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REACT Team Also Functions In Amateur Radio Emergency Service

ST. PETERS, MO — The Mid-Rivers REACT & ARES Team No. 4455 has recently installed a new Amateur Radio 2-meter emergency repeater system at the St. Peters Community Hospital with Autopatch/Autodial capabilities. The repeater frequency 145.49 MHz VHF will be monitored by licensed Amateur Radio operator members of the Mid-Rivers REACT & ARES Team and members of the St. Charles County A.R.E.S. providing emergency radio/telephone relays from licensed Amateur Radio motorists to local law enforcement authorities. The repeater has an input frequency of 144.89 MHz and output frequency of 145.49 MHz. The Autopatch/Autodial feature allows properly equipped licensed Amateur Radio

mobile operators in the "Amateur Radio Emergency Service" to quickly call police agencies from their vehicles by accessing local telephone lines through the repeater. It allows licensed Amateurs who are also members of REACT who monitor the National Emergency CB Frequency Channel 9 to relay information directly to authorities from their mobiles. The repeater system will also be used by ARES members to provide emergency volunteer communications in support of disaster preparedness and during public service events within St. Charles County.

The members of the Mid-Rivers REACT/ARES Team would like to thank the Monsanto Electronics Company for the support during the Team
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Golden Gate REACTer Covered VP Candidate

Kevin Parrish, member of REACT of the Golden Gate Area, and a full time cameraman for ABC Electronic News, traveled on the official Democratic election plane in the fall of 1984 and had occasion to trade some Bay Area humor with Gerakline Ferraro, Democratic candidate for Vice President of the U.S. Kevin also accompanied the Pope on his swing thru Canada, and covered the Canadian national elections. What makes Kevin's accomplishments noteworthy is that he is still in his 20's. REACT rates high with Kevin and he has become Life Member number 240.

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More Winners of REACT Achievement Awards

Three sections of the country — West Coast, East Coast and Pennsylvania — are represented by the second and third quarter REACT Achievement Award winners in the Team and Individual categories.

From Twin Cities REACT Team 2953 — Yuba City, CA — comes Jeannette Hunt, second quarter Achievement Award Winner in the Individual category.

According to Gene and Ann Page, Twin Cities REACT Team President and Secretary, Jeannette has monitored approximately 10,000 hours without missing any time off in the five years she has been active in REACT. She devotes 7 days a week, 24 hours a day to REACT and, note the Pages, she has given as much time to REACT as she has to her family, even though she has a heart condition, and "she even makes long distance calls at her own expense to help someone who needs it."

Third quarter winner in the Individual category is Albert J. Moccia, Jr., of Lower Pinellas REACT Team C-610 (St. Petersburg, FL), who has served as President of the Florida REACT Council. In the letter accompanying Al's nomination, Team Secretary Pinky Runion and Information officer Liz Stephens write: "Al has been a member

of REACT for twelve years. He is and has been a member of the Forum and Chairman of several task forces.

"In our own Team, he is our president and acts as coordinator for all projects. We are involved in many civic projects as communicators which involves many hours and much travel on his part.

"Al works with Civil Defense and Red Cross preparing for disasters of any kind. That is very important in coordinating with Civil Defense in regards to communications in evacuating nursing homes (there are 47 in our area) in case of hurricanes or disasters. . . ."

"In trying to make our team more efficient in working with the public in parades, large groups and children, he has become involved with the Red Cross in becoming an Instructor-Trainer in CPR, Multi-Media First Aid, Vital Statistics and others. In doing this, he has influenced many of us to learn these skills therefore making our Team of much more value to the community."

"Participation in more than 23 community projects this quarter, involving 31 actual days of the quarter." That is just an indication of why the Lancaster County REACT Team C-130, of Lan-

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PENSACOLA, FL — Few of the REACT units who took part in the coffee break sponsored by WARRINGTON REACT. A few of the hardworking crew who took part are, left to right, Mrs. Louis Wey, Mr. Ed Wey and Mrs. Steve Bush.

Why Personal Radio Means CB and GMRS to REACT

By Gerald H. Reese,
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to get special Congressional action in their behalf.

Through action taken at the meeting of November 21, 1984, the Federal Communications Commission announced its allocation for 41 MHz of spectrum in the 800/900 MHz range known as the "Land Mobile Reserve."

Of key interest to REACT members was the denial of the proposal known as Personal Radio Communications Service (PRCS), originally proposed by the General Electric Company. The FCC had established proposed rulemaking on this matter back in 1983 after General Electric had made a detailed proposal, including engineering and marketing studies, in response to the Commission's 1979 Notice of Inquiry concerning the establishment of a new personal radio service at 900 MHz.

REACT at all levels had supported this concept, which grew out of the 1976-1978 Personal Radio Users Advisory Committee to the FCC. The GE engineers who were active in PURAC were inspired to develop such a system as a result of their participation.

PRCS offered the following advantages over CB and GMRS:

1. High quality FM communications with full duplexing eliminating "push-to-talk" operations.
2. Capability of interconnect through one's own home telephone eliminating intervening vendors.
3. Repeater capability to extend range from five miles to fifteen miles.
4. Additional simplex party channels for vehicle-to-vehicle operation at short range.

Two of the five Commissioners, Mimi Weyforth Dawson and Henry Rivera, expressed interest in giving the consumer some of this valuable spectrum, but their words are poor substitutes for real action.

The Commission's attitude at this point seems to be that if they can provide spectrum to someone who can sell a service, then that is who it goes to. The only exception may be public safety (primarily police) interests, who were powerful enough

There are some small glimmers of interest and possible application of other frequencies for an improved personal radio service, but don't count on it! For many years to come, CB and GMRS radio will be all that the public can use. The challenge is to make operations of these services more effective and to minimize the deficiencies.

We should work with FCC Field Operations Bureau to help bring about more discipline on the CB channels. Experimentation with additional channels besides Channel 9 for special purposes should also be considered. In some areas the skip and abuse of Channel 9 and adjacent channels makes it less effective as an emergency channel than some of the plus 30 channels at the top of the band. Experimental efforts to use such channels for emergencies and general Channel 9 purposes may be considered.

The continued availability of GMRS for personal communications and REACT-type business is not automatic. We should be aware that there is always a threat to reassign these desirable frequencies and we should not sit idly by and allow them to be taken away.

It is my opinion that maximizing the usefulness of our only personal radio capability — CB and GMRS — should be prime objectives of REACT's efforts in terms of public information and specific direction toward the FCC. Other interests may attract our attention in relation to the potential for improved communications through a

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Report From REACT of Sweden

NORTHBROOK, IL — Kage Johansson, Secretary of REACT of Sweden, was passing through Chicago and visited with the REACT Executive Committee during their November meeting. He presented an interesting report.

At present there are six REACT Teams organized in Sweden covering 500 members.

Representatives of these Teams met in March at the First National REACT Conference in Sweden.

The Swedish government encouraged the formation of a CB Council for Road Safety in 1975. This includes representatives from the Department of Communication, motorists organizations, truckers organizations and the Red Cross.

An agreement with the Council assigns the responsibility for many areas of Council activity to REACT of Sweden. Therefore, the government subsidized Council provides REACT with an office, educational program for operators, etc.

Mr. Johansson complained about the amount of regulation and detail of CB rules in Sweden. He believes that this adds to confusion and the difficulty of compliance which makes it more difficult for rule enforcement. The members of REACT's Executive Committee were interested to learn that REACT of Sweden also has problems in getting 24-hour monitoring. In Stockholm, Sweden's biggest city, there is 24-hour monitoring. There is a less dedicated attitude in Goteborg on the west coast, the second largest city. There REACT-ers seem less responsive to mandatory

monitoring schedules.

There was also some discussion regarding the drunk-driving laws in Sweden. The blood alcohol measure for being legally drunk is .005, whereas in the U.S. it is .010 in most states. If you have .006 or .007 in Sweden (not sufficient for arrest in U.S.) you get 2 to 3 months in jail! The length of the sentence rises according to your alcohol content.

Mr. Johansson pointed out, "our government thought we should not be like other countries. In some ways it's good that our government thinks we should do it our own way except, for instance, when we had the rules first established in 1961, the countries around us thought we should have a 1/2 watt output. Then our government said we should have 5 watts. That's nice because then we can get cheaper equipment than everyone else." The desire to be different is one reason why Sweden is using Channel 18 for emergency channel (9 plus 9). The truckers also have their own channel in Sweden.

REACT gets considerable publicity in the publication of the Swedish CB Federation. Mr. Johansson was editor of this for a number of years. Every month there are 1 to 3 pages of REACT information.

Mr. Johansson was encouraged to come back to Chicago in July for the 1985 REACT Convention and bring some of his colleagues from Sweden.

If you wish to communicate with Mr. Johansson, you can write to him at the following address: Kage Johansson, Spelvagen 3, 142 00 Trangsund, Sweden.

CORRECTION

Those pesky gremlins transposed captions on page 2 of the Sept.-Oct. issue of *The REACTer*. Photo showing presentation to Barbara Chuyen was identified as the presentation of REACT Achievement Awards sponsored by K-40 Electronics, which was actually the photo below. We apologize for this confusion.



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ART ROUSE Tuned Out

Although it may not rank nearly as high in historic importance as the mysterious disappearance of Amelia Earhart — or the identity and motives of the perpetrators who were behind the plot to assassinate John F. Kennedy — the one great unsolved mystery in this rotund reporter's life is the identity of the individuals or associations who were crafty enough to create the myth intended to make us believe there really are people monitoring citizens band (CB) radio Channel 9.

Just in case you're a newcomer to this wonderful world on wheels and haven't yet become intimate with your CB radio, you should know about a rumor going around for the past couple of decades that leads us to believe that if we get stranded out on the highway and require assistance, all we need do is tune our CB to Channel 9, and help will be on the way.

Baloney!

I can personally testify to the fact that on three occasions when our motorhome unexpectedly decided to call it quits, we tuned to Channel 9 — only to be met with utter silence.

The first occasion occurred some years ago when Mrs. R. and I were traveling across the Florida panhandle. The motorhome's fan belt ripped itself to smithereens, the motor overheated, and we found ourselves stranded on Interstate 10, white puffs of steam belching forth from behind the gleaming, chromium-plated grille. The CB channels were awash with static and small talk, but not a peep out of CBers!

If you happened to have read my column in the August issue of *MotorHome's* sister publication, *Trailer Life*, you may recall my mentioning that while returning from Indiana in our brand new motorhome last winter, we ran into a blizzard and got blown off the highway and into a snowdrift. We were finally rescued,

but no thanks to our continual calls on the CB. Not even the Texas Highway Patrol would respond to our pleas for help. Finally, a passing motorist, truly a Good Samaritan, stopped, then telephoned for help, and within a couple of hours a tow truck made its appearance and hauled us back onto the highway.

The third and final clincher occurred just a few months ago, while heading north on California's heavily trafficked U.S. Highway 101. Our motorhome suddenly quit, stopped dead in its tracks by what we learned later was simply a vapor lock. This time, no longer relying entirely on our unfaithful citizens band radio, we unfurled our Good Sam distress flag, taped it on the rear of our motorhome, and waited patiently for (1), a passing motorist to stop, and/or (2), a response to our continual calls for help on Channel 9.

As the one most involved in the phenomenal growth of the Good Sam Club, building it into the largest RV organization of its kind in the entire world, I'm embarrassed to tell you that not even one of the score or more members who passed responded to our calls on either Channel 9 or 13. It was only after I uncoupled the Chevy Blazer from the rear of the motorhome, and drove it some 10 miles to the nearest California Highway Patrol office, that help arrived on the scene. But, by then, the motorhome's powerplant (and my temper) had cooled enough to enable us to continue our journey.

As bad as it sounds, this is not meant to be an indictment of citizens band radio. We wouldn't be without this convenient form of communication when traveling in concert with other RVers. But as for expecting any response from Channel 9 listeners — as far as I am concerned, it's a plot to discourage us from traveling the nation's highways in our precious RVs! □

dealing in variables of propagation characteristics of your radio in the location you are at, related to the location of the monitor and the time.

In many states the highway patrol or state police have been funded by federal government programs and have CB radios which federal funding requires them to use to monitor channel 9.

Here are some specific suggestions:

1. Have your radio checked by a qualified technician or run a transmission test to make sure that you are "getting out." The combination of radio and antenna and the interconnecting cables sometimes fool us into thinking that it is working better than it is.
2. Don't give up on channel 9! Use it more. Use it when travelling through areas to get road directions or verify road conditions or weather. If the channel is quiet, all the more reason to make a call to find out that monitors are there and be sure to thank them and show your appreciation when you sign off.
3. If you need help and you do not get it on channel 9, search all the channels for a base station that is transmitting. Ask for assistance from such a base on any channel. True, emergency communications have priority on every channel.
4. Support REACT and encourage the development of additional REACT Teams wherever possible. In January of 1985, REACT is down to 15,000 and 1,000 local teams from a high of 72,000 members and 2,000 Teams in 1977. We carry \$1,000,000 general liability insurance for all our members and member Teams, a \$500 on-duty accident insurance policy is available, we now have bonding for all member Teams. Additional activities include REACT Safety Break Time when our members serve over 1 million free cups of coffee at rest areas. REACT Teams work closely with Good Sam Clubs in many areas and cooperate with them in coordinating CB communications. This cooperation can be improved to benefit members of both organizations.
5. Monitor channel 9 yourself. Anyone, whether they are in REACT or not, can monitor channel 9. Do this preferably from a base where you do have a telephone available. This permits you to relay the calls to proper authorities. If more people were monitoring, then more people could get help when they need it. A simple solution, perhaps. Of course, if you do start to monitor channel 9 and you want more training and assistance with how to handle specific calls, consult your local REACT Team — they would love to have you as a member!

With most CB radios sold today as a means of getting aid on channel 9, we need to get manufacturers, dealers, Good Sammer's and REACTers working together to make this singular highway communications system more effective for all.

Sincerely,

Gerald H. Reese
Executive Director

Notes from Northbrook

by Executive Director Gerald H. Reese

As we start turning the pages of a new calendar in a new year, we may reflect on where we are, where we have come from and where we are going.

REACT started in response to the applications of citizens band radio through establishing local procedures among the users of the radio service. In the course of this development, REACT Teams have been active in many different types of community service functions.

The official designation of an emergency channel in U.S., Canada and other countries has accelerated the usefulness of monitoring the emergency channel. In addition, use of General Mobile Radio Service, Amateur Radio Service and other types of communications in addition to the Citizens Band has permitted REACT Teams to expand the public service functions to include support of many local events, including parades, fairs, marathons, 10K runs, walkathons, bikeathons and transport of blood and individuals for various needs.

In his *MotorHome* editorial, Art Rouse questions the ability to get help from a channel 9 CB monitor when and where needed. Monitoring requires significant effort if it is to be available or people to count on. The sale of "emergency" CB radios specifically for the purpose of calling on channel 9 is probably the biggest current CB sales area. Nevertheless, the ability to have a call answered on channel 9 has probably diminished from what it was a few years ago. REACT's membership has declined and we suspect that monitoring activity in terms of geographical coverage at least has declined as well.

REACT United Kingdom (England) has begun promoting public service applications as a primary means of building their organization with channel 9 (the official emergency channel there) as a secondary factor. In a sense, they are using the public service capability as a "grabber" to excite people about the program and to use the less colorful monitoring aspects as a nonetheless important activity.

I quote from a REACT U.K. publicity piece: "We are a large national group who help people in mainly two ways: Firstly, we can take our radios to a large carnival or marathon, and help the organizers to make sure that everyone is safe. If anyone has an accident, we can call for help very quickly on either our private radios, or CB. Secondly, we listen to channels 09 and 19 on CB and if anyone calls for help we answer and do what we can for them. For example, if someone in a car breaks down in a very lonely place where there are no telephone boxes (public telephone), they can call us on CB and we will ring a garage for them."

Is this the kind of approach we should start taking in the U.S.? If we can bring more members in, we may still be able to improve our monitoring capability simply by the sheer weight of numbers. What do you think?

There has been a lot of concern about getting more national publicity for REACT. In discussing this with professionals in public relations, the emphasis seems to be that any national publicity will be based upon what local Teams do. This is borne out in reality. The October issue of *Life Magazine* had a full-color, half-page photo of Queens REACT Team with all of their equipment, etc. This is an example of a local Team getting national publicity to benefit all of REACT. The Queens Team is in-

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December 10, 1984

Mr. Art Rouse
MotorHome Magazine
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Malibu, CA 90265

Dear Mr. Rouse:

Your editorial statement in the January 1985 issue of *MotorHome* addressing the problem of getting aid on CB channel 9 is most timely and appreciated.

As you know, the REACT organization is dedicated to providing a volunteer monitoring service on channel 9. REACT volunteers monitor primarily from their home bases, and where available, central monitoring stations, to receive these calls and to relay them to proper authorities via the telephone.

The membership of REACT and the activity related to citizens band radio peaked in the late 70's and has leveled off somewhat after a very steep decline.

Statistics (summary attached) show that while our membership in the period from 1981 to 1983 declined 28%, the number of hours monitored declined 29.1%. This is a close enough correlation to relate the REACT volunteer monitoring activity directly to our membership.

On the other hand, the number of calls related to accidents declined only 5.1%. The total categories of accidents, road obstructions, traffic hazards and reporting of major traffic jams declined only 3.8%.

Thus, it would seem that the loss of membership was in areas where per hour monitored the number of calls received was very low. This would indeed reflect the response of REACT Teams that it is difficult to get volunteer channel 9 monitors where the level of activity is so low that it seems that they are wasting their time monitoring. Of course, there is always the chance that the call that comes in a serious and emergency request, such as the ones you report in your article.

When you consider that all REACT Channel 9 Monitoring is totally voluntary, it is a remarkable achievement to have over 5 million man-hours of Channel 9 Monitoring reported over the 3-year period! Still, it is not enough to cover this vast continent.

Let's go to the specific points that you have raised.

CB channel 9 is not a reliable emergency communications medium. We agree that in many areas, probably where you need communications assistance most, you cannot get a channel 9 response when you need it. Other variables include population in the area, the ability to transmit effectively from your location to where the monitor is, and the chance that a monitor is listening at the time that you report. We are

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LIFE MEMBER CORNER

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You know, curiosity is a funny thing. I was asked how many LIFE MEMBERS each State Council has enrolled, so I checked it out. Now I wouldn't want to cause one State Council to challenge another State Council to see which could have the most new LIFE MEMBERS by Convention time, but I would buy the LIFE MEMBER DINNER for the President of the State Council that has the most new LIFE MEMBERS enrolled by July 1 if someone took me up on it, if that President were a LIFE MEMBER.

Let's look at it for a minute:

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| 18 states have no Life Members; | 8 states have 1 Life Member; |
| 4 states have 2 Life Members; | 4 states have 3 Life Members; |
| 5 states have 4 Life Members; | 2 states have 5 Life Members; |
| 2 states have 6 Life Members; | 1 state has 8 Life Members; |
| 1 state has 8 Life Members; | 1 state has 9 Life Members; |
| 1 state has 9 Life Members; | 2 states have 10 Members; |
| 1 state has 24 Life Members; | 1 state has 28 Life Members; |
| 1 state has 28 Life Members; | and then there is Florida with |
| | 45 Life Members |

There are three life members in Canada 1 in France, 1 in Puerto Rico, 1 in Venezuela and 1 on the USS Constellation.

If you are interested in becoming a LIFE MEMBER here are the requirements for membership:

REACT members, who, after a minimum of 2 years of participation and service, wish to demonstrate their dedication and support for the ideals and objectives of the REACT program have the opportunity to become LIFE MEMBERS in REACT International. Life Membership has been established as a special class of membership in REACT International. An applicant for Life Membership must have been an active REACT Team Member for two years or more. The applicant must be recommended by his Team and must submit Life Membership Dues equal to twenty (20) times the Regular Membership dues that apply at the time of application. Life Members will have all the rights and privileges granted to the Regular membership category.

Several key policy interpretations should be noted with regard to Life Membership in REACT.

1. The Life Member must meet all Team membership requirements (duties) in order to remain an active member of his/her local REACT Team or when transferring to another Team. The Life Member must pay local dues (if such are required) but is granted free membership in REACT International for life.
2. The individual's recognition as a Life Member in no way is in conflict or contradiction to the concept that REACT Membership is primarily through membership in a local REACT Team.
3. A Life Member is supportive of all concepts of the REACT program including the desirability of membership only through the affiliation with a local REACT Team.
4. In those situations where an individual Life Member is located where a Team is not active, or becomes geographically separated from his/her REACT Team for whatever reason, in keeping with the goals and ideals embodied in Life Membership, he or she is to try to become affiliated with the appropriate local Team, or where no local Team exists, to organize a new Team in fulfillment of his dedication to the ideals of REACT.
5. Life Membership in REACT shall not prohibit the individual from participating as a member in more than one REACT Team should such membership be acceptable to the Teams concerned. Payment of additional REACT International dues should not be required for this purpose. However, the computer record and membership card for Life Membership shall be issued through only one REACT Team. Furthermore, multiple membership in more than one REACT Team shall not be utilized to give an individual more than one Team vote at REACT Team Council meetings or meetings of REACT International. No individual, regardless of their multiple affiliation, shall be entitled to more than one vote at any REACT meeting.
6. A Life Member who, for any reason, is not a member of a REACT Team, may monitor the Emergency Channel as a REACT monitor. However, a Life Member must not interfere in any way with the operations or activities of officially chartered REACT Teams. The Life Member must realize that the local REACT Team is the basic entity in the REACT organization, that REACT was founded on the Team concept and that its strength lies in adhering to the principle of local Teams meeting local needs.
7. Life Members may participate in Council activities only as official Delegates of their Teams or under conditions that a Council of Teams may decide.
8. Life Members will be issued Life Membership Numbers in ascending order according to the date of receipt of Life Membership application and dues.
9. Even though an individual has been recognized and identified as a Life Member of REACT, that membership may be revoked for cause should that individual bring discredit upon the REACT name.
10. One objective of Life Membership is to develop a form of obtainable recognition for all REACT members who have dedication and devotion to the REACT objectives and ideals. Life Membership functions at REACT International Conventions, State Council meetings and other broad gatherings of REACT membership shall bring credit upon this group and a recognition of their achievement.
11. The use of Life Memberships as Council or Team awards for long and dedicated service is encouraged. The presentation of Life Memberships to Past Presidents or key leaders who are moving out of the area to recognize their past efforts on behalf of the Team and would also serve to encourage continued participation in the REACT program by the new Life Member wherever he or she may go.

If you would like to become a LIFE MEMBER and meet the requirements listed above, you have several ways to pay the \$200.00 dues. REACT International now accepts MASTER CHARGE and VISA credit cards, you may use the time payment plan, \$25.00 down and seven payments of \$25.00. You will receive your Life Membership when you have paid in full. If all other methods are not satisfactory REACT International will accept check or cash (do not send cash through the mails). Use application published in Nov-Dec 1984 Issue of The REACTer.

Forum in Focus

by: Penny Barker, President THE REACT FORUM

In the Nov/Dec REACTer I mentioned some of the things the FORUM has accomplished during the past four years of its existence. You may have noticed that the Public Relations Task Area was not specifically highlighted — only because I was saving one of the best for last. Much of the public relations material you have been receiving over the past four years has been a product of this task area, including the Public Relations Manual, the CLIP card, the HELP BAG, and National REACT month material, and much more. This task area has always been a very active group and is deserving of every REACTers thanks and appreciation.

At this point I would like to discuss the purposes and procedures of the FORUM task areas and standing committees. Their chairmen are appointed by the FORUM Executive Committee at the annual convention and serve at the pleasure of the FORUM President. They are selected after they have been interviewed and agree that they have the time and desire to assist the FORUM in its effort to provide needed information to the REACT teams. It is the responsibility of each chairman to be in contact with his committee/group members on a regular basis and submit a written status report to the FORUM Vice Presidents so that the FORUM is kept informed of the progress made by the task areas and standing committees between conventions. If you, as a REACT member, desire to serve on one of these committees, or if you have information you feel to be helpful to these groups, please contact the FORUM Vice Presidents and the committee chairmen and share your input and ideas with them.

At the next meeting of the FORUM executive committee, we will be discussing the progress of the committees and task areas and determining what issues will be ready for vote by the FORUM and REACT Teams at the next convention. To date, some chairmen have not yet sent the FORUM a progress report and others have been very busy doing just that. These silent chairmen will be contacted before the next FORUM executive committee meeting; and if no progress is foreseen, the executive committee will determine at their meeting whether the committee/task area will be retained or terminated. The status of the FORUM committees/groups after the FORUM executive committee meeting will be reported in this column.

Don't forget to plan on attending the REACT convention in Chicago in 1985. It will be informative and interesting to all REACTers.

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involved with local government in neighborhood patrol activity to fight crime. Let's start talking about what REACT Teams do; for whom they provide these services and how the public benefits.

Of course, it is absolutely necessary that this information be communicated to the press and broadcast media. Make sure someone on your Team has the responsibility for getting this publicity information to the media. Be sure that they have made contact with all of the publications in your area and the radio and television stations as well. They should know who to contact at each source to provide them with information about your Team that will reach the public attention. They should be aware of what your media are interested in getting in the way of material down to the format, timing, etc. Then follow through and see that it is provided.

In 1985 I believe we should be emphasizing basics when it comes to REACT. Let's serve the needs of our community; monitor the emergency channel; and help to build our Team through membership and use that membership to serve the community. This is the unbroken circle of success. What do you think?

Can you help others build Junior REACT?

It has been suggested that a videotape on how to make Junior REACT successful could be very helpful to many Teams interested in this program. For example, a demonstration of a Junior REACT meeting worked into a recruiting presentation would be of assistance. Young people are responsive to television presentations and such a project could be successful in recruiting Junior members. If your Team has a Junior program, and is interested in developing a presentation that you can videotape, please let us know. This can then be duplicated and distributed around the country for all REACT Teams.

MONITORING REPORTS AVAILABLE

As a result of a research project of the Transportation Research Board of the National Research Council, operating agency of the National Academy of Sciences, we have been able to obtain the following summary monitoring information related to the annual reports of monitoring submitted by REACT Teams.

This research was part of a project of the Transportation Research Board to evaluate the benefit of having CB radios in interstate commercial buses.

The 1984 report forms have been sent to all REACT Teams and we would appreciate your returning them so that we may continue to have this material.

REACT MONITORING REPORTS SURVEY ANALYSIS

	1981	1982	1983	Percent Change 1981-1983
Hours Monitored	1,804,250	1,956,553	1,278,751	-19.1%
1. Accidents	39,513	43,756	37,486	-5.1
2. Road Obstructions or Traffic Hazards Reported	12,301	15,587	15,017	-22.1
3. Major Traffic	4,352	2,199	1,529	-64.9
4. Sum of 1-3 above	56,167	61,542	54,032	-3.8
REACT Membership	25,000	22,000	18,000	-28.0

Note that from 1981 to 1983 REACT membership declined 28%. The number of monitoring hours reported follows this very closely. We hope that we can improve our performance and note that the number of calls reported has not declined as much as the hours monitored or the membership. This would tend to validate the claim that it is hard to maintain membership and monitoring hours where there are few calls. These factors are all related and we look for a continuing valid report in 1984.

Winners (continued from page 1)

caster, PA, has been named third quarter winner in the Team category. According to the nomination form submitted by the Team's David Bortzfield, Vice President, Ken Barninger, Treasurer, and Ray Mutzel, Board Member, Team personnel participated in more than one activity on three of the 31 days last quarter and only two of these activities were of benefit to the team — the completion of the aluminum can project for fund-raising and the safety stop programs over the holiday periods. All others were for the benefit of other community organizations and their projects.

The Team is under contract to supply personnel and equipment to several local high schools for their sports activities including one university and three school districts.

In addition, Lancaster County REACT is most active in community service organizations and private industries. One affiliation of which it is most proud is that of the TRIFFAX program, under which Team members make traffic reports for broadcast use and advise the control via the GMRS systems. The program is conducted weekdays only and reporting items via the program reaps many public service announcements via local radio and TV stations.

For its many services to the community and state, the Team has received many letters of thanks and appreciation, including one from the

American Federation of Musicians acknowledging the Team's help in assisting in the organization's activities in conjunction with various programs conducted at the Amphitheater. The Team was instrumental in assisting in the recovery of stolen sound equipment from the Amphitheater and has received a letter of thanks from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources for its efforts in fighting stream pollution during some recent reconstructions near county parks.

For all of their service to the community, the Lancaster Team and the two Individual winners listed above deserve the highest commendation from REACT. For their efforts, the winners each receive a \$100 cash award and a very impressive plaque. They also become eligible for the annual achievement awards for 1984. These annual awards include a \$500 check, spectacular trophy and a trip to the 1985 REACT International convention to receive the prize. The REACT Achievement Awards are sponsored by K-40 Electronics, who provide all prizes.

To compete in the quarterly REACT Achievement Awards — Teams can submit nominations, in either the Team or Individual Categories, to Wes Gould, Chairman of the Awards and Recognition Task Group, care of Champaign County REACT Team 4517, 5766 N. State Road #235, Conover, Ohio 45317. Obtain nomination forms from REACT Headquarters.

Letters We Like To Get

React International, Inc.
3653 Woodhead Drive
Northbrook, Illinois 60062

Dear Editor:

I would like to congratulate the Metro React North Team in New Albany, Indiana, for having such a community minded commander. Warren Bruce is a very dedicated man that knows the value of helping others in need.

He has led the effort for many years, but this year the group did an outstanding job or raising \$6,112.00 for the annual Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon, to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. He and the whole group stood in various inter-

sections around New Albany, on hot, humid days and on rainy, drizzly days for two weeks before Labor Day to collect for "Jerry's Kids."

He believes in helping so the kids and adults who have neuromuscular diseases will not have to suffer so much and that the next generation will not have to worry about these devastating diseases.

I want to publicly thank Warren and the Metro React North Team for their contribution to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Sincerely,

Michael Stegeman
District Director
Muscular Dystrophy Association
Louisville, KY



MADISON, WI . . . Wisconsin REACTers enjoyed a pleasant visit with Governor Anthony Earl when they witnessed his signing the National REACT Month proclamation. Participant are (left to right): Sylvia Sherman, First Vice President, Wisconsin Council of REACT Teams; Vicki Lawless, Columbia County REACT; Governor Earl; Jeff Lawless, Council District Director; Jacki MacDonald, Council President; and George MacDonald, Council Treasurer.

Member's Passing Grieves Maryland Team

JOPPATOWNE, MD — Word has reached us that on December 11, 1984 at Fallston General Hospital, James Patrick O'Brien, Unit 31, otherwise known by his C.B. handle, "Buckets o Bolts," passed away at the age of 65 after a long fight with lung cancer.

In his two years of service to Harford County REACT Team 2342 he was very

active. He put in many monitoring hours on Channel 9 helping persons passing through our area. He also put in many manhours in our other activities and was given the Good Citizen Award by the Maryland State Police, along with letters of Recognition.

He is survived by his wife and three sons.

Members of Harford County REACT, as well as the citizens and organizations we work with and serve, will feel a great loss in his death.

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Nuts & Bolts on 27 megs

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

It gives us a great deal of pleasure to present to you the Vincent Gagliardo Snoop Loop. Its purpose is to locate, generally, those people who are giving you trouble on channel 9 either by being there when they shouldn't or by bleeding over onto channel 9 from neighboring channels. It was inspired largely by the CBERs in the San Francisco Bay area who use channel six as an "I can talk louder than you" channel. You, my most welcome critical write-in audience, will notice that we have said inspired instead of designed. Thus we warn all hands that the Loop is not designed to give you a useable SWR, and we advise you to do what we do. When you use the Loop, remove your mike so you cannot transmit. Out front, if one of our readers will give us the length closest to 36" that will become a usable fractional wave length, we will change the plan in our follow-up.

At any rate, we offer you herein, an inexpensive and easily assembled Snoop Loop. Its materials can be gotten at any Radio Shack or equivalent.

- 36" approx of RG 8-U antenna wire
- 12 foot RG 58U lead in wire with connectors
- one M358 T connector
- one PL 250 double male
- two PL 259 plugs
- one old broom handle pole
- should cost complete under \$20.00.

Instructions for assembly (see sketch)

(1) Stretch out U8 wire on work bench and, at the center remove about 1 1/2 inch of outer rubber protection in such a way that it can later be put back in place.

(2) Remove about 1/8" of copper woven ground so as to completely break the ground connection from one end to the other. Bearing in mind that you will later bend the U-8 into a circle, arrange your two cuts so that the space is wider at the point BB than at point B. Run a little buffer strip on tape about 1/8" wide to separate the copper further. Somehow mark the outside to show the point of widest ground separation.

(3) Place the piece of outer rubber back in place and wrap tape to protect the area.

(4) Mount one of the PL 259 connectors at point A in a normal manner, with the center conductor of the U8 soldered into the center pin of the PL 259.

(5) At Point C, mount the other PL 259, but differently. In this connection ground the center conductor of the U-8 to the copper shield of the U-8 and to the negative shell of the PL 259. The center lead of the U-8 should not be in contact with the pin of the PL 259.

(6) Now bend the U8 wire into a circle, making sure that the mark you left in step (2) is on the inside of the circle. Connect the two PL 259 plugs into the M358 T. Tie a string or place a tape on the "A" portion of the U8 wire. This side of the loop will later point to the target (loudest).

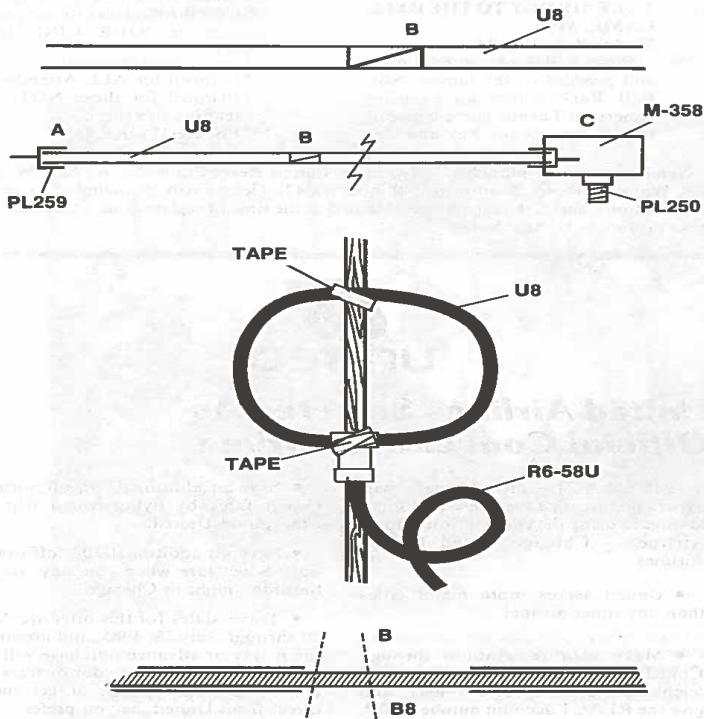
(7) Tape the loop to the broom handle. Place the double male PL 250 connector into the M358 T connector and connect the antenna lead wire to the PL 250.

(8) You now have an oversimplified loop. Connect the loop to your (extra) CB set, and hold it in the air while you adjust your volume and channel-set so that you are hearing the "target." Your volume should be extralow. Now turn your broom handle loop so that your ears detect "louder" or "quieter." When your flat loop is pointing to your target, you have a null (zero). When the strung portion of your loop wire is pointing to your target your signal should be loudest.

My advisors, who can't give me the number of inches in a 1/4 or 1/5 wave length, tell me that this crude little beast is the equivalent of a three element beam.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: If this looks like "too much" for you — consider the "Signal Hunter" antenna advertised by Gold Line on page 00.)

Let's start with Rt. Rev. Troy Kaichen and just plain Frank Eagen and all you other "Let's catch Charlie in a booboo" officianotos. Let's take our pen in hand and start with "how long the U-8 wire should be," and go on from there.



REACTing

in emergencies

by R.C. Watts,
Louisville, Kentucky

THE CB SOLUTION

The purpose of Channel 9 is, of course, mainly to receive and relay emergency assistance requests from the public or for reporting some emergency. That's the real value of CB radio; anyone with a transceiver can ask for or render communications assistance and REACT is apparently the only remaining international organization promoting that purpose. CB is also the ONLY radio service that is so reasonable in cost, EVERYONE can use it. Therein lies another value yet to be fully utilized.

The Sheriff calls out the local rescue squad, REACT Team and CAP squadron to look for a lost child. Problem? He can't talk by radio to any of these units and they can't talk to him or each other! Solution? Well, all of them have or can get CB radios. The Sheriff or other search and rescue (SAR) coordinator could run the operation (not on 9, please) with much less difficulty. Not enough range? A mobile on a high hill or airmobile aboard a law enforcement helicopter or CAP light aircraft can relay messages over a large area. The same concept will work during civil defense (CD) emergencies and disasters.

If you have problems coordinating your activities with CD, hams, Red Cross, CAP and law enforcement agencies, give them the "CB Solution." While at it, why not adopt a "working channel" (I like 3 for CD, SAR and REACT, wherever there's a REACT Team? It can't be "official" like 9, but practice brings acceptance. It could also improve CB for everyone since FCC rules give precedence to emergency traffic. Once other operators find that emergency traffic is only on 9 and one other channel, rather than any channel that happens to be convenient, malicious interference will probably decrease. Using that same channel as a REACT "home" and non-emergency operations channel could also improve our image as an efficient, well organized group.

TIME CHECKS

Good communications procedures, especially emergency message logs, depend in part on having the correct time. The National Bureau of Standards broadcasts time signals 24 hours a day over WWV (Ft. Collins, CO) and WWVH (Kekaha, Kauai, HI). These may be heard on 2.5, 5, 10, 15 and 20 MHz (AM), using almost any general coverage receiver with shortwave bands. Signals are in Consolidated Universal Time (UTC), which is also known as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) or Zulu (Z) time. UTC is five hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time (EST). The stations also broadcast weather information starting at :08 minutes after the hour on WWV and at :48 over WWVH. You may occasionally hear other time signals on the above frequencies, from other countries, interfering with WWV/WWVH. Our Canadian friends broadcast time signals too (in EST), on 3.33 and 7.335 MHz over CHU (Ottawa, Ontario).

FIRE IN RADIO SHACK

Overloaded outlets, short circuits, lightning and inadequate, obsolete house wiring can cause fires around radio equipment. It happens more often than most people think! The best protection is having enough electrical outlets rated to handle your gear. Second, a smoke detector in the radio room (or close to it) helps warn of fire involving unattended equipment. Everybody forgets to turn off something, sometimes. Third, a good dry chemical fire extinguisher (classes B, C or A, B, C) might help save both equipment and building. Most home owners insurance policies allow discounts for smoke detectors and fire extinguishers which should save the purchase cost in a couple years. While you're at it, stick another extinguisher under your car seat!

Copies of FCC Rules Available

DALLAS, TX — Copies of the latest FCC regulations for Citizens Band (Part 95, Subpart D) and General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS) (Part 95, Subpart A), which became effective 5 July 1983 are available from: Poly Com Associates, 2909 Rosedale Rd., Dallas, TX 75205. GMRS Regulations include amendments through the changes effective 12 November 1984.

These regulations are copies of the official GPO publications. The GMRS rule changes are inserted in the text at the appropriate place.

Prices are \$1 per copy, postpaid on minimum orders of \$10 (under \$10, add \$.25 per copy for postage/handling). You may mix GMRS and CB regulations to reach the \$10 minimum order. Please expect 4 or 5 weeks for delivery time, as the company will hold orders and "batch print" only as needed.

The exchange of bulletins is very healthy. From them we learn that in some areas, the Council speaks for the Teams — publishes bulletins — runs repeaters — organizes monitoring. Wichita, Washington D.C., and Daytona Beach are three good examples. So — the San Francisco Bay Area, not to be outdone has brought together all eleven Teams that look out over, or listen from San Francisco Bay, into BAM, Bay Area Monitors. These include Marin, Vallejo, Richmond, Diablo, Livermore, Alameda, Mission Peak, Bay Area Emergency Radio, Black Berry, Crystal, and Golden Gate.

At our third meeting (continuity), it was established that Charlie Hill of Mission Peak will coordinate Team monitoring schedules to achieve a projected 24 hour 7 day coverage for the 3000 square mile area.

Lou Stanley, a member of Golden Gate and Mission Peak, will chair the triangulation committee to locate lost boats for Coast Guard and problem-makers for the FCC.

Zoltan Gode of Crystal Springs will coordinate public relations. This includes good interface for the whole group with the major agencies, and getting the individual Teams involved to improve their local stance with their hometown emergency offices.

Ed Lovely, Com Officer for Golden Gate, is tackling the job of promoting a series of REPEATers for the whole Bay Area and increasing the use of GMRS for emergency services.

Mike Schwabe of Mission Peak is investigating how computers and modems can help solve our problems.

Jim Galbreath of Blackberry is overall chairman and Charlie Harband of Golden Gate will serve as secretary.

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BI-STATE Team Completes Busy 1984

DOLTON, IL — The members of Bi-State REACT Team 2292 have completed a busy schedule of community service. The Team, though lacking in members, is not lacking in ambition. Team members assisted in traffic control and security for the following:

DOLTON, IL — June 29 thru July 4, Fire Dept. Carnival; Aug. 12, Nicks Sports Page 10 Km Run; Sept. 8, New Hope School Run and Walkathon and Sept. 13 thru 16, St. Jude Fest.

THORNTON, IL — June 28, Memorial Day Parade; July 4, Fireworks Show; July 26 thru 29, 150-Year Celebration which included an Arts and Crafts Show, Bike Race, 4-Mile Run and Carnival.

CHICAGO — Oct. 21, Chicago America's Marathon.

A total of approximately 1,141 member hours. The Team has just recently purchased several hand held GMRS radios.

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A Tour of the City, a Day at the Races, Shopping at a Historic Village, not to mention the Magnificent Mile on Michigan Avenue are some of the daytime activities we are certain you will enjoy. For the early bird, a Pre-Convention Pub Crawl is planned for Saturday, and the Monday Night Mixer at the Medieval King's Manor will be a joy not to be missed. All kids from 6 to 60 will enjoy watching the Chicago White Sox play the Detroit Tigers at Comiskey Park under the stars. And for the Post Convention Enthusiast, we have planned a Friday evening dinner in Chinatown, culminating with a boat ride of Chicago's own skyline.

All Tours must be paid for in advance, and are offered on a first come first serve basis. If a Tour is overbooked, all monies will be refunded. Likewise, if insufficient interest is received, the Tour may have to be cancelled, at which time all monies will be refunded. Reservations for all Tours and Activities must be postmarked not later than JUNE 15, 1985.

- *PRE-CONVENTION PUB CRAWL, \$17. Saturday, July 20.**
 Tour departs at 7:00 p.m. for the popular "Street of Dreams," Rush Street. Guests will visit some of the highly publicized night spots, which could include Arnies Outdoor Cafe, Sweetwater, LeStudio, and many other highly celebrated night spots along Rush Street. Price includes round trip transportation, short tour, three drinks with taxes, personal Guide service throughout the evening, and an opportunity to have dinner, dutch treat, at any of the selected stops, which could range from a hamburger to a French cuisine dinner or steak. Tour is approximately 4-5 hours.

- **CHICAGO'S HIGHLIGHT & HISTORIC TOUR, \$15. Monday, July 22.**
 Tour departs at 1:00 p.m. and offers a narrated tour of Chicago's downtown area, covering our financial district, Grant Park's famous museums of the Art Institute, Shedd Aquarium, Planetarium, and the Field Museum. The Magnificent Mile, which will include a shopping spree at the famous Water Tower Plaza, will allow for time for a cup of coffee or refreshment, dutch treat, and then continuing on along Lake Shore Drive with a brief stop at the Conservatory. Deluxe sightseeing coaches will return guests to the hotel by 5:00 p.m.

- *MONDAY NIGHT MIXER — KING'S MANOR, \$27.50. Monday, July 22.**
 Buses depart at 6:00 p.m. for a most unusual evening of entertainment, which includes a complete dinner at a King's Manor supper club, where wenches serve a most unusual dinner, and then perform Medieval songs and dances patterned after the days of King Arthur's Court. Price includes transportation, complete dinner, including ale or soft drinks, tax and tip, and a guarantee of one of the most memorable as well as enjoyable evenings you will ever experience. Guests will be returned to hotel by approximately 11:30-12:00 p.m.

- **A DAY AT THE RACES, \$25. Tuesday, July 23.**
 Tour will depart at 11:00 a.m. and will include the beautiful Arlington Park Race Track, where you will be served a delicious luncheon in the famous Classic Club which overlooks the finish line. A special race will be named after REACT, and four guests, or should we say, lucky REACTers, will have a photo taken in the winner's circle for that race. A perfect day of entertainment. Buses will return to the hotel by 5:30 p.m.

- *TWILIGHT POTPOURI/ PIZZA EVENING, \$22. Tuesday, July 23.**
 Buses depart at 6:30 p.m. for a tour to the famous Sears Tower, a view of Chicago's lakefront, visiting points on our west side Circle Campus of the University of Illinois. Then, we journey through Chinatown and stop for a most delicious PIZZA at one of Chicago's finest and celebrated pizza spas. A glass of wine will be served with the pizza (also coke or coffee, if preferred). Price includes pizza, tax, tip, observation tower admission, and a charming hostess to care for all of your needs. Return to the hotel will be by 11:30 p.m.

- **LONG GROVE ANTIQUE TOUR, \$13. Wednesday, July 24.**
 Buses will depart at 9:30 a.m. and journey into the past by visiting the charming little village of Long Grove, Illinois, which was settled in the early 1800's by a group of German farmers. It has an untouched quality to it. Browse among the charming shops for fine imports, beautiful crafts, boutiques, antique shops, a chocolate shop, cheese and sausage shops, all housed in original old homes. Luncheon will be dutch treat at any one of the eating facilities that are sprinkled throughout the town. Guests will be returned to the hotel by 3:30 p.m.

- *TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME, \$19. Wednesday, July 24.**
 Buses will depart at 6:00 p.m. and proceed to the famous Sox Ball Park where an exciting American League game between the Chicago White Sox and De-

troit Tigers will be seen from Reserved Grand Stand Seats. Fireworks, food (dutch treat), and the thrills of Major League Baseball are all part of the sights and sounds planned for the evening. Buses will return to the hotel by 11:30 p.m.

- **HERE'S CHICAGO AND WATER TOWER SHOPPING, \$13.50. Thursday, July 25.**
 Buses depart at 10:00 a.m. and proceed on an exciting shopping tour of the Water Tower Plaza, where guests will have a "run of the plaza," enjoy a dutch treat luncheon from a McDonald's Hamburger to a gourmet dinner atop the 95th floor of the John Hancock Insurance Building. Tour also includes a 30 minute film and 20 minute slide projection through Here's Chicago, a multi-media presentation of Chicago's past, present and future. Buses will return to the hotel by 5:00 p.m., which will give you sufficient time to put your feet up and get ready for the Banquet later on in the evening.
 - ***PEP PARTY FOR CHILDREN, \$12. Thursday, July 25.**
 Festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. and will be held at the hotel's beautiful indoor pool area. An exciting evening of Pool, Entertainment, and Pizza will be provided for the children attending the Convention. When completing the reservation form for this PEP PARTY, please be sure to indicate the number of children as well as their ages. Chaperone service for participating children will be available until 10:30 p.m.
 - *POST CONVENTION DINNER AND BOAT RIDE, \$25. Friday, July 26.**
 Buses depart at 6:00 p.m. and will proceed for a dinner in Chinatown's finest restaurant for a delicious, family-style Cantonese dinner, followed with a short visit in Chinatown's curio and bakery shops on your own. We will then proceed directly on a Mini-After Dark Sightseeing Tour, arriving at the boat dock at approximately 9:15 p.m. for a one hour boat ride of our beautiful evening skyline, returning to the hotel by about 11:45 p.m. This is a thrilling way to end your vacation in "OUR KIND OF TOWN."
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Indiana Team Mourns Members' Passing

by Chuck McMahon
 Communications Officer

PETERSBURG, IN — The Pike County REACT Team, Inc., Team 4549, mourns the loss of a great friend and a beautiful REACTer.

Mrs. Velcia P. Bier passed away in her home in Petersburg on October 21, 1984. Velcia, who was 66, was known as the "Dutch Lady" to all the C.B.ers and friends. She was much loved by all Team members and by everyone in the community.

Besides being an active member of the Pike County REACT Team, she was a local Girl Scout Leader, a 4-H Leader, member of the Moose Lodge, and a member of the INCERT (Indiana Council of Emergency Response Teams).

The Team will sorely miss her. In fact, her Unit, No. 19A, will be retired from the Team.

Her husband, George A. Bier, is our Sgt. at Arms and has been nominated for Vice-President for 1985. At age 77, he is also an active member of REACT and INCERT.

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The Indiana REACT Council held their 65th Annual Convention November 9, 10 & 11 at the Howard Johnson's Motor Inn in Indianapolis. Among the 125 attending were Chris White and Ron Mayes, members of the REACT International Board of Directors and Vice President Administration of the REACT Forum Jackson Kling, and Executive Director Gerald Reese. Activities included various workshops, a round robin, the annual ping pong tournament, awards banquet, dance and annual meeting with election of officers.

Spokane REACT Handling Traffic For Lilac Parade

SPOKANE, WA — The big event of the year for Spokane REACT Team 2904 is the Lilac Parade which draws thousands from throughout the state and surrounding communities. REACT was responsible for parking many buses coming here to attend the functions. Members moved traffic along.

The next big event was the Air Show put on by Fairchild Air Force Base. REACT ran the Lost Children's booth handling approximately 250 to 300 children and parents who became separated during the show, which draws some 50,000 to 60,000 spectators.

During its Labor Day Wake Break, the Team served about 9,500 travelers, with the cooperation of the merchants of Spokane who donated coffee, hot chocolate, lemonade and other goodies, for the four-day weekend.

According to Mary Greenfield, Team Treasurer, the State Police maintains that through REACT's efforts, accidents have been drastically reduced in the area.

Publicizing REACT

by Ron McCracken, Chairman
Public Relations Task Group

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Book Review:

MONITOR AMERICA: The Communications/Travel Guide, 1984-1986
Edited by Richard Prelinger with Daria Malinchuk, Associate Editor
Natick, MA: SMB Publishing, 606 pages, paper \$14.95.

The programmable scanner has been around about ten years. It's amazing how many people have one (or more), but effective use still hasn't reached full potential, mainly due to lack of information. We're only recently getting something more than column after column of frequency data, much of it inaccurate or outdated. Frustrating. Thanks to computers, that's changing and what a change! Scanner enthusiasts have been waiting a long time for this book.

It's also a valuable frequency reference for civil defense emergency operators, REACT monitors and others who need to know what's going on. Looking up my own state, Kentucky, I found all the important agencies listed in easy to read, accurate frequency tables. Especially handy are maps showing state police posts, highway districts, etc. Missing is a map of the Disaster and Emergency Services (civil defense) regions. The other states have similar listings and I expect they are just as accurate. Puerto Ricans will be disappointed — their Commonwealth isn't covered.

REACT Teams will like the listings for teams with GMRS, NOAA Weather Radio and Police Codes. Civil defense people will find almost everything useful. Amateur (RACES, ARES, etc.) emergency nets are well covered. The Red Cross and Civil Air Patrol are in National Frequencies list, but I would have liked locations by state included. But on to the fun parts.

Monitor America is almost sure to become the "bible" of U.S. scanner buffs, just like the *World Radio TV Handbook* is to International SW and CB DX-ers. It will make the hobby more enjoyable, especially for those who take their scanner "on-the-road." Be sure to read the section on Monitoring Laws when planning a trip. More fun are listings for racetracks, shopping malls, country clubs, ski areas, ball teams, etc. — great things to punch up on a pocket scanner!

It's impossible to have everything in one book. This one comes as close as

reasonably possible, with all the states, 40 major metro areas and 6 vacation specials (Las Vegas, Orlando, Cape Cod, etc.). It's also impossible to review everything in a book as extensive as this one. If you use a scanner you need a copy of *Monitor America*.

R.C. WATTS

EDITOR'S NOTE: The publisher reports the listing of REACT Team GMRS operations was obtained by review of FCC license records.

Check Your "Wind-Chill Index"

WASHINGTON, DC — When we plan our day's activities on a winter morning, an almost invariable question is, "How cold is it this morning?" Then we look at the thermometer and try to dress accordingly. If we have to be out-of-doors, as is frequently the case on a farm and in many occupations, we know that the temperature alone gives too little information. Wind also has an effect. Thus, if we have an idea of how much the wind adds to the chilling effect of temperature, we could protect ourselves better.

The problem of how much heat the body will lose under given conditions of temperature and wind has been studied for some time. Paul Siple, who accompanied Admiral Byrd to the Antarctic, came up with some of the answers, and during and after World War II the Quartermaster Corps and the Medical Research Laboratory of the U.S. Army did a lot of research on it. A reasonably satisfactory solution has been found. The result can be expressed as a "cooling power of the air" or "wind-chill index." The term "wind-chill index" is preferred because wind and temperature are the only variables considered. It would be misleading if a

person got the idea that the chill index indicated how "chilly" he would feel out in the weather because our feeling depends on other things besides wind and temperature such as state of nourishment, individual metabolism, and protective clothing. However, the wind-chill index is a good guide as to what clothing will be needed for protection from the cold. This is especially important in the extreme conditions of blizzards, and even in the less obvious but still extreme condition of riding in an open vehicle such as a snowmobile.

As an example of the effect of wind on the wind-chill index, the following gives figures for a 20° F temperature and several wind speeds.

Wind (MPH)	Chill Index (Equivalent Temp 20° F)	Descriptive Term
10 MPH	3	Very cold
20 MPH	-10	Bitter cold
35 MPH	-20	Extreme cold

To use the table shown, enter the table in the left hand column at the wind speed. Enter at the top of the table at the air temperature in degrees Fahrenheit. The value at the intersection is the Wind Chill Index.

WIND CHILL TABLE
AIR TEMPERATURE (°F)

	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	0	-5	-10	-15	-20	-25	-30	-35	-40	-45
4	35	30*	25	20	15	10	5	0	-5	-10	-15	-20	-25	-30	-35	-40	-45
5	32	27	22	16	11	6	0	-5	-10	-15	-21	-26	-31	-36	-42	-47	-52
10	22	16	10	3	-3	-9	-15	-22	-27	-34	-40	-46	-52	-58	-64	-71	-77
15	16	9	2	-5	-11	-18	-25	-31	-38	-45	-51	-58	-65	-72	-78	-85	-92
20	12	4	-3	-10	-17	-24	-31	-39	-46	-53	-60	-67	-74	-81	-88	-95	-103
25	8	1	-7	-15	-22	-29	-36	-44	-51	-59	-66	-74	-81	-88	-96	-103	-110
30	6	-2	-10	-18	-25	-33	-41	-49	-56	-64	-71	-79	-86	-93	-101	-109	-116
35	4	-4	-12	-20	-27	-35	-43	-52	-58	-67	-74	-82	-89	-97	-105	-113	-120
40	3	-5	-13	-21	-29	-37	-45	-53	-60	-69	-76	-84	-92	-100	-107	-115	-123
45	2	-6	-14	-22	-30	-38	-46	-54	-62	-70	-78	-85	-93	-102	-109	-117	-125

WIND SPEED GREATER THAN 40 MPH HAVE LITTLE ADDITIONAL CHILLING EFFECT

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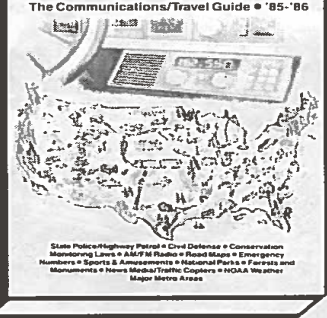
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Why Personal Radio Means CB & GMRS to REACT

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totally new service. However, for the foreseeable future, there are simply no more frequencies available. Therefore, it is necessary that we make the most of what we have.

Here are some ideas:

1. Work with the FCC to implement the law permitting volunteer enforcement assistance on CB radio. (Authorized by recent Federal legislation.)
2. Emphasize the need for monitoring of Channel 9 and concurrent adherence to the rules protecting the channel.
3. Observe and be aware of potential attacks on the GMRS frequencies. Be sure to maximize the public service benefits of GMRS, which will help to maintain the availability of those frequencies for public service.

REACT can be proud of its role in the effort to gain PRCS. However, we must learn from this that we can divert tremendous organizational resources in pursuit of futile causes. We must conserve our energies and resources for those programs that will be most beneficial to REACT Teams and through them to the general public.

Gulf Coast APCO Meet Set for January 23-25

DAYTONA BEACH, FL — The 1985 Gulf Coast Regional Conference of APCO (Associated Public Safety Communications Officers) will be held in Daytona Beach, January 23-25 at the Daytona Hilton Hotel. The conference promises to be the biggest and most unique in the history of the local region. REACT is among several communications organizations as well as regional representatives from fire, EMS, police and emergency management associations, which have been invited to attend. For information contact Joseph Nasser, Conference Chairman, care of the Volusia County Sheriff's Office, 49 Keyton Drive, Daytona Beach, FL 32014.

Ohio Team Rates Praise for Annual Halloween Patrol

CINCINNATI — Since 1978 members of Ohio Valley REACT Team have assisted the Blue Ash Police Department to safeguard children and the community during the annual Halloween observance. This is a sizable commitment on the part of our Team because it spans a three-night period and calls for a minimum of 15 volunteers for approximately five hours per night. This year REACT provided 25 persons on Monday, October 29; 20 on Tuesday, October 30; and 20 on Halloween night, October 31. This amounts to more than 325 hours of surveillance.

In addition to the base station, nine separate posts were used covering schools, overpasses and the large construction area in downtown Blue Ash.

Bob Killinger was the OVR person-in-charge of the operation. Police direction and coordination was provided by Lt. Suter and Officers Batchler and McAninch. Police asserted that it was a professional performance.

The Magic: The record of "no incidents" remains unblemished for the sixth consecutive year since the project was initiated.

OVR is pleased to aid in maintaining community safety and well-being during a period threatened by accident and damage.

Col. Sturgill commented: "Here in Blue Ash, another Halloween season has come and gone without incident, mostly due to the manhours invested by the Ohio Valley REACT personnel. Please express my thanks to those who graciously donated so many hours to the safety of our city."



DURHAM, NC — Shown above are the proud members of Burke County REACT after they received four awards from the North Carolina State REACT Council at a meeting held in Durham. They received an award as The Most Outstanding REACT Team in N.C. for 1984, and their Secretary Pauline Hill received the award for The Most Outstanding Female REACTer in N.C. for 1984. Their President, L. Lenore Houston, was awarded Male REACT Booster in N.C. for '84, and the Team also received the award for the Team With the Most Emergency Call-Outs for '84. Certificates from Gov. Hunt and the State REACT Council accompanied each award.

REACT Handles First Aid, Control in Phila. Marathon

ERDENHEIM, PA — At the request of the organizing committee of the Philadelphia Independence Marathon, Greater Philadelphia Search and Rescue provided communications, first aid and additional pickup vehicles for the portion of the race route in Montgomery County.

REACT and ARES

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fund raising efforts and the St. Peters Community Hospital in providing the location and facilities for the repeater system. A special appreciation is further extended to the First Capitol & Suburban Center Pioneer Club, the Telecom Tower Services, Inc. and others who have spirited the public service effort. The Amateur Radio repeater is a part of an overall REACT/ARES Team effort toward the installation of an all-volunteer Emergency Communications Center at the St. Peters Community Hospital which is presently under construction.

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COLUMN NINE

Where the REACTion is Yours

I must take exception to the article in the November-December 1984 issue of the REACTer in regard to "Uniform Code."

I wrote the code for Ohio, and Ohio was the first state to adopt the code. It is a suggested code to help those who desire to add patches to their white shirts.

I agree the uniform should be reasonable to come by, and cost, and the white shirt (short sleeves in summer and long in winter) seemed appropriate with dark pants, shoes and the REACT cap. But I must make exception to the flag.

There are two flags being reproduced. One for the left sleeve with stripes facing the back, and one for the right sleeve with stripes facing the back.

I say REACTers should use the flag on the left sleeve, one half inch below the shoulder seam, as in the military for shoulder patches.

I say left, as this is the privileged side . . . the heart, the flag on a coffin with the stars always over the left shoulder. I believe it should be the left.

Now the REACT emblem patch. REACT International has always supplied clothing from the Supply Dept. with the emblem over the left pocket area, and I think this is correct. So the patch should go above the left pocket of the white shirt.

The name tag (if used) should be over the right pocket (as in the military) and the state patch just above the name tag.

The right arm should have the patches issued to the member or as a Team issue. Civil Defense has a Communication Patch and should be worn if issued by the Civil Defense Director as a CD REACT Commo. Team. Below this, the CPR or other patches that have been earned by the individual.

Just look around at a meeting and see all the patches worn everywhere. I think it looks like a Chinese fire drill. Why not wear all those fancy patches and pins on a vest that can be taken off if units join each other before the public, and make a decent image for REACT.

I know there is no way of satisfying everyone, but let's all try to have an open mind on this and finally come up with something we can all live with.

by Wes Gould, President
Champaign County REACT 4517
Conover, Ohio

Maryland County Cites REACT Month



CHEVY CHASE, MD. — REACT leaders are shown with Chief Executive of Montgomery County, Maryland, Charles Gilchrest, and other county and state police officials at signing of official proclamation designating November as REACT month in Montgomery County. Shown are, left to right, Lt. Col. Donald E. Brooks, Deputy Chief, Montgomery County Police; Don Pfister, President, Montgomery County REACT; Charles Gilchrest, Montgomery County Chief Executive; Lt. John O. Himmelman, Rockville Barracks, Maryland State Police; Capt. Don Black, Director of Operations, State Police; Corp. Robert Honeycutt and Sgt. Edward Johnson, both of the state police, and in the front center is Joe Cochran, REACT public relations officer.

By Joe Cochran, P.R. officer
Montgomery County and National
Capital REACT

CHEVY CHASE, MD — Mont-
gomery County, Md. Chief Executive

Charles Gilchrest designated November as REACT Month in the County in recognition of the outstanding work done by the Montgomery County Team throughout the year. He cited the many tasks the Team undertakes to help county and state police, fire and emergency operations organizations as well as civic oriented activities the Team sponsors such as parades, walkathons, bikeathons, athletic events, and so forth.

The proclamation presentations were attended by state and county police officials who met afterwards with Team members to discuss their mutual interest in reaching the highest possible level of CB radio communications efficiency. All officials highly complimented the Team and offered their continuing cooperation for the benefit of motorists and highway and community safety.

Excerpts from the Proclamation were aired over WMAL radio by the nationally known Team of Hardin and Weaver, with the top listener audience in the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area. They too highly praised not only the Montgomery County Team, but all of REACT, for its safety and community service volunteer activities including the traffic reporting base station National Capital REACT operates there at WMAL during rush traffic hours.

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Michigan REACT Takes On Big Service Load

MUSKOGON, MI — Just in the last few months, the members of Muskegon County REACT Team 3880 have undertaken a list of civic activities which could challenge a Team twice their size. On August 4 the Team worked with Blue Lake Fire Department on their Community Fun Day. Then on August 11, members traveled to Holton for that Community's Fun Day, and on August 25, the Team helped the Muskegon YMCA and the Tri-Cities Y in their Triathlon — a one half mile swim, 22-mile bike race and a 5-mile run.

To wind things up in August, the Team held its Safety Coffee Break over the Labor Day weekend and helped the Muskegon Shoreline Spectacular by patrolling several parking lots for a Shuttle-Bus service and the 10-kilometer run. Several members also helped out running television tapes from Muskegon to Grand Rapids in covering the Jerry Lewis Telethon for Muscular Dystrophy.

Meet The Board



Chris White

"When you want to get the job done, give it to a busy person."

How often have we heard that old saw — yet when it comes to Chris White, our second member of the REACT International Board of Directors to be profiled, it could not be more true.

Chris, the second member in our series of Board profiles, calls herself a housewife, but she is anything but a "stay at home." Diminutive, peppy, enthusiastic, the mother of one, she keeps on the go all of the time. Fortunately for REACT, she spends a lot of time on REACT business — in her official capacity as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors and as a member of the REACT International Board's Executive Committee — but also as a REACT member who has stuck with the organization through its ups and downs and one deeply committed to the concept of voluntary CB monitoring and service.

Chris joined REACT when the organization was relatively young — in 1967 — when some friends of hers managed to drag her and her husband Lee along to a meeting of the South Bay REACT Team CI67 (Lawndale, CA). "We could see that what they were doing was worthwhile — assisting the motoring public from their homes plus all the outside civic activities — parades, Red Cross assistance, and civil defense."

In no time both Lee and she were hooked and have been members ever since. Chris, who estimates that she has held every local Team office, also works with a Community Watch program in nearby Manhattan Beach.

At the Council level she has served as District Director of the Southern California REACT Council (three years), Vice President of the SCRC (6 months), and President of the Council (5 years — 1978-83).

Nationally she has served as Vice President of the Forum (1 year — 1982) where one of her major accomplishments as Chairman of the Monitoring Committee was the production of a much-needed and "long time a coming" Monitor Training Manual for the use of Teams anywhere. She also served as Chairman of the Western Regional REACT Conference, twice.

Chris's numerous awards in REACT included being named twice as REACTer of the year by the Southern California REACT Council; District Director of the Year by SCRC and REACTer of the Year at the REACT International Convention in Wichita in 1982, after first being named quarterly winner in the Achievement Award Contest sponsored by K-40 Electronics.

As to the future of the Organization, which she supports so enthusiastically, here is what Chris has to say: "I feel good about REACT and everything in REACT. I believe in the organization and have seen it go through many phases. At times I have been discouraged, but what we do is so worthwhile. I have faith that no matter what happens, it will turn around, and I will fight for the organization and what is best for REACT."

She believes that one way that the organization can help itself at all levels but primarily at the Team level is through Membership Retention. "We work very hard to get new members, but retaining the members we have is just as important. We must keep all our members by getting them involved — devising new programs which will keep them interested in the organization."

To this end, and toward doing whatever she feels is required to help the organization gain strength, Chris White has vowed her very best efforts and energies.

Team Chalks Up Enviably Record in Halloween Patrol

ALBERT LEA, MN — Members of South Minnesota Albert Lea REACT recently completed their tenth Halloween patrol without an incident. In fact since the first year of the patrol, in 1975, there has been only one incident. The

patrol keeps a watch on several bridges including those over I-90 and I-35 on Halloween Night from 6 to 2 a.m. in cooperation with the county sheriff's department and highway patrol.

Texas Public Safety Division Schedules Emergency Management Meeting

AUSTIN, TX — The Governor's Division of Emergency Management, Texas Department of Public Safety, will hold its 24th Annual Emergency Management Conference for local and state officials February 19-21, 1985, at the Hilton Inn, Austin, Texas. Registration fee is \$25.00.

The conference will include speakers and workshops on a variety of emergency management related topics. For more information, or to pre-register, contact the Division of Emergency Management Public Information Office, P.O. Box 4087, Austin, Texas 78773, phone (512) 465-2138.

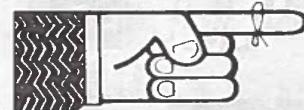
Maine Team Mourns Loss of Valuable Member

PRESQUE ISLE, ME — Douglas B. Harris, 30, valuable member of Aroostook County REACT 4094, of Washburn, Me. passed away suddenly October 12, 1984, as the result of an automobile accident.

Whether wearing the designation of Unit 8, or the C.B. handle "Crazy Eight," Doug sparked the monthly meetings with his many comments and suggestions, both practical and humorous. He took his monitoring seriously, and responded with zest to any community event that REACT 4094 had to cover.

Our sympathies go to his family and friends, and we will indeed miss him very much.

REMEMBER



DUES are DUE

NY, NJ REACTs in on Coast Guard Day of Fun, Picnic



by Bob V. Cacciola, President
Richmond County REACT Team 3335

STATEN ISLAND, NY — On a clear bright day in August members of REACT Teams from New York and New Jersey and their families converged on the U.S. Coast Guard Group's Sandy Hook Base headquarters for a picnic and a day of fun and games as well as a chance to get acquainted with Coast Guard personnel who monitor Coast Guard and CB radios in their communications room.

REACT Teams represented included Richmond County REACT Team 3335, Staten Island, N.Y.; Old Bridge Pacers REACT Team 4601, Old Bridge and Lawrence Harbor, N.J.; Bayshore REACT Team 4583, Matawan, N.J. and Monmouth County REACT Team 3732, Long Branch, N.J.

REACTers and their families and friends and Coast Guard personnel, together with their families, all got together for a day of music with a D.J., swimming, fun and games. All had a great time.

Among the attractions were kiddie games for the tots, sack races for all, and a tug of war challenge match between REACT and the Coast Guard, which was split one win apiece.

Highlights of the day however were free rides for all on the 41-foot motor life boat and adults had a chance to sit in the wheelhouse and pilot the boat back to the dock.

Members also had a special treat — the opportunity to tour the Coast Guard Base Communications room and to see first-hand how calls are handled by professionals, as well as the equipment used and its capabilities.

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