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## Washington State REACTs to the Rescue: Provide Radio Assistance in Effort to Save Birds

by Kyle Knuchell, Secretary  
Evergreen REACT

PUGET SOUND, WA — The worst oil spill in Puget Sound since 1971 was reported the morning of December 21, 1984. Approximately 5,000 gallons of marine diesel fuel washed up on miles of beaches, and covered thousands of birds, killing many. Volunteers from all over the Pacific Northwest quickly responded to the beaches on Whidbey Island to capture hundreds of birds that had been immobilized by the oil, yet were still alive.

A makeshift care center was assembled at Mukilteo's Olympic View Junior High School for volunteers to wash the oil off of the birds, and then attempt to feed them. Over 400 birds were brought

into the "Waterfowl Rescue" center at the high school, most of which are expected to survive.

Radio communications were desperately needed between Whidbey Island, where the oil and the birds were washing ashore, and the high school on the mainland. Telephone access was virtually impossible due to long distance charges, and volunteers and the media continually calling for information. North Whidbey REACT Team 3283 responded and set up a command post on the south end of the island. They then requested Evergreen REACT Team 2869 to set up at the Mukilteo Junior High School. This operation continued 18 hours a day through December 28, 1984.

Volunteers from the Wildlife Care

Center of Everett, Pilchuck Audubon Society, plus hundreds of civilian volunteers were working with the birds at the Mukilteo Jr. High School, while volunteers from South Whidbey Island Wildlife Clinic directed operations on Whidbey Island.

Most of the injured birds cannot be released into the wild for up to six months so their feathers may accumulate the natural oils and texture imperative to repel water.

Money is needed to care for these, and other birds afflicted by such environmental disasters. Donations are being accepted by:

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## REACT Team Designated To Receive CFC Funds

by Thomas P. Currie, Team Commander, Louisville Metro REACT Team South

LOUISVILLE, KY — Louisville METRO-REACT Team South has been designated to receive a donation through the Combined Federal Campaign — the first REACT Team ever to be selected.

The Combined Federal Campaign is an annual fund-raising program similar to the United Way or Community Chest campaigns, but the CFC is conducted among all US federal government employees, civilian and military, worldwide. In the past, contributors could allow their donations to go into the CFC general fund or designate all or part of their donation to a specific agency selected from an "approved" list. This approved list was the subject of a recent court suit which resulted in a major change for the 1984 Combined Federal Campaign. For the 1984 campaign the list was eliminated and contributors could either allow their donation to go into the CFC general fund or designate all or part of their donation to any qualified agency with tax exempt status under IRS code Section 501(c) (3). If that section number looks familiar, it should — it is the same section that applies to REACT International Inc., all chartered US REACT Teams, and recognized state REACT councils, among others.

In mid-December, Louisville METRO-REACT Team South was notified by the CFC administrator that the Team had been designated to receive a donation through the Combined Federal Campaign. The notice required the Team to submit proof of its current tax exempt status along with a statement of the purpose of the organization. The deadline for submitting the documents was January 15, 1985. Since the Team is covered under the REACT International group tax exemption, the notice was forwarded to REACT Headquarters for reply to the CFC administrator.

On January 11, REACT Headquarters provided the documents establishing Louisville METRO-REACT Team South's eligibility to receive funds through the CFC program. This was

significant not just for Team South, but for every REACT Team in the country. By establishing the eligibility of the Louisville Team, REACT established the eligibility of every US REACT Team. While there is a world of difference between being eligible and actually receiving a designated donation, you have to start somewhere. Any Team in a community that includes federal civilian or military employees should begin planning for the 1985 Combined Federal Campaign.

Find out who the CFC coordinator and CFC administrator are in your community. The coordinator will be a federal employee, usually in the personnel office. The administrator will be a private volunteer agency such as the United Way. Contact them and get the projected dates for the 1985 campaign, as well as any rules for bulletin board displays or other ways of making yourselves known. Your two goals are to make the federal employees aware of your Team name and address and to convince them to designate REACT to receive their donations. Believe it or not, the first one is usually the most difficult! One selling point to consider is that donations designated to a local REACT Team stay in the local area and are used to serve the community. This can be important in competing with nationally famous organizations such as the Red Cross and Boy Scouts of America. Most federal employees do donate to the Combined Federal Campaign, and they usually choose to donate by payroll deduction. Being designated to receive such a donation will get your Team a monthly or bi-weekly check for nearly the amount donated (some administrative costs are subtracted). Although the amount of each check is small, they are a steady source of income throughout the year following the campaign. Just one typical payroll deduction of \$2.50 every two weeks adds up to \$67.50 for the year — and most of that reaches the designated agency.

The Combined Federal Campaign is within the reach of any REACT Team in a community that includes any federal employees. Look into it!

## And The Winners Are!!! Here are Winners in Early-Bird Competition for 1985

Many thanks are due the fourteen companies that donated prizes for the 1985 Early Bird Membership Registration promotion. Congratulations to all the winning Teams and our appreciation to all the Teams that participated by registering their members prior to January 1, 1985.

Winners of Antenna Incorporated's Model 17604 Trunk Lip Mount "Coil-In-Cup" Mobile CB Antennas are: Bloomsburg Area REACT Team C-602 (Catawissa, PA), Frazier Mountain REACT Team 4573 (Frazier Park, CA), Gratiot County REACT Team 3693 (Alma, MI), Onslow County REACT Team 2718 (Jacksonville, NC), San Fernando Valley REACT Team C-183 (Sepulveda, CA), Santiago Comm. Team C-075 (Santa Ana, CA).

Winners of Antenna Incorporated's Model 13504 Magnetic Mount "Coil-In-Cup" Mobile CB Antennas are: Cadillac Area REACT Team 2817 (Cadillac, MI), Hardin County REACT, Inc. Team 2069 (Kenton, OH), Mount St. Helen's REACT Team 4258 (Toulte, WA), New River Valley REACT Team 2336 (Radford, VA), Southwest Emergency REACT Team 2570 (Chicago, IL), Syracuse REACT Team 3141 (Syracuse, NY).

Winners of Antenna Specialists' Model M711 Magnetic Mount Mobile CB Antennas are: Alabama Capital REACT, Inc. Team 2936 (Montgomery, AL), Anderson REACT Team C-491 (Anderson, SC), Bellefontaine Mobile REACT Team C-245 (Ferguson, MO), Brooklyn Gateway REACT Team 4567 (Brooklyn, NY), Cleburne County REACT Team 4450 (Fruithurst, AL), Dickenson County REACT Team 2974 (Haysi, VA), Douglas County REACT Team C-663 (Omaha, NE), Honolulu REACT Team C-010 (Aiea, HI), Johnstown Area REACT, Inc. Team 3850 (Johnstown, PA), Kettle Moraine REACT Team 3866 (Lannon, WI), Kings County REACT, Inc. Team 3377 (Hanford, CA), Lake Palestine REACT Team 3129 (Athens, TX), Las Vegas United REACT Team 4096 (Las Vegas, NV), Longmont REACT, Inc. Team 2648 (Longmont, CO), Los Centuriones De Fajardo REACT Team 4490 (Fajardo, PR), Mainland REACT Team 3907 (Vancouver, BC, Canada), Mobile County REACT, Inc. Team 2689 (Mobile, AL), Putnam County REACT Team 3475 (Greencastle, IN), REACT of the Golden Gate Team C-373 (San Bruno, CA), Slate Belt REACT Team 4596 (Windgap, PA), Spencer County REACT Team C-149 (Chrisney, IN), Tulare REACT Team 3973 (Tulare, CA), Vermillion County REACT Team 4619 (Clinton, IN),

Victoria County REACT Team 2500 (Victoria, TX), Washington County REACT Team 2153 (Houston, PA).

Winner of Cobra Communications' Model 1423TL High Styled AM/SSB Base Station is Waterville Emergency REACT, Inc. Team 4471 (Waterville, MN).

Winners of Firestick Antenna's Model FS4 Four-foot Turnable Mobile Antenna are: Cass County REACT Team C-692 (Logansport, IN), Four Seasons REACT Team 2285 (Flatrock, NC), Jackson County CB Club, Inc. Team C-218 (Ravenswood, WV), Pulaski County REACT Team 2446 (Winamac, IN), Sheboygan County REACT Team C-410 (Sheboygan, WI), Vanderburgh County REACT, Inc. Team C-296 (Evansville, IN).

Winner of General Electric's Model 3-5875 Superbase CB Base Station is Pierce County REACT Team 2389 (Tacoma, WA).

Winner of Hustler's Model DFG Dual Rain Gutter Mount Antenna System is Federal City REACT Team 2515 (Washington, DC).

Winners of K-40's Complete CB Radio System are: Evergreen REACT Team 2869 (Lake Stevens, WA) and Metro East REACT Team 2319 (Belleville, IL).

Winners of Midland Corporation's Model 77-911 Ready Rescue Portable CB Transceiver are: North Kent REACT Team 3692 (Rockford, MI) and Washita Valley REACT Team 2998 (Apache, OK).

Winner of Radio Shack's Realistic Model TRC-451 AM/SSB Mobile CB Radio is Novi REACT Team 4205 (Novi, MI).

Winners of Regency Electronics' Model 1040 Ten-channel Programmable Scanner are: Apollo VII REACT Team 4534 (Wilmette, IL) and Buena Vista REACT Team C-189 (Buena Vista, VA).

Winner of Shakespear's Model 176-SU "Big Stick" Base Station Antenna is Emergency Services REACT Team 4077 (Bucyrus, OH).

Winner of Uniden Corporation's Model PC55 Mobile CB Radio is Anne Arundel County REACT Team 3781 (Severn, MD).

Winners of Vektor Enterprises' Model 82FL Magnetic Mount Mobile Antenna are: Bayshore REACT Team 4583 (Aberdeen, NJ), Carson City REACT Team C-076 (Carson City, NV), Lake County REACT Team 4499 (Baldwin, MI), Midland County REACT Team 2946 (Midland, TX), Midwest REACT Team C-164 (Joliet, IL), REACT of Greater Long Beach, Inc. Team C-059 (Long Beach, CA).

Winner of Wintenna's Model 922 Crookstick II Topload Magnet Mount Mobile CB Antenna and Cable is Corona-Norco REACT Team 4252 (Corona, CA).

### Wilmington Police Honor Helpful Friend

WILMINGTON, DE — Patricia Hubik, a member of Tri State REACT Team 2227, was recently presented with a map of the city of Wilmington Department of Police to assist her in her ongoing effort to monitor radioed calls for help.

Hubik, 29, who has been confined to a wheelchair since contracting Guillain-Barre syndrome, a crippling disease, as a teenager, says she monitors police and citizens' band radios 21 hours a day. She won four gold medals in the 1983 Delaware Wheelchair Games, but since being told by her doctor that she can no longer participate in the games, she plans to concentrate on her radio work.

Recently, she reported a suspected drug dealer near her apartment to police.

Hubik was presented the map by Inspector John Doherty and Patrolman Larry Williams in October. She also was elected REACTer of the Year for 1984 by the Team.

### Carolina Team Proves Merit for Service

MORGANTON, NC — Members of Burke County REACT Team 3420 used to literally beg law enforcement agencies to let them help in controlling traffic during emergencies.

Today according to Team President Leonard Houston, "We are expected to be there and have been told we are now considered resource to the county like the fire departments, rescue squads and other emergency months."

A good example was provided when two planes crashed in midair October 3 over a Morganton recreation area and hundreds of curious motorists converged on the scene. Members of REACT responded.

"They've been especially helpful to us," said Bill J. Hamrick, director of public safety in Morganton.

For its efforts, the Team rated a nice congratulatory feature article in the local paper — the Hickory Daily Record.



HAVERTOWN, PA — Gerald H. Shoaf (center) has been re-elected president of Suburban REACT Team No. 3410 after a year of what he described as a "highly successful operation." Sean Weckerly (rear) was elected vice president. Robert Robaski (left) was elected communications officer. Floyd Schoenberg (right), treasurer, and Herbert New (not shown), secretary. The Team meets the first Monday of each month at St. James United Church of Christ, Havertown. The Team was involved in a near-record number of CB distress calls the past twelve months.

## REACT Executive Committee Report

by William L. Shafer, Chairman

Recently your REACT International Board's Executive Committee met at REACT Headquarters for the purpose of —

- examining and evaluating existing Board projects, and developing progress reports to be sent to Directors before the next Board meeting.
- transacting appropriate business of the REACT corporation.
- personally examining Headquarters' operations in view of concerns raised by a number of REACTers.

It is the last item upon which I wish to comment, that of **COMMUNICATIONS** back and forth between Headquarters and our members. Apparently the critical times are most evident in Team mailings and The REACTer mailings. Examination of the problem reveals that financial considerations and the U.S. Postal Service have to be taken into account along with existing difficulties in our present Headquarters' operation. In other words, part of the problem is within our control and part of the problem is beyond it.

**FIRST**, the Executive Committee examined the step-by-step procedure of The REACTer from gathering "copy" (news stories and advertisements) to the mailing to our general membership. Once The REACTer's Editor has gathered the "copy" and made the "paste up," George Winters of Designation, Inc. takes over to secure the best quality graphics and printing for the best price for REACT. This present arrangement is cost effective and will be continued as long as it remains so.

**SECOND**, the Executive Committee visited the S & S Computer Service. There we met David Sweeney who explained the various services his company performs for REACT International and we toured the facility while receiving a step-by-step explanation of their operation. It was quite evident in Mr. Sweeney's presentation that they are doing everything possible to keep REACT's costs down. To save money for REACT, the computer service took an existing program, modified for REACT's needs, and developed a 95 percent accuracy level. Mr. Sweeney explained that he could achieve a 99 percent accuracy level for REACT, but that would double REACT's costs. We agreed that the extra 4 percent accuracy wasn't worth twice the present cost of this computer service. **HOWEVER**, it was pointed out that REACT's Executive Director, Gerald Reese, and Mr. Sweeney have developed a new procedure to begin with REACT's 1985 Membership Renewal which should increase the present accuracy level while maintaining current costs. This new procedure will require an increase in staff time at Headquarters to prepare the material properly for processing at our computer service. If this new procedure works, and we believe that it will, we will be able to cut down some of the justified complaints. As you may recall, recently the Tandy Corporation donated a Tandy Computer system to REACT Headquarters. We are exploring all possible and potential uses of this system in further reducing some of the aforementioned complaints.

As noted earlier, we have to look to the U.S. Postal Service and financial considerations as being a part of the problem beyond our control. Really, it is mostly the

**financial considerations!** IF more money was available to Headquarters operations, we could increase the number of staff members to solve some of these problems. **HOWEVER**, we believe that prioritizing present staff assignments and adding some extra hours to one of our part-time staffers will greatly resolve certain difficulties. IF more money was available to Headquarters operations, we could move our mailings from the present "Non-Profit Organization" Class to "First Class Mail" at an increased postage cost of almost four times that at present. What we will do is retain the present "Non-Profit Organization" Postage Permit and ask our members to consider: 1) such mailing requires completely accurate addresses, and 2) such mailings are slower in delivery. Since I regularly deal with "Non-Profit" mailings, I am well aware of some of the problems involved... like each Post Office such a mailing goes through has as long as 48 hours to process it. If there is only one slight mistake or error on the mailing label, some Post Offices toss it into the undeliverable file, and every Post Office seems to treat "Third Class Mail" differently. **THEREFORE**, it is super-important that every address sent to Headquarters be accurate according to your local Post Office wishes. And, of course, because of the lack of sufficient cross-checking, Headquarters staff can make mistakes too. Whenever a person has to break from one duty to handle another duty, it is possible for a mistake to creep in.

In conclusion, I honestly believe that every effort is being made to improve our Headquarters operation. **BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP TOO! ALSO YOUR UNDERSTANDING!** If you are experiencing a problem, don't assume, ask Headquarters for an explanation. If you do not receive a satisfactory response within a reasonable time, contact me (or anyone on the Board) and we will check it out. Be a "helping hand," work with us and your fellow REACTers to build REACT through "Communication" and "Understanding".

### Thank You For Helping To Eliminate REACT's Deficit!

Review the 1984 Annual Report on pages 6 and 7 to learn how REACT's deficit of \$12,657 at the beginning of 1984 was eliminated and a surplus of \$4,817 carried over into 1985. The Board of Directors thanks all REACT members, corporate and financial contributors, and advertisers in the REACTer, for their financial support that made this possible.

### Nova Scotia REACT Gets New Life

HALIFAX, NS — According to the local Daily News, Ron Shapiro, as Chief Coordinator for Halifax-Dartmouth REACT, is trying to breathe new life into REACT and succeeding. In recent months the five-member Team has helped a sailor stranded on Navy Island, brought quick aid to a number of serious car accidents, helped stranded motorists, and helped take more than a few drunken drivers off the road.

All the Team's members have had a first-aid course presented by the local ambulance brigade.

## 1985 REACT International Convention Program

Sheraton International Hotel • Chicago • July 22-25, 1985

SATURDAY, JULY 20, 1985:	
7:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.	Pre-Convention Mixer Pub Crawl
SUNDAY, JULY 21, 1985:	
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Registration
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Forum Executive Committee Meeting
8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Special Orientation for Early Arrivals (How to enjoy, learn, and get the most out of your participation in this Convention.)
24 HOURS DAILY	Hospitality Room
MONDAY, JULY 22, 1985:	
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon	Exhibit Set-up
8:00 a.m. - Noon	Registration
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Forum Executive Committee Meeting with Task Area Chairmen
9:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Task Areas & Standing Committee Meetings
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Caucus for States without Councils
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Lunch (On your own)
1:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	OPENING CEREMONY Invocation Keynote Speaker Welcoming Dignitaries Executive Director's Report Introduction of Newly Elected Field Directors
2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Break
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	REACT Forum General Business Meeting (All attendees) Discussion of Task Area and Standing Committee Proposals to be voted on by the membership



Entertainers and "serving wenches" provide food, fun and frolic for REACT conventioners at

TUESDAY, JULY 23, 1985:	
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	ROUND ROBIN (All attendees)
9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.	Break
9:45 a.m. - 12:00 Noon	REACT Forum Business Meeting (All attendees) Vote on Task Area/Committee Proposals Election of 85/86 Forum Officers
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Lunch (Ticket required)
12:00 Noon - 2:00 p.m.	Exhibits Open
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP Learn how short term and long range planning can help your non-profit organization run more efficiently. — Leader: Jeannene LaMarsh
4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	REACT Forum Executive Committee Meeting
WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 1985:	
8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	General Session (All attendees) Announcement of Task Area and Committee Chairmen Appointments for 1985/1986
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP Leader: John J. Shay, Director, McHenry County Emergency Services and Disaster Agency
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION PRESENTATION
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Task Area and Standing Committee Working Meetings for 1985/1986 Projects (All attendees)
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	LIFE MEMBER LUNCHEON & MEETING (Ticket required) Lunch (Ticket required)
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Exhibits Open
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	BOARD LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP Will examine a variety of leadership styles, ways different styles may be used in various situations, and the use and abuse of power. Leader: Jeannene LaMarsh
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Task Areas and Standing Committee preparation of 1985/1986 Project Reports
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	REACT Forum Executive Meeting with Task Areas and Committee Chairmen
THURSDAY, JULY 25, 1985:	
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	General Session (All attendees) REACT Forum Business Meeting Presentation of 1985/1986 Forum Goals
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	REACT Forum Executive Committee Meeting
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon	DYNAMICS OF BOARD MEETINGS WORKSHOP Deals with group dynamics, listening skills, and an analysis of how every board member needs to participate. Leader: Frank Mills
12:00 NOON - SHARP	GROUP PHOTOGRAPH
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Lunch (Ticket required)
12:00 Noon - 2:00 p.m.	Exhibits Open
2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	OPEN BOARD MEETING — REACT International Board of Directors Presentation by 1986 Host Committee REACT Forum Fundraiser
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	
FRIDAY, JULY 26, 1985:	
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Convention Critique

# COLUMN NINE

Where the REACTion is Yours

January 11, 1985

Dear Editor:

Our family would like for REACT International to know what a great REACT Team they have in Harrison County, Ind.

Our family would not have had a Christmas this year if it wasn't for "Harrison County REACT Team." I have never heard of the REACT Team before, but they sure heard that our family wasn't going to have a Christmas. And they made us very-happy at Christmas.

We have two children that my husband and I could not buy anything for them for Christmas.

My husband has been laid off from work, and has just got out of the hospital. We really didn't think there would be a Christmas at all! But the Harrison County REACT Team came to our aid. They made sure our whole family had

a wonderful Christmas. They made sure that our children had toys under the Christmas tree, and they also give us food for a great Christmas dinner. The children were so happy with everything they'd got, and just watching our children so happy with their toys made my husband and I happy too. It was our best Christmas ever, and we have the REACT Team to thank for it.

All I can say is, our Harrison County REACT Team really REACTS!

Thank you all,  
From the Fawbush Family



DALLAS, OR — Handsome new RV used by members of Polk County REACT Team 4026 at coffee breaks and in connection with the Dallas Crazy Dayz Parade.

*"If you think I'm proud and boasting about our Team, you are right." So writes Delbert E. Yates, President of the Ross County REACT, Chillicothe, OH. The Team has participated for the past few years in a Halloween Bridge Patrol, with the same marvelous results, as is apparent from the letter which follows:*

Delbert Yates, President  
Ross County REACT  
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

"Dear Delbert,

May I take this opportunity to personally thank you and your group for again participating in our "Halloween Bridge Patrol." As you know, the entire weekend was completely uneventful and I can only attribute that to the presence of your members on Ross County bridges.

The importance of REACT's contribution to highway safety has certainly not gone unnoticed, and your group's efforts are most certainly appreciated within our organization. To think that your participation prevented potentially hazardous and tragic deeds is most reassuring to us and something of which your group may be proud. . . ."

Sincerely,  
Lieutenant D.W. Dutton,  
Chillicothe Post Commander

SEPULVEDA, CA — San Fernando Valley REACT Team G183 topped a year of activities by handling security and directing traffic for the Granada Hills Chamber of Commerce Annual Holiday Parade on Sunday, December 2, 1984. The Team also participated in the parade itself.

Member Robert Hutchens coordinated the Team's efforts securing the Dispersal and Program Area at the end of the parade, directing units to their correct disbanding sections, and running shuttle service. The members used hand-held units, as well as mobile C.B.'s to facilitate communications between sections of the parade and the parade administrators.

The Team's parade entry was given a position of honor directly in front of Santa Claus's float.

San Fernando Valley REACT was awarded a Certificate of Merit by the Granada Hills Chamber of Commerce for a job well done, accompanied by a letter stating that the parade was the largest ever sponsored by the Granada Hills C of C, and that without the help and participation of our Team, confusion would have been rampant. The Team has been invited to repeat their fine performance annually.

## You Never Know When It Is More Than Routine

CINCINNATI, OH — Ohio Valley REACT member Bud Hagedorn, was tending REACT monitoring during the wee hours (0200) of December, (the snow emergency night) when an 18-wheeler reported suspicious activity by a driver of a large white rental van. The report was immediately phoned to the St. Bernard PD. They dispatched a cruiser to investigate. Almost instantly Car 875 (a Cincinnati traffic officer) on Interstate 75, asked Bud for information about the report. This officer also acted to investigate. At 0227, the Cincinnati Police Department issued an ATTEMPT TO LOCATE advisory for REACT to process. The vehicle was wanted for "possible abduction" in a county jurisdiction.

We'll omit the details, but soon thereafter a van fitting the description was stopped for investigation by police in Cincinnati.

Although many of the reports we receive are the garden variety of accidents, disabled vehicles, car fires, DUI's, you name it, but when you squeeze the mike and say, "Go ahead, you have REACT," you never know when it will turn out to be much more than routine.

(Reprinted from Ohio Valley REACT Newsletter)

## T G I F

CINCINNATI — "Thank God it's Friday" (TGIF) might be a relief for the employed, but it frequently turns out to be a colossal headache for area police, specifically those officers who are responsible for handling the interstates. So it was on January 11 when at the height of rush hour, both I-75 and I-71 were closed due to auto wrecks, one at Southbound 71 at the Reading Road exit, the other one — and a bad one — just south of Kyles Lane on Southbound I-75 in Kentucky. Upon receipt of the Cincinnati Police Advisory, Ohio Valley REACT, Kentucky and Tri-County REACT monitors joined to reroute traffic around the blockages. Routing interstate motorists around I-275 (before reaching 275) is the easiest and prevents clogging of 71 and 75 within the circle. Handling reroutes once inside the circle in these situations requires monitor know-how. REACT Teams did the job in their usual professional manner.

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HX750

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## Nuts & Bolts on 27 megs

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

Someone gave our Team a van and now we need your help. **What in heaven does one do with a van?** I am sure that the first replies will start with, "Give it to us." Sorry — our donor would be unhappy with a capital "You," so next question is, to those of you who have a van, truck, R.V., or other vehicle on your Team list of assets:



- With what do you equip it??, and
- In what sort of events and services do you enlist it, and
- Who actually owns it? How is it licensed? How do you cover it insurancewise? And who drives it??

Forward your enlightening remarks to Charlie Harband, 560 Darrell Road, Hillsborough, CA 94010. From the answers we get, we'll publish the results.

We are not completely uninformed (stupid) about a van. Before GMRS came out of the woodwork with its problems, we had been actively talking about a van without really having the answers as above. For the last couple years, tho, it has not been a pressing project. But — public relations with our nearby "communities," or lack of same, has bothered us. You see, San Bruno Mountain is on the dividing line between San Mateo County and San Francisco County, and as we drive to and from our monitoring station, we have a choice of towns to pass through on our way to the freeways—Brisbane, South San Francisco, Colma, Broadmoor, Daly City, and good old San Fran itself. We have disaster and "Halloween" agreements with three but not the rest.

We figure that an identified van will get us into parades staged in these other communities, and then our GMRS will get us into a monitoring position with their management, and then people will want to know who we are. Without a van, we have had to restrict our coffee stops to a location where we can put together our portable shack and leave it there for 3-4 days. This sort of restricts us to long weekends. With a van, set up to serve food, we can do one-day stands on midweek holidays, which would possibly allow us to close up late at night and not have to be open all night.

Are we getting close to what you use your van for?? It was a newspaper delivery van that was just sitting around. We got it, as is, for \$1.00.

And that brings us back to GMRS, in which we finally think we are cooking on the front burner. We had started out in a non-recommended way. We had rescued an old tube-type repeater from a San Jose junk pile, and, as both Bob Bowling and Lee Bartlow commented, on separate visits to our hilltop station, — "With a repeater like we had, as a friend, we didn't really have to go looking for enemies" (that's an old Hungarian joke). So—someone locally switched their commercial operation from 460 megs to 800 megs and one of the contacts we had made in our search came to fruition. By the time this message is printed, we should be on the air, hopefully for good. Incidentally, Kevin Parrish, our globe-trotting ABC cameraman, spent the year-end with us, and suggested that our old repeater had a touch of "AIDS" (that's SF, and no joke).

Our advice, thus, to other Teams and areas trying to get into GMRS — do not settle for an old clunk of a tube repeater. Somehow, hold out until you can beg, borrow, or steal a solid state one. Our tube repeater has cost us over \$500 so far. It seemed to work OK at the repair shop, but not at our hilltop station.

A special note to Penny Barker (mr president), Barbara Chuvin (my taskmaster) and to Ned Smith (my partner in crime): I am heavily aware that I am way behind in Forum correspondence, and I hide behind this column as equivalent effort. Looking forward to the 1985 convention, we invite any and all of our readers to write with comments, criticisms, and ideas. What areas and ideas should be addressed by the Forum Communications Committee, and how do you feel about the matter???? Address again — 560 Darrell Rd., Hillsborough, CA 94010.

## LIFE MEMBER CORNER

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

I want to refer you to my first article, where I asked if any of you would like to have a REACT LIFE MEMBER DIRECTORY. I asked for your assistance in updating our records and mentioned a discount for Senior Citizens. Judging from your response, there is no interest in a LIFE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY, but we do need to update the records and to consider the Senior Citizen Discount — whether or not it will be good for REACT.

I was in Atlanta in 1980 when the first Life Membership plaques were presented to the first Life Members. I had read about the program, but did not qualify, as I understood the requirements. I also had doubts about wanting to invest \$100 in the program. Frankly, I didn't understand it. I couldn't see how paying 20 years' dues would help REACT if they just spent the money that year. Mike McCoy and I talked about this at Indianapolis and he explained the program to me. Keren and I became Life Members at Indianapolis. The only difference was that it cost each of us \$140 and now the Life Membership dues are \$200. We got a bargain even though we did not get in at the \$100 price.

Recently, I was told that REACT International has received \$32,283 in Life Membership funds. These funds are invested, with the interest going to REACT International. My \$140 is still working. In the event REACT International gets into a financial bind, they can borrow the principal, but it must be repaid as soon as funds (dues) are received. This principal has already helped REACT several times. The in-

terest provides REACT with an ongoing income and I have long since gotten over the pain of the unplanned investment.

I do find it interesting that 1.6 percent of the REACT membership are Life Members. This averages one member for each 4.1 REACT Teams. I sometimes wonder how many out there would like to be a Life Member, but just don't follow through and make application to be one. I also wonder how many Teams have some outstanding member who has been a real asset to the Team and deserves to receive a Life Membership as a gift from the Team. Can you think of a better way to say THANK YOU to someone that has done an extraordinary job for your Team?

There are 15,000 REACT members and 1,000 Teams in the United States. Like most of you, I still hate to see dues increase and then, sometime later, I remember that I don't pay annual dues. There are some recurring benefits to being a Life Member that you just don't think about until later. For one thing, a Life Membership displays graphically your long-lasting support of the REACT program. It shows interested observers that you believe in community participation and that REACT is worthy of your confidence. If helping others is a way of life for you, consider a REACT Life Membership as a tribute to those who also support that tenet.

Life Memberships are available for cash, check, VISA, MASTER CHARGE and time payment. If you really want to be a Life Member, you can be one. The decision is yours.

### Genesee County REACT Elects Officers

BATAVIA, NY — New officers of Genesee County REACT Team 3123 are: President, Kenneth Silvernail; Vice President, George Williams; Treasurer, Dave Allen; Secretary, Edith Silvernail; and Board of Directors, Edwin Berge, Coordinator; Donna Howard, and Sandy Homer.

In the past year REACT can point to many achievements including sale of lottery tickets, raffle of a Commodore Computer, participation in several parades, holding a Pumpkin Watch, assisting state troopers and the sheriff, and staging a family picnic and Christmas party.

The Team's seven units turned in 311 emergency calls for a total of 10,109 hours spent in monitoring channel 9.

### Gateway Area REACT Works Closely With Police

ST. LOUIS, MO — In November, Gateway Area REACT was contacted by dispatcher Mikie Jamison of the St. Ann Police department, a suburb of St. Louis. Mikie explained that although they had had C.B. in the department for a number of years, no calls more distant than four or five blocks away had been received in the last year or so. Responding to the call for assistance, two REACT members, Houston Mayernik and Steve Bach, determined that due to a broken antenna, the radio's standing wave ratio was higher than current tax rates.

Mikie was advised not to turn the set on until the equipment could be repaired or replaced by REACT. Gateway REACT did supply a Starduster antenna and enough coax to do the job. Chief James Ferrari was very pleased with the professional manner in which the job was handled. The radio is on the air 24 hours a day. Even though dispatchers may not be able to respond on C.B. calls personally, they can hear calls and will dispatch a unit or gather information from one of our bases and relay information to the police department involved.

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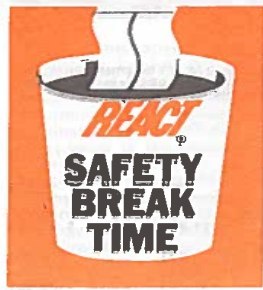
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# REACT SAFETY BREAK REPORT

## 1,500 Stop for Pause That Refreshes

POMEROY, OH — Approximately 1,500 took advantage of Meigs County hospitality REACT style during the Memorial and Labor Day weekend of 1984.

There were travelers from Florida to Maine and many other states who stopped for free coffee and refreshments at the north and south-bound rest area, north of town on Route 33. We hope in some way this has helped to reduce the number of highway accidents.



POMEROY, OH — Taking a minute from their chores at rest stop sponsored by Meigs County REACT Team 3837 are, left to right, Clyde Coe, vice president; Neal White, past president, and Guy Hysell, the current president. New camper was loaned by member Nathan Biggs.

HAVERHILL, MA — The New Rescue 8 REACT Team 4508 sponsored its fifth annual Labor Day Wake Break on Monday, September 3, 1984. Holiday travelers were invited to stop for free refreshments at the northbound rest area located in Haverhill and the southbound rest area located in Merrimack on route 495. A total of 2,000 cups of coffee and 500 cups of juice along with 100 dozen of donuts were served, totaling up to one big event.

PENSACOLA, FL — A Happy REACTer is a good REACTer. That seems to be the thought suggested by this shot of Bill Smith, a member of Warrington REACT, taken at Team sponsored Safety Break held last August at the Welcome Station on the Florida/Alabama state line on Interstate 10. The Team alternates with several other REACT Teams in the area in manning the rest stops during the major holidays throughout the year.



## Founder of Spokane REACT Dies

by Hazel Watke  
Spokane County REACT 2904

SPOKANE, WA — Spokane County REACT Team 2904 lost one of its most valued members, Richard (Dick) Robinson, who passed away on December 18, 1984.

Dick was the last of the original members who founded the Team in 1975. Dick loved REACT and monitored Channel 9 as long as he could, until his voice gave out. Though he was still a member, his hopes of returning were gone.

Dick, a Marine, loved to fly. The day he was to have received his flying license, he became sick with polio. His life was further devastated when he had to spend ten months in an Iron Lung. But, without demonstrating any self pity, he turned his life around.

Paralyzed as he was, a taxi driver was able to take him to an accounting school and home each day.

He became an avid reader, a library of information on almost every conceivable subject. He practiced accounting for over twenty years. His many friends reflect the patience he had with each of us, and the courage he gave us to proceed. We have known him to be a man of fine character. He had a sense of honesty, integrity and willingness to accept responsibility. He was an inspiration, a loving father, and loved his family and friends.

## Valued Member Passes Away

ROCHESTER, NY — Edwin Robbins, a member of Monroe County REACT, passed away during the Christmas holidays. Ed, a valuable member of REACT, was confined to a wheel chair and spent many late hours monitoring. He will be missed by his fellow REACTers and by his community of Honey Falls, New York. Ed was the lone REACT member in the community some 12 miles south of Rochester and served the area well.

According to REACT President Bob Smith, Ed, who drove a specially equipped van with a lift for his wheel chair, never missed his turn at a six-hour shift during a wake break.

## Indiana Team Passes on Dinner to Help Needy Families

CORYDON, IN — Instead of their Christmas Dinner, members of Harrison County REACT Team 3327 voted to adopt a family — actually four families, and in addition presented a young boy with a coat. The Team presented gift certificates to each family and brought one family a box of food. They are in addition attempting to find a stove, refrigerator and heater for one of the families.

All agree that the program is a much better way to use the Team Christmas Fund. In addition the Team presented fruit baskets once again to shut-ins to brighten their holiday season.

## For All REACTers — MAY 1st Is Anniversary Date . . . REACT Accident Insurance Sign Up Time

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

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

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

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

### REACT Accident Insurance Special Features

1. The REACT Special Accident Policy through INA has been available as an optional benefit to REACT members for some time. This is "on duty" coverage and provides up to \$25,000 for loss of life or dismemberment. The premium is only \$5 per year per member.
2. The policy will cover travel in privately owned passenger vehicles to and from REACT events and activities.
3. Weekly indemnity of \$75 per week for 52 weeks payable after a seven day waiting period if you are gainfully employed at least 30 hours per week.
4. Medical payments coverage with a \$25 deductible and payments are excess of all other valid and collectible insurance up to \$2,500.

#### SUMMARY

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

**ADDITIONAL EXCLUSIONS:** In addition to regular policy exclusions, this policy will not cover you while entering the sites of fires or explosions, physically assisting in rescue attempts, and any activities conducted as an individual without sanction of the local REACT Team.

**THE COMPANY:** The plan is underwritten by the Life Insurance Company of North America. INA Corporation is a world leader in providing insurance, financial and investment facilities, computer service and plan protection for individuals and businesses. INA began in 1872 in Independence Hall in Philadelphia, PA. The Insurance Company of North America got its start there and has withstood every major adversity recorded in this country's history since then.

**ADMINISTRATOR:** William K. O'Connor is the Administrator of this REACT Plan. All applications and questions should be directed to him at 50 W. 75th St., Willowbrook, IL 60514.

**PARTICIPATION:** Available to every REACT member in U.S., Canada, and U.S. Territories and Possessions. You will be enrolled under a master contract held in Chicago.

**CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE:** A certificate of insurance will be provided for each Team member purchasing the insurance.

#### BENEFITS:

(1) **Accidental Death & Dismemberment** — If injuries result in death or dismemberment within one year after the date of accident, the plan provides the following benefits:

Loss of Life	\$25,000
Loss of two or more members*	\$25,000
Loss of one member*	\$12,500

\*Member means hand, foot or eye

Only one benefit, the largest to which you are entitled, is payable for all losses resulting from one accident.

(2) **Disability Income** — If you are disabled within 30 days of a covered accident, and are unable to perform every duty pertaining to your occupation, the plan will pay \$75.00 a week for up to 52 weeks after a 7-day waiting period.

\*Disability Income is available only for those gainfully employed, 30 or more hours a week.

(3) **Medical Expenses** — If you incur medical expenses due to a covered accident, for treatment by a legally qualified physician or surgeon, confinement in a legally constituted hospital, employment of a trained nurse, X-ray or the use of an ambulance, up to \$2,500 with \$25 deductible. Coverage is excess of any other insurance benefit or reimbursement.

**BENEFICIARY:** The accidental loss of life indemnity shall be payable in one sum to the first surviving Class of the following Classes of beneficiaries, otherwise to the Estate of the insured: wife, husband, child/ren, father, mother, brothers or sisters. If other beneficiary is desired, please notify in writing.

**COVERAGE CONTINUES:** Coverage can be continued until you become 70 years of age unless (1) you otherwise cease to be eligible; or (2) the insurance company declines to renew the insurance of all those who enroll under the plan.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** For additional enrollment forms, claims information or other help, please contact the REACT Insurance Administrator.

**ACT NOW!** It is important that you act before May 1st, to enjoy a full year's coverage, although you can enroll at any time for the remainder of the year. Please send a check or money order for total premium. An enrollment form will be sent to your Team. In addition, we are providing an individual application below, so that you may mail the premium and your enrollment form directly to William J. O'Connor, our Administrator for this plan. If you have any additional questions, please direct them to Mr. O'Connor for prompt and accurate response.

Remember, if the REACT members who have lost their lives while on REACT duty (including the man who was killed during the Mount St. Helen's eruption), were covered by this plan, their families would have collected \$25,000 in death benefits. A number of REACT members have collected on the disability income and medical payments benefits over the years that we have had this policy. We think it is one that all REACT members should seriously consider — only \$5 covers each member for a full year!

Sign up now, using the handy application form below.

**Application for REACT Accident Insurance**

Indicate choice:  Member only \$5.00  Member and spouse \$10.00 Please fill in completely.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Middle) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ (Street Number) \_\_\_\_\_ (City) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip)

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (Month) \_\_\_\_\_ (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ (Year)

I understand that the insurance applied for shall become effective on the date specified by the Company. \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_ Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent or guardian signature required for minor)

Make check or money order payable to REACT Accident Insurance Plan.  
Mail to: William K. O'Connor — REACT Insurance Administrator  
50 West 75th Street, Willowbrook, IL 60514

Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ additional application forms for other members of my family.  
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# Annual Report

## REACT International, Inc. Audited Accounts, December 31, 1984 and 1983

### AUDITOR'S REPORT To the Board of Directors of REACT INTERNATIONAL, INC.:

We have examined the balance sheets of REACT INTERNATIONAL, INC. as of December 31, 1984 and 1983 and the related statements of income and changes in financial position for the years then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly the financial position of REACT INTERNATIONAL, INC. at December 31, 1984 and 1983, and the results of its operations and the changes in its financial position for the years then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis.  
NYKIEL, CARLW & CO., LTD.  
January 30, 1985

### Statement of Income

INCOME	1984	1983
<b>REVENUES FROM MEMBERS:</b>		
Dues	\$143,625	\$121,587
Team charters	1,250	1,000
Life membership (Note 5)	6,038	11,213
International membership	277	550
Total revenues from members	\$151,090	\$134,350
<b>OTHER REVENUE:</b>		
REACTor advertising income	\$ 42,651	\$ 33,666
Gross profit on sale of REACT I.D. material	8,582	7,607
Government contract	1,200	5,145
Grants and contributions	14,184	13,164
Equipment contribution	6,500	—
Commissions	3,094	2,862
Interest income	4,420	1,450
Greeting card income	1,412	—
Miscellaneous income	1,486	284
Total other revenue	\$ 83,519	\$ 64,187
Total revenues	\$234,609	\$198,537
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Membership services and communications — direct membership benefits:		
REACTor	\$ 45,143	\$ 39,873
Membership liability insurance	6,984	9,167
Data processing (Note 6)	7,334	8,805
Membership kits	616	3,495
Team publications and mailings	6,403	1,547
Team charters	580	641
Life membership	732	479
Miscellaneous	—	599
Total	\$ 67,792	\$ 64,606
Membership services and communications — indirect membership benefits:		
Membership promotion	\$ 2,694	\$ 3,937
Reimbursement of state councils	1,916	2,831
Board of Directors expenses (Note 7)	12,237	8,625
Postage and freight	10,146	8,463
Forum expense	5,814	4,925
Telephone — long distance to Teams and members	3,080	2,497
Publicity	182	1,195
Exhibits and displays	106	506
Convention expense	823	2,256
Fund raising	—	262
Total	\$ 36,998	\$ 35,697
Total membership services and communication expenses	\$104,790	\$100,303
General and administrative expenses:		
Salaries	\$ 62,993	\$ 57,047
Advertising sales expense	118	703
Rent and utilities	10,891	9,974
Pension plan (Note 2)	2,720	4,023
Audit and accounting	4,555	7,865
Legal	1,526	1,055
Equipment rental	1,760	2,045
Stationery and office supplies	4,219	4,946
Insurance	6,246	5,430
Federal and State Income taxes (Note 1)	—	1,170
Headquarters travel	2,623	2,322
Miscellaneous	2,697	3,278
Foreign currency exchange	470	377
Dues and subscriptions	735	504
Interest expense	637	773
Payroll taxes	4,967	741
Depreciation expense	2,787	1,606
Telephone	2,401	1,584
Total general and administrative expenses	\$112,345	\$105,223
Total expenses	\$217,135	\$205,526
Net Income (loss) for the Year	\$ 17,474	\$ (6,989)

### Balance Sheet

ASSETS	1984	1983
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>		
Cash	\$ 11,020	\$ 10,479
Donated funds designated for forum projects (Note 3)	591	2,154
Greeting card fund	5,368	—
Money market fund (Note 1)	31,603	24,681
Accounts receivable	3,886	6,835
Inventory (Note 1)	15,032	16,608
Prepaid expenses	5,074	3,018
Total current assets	\$ 73,374	\$ 63,575
<b>PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, (Note 1):</b>		
Computer equipment	\$ 7,649	\$ —
Furniture and equipment	5,407	4,832
Leased property under capital lease (Note 4)	4,350	4,350
Total	\$ 17,406	\$ 9,182
Less—accumulated depreciation	(5,463)	(2,676)
Property and equipment, net	\$ 11,943	\$ 6,506
SECURITY DEPOSIT	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200
	\$ 86,517	\$ 71,281
<b>LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT)</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 21,409	\$ 19,149
Deferred income — dues and advertising (Note 1)	49,968	55,856
Accrued payroll taxes	3,433	2,815
Accrued pension plan (Note 2)	2,720	—
Current portion obligation under capital lease (Note 4)	996	787
Income taxes payable (Note 1)	—	1,170
Total current liabilities	\$ 78,546	\$ 79,788
<b>LONG-TERM DEBT:</b>		
Obligation under capital lease,		
Less current maturities (Note 4)	\$ 1,354	\$ 2,350
Total liabilities	\$ 79,900	\$ 82,138
<b>MEMBERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT):</b>		
Donated equity	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800
Fund balance (deficit) —		
Fund (deficit) — January 1	\$ (12,657)	\$ (5,666)
Net income (loss) for the year (Exhibit 2)	17,474	(6,989)
Fund balance (deficit) — December 31	\$ 4,617	\$ (12,657)
Total members' equity (deficit)	\$ 6,617	\$ (10,857)
	\$ 86,517	\$ 71,281

### Statement of Changes in Financial Position

	1984	1983
<b>WORKING CAPITAL WAS OBTAINED FROM (USED FOR):</b>		
Operations —		
Net income (loss) for the year (Exhibit 2)	\$17,474	\$ (6,989)
Charges not affecting working capital —		
Depreciation expense	2,787	1,606
Total from operations	\$20,261	\$ (5,383)
Application of security deposit	—	1,635
Property and equipment additions	(8,224)	(250)
Long term obligation under capital lease — current portion	(996)	(798)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN WORKING CAPITAL	\$11,041	\$ (4,796)
<b>CHANGES IN COMPONENTS OF WORKING CAPITAL:</b>		
Increase (decrease) in current assets —		
Cash and money market account	\$12,068	\$20,267
Accounts receivable	(2,749)	5,353
Inventory	(1,576)	(4,285)
Prepaid expenses	2,056	379
Net increase in current assets	\$ 9,799	\$21,714
Increase (decrease) in current liabilities —		
Deferred income — dues and advertising	\$ (5,868)	\$18,353
Accounts payable	2,260	5,898
Accrued payroll taxes	618	672
Accrued pension plan	2,720	—
Income taxes payable	(1,170)	1,170
Obligation under capital lease	198	417
Net increase (decrease) in current liabilities	\$ (1,242)	\$ 26,510
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN WORKING CAPITAL	\$11,041	\$ (4,796)

The accompanying note to financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

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### REACT INTERNATIONAL, INC. NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 1984 and 1983

(1) DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES: The Company is a tax-exempt organization formed to develop and promote the use of the Citizens Radio Service and other personal radio services as an additional source of communication for emergencies, disasters, and other forms of aid to citizens. On January 1, 1984, REACT INTERNATIONAL, INC. was merged with its wholly-owned subsidiary, Official REACT Supply Company, Inc. All assets and liabilities were transferred to REACT INTERNATIONAL, INC. at Official REACT Supply's book value. The accompanying financial statements for 1983 have been restated to give effect as if the combination occurred for the full year of 1983.

**Inventory —**

Inventory is carried at the lower of cost, on a first-in, first-out basis, or market.

**Money Market Fund —**

The Company is a participant in a money market fund which invests primarily in government securities.

**Property and Equipment —**

Property and equipment is recorded at cost with the exception that donated computer equipment is recorded at its estimated fair market value at the time of donation. Depreciation is provided over the estimated useful life of the related assets, generally three to five years, and is calculated using the straight-line method for assets acquired prior to January 1, 1981, and the accelerated cost recovery system for assets acquired after December 31, 1980.

**Deferred Income — Dues and Advertising —**

Income from dues and advertising is being recognized in the year in which it relates. Income received, which pertains to the subsequent year, is credited to a liability account — Deferred dues and advertising income.

**Income Taxes —**

REACT INTERNATIONAL, INC. sells advertising space in its bi-monthly publication, THE REACTor. For 1983, a \$1,170 provision for income taxes was made based on unrelated business income. During 1984, the U.S. Court of Appeals determined that advertising a publication accepts to be tax exempt. If it substantially relates to the exempt purpose or function of an organization. Based on these facts, no provision for income taxes has been made for 1984 and a claim for refund will be filed for prior years. Refunds will be included as income in the year of receipt.

(2) DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PENSION PLAN:

Effective January 1, 1977, the Company established a defined contribution pension plan for all qualified employees. Currently, the assets are invested in various State Reserve Funds. Trustees are Henry B. Krieger and Gerald H. Rosen. For each plan year in which a participant is credited with a year of service, the Company will contribute to the plan 7.5% of the participant's annual pay. Pension plan expenses for the years 1984 and 1983 are \$2,720 and \$4,023, respectively. For 1984, the pension plan costs have been accrued but unpaid at year end.

(3) DONATED FUNDS DESIGNATED FOR FORUM PROJECTS:

The REACTor Forum is engaged in fund raising activities for the purpose of handling projects that have been developed to support REACT objectives. The application of these funds are designated exclusively for projects directed by the Forum Executive Committee.

(4) CAPITAL LEASE AND LEASE COMMITMENTS:

Effective January 8, 1983, the Company entered into a lease agreement for certain telephone equipment, the value of which has been capitalized in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 13. The following is a schedule, by years, of future minimum lease payments under the capital lease as of December 31, 1984:

Year ended December 31:	1985	1,435
1986	1,435	1,435
Total future minimum lease payments		\$2,870
Less: Amount representing interest		520
Present value of minimum lease payments at December 31, 1984		\$2,350

Future minimum lease commitments are —

(4) Office space — On February 1, 1984, REACT INTERNATIONAL, INC. entered into a lease agreement for a term of two years. The terms call for the company to pay the sum of \$15,236 payable in monthly installments of \$638. In addition, the Company is obligated to pay to Lessor a share of ownership taxes based on area of leased premises which was agreed to be 5.8%.

The following schedule indicates future minimum rental payments under the following rental lease:

Year ended December 31,	1985	\$7,868
1986	630	630
Total minimum payments		\$8,498

(5) LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

Life membership allows an individual to be a member for his or her life without further dues. There is no obligation on the Company's part to refund life money upon termination of the Company. Total receipts since the inception of the program in 1980 total \$32,283.

(6) DATA PROCESSING:

Data processing expenses include services for membership processing, label production, membership card printing, microfiche records and for processing payroll records.

(7) BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXPENSES:

Board of Directors expenses include telephone conferences, expenses incurred in selecting board members at large, travel and subsistence incurred for attending the Board of Directors meeting and annual convention by the Board of Directors.

# REACT International, Inc.

The comparative financial statements published below verify the results of a very productive, hard-working 1984 for REACT.

Fearing a large drop in members responding to a dues increase in 1984, the Board of Directors proceeded with a very conservative expenditure budget. Limited spending plus determination to maximize income, resulted in an operating surplus for the year that eliminated the \$12,657 deficit carryover with which 1984 began. Almost all income sources contributed to the success of the program. Most important was the response of REACT members, not only by continuing to retain regular membership in greater numbers than forecast, but by subscribing to Life Membership, and contributing to the Greeting Card fund raising effort. In addition, the REACT Forum fund raising efforts provided funds to publish materials which the Forum has produced and the distribution of materials as part of the Team Management Handbook.

Volunteer contributions of members to create, type and print materials are not recorded in the financial statements. These uncalculable contributions probably exceed all actual income receipts in total!

Increased advertising in the REACTer and additional advertising permitting the publication of the Team Directory were key elements in improving financial results.

## Donations of Cash to Computer System Make 1984 Great

Vital grants and contributions from a variety of outside sources was very significant this year. The donation by Tandy Corporation of a personal computer system for headquarters use is a step that proves more valuable every day in terms of headquarters operational efficiency. The Allstate Foundation grant will permit a mailing to CB users to solicit contributions and membership interest. The results of this effort will not be seen until 1985. Continued valuable financial support from the General Motors Foundation, Union Oil Company of California Foundation and additional cash support from Tandy Corporation were highly visible sources of needed funding in 1984. The continuous support of these organizations has proved essential to REACT's continuous successful operation.

The activities of REACT International in 1984 included greater involvement in the Impaired Driver Alert Program to encourage reporting of impaired drivers through Citizens Band Radio. Continuous activity in the CB Radio Coalition Against Drunk Driving was maintained by the entire REACT organization. REACT International has presented a proposal for a comprehensive public information effort on this subject to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation. Funding of this

public information program is still pending, but 1985 implementation is anticipated. More local Teams and Councils joined with other volunteer and governmental agencies to impact on the serious problem of drunk driving.

Once again over 1-million cups of free coffee were served by REACT Teams during REACT Safety Break Times across the U.S.A. In a number of states, REACT Teams found greater cooperation extended by highway departments to ease permission to use rest areas on holiday weekends for this program.

## 1984 Daytona Convention Stimulates Enthusiasm

A significant attendance at the 1984 REACT International Convention at Daytona Beach, Florida, renewed enthusiasm in the REACT program for all those who attended. Noteworthy among the attendants was representation from Canada, Puerto Rico and Venezuela. The 1985 REACT International Convention will be in Chicago and the 1986 Convention will be in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. This will be the first time the Convention will be located outside the U.S.A. — another indication of REACT's true international participation.

REACT made a strong effort on behalf of the proposed Personal Radio Communications Service. The proposal initiated by the General Electric Company would establish an advanced personal radio service in the 900 MHz band with telephone interconnect. REACT believed that this was an outstanding opportunity to provide the citizen with an improved personal radio capability for all personal communications needs, including emergency and disaster communications, at an affordable cost.

Unfortunately, the FCC determined that there were more important applications for these frequencies and the proposal was dismissed in the November 21st meeting of the Federal Communications Commission.

With little possibility of any major change in the availability of personal radio services in the foreseeable future, REACT looks toward concentration on improving and maintaining its capability in the Citizens Band and General Mobile Radio Services during 1985. However, the organization will continue to be alert for potentially improved personal radio services and applications.

REACT cooperates with many organizations through the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster. Our special direct agreements with the Red Cross and Salvation Army continue to be implemented at the local level. Coordination with these organizations through state versions of NVOAD is growing.

## New Board Members Added

The Board of Directors saw the completion of the terms of Field Directors Carl Berg and Barbara Chuyen in 1984 with Ron Mayes and Rick Munton elected to the Board to replace them. William Miller, Chief of Communications, Chicago Police Department, resigned from the Board when he took a position in private industry. He was replaced by Larry Christopher, Vice President of Communications, Alliance of American Insurers, and the organizer of the CB Radio Coalition Against Drunk Driving.

There were some changes in headquarters personnel as well. Diane Arkin has resigned her position as Headquarters Secretary and Darlene Holmbeck replaced her effective December 1, 1984. Dominic Lisuzzo, who has been our part-time shipping and warehouse manager has added responsibilities to assist headquarters operations in 1985.

## REACT Is Better In 1985

As we go into 1985, REACT is a very different organization than it was just a few years ago. We have a working, active Board of Directors organized into committees to assist headquarters operations in making key decisions. Headquarters now has its own computer and is developing more operations internally as a result. The first of these will be accounting so that the Board of Directors and all concerned will have a more up-to-date finger on the financial pulse of the organization. The Forum is actively working to produce essential training and support materials for all REACT Teams. Our annual Conventions are on a geographical rotation basis and bringing the opportunities for participation to more people every year. The Councils are being more closely reviewed by the Board of Directors. Programs to insure that their potential effectiveness is realized will be developed in the months ahead. Benefits of REACT affiliation include our \$1 million general liability insurance policy, the receipt of the REACTer on a regular basis to all REACT members at their homes, and in 1985, bonding coverage for every Team and Council on a universal basis.

## Local Teams Serve Communities

REACT is able to provide public service, emergency and other communications support to local communities where REACT Teams function on as efficient a basis as ever. Many REACT Teams utilize not only Citizen Band Radio but General Mobile Radio Service in the UHF band, Amateur Radio frequencies, and have the potential to use other radio services as they become available to REACT. The key to REACT's success, is the dedicated public service of the members of every local REACT Team. Their willingness and enthusiastic response to requests for assistance from local authorities, public service organizations and individuals is the reason for REACT's continuous existence since 1962.

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## They Served To Keep The Revelers Safe

By Louise Woo, Los Angeles Times Staff Writer with editing by Ben Krouse for The REACTer

The following account is reprinted from a story which first appeared in the Los Angeles Times, with permission of that newspaper.

SANTA ANA, CA — When Esther James (OC-144) arrived at the American Legion party to take home two New Year's revelers, she found them dressed to kill, bedecked in evening gowns, wrapped in mink stoles — and falling down drunk.

James wasn't going to give them a chance. Taking one on each arm, she helped the two elderly women stumble to her yellow '74 Dodge Dart. She put one in front and one in the back, and adjusted the controls on her citizens band radio. After driving a few minutes, the front seat passenger remarked that she couldn't believe somebody cared enough to do something for her.

"I didn't say anything," James said, "she wasn't looking for an answer. She found an answer, and she couldn't believe it."

Santa Ana resident Esther James, 43, was one of a fleet of citizen volunteers

who spent their New Year's Eve driving home drunks for free instead of celebrating. She and her fiancée, Larry Harris, 38, (OC-44), members of Radio Emergency Associated Citizens Teams (REACT) (Orange County Team C-399), sat at home waiting for CB radio calls from their dispatcher (Ben Krouse, OC-50) while parties came to a climax all over Orange County. By the time REACT shut down at 2:30 AM, they had only been sent out once each.

"I was kinda wishing the night wouldn't end," James said in a Santa Ana Coffee Shop on Tuesday. "I was part of the Haighi-Ashbury generation. I found I had a knack for helping people who were having a bad trip and helping them have a good trip."

The couple figured "we'd be up at least 'til the bars closed, possibly later," Harris said. "It wouldn't have bothered either one of us."

Larry Harris and Esther James, two of the eight Orange County REACT volunteers who participated in the program, echoed the sentiment that the feeling they get is maybe that of a life-guard and that they are probably saving a life. "If doing what we do saves one," James said, "it's all worthwhile."



ANAHEIM, CA — Larry Harris and Esther James, members of Orange County REACT Team 399 and two of the Team's participants in a program offering a free ride home to drivers who had had "one too many" on New Year's Eve.

## DCR Conducts Fifth Annual Free Ride Home Co-Sponsored With Alcoholism Council

DALLAS, TX — The 1984 "Holidays Ahead" program, sponsored by the Dallas Council on Alcoholism, was underway with many volunteers helping to distribute posters, flyers, party menus, envelope stuffers, and bumper stickers to hundreds of Dallas-area employers and businesses. "Holidays Ahead" is the name given to a panoply of activities aimed at educating the general public in methods of having a good time without excess drinking, and especially driving while intoxicated.

The final "big blast" of the program was the "Annual Free Ride Home," on New Year's Eve, co-sponsored by Dallas County REACT CG22. Using DCR's GMRS system and many DCR volunteers to both communicate and drive, the "Free Ride Home" was the centerpiece of a massive year-end publicity campaign which attracts con-

siderable media coverage in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

Vice President Terry Allen, who is also DCR's special events chairman, was in overall charge of the event, with Chuck Thompson, acting as DCR's liaison with Dallas Council on Alcoholism, involved in the planning activities.

The general plan for the FRH was the same as for 1983, with hours of operation from 6 pm on New Year's Eve to 6 am on New Year's Day. The location of the headquarters was changed, however, to the Dallas Council's office near the intersection of Maple Avenue and Butler Street, about five blocks east of Parkland Hospital.

This event was one of the biggest undertaken each year by Dallas County REACT, and assistance was needed from every available member.

## California REACTs Work With Truckers Group to Combat Impaired Drivers

An article appearing in the December 3 issue of Caltrux, the newsletter of the California Trucking Association, described how REACT Teams throughout California were working with the Association on a Holiday Impaired Driver Alert. "Working with REACT groups throughout the state," the article noted, "truck drivers are encouraged to report suspected drunk drivers via Channel 9 on their CB radios." Impaired Driver calls were monitored by REACT personnel round the clock and reported immediately to the appropriate law enforcement agencies.

## Model Code of Ethics Offered by Maryland REACTer

The code of ethics which follows was drawn up by Mark Henry, President of Harford County REACT, Joppatowne, MD and REACT Life Member 207, and we are pleased to reprint here as a model which REACTers everywhere could well follow.

### REACT CODE OF ETHICS

As a member, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property; to help protect the innocent, the peaceful, against violence or disorder; and to respect the constitutional rights of all persons to liberty, equality and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn, or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and professional life. I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and regulations of my REACT Team. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature, or that is confided to me in my official capacity, will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty as a REACT member.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. I will monitor citizens band radio channel 9 as much as possible and participate in Team activities as much as possible. I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately in the manner that REACT and law enforcement agencies have taught me.

I recognize the patch of my office as a symbol of my Team's faith, and I accept it as a Team trust as long as I am true to the ethics of the REACT service. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideas, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession . . . a volunteer public servant.

## Seat Belt Convincer

ROCHESTER, NY — As of January 1, 1985, New York State law makes it mandatory to use seat belts. To help educate driver and passengers, the New York State Police have several units called "THE CONVINCER" placed at various shopping malls and operated by the state police to demonstrate the need for seat belts.

The angle of descent can be adjusted to simulate a car hitting a solid object at 5, 10 or 15 miles per hour. The unbeliever is strapped into the unit and rides down a ramp about 15 feet before coming to an abrupt stop. Anyone who tries this is convinced about wearing seat belts. Monroe County REACT is negotiating with the state police to set the unit up at the Memorial Day wake break.

## Golden Gate REACT Helps in Impaired Driver Alert

SAN BRUNO, CA — Over the New Year's weekend, operating under a permit from CALTRANS, working with the California Highway Patrol, California Trucking Association, and Mother's Against Drunk Drivers, REACT of the Golden Gate assisted in an expanded, joint effort, to observe and report suspected erratic drivers.

REACT manned their volunteer staffed radio monitoring station on San Bruno Mountain from 6 pm Friday, December 28, 1984 through January 1, 1985. During this period six members took 31 calls, five of which were erratic drivers and eight were accidents. They were then reported to the proper authorities. The total hours put in was nearly 38 hours.

Many members also monitored radios in their own homes, or in their automobiles, taking calls during the time the station was closed.

At the same time a rest area safety coffee stop was operated on Highway 280 northbound under the shadow of Father Junipero Serra in San Mateo County. While monitoring channel 9 was done, the main purpose was to provide the motoring public another reason to stop and relax, refresh themselves and return to the highway a more alert driver.

34 REACT volunteers manned this area 24 hours a day for the 5-day period, putting in 105 hours of volunteer service, and providing, free of charge, 1,695 travelers with 1,400 cups of coffee, 250 hot chocolates and teas, 100 soft drinks and 875 doughnuts.

REACT is planning further coffee stops during 1985, when we again will be eyes and ears for the CHP, looking and listening for reports of suspected erratic drivers.

## Kentucky DES License Plates

FRANKFORT, KY — REACT members in Kentucky can now obtain distinctive Disaster and Emergency Services (DES) license plates for their private vehicles, if they are enrolled as volunteers on the staff of local DES organizations. The plates display the Kentucky DES emblem along with the usual identification numbers. Cost is \$25 per plate, which is good for five years. The owner must also pay the annual renewal fee.

REACTers serve as tornado spotters, message handlers and communicators for DES in several Kentucky counties. DES is the agency for civil defense and emergency management. The plates are available from county clerks. Applications must be approved by a County Judge, Mayor, or DES Coordinator.

Although the plates are not "official" in the sense that the vehicle gains some government status, they might serve to identify volunteers during disasters or emergencies. The cost, which is the same as that charged for other distinctive plates, may be a deductible expense under current (1985) tax structure.

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by R.C. Watts,  
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### Thunderstorms

Spring brings thunderstorms — time to train more spotters and exercise radio nets. These storms can produce high winds (and possibly tornados), heavy rain (possibility of flash flooding), hail, thunder and lightning. The latter two make it possible for spotters to estimate a storm's distance from their location. Count the number of seconds between seeing a lightning stroke and hearing the thunder clap. Divide the number of seconds by five and that gives distance in miles. To obtain distance in kilometers, divide number of seconds by three. A severe thunderstorm is one that has winds over 58 mph (95 kph) or hail 3/4 inch (2 cm) or more in diameter. A Severe Thunderstorm Watch means storms are possible. When a storm is sighted or indicated on radar, a Severe Thunderstorm Warning is issued.

### Tornado Safety Rules

As with thunderstorms, a Tornado Watch means tornados are possible in the watch area. A Tornado Warning is issued when a tornado or funnel cloud is sighted or seen on radar. If you hear a warning or see a tornado, seek shelter immediately. At home, go to the basement. If you don't have a basement, go to a closet, bathroom or hallway (whatever seems strongest) on the lowest level away from windows and outside walls. Leave a mobile home or vehicle for better shelter. At school, work or shopping center, go to designated shelter areas. Outdoors, lie down in a ditch or low place and shield head with arms. If you have a Team newsletter, it's a good idea to print the rules every year, especially if your area doesn't have tornado activity very often. People DO forget!

### Hurricane!

Spinning north and south out of the equatorial regions is our most powerful storm, the hurricane. Also known as typhoon or cyclone in the Pacific, this storm delivers high winds, torrential rains and tidal surges that can devastate low lying areas. Water spouts and tornados frequently form ahead of the storm. Even while dying over land, remnants of a hurricane may still cause disastrous floods.

Fortunately, the Weather Service is able to track these tropical storms and issue watches/warnings when necessary. On the other hand, these are heeded less and less, especially on the U.S. Gulf and Atlantic Coasts where many residents have never experienced a hurricane. Protection? Prepare ahead of time — Listen to Weather Service or Civil Defense advisories — Evacuate if told to do so!

### Tsunami

An earthquake may generate a series of tidal waves, or tsunamis, that are dangerous to people living on the coast, especially around the Pacific. These waves differ from the hurricane's wind blown tidal rise. Tsunamis may be much higher and are fast moving. If you see it coming, it's too late to get away! Move from beaches and low areas when warned to do so. Many people ignored a tsunami warning in May 1960, thinking it was a false alarm. Sixty-one people in Hilo, Hawaii then died unnecessarily.

### Hospitalized Vets Monitor 9

LIVERMORE, CA — Lifeline REACT Team 4602 and CB volunteers from the Livermore Valley went to the Veteran's Administration Hospital Nursing Care Facility to see about installing a CB antenna for two of our honorary members there.

Member Joe Kirby and "H.P." (a local volunteer) were helpful in cutting through the red tape.

On December 12, the coax cable was run from the Community Room to the roof of the VA Hospital by VA electricians. The antenna now allows John Reimelp, "The Wyoming Kid," and George Allan, "Electric Wheels," to make a *fantastic trip* to the Livermore Valley.

We would like to thank members Paul Peterson, Mark Scott, Joe Kirby, Harry Briley, the staff and electricians at the hospital, and local REACT volunteers "H.P." and "Double M" for their help, supervision, and support in getting our honorary members on the air.

Special thanks to "Double M" for coax donation and Calaveras REACT members James, Evelyn, and Paul

Henly, of San Andreas, CA. for their support and coax donation.



LIVERMORE, CA — George Allen, left, and John Reimelp, use their CB radios to take them outside the Veterans Administration Hospital's nursing home in Livermore. The two, who are wheelchair bound, were recently named honorary members of Lifeline REACT, and do monitoring for REACT at the nursing home.

BELLEFONTAINE, OH — During the past "Siberian" frost and accompanying heavy snowfall, Logan County REACT Team 4108 was asked by the Mary Rutan Hospital of Logan County to assist in the chauffeuring of their nurses home or to the hospital. Mem-

bers transported nurses to or from Bellefontaine, Belle Center, Rushsylvania, DeGraf, Urbana and Middleburg.

We are hopeful this action, coupled with the many radio assists, increased community awareness of our willingness to provide a service.

### Recording Base Operations

Police, fire, emergency medical and 9-1-1 communications are routinely recorded by public safety agencies. Why? They are frequently accused of not responding quickly enough or of some official misconduct, so the tapes are kept a good long time before being reused. Occasionally, law suits are filed, alleging that a response agency acted irresponsibly or not at all. In today's world, ANYONE can be sued, regardless of intentions.

Don't be too concerned — it's unlikely that a REACT member or Team would be sued. But, it's by no means impossible and the chances increase where a great deal of monitoring/reporting is conducted. So it's best to record all of your traffic and phone reports, keeping the tapes for ninety days; or so. If there's an inquiry or if a report was unusual, you may wish to keep a tape for at least a year or until the matter is resolved.

In addition to possible liability, there's increasing concern about false fire alarms and reports to police. Both are illegal and sometimes prosecuted. YOU took the call off the radio and reported it, so YOU are on the tape downtown. If the call is false, you have protected yourself if you've taped your radio traffic.

### Insurance

REACT International has a pretty good group insurance package — part of the membership benefits that your dues help pay for. Unfortunately, it's possible to get hurt or even be killed doing REACT work and you may incur some liability while trying to help someone. That's the way it is, but most folks don't think much about their insurance. If your Team carries an additional policy on members, do you know what it covers?

Further, do your personal life, accident, medical and automobile policies have exclusions relating to your response to or participation in volunteer emergency work? Some do and it's too late to do anything about it after the fact. Does your Team assist your local civil defense? Some states have Workmen's Compensation for civil defense volunteers, so that is something to check into. Does yours?

You can wreck your car on the way to the Red Cross, be struck by lightning while watching for tornados or get hit while changing a lady's tire on the expressway. Anything can happen, so are you covered? Note accident policy & info on page 5.

### New Rules for Team & Council Newsletter Contest — Enter for 1985!

1. ALL issues published since the previous years judging MUST be submitted.
  2. ALL entries will have the same issue number[s] judged.
  3. Four [4] issues as a minimum must be submitted, one from each quarter as listed below.
  4. The issues will be divided into quarters of the year as follows:  
A quarter; July, August, & September  
B quarter; October, November, December  
C quarter; January, February, March  
D quarter; April, May, June
  5. Issues with a cover date of two or more months will be considered to have been published in the first month listed for determining into which quarter above they fall.
  6. The judges will pick numbers from a container designating either the first, second, or third submission in each individual quarter for judging.\*
  7. Quantity of pages per issue is not a judging factor.
  8. The same issue number in more than one quarter could be chosen for judging.
  9. If you did NOT publish the numbered issue drawn, [remember you must publish a minimum of 1 issue in each of the quarters], your next issue published after the numbered issue sought WILL BE judged.
  10. The Newspaper Contest entry blank must be filled out completely and submitted along with ALL of your issues published.
  11. The following categories will be judged:  
A: Teams with 1 - 25 members  
B: Teams with 26 - 50 members  
C: Teams with 51 or more members  
D: COUNCILS
- NOTE: Best overall and runner-up will not be judged due to the feeling that this is not an equally obtainable goal for all sizes of Teams and councils.*
12. ALL entries are to be mailed to the 1985 REACT International Convention, Newsletter Contest, c/o Steve Bohm, Sheraton International at O'Hare, 6810 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont, IL 60018, so as to arrive approximately 15 July. It is possible, but not desirable, that you hand carry your entries.
  13. It is desired that two [2] local newspaper persons be obtained by the host committee along with one REACT member present at the convention who does NOT have a Team or council paper entered for judging to act as the judges. If two [2] local newspaper persons can NOT be obtained, then two [2] REACT members [as above] will be used along with one [1] local newspaper person.
  14. The decisions of the judges will be final.
  15. A plaque or trophy will be presented to the first place winner in each of the 4 categories. Certificates [preferably framed] will be presented to the second and third place winners in each of the 4 categories.
  16. The entered papers will be put out for display after the awards banquet. It is your responsibility to see that someone arranges to pick up your entries as the committee can not be responsible for their return. It is hoped that your entries can be left out for a period of time after the awards presentations so that those present can see them.
  17. The newspapers will be judged on:  
A— Content  
B— Appearance  
C— Readability  
D— Apparent usefulness of their content to their readers
  18. The list of entrants and the list of winners should be published in the REACTer along with a short bio on the judges including the local judge[s].
  19. Address all your written comments and/or suggestions on this judging to:  
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\*In judging of commercial newspapers like the San Francisco Chronicle, the issues to be judged are selected after the entry closing date. In this way no paper editor can know which issues will be selected for judging and he can NOT therefore pad his entry.

## Forum News For Teams

by Barbara Chuvon  
FORUM Vice President, Programs

Your REACT International FORUM is working for YOU! There was abundant evidence of this as the Forum Board met in Chicago on Feb. 3-6 and the Task Group reports were presented. The following is a synopsis of what is being done by these members to assist your Teams through information, training and support.

1. **Community Services** — Russ Willis, Chairman, 3036 E. 8th St., Anderson, IN 46012. Attempting to contact local groups such as Child Find, MADD, etc. Needs information from REACT members about dealing with various community service organizations.

2. **Communications** — CB — Charlie Harband, Chairman, 560 Darrell Rd., Hillsborough, CA 94010. Has provided ongoing informational articles which have been printed in the REACTer under the heading "NUTS & BOLTS."

**Communications** — GMRS — Ned Smith, Chairman, 1410 E. Willow Grove Ave., Wyndmoor, PA 19118. Extensive work was done in attempt to get approval on the FCC's proposed PRCS. Prepared an 18-month mail plan to improve efficiency of REACT headquarters mailings sent to Teams. This was referred by the Forum to the REACT Board of Directors for their information and consideration. Provided GMRS REACT Guidelines for publication for Teams. (See Leadership & Training Task Group report).

3. **Disaster Preparedness** — James Bear, Chairman, P.O. Box 126, Lancaster, PA 17603. Prepared REACT/Amateur radio coordination guidelines for publication for Teams. (See L & T Task Group report).

4. **Fund Raising** — Curtis Bell, Chairman, 316 E. College Ave., Corsicana, TX 75110. Preparing information in addition to the Fund Raising publication previously approved for publication. (See L & T Task Group report).

5. **Leadership & Training** — John Tracy, Co-Chairman, 5001 S. 65th St., Lincoln, NE 68516. Lance Luedtke, Co-Chairman, W271 S4094 Overlook La., Waukesha, WI 53186. Prepared updated copy of Team Management Handbook Index. Sent the following for editorial review by the Forum Board (which has been completed) "GMRS REACT National Guidelines" (Communications Task Group); "REACT/Amateur Coordination Guidelines" (Disaster Preparedness Task Group); "This is the Forum"; "Developing Team Exercises" (Leadership & Training Task Group); "Guide to Fund Raising" (Fund Raising Task Group 1983-84). These materials will be published as funding permits. There is a possibility two of these will be funded by State Councils. As printed they will be sent to the Teams. (These may be filed in the Orange binder available from REACT International, or may be purchased as a complete package already in the binder, along with previously sent materials, titled Team Management Handbook). Suggested that REACT International purchase dividers for the Handbook. Provided update of Forum Procedures for review and approval.

6. **Motivation & Recognition** — Barb Adams, Chairman, 1478 Bridgeview Ter., Eagan, MN 55121. No report received.

7. **Public Relations** — Ron McCracken, 32 the Queensway North, Keswick, ON, Canada L4P 1E3. Information regarding public relations has been printed in the REACTer. Additional information has been submitted and is awaiting publication.

As you can see, there is much work being done for REACT by these task groups, which are made up of Team members throughout the United States and Canada. If you see a task group with which you wish to become involved, or have suggestions for, do not hesitate to contact the chairman of the group. The amount of finished material provided to help all Teams often depends on the input from just a few Team members who happen to have a good idea, and care enough to share it.

RUTHERFORDTON, NC — Congratulations to Rutherford County REACT which celebrated its Tenth Anniversary January 23.

The Team meets the first Sunday in the month at 2 p.m. in the W.O.W. Building in Spindale.

ST. LOUIS — The Police Department of St. Ann, a St. Louis suburb, is sponsoring a communications seminar in May, 1985 on "Your Role in Officer Survival." Representatives of area St. Louis REACT Teams have been invited to attend. According to Gateway REACT's Don Bessler, REACT is an important link in advising officers of potentially dangerous situations where proper information could save their lives. Here is an example of such a situation.

One of Gateway REACT's members recently received two calls within minutes of one another on careless and imprudent driving in which weapons were being displayed. When the unit reported the first incident, police were advised that weapons were being displayed. On the second call, the information from REACT verified that there were indeed two separate incidents, rather than simply a follow-up on the first call. Both vehicles were caught by two different police departments and the subjects were taken into custody. Other similar calls have been received as a result of information forwarded to the police by REACT, and may have saved a life or two.

BALTIMORE, MD — The Metropolitan Baltimore Area REACT Council held its Bi-Annual Election of Officers recently and the following were elected to serve for two years.

President: Edwin Lasner, Severn, Md. • Vice-President: Max L. Vickery, Odenton, Md. • Secretary: Mae M. Hadley, Street, Md. • Treasurer: Marvin Hadley, Street, Md.

## THE FORUM IN FOCUS

by Penny Barker, President

The following are some notes from the meeting of the FORUM Executive Committee held February 3-6, 1985 at the Sheraton International Hotel in Chicago:

1. To encourage a wider use of volunteer CB enforcement, information on states which have enforcement laws will be made available to REACT Teams through the REACTer and Leadership Letters.

2. An informative book entitled, "Action Guide for Emergency Service Personnel," published by Brady Communications Co., Inc., was reviewed and Headquarters was asked to get additional information and quantity costs from the publisher.

3. It was recommended to the International Board that a flat \$25.00 reimbursement plus \$.25 per member be given to each council per year as a possible alternative to the initial recommendation of \$.50 per member. It was also suggested that, in the future, any time a dues increase is considered, an increase in the council reimbursement be considered.

4. A proposal for a standardized uniform code was not recommended at this time, as all input received indicated such a code would interfere with the individuality and autonomy of the REACT Teams. It was suggested that Teams identify themselves during activities by prominently displaying the REACT name and/or logo on appropriate uniform apparel of their choice, utilizing the REACT colors of white, orange, and black.

5. A resolution submitted for the FORUM asking that any future membership dues increase be approved by the membership before being implemented was discussed. While the FORUM Executive Committee understands the concern of the membership regarding dues increases, it also realizes that the International Board is responsible for preserving the financial integrity of the organization. The FORUM has encouraged the Board to be sensitive to the concerns of the membership and to provide meaningful communication on all financial matters.

6. Suggestions for changes in the balloting procedures for Field Directors were discussed and it was the committee recommendation that the current procedures be retained.

7. New criteria for the newsletter contest were approved and will be included in Team and council mailings. A proposed Awards Committee Pamphlet was returned to the Awards Committee for further study and presentation to the Executive Committee at their next meeting. A proposed posthumous award and a proposed Gene Goebel Award were referred to the Motivation and Recognition Task Area.

8. The Computer Services Committee is continuing to work with headquarters in making the best use of the office computer and is preparing various FORUM convention forms.

9. The Communications Task Area proposed, and the FORUM Executive Committee forwarded, to the International Board for consideration, an 18-month mail planning program to provide a means of informing all involved in the REACT program of deadlines for submitting material for publication and dissemination to the REACT membership, to provide the headquarters staff with a management tool to be used in activity and deadline planning, and to provide the board of directors with a means of evaluating the headquarters staff in the area of resource utilization and project planning.

10. The Leadership and Training Task Area reports that the following FORUM materials are ready to be printed and distributed to the Teams:

- This is the FORUM
- GMRS REACT National Guidelines
- Developing Team Exercises
- Guide to Fund Raising
- REACT/Amateur Radio Coordination Guidelines

FORUM Project Funds (funds donated by individual REACTers at previous conventions) will be used to print these products of the FORUM Standing Committees and Task Areas. In addition, some councils have offered to fund individual pamphlets. All of these items will be distributed through Team/council mailings from REACT headquarters.

11. The Convention Site Selection Committee has not yet received any official bids for the 1987 convention, to be held in the central states region. Although three Teams and/or councils have indicated verbal interest, those interested in hosting the 1987 convention need to get their official bids in to the committee not later than April 15, 1985 in order to be eligible. Contact the committee chairman, Dottie Thomas, at 4354 N. Arlington Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46226 (317-545-9918) for the complete bid application forms. The 1988 convention will be held in the eastern states region and Teams and/or councils in that area should be considering bids to be submitted in April 1986.

12. The FORUM Executive Committee met with Fran Gimino and Phil Wyld, Co-Chairmen of the 1985 Convention Host Committee, and Steve Bohm from the Sheraton International Hotel, site of the '85 convention. The convention schedule was finalized and should appear elsewhere in this issue of the REACTer. The very popular Team Round Robin Session will include the areas of concern mentioned in the Council Practices Survey recently sent to all Teams, and several very informative and interesting seminars are planned. The '85 Convention Host Committee has been working very hard to make your attendance both enjoyable and informative, and it is not too early to begin planning to attend the 1985 convention in July.

13. Here are some reminders to all FORUM and Team delegates to the 1985 convention: (a) remember to bring your current REACT membership card for credentials identification (b) remember to hand carry — DO NOT MAIL — to the convention your completed credentials form (c) upon arrival at the convention hotel, remember to (1) register for your hotel room FIRST, (2) register for the convention with the Host Committee SECOND, (3) register with the FORUM Credentials Committee. This procedure will insure that you receive all of the necessary convention information upon your arrival.

The above are highlights from the February meeting. I believe it was a most productive meeting and extend my thanks and appreciation to all the FORUM volunteers who worked so hard to prepare the proposals and input for the Winter meeting of the FORUM Executive Committee.

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# Publicizing REACT

by Ron McCracken, Chairman  
Public Relations Task Group

## Speak Out on REACT

Clubs, organizations, etc., in your community are looking for guest speakers. They need good programs for their meetings. Get in there!

REACT is a natural. Non-CBers need to learn how to use a CB radio correctly in an emergency too. "Where Seconds Count" is a good tool for this purpose. Have a question period after. Issue REACT litter bags to attendees (with a safety pamphlet or two, a road map, etc., tucked inside).

Grateful groups will often make a donation to help your REACT Team maintain its safety service to the public.

## "Safe Rides for Long Lives"

Here's a new, award-winning 10-minute slide/tape program you can try in mall displays and speaking engagements. It is especially good with senior citizens' groups since it is an AARP release. For free loan write: AARP Program Scheduling Office, 1900 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20049. We'd like feedback (on this item) from users since we have yet to see it ourselves. Have you other sources and titles of films, slide programs, etc., all REACT Teams should know about? Please share this info with us.

## "The Car, the Road, and You"

State Farm Insurance, Bloomington, IL, offers this safety leaflet. Contact your local agency or Bloomington for a supply. Use your REACT stamp on it (you do have one by now, don't you?) and issue it at safety breaks, displays, etc. It looks good and should be available to all U.S. and Canadian REACT Teams. [Thanks to REACT of the Golden Gate Area for this tip.]

## More Freebies

Clay Watts, of Louisville, KY, has come through again for REACT. He sent samples of the following (and others we will mention next issue). All should be available from your local Disaster Services agency. They look good. Try them: "Pocket Guide Wind Chill Index," NOAA; "Winter Fires," FEMA, L-97. Request a sample copy now. Order a supply in lots of time for REACT Month, your safety breaks and displays or speaking engagements. Remember to thank the sponsor(s) of the items your Team uses. Be sure to stamp them with your REACT data (another reason you must order early). Good PR officers always live six months in the future, plotting and planning.

## Thanks

We really appreciate your sharing good (and bad) PR ideas with us. Keep them coming. Your tip may be just what some Team needs; or, it may save another Team from making the same mistake. 'Til next time, God bless.

## NEXT ISSUE: "Turn 'Losses' into PR"

## Monroe County REACT Honors Donut Shop Owners

ROCHESTER, NY — For eight years, at three wake breaks per year sponsored by Monroe County REACT, Donuts Delight of Rochester, N.Y., operated by Bob Malley and son Jim, have donated 75 to 100 dozen donuts per wake break. REACT honored the owners by presenting them with a plaque of appreciation. Larry Moriarty (left) of Monroe County REACT is shown with the Malleys. Monroe County REACT serves about 2,500 cups of coffee, 20 to 25 gallons of orange drink and about 125 dozen donuts at each wake break.



## New York REACT Promotes Anti-Drunk Driving Campaign

ROCHESTER, NY — Monroe County REACT Team 2126 is really into a program to combat drunk driving and to push seat belt use. According to Team Member Larry Moriarty, the Team has for the past few years conducted educational and public awareness programs at 17 high schools and colleges throughout Monroe County. During the visits to the schools, members have distributed 7,500 pieces of literature and bumper stickers.

In addition, the Team is a member of the Monroe County Occupant Restraint Coalition, composed of representatives of industry, government, police departments and other organizations concerned about the use of seat belts.

For its fine public service efforts the Team received a citation from Rochester radio station WNYR, one of five local organizations so honored in its efforts to curtail drunk driving.

ROCHESTER, NY — Al McPadden (left) and Tim O'Malley, members of Monroe County REACT, are shown in action at a local high school, in effort to combat drunk driving. Team distributed more than 7,500 pieces of literature and bumper stickers at more than 17 area colleges and high schools for which it was filled by one of the local radio stations.

## Florida Capital Team's GMRS Comes in Handy

TALLAHASSEE, FL — Florida Capital REACT, Inc., Team 2792 got their new GMRS handie talkies just in time for the busiest weekend of the year. The annual Tallahassee Junior Museum "Market Days," a craft sale which draws artisans from all over the Southeast for a two-day show and sale at the Leon County Fairgrounds, was held on the Florida State University's Homecoming weekend.

The busy weekend began as Team members assembled at the fairgrounds to prepare to provide communications and first aid for the Market Days, where exhibitors fill all available exhibit halls on the fairgrounds and spill out under tents in the midway area.

Stages provide constant entertainment for all ages, featuring mimes, musicians, dancers and thespians; pony rides and a variety of games run by the Tallahassee Parks and Recreation department keep the youngsters happily occupied while their parents shop.

In the early afternoon, as crowds became less overwhelming, Team

members began leaving the fairgrounds to open the two RV and bus, and one automobile parking lots the Team manages at all FSU home football games. The last to leave the fairgrounds arrived in time to join in handling the peak traffic into the game. All REACTers stayed to patrol the lots during the game and direct traffic on the streets adjacent to the parking lots after the game. The weary REACTers left at nearly midnight.

The next morning it was back to Market Days, which did not open until 10 am, and work there again until it closed at 5 pm.

All Team members were delighted with the performance of the new radios. They were spared the logistics nightmare of erecting a base station three times in one weekend. They had far better communication using only the GMRS handie talkies on simplex than they ever did using a CB base and walkie talkie while competing with skip.

## Ohio REACT Service Rates With The Best

CHILLICOTHE, OH — Members of Ross County Radio Patrol Service REACT Team 2418 feel that their service record ranks with the best in all REACT International. This past year, the Team has assisted the police on traffic control at parades, and on traffic control for three long distance runs. For the March of Dimes Walk America the Team took charge of communications, safety and check points in the event which netted sponsors \$14,000 on their 15.8 miles walk.

Members have in addition parked cars and were in charge of traffic control at several large activities, one involving 100,000 spectators. Says Team President Delbert Yates, "What makes us so proud is that we are a small Team but have a lot of pride and a lot of Team work."





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