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REACT Member Stabbed in Act of Heroism

CHICAGO, IL — John Collins, 31, President of Northwest Suburban REACT and a life member of REACT International, was stabbed in the lower chest when he attempted to protect two out-of-town visitors to Chicago on Wednesday, May 29, 1985.

Collins, a driver for the Sun-Times newspaper, was filling his newspaper boxes on Michigan Avenue at about 4:00 a.m. when he saw the two visitors being chased by two other men. One of the visitors, already stabbed, ran up to Collins pleading for help. Collins told him to get into his truck and called for help over his company radio.

Collins confronted the first attacker in an attempt to reason with him and at this point was stabbed himself. The second attacker entered the truck and stabbed the second visitor. Collins was able to get to his radio and continued his transmissions of what was happening.

By this time the attackers were trying to flee in "Flash Cab 2201." Within seconds, Sun-Times trucks were arriving on the scene from all directions and surrounded departing taxi, subduing the occupants and holding them for the police.

"People don't deserve to be hurt, I don't care who they are," said Collins. This philosophy of helping others and getting involved is very important to Collins as evidenced by the fact that this was the third time he has confronted people with knives.

John is married and the father of two young sons (Mike and Danny). He has been a member of REACT for eight years, serving as his Team President for the last four years.

According to Chicago Police Detective Tom Johnson, "Collins did an outstanding job, he came to the aid of people in need. He did the right thing."

REACT members in the Chicago area

could not agree more. They have jokingly offered to make a suit of armor for John, not only as a tribute to his heroism, but to protect this highly valued member of REACT. John, we're proud of you.



CHICAGO, IL — 9-month-old Daniel Collins congratulates his father, John Collins, of Northwest Suburban REACT. John spent a few days in Northwestern Hospital recovering from stab wounds sustained when assisting others.

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New Achievement Award Certificates Presented

All nominees for the REACT Achievement Award Program sponsored by K-40 Electronics are now being recognized through a special certificate. Quarterly winners, of course, receive a plaque plus \$100 check. Quarterly winners then become eligible for selection as the annual winners in the individual and Team categories.

One Council gets the annual award as well. Council, Team and individual annual winners receive a magnificent trophy, check for \$500, and a trip to the convention to receive the awards.

The nominees for 1984 include the following:

Individual, 1st Quarter, January-March: Don DeGroot, Santa Clara, CA; Bonita M. Kirchner, Kankakee, IL; John Collins, Hoffman Estates, IL; Harold Banta, Lebanon, OH; Frank E. Akins, Gonzales, TX; Paula Thompson, Durham County REACT, Durham, N.C.

Team: Durham-Durham County REACT Team, Durham, NC; Harrison County REACT Team, Corydon, IN.

Individual 2nd Quarter, April-June: Daisy Mae Hicks, CA; Jeannette Hunt, CA.

Individual, 3rd Quarter, July-September: Antonia Reyes, Sheffield Lake, OH; Albert Moccia, Jr., St. Petersburg, FL.

Team: Lancaster County REACT Team, Lancaster, PA.

Individual, 4th Quarter, October-December: Don Perry, Salem, OR; George Caven, Sarnia, ON, Canada; Ella Mae Jones, Haverhill, MA; Ronald Chuyen, Ormond Beach, FL; Beverly Hoyt, Levittown, PA; Judy Bell, Corsicana, TX; Warren Bruce, N. Albany, IN.

Team: Dallas County REACT Team, Dallas, TX; Richmond County REACT Team, Hamlet, NC; Lancaster County REACT Team, Lancaster, PA. (See story on 4th Quarter Winners on Page 6.)

Oklahoma City REACTer Shows His Concern for Local Residents

OKLAHOMA CITY — Around Mike Monrone Aeronautical Center where he works as a payroll technician, Clay Crook is getting quite a reputation not only for his REACT work but as a community-minded citizen who genuinely cares for his fellow man — so much so that he was recently nominated for an honorary service award from KOCO-TV by a fellow worker at the Center.

Crook, a member of Oklahoma County REACT Team 2620, under the REACT badge has aided police and

fire departments in searches of lost children, security matters and first aid training. He has also been instrumental in maintaining communications during the annual Jerry Lewis and Easter Seal telethons and is active with the Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Service in emergencies. His most recent activity with this service was during the fire at Tinker Air Force Base. For 19 hours he manned a mobile canteen serving the night-fighters.



VIENNA, VA — Sarah Leach, of Herndon REACT Team C-332, and members of the Team, are guests of Chief Wayne A. Stacey, OIC of the U.S. Coast Guard cutter "Capstan," a search and rescue vessel in the Northern Potomac River area of Washington, D.C. Chief Stacey offered the group a tour of the vessel for Sara's part in the recent communications rescue of Howard Kilgore, of Fredericksburg, VA, whose boat started to sink through the ice of the Potomac River about a quarter mile from the shore.

Kilgore's call for help on his marine radio was picked up by Bill Latham of National Capital REACT while he was in his car and was relayed to Ms. Leach, who was monitoring Channel 9. She promptly relayed the call to the Coast Guard.

Shown, left to right, are: John Webster, Ms. Leach, Chief Stacey, Betty Christenson, Lee Wilder, Arthur Brooker. Rear: Lee Williams and Jim Maccue. Team's Publicity officer, Bob Baird, not shown.

Gateway Area REACT Exceeds 1 Quarter Million Monitoring Hours!

by Sue Mavernik, Secretary Gateway Area REACT 2001 St. Louis, MO

ST. LOUIS, MO — Since our start in 1970 we have logged more than one quarter of a million hours monitoring time. During this period, we have answered 18,239 accident calls. Since our Mobile program started five years ago, many accident calls were assisted by mobile units. With their special training in first aid and traffic control, our units were able to offer much needed help.

With 9,015 calls on reckless or intoxicated drivers, it's hard to say if the new laws are really taking effect yet. I do know that, in the last year, more of the

calls that were turned in did result in apprehension of questionable subjects.

As with any organization, we have our ups and downs in membership, but more citizens are now aware of the fact that we are out there listening and trying to help. We are always happy when someone shows a sincere interest in joining our Team. I'm sure that just about every Team in our directory has at one time or another felt despair at the lack of participation in their membership. Some members have a true dedication to REACT and its ideals. These are the qualities to look for in new members. You may not have an extremely large membership, but your quality will be assured.



Crowd Controllers

CALGARY, AL — City REACT provided extra manpower along the Calgary Police Service Half Marathon's route last April 29 by assisting with traffic and crowd control. Shown are some of those who participated, l to r, front

row: Sharon LeVesconte, Bob Anderson, Tom Keeper, Regan McCutcheon, Gloria Keeper, Jim LeVesconte, Treasurer, Dick Turnbull, Malcolm Baumann, First V.P. of Event. Rear: Dave Keddle and Mike Hennes.

Bell County REACT Active in Successful Central Texas Exposition

BELTON, TX — Bell County REACT completed a successful ten-day community service venture on Saturday, April 6. After nine days of manning a public information booth at the Central Texas Exposition in Killeen, REACT had received seven applications for membership and had advised hundreds on how REACT Teams assist public and law enforcement officers by relaying calls received on Citizens Band Radio emergency channel 9.

In the exposition booth, the Team also sold cookbooks published by Texas State REACT Council, Inc. and accepted donations. Prizes given away in the booth included: a Bentwood rocker, Happy Tooter horn which was donated by CB Headquarters, and a 40-channel AM/sideband CB radio.

Climaxing this public relations effort by the Bell County REACT was their furnishing communications for the 40 KM bicycle route and the 10 KM run portion of the Central Texas Exposition Triathlon, sponsored by the Killen Jaycees on April 6. Because many of Bell County REACT's members work on Saturday, the only Team members able to participate in the Saturday event were: John Eubanks and Richard and Keren Pratz of Belton, Richard

DeFrehn of Temple, and Joyce and Earl Cockrum of Rogers. Tom Hamrick, a Boy Scout District Board member from Belton, also assisted.

Because Texas REACT Area V Council, Inc. exists to guide and assist local Teams of Central Texas, its officers wanted to help the Bell County Team with this project. Council vice-president Lois Nulty brought Jerry Henry and Bill and Ethel Gardner from Travis County REACT to help with the Triathlon communications. Council President Dickie George and Council Parliamentarian Jim Tanner came from Guadalupe County REACT to assist in the Exposition booth on Friday and in the Triathlon.

Other Bell County REACT members who helped out in the booth were: Earnest Jackson and Kenneth Farris of Belton and Team vice-president Frank Jenkins of Temple.

The President of Bell County REACT is Richard Pratz, of Belton, Chairman of the State Council Board and BREAK-9 newsletter editor for Texas State REACT Council, Inc. as well as Life Membership chairman of the REACT Forum of REACT International, Inc.

Notes from Northbrook

by Executive Director Gerald H. Reese

The summer Consumer Electronics Show invaded Chicago the first week in June. This trade show brings close to 80,000 people to the city to see "what's new in consumer electronics?" Sprawling over the 1-million square feet of exhibit space at Chicago's lakefront McCormick Place, the show spans out into several hotels as well. In the past, the CB radio industry has been represented. This has been up and down in relationship to the industry's business in the past few years. This year there was somewhat of a resurgence of CB activity.

The Shakespeare Company returned to the show based on their research showing the CB antenna market is alive and well. As usual, antennas were very well represented with Antenna Specialists, Antler Antennas, Armstrong Antennas, CBA Antennas, Valor and Wintenna. Full lines of CB radios were shown by Cobra, Midland and Uniden. A high quality remote-operated unit was shown by Stratoline, Inc. Scanners were exhibited by Uniden Bearcat, Regency and Fox. It seems that the radar detector manufacturers, such as Fox and Fuzzbuster, are trying to capitalize on renewed interest in CB and also exhibited CB radios.

Craco, an auto stereo manufacturer, highlighted its "Mayday" emergency CB radio. GMRS was not featured at this show because it is primarily consumer products and GMRS equipment falls into land mobile. Maxon was highlighting their 40 megahertz, 100 milliwatt, "hands-free" vox-operated walkie talkie units. Uniden's Force Line of land mobile equipment was shown, but Midland's land mobile equipment was not. Personnel responsible for those lines were present and we had some interesting discussions. We believe that there will be some new and interesting products forthcoming for REACT GMRS applications within the next 12 months.

The strong points of the show seemed to be into sophisticated video equipment of all kinds, including satellite receivers.

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We hope that the 1985 REACT International Convention will be well attended. We are looking forward to greeting many REACTers in our home town — Chicago! We guarantee an outstanding Convention from the point of view of program, entertainment and facilities. It's not too late to arrange your attendance. If necessary, just call the headquarters office and we will be sure that you are accommodated.

Future planning for your Team — it's not too early to start thinking about . . .

- National REACT Month, November 1985
- Membership drive for 1986 registration.
- Hosting the 1988 REACT International Convention (eastern states and provinces).

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What about your own personal role in REACT? Are you ready for a leadership role?

Have you prepared yourself by participating in your Team activities? Have you assumed responsibility through committee participation and chairmanship? Don't be afraid to volunteer to serve your REACT Team, Council and REACT International. There are leadership opportunities at all levels of the REACT organization from your local Team through the REACT International Board of Directors. You can help yourself to new skills, new confidence, the awareness of your own abilities through leadership in REACT — and help REACT even more than you are now.

No, there is nothing wrong with Channel 9 monitoring being your main activity. That is the most important job in REACT, but if you are able to perform a leadership role in addition, give it a try. You may surprise yourself at your own ability to accomplish your goals.

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REACT Teams and the IRS: There appears to be some confusion about this relationship . . . let's try to clarify:

1. All U.S. REACT Teams are covered under REACT's group exemption from Federal Income Taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Service Code.
2. Because you are listed, the IRS may mail an IRS Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, to your Team.
3. Form 990 is to be filed no later than May 15th each year. Most Teams need only check the box that states, "Check here if your gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. i.e. You do not have to file a completed return with IRS but should file a return without financial data if you were mailed a Form 990 Package." This will put the IRS on notice that you are not required to file (annual receipts less than \$25,000) and they will drop you from their mailing list.
4. State departments of revenue and other agencies (in Illinois, it is the Attorney General) may require additional information and reports. The Attorney General's interest relates to charitable fundraising activities. This is one area that REACT Councils should investigate for their Teams.



His Unsung Labors are Recognized

VIENNA, VA — Mayor Richard C. Thoesen, of Herndon, VA, presents Daniel Pollock, of Herndon REACT Team C-332, with the Distinguished Volunteers Service Award for Dedicated service to the community. Of the one hundred fourteen persons named "Outstanding Volunteers," five were selected for their remarkable dedication, fortitude and often "unsung" labors. Pollock was one of the five honored.

REACT Calendar

July 1985

- 13 Oklahoma State REACT Council Meeting in Ponca City
Texas State REACT Council Meeting in Longview
- 22-25 REACT International Convention in Chicago
- 27 Central West Texas REACT Area II Council Meeting
- 27 South Texas Area REACT Council Meeting

August 1985

- 10 East Texas District, Area VIII, Texas State REACT Council Meeting
- 17 Texas REACT Area V Meeting in Austin

October 1985

- 5 South Texas Area REACT Council Meeting
- 11-13 Nebraska State REACT Council Convention
- 26 Central West Texas REACT Area II Council Meeting

NOTE: Add your events to this calendar. Send information to REACTer Calendar, 3653 Woodhead Drive, Northbrook, IL 60062

Dallas REACT Gives Revellers Free Ride Home

DALLAS, TX — Dallas County REACT's FREE RIDE HOME program, the fifth since it began on 31 December 1980, was the smoothest and most successful yet, according to observers.

"By the time it was over," reported Special Events Chairman Terry Allen (1/23), "we had handled well over 200 calls. Of these, 147 resulted in the dispatch of vehicles, and 103 were completed with the delivery of passengers. Our drivers delivered 200 people home." Starting slowly, with the first call not coming in until about 8 pm, business picked up around midnight, with 20 vehicles in service at the peak of activity from midnight to about 3 am.

The Annual Free Ride Home, co-sponsored by DCR in cooperation with Dallas County REACT, is the "capper" to the DCA "Holidays Ahead" program which runs through November and December. Holidays Ahead emphasizes responsible drinking, to include not driving while intoxicated. Greg Cupper, of the Dallas Council on Alcoholism, was Co-Chairman of the Free Ride Home Committee this year, along with Ron Oliver, of Parkland Hospital's Forensic Laboratories. Chuck Thompson was DCR Liaison to the FRH Committee and Co-Chairman of DCR's FRH Operation.

More than 80 REACT and DCA volunteers participated in the course of the evening, with most of Dallas County REACT's volunteers working most of the 12 hours (6 am to 6 pm).

"We had maximum cooperation from our drivers and the dispatch crew," said FRH Co. Chairman Chuck Thompson. Chuck told the ROG, "and though there are still rough spots, we're very proud of everyone who participated. It's very difficult to carry off something this complicated and extensive when you do it only one time a year." Several additional changes to procedure are being planned for 1985-86 as a result of lessons learned this year.

As in previous years, the FRH resulted in considerable media coverage, including some excellent exposure for Dallas County REACT.

Robert Sallee

FERGUSON, MO — Bellefontaine REACT Team C-245 will sadly miss Robert Sallee who passed away on April 29 after an illness.

Bob was a member of our family and a hard worker, always there when needed. He is survived by his wife Elaine, and daughter Mary, both members of the Team.

Canadian Team Helps to Go After Impaired Drivers

WOODSTOCK, ON — Two members of Woodstock District REACT Team 2341 were elected as chair and vice-chairman of the Oxford County Drinking Driving Countmeasures Committee.

Ron Faulkner, Team Impair Driver Alert Chairman and Pub Relations chairman, was named Chairman of the committee and Ri Spurgeon, Team President, was named Vice Chairman.

The county-wide committee is comprised of government and law enforcement officials, civic and community organizations, concerned citizens and clergy. Its goal is to raise the level of public awareness of the danger of impaired drivers on the road. To accomplish this goal the committee is planning shopping mall displays, floats in parades, displays at fairs, and running media and news stories.

Chicago Area Teams To Act As Extra Eyes in Spotting Drunk Drivers

OAK PARK, IL — Plans of Chicago area REACTers to work with the state police in a joint effort to nail drunk drivers were lauded and fully described in an article which appeared recently in *Oak Leaves*. The REACTers involved are all members of West Suburban REACT, which has members from several Chicago suburbs as Oak Park, Forest Park, River Forest, and Melrose Park. According to state police, REACT members from the Northern Suburbs have been involved in the program known as Extra Eyes for several years but this year the West Suburbs Team was also involved.

Through Extra Eyes, volunteer radio operators will be teamed with state troopers and a supervisor to cover a specific area between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. CB radio operators will not be involved in arrests, but will play a big role in spotting drivers who look as though they may be drunk and reporting them to the assigned trooper.

State police report that drunk driver arrests have increased at least 20 percent since the program began three years ago. The Extra Eyes program is funded by federal government which are used by state troopers who volunteer to work overtime for the program.

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Nuts & Bolts on 27

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

Nuts & Bolts on 27 megs

You have to understand that this column is an offshoot of the Forum Task Group on communications. Those of you who come to the conventions will gather in committee meetings and mull things over. Those who can't make the convention, July 22-25, this year in Chicago, are invited to give us your input both on subjects covered in the column and on subjects that are bothering you in your home area. Send your letters to me, Charlie Harband, at the address at the end of this column.

In the last issue, we ran a copy of the California law that allows you to apprehend your troublesome neighbor thru your local sheriff instead of the FCC. If you have have not yet read same, do so. You may find it very useful.

My Brass Ring Award to Robert F. Goellnitz, co-ordinator for Quad City REACT 4310 of Davenport, Iowa, the first member to respond to my request for laws from other states. Since Davenport is on the border between Iowa and Illinois, the Team covers parts of both states and is subject to two different sets of laws. As matters stand, Illinois has an adequate new law against interference to CB emergencies and Iowa does not. Bob sent me a copy of the Illinois law.

They are trying it out in East Moline. They have an identified character who plays music on Channel 9 for about 10 hours a day. The Team talked to the State District Attorney and swore out a complaint. He will let us know by convention time how it comes out.

Bob also sent me a copy of FCC forfeitures on CB radio violations:

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| 1. Deliberate interference to an ongoing emergency communications | \$600 |
| 2. Attempting to communicate beyond 155.3 miles away | \$100 |
| 3. Failure to allow inspection | \$300 |
| 4. Misuse of Channel 9 | \$ 50 |
| 5. Misusing "Mayday" or other emergency signal..... | \$300 |
| 6. Advertising or selling..... | \$ 25 |
| 7. Transmitting music or other sounds to amuse/entertain | \$ 25 |
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| 1. Operating "Out of Band" | \$1000 |
| 2. Using non type-accepted equipment | \$ 750 |
| 3. Operating over power | \$ 750 |
| 4. Operating in excess of 100 watts carrier power..... | \$1200 |
- (Published by the Kansas City FCC office.)

In talking to your uncooperative neighbor, you can point out the odds in his game of Russian roulette.

Work on antennas has arisen from another angle. The introduction of disk antennas to capture satellite signals has caused these space-war items to sprout along city streets and rural highways and since their disk must have an unobstructed view of the satellite, the amateur installer might put the disk anywhere, including across the road.

Some cities and counties are actively looking into the problem of controlling these unsightly (and sometimes scary) installations and are coming up with laws that put forward restrictions and require permits for installation. Just recently, the city of Daly City, just west of our San Bruno Mountain station (our security alarm rings into their board) published and had meetings on their proposed regulation of signal receiving and transmitting antennas. A friend in city hall looked thru the proposed regulation, and urged us to do the same. It immediately appeared that the hard rules covering satellite disks, would equally apply to your home CB antenna. The proposed rules covered height, weight, mounting base, grounding, permit, and even notification in writing to your neighbors within 300 feet.

At our request, we were invited to the next hearing and two of our members took part in the discussion. Each time what was written for the satellite disks appeared to directly affect the CBer as well. Our efforts were rewarded, and the regulation is being rewritten. Other Nor-Cal cities are waiting for the Daly City pilot law to emerge. Then you can bet on the fact that most communities will follow suit. In addition, to controlling appearance and safety, permits bring revenue to the community.

So we ask you to discreetly inquire as to whether your community has such a regulation. If it does, get a copy and see how much effect the rules would have on installing your CB big stick or beam. If it doesn't, but is thinking about one, ask to be notified of the hearings. Then work to see that the regulations do not affect the CB home monitor. There will probably never be too many disks, but the councilman's voting district contains a lot of CB voters. We will have a copy of the Daly City proposal at the convention and as soon as they come up with a revised regulation, we will publish same in this column.

Other than the above two major items, northern California's heaviest problem is a group of free-lancers who use power on channel 6. Before we can stop them we have to find them. Triangulation and the local laws should do the trick.

If you have a thought about the above, or a request for the International Forum Committee to take up as a project, write to me: Charlie Harband, 560 Darrell Road, Hillsborough, CA 94010 (415) 344-0443.

Abington REACT Sponsors Honors Banquet

GLENSIDE, PA — On Saturday, November 17, 1984 Abington REACT held the first in a long series of awards banquets. The purpose: to recognize the outstanding achievements of its members for their contribution to REACT and also to pay special tribute to those special few without whose dedication and hard work Abington REACT would never exist.

Among those receiving awards were John Miller, Jr., for the most hours monitored; James Llewellyn (Team Captain), for perfect attendance; John and Suzanne Camp, a special recognition award for being "The heart and soul of Abington REACT."

The final award went to Team president David Rondinelli as REACTer of the Year. Without his overall work and



GLENSIDE, PA — Accepting an award from Michael Harmer for monitoring the most hours is John Miller, Jr., a disabled war veteran and a member of Abington REACT.

dedication to monitoring, manning the Emergency Channel and all other Team functions would not have been possible. Abington REACT plans to jointly sponsor the awards banquet annually with Valley Forge REACT and Delaware County REACT.



High Monitoring Numbers

LEBANON, IN — Members of Boone County REACT Team C-407 who monitored channel 9 during blizzard-like conditions on February 10 are, left to right, Helen Musser, Cathy Musser and Mike Musser. The three monitored a total of 86 hours between Sunday February 10 to Thursday February 14.

Michigan REACT in Busy Winter Program

TRAVERSE CITY, MI — Winter storms and icy cold weather have proved no detriment to Grand Traverse REACT. On Thursday, February 28, the Team responded to a fire at the Traders Alley Building on US 37 South. With the use of the Salvation Army Canteen, they served coffee and donuts to firefighters from 7:30 pm until approximately 11:00 pm. Roughly 195 cups of coffee were served.

On Tuesday, February 19, members were invited in to demonstrate radio communications for the Brownie Troop out of Traverse Heights School in Traverse City.

Each scout was given a HELP litter-bag with several pieces of literature in it. Basic communication procedures were covered as well as specific do's and don'ts, (use of channel 9 as an emergency network).

The girls were each asked to choose a handle and then were allowed to use the CB to speak to another person, on channel 14, who was sitting in their car in the parking lot.

In late April, Grand Traverse REACT was invited to Camp Sakakawea Girl Scout Camp to do a Search & Rescue demonstration and for a cook out.

The Team also participated in the fourth annual Frozen Cherry Festival on Feb. 15-17. They handled communications between festival officials as well as between parking lots, parking fees and crowd control.

A total of 232½ volunteer hours were put in, between 12 adults, 8 Jr. members and four others from assisting Teams.

The festival was held at the Traverse City State Park with headquarters being located in an ice cream parlor.

And the Team held their fourth annual awards day on a Sunday in December. Members met at a member's home for a pot luck supper, and had a good time with games for the youngsters and good conversation for the adults.

This year, the Team had eight young people who received awards for their help throughout the last year. Two of those youngsters were Jamie Wahmhoff, age 3, and Randy Rittenhouse, age 5. Last February, Randy and Jamie went out with several of our adult members and helped pick up brush and other debris so that a local organization could put on their annual festival.

Members receiving awards for outstanding participation during the year were: Sally Wahmhoff, Sue Grandstaff, Ruth Rittenhouse and Elaine Grundel.

Music Festival Draws Thousands

HAMLET, NC — The first ever music festival of Richmond County REACT Team 3201 proved an unequalled hit with local residents. The event featured games for all, soft drinks, coffee, sandwiches and plates of barbecue, plus ice cream. There was also a clown giving out balloons and prizes for the children.

\$25,000 in Quarters Spill Out; REACT Responds Quickly

WILMINGTON, DE — When a tractor-trailer carrying \$800,000 worth of quarters and silver bars overturned on the entrance ramp to the Commodore Barry Bridge, it spilled out about \$25,000 in quarters and REACT was there.

Several members quickly responded to provide communications including Henry Guyer, of the Board of Directors; David Cassidy, Vice President and Raymond Fisher, President.

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LIFE MEMBER CORNER

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

It has been a year since the last convention and it is a good time to look at the growth of the life membership program. I had the pleasure of meeting Edwin Flores-Rosa at the Daytona Beach Convention. He is Life Member 239 and had received his Life Membership card the day he left Puerto Rico for the convention. The records that I have received since that time show that we have added 16 new Life Members and I would like to introduce them to you at this time:

Life Member 240
Kevin James Parrish
REACT of The Golden Gate
San Francisco, CA

Life Member 241
Eugene R. Rivers
West Putnam REACT
Interlachen, FL

Life Member 242
Clifford Sutton
Team not listed
Hastings, IA

Life Member 243
David L. Cassidy
Delaware County REACT
Linwood, PA

Life Member 244
Harold L. Kendrew
Cehla REACT
Pollock, LA

Life Member 245
Carl E. Brumage
Hot Line REACT
Hagerstown, MD

Life Member 246
Irene Brumage
Hot Line REACT
Hagerstown, MD

Life Member 247
Charles E. Paul
Hot Line REACT
Hagerstown, MD

Life Member 248
Alice Paul
Hot Line REACT
Hagerstown, MD

Life Member 249
Jesse E. Miles
Hot Line REACT
Clearspring, MD

Life Member 250
Mary Rivers
West Putnam REACT
Interlachen, FL

Life Member 251
Robertson H. Towne
New Jersey Inter-County REACT
Florham Park, NJ

Life Member 252
Cynthia Jane Riley
Dallas County REACT
Dallas, TX

Life Member 253
Fred A. Bennett
Farwest REACT
Cathlamet, WA

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Central Nassau County REACT
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The Life Membership Committee will meet at noon, Wednesday, July 24th. The Luncheon will be \$15.00, but if you have used the maxi registration you will only need to add \$10.00 for the Luncheon. This is the time that any business concerning Life Members will be discussed and the Life Membership Chairman for 1985/86 will be elected.

If you are interested in becoming a Life Member, I will be near the registration table Sunday afternoon and Monday morning with applications. I have been told that arrangements have been made to get approval of those who make application at the Convention.

IT IS CONVENTION TIME. COME
ON OUT AND JOIN THE FUN!

Report on Council Survey

by Chris White, Board of Directors, South Bay REACT C-167, Lawndale, CA

A questionnaire was mailed to all Teams to help us evaluate the status of the State Council Program.

One-hundred and thirty-one Teams have responded. This doesn't seem like a very good response, but it really is, since it covers thirty-three State Councils.

There are eight out of the thirty-three that we will have to check into. It appears that a few are a Council in name only and the others are not doing what a Council should be doing.

Here is a list of how the majority of the Teams answered the question asking what the role of a Council should be:

1. Provide guidelines.
2. Settle Disputes.
3. Coordinate cooperation among teams.
4. Coordinate new teams and assist in problem areas.
5. Set goals for the year.
6. Establish working relations with government agencies in state.
7. Interchange ideas and coordinate REACT efforts in state.
8. Coordinate activities between all Teams in state.
9. Program for encouragement with ideas for Membership Drive.
10. Keep Teams informed on all events and new changes.
11. Promote REACT statewide.
12. Provide Teams with services that they request.
13. Establish training and motivation.
14. Provide activities and communications between the Teams.
15. Combine resources on projects and get publicity.
16. Distribute information to the Teams.

The way they rated their Councils and their comments it seems that sixty percent are happy with their Council and forty percent see a need for improvement.

We have to take into consideration that we did not get that good of a response from any state. But we have to assume that we heard from those that are concerned.

Here is a list of the council areas from which we received questionnaires:

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| 1. Arizona | 12. Iowa | 23. Ohio |
| 2. Central California | 13. Louisiana | 24. Oklahoma |
| 3. Northern California | 14. Maine | 25. Oregon |
| 4. Southern California | 15. Maryland | 26. Puerto Rico |
| 5. Delaware | 16. Massachusetts | 27. Pennsylvania |
| 6. Florida | 17. Michigan | 28. Tennessee |
| 7. Georgia | 18. Minnesota | 29. Texas |
| 8. Kansas | 19. Missouri | 30. Utah |
| 9. Kentucky | 20. New Hampshire | 31. Virginia |
| 10. Illinois | 21. New Jersey | 32. Washington |
| 11. Indiana | 22. New York | 33. Wisconsin |

In addition, we received one from Canada, one from Rhode Island, and two that were signed, but did not say what state, and one anonymous.

Golden Gate Team Honors SAFERIDES

SAN BRUNO, CA — REACT of the Golden Gate's Claude Snooks Jr., Northern San Mateo County SAFE RIDE'S Coordinator, is happy to thank Antenna Specialists Co. for their continual support of the REACT program through their sponsorship of the Early Bird Registration awards.

REACT of the Golden Gate is proud to have won an Antenna Specialists Magnetic Mount Mobile CB Antenna and we are pleased to be able to pass this donation on to the Northern San Mateo County chapter of SAFERIDES.

At its April 9th, 1985 General Meeting, REACT presented to Greg Lundell, a representative of SAFERIDES, the Antenna Specialists Mobile Magnetic antenna. REACT of the Golden Gate Area Team members have assisted in setting up and guiding teenagers who run the program on how to handle the CB.

More information on SAFERIDES can be obtained by contacting: SAFERIDES, P.O. Box 5005, San Mateo, CA 94402.

Hoosier REACT Sponsors Skywarn Event

PETERSBURG, IN — Pike County REACT Team 4549 sponsored a free skywarn Weather Seminar on Saturday, March 30 with Norman Carroll, chief of the Evansville Office of the National Weather Service, the main speaker. Mr. Carroll presented films and slides on tornado and severe storm spotting, how to identify each and how to report any findings to the proper authorities.

Team Plows Bingo Profits Into Community Service

BRANDENBURG, KY — Through the profits it makes on its Bingo nights, Brandenburg REACT Team 2573 has plowed back more than \$25,000 to the community for the support of needy families — money which goes to pay for heat, light, rent, food, and other household necessities. According to Team Secretary Audrey Hawks, the project is run in conjunction with Central Kentucky Community Action, which advises of families in need. The Team began the Bingo effort in 1983, and will have sponsored the event for two years this September.

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VIEW FROM THE BOARD

by Ron Maves
Sedgwick County REACT 4208
Wichita, Kansas

I want to share some interesting information that I received as a result of my job in marketing communications services and equipment.

"CB SALES ON THE RISE WITH NEW BLOOD OF CB USER INDICATED." Autosound and Communications (June 1985) reports:

CB sales have increased steadily during the past two to three years with this year's sales up 15 to 25 percent over last.

Buyer demographics indicate many new CB users. Women account for more than 35% of sales of emergency type CBs. The 23-49 age group is buying with many in the group being management types and users of VCR or hi-fis. As many as 65 percent are *first time buyers*.

New CB manufacturers are entering the market with products ranging from \$50.00 to \$189.00.

In other news, a congressional House Bill HRI327 has been introduced to have CB Channel 11 designated as the official Neighborhood Watch channel nationwide. Channel 11 would then become similar to Channel 9 with only local or state organized neighborhood watch programs using the frequency as well as monitoring it. Many considerations have to be made while in committee before the bill is passed.

CB Voice, June 1985 front page featured REACT International benefits to members and the July Chicago International Convention. See ad on page 4 for

Roll Out Carpets to Honor Indiana REACTer

NEW ALBANY, IN — The carpets were rolled out here to honor Frank R. Kossa, a retired army veteran who has directed the county's civil defense program for eight years at no pay.

Kossa, the only survivor of four wars—both World Wars and the Korean and Vietnam conflicts—was honored in ceremonies held last year at the White House.

An active member of Metro REACT North of Floyd County, he is, according to Lucille Bruce, "a wonderful man who helps his fellow man. We're very proud to have him as a member." A sentiment to which REACT International adds its own best wishes.

California Team Puts On REACT Event for Team

RED BLUFF, CA — In March, members of Tahoma County REACT Team 3431 traveled to Sunshine Christian School to present a film about REACT to the youngsters. It explained REACT's community service in connection with monitoring Channel 9, in helping out in time of natural disasters, and in serving various community functions, such as March of Dimes.

In the photo REACT volunteers are seen in the top row with some of the children. L to R are: Ethel and F.E. Thompson, Team President; Pastor Randy Orris, principal; Carl McGrew, Rose Winters, and Ann and Ken Stansbury, Treasurer.

Ohio Team Heeds Call for Service in Downpour

HAMILTON, OH — Eight members of Hamilton REACT Team C-499 responded to the call for assistance as high winds and torrential rains toppled over trees and downed power lines. Members were out all night and glad to help, said Team Captain Ralph Roberts.

subscription information.

Personal Communications Magazine, May 1985 featured National Capital REACT C-490 of Washington, DC on its front cover to illustrate the use of CB and GMRS (old Class A CB) in an article prepared by P. Randall Knowles, Attorney, Chicago, IL (a former REACT member) giving the history of GMRS, use of UHF-GMRS and recent developments of FCC rule changes to GMRS.

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What Can This Mean to REACT membership?

First and foremost is the attention CB radio and GMRS is getting, especially here lately on the front pages of nationally distributed media.

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With 65% or more of new sales of CB going to first time buyers, it's time to look for new blood! Most everyone goes through turnover and change and this cycle is about every 5 years. Just think about the last time you changed jobs, houses, hobbies, spouses or relationships. REACT is no different — which is why you have to sell REACT membership to your friends, relatives, neighbors and contacts with the same goals or interests. Other demographics indicate the new blood is management material (leaders), which we can use to further expand REACT's horizons.

35% are women who are buying for emergency use — why not try the women's organizations, rape centers and the like for good dedicated members. Just look at the MADD organization and how fast it has progressed if you need proof of their determination and drive.

Now is the time to turn things around, gain new blood, leaders and more. Go to CB sales outlets — put up the Join REACT poster — membership information stands for your REACT newsletter. Talk to people!


CB is still the most viable and popular form of personal communications available and the recent sales trends prove this!

You make the difference! As a REACTer, you are REACT's greatest asset.

Philadelphia Team, Red Cross Sign Agreement

ERDENHEIM, PA — Greater Philadelphia Search and Rescue REACT Team 2647 and the Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Red Cross have signed a dispatch and mutual aid agreement. Under the terms of this agreement the Red Cross will dispatch Greater Philadelphia Search and Rescue REACT in response to calls from municipal, state, and federal agencies. Search and Rescue will assist the Red Cross Disaster Services by providing damage assessment and other skills as required.

Greater Philadelphia Search and Rescue REACT is a volunteer land search organization. Based in Montgomery County (PA), Search and Rescue provides services to the five county area as well as the Red Cross. All active personnel are trained in first aid, CPR, and basic rescue in addition to search skills. Greater Philadelphia Search and Rescue REACT provides search, search coordination, rough terrain evacuation, and other services with its volunteer members and its extensive communications network and other facilities, such as 4x4 vehicles, operated by Search and Rescue's members.



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More than this, they must possess mind-reading skills. They must have the ability to persuade persons to follow some recommended course of action, such as convincing an excitable husband en route to the hospital with a wife in labor that he really doesn't need a police escort . . . besides, you will be happy to send an ambulance if he will pull over and wait. Yeah, a real easy one. Anyone can do it.

A REACT operator assumes and accepts an awesome responsibility when he or she squeezes that mike button and says, "You have REACT, go ahead with you message."

What follows could be annoying trivia or an hysterical report of someone trapped in a burning automobile. There is no way of knowing in advance what the call will involve, and no way the REACTer can reject the plea. The called has placed the matter squarely in his hands.

His worst antagonist is Time.

"You better do something about this crazy man on I-95."

The REACT monitor is becoming a public servant. The caller expects immediate action, and REACT is living up to that high expectation. Although continually exposed to situations which could be subject to challenge or criticism, REACT is operating with a minimum frequency of accident or compromise.

So far, at least, the band of dedicated citizens who make up this volunteer support resource have come up with a public service idea which is meeting a definite need. That is really a fantastic thing. It is something money cannot buy or for that matter, government cannot afford. Its value in terms of lives saved, property protected, crimes thwarted, tragedies avoided and questions answered, all considered, would represent a community service impossible to estimate.

It is being done by unselfish volunteers, people who have a vision and are willing to sacrifice their TIME and MONEY to provide a desperately needed community service. Pioneers perhaps, they are people whose work is generally unsung, unknown and more or less unrecognized except by those who learned in a pinch that they were there.

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East and West Coast Winners Picked for 4th Quarter Achievement Awards

A Team and individual REACTer scattered by several thousand miles are the recipients of the 1984 Fourth Quarter Achievement Awards. Winner of the Individual Category Award for his efforts in behalf of REACT is Don Perry, 1984 President of Salem Area REACT Team 4397 of Salem, OR and President of the Oregon REACT Council.

Don, an avid communicator literally eats, drinks and sleeps REACT. His radio is on 24 hours a day. In the three-month period ending last December, he monitored 1,500 hours and accepted 330 calls. He has promoted cooperation between Teams and urged attendance at State Meetings.

To get some measure of his commitment to REACT, he chaired the TEAM Safety Break October 29 - November 1 and met with state highway officials about safety breaks, including a 150 mile trip to meet with Lincoln City REACT officers to assist with their problems regarding safety breaks.

Within that same period, he was elected Vice President of the Team and Co-ordinator of SAR for the Fourth Term. He then counseled Lane County REACT further in their efforts to reorganize — to name just a few of the activities in which he has been involved in recent months. As Don's associates at both Team and Council level write: "We feel that Don's efforts to support and promote REACT are over and above the requirements expected of an average REACT member."

In that same category of "Over and Above" what is required to do the job is the achievement of Richmond County REACT Team 3206, of Hamlet, NC, named fourth quarter winner for 1984 of the Team Achievement Award.

In the citation that accompanied the nomination entry, Jennifer Lampley, Secretary, and Jocelyn Goodwin, President write: "1984 was one of the best for Richmond County REACT."

Here are just a few of the activities to document this assertion: Volunteer manhours: "Too numerous to keep up with to record." In many cases the Team has helped strangers in need and helped out with medical and nursing expenses, housing, and aid to persons requiring assistance to reach destinations

outside of the county. "We're the only Team throughout the state financed through the United Way," write Jocelyn and Jennifer.

GMRS: "This was a gigantic step. Over \$13,600 was spent in obtaining portables and mobile radios with the help of cable-tvision we were able to use their tower for our repeater and antenna. We have our own private frequency."



In March of 1984 when the devastating tornados pulverized the surrounding counties, Richmond County REACT, also known as the Richmond County Disaster Team of the Red Cross, was first on the scene. The Team went into action quickly to help set up shelters, prepare mass meetings for tornado victims and helped out by providing skills in such areas as: secretarial service, counseling, traffic control, clearing away debris and doing damage assessment work. "The hours were long and the naps few and far between," write Jennifer and Jocelyn, "but the uniting to help your fellowman made it all worthwhile."

An assessment to which we can only add "Amen." For all of their fine work "over and above" the standards, Richmond County REACT is the fourth quarter Team Achievement Award Winner.

Both Richmond County and Don Perry win \$100 cash awards and a handsome plaque for their efforts and go into the pool of those who become eligible for the annual awards, which carry a \$500 cash award, a spectacular trophy, and a trip to the 1985 International Convention in Chicago.

Our congratulations to both winners. The REACT Achievement Awards are sponsored by K-40 Electronics, who provide all prizes.

LANCASTER, CA — The objective of every REACT Team should be to provide monitoring of CB radio Channel 9 twenty four hours a day, seven days a week. Declining membership in REACT Teams often prevents this goal from being achieved and additional monitoring help is desirable. When motorists routinely fail to get a response on Channel 9, they no longer attempt to use Channel 9 as emergencies go unreported or help is delayed in arriving.

Several types of organizations may be able to provide this assistance if asked. Included in this group are local police and fire departments, prison security office private security agencies, and military security police and fire departments. Oft these organizations are willing to provide monitoring but lack financial resources to procure radios and antenna systems. If equipment is loaned to these organizations by REACT, the likelihood of concluding a working agreement is greatly increased. The best candidates for working agreements are agencies which have employees who must remain alert and awake yet do not have job responsibilities which preclude monitoring Channel 9.

Antelope Valley REACT covers an extremely large area of the Mojave deserts approximately 90 miles north of Los Angeles, CA. Most of its members are located in the communities of Lancaster, Palmdale and Quartz Hill. Edwards AFB is located approximately 25 miles northeast of Lancaster in a sparsely settled, yet heavily traveled, area. Monitoring coverage of this area was being provided by a lone base station located at Edwards AFB (Antelope Valley REACT Unit 345) and manned by Air Force Major Gary Fishburn (L.M. 30).

Major Fishburn contacted security police personnel at the base to explore the feasibility of establishing a working agreement. His overtures were met with enthusiastic support from all levels within the organization. Subsequently a working agreement was signed.

Antelope Valley REACT has provided on loan to the security police a 40 channel radio and antenna system. The equipment remains the property of Antelope Valley REACT and the agreement may be cancelled by either REACT or the security police at any time. Major Fishburn installed the equipment at the security police monitoring station and the security police are monitoring channel 9 on a continuous basis.

I challenge each REACT Team to engage the help of at least one outside monitoring agency. Details of the working agreement may be obtained by contacting Antelope Valley REACT Team C-40, P.O. Box 1062, Lancaster, CA 93534. A self addressed stamped envelope is appreciated.

Marlene Brandom, President
Antelope Valley REACT Team C-40
Lancaster, CA

Meet the International Board

If the Ron Mayes Story were ever to be produced as a movie, REACT would have to get top billing, right up with his wife Jaynelle and his career, as profound influences on his life.

Ron, ebullient and optimistic, credits REACT with providing numerous opportunities for leadership, which can influence members in their day to day relationships with associates, family members and others on all levels of society.

"The opportunities are there," he said, "if we only will choose to exercise them."

He compared REACT and the opportunities it affords with Boy Scouts. "In the Boy Scouts, you start out by doing good deeds, then perform your various achievements to earn your merit badges and progress up to the level of Eagle Scout — Scouting's highest level." Ron ought to know, because he possesses Four Palms, which is even beyond Eagle Scout.

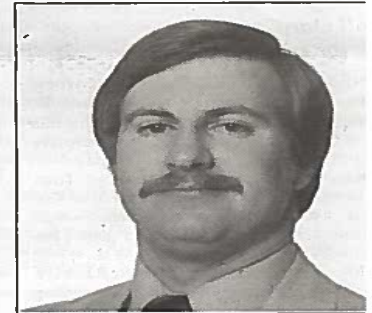
Similarly, he says, the opportunities are there for working with your associates at every level — for learning what motivates them to be active, and to learn how to attract members to the organization, he said, just to mention a few specific areas, which can help the member to develop as a well-rounded achieving person.

Ron developed his interest, or perhaps dedication is a better word, for REACT in 1976 after he and his wife, Jaynelle, purchased CB sets for their cars. "At the time, we were traveling about 80 miles apiece roundtrip to attend junior college," he said. He quickly learned that through Channel 9, the traveler could summon quick help in the event of an emergency.

Through his love of CB and his interest in helping the traveling public, Ron became active in REACT, joining first the Wichita REACT Team and subsequently becoming a charter member of the newly formed Sedgwick County REACT Team 4208.

Ron is Marketing Manager of General Communications, a full service radio company for business which offers paging systems, RCC, and car radio, among others. He finds REACT organization and skills of great help in his work.

Besides serving as President of



Sedgwick County REACT (three times he has been Public Relations Chairman and Chairman of the 1983 International Convention in Wichita. His wife Jaynelle is also active in REACT currently serving as Treasurer of the Team.

He regards the formation of the Kan REACT Council last summer as one of his major accomplishments. When and wife Jaynelle are not involved with REACT, they are most likely involved with little Michael, 2, the young member of the Mayes household.

Ron, who holds an associate degree in paralegal science from the local junior college, is currently completing studies for a master's degree in Business Administration at Wichita State University, and expects to continue on to earn a degree in Marketing Management.

He is convinced that there is a market for REACT members out there just waiting to be tapped. He points to the vast number of CB purchasers, more than 65 per cent of whom are first-time purchasers. "This is a big market potential REACT members, just wait to be contacted, and I urge that members take the initiative to do just that." He is convinced that the payoff will be more than worth the effort.

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BAY AREA EMERGENCY RADIO



SAN JOSE, CA — On the weekend of April 20 - 21, at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, REACT members volunteered their time to help inform the public on CB. Radio use during an emergency/disaster and earthquakes.

Three Bay Area Teams combined to make an attractive booth for the "Earthquake Expo." They were Bay Area Emergency Radio, Mission Peak REACT, and Blackberry REACT. This was the first time that this affair was held in the Bay Area, in California. The Santa Clara

SAN JOSE, CA — Three who participated in the Santa Clara County Earthquake Expo, held April 20-21, are seen in display set up as a joint project by Bay Area REACT Teams. Left to right are Marvin C. Lee, Secretary for Bay Area Emergency Radio; Michael Schwab, President, Mission Peak REACT, and Jim Galbreath, Secretary, Blackberry REACT.

County Disaster Service commended and thanked the teams for the professional way they advised the public regarding the use of the CB radio in a time of disaster and/or emergencies.

Team's Sanding Effort Proves Life Saver in Crisis

LAURENCE HARBOR, NJ — On Friday, January 4, at 8:40 p.m., during a bad ice storm, Old Bridge P.A.C.E.R.S. Inc. REACT Team 4601 reported to the scene of a multi-vehicle accident on the Morgan Bridge, State Route 35, in the Laurence Harbor section of Old Bridge Township. The bridge spans the Chesapeake Creek Marina which empties into the Raritan Bay.

After receiving several reports of the crash and a request for an ambulance via CB, it was learned on the police scanner that our township police on the scene had radioed their dispatcher and requested that a sand truck respond to the accident due to the ice storm. When the police dispatcher radioed back to the patrols on the scene, the estimated time of arrival (e.t.a.) of the state's sand truck, we knew we could be of assistance!

Since we monitor from our permanent base station on the boardwalk at the Laurence Harbor beachfront, a half mile from the bridge, we remembered that the beach, located just a few feet away, was an immediate source of sand.

Three P.A.C.E.R.S. utilizing a pickup truck and a car transported two five gallon pails of sand to the accident scene. We spread the sand on both the North and South sides of the bridge greatly aiding the police and first aid units on the scene. Members also helped move the victim onto a backboard and then to a gurney. It was fortunate that the bridge was sanded because the ambulance was parked on an incline which made carrying the stretcher a necessity.

After the crash victim was moved into the waiting ambulance, we stood by with sand to assist tow truck operators in obtaining traction on the cement span. The sand again came in handy when the 18-foot straight truck involved in the accident had to be towed. We also aided in traffic control.

Interestingly, two of the P.A.C.E.R.S. on the scene were using 49 MHZ FM voice-activated two-way radio Realistic headsets. Since we were less than one quarter mile from each other, the headsets worked fine.

Three members worked on the detail for two and one half hours or a total of seven and a half manhours expended on the assist. Members on the detail were Gerald Iadicicco, Mark Chivers, and David J. Rosenthal.

Storm Alerts Test Mettle of Omaha REACT

OMAHA, NE — Two recent tornado watches and warnings really put members of Douglas County REACT to the test, but according to correspondent Rich Ryan, REACTers' training and working with the support of the National Weather Service provided all the training and information that was needed to weather the storm in a truly professional way.

According to Ryan, two new Doppler Radar systems rally proved themselves during the storm alerts. The Team continues to work with Channel 7, and has done so for the past five years on telecasting storm alert information.

Novi React Receives Award

NOVI, MI — The Novi police department presented commendations and citations to area residents and police department personnel at an awards breakfast held here in March. The breakfast recognized those persons who have helped the Novi police department in their fight against crime. Novi REACT Team 4205 was among those recognized through a plaque commending them for their outstanding support of law enforcement.

The award describes the various ways Novi REACT has assisted the Novi police department. Vice-President of Novi REACT, William Jeffrey, and Secretary John Hess were present to receive the award on behalf of the other members of the Team, from Novi Chief of Police, Lee Begole.

Team Pitches In At Train Derailment

LOGAN, W. VA — The Logan REACT and Rescue Team No. 2263 was called to the scene of a train derailment by the Logan County Sheriff's Office on Friday, March 8, at approximately 11 p.m. to direct traffic and handle traffic control.

Ten cars of a C & O Railroad train filled with coal left the track dumping coal into both lanes of Route 44 blocking all traffic. One railroad car went into the creek and another stopped in a cross-cross position in the road.

After a detour was established, REACT members and Logan County deputies stayed at the scene around the clock until 10 p.m. Saturday when the coal and cars were finally cleared—a total of 23 hours. Another fine showing for REACT.

Letters We Like To Get

To the Editor:

Re your article "Carolina Team Proves Merit for Service" on Page 1 of the March-April REACTer, on about January 4, we were driving a pickup truck from Greensboro, NC. to Lac du Flambeau, WI when the rear end of the gasoline tank fell down onto the ground at Morganton, NC, as we were tooling along I-40. I got on Channel 9 and got prompt help from REACT Unit 32 (I

presume Team 3420). An AAA serviceman came out prepared to deal with the problem and we were on our way again two hours after the accident. Really made our day! Those people are indeed a resource to the county!

Martin Cornelius
Alice Cornelius
Northern Lakeland Area REACT Team 4521
Lac du Flambeau, WI

REACTers Mix With "Celebrities" at Annual Marathon Celebration



MORTON GROVE, IL — Lee Flaherty, of Flair Foundation, founder of the Chicago Marathon, steps up to the platform to receive special award from Larry Shrigley, of West Suburbs REACT 3310.

MORTON GROVE, IL — More than 14 Chicago area REACT Teams and 135 members and guests were present for the Annual Marathon Buffet Dinner held at the Villa Toscana recently. The event started with cocktails, and the opportunity to have participants photos taken with Dolly Parton, Kenny Rogers and other celebrity "look-alikes", followed by dinner and awards, including special awards which were presented to Gary Beckner of Beatrice Foods, and Lee Flaherty of Flair, both involved with America's Marathon, an annual event which draws thousands of Marathoners to the Chicago area, for which REACT has provided communications for several years now.

Larry Shrigley, of West Suburbs REACT, was the master of ceremonies.

Pennsy REACTer Rates Tops With Her Team

HONEYBROOK, PA — Tops with her Team—Southeastern Pennsylvania REACT Team 4608—is Mary Alice Lyons. According to Linda Manning, Secretary, Mary Alice has supported the Team from the day it was organized. At any social event or public service, she is "right up there with pen and pencil, and camera ready to go." According to Ms. Manning, "She has helped us by running free ads for our membership drive and is always willing to help in any way possible."

Oris P. Sears Sr.

by Jennifer R. Lampley, Secretary
Richmond County REACT Team 3206
Hamlet, NC

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The Lord.

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PORT COLBORNE, ON — Youngsters appear to be taking fingerprinting by members of Port Colborne REACT Team 4554 in stride. As a civic service to local residents and to residents of various surrounding communities, Team fingerprinted some 518 children and adolescents. Fingerprinting sheets contain not only fingerprints, but all vital information pertaining to the child and will be an invaluable reference if ever needed for purposes of identification.

Port Colborne REACT 4554 Helps Area Children Get Their Hands Dirty!

by John Suess, Public Relations Officer
Port Colborne REACT Team 4554

PORT COLBORNE, ON — The members of our Team, Port Colborne REACT 4554, Port Colborne, Ontario, Canada recently fingerprinted 518 children and adolescents. This very successful program called "Take Care of Them, They are Special" not only covered the city of Port Colborne, but also included outlying areas such as Wainfleet, Sherkston and Dunnville.

Team members, who worked and planned out every detail over a three-month period, were trained by the Niagara Regional Police. We also had the full support of the Mayor, City Council, local businesses, the media and other service clubs. The favorable comments of the parents and the smiling faces of the children made all of the work worthwhile. We hope that these papers will never be needed by the authorities, but parents may be assured that they are readily available just in case. These fingerprinting sheets not only have the child's prints, but they contain all vital information pertaining to the child. They are a real plus for any police agency conducting an investigation of a missing



child. These sheets are kept by the parents only and not the police. The focus of the program was on children, but many adults were printed also. The ages ranged from 3 weeks old to 75 years old.

This program was a double plus; everyone benefited. Parents of the community got a little more protection for their children and we received public awareness. The public had a chance to meet and talk with the members of our Team, but mostly they learned more about REACT as a whole and what the organization can do for the community. Our Team has been together for a little more than two years and we have been very busy. We have supplied communications for many community activities such as our Annual Fun Run, the Annual Winter Carnival and the hockey games at the local arena. We have also assisted other teams in the area with such activities as: The St. Cath-

arines Grape and Wine Festival Parade, St. Catharines Folklore Festival, St. Catharines Ice Show, the Fort Erie Santa Parade, the Olympic Marathon Trials in Fort Erie along with the Woodstock Team and Split Rock District Boy Scouts, the Welland Rose Festival Parade and many, many other assignments in the area.

We are very proud of our many accomplishments in such a short time. Already for this year we have been asked to assist many more organizations with their events. And we still monitor Channel 9 an average of 900 hours per month. Considering that we are not a large team, that's not bad.

Through all of our efforts the community has learned that we are, and REACT as a whole, is a group of very dedicated people that are there in times of need.

Caney Valley REACT Team 4464 Keeps Active the Year Round

BARTLESVILLE, OK — Caney Valley REACT Team 4464 is active every month of the year. Patrol starts New Year's Eve and continues several times a year.

Special Olympics come in March. Safety Breaks are at the peak of traveling season.

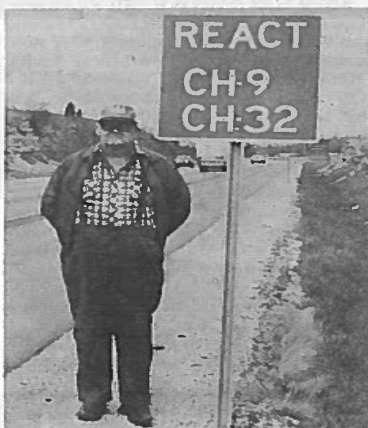
Three nights in the summer, REACTers work the local Kiddie Park. Right after the Memorial Day Safety Break comes the Sunfest. That entails traffic and crowd control of at least 75,000.

In between all the normal activities, the Team is always prepared to keep the community in preparation of tornado season by presenting films to individual organizations and on the local Cable 30 television.

Projects are ongoing and contributions are really good too.



BARTLESVILLE, OK — George Love (left) and Bob Fowler (right) work with youngsters at Special Olympics for the handicapped. Team has been involved in a series of challenging and rewarding projects of which this is typical.



RICHMOND, KY — Hugh Sowers, President of Richmond REACT Team 3557, stands near highway sign the Team succeeded in installing advising motorists that REACT can be reached either on Channel 9 or Channel 32. The signs were installed to provide an alternative to using Channel 9 because of interference problems which were being met.

Highway Signs Help Steer Calls to Ky. REACT

RICHMOND, KY — With the strong support and cooperation of the Kentucky State Highway Department, Richmond (KY) REACT Team 3557 has succeeded in installing highway signs on all main roads leading into the city and the county.

The signs advise motorists that REACT can be reached either through Channel 9 (Emergency) or Channel 32. The signs were installed as an alternative to the problem which was being encountered in monitoring Channel 9 because of interference. Since the signs were put up in January of this year, Team President Hugh Sowers advises that the Team has answered approximately 1,800 calls.

REACTers Assist Athletes at Pa. Special Olympics

PHILADELPHIA — The Philadelphia Special Olympics were held on Saturday, May 4, at JFK Stadium. Greater Philadelphia Search and Rescue REACT received a request for first aid personnel, EMT's, and communicators on Wednesday, May 1 from the Special Olympics office. On the basis of this emergency request, GPERT responded with eight persons including two EMTs, one telecommunicator, and five first aiders. A medical communications system was established with a base station, a mobile in the ambulance, liaison with the administrative network provided by Suburban REACT and Roving Knights REACT, a first aid station, and numerous handheld units with our personnel. Also available on the scene but not used were 3 Blazers and 2 other mobil units.

During the Olympics the first aid station treated and released 15 persons, mostly bumps, scrapes and muscle pulls. Two persons were transported to St. Agnes Hospital for examination of severely bruised shoulder and hip joints.

Working in conjunction with Dr. Elizabeth Hughes, Dr. Burger, and several medical students from the Podiatry School all incidents were handled quickly with a minimum of fuss. Additional personnel were furnished by the Bridesburg Volunteer Ambulance, School District of Philadelphia, Red Cross Disaster Services, and the huggers. GPERT provided most of the equipment and supplies used on this assignment.

Our special thanks to the GPERT member who obtained telephone service for the base station where there was no phone by installing one on the spot.

Girl Scouts Get HELP from Grand Traverse REACT Team

TRAVERSE CITY, MI — On Tuesday, February 19, Grand Traverse REACT was invited in to demonstrate radio communications for the Brownie Troop out of Traverse Heights School in Traverse City.

Each scout was given a HELP litter-bag with several pieces of literature in it.

Basic communication procedures were covered as well as specific do's and don'ts. (use of Channel 9 as an emergency network.)

The girls were each asked to choose a handle and then were allowed to use the CB to speak to another person, on Channel 14, who was sitting in their car in the parking lot.

In late April Grand Traverse REACT was invited to Camp Sakakawea Girl Scout Camp to do a Search & Rescue demonstration and for a cook out.

Mass. REACT Holds Successful Break

HAVERHILL, MA — The New Rescue 8, Inc., REACT Team 4508 Memorial Day Wake Break was very successful. A total of 1,500 cups of coffee, 24 gallons of juice, and 75 dozen donuts were served.

The Wake Break was held Monday, May 27 between 9 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. on Route 495 at the northbound rest area Haverhill and the southbound rest area Merrimack. According to Mary Hamel, Team Coordinator, "We feel that by getting the tired motorist off the highway, even for a few minutes, to rest and have some refreshments and by doing so save a life, our goal of public safety has been fulfilled."

Knoxville REACTer is Johnny on the Spot

KNOXVILLE, TN — When the airplane of a former Knoxville man and his wife crashed in mountainous terrain near here, Ray Adams, a ham operator and a member of Volunteer REACTers Team 4551, was Johnny on the spot. Using his ham equipment, Adams was able to connect the injured couple with a Knoxville physician who instructed them in first-aid. Later the couple was picked up by the Newport Rescue Squad and transported to the hospital.

Illinois River Flooding Proves True Challenge

CHILLICOTHE, IL — Because of severe flooding of the Illinois River in the area, Chillicothe Twin City REACT C345 received a severe test of its mettle last March. On February 26 the Team trailer was set up as communications headquarters for the efforts to combat the flood, and an all-out sandbagging effort began. On March 5, Riverbeach Drive was open to local traffic only and police began ticketing sightseers. At 10 pm the Illinois River was closed to all barges from the mouth of the river and on March 6 the Coast Guard arrived to assist.

On Friday, March 8 the Illinois River crested at 28.4 feet, third highest record in history. Many homes were damaged by the high winds and the flooding.

Team members were interviewed by Peoria TV Channels 19, 25 and 31 and by Chicago Channels 5, 7, and 9 as well as a crew from Washington, D.C. and from the Peoria Journal Star and the Chillicothe Bulletin. More than 200 car passes were distributed to local residents and the Team was in charge of dispensing sand bags during the crisis.

Forum in Focus

By Penny Barker, President, REACT International Forum

For most of you, this will be old news, as I have tried to keep everyone informed, through the REACTer and other means, of what the FORUM has done and is doing this past year. However, it is appropriate at this point to review the activities since the last convention and annual meeting of the FORUM.

Shortly after the 1984 convention the FORUM defined its priorities for the next year. Many FORUM programs were being considered by the various task areas and committees; however, due to the ever present financial constraints which continue to hamper the completion of FORUM products for Team use, the FORUM executive committee zeroed in, for completion this year, on what was felt to be the most important materials for Teams.

One of these, the GMRS Guidelines, has already been sent to all Teams. The next products of the FORUM to be received by Teams for inclusion in the Team Management Handbook are a Guide to Fund Raising, "This is the FORUM" pamphlet, and an updated Team Management Handbook Index (7/85). These should be in the mail from headquarters in July.

The PRCS proposal occupied most of our time during the Fall of 1984. The recommendation of the FORUM at last year's annual meeting, that the REACT International Board authorize persons to submit comments and responses to FCC proposals was implemented for the first time, and although the PRCS proposal was ultimately turned down by the FCC, the procedure for timely comments to FCC rule makings is now in place for future FORUM input to FCC actions, through the Communications Task Area and the Government Relations Committee.

The Awards Program experienced some problems in 1983 and 1984 and these were brought to the attention of the Executive Committee in Daytona. This past year, the Awards Committee, under able guidance of the Chairman, has revamped the awards

procedure so that this program is again one of the most beneficial products of the FORUM.

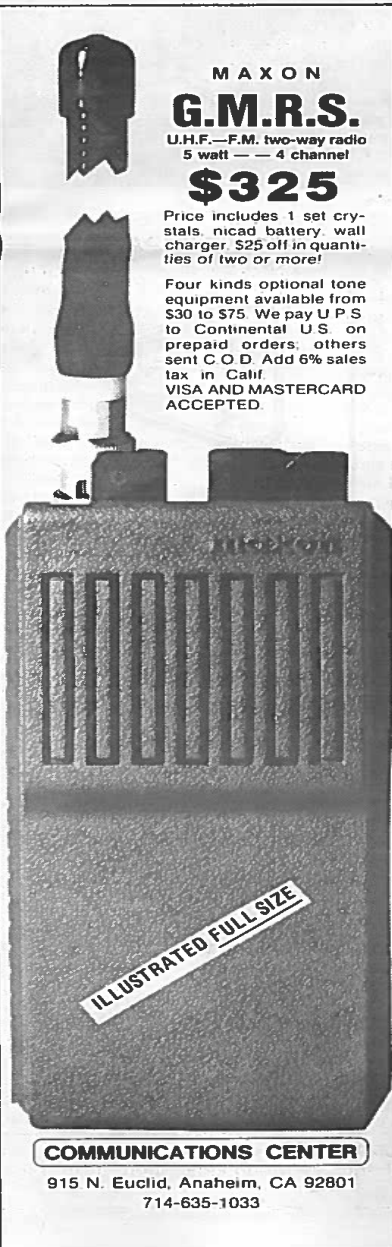
The Convention Site Committee continues to do an excellent job in performing their duties. The executive committee received the committee's recommendations for the 1987 convention site well in advance of the deadline, and the final site selected will be voted upon at the first voting session of the FORUM in Chicago.

The FORUM realizes that the majority of REACTers do not attend the annual convention for various reasons. Therefore, this column should include as much FORUM information as possible for the benefit of the Teams who cannot attend the annual meeting of the FORUM. The following are some of the issues which will be discussed by convention attendees. Some will be acted upon at the convention and others may be deferred for committee recommendations. As always, the input of all REACTers, Teams, and councils in regard to these proposals is welcome and solicited.

1985 convention registration is running behind previous years. In speaking to a cross section of previous attendees the reasons given for not attending are varied — too costly for the average REACTer, large city attractions and inherent costs are not appealing, they are "BURNED OUT ON REACT," REACT is regressing — not progressing — why waste my time and money. THIS IS NO REFLECTION ON THE HOST COMMITTEE OR THE FORUM. In fact, convention registration has been on the decline since 1982. This is an issue that needs to be considered by all future convention planning committees — both the FORUM and the Host Committees, as well as the International Board. Ways and means need to be found to encourage increased convention attendance.

The Awards Committee and the Motivation and Recognition Task Area are working on recommendations for additional council, Team and individual awards. Decisions will be made on some of these recommendations at the convention in July.

There are other areas of concern to be discussed by the FORUM and Team delegates in Chicago and these will be reported in future issues of the REACTer. On behalf of the FORUM executive committee, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the individual REACTers who have contributed their time and talent to the FORUM activities this past year. You are special people — and I look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting of the FORUM in July.



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