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## Carolina REACT Meets Hurricane Head On

JACKSONVILLE, NC — During the recent onslaught of Hurricane Diana, Onslow County REACT Team 2718 set up a communications net on Channels 3, 9, and 34 with monitors stationed at their homes, in the Emergency Management Center (CD), Red Cross office, Onslow Memorial Hospital, evacuation shelters (schools), and mobile units.

On September 11 after receiving a call for help, more than 50 citizens volunteered — some with radios, antennas, coax and batteries and others volunteering as mobiles (4x4's, vans, cars and trucks) and as monitors for the various sheltered positions.

But Diana was no normal hurricane. Members had figured it would take a day or less before the storm wore out. But the Hurricane hovered around the area for more than two and a half days. Most of the volunteers and all of the

REACTers remained on duty until noon Thursday when Emergency Management Director Don Herman announced that members should secure, but remain available.

It was the Team's first experience working with the local amateur club, Red Cross, Salvation Army and Civil (defense) Preparedness. And there were some bugs to work out in radio/channel usage; working traffic under rough conditions (extreme bleedover — linear/overmodulation from Channel 6, inferior antennas and the members own inexperience). By dawn of the next day most problems were ironed out and radio usage was down considerably.

As a result of its activity in connection with the storm, REACT now has 26 members and several prospects. It has also acquired a working knowledge of how to handle such disasters. An Emergency Operation Procedure book is being drafted.



What are Joan and Larry Shrigley doing in this photo and how were they able to convince 155 Chicago area REACTers from 14 Teams to participate in a major Sports Event in the Windy City? For the Answers, see story on page 1.

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## PRCS Still Alive Though GE Pulls Out

The Extra Edition of the REACTer covering the Personal Radio Communication Service was mailed on Friday, November 2nd. On Monday, November 5th, we learned that the General Electric Company had informed the FCC that they were withdrawing from activity in PRCS. That is, even if the service were approved by the Commission, the General Electric Company would not manufacture such equipment.

This appears to have been a sudden and arbitrary decision by some General Electric executives who had visited Washington and who were in charge of the project. REACT Headquarters later learned that it appeared to these people that PRCS was not going to be approved by the Commission, and having made a substantial investment, they wished to disband the project group as rapidly as possible to minimize additional loss to the Company. Furthermore, even if PRCS miraculously was approved, there would be a continued investment for at least one year before they could get to market. Having to make some budget projections for top management on the project, they deemed it necessary for corporate financial reasons to act immediately to inform the Commission of their nonparticipation.

(NOTE: The Extra REACTer and other expenses REACT has incurred in promotion of PRCS will be paid by GE.)

REACT's FCC Comment Committee conferred and decided the most important objective was to reserve some spectrum at 900 MHz for personal radio. First, this would require continued demonstration of need by consumers. The request in the Extra REACTer to write to Representative Timothy Wirth, Chairman, House Telecommunications Subcommittee, was the best way to promote this effort.

Secondly, it is necessary to demonstrate some interest among industry members to fill the void created by GE's withdrawal. It was clear that no company would want to commit to the extent that the General Electric Company had gone in this operation. However, a number of significant personal communications companies contacted did show interest in investigating the possibility of participating in a new personal radio service at 900 MHz. Obviously, these companies have been watching PRCS and deciding what their role might be. In addition, since the FCC's notice of inquiry for a personal radio service at 900 MHz was released in 1979, these companies had all had considerable marketing and technical evaluation of such a service. so that an effective service can be developed.

By the time you read this, the matter of PRCS may be decided one way or the other, or it may continue into a prolonged rulemaking procedure. We will again update this information in the next REACT Team mailing. Those of you who have written to the FCC, to your Congressmen and/or Chairman

Wirth are to be congratulated for your interest in the future of personal radio communications.

As we go to press, we are aware that industry members have contacted the FCC in an attempt to delay dismissal of the PRCS rulemaking. This is designed to permit time to evaluate various systems that could be more acceptable to the Commission while providing adequate spectrum and technical capabilities to permit an effective and useful personal radio service.

In addition, REACT International has written to Chairman Wirth's office and to the Commissioners to accentuate our continued interest in getting the matter delayed long enough for significant input to be made by all concerned

## Harrison County REACT, Paula Thompson named 1st Quarter Achievement Award Winners

Members of Harrison County REACT Team 3327 (Corydon, IN) and Paula Thompson, a member of the Durham, Durham County (NC) REACT Team 2457 are walking a little lighter these days, for they have been named the winners of the Team and individual achievement awards for the first quarter of 1984.

As a result, both the Team and Paula are \$100 richer and they become eligible for the top Achievement Awards for the year and a trip to the International Convention in Chicago next summer. The contest is underwritten by K-40 Electronics.

Although a fairly new member of the Durham County Team, she was a natural for the individual award, said Wes Gould, Achievement Awards

Chairman, of Conover, Ohio. Since joining the Team in 1980, she has served as Chaplain and Chairman of the Public Relations Committee. In 1982 she was Chairman of the North Carolina State Convention, doing an excellent job. In 1982 she was also named REACTer of the year for North Carolina and served as her Team Secretary. In 1983 she served as District Secretary-Treasurer and District Secretary of Public Relations.

The Harrison County Team, with fourteen regular members and fifteen associate members, maintains a full schedule of activities including 16 Bingo Games during the first quarter of 1982, and monthly newsletters in January, February and March of 1983.

## Record REACT Turnout for Record Setting Marathon

by Joan Shrigley, West Suburbs REACT Team 3310



Al Garbe, West Suburbs REACT, Finish Line Coordinator, Issues Instructions to "Tag" Personnel.

CHICAGO, IL — America's Marathon-Chicago saw a world-record time set for men (2:08:05) and a record number of REACTers (165 members from 14 teams) supplying emergency communications around the course, according to Larry Shrigley (West Suburbs REACT 3310, Event Coordinator for REACT).

Shrigley, in his sixth year as event coordinator, stated that all REACT members began their day at 7 a.m., their arrival time at Buckingham Fountain, receiving last minute assignments and information from Bill Simpson (Metro North REACT 4515), Personnel Coordinator. According to Simpson, "the early morning meeting was 'old hat' to most of the personnel as they were working their fifth or sixth marathon". To some, (Bi-State REACT 2292, Midwest REACT C164 of Joliet, KGW REACT 4488 & Enterprise REACT 4607) it was their first event of this size", Simpson commented.

The procedures for the event have been developed over the years and were distributed to members prior to Sunday morning, thus reducing the time spent in the cold and rain. All that was left to be considered were last minute changes and information. The packets received by each REACT unit contained the



Southwest REACT EMT Paramedic Unit receives instructions from Dr. Edwin Winslow, Marathon Medical Director.

course map, the unit's location, frequency to be used, radio procedures and guidelines, and all pertinent information about the Marathon.

According to the coordinators, there were REACT units every half mile around the course and for every nine course cars there was a field supervisor equipped with sideband. Each sector was assigned a frequency which it was required to stay on. Only the supervisor was authorized to use sideband to contact Marathon Control. Since 1 SSB and 5 AM channels were used, this system alleviated many of the problems associated with having too many people trying to communicate and receive information at the same time.

An aid station was located every 2.5 miles with doctors, nurses on hand, besides medical supplies and an ambulance. The doctors had direct communications with the Race Medical Director, Dr. Winslow, via GMRS as

set up and coordinated by Randy Knowles (North Shore Emergency), as well as CB contact with course cars.

Marathon Control was located in the studios of Radio Station WMAQ in the Merchandise Mart. WMAQ has allowed REACT to use their CB antenna for the last five marathons. At 7:45 a.m., Joan Shrigley (West Suburbs REACT) and Judy Simpson (Metro North REACT) became the voices of Marathon Control and activated the network. From this point on, all communications from field supervisors and coordinators were handled by them. At 8 a.m., the GMRS medical network was activated by Randy Knowles.

Until five minutes before the start of the race, field supervisors made sure all of their course units were in position. They then joined Marathon Control on sideband for last minute information and listened for the race countdown.

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## Cycle Races No Challenge To Carolina REACTers

HAMLET, NC — Approximately 25 REACTers and volunteers participated in the AMA motorcycle races at the North Carolina Speedway volunteering their services for the event. Members served as captains of the six corners, as well as flagman and communications director.

Each corner of the track, using a GMRS radio, had no less than three persons assigned and there were also three units in the control tower to which reports of accidents were relayed. If there was an accident, the proper caution flag and ambulance flag was displayed, and removed after the ambulance had left.

REACT units also set up and maintained a concession stand, plus hot meals for the riders and spectators. After a lunch break, all REACTers reported back to their stations ready to go, and those who had to leave had others replace them.

Racing continued through the afternoon fast and furious. Everyone was left on their toes because at the speed the cyclists were going almost anything could happen.

The concession stand was kept open for the riders and spectators until 6:15 p.m. and the procedure was repeated the following day — adding up to a good effort by members of the Team.

LAS VEGAS — A Las Vegas teenager, caught in raging floodwaters is alive today because of the heroic swift action of a Las Vegas trucker, his son and a friend, all members of the Las Vegas United REACT.

The teen had tried to ride his bicycle across the rapidly moving 60 foot wide current and was caught in the torrent.

Don Adams, working with his 19-year-old son Brian and 15-year-old Tim Arnold, all REACT members, jumped into the floodwaters and plucked the boy out. Adams is a 12-year-member of REACT. His unit was one of about 30 from Las Vegas and Southern Nevada REACT Teams in action, helping police by directing traffic and aiding troubled motorists. Adams and the two young men were rerouting traffic from the flooded intersection when the teenager almost drowned.

## Hats off to Nebraska REACT

FREMONT, NE — Jack Sutton, right, presents the proclamation signed by Fremont Mayor Arthur Peters designating November to be National REACT Month to John LaMar, President of Dodge County REACT. Dodge County REACT receives high praise from most of the official agencies it works with, and Police Chief Francis Hurt sums it up: "Our hats are off to Dodge County REACT. They are a definite asset to our community."



**A Special Thank You**  
to all REACTers who contributed  
to our Greeting Card fund!  
There is still time to participate.

## Notes from Northbrook

by Executive Director Gerald H. Reese

In the past, we have attempted to provide incentives to help build membership. At this point, I personally believe we need no additional incentives than those that are self-evident:

1. If we don't grow, we will shrink in size and in importance as an organization: A fact that your Team must face at the local level and your Board of Directors must attack at the International level.
2. A larger REACT International will be a more effective spokesman in behalf of Personal Radio before the FCC and other government agencies.
3. More Team members will permit your Team to participate more effectively in all local activities.
4. A larger REACT Team will mean improved opportunity to get more funding and equipment, better newsletters, improved training and an ability to achieve the goals you set for your Team.

I submit a personal challenge to every REACT Team and every REACT Council to build a bigger and better REACT through increased membership. This Headquarters is prepared to help more than ever before! Send in the names and addresses of membership prospects, individuals and Teams. We will be happy to send them a personal letter inviting them to join your REACT Team, or start a new Team, as you specify. Our new computer will help in keeping a list of these people and sending out invitations to join.

If this looks like a blueprint for a major membership drive, you are invited to use it for that purpose.

REACT supports the establishment of a new Personal Radio Service in the 900 MHz band. The specific proposal known as PRCS is coming to the FCC for final consideration just about the time most REACT members are reading these words. We are hopeful that REACT members have helped to influence the Commissioners toward a favorable decision. The introduction of PRCS will permit a new era of useful personal communications and launch a completely new and advanced series of radios that will be available to the public from a variety of manufacturers.

Many of the advantages of CB radio in its universal availability and simplicity of operation are features of the PRCS service. Overall improved communications capability is the most important feature. You may be sure, if PRCS is authorized, you will receive complete information from REACT.

REACT's most urgent need is for more members! An additional 10 percent growth in membership for 1985 should be an attainable goal. This would provide the ability though additional funding to implement many programs just waiting for funding!

Both major areas of membership require serious effort. These are individual members added to existing Teams, and adding more new Teams.

## Meet the REACT Board

(A new series to acquaint REACTers with the persons now serving on the REACT Board.)

Introducing the Rev. "Bill" Shafer, currently the 1983-85 Field Director on the REACT International Board. At the recent meeting of the Board of Directors at the Daytona Beach (Florida) REACT International Convention, Bill was elected 1984-85 REACT International Board Chairman and President of the REACT International Corporation.

Bill joined REACT in the early 1970's when his teenage son heard about REACT and wanted to start a REACT Team. Since Bill's son was not old enough legally to start a Team, Bill, and his wife, Kay, found themselves very much involved in organizing Strafford County (NH) REACT Team. Don Libbey was the Team's first President, Bill was the Chairman of the Board, and Bill's son was the Team's Patrol and Monitoring Supervisor. Subsequently, Bill initiated action to organize the New Hampshire Council of REACT Teams and was elected their first President. Bill has also served on the IAC Steering Committee and was elected to serve as a Forum Vice President (Programs) before his election as a REACT Field Director.

Bill has been a parish minister for 32 years in The United Methodist Church and, in addition to parish activities, was recently appointed to serve as New Hampshire Disaster Coordinator for the United Methodist Committee on Relief. UMCOR, like REACT, is a part of National Volun-



Rev. William Shafer

teer Organizations Active in Disasters (NVOAD).

Asked why he was attracted to REACT, Bill responded: "I saw in REACT a family-oriented organization where everyone could pitch in, sharing a wide variety of talents, to fill a variety of unmet needs in a community. In Strafford County REACT, I saw a number of restless teenagers find a useful outlet for their energies which benefited them and their community. All but one of those teenagers is today gainfully employed and an asset to the communities in which they live. I feel that the REACT program was a definite help to my own son who went on to be a Communications Specialist with the New Hampshire State Police and is now a Police Chief in a New Hampshire town.

REACT is a caring group of dedicated people and I am proud to be associated with REACT."

### POLICY STATEMENT

#### REACT Team Identification

Issued by the REACT International Board of Directors, August 1984

1. REACT International grants charter rights to local REACT Teams.
2. The name of the Team is recognized by REACT International as the operating Team's Business and Identifying name.
3. Changes to, or incorporation of, a different name is not permissible under the terms of charter and a formal request for change of char-

tered name must be sent to REACT International for approval. Upon approval, a new charter will be issued for a fee of \$25.00.

4. On-air identification must employ the chartered name. As follows:  
Teams may identify on the air with chartered Team name and/or Team number and/or FCC-assigned call sign or any combination thereof.
5. Abbreviations or initials standing for an intended identification must be spelled out, i.e. Central Arkansas REACT Emergency Services, Inc. / dba (doing business as) C.A.R.E., Inc.

Your own Team has a dual challenge: to keep the members you have and get them renewed for 1985, and to add new members to your roster. In the past, most Teams have had a Membership Committee responsible for both functions. Here is a suggestion:

#### Have Two Membership Committees:

1. Membership Retention
2. Membership Recruitment

**Membership Retention** is responsible for contacting all existing members to insure that they are renewing their membership for next year. This committee may also be made responsible for handling paperwork to be sure you register all members for 1985 in time to be eligible for the Early Bird drawing. This means that your registration for the maximum number of members should be received at Headquarters no later than December 31, 1984.

**Membership Recruitment** is responsible for developing a program to sign up new members for your Team. A plan is absolutely essential if this effort is to be effective! Set a goal: How many new members are you seeking? Where are you going to find these new members? Do you have a "prospect" list? Ask every member to give you names. Invite these prospects to meetings, social events, communications activities, etc.

Whether you are retaining old members, or recruiting new ones, you are *selling* your REACT Team. Become an effective salesman for REACT!

1. **Know your product.** Be able to answer questions about your Team activities, use of GRMS system, benefits of affiliation with REACT International, and some information about other individual members with whom you are proud to associate.
2. **Know your prospect.** Find out (usually by talking to them directly) what are their occupational, recreational, and family interests.
3. **Relate the benefits of membership to the individual needs or wants of your specific prospect.** If you are trying to retain a member, emphasize the Team activities of greatest interest to that member. If you are recruiting a new member, try to determine what phase of your Team's activities or membership benefits are most attractive to that individual.

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## Search Proves in Vain



Members of August REACT participate in unsuccessful search effort for drowning victim.

AUGUSTA, GA — The Augusta REACT Team C-222 has had a very busy 1984 with several active Safety Breaks including that of Memorial Day at which more than 3,000 cups of coffee, tea, and lemonade were served together with thousands of cookies.

The Team also had first aid stations set up for the Georgia Cloggers convention, the 26-Mile Run, the Savannah River Raft Race and the Seventh Annual Turkey Trot.

In addition, REACT was called up twice to participate in a search and rescue effort which resulted in locating a 90-year-old man and a 72-year-old man in Rocky Creek Swamp, both alive. Members also searched unsuccessfully for another man, presumably drowned. The Team includes 6 divers in its rescue Team and 6 EMT's, a First Aid truck, a rescue truck, power plant and two boats, all paid for and clear.

### Team Mourns Member's Loss

NAPA, CA — Bill Gifford, member and founder of Napa County REACT Team 3643 passed away on August 30, after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Gifford originally obtained the charter for Napa County REACT and has been an active member since. REACT was a special love for Mr. Gifford. He monitored his radio 24 hours a day and it goes without saying was a dedicated member. He will be greatly missed by the other members of Napa County REACT.

### REACT Helps Rescue Stranded Boaters

SALT LAKE CITY, UT — Four pleasure boaters were helped to safety after they were stranded in the Great Salt Lake because of high winds and rough water. Their appeals for help were heard on CB by Glenn Mickelson, a member and President of Salt Lake City REACT Team 269, who relayed the message to Salt Lake County Sheriff, who in turn managed to make the rescue.

### Ohio REACT Celebrates Third Year Anniversary

MT. GILEAD, OH — Morrow County REACT 3006, known as Morrow County CB 74 Club, celebrated their tenth anniversary this past June. The Team has grown to thirty-four members, with three of the original members still active.

Members have sponsored "Coffee Breaks" during the summer holidays as money making projects. This year the Team has added "Bingo" to its fund-raising projects.

Any profits made from these fund raising projects are donated to charities and non-profit community agencies.

Local festivals and parades have provided contact with organizations in Morrow County and the "Coffee Safety Breaks" have brought members recognition to approximately 20,000 travelers.

For the third year Morrow County REACT has handled traffic control and emergency services for the Marion Popcorn Festival Bike-a-thon which covers a five county route.

## Knock Out Rebroadcast Limits On CB, Amateur Squads

WASHINGTON — The National Association of Broadcasters said it favors a Federal Communications Commission proposal to eliminate unnecessary restrictions for rebroadcasting CB and amateur radio signals. NAB said broadcasters can be relied upon to apply the same degree of journalistic discretion in rebroadcasting private radio communications as they use when airing information from any source.

In its filing, NAB said the current blanket prohibition restricts access to an important and valuable source of public information. CB broadcasts, NAB stated, are an extremely useful source of emergency, traffic, weather and road information.

NAB also said it opposed FCC-proposed changes in its rules that would completely restrict use of amateur radio for newsgathering activities. NAB argued, along the lines of comments

submitted by the Radio-Television News Directors Association, that broadcasters should be able to use amateur radio facilities for newsgathering purposes during "emergencies" or where other telecommunications facilities are either insufficient or unavailable.

The Association said it agrees with the FCC that broadcasters should not have to obtain the agency's independent consent for rebroadcasting private transmissions and to notify the Commission in writing that approval of the originating station was obtained. NAB noted that the Commission has found that FCC consent for rebroadcast is granted on a routine basis and the Association concurs that the follow-up paperwork procedure serves no purpose except to create Administrative burdens on both sides.

The NAB serves a membership of over 4,500 radio and 700 television stations, including all the major networks.

STURGIS, MI — St. Joseph County REACT Team 2982 had their hands full assisting the Sheriff's Department in locating lost children at the County Fair in Centreville. Members would pick up the lost youngsters on the grounds and obtain their names, descriptions of clothing, age, height and other basic information and report their descriptions to other members. In all, the Team worked with 70 children who had been separated from their parents at various times.

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### Indiana REACT Rates 3-Col. Spread

NEW ALBANY, IN — Rating a nice three-column editorial in the *New Albany Tribune* in praise of its activities were members of Metro REACT North of Floyd County. The paper singled out the Team for several letters received recently in salute of its program, including one letter of thanks to the Team from Floyd County Head Start for its donation of citizens band radios for use in the agency's school vans.

A private citizen also publicly thanked the Team and the New Albany Police for their quick and efficient help when he and his wife were stalled on a Floyd County road by a mechanical breakdown.

When New Albany Police Chief Miller recently began a program to allow police officers to install CB radios in their personally assigned take home

cruisers, Metro REACT North pitched in and donated some of the required CB units.

The Team received REACT's Annual Team Achievement Award at the 1984 International Convention held in Daytona Beach.

### REACT Team Helps With Cycling Event

PITTSBURGH, PA — Asked to help out again with the Day of Bicycling held in conjunction with the Western Pennsylvania Wheelmen and Allegheny Cycling Association were members of Allegheny Valley REACT. The event, featured a 24 mile, 12-mile and six-mile course. Also assisting were members of North Hills REACT.

### National REACT Month Scene



Shown with Kansas Governor Carlin (seated at desk) are members of the newly formed Kansas REACT Council. Left to right are, Jack Osborn, Manhattan REACT; Rose Mills, Carl Mills Sr. and Cheryl Mills, all of South Central Kansas REACT; Gov. Carlin, Steve Kershaw, Ron Mayss and Jim Hotchkiss, all of Sedgwick County REACT. John Blaker, also of Manhattan REACT, took the photograph.

WICHITA, KN — Members of the newly formed Kansas REACT Council worked together to have a proclamation signed by Gov. Carlin declaring November as National REACT month. They were Sedgwick County REACT, Manhattan REACT, Dickinson County REACT, Junction City REACT and South Central Kansas REACT.

John Blaker, of Manhattan REACT, forwarded a sample proclamation and arranged with the Governor's office to

have the proclamation signed. Since its formation in May, the Council has coordinated the rest stops sponsored on the major holiday weekends, and obtained recognition of REACT throughout the state through the Governor's proclamation. The Council also plans to be represented in the well-publicized TV Christmas parade sponsored by TV station KWCH and KFJH radio. Election of officers will be held in December.

Shown with the Governor of Nebraska after he proclaimed November as National REACT Month in Nebraska, are, left to right, Ron Witherwax, President, Grand Island REACT; Lynn Bayer, President, Nebraska State Council of REACT Teams; Governor Robert Kerrey, and Jackson Kling, Vice President of Administration (REACT Forum).



### Evergreen REACT Handles Communications for Event

EVERETT, WA — Six units helped with communications for the annual Mill Creek 5K and 10K Run held this year on Sunday, September 30. Richard Tufteland, Kyle Knuchell, Randy Fraser, Don Goodenough, Billie and Orville Simpson manned positions through the course and worked directly with Mill Creek Police and the Snohomish County Sheriff's Department to provide traffic control and keep tabs on the location and physical well-being of the participants.

STURGIS, MI — Members of St. Joe County REACT Team 2982 challenged Allegan County REACT for Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Telethon by donating more than \$100 to this worthwhile cause. Most of the money came from the funds collected at the Team's Coffee Break held at the Galesburg exit of I-94, held over the Labor Day weekend. Members supplied coffee, lemonade, orange drink and cookies to passing motorists.

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are **DUE**

### Here's How To Help REACT and Yourself Too Become A Life Member!

REACT members who wish to demonstrate their dedication to the ideals and objectives of the REACT program now have the opportunity to become Life Members in REACT International.

The Select group (there are only 236 Life Members in all of REACT) has been established as a means of members with more than two years' active membership in REACT showing their dedication to the ideals and goals of REACT.

To become a Life Member, you must first submit the application form below. The applicant must be recommended by his Team and must submit dues equal to twenty times the Regular Membership dues that apply at time of application,

now \$200.00.

To make Life Membership even more accessible to our members, REACT is offering three convenient payment plans: (1) Check or Money Order with application for full amount. (2) Direct Charge. Use your bank card — Visa or MasterCard, as provided in the accompanying form. Application is processed immediately if methods (1) or (2) are utilized. (3) Submit the form with \$25 deposit and pay \$25 per month for seven months. Life Membership will be awarded only when fully paid.

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



### APPLICATION FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP IN REACT INTERNATIONAL

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

Enclosed is my \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ Money Order in the amount of \$200.00 (20 x \$10.00 Annual Dues) for Life Membership Dues.

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

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

Team Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Nuts & Bolts on 27 megs

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

A baby sitting assignment in September saw us once more on the move — in Kailua, on the island of Oahu, in Hawaii. Don't envy us, it was hot and muggy.

I contacted Honolulu REACT and went to their monthly meeting, held at the public library in Aiea, about half way between Waikiki and Pearl Harbor (how's that for some geographic name dropping). Although the Team monitors channel 9 on 27 megs, they are also well equipped on GMRS where they use 462.650 without a repeater. Knowing this, I had 462.650 installed in my new I-Com by Leigh Bartlow. As I drove south over the Pali toward Highway H-1, I called out plaintively on my GMRS announcing my benign presence on Oahu, and back came Marty Martin, the Team Treasurer, with a "Who dat — where is — and why" response. I identified myself and he led me into the Aiea post office and on to the meeting. It was a lively meeting, topped off with a spine chilling program on safe driving by officer Ben Torres of the Honolulu Police Department.

The officers present were: Mike McQueen, Operations; George Brady, Secretary; Marty Martin, Treasurer; Sherwin Stevens, Membership; and Joe Tabarejo, VP, and presiding. Almost half those present were of the female persuasion, and most of them had their own Team numbers. Officer Ben Torres of the Honolulu Police presented them with a letter of commendation for an extraordinary job of filling in during a communications blackout connected with a recent sub-hurricane. Power was out and mobiles on 27 megs and hand held GMRS were the only active means left.

According to Ben Torres, Hono REACT came through with flying colors. A fine result is an excellent interface between Hono Police and Hono REACT and a willingness on the part of the police to offer training to REACT.

There is another REACT, Wahiawa, closer to Pearl Harbor, and we were able to reach the prey by phone. They claim they are alive and healthy. We exchanged info and promised a visit on our next trip over. When the parents of the "baby sitter" came home, we took off for the island of Hawaii, and the volcanoes, and Kona. In Hilo, we called Dr. Marty Goodman (name given us by HQ) and inquired about "Orchid REACT" and found that it was no more. The good doctor also runs two communications stores, and he explained that he had been supporting REACT while most of the members lived in Hilo but many of them had moved up in the hills, where living was much cheaper, but there were no phones, so, even if you monitored, how could you pass it on to the Island Police?

When you drive from Hilo to the top of the volcano, it is 50 miles of straight road laid on top of the lava. On the other side of the mountain, it is 100 miles down to Kono, again with lava on both sides. Desolate is too kind. Just west of Kona is a black sand beach, with fine lava like you've never seen before. Your feet sink into the sand (black) as huge waves crash against the lava that stretches out to sea.

Folgers can have its mountain grown coffee, but Kona has large fields of coffee trees planted right in the path of the lava flow. It also has the largest fields of Macadamia nuts in the world, also in the lava flow. Kona also has a group of CB-ers on channel 14 who monitor and help direct the international fishing derby there. When not working the derby, they pass on 10-33s just like we do. Am working on them to become REACT. My contact is "Bud Moen".

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## ALOHA!

Joe Tabarejo (left), VP of Honolulu REACT, presents officer Ben Torres, of the Honolulu Police Department (right), a certificate of appreciation for the program on "Safe Driving" that Torres had just presented. In exchange, officer Torres presented to Honolulu REACT a letter commending the Team for their ability and cooperation in providing much needed communications during a recent sub-hurricane.



Officers of the Honolulu REACT presiding during our visit to their meeting were: (l to r) Mike McQueen, Operations; George Bradley, Secretary; Joe Tabarejo, Vice President, presiding; Marty Martin, Treasurer, and Sherwin Stevens, Membership.

Some of you may recall my friend "The Midwife" from a previous issue. Well he has again done something unusual, but this time we cannot use his name or city for personal safety reasons. He showed me a letter from the chief of police of his town, citing him for "action which saved the life of a policeman." Since 4 pounds of heroin were involved, the department fears retribution. It went this-a-way:

Our "midwife" friend works mainframe computers all day, so, after dinner he likes to take a walk around the development into which he has just moved and which is fast building. He has a couple of small "Maxon" GMRS units with crystals for 462.675 (SF Bay Area REACT simplex) and he props one up on his wife's front room table and carries the other around in his hip pocket. On the night in question, he turned a corner and there, facing away from him, was a police car, lights on, door open, and motor noisily running. He quickly looked around and spotted the officer spread-eagled against a power pole with a rather husky-looking character almost straddling him from the waist up and holding a gun against the officer's neck. A few feet beyond was another car in the dark.

His first impulse was to hightail it out of there and stay safe. Then, after listening to the gibberish coming from the assailant and noting the fierceness with which he was jabbing away at the officer, our friend noted that the officer's gun was, for some reason, still in its holster. He decided on a course of action.

He backed around the corner and, using his trusted Maxon, called his wife and requested she inform the town police "that a policeman was under attack" and gave her the location. He also suggested an approach without sirens because of the obvious "high" condition of the attacker. He then returned to the scene to explore an opening.

The attacker kept yelling and jabbing and our friend made a value judgement — that he could stealthily creep up behind the attacker without being noticed. He could also end up with a bullet hole through his middle. As he walked forward he looked for a weapon or club he could use, but found none. When he reached the spot directly behind the attacker, he saw that the officer's gun was loose in its holster. He reached around, drew the gun, and placed it against the attacker's neck. It took a few minutes for the attacker to realize what had happened, and to our friend's surprise, he quieted down, dropped the gun, and stood there meekly. The officer picked up the gun that the attacker had dropped, handcuffed him and led him to the car just as two additional police cars came on the scene. It was only then that our friend saw the bag on the ground. The bag, it later developed, held four pounds of heroin.

The police department has expressed its appreciation to our friend. His wife has taken out a large amount of accident and life insurance, and he, a joint member of Golden Gate REACT and Mission Peak REACT, continues to walk and drive the streets of his hometown, prepared for the next scary incident that would chill the heart of a softy like me.

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## REACT Honors Tandy Corp.



Executive Director Jerry Reese (left) presents Tandy Corporation executive, John McDaniel, Senior Vice President and Controller, with a plaque. Tandy recently presented REACT with No. 2000 microcomputer for use in the headquarters office (see story in Sept.-Oct. issue).

## Tips On Getting Story Printed

So you'd like to get news of your stories printed in the REACTer but don't know how. Or you see the news of other Team's activities in the REACTer and wonder why your Team is not mentioned. The answer: Simple. Just see to it that the news of your Team's activi-

ties is sent to us, to: The Editor, c/o The REACTer, 3653 Woodhead Drive, Northbrook, IL 60062, and the chances are almost certain that the material will be used.

But in submitting your material, here are a few simple precautions which you should follow. These will help immensely:

1. Make sure that material is typed. Handwritten material is very difficult to read, even the most legible of handwritings. We have had to pass on stories which were impossible to read. While typing your stories, please double space.

2. Make sure that the story is complete as possible. If you keep in mind the famous 5 W's and the H — The Who, What, Where, When, and Why and How — followed by journalists, chances are your story will have all the facts it needs to be complete.

3. Make sure that names are complete. Avoid initials or nicknames, even if the member does not ordinarily use his given or first name. Avoid, for example: "Dick Lambert" or "R.C. Lambert" if the member's name is "Richard C. Lambert."

## Publicizing REACT

by Ron McCracken, Chairman  
Public Relations Task Group

### Here's How

#### 1, 2, Stamp; 3, 4, Label; 1, 2...

Last edition, we got you started in the important field of PR. Is there a Team anywhere that does not yet have its rubber stamp? Have your Team spy out supermarkets and government offices for new safety pamphlets that the Team can use. They are being issued regularly.

Now, some smarty is going to say the stamp isn't *always* satisfactory, right? Right. Litter bags, glossy pamphlets, or plastic items smear the ink or dry too slowly.

The solution? Those little personal address labels, the *self-sticking* variety. Shop around for price and suitability. They can carry a message similar to that on your Team's rubber stamp. Again they are *inexpensive* so the smallest Team can afford them.

### Busy As Bees

How do we get all the stamping and labelling done? One possibility is to devote part of a regular Team meeting to a "stamping and labeling bee". You can prepare a large amount of material in an hour, and have some good fun doing it.

Another possibility is to involve a shut-in your Team knows or community agencies can direct you to. Your Team may be able to give someone a real sense of purpose that he/she badly needs. This is good PR in itself.

There are other routes your Team can go, too. The *key* is that this should not be an onerous task carried by the PR officer *alone*.

Take a moment from your stamping and labeling, however, to drop us a note. Is any of this helpful? Have you an idea to share? Send your bouquets (and especially any bricksbats) to HQ. Till next time.

### STOP PRESS!

Input! Feedback! R.C. Watts of Kentucky merits a place in REACT history as the first to share with us samples and sources of good PR items.

He sent several, but "STANDBY" is superb. It is published by The Coleman Company, Inc., Wichita, KS, and it is ideal for your Team's winter safety information programs. Write for a supply. Thank Coleman for issuing it. It mentions CB several times. They even left the entire back cover blank. Lots of room to go to work with your rubber stamp. Well done, Mr. Watts!

4. In submitting photos, please avoid polaroid shots. They do not ordinarily reproduce well. Ditto for colored prints. Ordinarily, black and white shots, preferably 8 x 10, will reproduce best. There are exceptions, of course, but ordinarily color or polaroid shots do not reproduce as well.

5. Do not write on the back of the photo. Many times the writing will show through and spoil the shot. Type the information for the caption on a sep-

arate sheet of paper and clip or paste to the photo.

6. Avoid taking static shots of your members standing or sitting in a group. Ordinarily, these shots are not of much interest to readers. Instead, get shots of members working on a project, such as a safety break or a bike-a-thon — or working on a Team project at a meeting, etc.

These are just a few tips which will help insure that your Team news is used.

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## Mission Report: The Search for Lisa Gehris

PHILADELPHIA, PA — On Saturday, September 29 Greater Philadelphia Search and Rescue in conjunction with approximately 60 CAP cadets, members of the community and several peace officers searched the more wooded and desolate areas of Whitpain Township for a missing girl, Lisa Gehris. Although no direct evidence of Miss Gehris' presence was found, several areas were to be investigated further by the authorities.

The original intent was to place all Greater Philadelphia Search and Rescue personnel in the same sector. However, a lack of medical personnel with the CAP cadet squadrons required that our personnel be detailed to each Team. Therefore we placed an EMT-A and a first-aider with each of the three teams. Two portables were also assigned to each Team. Additional radios were loaned to the dog team from Palisades, a crew searching abandoned and other empty properties, and a team of off-duty peace officers. Center Square Fire Company allowed the use of its station for a command center. We established a command post there with temporary base antenna 35 feet above ground. A backup communications center was established about a mile away in Whitpain Hills.

Communications were excellent throughout the day. There were two injuries reported — one case of allergic reaction to plants, and one case of exhaustion. The first was treated on the scene and returned to the command center, the latter was treated on the scene and refused transportation by Plymouth Ambulance which was called to the scene.

## Agincourt REACT Handles Papal Visit

By Lawrence Swift, President  
Agincourt REACT Team

AGINCOURT, ON. — On the weekend of September 14-16, Agincourt REACT Team 4423's members were put to the test. Agincourt REACT, and one other GRS radio club in Toronto, were approached early in the year to provide communications for the Papal visit in Metro Toronto. Organizational meetings were held between our two clubs and the 21 other committees set up to organize the Papal visit to the Downsview Air Force Base.

Four VHF radio frequencies were assigned by Canada's Department of Communications for use during the visit, as approximately 200 hand held radios were rented. Frequency 1 was used for trades, carpenters, electricians and food services, etc., while frequency 2 was the command channel where the events organizers, as well as the Ministry of Health, police, etc., could be located. The remaining two frequencies were for use of volunteer zone commanders responsible for supervising the general public at the Downsview site. Each zone commander was in charge of about 20 other volunteers who were to look after approxi-

mately 12,000 spectators. Few of the zone commanders, who were Catholic volunteers, had experience in radio operations. As a result, four sessions were conducted to train the volunteers.

Arriving at the Downsview Papal site on Friday, Sept. 14th at 10 p.m., our team reported to the Communication Command Trailer which housed the four base radios for use by REACT, as well as the Metro Ambulance Dispatch (for the event), and direct lines to the Police control centre and the Papal Secretariat in downtown Toronto.

As equipment and supplies were moved in for the event, numerous radio calls were handled relating to transport trucks and emergency vehicles getting struck in the mud as a result of rain the previous three days. The team also handled many medical emergencies, ranging from heart attacks, to pregnancies, sprained ankles, hours before the general public was admitted to the site.

On Friday at midnight the general public was admitted and continued to flow in until late Saturday afternoon. Before long well over 500,000 people lined the fields in front of the 75-foot altar. As more and more people

arrived, the four radio frequencies became busier and busier until we had little chance for even a stretch.

Pope John Paul arrived by Armed Forces helicopter at the Downsview site late Saturday afternoon and gave mass for over two and a half hours. While few radio calls were received during the mass, upon its completion, medical injuries and other problems were reported to our base.

As the crowds thinned out we were able to begin collecting all the radios and spare battery packs that we had previously given out. More than 24 hours after we began receiving emergency calls on our base radios, we were able to go home for a good night's sleep, well earned.

### Small, But Oh My — Carolina REACT Does OK

KERSHAW, SC — Although small in numbers Lancaster County REACT Team 4396 is working hard to assist everyone that it can. A good example is the First Aid Course which 15 members completed in August. This January members of the Team are planning to add to their emergency knowledge by taking a course in CPR.



# REACTing in emergencies

by R.C. Watts,  
Louisville, Kentucky

## Red Cross

Through mutual understanding between REACT International, Inc. and the American National Red Cross, many REACT members and teams provide assistance to Disaster Services in their local Red Cross chapters. The Red Cross also maintains an understanding with the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) and the American Radio Relay League (ARRL).

One of the best and easiest means of coordinating local emergency communications is getting together with CAP members and "Hams" via a local Red Cross chapter. It can be done! Keep up with disaster and emergency relief operations by monitoring 47.42 MHz. That's the Red Cross two-way radio system, operated by authorized Red Cross personnel nationwide. If your Team hasn't touched base with Red Cross Disaster Services lately, they would be glad to hear from you. (Above information provided by Bill Learn, Disaster Services, Louisville, KY Area Chapter, ARC)

## Listenin' and Talkin'

One of the reasons, I hear, for not joining REACT and monitoring 9 is, "I want to talk on my radio and not just listen." That sounds like a good excuse, but it isn't. The people who like to ragchew on CB can have their fun and monitor too. Lots of CBers already have a spare set in the closet. Why not use it to monitor 9 while ratchet jawing on your home channel? It can be coupled to your main antenna cable or you may wish to install a separate antenna. Don't have a spare? Check the flea markets, ham fests or classified ads for a good used set at low cost. There's some other answers too. A shortwave receiver that tunes to 30 MHz will do the job. Mark the Channel 9 (27.065 MHz) spot on the dial, once you find it. Many new receivers have digital frequency readout, making it easy to tune. First class is one of the AM/FM scanners that covers CB, GMRS and just about everything else. We need more monitors and emergency operators on CB. The next time you get the above excuse, clue the person in — they may not have thought about ways to do both.

## Radiological Self Study Eliminated

FEMA's new Radiological Monitoring course will be twelve (12) hours instead of the home study course (SS-3) followed by eight (8) hours of classroom and practical exercises. SS-3 will remain available from FEMA Self-Directed Study Program, P.O. Box 8181, Washington, DC 20024-8181, until textbook supplies are exhausted. Besides elimination of home study, the major change in course content is inclusion of monitoring for peacetime radiation accidents. The other two self-study courses, "Emergency Management — U.S.A." and "Emergency Program Manager" are not being eliminated.

## Public Fallout Shelters

Fallout shelter signs are still on many buildings. If you think these buildings contain stocks of food, water, sanitation and medical supplies, *you are wrong!* Supplies have been sold, donated or otherwise disposed of in almost every locality. The radiation monitoring equipment is usually in use with fire and police departments or stored in central locations. Current civil defense plans are based on the evacuation or "crisis relocation" of target cities during threat of nuclear war. So, marked small town shelters in "host" areas may still be used. If somebody can't get away, the city shelters are perhaps better than nothing. Regardless of the situation, people will have to rely on having their own food and survival equipment. A lot of "surplus" civil defense food, medical supplies and sanitation kits are for sale as "survival supplies" to people building up their own stockpiles. Considering that these supplies are twenty or more years old, they are not a good buy.

## Shelters

With Iran taking American hostages, followed by the "Ground Zero" and "Nuclear Freeze" debates, more people have been motivated to build nuclear war (blast or fallout) shelters. The construction industry has geared up to supply this greater demand, but the past recession and high interest rates seem to have dampened it. Still there probably will always be someone who feels they need their own shelter and there's nothing wrong with that. In tornado prone areas especially, it could be a good investment. Properly built, fallout shelters can serve as tornado shelters and also as valuable storage space. Unless some dual purposes are anticipated, building a shelter for nuclear war is probably not a good investment. Good construction plans and instructions are available free. If you can't get them locally, write FEMA, P.O. Box 8181, Washington, DC 20024-8181. Best are above-ground fallout or below-ground blast or fallout shelters.

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**NEW ALBANY, IN —** Good deed doers are the members of Metro REACT North of Floyd County, who recently presented CB radios to the local police. Shown presenting CB's in the photo are, Ilor, Commander Warren Bruce, member Donald Harnay. New Albany police chief Charles Miller admires one of the sets.



## Unfurl Winning REACT Banner



OMAHA, NB — "There to Assist Those in Need" reads the banner of the Douglas County REACT. The banner selected, the winner from those submitted in a contest, was on display at several shopping centers and response has been good. The Team's Executive Vice President, Jack Griffin, and Public Information Officer Rich Ryan were on a talk show on KFAB radio and response from that appearance was also excellent. Ryan has been invited to appear at the Governor's Conference on Safety and will discuss REACT and the role of CB radio in safety.

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## Golden Gate REACT Goes All Out for MS Event

SAN BRUNO, CA — Al Wiel, outside event coordinator of REACT of the Golden Gate, reported that 10 units participated in the Muscular Dystrophy Association/Wheat Thin's Bicycle Jamboree and Bike-a-thon. Members helped out by manning assigned check points or monitoring traffic locations. The event was held to raise funds for the nearly 10,000 victims of the disease living in the Bay Area, and as part of Nabisco Wheat Thin's nationwide fitness program.

REACT provided communications between the various checkpoints and other locations. Approximately 40 unit hours were volunteered by the TEAM at the event.

## REACT Rates Top Story

LANCASTER, OH — Members of Lancaster-Fairfield County REACT were featured prominently on page 4 in a recent issue of the *Lancaster Eagle Gazette*, which praised the Team for its heavy schedule of Safety Breaks and community involvement.

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## Penn State REACT Proud to Be Part of Coffee Break Program

MERCER, PA. — Tri-County REACT Team C-425 held its 14th annual Coffee Break over the Labor Day weekend on I-80 just south of Grove City. Travelers from all over the world stopped in to have at least one of the 12,000 cups of juice and coffee that were handed out. The team also distributed a record 217 dozen donuts as well as information and maps to needy motorists.

Says Leona Suddoth, Team Secretary, "Tri-County REACT is proud of being a part of such a worthwhile and much-needed project and they also know that all their hard work is appreciated by the thousands of people that they serve at their three Safety Breaks every year. It's a good feeling to know that you can make a difference."

## Iowa Team Fares Well in Holiday Safety Break Events

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA — Hawkeye REACT Team 3038 held a Safety Break over the Memorial Day weekend but was hampered by rain in its effort. A second effort held over the Labor Day weekend did better both from the standpoint of weather and the number of motorists served.

Then on September 20, President Reagan came to town to visit a Iowa farm and to dine with local residents at a church in Fairfax.

While at the airport, the President spoke for about 15 or 20 minutes. Members were honored to have been asked to handle radio communications for the Presidential parking security and were given VIP passes to hear the President speak.

On September 30, Hawkeye REACT handled communications for the Diabetes Foundation Bike Race. Finally, on October 6, the Girl Scouts asked the Team to handle radio communications for the bike trail.

## Team Serves 8,000 Cups of Coffee

ST. JOHNSBURY CENTER, VT — According to the log sheets of Caledonia County REACT, Inc. 2424, the Team served 8,085 cups of coffee, 2,532 cups of punch and 574 dozen donuts (or 6,888 donuts) to 11,581 weary travelers over eight Coffee Safety Breaks this year.

## Guadalupe REACT Ready to Roll



SCHERTZ, TX — Getting set for expected business from tired and road weary travelers are members of Guadalupe County REACT Team 3622. Shown, left to right in the photo are: Rick Scott, Tom Scott, Pete Rapstien, Dickie George (Team President), Billy Arnold, Grace Rapstien, and Jim Tanner.

SCHERTZ, TX — More than 1,000 travelers stopped at the Guadalupe County REACT Safety Break over the Labor Day weekend. It was the Team's first Safety Break and members felt it went very well. News coverage on all three San Antonio stations was excellent and newspaper coverage was

good as well. According to Dickie George, President, "We feel that our first Safety Break was much appreciated and that it did well. So we want to do more and more frequently, not just for Labor Day."

## Time Out For Refreshing Pause



WILKES-BARRE, PA — Part of the 3,500 men, women and children who paused to stretch their legs at Rest Break sponsored by Mountaintop REACT Team 2607 over the Labor Day weekend.

WILKES-BARRE, PA — Approximately 3,500 men, women and children enjoyed hospitality REACT style during this past Labor Day holiday weekend. Mountaintop REACT Team 2607 conducted their 9th annual Labor Day holiday Safety Break. Held on Interstate 80 eastbound at rest site 39, the rest break was in full operation from Friday, August 31 to Sunday evening, September 2.

Coffee, tea, hot chocolate, ice tea and orange drink quenched the thirst of tired travelers. They also enjoyed donuts and pastries donated by local Luzerne County bakeries. Also concerned about the traveling pets, the Team provided dog and cat treats. People as far away as California stopped to take a break from the pressures of driving and to stretch their legs. This successful public service project is one of the services provided by the local REACT Team as well as other Teams throughout the country.

LOMPOC, CA — Members of Lompoc-Vandenberg REACT Team 2592 were featured with a nice story on their Labor Day Safety Break which appeared in the local newspaper, the *Lompoc Record*. The article described the purpose of the Break in keeping down traffic fatalities over the Labor Day holiday and in lending a helping ear to the tales of tired travelers.



## REACT SAFETY BREAK REPORT

### 5,000 Travelers Take Advantage of Florida Rest Stop

LAKELAND, FL — About five thousand travelers saw a familiar sight as they traveled East on Interstate 4 outside of Lakeland this past Labor Day weekend.

There in a rest area sat a Coca Cola concession stand with either a REACTer or a Jr. REACTer present at all times with a smile to serve them a cup of coffee or a coke.

The guest book indicated that the Team had visitors from all over the world — including Germany, Australia, Italy, England, Switzerland, France, Spain, Mexico, and Canada to name a few.

Not only did members serve drinks, but they helped start cars with dead batteries, fixed water hoses, furnished band aids, called wreckers and one even

shared a glass of milk with a traveler. Participating in the Safety Break full force, as they always do were the Team's Junior REACTers.

Besides the two breaks held yearly, the Team monitors Channel 9 round the clock, and cooperates with all agencies that ask its help.

WOODBRIDGE, VA — The nearly 2,000 travelers that stopped at the Safety Break sponsored by Prince William REACT over the Labor Day weekend agreed that the effort was well worthwhile. An interview of the Team's efforts by a reporter from Mutual Broadcasting, which was televised later, helped a lot.

### Glad to Be of Service to Holiday Travelers



LUCEDALE, MS — George County REACT Team 3212 members Charles and Lois Blair serve Phillip and Phyllis Thompson, of Pensacola, FL during Team's three day Safety Break held over the Labor Day weekend. The Team was glad to serve 275 road travelers during the event.

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## 10 Years of Public Service



MT. GILEAD, OH — Float entered by Morrow County REACT Team 3006 in the Zucchini Festival was followed by Bingo sponsored by the Team. Atop the float are, left to right, Raymond Garner, Harvey Harrison, Glen Foss, Lou Goodman, Gene Lowe, Carol Bartlett, Beverly Gilbert, Lola Carr, Caroline Woodward, and William Carr.

MT. GILEAD, OH — Morrow County CB Club and REACT Team 3006 celebrated ten years of existence with a cookout at a local state park.

Although small in numbers, members have been active. Among the events in which they participate are festivals, parades, bike-a-thons, bake sales and Coffee Breaks.

During the past two years, two Team members took CPR courses and two others have joined the Emergency Squad, bringing to three the members who are certified EMT's.

In May an Old Fashioned Belling was carried out to honor two members who had recently married. Everyone had a great time, even the newlyweds.

GENESE, N.Y. — A letter received by Doug Burmeister, President of Livingston REACT, Inc., from the Conesus Lake Association, Inc., Livonia, New York praised the Team for its participation in the Conesus Lake Run stating it was: "an outstanding success due to the help that your fine organization provided." The letter emphasized the importance of good communications and traffic control which REACT provided.

### REACT Honored for Dedicated Service

SEATTLE — Presented with a plaque of appreciation for its outstanding support of the Maple Valley Days were members of Seattle REACT Team 2503. For the past few years, REACT had donated its support to the Maple Valley Community to help out in traffic control for the annual parade and by providing checkpoint support for the Cedar River Boat Racing Association.

### Nebraska REACT Set for Winter Onslaught

OMAHA, NB — With fall here, Douglas County REACT is getting geared up for the winter. Members are starting to review winter storms, making certain that equipment is in good condition. Although the winter was mild last year, this year the Team is preparing for a bad winter. As always, during winter members work closely with the National Weather Service on road and storm reports and the police on accidents and street and road closings.



BELLEFONTAINE, OH — Time out while members of Logan County REACT Team 4108 pose for shot at the Logan County Fairgrounds. Left to right are Margaret Gibson, Gilles Gibson, Joyce and Dennis Schwietzer (in van) Frances Truesdale and Lou Gibson.

### CHICAGO IN 1985

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### Team Keeps Event Rolling Smoothly

HAMLET, NC — Some 25 members of Richmond County REACT Team 3206 and volunteers were kept busy directing traffic and coordinating checkpoints during the Richmond County CROP Walk. More than 325 runners and walkers participated in the 10-mile course which had as its aim raising \$10,000 for providing home-bound meals and for the World Hunger Program. REACT had two vehicles working at all times to pick up or assist participants requiring help, and sponsored one of its own members, Bruce Hardin.

When it was over, the sponsors could point to these feats: an 81-year-old man walked the entire 10 mile course; a 92-year-old man walked 5 miles and a 25-year-old finished the entire course.

### Team to Miss Founder

NORTON, VA — Members of Wise County REACT will miss Silas Orender, the Team's founder and a long-time member, who died recently.

### Team Makes Grand Slam in Final Coffee Break

BELLEFONTAINE, OH — Logan County REACT Team held its final Safety Break of the season on Labor Day weekend. Members served hot coffee and doughnuts to more than 1,000 motorists from 6 p.m. Friday to 6 p.m. Monday in an effort to give tired motorists a needed break from the road. During the Break, members collected more than \$300 at the U.S. 68 rest stop and at the Kroger store for the MD telethon. Members also monitored the phones at the Patrons Mutual Insurance office for Jerry's kids.

Still to come this year are an auction and a Coffee Break, both efforts aimed at raising funds for Christmas food baskets and Toys for Tots.

## Letters We Like To Get

Las Vegas United REACT  
Henderson, NV 89015

Dear Sir:

I have received many favorable comments from the officers of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department and our residents regarding the vast amount of help your club members have provided by directing traffic at flooded roads or non-functioning traffic signals.

The efforts of your base station operators must also be commended for the timely relay of emergency messages and responding to requests for assistance or information.

The Las Vegas community is fortunate to have so many civic minded people who will unite to serve their emergency services and fellow citizens.

The Traffic Bureau of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department commends and thanks you for your assistance.

John Moran, Sheriff

By:  
O.A. Steele, Lieutenant  
Traffic Bureau

To the Editor:

While traveling through Indiana, I stopped at the Henryville rest area. I noticed this CB Team giving out free coffee and cold drinks, but I did not stop at their stand. About 600 miles down the road, I realized I had left my wallet at the rest area.

After arriving back home in Mississippi, I received a registered package from Indiana. It was my wallet, my money & credit cards. I was so happy. It was from Elva Shuck a Team member of this CB club, which was set up at the rest stop in Henryville.

I never expected to get my wallet back. And I never thanked these people.

Maybe they'll read this and know how thankful I am for their honest caring ways.

People like this, are few and far between nowadays. Keep up the good deeds Metro REACT! The next time I see a Coffee Break I'll stop at your booth. You all are doing a great job in helping people. But most of all — you're honest!

Rebecca Winburn

Editor's Note:  
Elva Shuck, referred to in this letter, is a member of Metro REACT Team 1585 of North Floyd County.

## COLUMN NINE

Where the REACTion is Yours

In the July issue of the REACTer, an article appeared concerning a suggested uniform code. We think that this is an excellent suggestion and one that has been needed for a number of years. After all, the major volunteer groups have a uniform which makes them readily identifiable. The white shirt/dark slacks combination is easy to obtain and easily cared for and looks official in itself.

At this point, I can visualize three Illinois Teams and at least one Florida Team developing apoplexy over the suggestion. Before everyone explodes, stop and think: how many times have you noted a Shriner, a Rotarian, or Kiwanian simply because of the fez . . . or the miniature motorcycles. It's an identity object.

REACT's major problem over the years, in obtaining membership, has been a lack of identity. Remember, in the past, we have been a voice from the radio . . . disembodied, calm, almost emotionless. Today, we are becoming more and more visible as we provide communications networks for communities everywhere. Even as we need the exposure, we also need an identity. People in California should be able to recognize a REACTer from Texas, New York, or Atlanta with equal ease.

Rather than place a hardship on the teams that have gone to great expense to develop the orange and black or all blue uniforms, perhaps we should explore the situation further. At the very least a target date for standardization should be set.

Please be aware that there are two points to which we must object:

- 1) Suggestion — the American flag be placed on the left shoulder.  
Objection — according to all our observations, the American flag is always on the right shoulder, and the state patch on the left.
- 2) Suggestion — the state patch be placed above the right pocket.  
Objection — as stated above the state patch should be on the left shoulder, under the International patch. The area above the right pocket should be for hours monitored, and for emergency medical training earned.

Since this is actually a rather complicated affair, perhaps a Forum committee, or sub-committee, should be formed to study the project, with a survey in the next REACTer and a target date for final recommendations in the future.

One final thought . . . at first reading, the article seemed to say that this was an official declaration. Perhaps not enough emphasis was placed on the fact that this article concerned a recommendation only. Granted, the recommendation was mentioned but was not reiterated. Perhaps a note could be placed in the next REACTer to that effect.

W.F. Simpson  
President, Metro North  
REACT Team 4515, Director, District 3, Illinois REACT Council

### FEMA, DOT TO EVALUATE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRANSPORTATION EMERGENCY PLANNING, TRAINING

WASHINGTON — A new amendment to the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act calls for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) to evaluate and report to Congress on response planning and training activities at the federal, state and local levels related to transportation of hazardous materials. The president signed this provision, and other amendments to the Act, into law Oct. 30, 1984.

Under the bill, federal, state, local and private sector programs in three broad categories are to be evaluated:

- training for shippers, carriers, inspectors and enforcement personnel;

- training for personnel who respond to hazardous materials transportation incidents; and
- programs to plan for effective response to hazardous materials transportation incidents.

An interim report on the evaluation is to be submitted to Congress by March 30, 1985, and a final report by August 30, 1985. In addition to describing current response planning and training efforts, the reports are to include information on funding expended by federal and state agencies for hazardous materials training from 1980 through 1984, and recommendations for ensuring long-term funding for these programs.



## Marathon (Continued from page 1)

Once the race had started, the supervisors returned to their assigned frequencies and controlled their areas.

The event's first few years saw quite a bit of activity on sideband. Initially five sideband bases were set up to handle the flow of communications. This year, only two were needed, however the experience and professionalism of the teams was evidenced by the then supervisors' ability to maintain radio discipline and coordinate their sectors. According to Marathon Control (Judy & Joan), transmissions have lessened each year to the point that the base can be closed down approximately 3.5 hrs. after the start of the race.

While all this was going on and the runners were racing around the course, Al Garbe (West Suburbs REACT), Equipment & Finish Line Coordinator, was setting up his security people along the finish line, securing restricted areas and the medical tent. He was also assigning "tag" personnel with walkie-talkies to race officials for quick access in the event of emergencies.

Even though the humidity was high (90 percent), the cool air and breeze lessened the calls for medical supplies and ambulances said Randy Knowles. No serious medical problems were reported.

The coordinators stated that the system is successful because of the dedication and professionalism of

REACT members from Apollo VII REACT 4534, Bi-State REACT 2292, Enterprise REACT 4607, KGW REACT 4488, Metro North REACT 4515, Midwest Emergency REACT 4541, Midwest REACT C-164 of Joliet, Northwest Suburban REACT 3556, Sentry REACT 3498, Southwest Emergency REACT 2570, Tri-State REACT 4018, Vanguard REACT 2947, & West Suburbs REACT 3310. This system has worked so well, it was even adopted by Santa Monica REACT for use in their communications at the 1984 Olympic Marathon.

Beatrice and Flair personnel, sponsors and founders respectively, directly attribute the communication system for making America's Marathon-Chicago, the safest marathon in the world for runners.

As a final note, Marathon Control reported receiving word from a unit in Albany, New York stating that they had watched the Marathon on T.V. and listened to our communications via skip. They felt the Chicago Area REACT Teams were to be congratulated for a superb job. We feel that way too and know that the reason this event is so successful is because of all the hard work and dedication of the local teams. Thank you Albany for the kind words and thank you Chicago Area REACT Teams.

## Pleased Punch



SEATTLE — Members of Seattle REACT 2503 are a proud group as they huddle in front of their communications van.

### Morrow County REACT Called On to Assist Ohio State Highway Patrol

MT. GILEAD, OHIO — Morrow County REACT 3006 was called on by the State Highway Patrol from the Rt. 95 Post to help watch overpass bridges on I-71 throughout Morrow County over the Halloween holiday.

The president of Morrow County REACT, Carol Bartlett, worked with Sergeant Richardson and Sergeant Garrison in setting up and operating the Special Watch Program.

Friday, Oct. 26, REACT had 12 Units assigned to designated locations. Saturday, Oct. 27, REACT had 13 Units on duty. Captain Waddell, Unit 562 of the Auxiliary State Highway Patrol from Knox County was the

officer working with REACT coordinating and working Units.

Wednesday, Oct. 31, 9 REACT Units worked with Auxiliary State Highway Patrol Units 558, 109, 562, and 596.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol also called on Morrow County REACT to assist them at the scene of an accident on St. Rt. 529, just west of County Road 24, by directing traffic. This job was handled by REACT Units 21 and 18.

Morrow County REACT members have no official authority but act as a radio emergency action citizen team to report emergencies to the Morrow County Sheriff's Office and the Ohio State Highway Patrol Department.



At the base station, BMRS medical communications are handled in trailer.



Winner of America's Marathon catches breath after setting world's record

## Dodge County REACT Patrols & For Third Halloween in Row

FREMONT, NE — Dodge County REACT participated in a Halloween Patrol for the third year this past October 31st.

The Team patrols the City of Fremont, and, according to police officials,

have helped to keep vandalism and malicious mischief under control.

Says Chief of Police Francis Hurt, "Our hats are off to Dodge County REACT. They are a definite asset to our community."

## LIFE MEMBER CORNER

by Richard Pratz, LM 73  
Chairman, Life Member Committee, REACT Forum

Recently, I talked with a new Life Member who told me that he felt that he had been neglected as a Life Member. He said that he had received a few things from REACT International when he became a Life Member, but had received nothing since then. He wanted a regular column in the REACTer for the Life Members. He wanted a roster of the Life Members so he would know how to get in touch with other Life Members. He suggested that there be an Identification Card available to the Life Members with their picture on it. His Team has started a program to make each member a Life Member and the idea has merit for those who want to become Life Members.

I can understand how he feels about the lack of communication. I plan to have an article in each REACTer, space permitting. The main problem will be to have interesting information for you. I will try, but it will be much easier if you will let me know what you would like in this space.

Let's take a look at the suggestions I received from this Life Member:

I will write a column for each issue of the REACTer so that takes care of that suggestion.

Do you want a roster of Life Members with their addresses and telephone numbers? It will take a large response to get this out and then how will we finance it? How about some ideas?

Do you want an identification card with your picture on it? The cost would run about \$3 and you would have to furnish the picture.

His Team's idea for having each member become a Life Member is to have each member put \$10 into a Team special account each month until that member has saved his Life Membership dues. Each new member would have his Life Membership paid for by the time he was eligible for Life Membership. It is an idea that might work in your Team.

Now for something that you may not have heard about. Lois Nulty, Travis County REACT, Team 3022, suggested that Senior Citizens be given a discount for Life Membership. Her suggestion was that each Senior Citizen 65 or older be allowed a 50 percent discount for his Life Membership dues. This was submitted to the REACT Board of Directors last February and they asked for a resolution to be submitted to the Life Members at the 1984 convention. The membership present at the Convention turned down the idea after as much discussion as time allowed. There were several suggestions made following the meeting. Now is the time for you to think about this and let your feelings be known. The matter of Senior Citizen Discounts will be decided by the Life Members. When and what the decision will be is to be determined. It will probably be discussed at the next meeting in Chicago in July 1985. Think it over, what is best for REACT?

We need your help! We need to update our files; many of our 241 Life Members have moved or changed REACT Teams since they became Life Members. There have been a few that have passed on. If you have moved or changed you Team, please let us know. If you know of a Life Member that has passed away we need to know about that also. You can contact either me or REACT International. Like I said before, we need your help!



## Forum in Focus

By Penny Barker, President, REACT International Forum

By the time you read this column, a decision of some kind will have been made by the FCC on the Personal Radio Communications Service (PRCS) proposal. I hope all REACTers transmitted their support for PRCS to the FCC as requested. If you did, then you were a significant factor in getting PRCS approved, or at least tabled for future consideration. If you did not, then you contributed to its failure. That may sound like harsh words; however, we have to be realistic in matters such as this. There is no room for "fence sitting" or "hedging". A communications service such as PRCS would be a valuable tool for REACT — your FORUM supported it, your International Board of Directors supported it — DID YOU?

PRCS is only one item among many that the FORUM has been actively working on since the Atlanta Convention in 1980, when the FORUM was officially installed. The Communications Task Area took on the job of alerting all REACTers and CBers when the CBRS was threatened — this same task area was responsible for alerting REACTers and CBers again when CB delicensing was an issue. The revision of the GMRS rules was a major concern of the FORUM. Cooperation with ARRL has been and continues to be a priority item of the FORUM. The FORUM's concern with all of these types of communications reflects the concept of the communications diversification of REACT.

Another major task of the FORUM is planning and coordinating the annual REACT convention with the host team/council. The annual convention is the Annual Meeting of the FORUM — the time when FORUM projects formulated during the year are discussed and voted upon by the delegates in attendance. However, other things also happen during convention time — seminars, entertainment, etc., and all of the committees and task areas contribute much time and effort to the success of these annual gatherings.

A major contribution to the benefit of all REACTers is the fruition of the TEAM MANAGEMENT HANDBOOK, which was so diligently put together during the first year of FORUM operations. The handbook printing and distribution was delayed because the REACT International budget was depleted to the extent that it did not have sufficient funds for this printing. However, concerned REACTers gathered at the annual conventions each year sponsored their own fundraiser so that now the handbook is being published in sections, as funds allow. Subjects already in print are bookkeeping procedures for REACT Teams, governing guides for REACT

Teams, a monitoring training manual, and agreements and memorandums of understanding. Other sections are targeted for printing during 1984 and 1985.

Keep in mind that the REACT FORUM is the official working and advisory body of REACT International. It is the job of the FORUM officers to coordinate all of the efforts of the FORUM and it is the responsibility of the field directors, as members of the FORUM body, to transmit the ideas and concerns of the FORUM to the International Board of Directors. However, REACT Team and individual REACT member input to FORUM activities is essential for the FORUM to successfully perform its tasks. Share your ideas and concerns with the FORUM so that all REACTers can benefit from them. Contact the FORUM Vice Presidents, who are in charge of the committees and task areas and let them know you want to contribute your time and effort for a better REACT organization. You can reach them at the following address and telephone: Jackson Kling, Vice President, Administration, and in charge of all Standing Committees, 1201 Happy Hollow, Plattsmouth, NE 68048, telephone (402) 296-2935; and Barbara Chuen, Vice President, Programs, and in charge of all Task Group Areas, P.O. Box 928, Ormond Beach, FL 32074, telephone (904) 673-1000.



**JUNCTION CITY, KS —** Members of Mid American Monito REACT Team C515 served many travelers at their Labor Day Safety Break.

## Reacting in Emergencies (continued from pg. 7)

### EBS

The Emergency Broadcast System (EBS) replaced CONELRAD, the old 640/1240 KHz Control of Electromagnetic Radiation system, in 1964. It has since been expanded from being a solely national attack warning mode to include state and local emergencies. Nationally, EBS is activated by either the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD — at Colorado Springs, CO) or Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) when directed by the President.

Each state has an Originating Primary Relay Station, usually FM and near the state capital, which may be activated by the Governor or his or her designated representative. Locally, a Common Program Control Station (CPCS-1) may be activated by request from local government officials during disaster or emergency. The National Weather Service can also activate state and local EBS for broadcasting weather warnings.

Your radio and TV broadcasters should have a Local EBS Operational Area Plan and citizens band radio should be inter-connected along with all other types of public safety communication systems. REACT is an excellent vehicle for coordinating CB interconnect with EBS. For further information, ask for leaflet L-93 from FEMA, Washington, DC 20472 or write FCC Emergency Communications Division, Washington, DC 20554.

## Win One of 54 "Early Bird" Prizes

REACT Teams have an opportunity to win valuable and useful equipment as part of REACT's annual "Early Bird" prize drawing. Every REACT Team will have one chance for every member registered for 1985 before January 1st.

The following 54 prizes have been provided by the twelve manufacturers listed. Additional prizes may still be added, but here's what has been promised so far:

**Antenna Incorporated** is providing a total of 12 mobile CB antennas. 6 are Model 13504 Magnetic mount "Coil-In-Cup" units and 6 are Model 17604 Trunk Lip Mount "Coil-In-Cup" units.

**Antenna Specialists** offers a Model MS119 Super Scanner electronically controlled directional base station antenna, plus 24 Formula One Mobile CB Antennas. 12 are Model M710 Roof Top Mount, and 12 are Model M711 Magnetic Mount.

**Cobra Communications** will send a Model 142GTL high styled AM/SSB Base Station that will beautifully satisfy the communications needs of any REACT monitoring station.

**Firestik** will supply 6 Model FS4 four-foot Bare-hands tunable mobile antennas.

**General Electric** brings its Model 3-5875 "Superbase" CB Base Station. Everything you always dreamed about is included in this AM/SSB radio, including digital clock, dual meters, programmable timer, dual antenna jacks, and lots more.

**Hustler Model DFG Dual Rain Gutter Mount Antenna system.** Twin 42" white fiberglass antennas ideal for van or truck

**Midland** offers two Mobile/Portable CB Radios. Model 77-805 is a conventional under-dash CB unit with carrying case, belt loop and mike clip for use with battery pack that uses regular C-cells and telescoping antenna for field use. Model 77-911 is "Ready Rescue II" emergency CB Radio that plugs into cigarette lighter jack for power as mobile unit, or with battery pack supplied, converts to handheld portable for field use.

**Radio Shack** will supply their top-of-line mobile, the Realistic Model TRC-451 AM/SSB Mobile CB Radio.

**Regency** brings two Model 1040 ten-channel programmable scanners.

**Shakespeare** offers their famous Model 176-SU "Big Stick" base station antenna. **Uniden** supplies Model PC55 Mobile CB Radio with full features including CH-9 switch.

**Wintenna** presents its Model 922 Crookstick II topload magnet mount mobile CB Antenna and cable.

## FCC Identifies CBer in Hoax on Channels

On September 11, 1984, the San Francisco District Office of the FCC received a complaint from the U.S. Coast Guard Rescue Coordination Center, concerning recurring false distress communications on CB channel 9. The communications indicated that the operator of a sailboat and his passengers (two female companions), were floating in S.F. Bay on lifejackets as a result of his vessel capsizing.

Technical personnel were immediately assigned to investigate this complaint. Through the use of mobile direction finding equipment, the source of the transmissions was identified to be a portable CB radio station being operated in a vehicle at the Berkeley Marina, Berkeley, California. An inspection of the mobile station resulted in the subject being identified.

The case was immediately referred to the Office of the U.S. Attorney for criminal prosecution. On October 24, 1984, the CB operator pleaded guilty to one criminal count of violating the provisions of 47 USC 325 and CB Rule 13: Section 95.413(a) (8) of the FCC Rules by transmitting false distress communications on CB channel 9. The Federal Court will impose the terms of the sentence on November 30, 1984.

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