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## REACT Teams Act In Emergencies

Many REACT Teams are ready to respond to disasters and emergencies, often at just a few minutes notice. Here are just a few of the many stories which come into REACT International headquarters monthly where REACT Teams have met the challenge and won some.

**ST. LOUIS, MO** — An airplane crash in Bridgeton, MO resulted in a fatality when the co-pilot of a Canadian DC-3 cargo plane, Milko Ivan Blum, 22, died Thursday, January 12.

Immediately after the crash, several REACTers from Gateway Area REACT were on the scene. Some were asked to help with traffic control; others relayed traffic conditions to base stations. Some base stations were already monitoring when a call was received from a motorist that a plane had just crashed next to Interstate 70. The first reports indicated that it appeared to be a much larger plane with passengers — always a possibility to those anywhere near a major airport. The operations officer in the area contacted the police and was asked to stay on standby, in the event an evacuation was necessary.

Most of the remaining night was spent updating conditions with the police

agencies, and advising other REACT members ready to roll at a moment's notice.

Since the plane went down less than 75 yards from a large subdivision, it was a miracle a major disaster was averted.

**IRONTON, OH** — On December 8 at 10:30 a.m., Lawrence County REACT Team 4557 helped the police and fire departments in diverting traffic away from the downtown area after fire gutted the rear area of a local glass firm. Four Team members worked hard to keep traffic away from the fire area — two remaining with the Police Sergeant on duty and two working on the corner about a block away from the blaze. The four worked in freezing temperatures for nearly five hours before the fire was brought under control.

## Question of the Day



**LAKEWOOD, CA** — Why is Channel 7 Weatherman Dr. George Fischbeck (center) greeting Chris White, REACT International Field Director so warmly as Tri-City REACT Santa (Richard Lucas) stands by? For the answer to this question see story and more photos on page 7.

**SWEETWATER, TX** — Nolan County REACT Team 4485 is involved in helping a local family which lost a child and just about all of their possessions in a house fire to get back on their feet.

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## California Truckers Set For Impaired Drivers

**BURLINGAME, CA** — Contrary to the popular image of films such as "Smokey and the Bandit," many truck-drivers along California highways will soon be using their CB radios to help spot drunk drivers, as part of a new "Impaired Driver Alert" program recently adopted by the California Trucking Association (CTA).

The statewide organization, which boasts some 2,500 member firms throughout the state, recently joined ranks with REACT in an attempt to — "put a stop to the growing number of intoxicated drivers on our highways," according to CTA President Terry Fortier.

"Through this program, we can provide public assistance to the state law enforcement agencies in keeping drunk drivers off of California highways," said Fortier. "We will be taking advantage of our familiarity with and convenient access to radios, and encouraging all CTA drivers to use them for the public good . . . especially during the coming holiday season."

According to the CTA, a similar program was conducted in Colorado last year. Of the thousands of citizen reports made, more than 65 percent of the drivers in question were arrested for drunk driving. Some 25,000 people die annually due to alcohol/drug related accidents, and the annual cost to society is an "incredible" \$25 billion, according to the CTA.

In joining REACT, the CTA is distributing more than 20,000 brochures to member and non-member trucking companies. The CTA brochure provides information for spotting drivers who may be drunk or in need of help, and also tips on how to use the CB radio to give an



This trucker, seen in the cab of his truck, is among the thousands employed by California trucking firms, who are reporting impaired (or drunk) drivers on California highways as a result of the recent action of the California Trucking Association to work with REACT.

"impaired driver alert" on Channel 9 to REACT base stations.

"The CTA is also encouraging motorists to use the emergency channel," added Fortier, who suggests that there are several "warning signs" which may indicate whether a driver is drunk or in need of help:

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## REACTer Wins Award for Outstanding Publication

**WASHINGTON, DC** — REACT International, Inc. has won a top award in the annual publications contest conducted among all major U.S. voluntary associations by *Association Trends*, the weekly trade paper for association executives and suppliers.

REACT won third place for its tabloid *The REACTer*, competing against about 300 others in the final judging. More than 6,000 major associations were eligible for the competition, in 15 different categories.

The award was presented to Gerald H. Reese, REACT's Executive Director, at the annual Association Trends awards luncheon January 27 in the Ramada Renaissance Hotel here by Col. Frank Martineau, CAE, editor and publisher of the newspaper. *The REACTer* placed third in its judging category behind *Argus*, published by the American Academy of Ophthalmology, and *Bankers News Weekly* of the American Bankers Association.

Also at the luncheon, Dr. Kinsey Bass Green, CAE, executive director of the American Home Economics Association, Washington, DC, was hailed as the 1984 "Association Executive of the Year." She



**WASHINGTON, DC** — Jerry Reese, Executive Director of REACT International (right), accepts certificate from Col. Frank Martineau, CAE, Editor and publisher of Association Trends, the weekly trade paper for association executives. REACT's publication, the REACTer, won a top award in the competition among all major U.S. voluntary associations.

has been active for many years in the U.S. association community and is the immediate past chairman of the American Society of Association Executives.

## Call to 1984 International Convention

You cannot afford to miss the 1984 REACT International Convention in Daytona Beach, FL.

The photographs on page 3 which show you our beautiful beach are all we need to induce you to pack up your family and "come on down" to join others from Puerto Rico, Canada, France, Belgium (and other countries not yet heard from) in the beautiful resort area.

Perhaps, it will be hard to settle down to business at the Convention, but your family will be kept busy at the local attractions and we will have plenty of fun on tap for your evenings, boat cruises, comedy hours, and so on . . . or you can make your own arrangements.

The fascinating seminars will make this an interesting convention for you — and the days will be capped by a beautifully served Banquet and Cocktail Party.

Don't forget the hotel will honor the convention rates seven days prior to and seven days after the convention, so plan to come and spend some time.

Looking forward to seeing you in July.

REACTively,

Claire Harris  
Convention Chairman

P.S. Early registrants get first chance at limited oceanfront rooms.

## Stone Appointed to REACT International Board as At Large Director

**NORTHBROOK, IL** — Robert Stone, President and founder of Stone, Howard, Nowill, and Kouwenhoven, Inc., has been elected to the Board of Directors as an At Large Director. He replaces Henry (Pete) Kreer, founder and former Executive Director, who has resigned.

Mr. Stone, has spent more than thirty years commercializing new technologies and products, beginning with television, ranging through missile guidance systems, semi-conductors and consumer electronics, to ink jet printing. His functional experience includes general management as a corporate officer and director, engineering, marketing, manufacturing and consulting.

The specifics of his line experience include the design of a number of product firsts for the radio and television industry and membership on the National Television Systems Committee for color standards; Controller of missile guidance programs in the General Electric Company; the turnaround of a corporation pioneering the development of solid-state a-c power controls; the growth of CB and land mobile radio as Executive Vice-President of E.F. Johnson Company; and the profitable commercialization of ink jet printing as Vice-President of A.B. Dick Company.

His consulting experience includes the development of management concepts for General Electric; reorganization of several IBM Divisions as a member of the

Organization Department in the Office of the Chairman; and extensive consulting for recent clients, including: General Electric Company, Exxon Enterprises, Inc., Control Data Corporation, Tactec Systems, Inc., Masco Corporation, and Magnetic Controls Company.

Mr. Stone was educated in physics at Harvard University, radar at MIT, business at New York University, engineering at Polytechnic Institute of New York, and management at General Electric company. He is a member of IEEE, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Academy of Management, the Radio Club of America, the E-VIP *Who's Who in Finance and Industry*, and *Who's Who in the Midwest*. He is a director of Eagle Investment Corporation, and serves as President and Director of Compucon, Inc., providing engineering and consulting for hardware and software related to the development of industrial automation systems.



Robert Stone

## Are You In This List?

## Here are Winners in Early-Bird Competition for 1984

Many thanks are due to the fifteen companies that donated prizes for the 1984 Early Bird Membership Registration promotion. Congratulations to all

Winners of Antenna Electronic Company's MM-1015 mag mount base loaded CB Antennas are: Jefferson Ashabula County Team 2214 (Jefferson, OH); Chizena REACT of South Jersey Team 2572 (Vineland, NJ).

Antenna, Inc. will be sending their Model 17604 trunk lip mount CB Antennas to: Brooklyn Gateway REACT Team 4567 (Brooklyn, NY); REACT Tact Team of Fresno California Team 4586 (Fresno, CA); Metropolitan REACT Team 2658 (Altamonte Springs, FL); Marion County REACT Team 2831 (Fairmont, WV); Pierce County REACT Team 2389 (Tacoma, WA); Waubash Valley REACT Team C375 (Terre Haute, IN).

Winners of Antenna, Inc.'s Model 13504 magnetic mount mobile CB Antennas are: Las Vegas United REACT Team 4096 (Las Vegas, NV); Tuscarawas Buckeye REACT Team C304 (New Philadelphia, OH); Iredell County Chapter Team 3055 (Statesville, NC); Virgin Island REACT Team 3617 (Csted St. Croix, VI); Waterloo Regional REACT Team 2114 (Waterloo, ON, Canada); Mecasta County Team C227 (Barrington, MI).

Winners of Antenna Specialists Co.'s Model M-711 Formula One mag mount antennas are: Cadillac Area REACT Team 2817 (Cadillac, MI); Buck Horn REACT Team 2951 (Redding, CA); Richmond Metro REACT Team 3968 (Richmond, VA); Oscoda County REACT Team 4301 (Mio, MI); Rainier REACT Team 3366 (Auburn, WA); Tri-State REACT Team C453 (Huntington, WV); Charleston REACT Team C614 (Charleston, SC); Lancaster Fairfield County Team C690 (Lancaster, OH);

the winning Teams and our appreciation to all the Teams that participated by registering their members prior to January 1, 1984.

Waterville Emergency Team 4471 (Waterville, MN); Champaign County REACT Team 4517 (Conover, OH); Piney Woods REACT Team 4545 (Tyler, TX); Regina REACT Team 4526 (Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada).

Winners of Antenna's Specialists Company's Model M-710 Formula One roof mount antennas are: Gaston County REACT Team 2885 (Gastonia, NC); Lehigh REACT Team 2759 (Lehigh, FL); Dickerson County REACT Team 2974 (Haystack, VA); Syracuse REACT Team 3141 (Syracuse, NY); Glendale REACT Team 4009 (Glendale, CA); San Fernando Valley REACT Team C183 (Sepulveda, CA); Metropolitan West REACT Team C82 (Sylvania, OH); Edison Raritan Bay Area Team 2587 (Woodbridge, NJ); The Grant Penny City Team 4521 (Woodruff, WI); Pather REACT of University of Northern Iowa Team 4579 (Cedar Falls, IA); Escondido REACT Team 3506 (Escondido, CA); Putaski County REACT Team 2446 (Winamac, IN).

The winner of the Cobra Model AT-50 magnetic mount mobile CB Antenna is: Circle REACT, Inc. Team C261 (Indianapolis, IN).

Cobra Communications will be sending their Cobra Model 29LTD Deluxe 40-CH mobile CB Radio to: Putnam County REACT Team 3475 (Greencastle, IN).

Winners of the Electra Company's Bearcat Model One-Four 4-channel scanners are: Central Pinellas REACT Team C111 (Clearwater, FL); Gibson County REACT Team 4581 (Oakland City, IN).

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## Notes from Northbrook

by Executive Director Gerald H. Reese

REACT International's Board of Directors met over the weekend of January 20-22. The REACT Forum Executive Committee also met concurrently. There were several joint meetings including one with the Special Committee on Funding and particularly those involved in the "August Audit" of Headquarters operations along with Andy Freundlich of Deloitte, Haskins and Sells who performed the audit. This gave everyone the opportunity to get a clear picture as to what exactly was accomplished by this financial review and the suggestions made in the review.

The Board report is published elsewhere in this issue, but you should be aware that a new Executive Committee of the Board was elected and has the specific responsibility of providing financial overview and counsel to the Executive Director. This is the Board's response to the recommendation by the Audit Committee that a Finance and Administration Committee be established.

By maintaining this group within the Board of Directors, it reduces the expense to REACT and the need to ask members to individually subsidize their participation, in matters for which the Board must take responsibility. It also clearly fixes the responsibility for financial policy in the Board of Directors.

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As we go to press, the independent financial audit of 1983 operations is being completed at Headquarters. This will be published as the Annual Report in the May/June issue of *The REACTER*. The audited 1983 results indicate operating loss of approximately \$7,000. This is a great improvement from the projected \$30,000 deficit which was assessed and forecast at the International Convention last July in Wichita. This improvement was accomplished primarily through increased advertising sales in *The REACTER* and the increase in Life Memberships during 1983. Of course, the reduction of expenses was also concurrent with the obtaining of these additional funds.

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All REACT members in U.S. zip codes are encouraged to participate in the Special Greeting Card Fundraising Program designed to erase the carryover deficit that we have. Those of you who have not returned the coupon published in the January/February issue of *The REACTER* will receive a box of greeting cards from the Famous Artist Studios. These will be accompanied by a letter from REACT International explaining the program and the need for widespread participation.

We have a \$12,000 carryover deficit which we brought into 1984 operations. Participation in this greeting card program by sufficient numbers of people can erase this altogether. We hope that we can create a sufficient surplus that the Life Member Fund can remain intact and that we will not have to borrow against it as we have had to do in the past. All members receiving the cards are asked to send a donation of \$5 or more to REACT International. This all-occasion greeting card assortment permits you to have greeting cards on hand for birthdays, sympathy, anniversary cards and general note paper for use throughout the year. Having them around is a great convenience when notified or reminded of these special occasions and you want to send a card to a friend or relative.

You are not legally obligated to return the cards or to send a donation to REACT. This is totally voluntary. REACT International will be billed \$1.50 for every box. In addition, there will be three followup mailings, depending on how fast people submit their donations. We will be obligated to pay the postage on those three mailings as well. This is all non-profit bulk mail so the postage is minimal. We should have a cost of under \$2 per box shipped including the followup mailings.

You should find these greeting cards a good value in itself at \$5 and willingly send REACT International a donation to cover the cost. This program can easily wipe out the carryover deficit we had at the end of 1982 and carried through 1983. We hope we can eliminate such deficits and provide a carryover surplus which should represent a Life Member Fund.

Note that our contract with Famous Artists Studios restricts use of our mailing list solely to this REACT project. The list is REACT property and cannot and will not be sold or used for any other purpose.

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## Smiling Pretty



DREXEL, NC — Members of Burke County REACT attending the State Council Awards Banquet, left to right seated: Jake Rudisill, President Lenoria Houston, Pauline Hill, and Edna Barge. Standing are: Vernon Hill, Fred Barger, Glen Sain and Charles Peake.

## REACT International, Inc. 1984 Approved Budget

INCOME	
From Members	
Dues	\$113,00
Team Charters	1,00
Life Membership	2,00
Int'l. Membership	50
<b>Total Income from Members</b>	<b>\$116,50</b>
Other Income	
REACTER Advertising Income	\$42,00
Gross Profit on Sale of REACT ID Material	7,40
Government Contract	10,00
Grants and Contributions	15,00
Commissions	3,60
Forum Project Contributions	1,00
Interest Income	1,00
Miscellaneous Income	
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$80,00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$196,50</b>
EXPENSES	
Membership Services and Communications:	
Direct Membership Benefits	
Membership Kits	\$2,30
Charters	50
Lifetime Membership	20
Team Publications and Mailings	4,00
Membership Liability Insurance	6,00
Data Processing	8,00
Miscellaneous	50
REACTER	40,00
<b>Total Direct Membership Benefits</b>	<b>\$61,50</b>
Indirect Membership Benefits	
Membership Promotion	\$3,00
Publicity	2,00
Reimbursement of State Councils	2,50
Postage and Freight	8,00
Telephone — Long Distance to Teams & Members	3,00
Convention Expense	50
Directors Expense	10,00
Exhibits & Displays	50
Forum Expense	4,50
<b>Total Indirect Membership Benefits</b>	<b>\$34,00</b>
<b>Total Membership Services and Communications</b>	<b>\$95,50</b>
General And Administrative	
Advertising Sales Expense	\$ 50
Salaries	60,30
Stationery and Office Supplies	5,00
Equipment Rental	1,66
Miscellaneous	50
Insurance	6,00
Audit and Accounting	3,80
Legal	1,04
Headquarters — Travel	2,00
Payroll Taxes	4,50
Foreign Currency Exchange	30
Rent and Utilities	11,00
Dues and Subscriptions	50
Pension Plan	
Interest Expense	50
Depreciation Expense	1,80
Telephone	1,60
<b>Total General &amp; Administrative Expenses</b>	<b>\$101,00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$196,50</b>

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## Civil Defense Education

NORTHBROOK, IL — REACT Teams, working in or affiliated with local civil defense organizations, are exposed to a variety of training. Mostly it is first aid, tornado spotting, communications procedures and the like. Other very useful training, called "independent study," is also available. Even your local civil defense may not know about all the courses or may neglect to advise about them.

The most popular of these home study type courses is "Emergency Management — U.S.A." Open to anyone, it contains information on just about every possible disaster or emergency and protective measures for all of them. Secondly, "Emergency Program Manager," can help a REACT Team leader to know more about emergency operations and how to better direct Team response. The last, "Radiological Monitoring," is the best known since REACT Teams have assumed that duty in many locations.

The courses are free and each completion brings an attractive certificate from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. College credit is available as are retirement points for members of the Army and Air Force Reserves. These courses won't interest every Team and the study method won't suit every individual. For those who are interested, ask your local civil defense for them. If unavailable there, write FEMA SS Program, EM1/NETC, Emmitsburg, MD 21727 for applications.

## Fountain Coughs Up Coins in Nick of Time

QUINCY, IL — For the past two years Adams County REACT has relied on coins tossed into a fountain at a local restaurant for the funds it needs to help needy families at Christmas time.

In addition to the fountain coins collects, REACT has accepted donation in hopes of being able to supply 1601 day bundles each of which are designed to feed a family for at least a week.

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## REACT Month in Arizona Spotlight



PHOENIX, AZ — Shown as he proclaims November as Arizona State REACT Month is Governor Bruce Babbitt (second from right). Gov. Babbitt is seen with left to right: Gene McLemore, Secretary, Arizona State REACT Council; Charles Donaldson, Second Vice President, Gov. Babbitt and Eugene Mahoney, Arizona State Council President.

### Impaired Driver (from page 1)

- Exaggerated, erratic driving patterns.
- Ignoring, overshooting or hanging back at stop signs or traffic lights.
- Unusually fast or slow driving, possibly alternating fast/slow.
- Driving too close to the edge of a road or straddling center line.
- Frequent and sudden lane changing or passing without sufficient clearance or signal.
- Difficulty in turns, swinging too wide or off course, possibly with wrong signal.
- Driving at night without lights, failing to dim lights to oncoming traffic, or driving with interior dome light on and headlights off.
- Driving with windows down in cold weather or driving with head part way out of window.

When a drunk or impaired driver has been spotted, the CTA suggests that motorists use the following procedures for giving an "impaired driver alert":

- All alerts should be given on CB Emergency Channel 9.
- Say, "Emergency. Any base station. Impaired Driver Alert."
- Pause and wait briefly for police or REACT monitor to acknowledge.
- There may not be a reply. Monitors can hear you, however, when you cannot hear them . . . and can act. Therefore, after a pause, proceed to describe the incident.
- Give exact location (road and direction) of vehicle being driven erratically. Give description of the vehicle (such as model, color, license, etc.). DO NOT SAY the driver is drunk — describe only the manner in which the vehicle is being operated. Identify your station so monitor can call you back.
- Stand by once again for acknowledgment or questions and then repeat entire "impaired driver alert." Monitors often need to hear it several times.
- Do not attempt to become involved personally with the vehicle or driver reported.

According to Fortier, many trucking companies throughout California have made a commitment to the CTA to distribute the REACT literature to drivers in safety meetings and to make brochures available in all dispatch offices.

Brochures and information are available to all trucking companies, whether or not affiliated with the CTA, by contacting the association's Burlingame offices.

Consumers wanting more information on the REACT program are encouraged to call the CTA Safety Hotline between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Phone numbers are (213) 442-8120 in Southern California, (415) 579-3500 in Northern California, and (916) 442-1017 in Sacramento.

### Notes from Northbrook (from p. 2)

The intent of the Life Member Fund is to provide a reserve fund against which we may "borrow" when cash shortages occur. We have done in the past, and have paid the funds back, but we have not been able to maintain the fund as a surplus on an overall basis. This greeting card special fundraiser can help to move us toward that goal. Your support in this is deeply appreciated. ★ ★ ★

All REACT members have an opportunity to participate in the election of two Field Directors to the Board of Directors. Nomination forms are on their way to all Teams. You may nominate any member for the Board of Directors by using this form. The election committee, consisting of the presently sitting Field Directors will select candidates to appear on the ballot from these nominations. Every Team will receive a mail ballot to vote for the two Field Directors who will be announced and seated on the Board at the Daytona Beach Convention in July. ★ ★ ★

Information on the convention is included on Pages 4 and 5. Plans are developing rapidly for a most excellent convention.

Your Team will receive a copy of the new REACT Team Directory. This has been published for general release and will be available in quantity for low cost distribution at Safety Breaks and other important Team events. By having advertising support, we have been able to make this publication more attractive and provide a greater number of copies than we ordinarily would have. Note it contains emergency telephone numbers to contact Teams who have authorized us to release such numbers.

Subsequently, you will receive an Emergency Contact list of REACT Teams and Councils now in preparation. This will be for internal use of REACT Teams, and only one copy will be provided per Team. It is a result of the Officer Listing Sheets we have received which we have sent to all REACT Teams this year. We are only going to publish contact information that we are authorized to release by signatures on these forms. If your Team information is not correct or incomplete in either of these publications, please notify us immediately. If telephone numbers, etc. are to be listed, we need your written permission to publish.

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### REACT Response (from front cover)

The Team broadcast an alert on the family's predicament on the radio and received numerous calls for assistance —

for clothes, bedding, canned food, heaters and many other items — all part of the Team's effort to lend a hand when needed.

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There's also lots to do and see right in Daytona Beach! First, the hotels offered are on the oceanfront. You can walk from your room across the outdoor pool area and children's playground, down to the beach. You'll see 23 miles (north and south) of the world's most famous beach. If you are a surfer, you'll find the best waves on the East Coast.

Walk out the main entrance of the hotel and you will be on Atlantic Avenue. An hourly bus and trolley service will stop at the door for you, but if you are looking for a snack (try the hotel coffee shop) or walk a few blocks.

The main entertainment area (at night) is only a few blocks away. Or hop on the picturesque trolley and ride north a mile or two to the largest oceanfront shopping center in Florida. For entertainment — two movie houses and a bowling alley and supermarkets, drug store, department store and specialty shops galore, plus more restaurants.

Take a trolley south or visit our boardwalk or take a trip over to the mall — in fact go anywhere, it's easy. If you have a car, don't worry about big city driving.

We will have suggestions for you, perhaps an afternoon cruise up the river or fishing from the pier, or deep-sea (all day) fishing.

This will not only be a four-day convention, starting on Monday, July 30. REACT Team members and the hotel staff will be available with information during the week before or the week after the convention (and the hotel will give you convention rates during that entire period).

# Surf and Turf . . . Florida Style



One of Daytona's finest — the fabulous Desert Inn — situated on the world-famous beach, which is Daytona's most famed attraction, and which will serve as the convention site for four spectacular days.



(Photo courtesy Daytona Beach Resort Area Publicity)

**DAYTONA BEACH, FL** — "The World's Most Famous Beach," is 23-miles long and stretches out up to 500 feet at low tide leaving plenty of room for a fun day of sun and surf without fighting large crowds. Any, every inch of hard-packed sand is free and open to the public. The beautiful hard-packed qualities of the beach allow you to bring your car right down onto the beach with 17 of the 23-miles easily capable of supporting the weight of your car. So you never have to hunt for a parking space or walk bare-foot over hot asphalt parking lots. Just drive along the waters edge until you come to the spot you like best.

# CONVENTION IN BRIEF

## Sunday July 29, 1984:

10:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m. Registration Open  
 1:00 p.m. — 5:00 p.m. REACT Forum Executive Committee Meeting  
 REACT Task Group Standing Committee Meetings (Open to all convention attendees)  
 Evening Poolside Mixer

## Monday July 30, 1984:

8:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m. Registration Open  
 8:00 a.m. — 9:30 a.m. REACT Forum Executive Committee meeting with Forum Task Group Committee Chairmen  
 9:30 a.m. — 11:00 a.m. Forum Task Group and Standing Committee meetings (Open to all convention attendees)  
 11:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m. Lunch — Exhibits Open  
 12:00 p.m. — 1:00 p.m. Caucus for States without Councils  
 1:00 p.m. — 2:45 p.m. OPENING SESSIONS  
 Opening ceremonies  
 Keynote Speaker:  
 Executive Director's Report  
 Introductions — Newly Elected Field Directors  
 3:00 p.m. — 6:00 p.m. REACT Forum meeting (for all convention attendees)  
 Discussion of Task Group and Standing Committee Proposals to be voted upon on Tuesday.  
 6:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m. Exhibits Open  
 Evening Dinner with Entertainment (not included in registration fee)

## Tuesday July 31, 1984:

8:30 a.m. — 10:00 a.m. REACT Forum Business meeting — First Session (for all attendees)  
 Vote on Task Group and Standing Committee Proposals  
 10:15 a.m. — 12:00 p.m. Election of Forum Officers  
 12:00 p.m. — 2:00 p.m. Lunch — Exhibits Open  
 2:00 p.m. — 5:00 p.m. Workshops  
 5:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m. Exhibits Open

## Wednesday August 1, 1984:

8:30 a.m. — 9:00 a.m. General Session (for all convention attendees)  
 Forum: Announcement of Task Group and Standing committee Chairmen Appointments for 1984/1985  
 General Announcements  
 9:00 a.m. — 10:45 a.m. Team Round Robin I  
 11:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m. Forum Task Group and Standing Committee Working meetings on 1984/1985 Projects (for all convention attendees)  
 12:00 p.m. — 2:00 p.m. Lunch — Exhibits Open  
 Life Membership Luncheon  
 2:00 p.m. — 5:00 p.m. Forum Task Group and Standing Committee Working meetings for 1984/1985 Projects (for all convention attendees)  
 Preparation of 1984/1985 Project Reports  
 5:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m. Exhibits Open

## Thursday August 2, 1984:

8:30 a.m. — 10:00 a.m. General Session (for all convention attendees)  
 REACT Forum Business Meeting — Second Session  
 Preparation of 1984/1985 Forum Goals  
 10:15 a.m. — 11:30 a.m. Seminars  
 11:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m. Forum Executive Committee meeting  
 1:30 p.m. — 4:00 p.m. Open Meeting — REACT International Board of Directors  
 6:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m. Social Hour  
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## Convention Briefs

### Convention Videotape

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## Special Convention Airfares

Special airfares to the REACT International Convention have been arranged with the Official Convention Airline, Eastern Airlines and Tours Unlimited, our Official Convention Travel Agency. Listed below are some current Super-Saver airfares to Daytona Beach from key cities. Super-Saver fares require you to purchase your ticket at least 14 days before departure and stay over a Saturday night for a total of 7 days. If you wish to keep your stay shorter, you still can save 30% on regular round trip coach fare by making your reservation through our Official REACT Convention Travel Agency, Tours Unlimited. Call Mary Gammie for information and reservations toll-free at 1-800-592-0090, or (312) 577-8110.

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### Early Bird Prizes (from p. 1)

Firestick Antenna Company will be sending their Model FS4 White Firestick II CB Antennas to: Wahitawa REACT Team 2231 (Wahlawa, HI); Muncietown REACT Team 3239 (Muncie, IN); Frazier Mountain REACT Team 4573 (Frazier Park, CA); Vanguard REACT Team 2947 (Villa Park, IL); Mid-Rivers REACT Team 4455 (St. Peters, MO); Oconee County REACT Team 4042 (Seneca, SC).

The winner of the General Electric Company's Model 3-5806 Mobile CB Radio is: McDowell County REACT Team 2632 (Marion, NC).

Gold Line Company will be sending their Signal Hunter Direction Finding Mobile CB Antennas to: Spencer County REACT Team C149 (Chrisney, IN); North Jersey REACT Team 2497 (River Edge, NJ).

Winners of the K-40 Electronics K-40 Mobile CB Antennas are: Pike County REACT Team 4549 (Otwell, IN); Lenawee County REACT C460 (Adrian, MI); Sedgwick County REACT Team 4208 (Wichita, KS).

Midland International will be sending their Model 77-202 Mobile CB Radio. Winner of the Radio Shack Realistic Model TRC-451 AM/SSB Mobile CB Radio is: REACT of the Golden Gate Team C373 (San Bruno, CA).

Regency Electronics Model R1040 10-channel programmable scanner is on its way to: Logan REACT Volunteers 2545 (Mt. Pulaski, IL).

Winner of the Shakespeare Electronics Model 176-SO "Big Stick" CB Base Station Antenna is: Port Colborne REACT Team 4554 (Port Colborne, ON, Canada).

The winner of the Uniden Corporation's Model PC-77 40-CH Mobile CB Radio is: North Brevard REACT Team 2562 (Titusville, FL).

Wintenna, Inc. will be sending its Model XL 200 Mobile CB Antenna to: Memphis REACT Team 3083 (Memphis, TN).

### REACT Takes Action on Drunk Drivers

BUTTE, MT — "Take Aim Against Drunk Drivers." This slogan perfectly presents Butte REACT Team 3679's determination to help remove drunk drivers from local streets and highways. Even more so since Kathy Wilke, who wrote the slogan, is the granddaughter of Terry and Elizabeth Lonam, valued members of the Butte Team.

We would like to share this excellent slogan with other Teams and remind everyone that even at the 7th grade level there is genuine concern for this widespread problem, says Lynda Hall, REACT treasurer.

The slogan, which is being printed on bumper stickers widely distributed across the county, is printed against a background consisting of a Bullseye.

## Teams Across the Nation Respond to Drive to Stop Drunk and Impaired Drivers

Efforts of REACT Teams to stop Drunken or Impaired Drivers are beginning to take root in reports from Teams which are cropping up all over the country, and which take many forms. In all cases the common denominator is concern and determination to help rid our nation's highways of this mutual problem once and for all:

ANN ARBOR, MI — When the M.A.D.D. (Mothers Against Drunken Drivers) Association appealed for help from REACT, the Ann Arbor Emergency Radio Team (REACT Charter No. 2403) responded. As Coordinator for this program I have been assured full assistance from the Ann Arbor Police and Washtenaw County Sheriff's office. I have placed an article in one newspaper, spoken on a local radio station and have articles coming in two other papers. I am also speaking before local groups.

This program will consist of base operators who will monitor Channel 9, particularly at peak trouble hours. There will also be drivers on the road observing the main thoroughfares, looking for impaired drivers, and calling into the base units giving all pertinent facts. The base operator will then notify the Police or Sheriff Dept. who will respond to the call.

At this writing I have six base operators lined up with about 20 or 22 more to contact. When this program is finalized, all CB operators in the county will be notified through radio and newspaper. Each base unit will have a set of pertinent questions to ask so that the information can be relayed as quickly as possible. This is just one more way in which our Team is serving our community.

HAYS, VA — "We as a Team are trying to do all we can to help the people of our county in any way possible," says Mae Mullins, secretary of Dickenson County REACT Team 2975, and she proves the point by pointing to the Team's participation in the Impaired Driver Alert program, in which citizens report suspected cases of drunk driving on Channel 9 where they are monitored by REACT which in turn relays the information to the police.

REACT was also involved in the March of Dimes fundraiser where on a Saturday in January members took contributions at the door (or on the telephone) for research into prevention of birth defects.

FAIRLESS, PA — "People here are very involved in this particular area," said Beverly Hoyt, President of Delaware Valley REACT, to the Team's sponsoring of an Impaired Driver Alert program to report drunk drivers on emergency Channel 9.

A story appearing in the local column of a local newspaper pointed out that a survey of the Opinion Research Corporation for the Alliance of American Insurers, national insurance group, points out that 8 of 10 drivers agree that a program for proposed use of CB radio would work effectively to reduce drunk driving and would help to bring people together to solve a common problem.

PETERSBURG, IN — Pike County REACT Team 4549 has organized Operation 1DA (Impaired Driver Alert) to deter drunk driving and assist drivers in need.

The program, which has the support of city and county law enforcement agencies, is designed to help motorists identify possible drunk drivers and to lend assistance to drivers who feel they are too intoxicated to drive safely.

According to Gerald Reese, REACT International Executive Director, motorists are urged to use their citizens band radios to transmit "Impaired Driver Alerts" on Emergency Channel 9 when they see a vehicle being operated in a highly erratic or dangerous manner. "We are emphasizing that drivers should be very careful to describe only the erratic manner in which the vehicle is being operated and not to voice any judgment about the condition of the driver — that's the job of public safety officers," said Reese.

In addition to serving as a base station to receive calls on Channel 9, Pike County REACT also assisted in drivers in need on New Year's Eve. From 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. New Year's Eve, REACT members offered to transport drivers who felt they could not safely operate their autos. Drivers needing assistance could call any of three numbers to reach a REACT member.

"REACT is part of a national CB coalition against drunk driving," said Ms. Hoyt. "We want to bring together groups concerned about the problems."

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# Nuts & Bolts on 27

## Nuts & Bolts on 27 megs

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

**Equipment Changes** — Fifteen years ago a friend in the U.S. Coast Guard suggested that we obtain a surplus GSA Ham Receiver and use it as a receiver while still using a regular CB set for transmission. We had a browning at the time and were happy with it, but we tried, nevertheless to follow out the advice. Our contact with GSA did not bear fruit and we went along about ten years listening to Channels 8 and 10 get louder and louder. About seven years ago, we wrote an article for the *CB Magazine*, asking for advice on how to get the noise from the other channels off of Channel 9. We went to the first REACT convention in Dearborn, and while Aaron Straus busied himself with the National Board, I talked to everyone who would answer me about my numero uno question — How do you listen to Channel 9 without being blasted from 6, 7, 8 and 10, 11, 12? The best advice we got was "What — but not How."

"If you could arrange a filter system" they said, "that could take three signals from Channels 8 and 10 and double back on themselves, then the resultant confusion on 8 and 10 would lower the noise levels that bleed over onto 9, and 9 would come in much clearer."

Assuming that what "they said" was Ham talk and that I was not supposed to understand it, I brought the message back to San Francisco. Some of my more learned colleagues wanted to know if it was Einstein himself who had given me this theory of "relatives" and they laughed at me and, as the good book says, — they scorned me. I felt I was lucky that they did not "begat" me. (Forgive me Rt. Rev. Kaichen.) Nevertheless, even in kidding me, the word got around and we did try two or three sets and two or three attachments and finally, five years ago, settled on a Challenger SSB/AM base station.

It had a feature that allowed, at the shop, for Channels 8 and 10 to be suppressed, allowing Channel 9 to come thru clear. For five years now, at our monitoring station on San Bruno Mountain (1,000 feet elevation) we don't really worry about Channels 8 and 10. What we worry about is that, what 8 is depressed, we do a great job of picking up Channel 6 on Channel 9. Also, once in awhile, the suppressant on Channels 8 and 10 close down 9 as well.

So — in January, 1984, one "Chris Hoover" joined our Team. Chris is a "Ham" and also a "Movie Support Technician." On Chris's second training session, he brought up to the station an Icom ICR70 receiver, and a "Ham" receiver, that allows us to tune in Channel 9 to the fourth decimal place, and seems to depress all the other channels — not completely — but to the point where we are actually hearing twice as many calls as we used to (and helping twice as many people as before)!

What we have are a ham set for receiving, and a CB set for sending, tied together with a common key. When we depress our send key, we cut out the "ham" receive set completely. When we are receiving, we can use either one, or both sets. If the call is a little fuzzy, we can quickly adjust the "ham set" one or two kilohertz (thousands of a megahertz) and clear up the reception tremendously.

Of course we have our fingers crossed — the results are too good to be true — but — until we learn otherwise, Golden Gate REACT is finally living up to its potential.

GMRS is a whole new ball game and I have invited Gary Balanesi, a member of Golden Gate REACT and a qualified "Repeater Technician" in his own right, to comment on GMRS. He advises: "It is shocking to hear people discuss the merits of various GMRS sets for literally years before they make up their minds, and then purchase the cheapest possible antenna. The antenna selection is almost as important as the set selection, and my advice is to stick with the established quality houses. By this I mean brand names like Motorola, Larsen, Maxrad, etc.

For mobile use, you should choose a 6" whip to give you quarter wave length, with inconspicuousity. The best choice here is the TAE-6052 with 14 ft. of cable, with a suggested retail of \$20.00 The DB gain is 1.0.

There are two other recommendations that have DB gain. The TAE-6072A-450-470 has 3.5 DB gain and lists for \$40.00. The heavy duty TAE-6062B has a 5 DB gain and lists for \$60.00.

In the 27 Meg operation, DB gain is usually obtained by narrowing down horizontally the width of the beam being propagated. In mobile GMRS, the 1/4 wave whip has a tendency to waste a lot of its energy transmitting up into the sky and never reaching the horizon or the target. The mobile whips with DB gain do not really increase the power of the signal, but rather put a cap on the vertical propagation, causing more of the signal to go out horizontally toward the horizon or target.

For home installation, there are quite a number of acceptable "Omni" antennas that will cover 360 degrees. For most efficient signal strength, I recommend a 6 DB Yagi

## Bearers of Good Cheer



LUCEDALE, MS — Little Larry Garret Jr., 3, foreground, was one of the local youngsters from underprivileged families which benefitted from the annual Christmas Toy Drive put on by Geor. County REACT. Shown with the youngster are, left to right: Harold Mason, Ruby Mason, Bren Howell and Mrs. Lillian Bolen, the youngster's guardian.

beam that will obviously give you about 6 times the signal strength in the select direction.

For home installations, use a Lo-loss RG 214U Coax Cable. For mobiles, use a RG-58U Coax or better. Keep your cable length as short as possible and use a Tefc PL259 Connector."

Thus sayeth Gary Balanesi.

## Notes from Northbrook (from page 3)

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One of the most successful new product introductions of Official REACT Supply Company have been the REACT Help Litter Bags which are now available for shipment from stock at Headquarters. At \$50 per 1,000, these offer an excellent value for distribution at Safety Breaks, etc. Some of the Teams use them as goody bags for Christmas parties!

If you want more information about these, please contact us at Headquarters concerning their availability.

One final but very important note. Your Board of Directors has acted to put in effect the policy change concerning REACT Team eligibility. A new Team application is being printed and every Team will receive a copy. In addition, there will be a sampl localized press release to announce the expansion of REACT's membership base. A similar release has been sent to all publications that would possibly carry interest potential members. In this way, we are trying to increase the number of REACT Team. At the same time, we hope that your Team membership can be enhanced by the publicity that this action will generate. Please advise us of the response that you get. Hopefully you can increase your Team membership and encourage the formation of other Teams. REACT Team membership has gone from 2,000 Teams in 1978 to 1,100 Teams in 1983. Our individual membership was 72,000 in 1978 and is now 18,000! We are determined that we will stem the tide of declining membership and make REACT great again! With your help we can do it.

## Awards Banquet is Highlight for Team

ALOHA, OR — The annual Awards Banquet and Installation of officers of Northwest REACT Team 2867 was held at the Nostalgia Restaurant December 10th with 14 regular, 1 associate member and 15 guests present, including Senior Trooper Doug Taylor, OSP and Don Perry, 1984 President of State REACT Council, and his wife Fern. Also present were Ray Gibson, 1983 President of State REACT Council and Portland Metro REACT, and his wife.

It was a most enjoyable evening even with the jukebox and band making it kind of hard to hear everything.

Senior Trooper Taylor told of the different divisions of OSP and his "Most Important Safe Driving Tips." Don Perry said after close work with OSP the last three years the new Capt. in Salem was very gung ho in CB and 324 CB's had been purchased for their units.

Many award certificates, hangers and special awards were handed out and four raffle prizes were drawn.

Don Perry swore in the new 1984 Officers — President, Louis Brenchley; Vice President, Steve Pierce; Secretary, Claudelia Johnson; and Treasurer, Edward Johnston.

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## Team Rates Texas Three-Star Salute

SAN ANTONIO, TX — Texas salutes Bexar County REACT, Texas State REACT Council's Team of the Month for July, 1983. According to the Council Newsletter "When it's quiet in Southern Texas that's not to say there isn't REACT activity going on."

Members started their program early in 1983 and did not allow the vast area of San Antonio which comprises their primary responsibility dampen their spirits.

Maintaining a super monitoring community involvement, the Team has expanded the REACT chapter and jumped at the chance to serve on the Civil

Defense Organization of the City of San Antonio, and established a CB communications system at the city's central headquarters which proved its worth during recent hurricane watches. In addition, REACT has formulated a plan which places the Team on call in the event of a power failure, and — their dispatch of units to area fire departments and hospitals to provide critical communications to the city is impressive.

Their most recent project is the setting up of a central base station within a senior citizens housing area and their participation in plans for a Crime Stop program.

## Present of Virginia REACT



STERLING, VA — Members of Loudoun County REACT presented a new CB radio to Loudoun County Fire and Rescue Emergency Services. Left to right are REACT members Jeffrey Morris, William Crain and Team President Clarence Souder. Accepting the radio is dispatch supervisor Mary Graham.

## COLUMN NINE

Where the REACTion is Yours

The letter which follows was sent to Jerry Reese, REACT International Executive Director, and poses a few questions which the REACTer is as curious to find

answers to as the writer, Stuart DeLuca, a member of Travis County REACT Team Austin, TX.

Many thanks for running the child safety seat sale article. We've already received two requests from REACT Teams for information on how to conduct a sale, and I expect we'll get more.

One of our members has asked a question that I promised to pass along to you. Karen is blind; in fact, she's one of two blind members of our Team. Karen has been a member of Travis County REACT for about five years, and is one of our best monitors; she participates in all Team activities as much as she can. However, she told me recently that she finds it hard to feel a sense of participation in REACT International since she can't even read the REACTer. She wondered why it couldn't be made available on cassettes. (It isn't easy to find people to read for her; it's time-consuming and tedious, and she feels that she's imposing on her friends; so she tries to ask people to read only things that she absolutely needs.)

I think it's a good question, but it poses several other questions. First, how many blind REACT members are there? Second, how many of them would appreciate having the REACTer on tape? Perhaps you could run a small article in the REACTer, soliciting information from the Teams on these two points.

If there are only a few REACT members who are blind and who would like to have the REACTer on tape, I think we could arrange to do the taping here. Members who want this service would have to supply their own cassette and pay a nominal fee to cover expenses (the mailing itself would be free).

If there are quite a few members who would be interested in this, it would be possible to do more than just read the REACTer. We could produce, in effect,

an audio newsletter, based on the contents of the REACTer but adapted to the audio format. For example, you could record your column and send the tape to us, to be "mixed in" along with stories read by professional announcers and "columns" supplied by, perhaps, the Forum officers and members of the Board. It seems to me that even some of the sighted REACT members might be interested in having an "audio REACTer," if the cost were reasonable.

I happen to have a friend here in Austin who owns a professional recording studio, and I think I could persuade him to do the mixing, final recording, studio work, and duplication at cost. The cassettes themselves are not expensive, if bought in large quantities, and the mailing to blind members still would be free (sighted members who want this service would have to pay at least for the postage).

If enough members wanted this service, we might even persuade some of the REACTer advertisers to help defray the cost; in return, they would get 30-second "commercials" on the cassette version.

As you can see, there are a number of interesting possibilities here, but the basic question still needs to be answered: how many REACT members would be interested? If you could help find that out, we can develop a more specific proposal. Our goals are, first, to provide a valuable service for blind (and other handicapped) members; second, possibly to develop a new service for all members; third, to provide these services at no cost at all to REACT International; fourth, to keep the cost to members as low as possible.

Let me know what you think.

## For All REACTers — REACT Accident Insurance Sign Up Time

The value of REACT Accident Insurance is becoming more and more recognized by all REACT Teams.

If your Team has any activities involving field work, it's good to have such coverage. Those Teams with Junior Teams should make sure that the junior members are covered to relieve parents' anxieties.

Also, a point which should be considered is that there are a number of REACTers who have recently changed employment and who may not have proper hospitalization coverage. Such members may well find REACT insurance an inexpensive and effective way to get such coverage.

By making sure that your Team and all members have proper coverage, you can avoid such situations as the one in which a REACT member was seriously injured while handling REACT business, but did not have any coverage to take care of the hospital or medical expenses.

### REACT Accident Insurance Special Features

1. The REACT Special Accident Policy through INA has been available as an optional benefit to REACT members for some time. This is "on duty" coverage and provides up to \$25,000 for loss of life or dismemberment. The premium is only \$5 per year per member.
2. The policy will cover travel in privately owned passenger vehicles to and from REACT events and activities.
3. Weekly indemnity of \$75 per week for 52 weeks payable after a seven day waiting period if you are gainfully employed at least 30 hours per week.
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### SUMMARY

**OUTLINE OF THE PLAN:** Coverage is for death, dismemberment, medical expense, and disability resulting from an accident while on duty for REACT, subject to policy terms. You are considered to be on duty when you are participating in an organized event or activity sponsored by your REACT Team, which is recorded in the Team Log, Meeting Minutes, or Team Bulletins. Special emergency situations are covered when the Team is directed or supervised by agencies responsible for carrying out emergency procedures. You will be covered for travel to and from REACT events including travel in a private passenger vehicle.

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## Southern Cal Teams Help Annual "Toys for Porterville" Drive



LAKEWOOD, CA — REACT Members gather around Santa for Christmas carols and some holiday cheer.



LAKEWOOD, CA — Tri-City REACT and Long Beach REACT members line up for the caravan to Channel 7.

LAKEWOOD, CA — On December 18th, members of Tri-City REACT and Long Beach REACT joined other Teams in the Southern California REACT Council to transport toys collected from the area's Baskin-Robbins ice cream stores to the Channel 7 (KABC-TV) studios for the annual Toys for Porterville campaign. Dr. George Fischbeck, the local weatherman for Channel 7, has had this toy drive for many years. The toys collected are going to the Porterville State Hospital.

This year, three moving vans were filled with the toys collected. They included everything from dolls, coloring books, records, stuffed animals, bicycles to pianos.

On the day of the first toy drop, Tri-City REACT and Long Beach REACT met and caravaned to Channel 7. All of the vehicles in the caravan had stuffed animals tied on to them.

On arriving at the Channel 7 studios, the Team Santa (Richard Lucas), greeted fellow REACT members who had arrived earlier. Dr. George, Santa, and Christine White, International Field Director then paused for a few pictures. After the first load of toys were loaded, REACT members gathered around Santa and Dr. George to sing Christmas carols.

### Jersey REACT's Highlights of 1983

FLORHAM PARK, NJ — New Jersey Inter-County REACT Team 2416 had as one of its major projects of the year, obtaining a meeting place at the recreation area of Fairfield, NJ. The Team was also honored to receive a proclamation from the mayor and councilmen of Fairfield in honor of National REACT Month last November and participated in six (count 'em) Coffee Breaks along Route 287 during the holidays besides serving as the eyes and ears of the Fairfield, Denville and Madison police departments. All in all, a very good and satisfying year.

### Team Problem Resolution Procedure

NOTE: The following procedure has been adopted by action of the REACT International Board of Directors upon recommendation of the REACT Forum. It is intended to clarify the means of resolving disputes within REACT.

- A. Complaint about a Team/individual received at HQ.
- STEP 1: Copies of complaint to Field Members.
- STEP 2: Copy of complaint to appropriate Council (if not received from Council).
- STEP 3: HQ letter to offending Team outlining charges. Request comments relating to charges. No threat of action. (Info complaining Team with a copy of this letter. Ask them to advise HQ if problem persists. Allow 30-60 days for problem correction).
- Info Council — Request any information they may have. Ask them to monitor situation and advise HQ.
- B. Complaint persists — no adequate answer from offending Team/individual.
- STEP 4: Letter to Council. Request formal investigation of complaint.
- STEP 5: Letter to offending Team. Advise again of charges and that HQ has requested Council to investigate. Ask cooperation.
- STEP 6: Letter to complaining Team. Advise of request for formal Council investigation. Ask cooperation.
- C. Council
- STEP 7: Council appoint investigating committee (provide names and Team affiliation to HQ).
- Conduct impartial investigation of the facts. Prepare report to Board.
- a. List facts
- b. List corrective actions taken by offending Team
- c. Make recommendation for appropriate action (Take NO action other than investigative at this time.)
- STEP 8: HQ provide copies of Council report to complaining and offending Team. Ask for final comments.
- STEP 9: Field Board Members as Membership Committee. Review all correspondence and reports. Make recommendation to Board concerning action.
- STEP 10: Board determine action.
- STEP 11: Headquarters carries out action.

Where no Council exists HQ will appoint an impartial committee (preferably to include Board member) to accomplish investigation.

## Forum Status Report

Usually found in this space in the REACTER is a wordy letter from the Forum President or other Forum Officer. In the place of such a letter we are initiating this column which should appear on a regular basis. In the column we hope to keep you, the REACT member, informed as to what is going on in the REACT Forum and within its Task Groups and Committees. After all, the primary purpose of the Forum is to serve the membership of REACT. We hope to keep this as informative as possible. It would help if we had input from you telling us of your concerns and needs. We will try to respond, either in this column or by letter. So — talk to us, won't you? Letters should be addressed to the Forum, c/o REACT Headquarters, 3653 Woodhead Dr., Northbrook, IL 60062 or directly to any Forum Officer.

### Status of Forum Project Fund:

As a result of two contributions, one from Willits County REACT, California, and the other from Sedgwick County REACT, Kansas, the Forum Project Fund now (early February) stands at \$1,909. These funds are intended for use in printing and distributing informational, guidance, and how-to-do-it material developed by Forum Task Groups and Committees. In other words, producing material that will be useful to the main line of REACT strength — the local Team and Team member. The funds are not to be used to pay Forum expenses. We plan to continue to produce helpful material until the fund runs out. We might reach this point by mid-year unless more funds are forthcoming. Any contributions, no matter how small, would certainly be appreciated and put to good use. Mail these to The Forum, c/o REACT International, Inc. Be sure to indicate that the contribution is to be earmarked for the Forum Project Fund.

### Published Forum Material:

The following material has been published and distributed to all Teams by the 1983/84 Forum:

- Audit Report
- DP-1
- TM-1
- Agreements and Memorandums of Understanding
- Bookkeeping Examples for REACT Teams

### Soon To Be Printed and Distributed:

- Mon-1
- LD-1
- TM-2
- Index
- Monitoring Handbook (Printing being done by the Indians State Council)
- Governing Your Team (Guidelines)
- Meeting Minutes — What they should contain
- Index of the Team Management Manual

The above material is being sent to each Team. If you, as a Team member, are interested in seeing or using any of this information, you should contact your Team Leader.

### Priority Forum Projects:

The following projects have been identified as the priority project(s) for the associated Task Group or Committee. Work between now and the convention will concentrate in these areas: (not in any particular order)

- Promotion Program aimed at Channel 9 (Communications Task Group)
- National Publicity Program — REACT Expansion (Public Relations Task Group)
- Coordinated National Membership Program based on Expansion of Criteria (Future Planning Committee)
- Council Guidelines Review (Leadership and Training Task Group)
- Selection of 1986 Convention Site (Convention Site Selection Committee)
- Team Activity Survey (Future Planning Committee)
- Develop Criteria for Gene Goebel Award (Awards and Recognition Task Group)
- Computer Bulletin Board (Computer Task Group)
- GMRS How-to-do-it including Licensing (Communications Task Group)
- Emergency Communications Van Guidelines (Disaster Preparedness Task Group)
- Team Fund Raising Handbook (Fund Raising Task Group)
- Available Publications List (Publications Task Group)
- Team Organizing Manual (Leadership and Training Task Group)
- Fundable Project Shopping List (Executive Committee)

### Team and Individual Award Nominations:

Nominations for Team and Individual of the quarter are very slow coming in. If you know of someone or some Team worthy of the award, please submit their name to the Awards and Recognition Task Group. Nominations Forms have been sent to every Team and Council.

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**Teams Recommendations On Signage are Adopted**

CONCORD, CA — Al Singletary, President of Diablo REACT Team #4275, has been advised that their request to change the signing on a section of interstate highway in their area has been adopted by the California Department of Transportation.

If one is traveling south on State Highway 24 through Concord, you find yourself joining Interstate 680 in Concord. This combined 680/24 continues for about 5 miles where they separate with 24 going west toward the Oakland Bay bridge to San Francisco and 680 continuing south toward San Jose.

As a result, there are two sections known as the 680/24 split. This occurs at the south end around Walnut Creek and at the north end in Concord. REACT, in conjunction with AAA, the California Highway Patrol, and Consolidated Fire Companies, had begun to refer to the northern section of Route 24 as 242 between the 680/24 split in Concord and State Route 4 where Route 24 ends, approximately 3 miles north of the 680/24 split in Concord.

The REACT members and law enforcement people determined that considerable confusion was present in reporting traffic incidents relative to the "680/24 split." Which split were these people referring to? Was it the south split around Walnut Creek or the north split in Concord? Most travelers from out of the area did not even know that there were two splits. By changing the designations and signing so that the southern split is 680/24 and the northern split is now 680/242, the matter of reporting is clarified.

Other REACT Teams should take note that their concern about highway signing problems can be alleviated with support from local law enforcement agencies and with proper input to their state departments of transportation.

Congratulations to Al Singletary and Diablo REACT Team #4275 for their success in alleviating a serious communications problem caused by confusing highway designation and signing.

**Team Asked to Take Part in Harvest Days**

NEW ALBANY, IN — Metro REACT North-Floyd County Team C-158 was asked to help set up booths and direct traffic for the Harvest Days at the Harvest Homecoming last summer. REACT had its own booth set up to sell pull tabs and cotton candy. Earnings were used to fix food baskets for the needy at Christmas time, and for its help at the festival, REACT received an award.

This was followed by four nights of Pumpkin Patrol watching an overpass for four hours each night, but not without regard. Each night state police had hot coffee and donuts for the watchers.

In November, REACT and other civic groups heard Don Jackson, Inert coordinator, and members took radiological training in the Clark County Civil Defense Office.

**Neighborhood Watch Pays Off for Florida REACT**

MT. DORA, FL — Many of the snowbirds returning to local mobile home parks and the city of Mount Dora, found their communities fairly well established in the neighborhood watch, sponsored by the Lake County Sheriff's Department. Much credit goes to Mount Dora REACT Team 3211 who have member units in this area acting as block captains. Also, REACT has active units in the Lake County Sheriff's Department and the Mount Dora Police Department. Several units in the Leesburg Police Department are also quite active. Lt. R. Roberts of the Mount Dora Police Department has furnished us with a Crime Watch lecture on tape concerning proper procedures to follow in case of an emergency. Groups interested in Crime Watch can obtain this tape by contacting any REACT unit.

**Carolling for Good Will**

**Northwest Net REACT Launches Christmas Carolling Ship**

KENT, WA — For the third consecutive year, Northwest Net 12 REACT Team 4241 successfully launched a goodwill Christmas Carolling ship consisting of 27 enthusiastic singers. Featured was a 28-foot motor home equipped with an electric organ, strategically placed microphones, P.A. amplifier and outside speakers, not to mention an excellent organist to back up the REACT vocalists.

The entourage toured local shopping centers and resthomes spreading Christmas cheer and goodwill singing everyone's favorite carols. A bonus to the yuletide cheer (participation by shoppers passing by) was the added recognition of REACT for its efforts in staging coffee Safety Breaks each year and its on-going DWI program.

Special thanks are due past State President, Jean Philman, Team Chairman, for this event.



KENT, WA — Some of the Northwestern Net 12 REACT carolers in action. Group toured local shopping centers and resthomes to make Christmas cheerier for many bedridden and destitute residents.

**Ohio REACT's Holiday Program Yields Outpouring of Goodwill**

MINERVA, OH — Members of Minerva REACT Team C-323 were busy last December 21 handing out clothes, toys and other items to approximately 47 needy families in the area. The Team received names of families in need from schools, churches and the Red Cross and then contacted each family to come to the REACT headquarters.

According to Lois Rose, Secretary, this is the tenth year the Team has sponsored the project, which she describes as a "pet" activity. Many donated items were placed in barrels at area service stations and McDonald's provided for that purpose. Other donations came from specific individuals.

**Team Tallies Up Toys for Tots**

LUCEDALE, MS — Though collections were down for the annual Toy Drive of George County REACT Team 3231, the total amount collected was not bad considering the cold weather. The 259 cases of food, toys, fruit and candy were given to underprivileged children in the area.

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## Brooklyn REACT Sprouts and Taxes Hold After Chartering

by Don Lillis  
Brooklyn Gateway REACT Team 4567

BROOKLYN, NY — More than "a tree grew in Brooklyn" this year. Brooklyn Gateway REACT Team 4567 sprouted and is now flourishing.

The Team's charter was issued in June, 1983, to a group of dedicated people who collectively have a background in CB radio for many years.

Brooklyn Gateway REACT made their presence known by holding their first Safety Break on Canarsie Pier alongside the Belt Parkway in Brooklyn during the Labor Day weekend, September 3-5. REACT Team 4567 had a lot of red eyes come Tuesday morning.

Not wishing to rest on their laurels, Brooklyn Gateway REACT was part of a safe driver effort at an October Fest held from September 29 to October 2. Literature was distributed and, in conjunction with the National Park Service, breathalyzer tests were given on a voluntary basis.

### Three is a Charm Proves Entree to Windfall of Prizes and Awards

WILKES-BARRE, PA — Three is the lucky number for Mountaintop REACT Team No. 2607. Within the past three months the Team had over \$600 donated to them.

An employee of RCA, Team President Clinton Chamberlin, applied for a donation under the corporation's Volunteer Incentive Award Program, open to employees only who are involved in community activities.

Mountaintop REACT was awarded \$200, which was one of the highest donations awarded in the local area.

A 300 club ticket purchased by the Team from the Mountaintop Area Charity Ball Committee resulted in

Richmond County REACT asked if Brooklyn Gateway REACT could help with communications in the celebration of Staten Island's Tri-centennial. (The Verrazano Bridge connects Brooklyn to Staten Island.) Team 4567 was happy to assist. The group also attended a meeting with Richmond County REACT to assist "Child Find," which helps law enforcement in locating lost children.

The area covered by Brooklyn Gateway REACT extends from the famous Brooklyn Bridge east to the Brooklyn-Queens border, a parkway stretch of approximately twenty miles of extremely active roadway systems. Team 4567 tries to keep it as safe as possible, both on and off the parkway, by monitoring Channels 9 and 19. Off the parkway they volunteer as mobile and base operators in cooperation with local precincts in C.O.P., an acronym meaning Civilian Observation Patrol. Team members patrol their neighborhoods in their cars and are in

further winnings of \$100. The Team used the money to purchase a base antenna for their senior citizen program.

Finally, a letter requesting a donation to purchase a GMRS radio resulted in a \$300 donation from the Mountaintop Area Charity Ball Committee. This committee consists of less than ten hard-working people who, throughout the year, raise funds and donate the money to local community organizations. This being the first time the REACT Team requested a donation, they were presented with the third largest check.

The money is being put to good use and will enable Mountaintop REACT to perform their job more effectively.

### Team Ends Year on Successful and Upbeat Note

by Helen M. Elliott  
Public Relations Officer

The local REACT group can be proud of their accomplishments during 1983. Having lost our trailer in late 1982, when it became unhitched from the vehicle towing it, and it crashed, totally demolishing the trailer and lots of valuable equipment, the Team was obliged to start from scratch. An anonymous couple donated a used trailer, and after considerable work (new wiring, cabinet work, etc.) donated by members, and some funds spent, we again had a very nice communications trailer. It is equipped and ready for emergency use, in the city or surrounding communities. We have our own generator for supplying emergency 110-volts electricity.

In the early part of the year, REACT upgraded city police files on responsible persons to telephone in case of fire or other emergency, for business and commercial firms, and churches, here in Lompoc. Well over one hundred hours was spent on this project.

Also, during early 1983, heavy rains flooded city streets. Members located flooded areas, and workers out in the cold were surprised to see two ladies in a pick-up truck and rain gear, carrying hot coffee in large party-sized percolators, with cream and sugar and foam cups, for city and fire department crews.

During the summer, members located the Command Post of some county brush fires, and responded in their cars with our portable generator, to make hot coffee on the spot for weary workers coming off the fire lines. The ladies in their REACT jackets and equipment were always welcome.

During the year, the Team also supplied communications for charitable Walk-a-thons and Bike-a-thons, by members using their own CB radio-equipped cars, strung out along the routes, to keep visual and radio contact with a centrally located command post, and to provide check in points.

The communications trailer was used for the three long holiday weekends — Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day. A permit was sought, and paid for, from Cal-Trans State Highway Department, to park our trailer on the South-bound lanes of 101 Highway, at the Gaviota rest stop, for the three weekends. It was set up and manned by members of the Team, 24 hours a day, from Friday through Monday, all three holidays, dispensing free hot coffee and iced Kool-aid to weary travelers. A "no-obligation" donation box usually received enough dimes and quarters to buy supplies for the next Safety Break.

In September, REACT participated in the county-wide disaster drill, which involved local fire and police, county fire, county sheriffs, and California Highway Patrol. Members took their own CB radio equipped cars to several sites in the city to report damages and injuries. This is the second year we have participated in these drills.

### Team Closes Book on Busy and Productive Year

RADFORD, VA — New River Valley REACT Team 2336 has had a busy and productive 1983. Topping the Team's list of achievements is the \$16,000 it has collected through public alerts carried in the local news media for Douglas Turpin, a 13-year-old local youth, who in his young life has had seven bouts with cancer involving chemotherapy, organ treatment and surgery for various organs of his body and still survived.

In addition, the Team which is now incorporated, purchased its own trailer and had it painted by local member Bob Ratcliff.

According to Ken Reed, Sr. REACT also sponsored three Safety Breaks with approximately 9,500 motorists stopping by for refreshments. It has also sponsored nursing home visits and participated in the Special Olympics.

direct contact with local precincts by radio.

The people who make it all happen are Jerry Barbella, Don Lillis and Bill Rankin. Carol Chow holds it together as Secretary and Bill Hendrickson is our radio monitor.

Here's to the new arrival — Brooklyn Gateway REACT Team 4567. What a start!

### Team Civic Efforts Pay Off in Goodwill

CANTONMENT, FL — Northwest Florida REACT Team 4556 works very closely with the March of Dimes, Escambia County Search and Rescue, and numerous other non-profit organizations. The Team has three Emergency Medical Technicians and most of its members are trained in CPR and First Aid, which is encouraged in its membership requirements.

Team leader, Eugene Kittrell, serves as a Red Cross Disaster Captain, who goes out on all major disasters; fires (whether city or county), floods, train derailments, chemical leaks, searching for persons lost and drownings.

Kittrell has two REACT E.M.T.s plus three other members on his disaster Team. He has served as a Disaster Surveyor for the last twenty-five years, going out to evaluate damage of any disaster and reporting back to our Red Cross chapter in Escambia County.

Another job he holds is Supply Purchaser, locating sources for supplies and equipment for the local Red Cross chapter in the event of a disaster.

As REACTers, our Team worked emergency communications for Red Cross during the Pensacola Interstate Fair, for ten days putting in 665 manhours during this period. Our Red Cross members also worked the First

### Team Elects Officers; Concludes Successful Year

BATAVIA, NY — Genesee County REACT Team 3123's new officers for year 1984 are: President, Kean Silvernail; Vice President, Geo. Williams; Treasurer, Don Homer; Secretary, Edith Silvernail.

Elected to the Board of Directors were Dave Allen, Coordinator, Don Howard, and Edwin Berge.

In the past year, the Team has sponsored a Pumpkin Watch, (with the Sheriff's Department is happy about as there aren't any problems on the Thway Bridge when REACT watches); they can be in other important places. The Team also held its annual Award Break in September, with guests from Scotland, Ireland and England.

With 17 Units in the Team, REACT on the air for more than 10,600 hours; it takes over 300 calls, mostly from New York State Thruway.

Aid Station on Sunday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, putting in nine manhours.

All three REACT E.M.T.s are instructors in CPR for Red Cross, as well as for the Heart Association. Sa. Spork and Kaye Kittrell have a Cub Scout troop, which the Team is proud of, as well as their association with the Crisis Suicide Prevention Center otherwise known as Help Line.

Another couple in the REACT unit are Dave and Diane Loveland, are active members serving as D.A.T. Captains in the Red Cross. As one can see, REACT keeps very busy in community events. Being a rather new REACT unit chartered in February 1982, the Team strives to fulfill community expectations as well as to educate the public to services.

### Live Free Group Backs Use of Channel 7 As "The Survival Channel"

by R.C. Watts  
Louisville Metro REACT

The Federal Emergency Management Agency, in its Radiological Defense planning manual says "... the very availability of CB makes it a communications resource that should be considered ..." and "For many people who have CB radio equipment, it may be their sole method of conversing." This manual is talking about nuclear war, but commercial communications have been interrupted countless times by natural disasters as well, leaving CB as the most available mode of communications. REACT Teams have demonstrated the usefulness of CB time and time again.

Channel 9 should be kept clear for emergency calls during disaster or emergency, but there are other communica-

tion needs to be met. People have coordinate their actions with each other just as truckers sometimes do on Toward that end, LIVE FREE, Inc. (E 1743, Harvey, IL 60426), America's largest survival organization, is focusing the nationwide use of Channel 7 "The Survival Channel."

LIVE FREE is not a CB radio organization but will be issuing a bumper sticker, brassard and promotional literature on CB emergency use. Articles on emergency communications will appear periodically in LIVE FREE's monthly newsletter, "Directions." When people are helping each other, they can "meet" Channel 7. When they need emergency services help, LIVE FREE recommends calling REACT on Channel 9.



RADFORD, VA — Members of New River Valley REACT are seen with their newly acquired T Trailer. Paint for the unit was donated by a local auto parts store and the actual painting was done by one of the members — Bob Ratcliff.

**Herndon REACT Monitor Helps Save Man**

by Bob Baird, Public Relations  
Herndon REACT Team C-332

VIENNA, VA — On Sunday February 5 at approximately 8:30 p.m., Sara Harvey, a member of Herndon REACT C-332 Team, was monitoring the CB Channel 9, when she heard a call, "Break Channel 9 for anybody on the channel." Sara answered the call and a man in a very emotional state said, "Please, I want to talk to someone in a professional field before I do something crazy."

Sara tried to obtain his exact location but wasn't too successful but while still talking to the man, she called the Virginia State Police and briefed Trooper J. Rasnick on the call. Trooper Rasnick advised Sara to have the man call him, advising that he would talk to him about his problem.

The man (28, married and white) contacted Trooper Rasnick and spoke of his suicidal tendency and that he had family problems as well as being on medication.

Still unable to determine the location of the man, Trooper Rasnick had Trooper S. Jones get on the other telephone line and trace the call. Rasnick continued to engage the individual in conversation while the call was traced to a Merrifield public telephone booth.

Fairfax County Police were contacted by Virginia State Police and asked to check out the Merrifield area, where they found the man still in a phone booth talking to Virginia State Police. The man was apprehended by Fairfax County Police and in line with his original request, was taken for professional help.

As of this writing, the man has volunteered for professional help. Thanks to Herndon REACT's Sara Harvey in staying calm and alert while handling the situation, the man is alive today and under professional care. Special thanks goes to both the Virginia State Police and the Fairfax County Police who exhibited the professionalism they are noted for.

**1983 Most Successful Year Yet for Carolina Team**



HENDERSONVILLE, NC — Recent shot of 42-member Four Seasons REACT Team. Since photo was taken the Team has added four adult members and two juniors. Chief Jim Holbert is at extreme left front row, while Assistant Chief Jerry Hill is at extreme front right.

HENDERSONVILLE, NC — Four Seasons REACT Team 2285 had their most successful year on record in 1983. With a total of 42 active members, including seven juniors, the Team has worked over 100 details this year — including parades, grand openings, flower shows, steeple chases, to name but a few.

REACT has also assisted the Red Cross, local fire departments, Girl Scouts, Fourth of July and Labor Day celebrations, and many other civic organizations. They have helped with the

handling of emergencies, accidents, fires, plane crashes and many more.

Four Seasons REACT also had a part in getting the law changed in North Carolina allowing REACT to direct traffic on public highways. Letters were sent to the General Assembly by local law enforcement agencies, churches, local individuals and the Team itself.

The Team was also the first in the Western district to be certified by the state as Traffic Control Officers. Those certified to date have been registered with the Western district and with local

law enforcement agencies.

The Team also had five successful Safety Breaks last year. At the first of the year, the rest areas on both sides of Interstate 26 between Asheville and Hendersonville were reserved during the Fourth of July, Labor Day and three weekends in October while the autumn leaves were at their peak. A total of over \$7,600 was raised over the five weekends.

Four Seasons REACT is proud to serve Henderson County, Polk County and Transylvania County as a part of REACT International!

**Carolina REACTers Honored by Townsman for Community Services**

WALTERBORO, SC — Three Colleton County REACT members, Colonel Bill Kofron, Lt. Lottie Padgett and Junior member Tammy Bazzle were awarded Certificates of Appreciation from the town of Hampton, SC by Chief of Police Jerry Thomas, for their outstanding work during the 1983 Watermelon Festival. Lt. Lottie Padgett received a plaque recently for collecting the most money to help a crippled person obtain an electric wheel chair. Major Mildred McMillan and Cpl. Blanche

Padgett were recognized for their work in the Coke Run, sponsored by Coca Cola.

In other Team news, the Team congratulates member Debra Bazzle Howard on her recent marriage to its newest member — Michael A. Howard in Smoaks, SC. The marriage was officiated by Colonel Bill Kofron Team President, who is an ordained minister. Colleton County REACT is sponsoring a food for the needy program this Christmas and plans to distribute bags of groceries to those in need in the county during Christmas.

**Cold Weather Not a Problem for Indiana REACT**

NEW ALBANY, IN — The Christmas Holiday period was a busy one for members of Metro REACT North Team 1585 as the Team held a three-day roadblock for the Salvation Army. With temperatures down to 10 degrees and a windchill of 2 below, members put in six hours each day or a total of 18 hours and raised more than \$1,800.

In addition REACT ladies rang the bells at the kettles and worked the 23rd of December fixing 500 food baskets and giving out toys for firemen and the Salvation Army for distribution to needy families in the area.

**Team Rings Out Year on Upbeat Note**

CHRISNEY, IN — Spencer County REACT Team finished a very rewarding year with forty members and with a record of having held twelve regular meetings with an average of 18 members on hand and two directors meetings. It can also point to a total of 17,753 man-hours monitoring Channel 9.

Team activities included setting up Coffee Stops on I 64 east of US 231 on Memorial Day and the Labor Day weekends where members served 6,335 cups of coffee and Tang to the motoring public.

**In Memory of a Dear Departed REACTer and Good Friend . . .**

by Sherrilene Dysart  
McDowell County REACT

MARION, NC — McDowell County REACT Team 2632 lost a dedicated and dear member of their Team on January 3 — Charles William Norwood.

Mr. Norwood was a great asset to our Team. He joined the Team in 1975. REACT played a very important part in his life. He had served the Team in many great ways: as Assistant Chief, Captain, and Chairman of the Ex-Board, President of the North Carolina Western District and at his death was serving his second year as President of the North Carolina State Council.

Our hearts went out to the family and friends as we said our goodbyes. The Team felt great honor for the family as we served as Honorary Pallbearers for this great REACTer and friend. Charles was well known in McDowell County and will be greatly missed by all. The Team will miss his great help and dedication.

**Members Saddened at REACTer's Passing**

On October 14, 1983, Northern Kentucky REACT Team 3221 lost a valued member of the Team — Mr. Fred Hagedorn Unit #K-12. Mr. Hagedorn passed away leaving behind many friends. Fred was a very active member of the Team, serving on the Board of Directors, and working many of the field activities in which the Team was involved.

During the famous Beverly Hills fire in Northern Kentucky, Fred manned the base station radio at the Ft. Thomas police station for more than 14 hours without relief, directing the many emergency vehicles. Fred spent many hours monitoring Channel 9, and gave assistance wherever needed. Fred's accomplishments are many. His friendship and wisdom will be missed by everyone.

**Letters We Like to Get**

To the Editor:

As a member of the Awards Committee I would like to remind all REACTers that there have been very few nominees for any of the Quarter Awards. In order to be able to give out the awards we must have nominees for them.

I was reading the latest REACTer and saw many items in it. Some of them should have been sent into the committee for use as nominees. As often as possible these should be sent in for the Quarter Awards.

The time is now to REACT as REACTers and get the names and deeds into the committee. Only you out there can nominate for the awards. SO DO IT!! Give the committee a challenge and make us work at giving the awards and not using the one or two that have been submitted. Make your Special REACTer, Team, and Council known to the committee. When you submit an article to the REACTer send a copy signed by a couple of the officers to the Awards Chairman. Then we the committee will have something to work with.

So get busy fellow REACTers and give me something to do in my spare time.

Lee White  
South Bay REACT C-167  
Lawndale, CA

Editor's Note:

Send your nominations for Achievement Awards in either the Individual, Team, or Council categories to: Chairman, Awards Committee, c/o REACT International, 3653 Woodhead Drive, Northbrook, IL 60062.

**Year of the Child Indiana REACT Outfits Buses With CB's**

DANVILLE, IN — Since 1983 was the Year of the Child, Hendricks County REACT Team 3172 helped the County school system with the installation of CBs that the school buses might have direct communication in the event of an emergency. REACT members also faithfully monitored for the school buses during bus run periods.

The Team has found that CB is becoming more important in the lives of our senior citizens this year, and has volunteered to purchase and install new CB mobile units in the Senior Citizens vans in Brownsburg, Danville, and Plainfield. should a van have a breakdown or other emergency, the driver needs only to turn to Channel 9 and call for help.

In addition to voting on the CBs for senior citizens at the January meeting, information was presented from the State Board meeting held in January, and delegates were elected to the State Council and International Convention as follows: 1st Delegate — Judith Wilson, 2nd Delegate — Franklin Cox, Jr., 1st alternate — Eric Archer, 2nd alternate — Ray L. Wilson.

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