTSA would continue its priority programs to combat the drunk driving problem and to raise the level of safety belt usage. "These programs already are showing positive results," Steed said.

Ms. Steed, who is highly regarded by REACTers, was one of the principal speakers at the 1983 International Convention in Wichita.

Barb Schoondyke Receives Award from MS

Because of her fine efforts in behalf of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society *Bike 'n Hike and Le Tour*, Barb Schoondyke, of Northwest Suburban REACT 3556, was recently profiled in the newsletter of the organization's Chicago-Northern Illinois Chapter.

According to Ariel Adams, MS Special Events Coordinator in the Chicago area, "Barb consistently does a outstanding job in organizing REACT support . . . and completely gives herself in these efforts. We are proud to have her on our Team, as I am sure you are too."



CHICAGO, IL — A buoyant and enthusiastic Barbara Schoondyke, of Northwest REACT (Chicago) receives plaque from Ariel Adams, Special Events Coordinator, of Chicago Northern Illinois Chapter of MS. Presentation was made in recognition of Barbara's outstanding and yeomanlike efforts in rounding up REACT support for the MS sponsored *Bike 'n Hike and Le Tour*.

Jersey Team Sponsors 4-H Group

EAST MILLSTONE, NJ — Somerset County REACT Team 4259 has completed a very successful year including a very satisfying Labor Day Coffee Break, as well as working with the Somerset County 4-H youngsters, known as the CBees. The Team also handled the October Fest and took the youngsters through Radio Station WBRW to see how a big radio station works.

Members have also completed the Raritan Borough Run-a-thon held October 23, and were scheduled to hold another Run-a-thon in November at the Lyons Veterans Hospital in Warren.

REACT has also been invited to do a workshop for a group known as Agate (Advocates of Gifted and Talented Education) according to Team Secretary Lillian Sharon. "We are pleased that they chose our Team to do a program to learn about CB's and what REACT Teams do."

Halloween Party a Real Treat!

PORTAGE, WI — In the thick of putting on a Halloween party for area youngsters was Columbia County REACT Team 4578. The party, which ran from 6 to 8 p.m., included games and costume contests for children and adults.



EAST MILLSTONE, NJ — Members of Somerset County REACT Team 4259 and some of the members of the 4-H group they sponsor known as the CBees.

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Waterloo REACT's Van on Display



WATERLOO, ON — The Waterloo Regional REACT Team 2114 have now completed their portable base for planned and emergency work.

This vehicle is not merely a communications van. Installed on it is a three-section crank up tower, permanently attached to the van and capable of raising an antenna forty feet in height without the necessity of guying the tower or bracing the vehicle, hence a "base on wheels."

The radio equipment housed in the van includes a G.R.S. (CB) transceiver, the Team's private frequency (business band) radio base, and a two-meter transceiver for the regional fire department radio network.

The van is also equipped with emergency gear such as wet weather suits, flares, flashlights, hardhats, tools, and rooflights.

The van is also a useful public relations tool. At the Cavalcade of Safety, Waterloo Region REACT demonstrates to the

public the ways and importance of safe surroundings and a safe community. Waterloo Regional REACT brought their van this year to the Cavalcade. It was quite a drawing card and all attending went away knowing more about REACT's work; some expressing interest in membership!

Offer Film on Drugs

NORTHBROOK, IL — "Double Trouble: Drugs & Driving" is the name of a new 13-minute filmstrip being offered through car, truck and tire dealers who are members of the Dealers Safety and Mobility Council. The program, which comes with a leader's guide and handout brochures, is free and calls attention to the connection of illegal and legal drug use — including alcohol — to traffic deaths and injuries.

"Double Trouble" is being distributed to some 8,000 dealers around the country who are offering the filmstrip on a free-lan basis to organizations and schools in their communities.

Interested REACT Teams should contact Mr. John McCawley at the Dealers Safety and Mobility Council, 1776 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20036, for the names of participating dealers in their area.

VA REACT Helps to Put Over Soccer Event

HERNDON, VA — Thanks to a great extent to the Herndon REACT members who assisted in the Loudoun Soccer Tournament, the event, which took place over the weekend of October 8-10, was a success. It turned out to be a highly competitive event, and unfortunately there were many serious player injuries. At times it seemed that REACT would never get routine traffic through the net because of all the calls they received and relayed concerning compound fractures to players.

Thanks were also due to Montgomery and Federal City REACT units who assisted, and a special round of applause was due REACTers who covered the very difficult geographical terrain of playing fields at Lake Fairfax. From a communications standpoint all went smoothly and the tournament officials expressed their appreciation for REACT's help.

Why is Florida Team Using Crime Watch as Project for 1985 — Article Explains

Because it provides an opportunity to make a significant public service contribution. Our aim is to establish reliable and dependable communications among groups of citizens and law enforcement agencies to reduce the potential for vandalism and the threat of crime in our neighborhoods.

Volunteerism is a phenomenon unique to America; our participation in Crime Watch provides a new dimension to make REACT even more valuable on a day-to-day basis. For the first time an organization thinks to share this volunteerism with law enforcement agencies in a program we can all relate to and use; it is a further extension for all emergency services. Every block captain has a role! Each resident has a role! And — unless block captains and each resident carries out his or her role with dedication, Crime Watch in your community will develop into a group of complacent residents expecting the law enforcement agencies to protect them.

The Lake County Sheriff's Department has established seventy individual Neighborhood Watch Systems within Lake County (more power to them). The Police Departments have done a pretty good job of creating interest in the cities and towns of Lake County.

My good friends, there are over two hundred mobile home communities in Lake County; just think of the potential for development of reliable volunteerism within these communities if we could unite REACT and the Lake County Radio Amateurs (LARA) into a system of units living there who were receiving official instruction at monthly meetings held at the Emergency Services office in Tavares.

William Vively, Director
Mt. Dora REACT Team 3211
Mt. Dora, Florida

This REACTer Bumps Into Woman She Helped

NEW CASTLE, IN — While in the hospital last September, Mildred Richards, Secretary-Treasurer of Henry County REACT, bumped into a woman she had helped through REACT only a few weeks earlier.

The woman had been injured in an auto accident while Mildred's injury was the result of being knocked down a flight of stairs. "Sure is a small world," says Mildred, who reports that the woman is back home in Missouri. Mildred is back home too.

HAM RADIO LICENSES SIMPLE TO GET UNDER NEW FCC RULES

FCC GOING PUBLIC WITH ALL AMATEUR RADIO TEST QUESTIONS

BY GORDON WEST, WB6NOA

How Would You Like Ham Call Letters in 9 Weeks?

Are you one of the thousands of hobby radio enthusiasts who wanted a ham radio ticket, but were stymied by the code and heavy technical tests? If so, there is good news from the Federal Communications Commission. The FCC is now going public with all test questions and will be allowing amateur radio volunteers to administer the examinations.

The FCC Notice of Proposed Rulemaking NPR Docket 83-27 outlines a volunteer examiner program where local hams will take over the responsibility of giving ham radio tests. Public Law 97-259 amended the Communications Act of 1934, and that allowed the FCC to accept the voluntary services of licensed radio amateurs in preparing and administering the Amateur Radio Service exams.

No longer will exam questions be kept secret. Right now you can receive all of the 200 test questions for the amateur radio beginner license test, the Novice License. Similar to aircraft FAA exam procedures, publishing

at 5 words per minute. This is slow enough that many students learn the code at this speed within 30 days. The code test is administered by a neighbor volunteer examiner ham, relieving the applicant of the pressure of an FCC-administered code test. You can take the code test in a relaxed atmosphere in your home, or at the volunteer examiner's ham shack.

Once you pass the 5 word-per-minute code test, you won't need to take the code test over again to obtain the coveted Technician, voice-class license. The Technician class license lets you operate voice through the satellites, repeaters on 2 meters, plus skip propagation on 6 meters. The Technician license only requires a 50-question multiple-choice exam to be passed. Then, with the Technician license, it's only a 13 word-per-minute code test to get your worldwide, voice class, General license.

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companies and Radio School, Inc., have developed multiple-choice-type answers for these questions, as well as a key giving the correct answer for every question. This allows the beginner student to know exactly what is required to pass the 20-question FCC Novice test.

The FCC will soon publish all the questions for the amateur radio Technician, Advanced, and Extra Class theory tests, too.

BUT WHAT ABOUT THE CODE? The Morse Code requirements still stand for any amateur radio license. For the beginner regular classroom instruction, Radio School offers a complete home-study Novice license course. In about 30 days after receiving the complete course, you should be prepared to have a local ham Novice license, you must send and receive international Morse Code

home-study Novice license course. In about 30 days after receiving the complete course, you should be prepared to have a local ham volunteer give you the code and theory test, and pass with flying colors. It takes about four weeks for your call signs to arrive in your mailbox after you pass the test and your volunteer ham examiner sends in the FCC forms.

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Set Up Fund To Honor Memory of REACT Stalwart — Gene Goebel

NORTHBROOK, IL — A special memorial fund honoring the memory of Gene Goebel, long-time member of the Board of Directors of REACT International, is being set up.

In a notice (reprinted below) appearing in a recent issue of APCO (Association of Public Safety and Communications Officers) Gene's long-time campaigning of the applications of volunteer two-way radio operators to emergency communications was recognized.

The IACP (International Association of Chiefs of Police), and the notice further noted the splendid work REACT is doing in relaying CB emergency reports

to the proper sources, and in helping motorists to stay alert to traffic safety on holiday weekends through sponsoring Safety Breaks, etc.

Money contributed to the fund will be used to provide annual awards to REACT members who demonstrate outstanding performance in handling emergency communications.

REACT Teams and individuals who wish to perpetuate Gene's memory in a good cause are urged to forward their contributions to the "Eugene Goebel Memorial Fund" to: REACT International, 3653 Woodhead Drive, Northbrook, IL 60062.



REMEMBER GENE GOEBEL 1902 - 1983

Your help is needed to establish a memorial for Eugene S. Goebel, a long time active member of APCO and IACP. A Fellow of the Radio Club of America, Gene was well known to the Public Safety Communications industry through his careers with Motorola, and Communications Chief, Illinois Emergency Service and Disaster Agency. Gene's Silent Key appeared in the June 1983 APCO Bulletin.

Local REACT Teams monitor CB Emergency Channel 9 and relay reports of traffic accidents and other incidents to proper authorities. They provide supplementary communications in disasters: serve free coffee to tired motorists on holiday weekends, support highway safety campaigns (including current programs to encourage reporting of impaired or drunk drivers via CB radio, and participate in crime prevention programs sponsored by local law enforcement agencies. REACT received the President's Volunteer Action Award for 1982.

A member of the REACT International Board of Directors, Gene championed the application of volunteer personal two-way radio operators to emergency communications. There could be no more fitting memorial to Gene than an awards program to recognize the volunteer efforts of REACT members.

Your tax deductible contribution will make it possible to perpetuate Gene's memory in a wonderful way through annual awards to REACT members who demonstrate outstanding performance in handling emergency communications.

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Canadian Team Takes Air At Anti-Drunk Driving Programs

NORTHBROOK, IL — REACT Teams across Canada are engaged in an impaired driver program that parallels the U.S. REACT thrust.

The Insurance Bureau of Canada launched the national campaign in mid-October. IBC Director of Communications John Cranford, contacted by REACT Canadian Liaison Ron McCracken, provided each REACT Team in Canada with the IBC publicity kit and support material.

"Drunk drivers are just as serious a problem in Canada," Ron reports, "and CB can be just as effective here in ridding our roads of this menace. We greatly appreciate the IBC co-operation with REACT and their concern for safety."

The campaign offers Canadian REACT Teams opportunities for greater exposure and recognition of the contribution they make to public safety in their communities. Media interest is keen and police welcome the support of trained, capable REACT monitors.

"Teams should contact police, insurance associations, and their provincial Attorney General for other publicity material," Ron suggests. "They can offer speakers to other community groups to explain the REACT role in reducing impaired driving. Invite police along, too, when you speak. It reinforces your Team's relationship with them."

"Your major contribution to the campaign can be informing CBers of the correct way to transmit an impaired driver alert (or any emergency message). Stress that it should be directed to "any station" with a request to "please notify police," and repeated in its entirety until they get help or a reply.

"Many drunk drivers continue to endanger everyone because those with CB radios, and able to alert police often don't know how to do it correctly.

"REACT has its work cut out for it, but the cause is certainly a worthy one and deserving of the effort."

Annual Raffle Big Success!

NASHUA, NH — Nashua REACT conducted its annual raffle on Saturday November 26, at the Nashua Red Cross on Concord Street.

The committee, consisting of Bill and Jan Marsh of Hudson, Sandy Janes of Billerica, Steve Harmon of Nashua and Ernie and Edna Newton of Tyngsboro, put together another successful fundraising effort to help defray the operating costs of this all volunteer group.

Lawrence Garland of Nashua won third prize — \$50 worth of meat donated by Thompson's Market. Kay Schaffer of Freemont, NH won a black and white TV and the top prize, consisting of a VCR, went to Kellie DuBois of Hudson.

the most dedicated and valuable, would be virtually impossible to run the event without REACT.

As in the past, your fine organization did an outstanding job. Barb Schoondy put in many hours and miles to assure that each route would be well staffed a that everyone involved understood the vital role they would be playing. I'm sure you are well aware of what an asset Barbara is to both the MS Society and REACT.

Although the efforts of each REACT member are greatly respected and appreciated, I would like to highlight the work this year of Tri-State Team 4. Evidently, one of our LaGrange participants was seriously hurt with three broken ribs and other injuries. Team 4 calmly and professionally took immediate control of the situation and had the young girl in the hospital within 30 minutes. I've received excellent comments regarding their efforts and we are very grateful for their swift and impressive actions.

Please relay our thanks and gratitude to the members of REACT. They are a delight to work with and vital to the success of the MS Bike 'n Hike.

Respectfully yours,

Ariel Adams
Special Events Coordinator
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
Chicago-Northern Illinois Chapter

To The Editor:

On Sunday, September 11, the 10th annual MS Bike 'n Hike was held on 14 routes throughout Chicagoland. Once again, REACT was out in full force doing their utmost to provide a safe and enjoyable day for over 1,600 participants.

The Bike 'n Hike is a very important fundraising activity to the MS Society that involves an enormous amount of organization and support from volunteers and REACT members are among

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Booth at Jamboree Pans Out for California REACT

NAPA, CA — Members of Napa County REACT Team 3643 were money ahead and a member richer as a result of a booth they set up in connection with the Napa Valley Jamboree.

Illinois REACT Re-elects Entire Slate of Officers

CHILLICOTHE, IL — Members of Chillicothe Twin City REACT have re-elected their entire slate of officers: Jerri Dillon, President; Jim Miller, Vice President; Bonnie Squyres, Secretary-Treasurer; Dan Chambers, Communications Officer, and Bill Dwyer, Assistant Communications Officer.

Elected as 1-year members on the Board were: Bill Dwyer and Bob Harvey. Two-year Board members are: Mary Chambers and Lulu Beck.

Here is Invitation to 1984 International Convention

Dear Fellow-REACTers:

This is the first information that many of you will be receiving about the 1984 REACT International Convention. However, those of you who attended Wichita and saw the videotape of the Daytona Beach area and the Desert Inn Convention Hotel — received some advance literature.

I hope that, as you read through the information contained in this newsletter, you will find the answers to any questions you may have. So many special "treats" have been arranged for you that it is impossible, at this time, to pass it all on to you.

The Desert Inn Hotel is oceanfront, but obviously only half of the rooms face the ocean. Early registration will insure an oceanfront room.

Please complete the Registration form enclosed in its entirety as we really do need all the information for which we ask.

Hope to hear from you soon!

REACTively,

Claire Harris
Chairman, 1984 Convention

Highway Markings Seen As Way to Safety in New Film

NORTHBROOK, IL — Highway accidents due to impairments from alcohol, fatigue, youth or old age can be greatly minimized by better road delineation, chiefly the simple and inexpensive procedure of widening reflectorized edgelines from the standard four inches to eight.

Produced in conjunction with the National Association of Women Highway Safety Leaders, Inc. the hard-hitting documentary was conceived by Gerald Balcar, Potters Vice President for Development and cinematographed by Gregory Eppler Wood. Balcar calls the concept of the film, "an engineering approach to alcohol countermeasures."

Who is the Man in the Hat? — For Answer, See Below



CORONA, CA — Do you recognize the man with the hat holding up the sign of Corona-Norco REACT Team 4252? He is Jack Klugman. Team President Teri Emmons is at the far left.

The two were snapped at the Chili Cookoff at Temecula-Rancho California. REACT assisted the Riverside County Red Cross Chapter with first aid for bee stings, etc. Fortunately that was about the extent of the first aid required this year.

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How do you plan to get to the convention? Car Plane Bus

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Nebraska Council Honors Local TV Personality for Her Support



OMAHA, NE — Carol Schrader, of KETV, Channel 7, accepts plaque from Nebraska REACT Council for her long-time support of REACT in the state.

OMAHA, NE — On October 11, Carol Schrader of KETV, Channel 7, ABC Affiliate, was presented with a plaque from the Nebraska State REACT Council. Jess Collier, President of the Council, presented the plaque to Ms. Schrader at the Channel 7 Studio. Also present were representatives of Douglas County REACT — Jack Griffey, President; Bill McCollum, Ex-Vice President; and Jackson Kling, Board Chairman.

The plaque was presented by the State

Council in appreciation of the support, help, and time Carol has given REACT. Her help in putting together a number of tapes narrating the role of REACT in the state of Nebraska has added a great deal to the slide presentation. Says Public Information Officer Rich Ryan, of Douglas County REACT: "Her support of REACT in Nebraska and Douglas County REACT has been a long association, and she has provided much to promote REACT."



Nuts & Bolts on 27 megs

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

We were so impressed with the heavenly drawing in the Nov./Dec. issue that it wasn't until our third reading that we caught the errors. The azimuth from point "B" to target #1 to read 232 degrees. Now the copy should read: Member "B" reports that he finds the "target" loudest at 232 degrees, and member "C" reports that he hears the target loudest at 282 degrees.

Now you can follow the balance of the copy. Your control now plots both lines on his area map and comes up with target #1. The instructions for targets #2 and #3 now become self explained.

We have been trying to carry thru with our own instructions, and we find to our horror that our friends (?) on Channel 9 are an organization dedicated to be anti-REACT, anti-FCC, and anti-establishment. They all use "mucho-power" and seem to revel in the very loudness they produce. What this means is that, if your beam tries to track them on their own channel (here channel #6), they are just too loud for you to locate. They are so loud that we can track them on Channel 9 better than we can on Channel 6 (where they actually are). Our other problem, that we really have not solved is that the group surrounds us. One member is northeast and he chats with someone who is east, who talks with someone who is south of us. We have lots of trouble identifying the voice, let alone from whence cometh.

My most faithful consultant, the Rt. Reverend Troy Kaichen, of Colonial Heights, VA., sent his critique to arrive with my REACTer. He finds no fault with using magnetic VIS A VIS true north for local bearings. He also urges from the moral standpoint that we NOT BE VIGILANTES, BUT DO BE "MEN." From a technical standpoint, he suggests that, if the signal is coming in too strong or mushy, a resistance pad or variable capacitor can be strapped across the antenna terminals and make the signal more manageable. Also, if tuning is a capability, then de-tuning will help toward accuracy. (If you cannot de-tune, just move off one or more channels until the signal becomes weaker but still manageable.) And he warns — adjusting your antenna resistance is for listening, not for transmitting. Your set needs to "look at" 50 ohms. Change that and "bye bye set."

Troy also warns of some problems at the end of your "tracking session." When you are using a small DF loop like the Goldline Signal Hunter in an urban area with large buildings, watch out for "skip" and reflected signals. If confused, seek out a park, hill, or open area to get rid of the "competition," and reconfirm the "voice" you are seeking.

It should appear by this time that swinging your single beam around is not going to "locate" the target. It is going to take a number of beams, and a number of sessions, and that brings up the question of communications between beams. Giving information on another CN channel (other than #9 and the one the target is using) is the easiest, but not the clearest or best. Using the telephone is better but more costly. The best in our book, if you are fortunate to be so equipped is to do your tracking on CB and your intra-communicating on GMRS. There is a good chance your target is not so equipped nor are his friends, and meanwhile your Team can use the GMRS like on a conference call.

Which brings us to another basic ingredient in local Team operation. You don't have to love your neighbor, but you certainly have to know him and to get along with him. Start with the prime fact that you as an individual, or a Team, do not own Channel 9, nor any other channel for that matter. You must share with other CBers. Bear in mind that the good Lord doesn't really care who gets credit for the call. He is only interested in whether the caller gets helped. When it comes to triangulation, you may very well be dependent on a member of another Team, or an individual monitor who isn't even in REACT. The bottom line of course is to know your local "competition" and to get along with them.

We've suggested to you that you become active in your local service organizations to furnish them with communicators, drivers, crossing guards, etc. Now we want to stress that the three way combination we now find ourselves in with the California Highway Patrol and MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) has produced more good coverage for our Team on TV, radio and press than we have ever seen before. MADD falls in the category of mother, hot dogs, apple pie, etc. — no one in his right mind can talk for drunk drivers. Our advice — get on board as fast as you can. Call your State Highway Patrol. They urgently need 24 hour monitors over the national three day holidays in order to meet the "demands" that MADD is making. Then call MADD, or its local version and volunteer to co-operate. MADD is only 3 years old, and yet now has 300,000 members nationally and was strong enough to get President Reagan on National TV in support of anti-drunk drivers.

More Letters We Like to Get

To: Gerald H. Reese

Enclosed is a REACTer's response to a letter from Emergency Magazine, May 1983 issue. Says Sgt. Sherrer: "I think that REACT should get with these type of publications to make sure they understand how vital CB is to the Emergency Medical Services system."

We agree and are happy to print Sgt. Sherrer's letter since it explains REACT's role in emergencies very well indeed.

To the Editor:

Of all the information that you have published on emergency communications, you have yet to give credit to the radio service that is a direct link with the individual. Citizens Band Radio is, in most cases, the initial contact of an accident or medical emergency for the authorities.

I take a personal offense to someone like Mr. Jeff Howell, (letter in the May issue) who stereotypes CB'ers. I'm certain that he knows of some Hams that scar his service.

There are groups of Elite personnel that take CB'ing very seriously. REACT, Radio Emergency Associated Citizens Teams, is just one emergency monitor organization that monitors CB emergency Channel 9 for emergencies & road assistance from the motoring public. REACT is a vital link to the EMS System. Most REACTers are first aid certified, some even are EMT's. We are first responders when arriving at an ac-

Editor's Note: The letter which follows was forwarded by Gary Schuchardt and Ra Bradbury, of Mid-Rivers REACT Team 660, St. Charles, MO, and we believe it speaks itself. Those involved are Bruce Shoney of Bruce's Automotive, Terry Stroud of T Towing, and Lisa Ament, of Mid-Rivers REACT, all of whom are worthy of special congratulations.

To The Editor:

On October 1st of this year, my wife, myself, and our three children, were traveling to Detroit on vacation. We had the misfortune to break down on I-70 near the First Capital Drive Exit at 5:30 a.m.

After a half hour of tinkering it became apparent that the problem was not one I was going to be able to fix, leaving me with that sinking feeling that accompanies a breakdown 700 miles from home in an area where you know no one. Calling on my CB radio for information, it was suggested that I try and raise a REACT unit on Channel Nine. I did so, and was immediately assisted by a very kind young woman who obtained the necessary info and advised she would try and obtain a tow service for me. When my CB apparently stopped working, she came by in person to let me know she had found a tow service. A Missouri Highway patrolman also overheard the conversation and stopped to check on our welfare. We were subsequently assisted

by a courteous young driver from B T Towing who took us to the only garage he knew of that was open on a Saturday and also pointed out a nearby car shop.

My big worry was that as out of state tourists we would be gouged with a hefty repair bill. However, Bruce, of Bruce Automotive, Inc., diagnosed the problem, obtained the necessary part and worked on our van immediately, then presented me with a bill which almost caused me faint because it was so low. In short, vacation was underway again in less than five hours. My wife and I were tremendously impressed with the kindness and courtesy we received in your area, particularly from the personnel at Bruce's garage, as we felt it was only proper that we share this experience with your readers. C thanks to all who helped.

Yours truly,
Richard A. Kistner
Chief of Police
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To The Editor:

Mr. Mike Booth
President
Tri-State REACT
P.O. Box 1203
Huntington, West Virginia 25714

Dear Mr. Booth:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and the appreciation of all of the members of the Police Department for the valuable assistance which was provided by your organization's Halloween Safety Patrol.

Citizen involvement and participation in activities such as this not only helps make the Halloween activities of the children of the community much safer but demonstrates the willingness of the citizens to be involved in worthwhile activities.

Ottie Adkins
Chief of Police

I take this opportunity to commend Mid-Rivers REACT Team 4455 for their outstanding assistance rendered to St. Charles County Striders in support of the St. Charles Half-Marathon held November 6 in St. Charles, MO.

Particular recognition is extended Gary Schuchardt for his coordination of radio communication along the 1 mile course, and for his insuring a road and traffic conditions for over 4 participating runners.

Much of the success of this year's event is directly attributed to the suggestion provided by Gary and the REACT members' professional and courteous performance of duty.

Mid-Rivers REACT 4455 is truly a professional organization which can be counted on in a time of need.

Larry Boldt
Race Director
St. Charles Half-Marathon 1983

Piney Woods Rated Tops in Texas

TYLER, TX — Selected as the Team of the Year, by their peers among Texas REACT Teams was Piney Woods REACT. Criteria for selection included active attendance in all area council meetings, participation in state council, monitoring Channel 9, and other unusual accomplishments.

Here is what the Team did to rate its outstanding designation: served coffee and cold drinks to approximately 17,000 persons from all over the U.S. and many foreign countries at four rest stops scattered throughout the year; took and evaluated blood pressure of about 2,500 persons at six blood-pressure clinics; handled first aid booth for the Red Cross at the East Texas Fair; and handled first-aid at the Rose Parade with 50,000 people attending. The list goes on and on, but space prevents a full listing of achievements — readers get the idea, and hats off to Piney Woods for its well deserved achievement.



TYLER, TX — Piney Woods REACT in full gear in photo taken at recent Rest Stop, one of four the Team sponsored on Holiday Weekends during the year.

St. Paul Team Hosts Kids to Dinner, Party

ST. PAUL, MN — After months of planning and preparation, members of Ramsey County REACT Team #2538 sponsored an all you can eat Roast Beef Dinner with salad bar and hot dogs for the kids on Saturday, October 15 at Highland Catholic School in St. Paul.

Several weeks before the dinner, Team members went to local merchants who graciously donated over 35 prizes to be awarded that night. Prizes included movie passes, video cassette rentals, private club memberships and many more.

Team President Paul Oby stated, "The Team did themselves proud on the biggest event we've ever tried in our history. We received much praise from those who came including representatives from most of the surrounding Teams, a man from Maryland and a woman from England."

Mayor Proclaims REACT Month

NASHUA, NH — Mayor Maurice Arel of Nashua met last November with Nashua REACT members and presented them with a proclamation declaring REACT month.

Taking part in the presentation were, President Norm Fournier, Team Manager Lee Corbit, both of Nashua and second vice-president, Bill Marsh of Hudson.

The proclamation is an annual event and coincides with National REACT month. It is a time when the mayor again expresses his gratitude to a group of dedicated local residents who give of their time and effort to aid the stranded motorists in our area and the local police, fire and city organizations whenever and wherever they can.

Hendricks County Gets Off to a Fast Start

DANVILLE, IN — Hendricks County REACT 3172 got off to a great start in November by attending the State Convention. Much information was gathered and the convention offered a fine experience for some members who attended their first convention. As a result of this experience, considerable enthusiasm has been generated to send delegates to the International Convention next year in Florida, according to Team Vice President Ray Wilson.

After the convention, the State Council meeting was held. The future for Indiana REACT looks promising with the chartering of two new Teams and expanded opportunities to better serve our state.

Despite wind and rain, the Team had a Safety Break over the Thanksgiving Day weekend on Interstate 10. Motorists seemed especially pleased to see REACT this time. Although 14 were killed on Indiana highways during this period, REACT hopes that in some small part, it helped keep the number from being higher, said Ray Wilson.

Also during November, the Team donated money to a needy family and to the Speech Therapy Department of the Hendricks County Hospital.

California REACTer Honored for Service

CORONA, CA — Because of his commitment to Corona Norco REACT Team 4252, Ed Greany was presented recently with one of ten yearly Community Service Awards by Transamerica Corp. The \$500 check which went with the award went to REACT.

Ed became active with REACT in 1967 during his Navy Days in New London, Conn. When he relocated to Corona, he was approached to join the local REACT, then in its infancy. He joined in 1978 and has served as Vice President, Alternate Delegate and Delegate to the Southern California REACT Council. Currently he is serving as the group's editor, sergeant-at-arms and Disaster Preparedness Communications Chairman.



The Board of Bucks County Commissioners has proclaimed the month of December, 1983 as "Delaware Valley REACT Team Month" throughout the County of Bucks. The Delaware Valley REACT Team 2235 was chartered by REACT in 1966. Since 1966, the Delaware Valley REACT Team has responded to more than 10,000 calls for assistance, broadcast and monitored on CB airwaves by volunteers concerned about serving the public. The Chairman of the Board of Bucks County Commissioners, Elaine P. Zettick, presented the proclamation to Paul Hoyt during a regular weekly meeting of the county commissioners at the courthouse in Doylestown. Also pictured from left to right are Team Members Carl F. Fonash, John Weicker and Andrew L. Warren.

National REACT Month Tops Goodwill Pipeline (Continued from page 1)

For instance in Bartlesville, OK, on November 2, Oklahoma Governor George Nigh proclaimed November as National REACT Month in Oklahoma. Then on November 21, the Mayor of Bartlesville, on local radio, proclaimed November REACT Month in Bartlesville, a first for Caney Valley REACT Team 4464, and one proudly received.

In Scottsdale, AZ, as is its custom during National REACT Month, Scottsdale REACT Team 4148 set up a booth in a large Scottsdale Shopping Center over the weekend of November 5-6. The child restraint clips and REACT films received a lot of interest and the response was the best ever, according to Edward B. Outhouse, Team Secretary. A great deal of interest was expressed in two portable mobile units (the GE Help and Kraco Mayday) that REACT had on display.

Already the Team is planning to set up the booth again next year during the heavy tourist seasons and it also plans to make presentations at local trailer parks, where many tourists stay.

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In Memphis, TN, Memphis REACT Team 3083 and the Tennessee REACT

Council had a grand slam when they succeeded in obtaining proclamations from William N. Morris, Jr., Mayor of Shelby County; Gene Barksdale, Sheriff of Shelby County; and Lamar Alexander, Governor of Tennessee, all in observance of National REACT Month. Each of the proclamations paid tribute to REACT for its selfless service in providing communications for safety and emergency service.

Other documents proclaiming November as National REACT Month in their respective areas were signed by Robert D. Orr, Governor of Indiana, and The Board of Bucks County (PA) Commissioners in honor of Delaware Valley REACT.

Beauty Pageant Anyone? Texas Team Wants to Know

EUSTACE, TX — Any REACT State Councils out there interested in holding a beauty pageant? According to Madeline Dixon, Secretary of the Henderson County REACT Team 4502, the Team, which recently sponsored a beauty pageant, won the State Council title by default, since it was the only Team in Texas to hold such a competition. If any other State Council is interested in competing, Henderson County REACT would very much like to hear from them. Contact Ms. Dixon at: Henderson County REACT Team 4502, P.O. Box 250, Eustace, TX 75124.

Memphis Grand Slam

MEMPHIS, TN — Memphis REACT Team 3083 and the Tennessee REACT Council had a grand slam when they succeeded in obtaining proclamations from William N. Morris, Jr., Mayor of Shelby County; Gene Barksdale, Sheriff of Shelby County; and Lamar Alexander, Governor of Tennessee, all in observance of National REACT Month. Each of the proclamations paid tribute to REACT for its selfless service in providing communications for safety and emergency service.

Dallas County REACT, Dallas Council on Alcoholism Offer Free Ride Home

DALLAS, TX — The New Year's Eve "Free Ride Home" was offered for the fourth consecutive year by Dallas County REACT and the Dallas Council on Alcoholism. This public service activity, which began at 6 p.m. on Saturday, December 31 (New Year's Eve) and ended at 6 a.m. on Sunday, January 1, was part of the Dallas Council's annual "Holidays Ahead" program.

The "Holidays Ahead" program is directed at the problems of excessive drinking during holiday periods, and runs during the months of November and December each year. This program is designed to increase public awareness about the dangers of drinking, and especially driving while drinking.

The grand finale to "Holidays Ahead" was the New Year's Eve Free Ride Home. This event, co-sponsored by the volunteers of Dallas County REACT, provided communications equipment, personnel, and vehicles, all at no cost to the public. Additional volunteers and vehicles were provided by the Dallas Council on Alcoholism.

The "Free Ride Home" was available by calling a local phone number and was limited to Dallas County locations. According to REACT's Special Events Chairman Terry Allen, "We are occasionally asked to transport someone from one bar or party to another. Our service *only* takes someone home!"

Although Dallas County REACT is best known for their monitoring coverage of Citizens Band Channel 9 (the "national emergency channel" designated by the Federal Communications Commission), DCR volunteers also provide communications and manpower assistance to other organizations such as the March of Dimes, Dallas Society for Crippled Children, the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, Plaza Theater for the Arts, Multiple Sclerosis Society, and Muscular Dystrophy Society. REACT volunteers also handle many calls on the Dallas/Tarrant County "DWI Hotline" (263-5-DWI) sponsored by the Safety Council of Greater Dallas.

In existence since 1967, Dallas County REACT shared in 1982 in the award of the "President's Volunteer Action Award," presented to REACT organizations nationwide by President Reagan.

Oregon REACTer Helps Police Nab Suspect

EUGENE, OR — On Saturday, December 3, 1983 at about 5 a.m., a member of Lane County REACT Team #2853, who was listening to Eugene Police radio conversations, led police to the home of a 32-year-old man who was arrested and charged with second-degree robbery.

The REACT member, who heard police dispatch a description of the vehicle associated with the robbery, decided to wait at a major intersection a few blocks away to see if the suspect might pass his way.

As he spotted a vehicle matching that of the suspect's, the Eugene Police Department was immediately notified with a hand-held UHF mobile telephone belonging to the REACT member.

The vehicle, which was followed from a distance, proceeded directly to the suspect's home and then left again. During the entire event, Eugene Police were kept in constant contact and up-to-date on the suspect vehicle's location.

The suspect was intercepted several blocks away from his home and taken into custody after being positively identified by a witness of the robbery.



REACT SAFETY BREAK REPORT

M.D. Team Gets Call; Ready to Roll in a Matter of Minutes

HAGERSTOWN, MD — On Saturday, September 10 at 9:30 p.m. Carl Brumage of the Hot Line REACT Team 4086, received a call from the Mount Etna Fire Hall Auxiliary inquiring if the REACT Communications Van was ready to roll.

Brumage called Team President Baxter Ellifritz and other members of the Team while he filled up the van's water tank. About 15 minutes after receiving the call, the Team was on the move. By 10:30 p.m. they were up on South-Mountain in Washington County Maryland, near Annapolis close to where the fire was located. And that particular fire burned over 50 to 90 acres of prime forest.

From Saturday night through Tuesday afternoon, eight REACTers remained on the mountain dispensing food and drinks to the fire fighters. There were from 100 to 450 fire fighters at all times.

Altogether REACT used 2,000 cold cups and 1,000 hot cups and 64 gallons



of gasoline for the generator, besides all the food and drink and cups and other material that the local businesses donated.

According to Carl: "The eight of us put in a total of 512 man hours. And this was the first time for the Team on an emergency such as this."

Six Safety Breaks Cap off Year for New Albany, in REACT

NEW ALBANY, IN — Metro REACT of Floyd County Team C-1585 has held six Coffee Breaks to top off a very successful and active year. Members have devoted some 286 manhours each year serving about 20,000 travelers hot coffee and lemonade. In addition, they donated nearly 16 hours setting up first aid stations and communications for the Air Guard's annual picnic, and similarly set up first aid stations for Catless Chemicals.

In addition, members have responded to such emergencies as families who have lost their homes in fires, by serving coffee and food.

At a dinner in Louisville the Team's Commander Bruce and his wife were honored for the outstanding efforts in helping families who had lost their homes

and possessions in fires. The list of Team accomplishments goes on, but because of space, we can only wish them well in their continued efforts to serve the needs of their local townsmen and motorists on the road.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK — During the Memorial Day Safety Break, Oklahoma County REACT Team 2620 was grateful to Hardee's on North Portland for the coffee and cups they supplied for the holiday weekend from Friday at noon until 6 p.m. Monday.

Thanks were also expressed to Hardee's and to Dunkin' Donuts on the July 4th and Labor Day weekends for all the coffee and donuts they furnished.

Calling All Motorists



PRINCE GEORGES, MD — Frederick County REACT Team President Don Bixler invites motorists into I-70 rest area from Team 2967's communications trailer for complimentary coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and donuts. Team served over 1,600 cups of coffee, 1,400 cups of hot cocos, plus additional cups of tea, fruit drink, as well as 40 dozen donuts in two almost back to back Safety Breaks held last fall.

Sarnia (ON) Team is in Demand



SARNIA, ON — Posing in front of command post at '83 Labor Day Safety Break are members Sarnia REACT Team 3027. They are, right to left, Mary West, Treasurer; John Anderson, J. Goodall, Director; Bill Passingham, President and Team Captain; and Bruce West, Pub. Relations.

SARNIA, ON — "We have been kept quite active this year with our two Safety Breaks on Canada Day (July 4) and Labor Day," writes R. Bruce West, Public Relations for Sarnia REACT Team 3027. The Team also assisted with the Canada Day Parade, International Road Race, a local Triathlon, Blue Water Parade and a forthcoming Christmas Parade.

Already the Team has been proached for all of these events for a year, as well as the 1984 Highland games and the 1985 National games for the able. In addition, members have been able to raise enough funds to purchase and equip a mobile command post; eleven walkie talkies. Nice going Sarnia.

Get This Vermont Team Rolls Out Safety Break Hospitality Eight Times

ST. JOHNSBURY CENTER, VT — During the past eight months, Caledonia County REACT Team 2424 hosted 8 Coffee Safety Breaks with volunteers serving 7,850 cups of coffee; 5,585 cups of punch and 666 dozen (7,992) donuts to 14,672 weary travelers at three holiday weekends; 3 non-holiday weekends and 2 fall foliage weekends.

Travelers were from 42 states and 10 foreign countries and the Canadian Provinces. Many have been returning at the three Coffee Break sites year after year, stating how much they enjoy our hospitality and how grateful they could depend on the Team being in its same location with coffee, donuts and punch available and offering a chance to relax and stretch their legs after a long trip on the road.

The Team would also like to express their appreciation to Folger's Coffee for their generous donation of coffee; cups during the holiday weekends.

Carolina Team's Break Draws Great Response

MARION, NC — "This is beautiful a wonderful gesture serving many poses, mainly to get tired traveler rest, stretch and eat a bite." That was way one enthusiastic traveler described the Safety Break sponsored by McDo County REACT Team 2632. According to Frank B. Dysart, the Team's Safety Break Chief, the event was a "great success with some 10-12,000 travelers seen on the Decoration Day, July 4, Labor Day Weekends."

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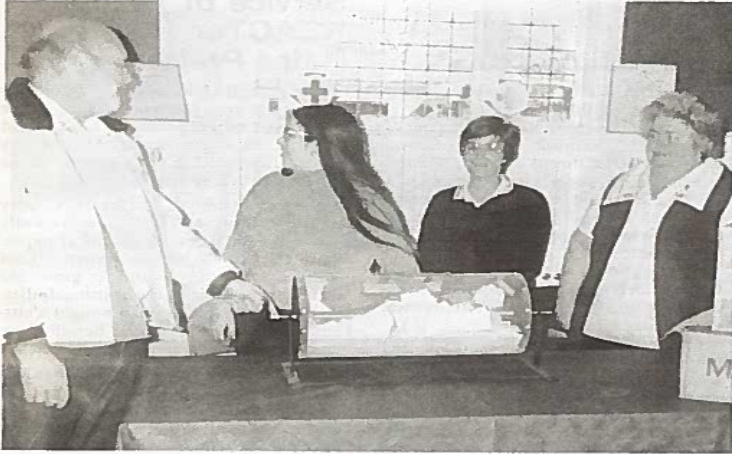
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Taking a Chance on Their Luck



NASHUA, NH — Giving the wheel of fortune a spin at the Red Cross Raffle are members of Nashua REACT and one of the sponsoring Red Cross officials. Left to right are REACT members Bill Marsh; Lou Ann Mondous, of the Red Cross, and REACTers Edna Newton and Jan Marsh.

NASHUA, NH — The Nashua REACT raffle committee met recently to count preliminary receipts for this year's raffle.

The raffle is REACT's main fundraising effort and allows the Team to purchase equipment to keep operating for the upcoming year. Tickets were on sale from REACT members through November 26, when the drawing was held.

First prize is a video recorder, second prize is a black and white TV and third prize is a \$50.00 meat order donated by a local market in Hudson.

The 50 Team volunteers give of themselves all year, assisting travelers, local police and fire departments, nurses and hospital personnel, runners and in general being the proverbial good samaritan.

SCRC Editor Appointed

Ben Krouse, outgoing President and newsletter editor of Orange County REACT, has been appointed Editor of the Southern California REACT Council newsletter, and will assume those duties early in the new year.

COLUMN NINE

Where the REACTion is Yours

The letter which follows appeared recently in Southwestern REACT of San Diego Newsletter and outlines clearly some concerns on the future and direction of REACT which we believe will have great impact on REACT Teams all around the United States and Canada.

This may be the last time that I will edit the Southwestern REACTer. As I move up to assume larger responsibilities in our REACT organization, President Southern California REACT Council, I feel it is proper and necessary for me to voice some of my views on REACT and its future . . .

As a matter of public record I do or did hold a license in all three of these services. I renewed my CB license, KAR16299, just before the service was delicensed. I also hold a GMRS license, KAC0054, and an amateur license, N611M. I have been in CB radio for over 20 years and in REACT for the last 7 years. For a little over two years I have been very active in the executive operations of my Team. My true primary interests are in regular and continuous CB CH9 monitoring and disaster preparedness.

Although we have seen a decline in the number of CB radio operators, in part due to the recent peak in severe sunspot activity and in part the passing of the CB fad craze, our monitors continue to handle many life and death emergencies on a regular basis along with the more routine traveller assist. The majority of these calls still come from the monitoring general public. It is this general public, equipped with only simple CB radios, that REACT is here to serve. Due to the normally limited range of a CB radio transmission, it takes many dedicated monitors to adequately cover the large metropolitan areas of Southern California. Yet even with the same if not larger responsibilities, REACT has seen a substantial decrease in membership. Much of this decrease in membership cannot be attributed to the above reasons given for the general decline in CB operations.

It has been my feeling for some time that a significant factor in REACT membership decline has been the unhealthy competition within and between Teams to build larger and more expensive radio systems. Growth in our Teams' capability can be good for REACT, but when that growth is at the expense of the basic purpose of REACT, CB Channel 9 monitoring, it is not healthy. I am not in favor of any moratorium on REACT radio systems growth, but I would like to see the general public better served and that for me means more REACT CB Channel 9 monitors. REACTers with their radios on whenever they are near them, at home and in their cars.

This regular monitoring will also serve the general public in time of disaster. Again, our fundamental purpose in REACT is serving the general public and for us this can best be accomplished by being able to provide an accurate and timely flow of information between the public and the emergency service organizations. Other radio groups can best provide much of the point to point communications within the emergency service organizations, but they rarely come in contact with the general public like REACT does. This was proven to me during the severe blizzard of 1978 in New England. It was CB radio that helped to answer the questions from the public and it was CB radio that got the volunteers when and where they were required by the emergency service organizations.

Let us not forget our REACT constituency, the travelling CB equipped general public. Let us again focus most of our attention on enlarging the number of trained CB equipped REACT monitoring stations. That is what has made us REACT great in the eyes of those we have served for the last 21 years.

Skip Westray
Public Information Officer
Southern California REACT Council

Texas Team Writes Proud Record of Service and Achievement

SAN ANGELO, TX — San Angelo REACT Association was quite busy over the summer. The following are some of the numerous activities that the Team has been involved in:

During April for instance, there was the Girl Scout Campout, 18 members participated, donating 255½ manhours. The Diabetes Bike-a-thon required six members for a total of 28 manhours. A car fire during this same time put two REACT members on the scene, fighting the fire and directing traffic until the Fire Department arrived. Also in April an elderly gentleman was lost and the San Angelo Police Department requested REACT's assistance. Three members were on the scene within seven minutes and another seven were soon enroute. The Police Department also requested the Team's help when power was lost on the major freeway. Thirteen members responded within 30 minutes to direct traffic. Two members assisted the San Angelo Fire Department with crowd control when an automobile accident broke off a gas meter. San Angelo Fire Department also requested REACT to assist in their Search and Rescue exercise. Eleven members responded in this exercise for a total of 29½ manhours.

Because of space limitations, the REACTer can't describe the Team's numerous civic and public service activities for the rest of the summer. Obviously, San Angelo REACT has been very involved and very busy with outside activities.

During the time that all these activities are going on, Channel 9 was monitored as the Team kept the channel covered 24 hours a day, every day. Members are getting ready to host the State REACT meeting in March, 1984 so every spare minute is spent cleaning up, fixing up and getting ready for this project that the 25 members of San Angelo REACT Association have taken upon themselves.

Publicity Helps Ohio Team

BELLEFONTAINE, OH — To promote interest in the Team and encourage prospective members to join, Logan County REACT Team 4108 succeeded in obtaining free publicity in the local newspaper and on the radio. The article explained in detail how REACT operates, what it does, and how to join. A similar announcement was aired several times a day on the local radio station.

Illinois Team Proves Equal to Challenge

BURR RIDGE, IL — As the sun came up on a cool September 11, nine members from Tri-State REACT Team 4018, were getting ready to set up for the Multiple Sclerosis Bike & Hike in the LaGrange Park area.

The Team clocked 86 manhours into the event which started at 7 a.m. and ended at 4:30 p.m.

The day seemed to go well, although one participant had a broken bike and members had to locate the friends to her party. But the real test came when a biker fell off her bike in the path.

Ed Petit (unit 18) called for help, to base command Victor Finegold (unit 13). Ernest Lynch (unit 5) and John Rehak (unit 10) flagged down a LaGrange police officer. Western Springs police and fire departments also rolled on the call.

While the call for help was on its way, Ed and his wife Jean sat the girl down and started treatment for shock. From the call for help to the time help arrived, only three minutes elapsed.

Thanks to the quick thinking of the people involved, the girl suffered only a broken arm.

BC REACTer Gets Nice Compliment

KELOWNA, BC — On the receiving end of a nice letter of congratulations was Richard Edwards, a member of Central Okanagan REACT Team 3738.

Wrote H. Markgraf, Director of Public Operations in the town, "In a fire which occurred at approximately 1320 Edwards and his friend helped to contain a fire on July 27."

"Edwards and his friend, Mr. Jack Conrad, reported and attempted to extinguish a fire on Knox Mountain," wrote Markgraf, who congratulated the two for their valuable contribution.

Waterloo to Host Team Conference

WATERLOO, ON — Waterloo Regional REACT, Inc., Team 2114 will host a conference May 11, 12 and 13 and all are welcome.

Arrangements have been made to hold meetings and have delegates stay at the Waterloo Inn at a reduced rate, dependent on advanced bookings.

Over the three-day conference period, there will be seminars and lectures on community involvement, public relations, communications and crime prevention (to name a few). Contributors to these seminars and lectures will be the Ontario Provincial Police, Waterloo Regional Police, the area fire departments and most importantly — you.

Any persons interested in registering, as well as those with questions or suggestions, should write to Waterloo Regional REACT, Inc., P.O. Box 801, Waterloo, Ontario N2J4C2. Attn: Mr. Chuck Waurechen.

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REACT To The Rescue

Roundup of Teams' Response in the Face of Challenge

DETROIT, MI — Thursday, October 20, 1983 — the afternoon rush is building on Detroit freeways. The weather is fine. Michigan Emergency Patrol operator Marilyn Appel is looking forward to a quiet afternoon with nothing more exciting to report than assorted road construction closures.

The State Police frequency comes to life on the scanner. They are assisting local officers in pursuit of a stolen car. The car is identified and followed into the heavy traffic on the outbound Lodge Freeway. The car is lost in traffic near the Six Mile Road exit.

The WJR Traffic 'Copter was in the vicinity and observed the chase. The stolen car had left the freeway for the surface streets. The occupants had then abandoned it and fled, on foot, to a nearby garage.

MEP, in direct communication with the helicopter via GMRS radio, advised the State Police of the situation and asked if they wanted further assistance. The helicopter hovered over the area and, through MEP, directed the troopers to the building, where the fugitives were apprehended. The stolen car was recovered and Marilyn was able to catch her breath. The final minutes of the action had kept her busy relaying directions from the helicopter to the troopers on the ground.

Says MEP President J.R. Lees, "The

value of our central base monitoring system was, again, clearly demonstrated, as was the use of our GMRS radio system to communicate with the traffic 'copters and our direct communications link with the State Police dispatchers were instrumental in the successful conclusion of this incident."

SHAWNEE, OK — Fire again claimed another business in Shawnee, the fifth major fire in the last 18 months to scar the town.

This was the second fire in which REACT Team 4563 in Pottawatomie County was called to assist the local police and sheriff's department in crowd and traffic control.

The fire started at approximately 6:57 p.m. and REACT was called out at 7 p.m. As the crowds gathered, police and REACT had their hands full trying to keep onlookers out of the fire area. At one point, fire department officials handed two REACTers a fire hose in which they also battled the blaze.

When the fire was under control, the local sheriff's department released their 90 deputies, from duty and sent them home, since REACT volunteers were on the job until 7 a.m. to make sure the area was secure from sightseers. Arson was suspected as the cause of the fire, and an 18 year-old woman was arrested at the scene, only minutes after the police and fire investigators arrived.

Mid-Rivers REACT Comes Through in Covering Half-Marathon Event

ST. PETERS, MO — On November 6, 1983, Mid-Rivers REACT Team No. 4455 supplied emergency communications along the route of the St. Charles County Striders First Half-Marathon Road Race in St. Charles City. REACT's participation was invited by both St. Charles County Striders and Athlete's Foot, based upon performance at the previous Lake St. Louis Triathlon and other athletic events.

Advance planning was accomplished by St. Charles County Striders' coordinator, Larry Bolt, and three Mid-Rivers members — Gary Schuchardt, Jean Schuchardt and Ralph Bradbury. The 13.1 race route was thoroughly reviewed with Mid-Rivers REACT, St. Charles City and Country Police, and other interfacing agencies by the St. Charles County Striders to insure runner safety. Aid stations were fixed at the finish line and at increments of 2.5 miles some 15 other radio emergency spotter locations were defined.

It was determined that 19 volunteer radio operator positions had to be covered. The REACT Team was requested to supply not only safety spotters, but communications between finish line officials and aid stations while reporting locations of the first through fifth place and last place runners. Some 300 contestants were anticipated in the area.

Many were using the half-marathon to get ready for the upcoming 26 mile St. Louis Full Marathon scheduled for later this year.

The race, which started promptly at 8 a.m. Sunday, turned out to be a great success thanks to the various emergency radio operators participating. The race was over and awards presented to the runner participants by 11 a.m.

Runners completed the race safely without any problems. The first through fifth place and last place contestant positions were communicated to finish line officials during the race on a timely basis. All traffic safety concerns were handled promptly. After the race, many compliments were given to the REACT ARES overall radio communication support by the St. Charles County Striders and runners on an individual and public basis. Both the REACT citizens band radio operators and ARES Ham Radio Operators recognized the potential benefits in working together.

The entire event required support of both citizens band and amateur 2 meter radio communication volunteers to successfully allow net control to maintain contact with start finish, the mobile side-wag unit, and some 17 other requested spotter positions. Volunteers from the Mid-Rivers REACT/ARES Team and from the Lincoln Pike REACT Team were called into action.

Permission was graciously given by Robert Zdvorak (KOFWL) to allow REACT licensed ham radio operators to use his St. Charles City based repeater and from Jerry Hammers (WBOYDQ) to use the Northwest Amateur Radio Club repeater as backup. Several amateur radio operators from various local amateur radio clubs pooled their efforts to assist in a combined R.E.A.C.T. and A.R.E.S. (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) effort.

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Carolina REACT Involved in Walk

HAMLET, NC — Richmond County REACT Team 3206 was in charge of traffic control and the safety of 175 persons who participated in the 1983 Crop Walk.

The route was ten miles winding in and out of the community of Rockingham. A number stopped at the five-mile point; others went the entire ten miles.

Eighteen local businesses donated gifts for the various categories.

The oldest participant was an eighty-year-old man who walked the entire ten miles. The youngest was an eight-year-old youngster.

REACT had a car continuously traveling the route for anyone needing help.

As the last walker passed intersections and everything was cleared, mobile units moved ahead on the route to help if necessary. Several walkers who wound up on the wrong road were located by REACT monitors who either brought them in or gave them permission to walk the rest of the route.

Twenty one REACT units with six mobiles participated in the event which raised \$3,000 while other members manned base stations in their homes.

OMAHA, NB — A winter storm which started during half-time of the Nebraska-Oklahoma football game on Saturday, November 26, lasted until November 28. Citizens could only watch as the storm progressed from rain to freezing rain and subsequently to an 8 to 10 inch snowfall to cause untold problems for traffic, street maintenance, and the police.

Throughout the storm, Douglas County REACT provided excellent coverage of Channel 9. Activity was quite brisk at times.

On the Interstate there were two major multi-car accidents with no major personal injuries reported. There were also the usual requests for road information, school closings and of course many reports of accidents. There were also many reports of stranded motorists and requests for tow trucks for those who thought their cars had 4-wheel drive and found out the hard way they did not.

On Sunday, November 27, the Team received requests from two hospitals to provide transportation to and from the hospital for nurses. Over a period of four to five hours, a total of 17 persons were either taken to the hospital or to their homes. Afterwards members could only catch their breaths and hope that the early storm was not a prelude to what they could look forward to in December and January.

71 and Going Strong

Service of Texas REACT Rates Praise

CEDAR PARK, TX — No matter what your age, you can still be active in helping others in need. That would seem to be the message conveyed by Lois Nulty, who at 71 is known as the Pink Lady of CB.

Lois, a member of Travis County REACT (Austin, TX), was recently featured in a spread in the local paper. Said the story in the paper: "Lois Nulty . . . didn't want to grow old sitting around her house knitting doilies. So the 71-year-old woman bought a citizens band radio, renamed herself Pin Lady and started saving lives."

Lois, who lives with her five dogs in a house near Interstate 35, joined the local REACT and says: "Whenever I'm in the house, I have my CB on. During the day I keep it on Channel 9 mostly and at night I turn it to 19."

It's interesting and can be nerve wracking too, she says, pointing to assists she has provided such as the time she led a woman and her snake-bitten son speeding into town and the time she counseled a suicidal teenager until help could arrive.

"The hardest part, is when someone is in an accident and doesn't make it. I always agonize over it and wonder if I had been a little faster would they have made it? But — you try your very best and what that doesn't do it, a bigger power take over," said Lois.

Philly Team is on the Ball in Covering Independence Marathon

PHILADELPHIA, PA — Greater Philadelphia Search and Rescue provided coverage for the first 12 miles of the Philadelphia Independence Marathon. The race was scheduled for Sunday, November 27, rain or shine. Search and Rescue personnel were stationed at the starting line, water stops, a communications center, and operated sweep vehicles through mile 14. This part of the race route is entirely in Montgomery County and passes through Upper Dublin, Ambler Borough, Whitmarsh, and

Springfield Townships.

Search and Rescue also manned first aid stations at the water stops and forwarded requests for ambulance service to stations as necessary via County radio. The sweep vehicles also picked up early dropouts and cases not requiring hospitalization for transport to pick up point at mile 14 where buses were stationed. The communications center was in contact with all Search and Rescue units and ambulances and the downtown race coordinators on F4 (.03 repeater).

Nashua REACT Proves Good Budd As Summer Racing Season Ends



NASHUA, NH — Units gathering prior to receiving Rivier College Assignments. REACT provides traffic control and communications for the event.

NASHUA, NH — The summer racing season ended recently with Nashua REACT assisting runners on both Saturday and Sunday.

On Saturday Rivier College held their first race with about 150 runners on the streets of south Nashua. Approximately 25 REACT members covered the street corners to protect the runners from traffic.

On Sunday the Gate City Striders organized the area's first mini-marathon with approximately 500 runners running 13 miles through the streets of Hollis.

It was the longest race that Nashua

REACT ever handled and posed a problem of having enough people to cover the whole race since it returned to the starting area and REACT was unable to jump units from the beginning to the finish.

All in all both races went well with compliments being received by the REACT units from the runners and local authorities for another job well done.

The fall running season started recently with the YWCA holding a run the end of October with REACT again protecting the runners and keeping the traffic moving.

REACT Members Now Can Obtain Cards in Fundraising Program

NORTHBROOK, IL — The REACT International Board of Directors has endorsed the use of a greeting card program to raise funds to offset the 1983 operating deficit of REACT International.

The Board has also approved a Team fundraising program for the Fall and Winter of 1984 built around the Lincoln

Texas Guadalupe REACT Honors Young People at Annual Awards Banquet Ceremonies

UNIVERSAL CITY, TX — Guadalupe County REACT Team hosted its 7th Annual Awards Banquet at the Sheraton San Antonio on Saturday, November 5.

The Awards Banquet followed the Texas State REACT Council's meeting held at the same hotel. It was the first time the Team hosted a State meeting.

Local dignitaries were on hand to participate in the program as well as to receive monetary donations from the Team. Earl Sawyer, Mayor of Schertz, presented a Proclamation of REACT Month during November and gave the Welcome. Ed Melton, Fire Chief, represented Schertz Volunteer Fire Department. John Hatzel, Assistant Fire Chief, represented Universal City Volunteer Fire Department. Tom Funk, Director of SAFES, was also present. Jan Balcer represented Robbins Rustlers. All of these agencies received \$100 donations from the Team. Joe Landry and Karen Wright received the Samuel Clemens JAFROTC which was presented a check for \$1,000 for the assistance they gave the Team at the Guadalupe County Fair last October.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Rod Ulin, Darryl Gonzalez, Barbara Person, Gus Person, III, Kristi Wright, and Patti Day for their assistance at the Guadalupe County Fair.



UNIVERSAL CITY, TX — Representatives of Samuel Clemens JROTC of Schertz, TX — Joe Landry and Karen Wright — accept Certificate of Appreciation and check for \$1,000 for services rendered during the Guadalupe County Fair, from Dickie George, President of Guadalupe County REACT.

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Bill and Mary Arnold as the only Charter members remaining on the Team.

Other awards to Team members were: Top Banana to Pete Rapstine; Guilding Light Award to Tom Scott; Guadalupe County Fair - 1983 Award to Don Gawlick; Super Osculator Award to Marie Gawlick, and Best Supporter Award to Rick George.

The Second Annual Friendship

Awards were presented to McGregor REACT and Bexar County REACT for their continued support.

The Team's Unit of the Year Award was presented to Don, Marie, and Donna Gawlick, who were also presented a Certificate of Appreciation and a \$50 Savings Bond. Each year, the Team selects the family who has done outstandingly on the Team. Their total support is appreciated.

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Sometime in March, REACT members with U.S. Zip Codes will receive a package of all occasion greeting cards printed by Famous Artist Studios of Valley Forge, PA. You will be requested to submit a contribution to REACT International in the amount of \$5 or more upon receipt of this package. In seeking additional funds this year, James Bear, Forum Vice President-Programs, and Co-Chairman of the Special Committee on Funding, suggested the Board consider this type of program.

According to Famous Artist Studios, "Everyone can use birthday cards, get well cards and other all-occasion cards. The value contained in this mailing is well in excess of the \$5 we are asking you to contribute." REACT Executive Director Gerald Reese added, "REACT International can eliminate the full 1983 deficit if we have a good level of participation. This will permit full-funding of REACT Programs for 1984."

Here is what you can do:

1. If you are not interested in participating, return the coupon printed above, so indicating. This will save you from the bother of receiving the mailing, and will save REACT International the cost of the cards.
2. If you participate, please send a check for your purchase contribution immediately upon receipt. This will be highly productive in increasing our net return as it will save the cost of follow-up mailings that will be made automatically and will be charged to REACT International.

Encourage Team officers to talk about this program and to seek participation among their members. The Board has also approved a Team fundraising program for the Fall and Winter of 1984 built around the Lincoln House Christmas Gift Catalog. Complete details will be available later in the year.

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