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Teams Offered New REACT Fund Raising Show

The REACT International Board of Directors has authorized the establishment of the REACT Division of the Allan C. Hill Entertainment Corporation to provide REACT Teams with a fund-raising show to be known as "REACT Magic and Variety Spectacular".

Full information about this program has been sent to every REACT Team. Participating REACT Teams will be guaranteed at least \$500 profit for sponsoring the show. All the Team does is lend its name, provide an auditorium or other hall where the show can be presented, and a room where six to ten telephones can be installed and used for three to five weeks.

The Hill organization provides the show and the promotional people to come in and use telemarketing skills to sell the tickets via telephone. The

REACT Team receives 15% of the gross sales from this telemarketing effort and REACT International receives 5%. A minimum of \$500 in earnings for your Team is guaranteed. A number of REACT Teams have sponsored Hill-produced shows and were very satisfied. Here is what REACT Team leaders have said about their fund raising experience.

"We are very pleased with our relationship with the Allan C. Hill Company. We have sponsored two shows with them and made over \$2,000 last year. We believe other REACT Teams can do as well."

Joan Rennaker
President
Adams County REACT
Team 4391
Quincy, Illinois

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Professional cast of REACT Magic and Variety Show will "wow" audience in your town and put money in your Team treasury!

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Preview of 1985 REACT International Convention

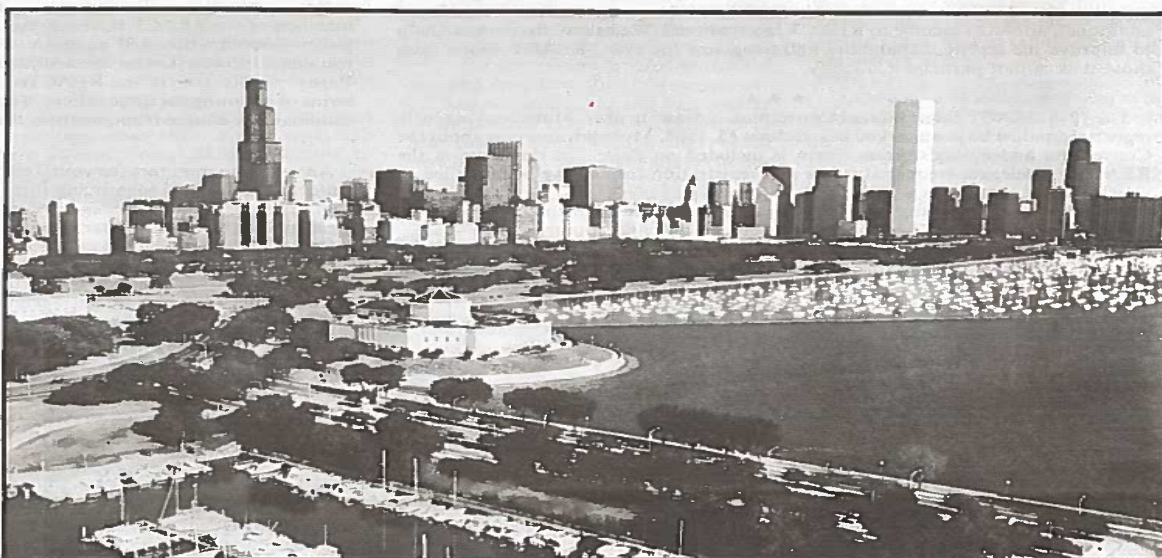
The Illinois REACT Council, the Convention Committee and the Headquarters Staff wish to welcome everyone to our home — Chicago! The 1985 REACT International Convention has been carefully planned to provide significant educational programs for REACT members, an opportunity to exchange your ideas with all levels of REACT leadership and to make the entire event a true vacation with recreation and entertainment for all participants, and non-participating family members.

Here is a rundown of the events day-by-day that will fulfill the plan objectives for all Convention Registrants —

Saturday, July 20: 7:00-11:30 p.m. Early arrivals will have fun on the Pre-Convention Pub Crawl — Every conventioneer's must in Chicago... A tour of the Rush Street night spots! This personally guided tour includes round trip transportation from the hotel, and three drinks, all for a cost of just \$17.00 per person.*

Sunday, July 21: Registration opens at 9:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. The Forum Executive Committee will meet from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. From 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. attend a special orientation for early arrivals particularly geared to first-time conventioners. Enjoy meeting other early arrivals and learn how to get the most out of your participation in the Convention. The Convention Hospitality Room will be open 24 hours a day for the entire Convention!

Monday, July 22nd: This is the opening day of the Convention. Exhibitors, including Teams and Councils, will set up from 8:00 a.m. till noon. Registration will run 8:00 a.m. till noon. The Forum Executive Committee will meet from 8:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. with Task Area and Committee Chairmen. 9:45 till 11:00 a.m. Task Areas and Standing Committees will meet separately. 10:00 a.m. till 11:00 a.m. state



Chicago is one of the greatest inland ports in the world and boasts a magnificent "front door" of parks, beaches and marinas. The miles of lakeshore are due to the genius of urban planner Daniel Burnham and city fathers who worked to keep the lakefront free of industrial development. Building at left is Sears Tower, world's tallest (1,454 ft.); white marble building at right is Standard Oil Building, world's fourth tallest (1,136 ft.).

Ron Schramm/Chicago Convention & Tourism Bureau

delegations that do not have Councils will caucus. The purpose of choosing the state delegates and alternates. 11:00 a.m. till 12:30 p.m. is scheduled for lunch — on your own.

The opening ceremony will commence at 1:00 p.m. till 2:45 p.m. This includes the invocation, keynote and the introduction of newly elected Field Directors and introduction of all the key personalities involved in the Convention.

At 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. the REACT

Forum will have its general business meeting. All Convention attendees are invited to participate in a discussion of Task Area and Standing Committee proposals to be voted on by the membership later in the Convention.

Monday night is also the mixer scheduled at the King's Manor. See the separate story on this event elsewhere on this page.*

Tuesday, July 23rd: AT 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. all attendees are invited to participate in the Round Robin. This is an

opportunity for you to sit down with other REACT participants from around REACTland to discuss real problems in REACT at the local level. These are problems that every Team faces and has to solve. Share your problems, your frustrations and most importantly, your solutions with your peers in other Teams. This has been hailed as a great success at past Conventions. From 9:45 till noon there will be a REACT Forum business meeting in general session which all attendees are invited to participate. You will vote on task area and committee proposals and the election of the 1985-1986 Forum Officers. 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. is lunch.

This will be the first lunch of the Convention which is included in your optional luncheon package. These buffet luncheons, on a pre-registration basis, will cost you \$5.00 each for the three lunches. The actual cost of the luncheon to be served (some variety each day) is actually more than \$5.00, but your Convention Committee has provided this option. While there is a McDonald's restaurant about a block and a half from the convention hotel and other eateries nearby, we believe that this is an outstanding value that you might consider. The meetings will be held in the Grand Ballroom at the Hotel and the luncheon will be held in the Foyer right outside the Grand Ballroom. This will permit a very accessible and convenient means of eating lunch, socializing with others with whom you have had discussions and wish to continue, and to permit most efficient utilization.

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2 REACT Teams + CG = Rescue

by Bob Baird, Public Relations
Herndon REACT C-332

VIENNA, VA—On February 22, just before 2 p.m. Sarah Leach, Herndon REACT, was monitoring her base radio station when she heard a mobile unit looking for a base monitor. Sarah answered the call from National Capitol REACT Unit 457, Bill Latham, who was in touch with a small boat which was sinking in the Potomac River near the Pohick bay boat launch.

Upon contacting the Herndon REACT base station Latham informed Sarah he would relay the information to her from the boat for notification of proper authorities, since Ms. Leach was unable to copy directly and was out of range of the distressed vessel.

Latham maintained constant contact with the disabled vessel gathering information for Sarah pertaining to the

vessel's exact location. After obtaining the necessary information, Sarah contacted area headquarters of the U.S. Coast Guard, returning immediately to her radio and waited to hear if anything further developed.

The U.S. Coast Guard Cutter "CAPSTAN" rushed to the scene and soon had the situation well in hand. The Coast Guard later called both REACT monitors, Sarah Leach and Bill Latham and commended them for their quick action as well as the boater for his foresight in having a CB radio aboard. Had he not had a CB radio, he might have perished quickly from hypothermia in the near-freezing waters of the Potomac.

This points up the fact that a REACT monitor is a REACTer... Though this incident was rather more dramatic than most, it typifies the kind of cooperation demonstrated by D.C. metropolitan

area REACT monitoring Teams, all of whom know the value of good emergency Channel 9 coverage. In this case two monitors, one a mobile unit and one a base, from different Teams were able to get the information through to the proper authorities.

The result: The man's life was saved; he learned a lesson about boating (to check his vessel first, and not to take his vessel out alone). And he certainly won't forget the Radio Emergency Associated Citizens Teams (REACT), who were instrumental in saving his life.

Incidentally, Sarah Leach is quite the experienced when it comes to helping people. In February, 1984 Sarah was instrumental in saving a man who had suicidal tendencies by talking to him and keeping him busy on the telephone until the local police arrived.

Notes from Northbrook

by Executive Director Gerald H. Reese

REACT Teams are being offered a unique fund raiser in the REACT Magic and Variety Spectacular presented by the Allan C. Hill Entertainment Corporation.

The Hill organization is a professional fund raising company that produces live shows for fund raising by non-profit groups. A number of REACT Teams have successfully participated in projects conducted by the Hill Company and brought the possibility of a national program to the attention of REACT Headquarters.

The REACT International Board of Directors has carefully reviewed their proposal and believes that REACT Teams will enjoy participating in these programs. The main benefit, of course, is putting money into your Team treasury to achieve your goals. Teams are always interested in funding GMRS equipment, trailers, and other useful equipment. You can get a good start on such a funding project with this show.

Every participating REACT Team is guaranteed a minimum of \$500 per participation.

A completed descriptive brochure has been provided every REACT Team. In addition, information is included in this issue of the REACT. This program not only benefits the individual Team, but will provide an aggregate of significant additional, non-dues income to REACT International. We believe that this can help to improve the service, capabilities and programs for every REACT Team, even those that cannot participate directly.

The 1985 REACT International Convention is drawing near. Money-saving early registration must be postmarked before June 15, 1985. More information about the Convention and a Registration Form is included on Page 1 of this issue of the REACT. Delegate credential forms and registration forms have been mailed to your Team headquarters address.

Attending the Convention means that you will have the opportunity to exchange information with REACT members from other states and countries.

Your convention hosts, the Illinois REACT Council, has planned an exceptional program of educational sessions, and entertainment programs for the whole family. We know that REACT members like to bring their families to the Convention during school vacation and make it a family vacation.

We hope that you will find it possible to attend. If you need additional information, write to the Convention committee or to REACT headquarters.

Recently, the question of paying dues to REACT International for all Team members was brought to our attention. When adding Team officer data to the computer records, we found that some Team officers were not registered with REACT International.

For a variety of reasons (mostly money), some Teams are not registering all their members with REACT International. Of course, it is not possible, nor is it appropriate for REACT Headquarters to "audit" the membership of every Team. REACT members are honorable, and we accept the Team registration record as being the actual Team membership. Should the Team state that all members are not registered, then Headquarters staff, acting under the instructions of the REACT International Board of Directors, must refuse to accept that Team's registration until all members are registered.

We do point out that it is to the Team's advantage to be sure that all members are registered with REACT International.

REACT Fund Raising Show Continued from cover

"I feel as though everyone involved with this company is very dependable and wants only the best for his sponsors. This is a fantastic opportunity for local REACT Teams to increase their treasury. We sponsored a stage show and netted \$1,500."

Dennis J. Walk
Past President
Effingham County REACT,
Inc. 4220
Effingham, Illinois

"Our team was totally pleased with Allan C. Hill and further will say that they delivered all that they agreed to and were willing to do more if needed. We netted \$2,000 and have a contract signed to repeat in '85."

Jerry R. Parker
Madison County
REACT C697
Anderson, IN

The REACT Show will tour the U.S. beginning in September. To maximize coverage and minimize travel, the show will be available for only a limited time in your area. If you are interested in participating, your Team will have to accept one of the few dates available. Every effort will be made to accommodate the needs of every Team within the limitation of time and distance. If the show cannot come to you this year, we hope it will come to your area next year. Every Team should have a turn eventually. You should discuss the matter with your Team leaders and encourage them to get the information as soon as possible so that your Team can be put on the

list as being interested in having the show in your community.

For more information without obligation, call today 1-800-237-7469 toll-free. Ask for Dave Williams who is in charge of the REACT Division. You can get the information for your next Team meeting.

REACT Aids Salvation Army

NEW ALBANY, IN—December found members of Metro REACT North Floyd County standing roadblocks at two intersections for 47 hours in a successful effort that raised \$5,018 for the Salvation Army.

Members also bagged candy, fruit and toys for the New Albany Fire Department and helped them to distribute some 488 food baskets and more than 4,600 toys to more than a thousand children.

The Team was proud to be part of the effort to help others and one of its members, Ms. Annie Carroll, is the Secretary of the local Salvation Army.

December also found the Team busy fixing twelve food baskets for needy families and purchasing clothing for two children and providing funds to a family in need for rent and food.

Then came some fun for a proud Team—a Christmas party with 32 members and four guests present. The night was highlighted by food and punch and presents under the tree for everyone there.

While all this was happening, not once did the Team let down its efforts to monitor Channel 9 as it provided 24 hour coverage, took 820 calls and monitored some 1,400 hours.

Some REACT Teams are still confused about categories of REACT membership and the registration of all members. Let's try to set things straight.

1. Membership Categories:

Regular Member is the first member of the family registered at a given address. This member receives the REACT. Current dues are \$10 per year.

Family Member is at the same address as a registered Regular Member. Family Member does not receive the REACT. Current dues are \$8 per year.

Junior Member may or may not be at same address as the Regular Member. A Junior Member does receive the REACT. Current dues are \$8 per year.

Life Member has paid 20 times annual dues at time of application. It confers all the benefits of Regular Member for Life. Current Life Member dues are \$100 (one-time payment).

Ballots for election of Field Directors to the REACT International Board have been received by REACT Teams before this REACT gets into your hands. Please confer with the officers of your Team to be sure that your Team's ballot is mailed before July 10th so that it can be received and counted.

Remember, this is the opportunity for your Team to cast its vote for elect members of the REACT International Board of Directors—the body charged with policy determination and guidance of REACT International on behalf of all members. Information on the candidates and the voting procedure is to be found on Page 1 of this issue of the REACT. We hope that 1985 will be a record year in terms of balloting for these offices. You have an outstanding group of well-qualified candidates to choose from, but only the vote of REACT Teams elects the Directors.

Anyone who monitors for your Team; works various outside functions; wears uniform and insignia identifying them as members of your Team, and can be seen at Team meetings, should be regarded as an active, working member and should be registered with REACT International.

Some REACT Teams have "Associate" members that they do not register with REACT International. These are people who pay "dues" to the Team as a financial support and they do not participate in normal Team projects, or have voting rights. They may attend Team social events, but they are not what we call "active" members.

While technically the rules say that all your Team members should be registered with REACT International, it is preferable that your Team agree that it is who you want to do, because of the advantages of having all active members covered by REACT General Liability Insurance and the new Bonding coverage. Very serious to be covered under either of these coverages, we must tell the insurance company that the individuals involved are official members registered with REACT International.

Failure to be covered may be a very serious matter for your Team. For example, if someone wearing your Team uniform at a Team function performs first a crime and someone not a member, and is sued for any reason, your Team will probably be named as a defendant. A lawyer will tell you that all your officers will also be named and the individual members of your Board of Directors (even if your Team is a Corporation). The insurance company could deny coverage for everyone if the individual whose actions are responsible for the lawsuit is not registered with REACT International. Our insurance pays all the legal fees even if you are found not liable.

A similar interpretation would follow on the new Bonding coverage.

Did Your Team Vote in '84

by William L. Shafer
Field Director

REACT's 1984 Election Committee consisted of Field Directors Barb Chuvén, Chris White, Carl Berg, and Bill Shafer. When the ballots were turned over to the Field Directors to be entered into the "counting process," Barb Chuvén suggested that a tally be kept to show the number of Teams in each State/Province with the number of Teams voting. Those members of the Election Committee present in Daytona Beach (Florida) unanimously agreed to keep this record and have it published in a future edition of The REACT. The column to the left contains the following information: the first number represents the number of Teams qualified to vote, the Postal 2-letter abbreviation for the State, and the last number was the actual number of voting Teams. In other words, the first State in the list is "Alabama" with 3 REACT Teams voting out of the 11 REACT Teams located in that State. Or, put another way, of the 11 REACT Teams in Alabama, 3 voted and 8 did not vote.

Electing Field Directors is a serious business. Many of us have worked very hard across the years to get Field Directors on REACT's Board of Directors. EVERY REACT Team is encouraged to participate in the nominating and the balloting processes. With approximately 25% of REACT's Teams voting in the last Field Directors' Election, and this appears to be the average across the years, the minority elects while the majority is silent. But then, is the majority really silent by

not voting? Is something being pressed in a negative way instead of positive way? Whatever you are as a Team by not voting, remember this—those Teams who are voting the votes which are counted that day in an election. In 1985 — improve your score of '84!

United States

11—AL—3	8—NH—1
2—AK—1	15—NJ—2
6—AR—1	1—NM—0
9—AZ—4	4—NV—0
97—CA—26	43—NY—3
8—CO—0	64—OH—1
4—CT—1	11—OK—1
1—DC—1	12—OR—3
5—DE—1	45—PA—2
35—FL—12	19—PR—1
10—GA—3	2—RI—1
2—HI—0	10—SC—1
8—IA—1	2—SD—0
2—ID—0	14—TN—5
37—IL—8	50—TX—1
47—IN—29	3—UT—1
7—KS—2	26—VA—1
18—KY—2	2—VI—0
10—LA—3	1—VT—1
11—MA—1	31—WA—1
19—MD—7	19—WI—4
4—ME—0	13—WV—0
40—MI—7	2—WY—0
16—MN—6	Canada
14—MO—3	1—AL—1
6—MS—1	2—BC—0
1—MT—0	1—MA—0
16—NB—4	1—NB—0
28—NC—3	15—ON—1
1—ND—0	3—SA—1

COLUMN NINE

Where the REACTion is Yours

March 7, 1985

A Truck Driver's/Auto Driver's Prayer

by Bill Henriksen

When I first heard this prayer, recorded by T. Texas Tylor, I wondered why nobody ever wrote one for the everyday driver. The author is unknown and the original prayer can be found on a wall of a truck stop called Mary's in Cairo, Ill.

A Truck Driver's Prayer

Dear God above, bless this truck I drive and help me to keep someone alive. Be my mortal sight this day on streets where little children play.

Bless my helper fast asleep when night is long and deep.

And keep my cargo safe and sound through the hours big and round.

Make my judgement sound as steel and keep my hands upon the wheel.

Bless the traveler going past and teach him not to go so fast.

Give me strength for every trip so I may care for what they ship.

And make me mindful every mile that life is just a little while. Amen.

Using the above prayer as a base I wrote this prayer for the everyday driver.

Dear Editor:

In the January REACTer, a story about the death of a member of the Harford County REACT Team was published. The member was James P. O'Brien, better known as "Bucket of Bolts" by his Team members and many friends.

The article did not tell how Harford County REACT Team has had to take the responsibility of the expense of the funeral, due to the fact that his widow has been ill, and in and out of the hospital, and does not have the money for the funeral. Our Team took over in her behalf and Mr. O'Brien was given a REACT funeral.

The members of the Harford County REACT Team felt that they had lost a very valuable member and could not stand to see him not receiving a decent burial, so in behalf of his wife, the Team has been donating and getting donations from whomever they can to help pay the expense.

We are requesting that any Team or individual that wants to help us pay for the funeral expenses send whatever they can to our Team. Any donations that we get to help us pay this expense will be greatly appreciated by the Team and also his widow. Please send your donations to:

James P. O'Brien Fund
P.O. Box 334
Joppatowne, MD 21085

REACTively yours,
Simon W. Clatterbuck, President

R.E.A.C.T.

by Bill Henriksen

We all know, of course, what the REACT International Organization and letters R.E.A.C.T. stand for, but what, if anything, do they mean to you the member? Here are my thoughts.

- R. Is for our READINESS to help people in distress.
- E. Is for the EFFICIENT way REACT members perform REACT duties.
- A. Is for the AID we extend to our community and people in distress.
- C. Is for COMMUNICATIONS, without which we cannot help other people.
- T. Is for TEAM spirit and work in performing REACT activities.

Come on REACTers, let's get some feedback on this.

An Auto Driver's Prayer

Dear God above, bless this car I drive and help me keep someone alive.

Be my mortal sight this day on streets where little children play.

Bless my family fast asleep when nights and trips are long.

Make my judgement sound as steel and keep my hands upon the wheel.

Bless the traveler going past and teach him not to drink and drive.

And make me mindful that life is just a little while. Amen.

Maybe some of you can come up with a better prayer. Yes?

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter to let you know that my husband passed away January 13, 1985 at Sacred Heart Hospital, Eugene, Oregon.

Thorold was a member in good standing since 1962. Seven years ago we moved from Salina, Kansas to Eugene to be with out two daughters and five grandchildren. My husband and I worked faithfully with the Saline County REACT for many years. We worked on coffee breaks, emergencies

of all kinds. Thorold worked with the Saline County Police Dept., Civil Defense of which Don Rectenwald is still head. Thorold taught First Aid and was a member in good standing with the Red Cross.

Today I received a letter from the Lane County REACT, in which they have made me an honorary member, which I am very proud of. Thorold's name and number has been retired in his memory. While in Salina, Thorold and I would get the van ready each holiday to take out on coffee breaks. I was Secretary of REACT in Salina for 10 years. I tried to resign several times, but members would not let me.

The Lane County REACT gave a beautiful floral spray in Thorold's memory. My daughters and I were very appreciative of this.

I am enclosing a letter from Lane County REACT which I received today and was very pleased to get. It will go in Thorold's scrapbook of honors which he received many of.

I am still receiving the REACTer which I read from cover to cover.

Two years ago Thorold was sent to Wichita from Lane County REACT to the International Convention which was held there. This was a great honor to him.

Thanking you, I remain,

Mary Amos
Eugene, OR

Dear Mary,

Lane County REACT held its monthly meeting on February 23. At this meeting we unanimously voted to make you one of our honorary members. The Team is here to assist you in any way we can be of service. Please feel free to call on any of us if you should need any help that we can provide. I am enclosing a Team roster so that you will have any of our phone numbers. You will also be receiving a copy of our newsletter each month.

If at any time you feel you would like to attend a meeting, feel free to call on me and let me know. I can provide transportation to and from the meeting for you.

As an honorary member you need not monitor or attend meetings. We hope you don't mind that we have done this. It is our way of saying how much Thorold meant to us as a fellow member of our Team, and to say thank you for supporting REACT for all of these years.

Your card and letter were read at the meeting to all of the members present, and we were all deeply appreciative of receiving it. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Leanne K. Burnett
Secretary
Lane County REACT Team 2853



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Nuts & Bolts on 27

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

Nuts & Bolts on 27 megs

Every writer has a friend to whom he refers in his writing. Usually, he or she is fictitious like "George Spelvin" or Mary Lu Kitterbacker". (Actually, I knew a Mary Lu Kitterbacker here in San Fran. Back home in Iowa he was known as Martin Lou, but that was before he had his frequency changed.) My fictitious friend, as a matter of fact, is a real person. He is Vincent P. Gagliardo Jr., a chief warrant officer in the 91st division, U.S. Army Reserve. It is pretty hard for me not to listen to Vince. He sits next to me each Wednesday night in our monitoring station on San Bruno Mountain.

Where some people describe a "hard to follow conversant" as being a person whose elevator doesn't go to his top floor, or he isn't playing with a full deck of cards, Vincent, being a fully veteran CBER, likes to use the expression, his antenna has shortened and his SWR is unmatched. At any rate, the characteristics of antennas can change due to contact, vibration, oxidization, weather, and leadin connections, and correspondingly, the SWR match. Vince feels that all CBERs should check their SWR match at least once a year, and offers some shortcuts or rules of "hand" to help you:

When you check your SWR reading, your desire is to obtain the lowest reflected signal possible—the reading as close to 1.0 as possible. If your reading needs adjustment, the question if whether to raise (lengthen) or lower (shorten) your antenna in its base. Vince's first advice is to move slowly and make sure if the deflection of the meter from 1.0 is plus or minus. Check and record the SWR reading on Channel 1 and on Channel 40. If the SWR reading is higher on Channel 40 than on Channel 1, you need to shorten the length, but make a very small correction (like 1/16 inch). Then recheck your SWR and make another needed correction. If the reading on Channel 1 is higher than on Channel 40, then you need to lengthen your antenna. Do so, but in very small increments like above. By adjusting the length of metal above the base, you can bring the SWR meter reading down or up so that the reading for Channel 9 will be the closest to 1.0.

Your hand will act as an additional antenna. While adjusting the length, you can use your hand for quick checks. If you bring your hand near the loading coils or near the tip of the antenna, and the SWR reading goes down, the antenna needs more metal showing, so lengthen it. If you do ditto and the SWR goes up, you need less metal showing, so shorten it.

The above is an oversimplification and intended to adjust an antenna that is already in place and may need minor adjustment. If you are faraway from 1.0 on the scale, or are starting from scratch, we suggest you read carefully the instructions that come with the meter.

We consider these new state laws that support the FCC rules on use of CB radio to be the most important addition for cleaning up the channels that have come along in the history of CB radio.

Now, instead of building up a "case" to submit to their FCC, who, with its clearly understaffed condition, is in little position to cite the offender, even if you locate him/her and mark a cross on their doorpost, you can work with your local police or sheriff.

As we see the scenario you would have to follow:

- (1) The offender would have to be in your city or county, or simply someone in his city or county would have to initiate the action.
- (2) You would have to locate the offender as to his home or, if mobile, his usual location.
- (3) You would have to establish with the police agency the fact that, in your "REACT" work, you are handling emergency communications as described in the law, below.
- (4) You would have to establish that the offender, thru his use of excess power either on Channel 9 or elsewhere in the 40 channels, or thru his use of Channel 9 for non-emergencies, or thru his use of obscene language offensive to female monitors, does truly interfere with your ability to carry out your volunteer efforts.
- (5) That you have contacted this offender and made him aware of his interference, and that he continues nevertheless.

- (6) You request the police, with or without you, to visit the offender and as to cease and desist such use of his CB equipment, and
- (7) (If he does not) you request the local police to cite him.

California Penal Code TITLE 15—& 6537

Citizens Band Radio; Interference with Transmission of Emergency Communications; Misdemeanor; Felony; Punishment

(A) A person commits a public offense if the person knowingly and maliciously interrupts, disrupts, impedes, or otherwise interferes with the transmission of communications over a citizens band radio channel, the purpose of which communications is to inform or inquire about an emergency.

(B) In this section "emergency" means a condition or circumstance in which individual is or is reasonably believed by the person transmitting the communication to be in imminent danger of serious bodily injury, in which property is or is reasonably believed by the person transmitting the communications to be in imminent danger of extensive damage or destruction, or in which that injury or destruction has occurred and the person transmitting is attempting to summon assistance.

(C) A violation of this section is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000.) or by imprisonment in a county jail not to exceed six months, or both, unless, as a result of the commission of the offense, serious bodily injury or property loss in excess of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) occurs, in which event, the offense is a felony. (Added by Stats 1980, C, 625, & 1.)

Penny Barker (the honorable president of the REACT Forum) has asked Forum Communications Task Force to take on the job of correlating state law to this character. Will each state Council, or major Team where no Council exists, please send the undersigned the following info:

- (1) Our state _____ does not yet have a "CB" law.
- (2) Our state _____ does have a law. I am obtaining a copy to send you for comparison.
- (3) We would suggest that the scenario be changed as follows:

Send to Charlie Harband, REACT Comcom, 560 Darrell Road, Hillsboro CA 94010.



COMPTON, NH—Lorraine Cotnolr (center), North Country REACT shows Bill Shafer, REACT International Board of Directors and New Hampshire Council President, Key Shafer, a copy of a REACTer from England. Lorraine has communicated with the Braintree REACT Monitors, Braintree Essex, England. Lorraine, a member of North

Country REACT for eight years, maintains a 24-hour a day monitor on Channel 9. She handles base communications for the Team mobile activities. New Hampshire REACT Council meets in Campton every month, with about five Teams present throughout the state.

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Muncie REACT Gets Noticed for Many Community Services

MUNCIE, IN—Service effort Muncie REACT Team have planned out in some great goodwill publicity. Grateful was the wor Chief of Police Donald Scroggins in a letter to Team President Johnson, praised the Team prof for its participation in an accident Muncie airport which took the lives of three local citizens.

Echoing the Chief's sentiments Airport Manager John Beeson, forwarded a contribution of \$25 to the Team.

Then, to adding to the cake Team was loudly saluted by Batt Chief Max Vickery in a column which appeared in the Muncie Evening Star. Said Chief Vickery:

"... It is a group of people willing of themselves and their time like having a good neighbor next to you when you're miles from home." Vickery went on to describe how the Muncie REACT monitors Channel 9 and how they provide a lifesaving service, and the Team services in weather alerts, crowd control, coffee breaks, etc.



REACT Story Told To APCO Members At S.E. Meeting

Barbara Chuvén, V.P.-Programs, REACT Forum, addresses meeting of Public Safety Communications officers in Daytona Beach. She spoke on: "REACT—A Model for Interaction with Public Safety Communications."

The Gulf Coast Regional Conference of APCO (Association of Public Safety Communications Officers) convened on January 23, 1985 in Daytona Beach, FL with over 200 attendees from all over the United States. Co-host for the conference was Daytona Beach REACT. The theme of the conference was "Telecommunications — The Common Bond," and this was demonstrated as state of the art communications equipment was demonstrated to representatives of law enforcement, fire fighters, forestry, civil defense, EMS, and volunteers in communications such as REACT and ARRL.

REACT was represented through the attendance of REACT International Board Member Joe Stephany and Forum Vice President of Programs Barbara Chuvén. In addition, Barbara presented a seminar entitled "REACT—A Model for Volunteer Interaction with Public Safety Communications." The seminar, which covered the "Why, Who & How" of utilizing volunteers, along with specific instructions for setting up and/or integrating programs from initial recruitment through implementation and review, was well received. Several requests were granted from directors of agencies and counties for names and addresses of REACT Teams in their area for the purpose of developing a working relationship.

Other seminars presented included Communications Mobile Command Post, Telecommunication Training for the Visually Impaired, Public Safety Trunked Radio Systems, Enhanced 9-1-1, Microwave vs. TIS, Disaster Preparedness in the Hurricane Belt.

Daytona Beach REACT was presented an award at the concluding banquet with special recognition to Art Slaney, Ronald Chuvén and Barbara Chuvén for their assistance with the conference.

NJ Team's Assist in Race Draws High Marks

by David J. Rosenthal, President Old Bridge Pacers, Inc. REACT Lawrence Harbor, NJ

LAWRENCE HARBOR, NJ — The Old Bridge P.A.C.E.R.S. Inc. REACT Team 4601 was requested by St. Ambrose Roman Catholic Church Turkey Trot Committee to provide traffic and crowd control assistance at the 4th annual St. Ambrose Turkey Trot, Old Bridge Township, Middlesex County, NJ.

P.A.C.E.R.S., an acronym for Police Associated Citizens Emergency Service, is an officially recognized unit of the Township of Old Bridge Office of Emergency Management (O.E.M.). The Team is the recognized C-B Channel 9 monitor for the Township of Old Bridge, as noted on various emergency information signs located at all major entrances to the township.

The Turkey Trot, which is run the Saturday after Thanksgiving, is a five-mile race through our South Old Bridge development. Immediately preceding the five-mile Turkey Trot is a one-mile Fun Run for youngsters of all ages.

Since the course was several miles through short suburban blocks, some near shopping centers, automobile traffic was moderate to heavy. This, coupled with a holiday weekend, made it necessary to station ten Team members along the route, seven of whom were using Realistic 40-channel hand held C-B's with rubber duck antennas.

Our Command Post (C.P.) was stationed at the start/finish line and manned by my wife Lori and I. In addition to maintaining coms with the eight field units via C-B radio, the C.P. was in constant radio contact with the Old Bridge Township Auxiliary Police via VHF FM lowband handheld on the police frequency. Our Auxiliary police handled traffic control. We work closely with them as they also are an official unit of O.E.M.

Ten people utilizing seven cars (radio equipped) and seven 40 channel Realistic C-B handhelds arrived one hour before the 9:00 am starting time. We were in service until 12:30 pm for a grand total of 45 manhours expended on the detail.

The major highlight of the event was a real scare. As the last few runners were

spotted on the last turn it was ascertained by the Race Committee that a seven-year-old boy who had started the five mile race never finished! Thomas Masucci, Old Bridge P.A.C.E.R.S. REACT Vice President, who was stationed at the sign-in table inside the Church hall, relayed the message from the race director to the C.P. that the boy was missing.

The C.P. immediately requested the race director to check his entrance forms to learn the missing child's identity through the runner's number. Once this was accomplished, the C.P. advised the Auxiliary Police of the situation via police radio. The Auxiliary Police then dispatched two patrol cars to "back-track" along the route. The P.A.C.E.R.S. C.P. dispatched three P.A.C.E.R.S. cars to assist. Once it was learned that the child lived along the route, the C.P. radioed this information (including street address) to the Auxiliary Police units responding. They found the boy at home, tired but safe!

A well-done was then issued to the REACT Team over the police radio and relayed by our C.P. to all REACT units involved with this event.

Barstow Members Grieve Over Member's Passing

ANAHEIM, CA — "Sometimes there are members whose feats are so devastating, you wonder how the organization can keep functioning without them."

So writes Wini Ziemer, Team Secretary of Barstow REACT Team 2190. In recent months Barstow REACT has lost two such members, she writes. One was Betty Lou Fork, who died in July. The other was Betty Mae Smith, who died in November.

Says Wini Ziemer: "Mrs. Smith was a lady with so much imagination, good humor and dedication to anything she did. Who never said no regardless of what she was asked to do.

"Betty Mae simply cannot be replaced and Barstow REACT has lost one of its best members."

In Mrs. Smith's memory, the Team has made a contribution to REACT International, as a fitting memorial.

Meet The Board

First Things First is the edict which guides Board Member Richard B. Munton, this month's REACT Board Member in the spotlight.

Says Board member Munton, better known to his friends and associates as Rick, "It's a concerned Board—one that is working for the members."

That is why the Board is concentrating to put REACT on a paying basis, to turn it around after several years where outlays exceeded income.

The Board is working hard to increase membership services too, said Rick, so that members will feel like they are getting more for their money. Rick, who joined REACT in 1976, foresees a spurt in growth for REACT in the next few years, with greater attention paid to finances and membership.

He joined the organization when interest in CB radio was at its height. He attended a meeting of the Roanoke Valley REACT in Vinton, VA, and has remained a staunch member ever since.

"I liked REACT's ability to help people in need through communication."



He has since served as president of two REACT Teams, including his first Team, Roanoke Valley REACT. Past President of the Virginia REACT Council and Vice President and President of the REACT Forum. He is also a life member (number 69).

An inspector of Roadway Equipment for the Norfolk & Western Railroad, Rick has attended every REACT International Convention except those in Deerfield and Dallas. He is looking forward to this summer's conclave.

His dedication to REACT is seconded heartily by his wife Peggy who is Secretary of the Roanoke Valley REACT and Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Virginia Council.

The Muntons have two daughters, ages 15 and 16.

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

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

The Select group (there are only 254 Life Members in all of REACT) has been established as a means of members with more than two years' active membership in REACT showing their dedication to the ideals and goals of REACT.

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

now \$200.00.

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

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



APPLICATION FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP IN REACT INTERNATIONAL

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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

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

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

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

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

I prefer to charge to my (check one) _____ Visa _____ MasterCard _____
Card No. _____ Expiration Date _____
(Considered a tax deductible contribution on U.S. Federal Income Tax return for year in which it is paid.)

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Approval of this application is recommended by REACT Team:
Team: _____ Number: _____
Officer Name: _____ Title: _____
Officer Name: _____ Title: _____

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

Team Comments: _____

*Note: If applicant's two year membership requirement is fulfilled through membership in more than one Team, please attach letter of explanation stating which Team and reason for change (moved, etc.).

Send to REACT International, Inc., 3653 Woodhead Drive, Northbrook, IL 60062.

REACT Board Candidates for 1985



Louis Thomas (Tom) De La Fleur

Herndon REACT C-332
Alexandria, Virginia

OCCUPATION:
Teacher

Personal Data:
Age 46; Married; 2 children (1 son, 1 daughter)

REACT HISTORY:
Joined REACT in 1980. Team President, 1982, 1983; Team Newsletter Editor, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984; Team GMRS Representative, 1983, 1984, 1985. Delegate to Commonwealth of Virginia REACT Council, 1982; Newsletter Editor for Commonwealth of Virginia REACT Council, 1983. First Vice President, Washington Metro Area Council of Emergency Radio Teams, 1984.

OTHER AFFILIATIONS:
Cub Scouts, PTA.

EDUCATION:
A.B., University of America, Mexico, D.F., Mexico, 1961. Presenting in Masters of Education Degree Program, University of Virginia, Falls Church, VA.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS:

1. I believe I will represent the needs and desires of the active channel 9 monitor, the heart and soul of REACT, by working in his behalf to strengthen, formulate and implement the types of policies that serve to improve the availability and capability of channel 9 monitors. Too often we forget that it is the individual monitor who is the basic contact point between a REACT Team and the CB public. What we should try to do is to upgrade the quality of this contact by seeing to improved monitor professionalism.

2. I have always been most interested in channel 9 monitoring. Citizens Band radio is still the least expensive and most universally available form of wireless communication for the great majority of the American motoring public — it is where the action is! The future of REACT depends upon our commitment to providing capable monitors on 27 MHz.

NOMINEE'S STATEMENT:

I became interested in CB radio in the mid-seventies, and I used it exclusively in its mobile capacity until I received a base station as a gift in 1979. In a matter of months I found myself spending all my time on channel 9 as an independent monitor, finding that the public service capability of 27 MHz interested me much more than the hobby aspects of the service. I listened and eventually learned to monitor and take calls by emulating the local REACT base stations. Within a few weeks of beginning my independent monitoring I was contacted by REACT, and I cast my lot with the Herndon, VA REACT Team.

Though I do work events such as parades, walkathons, and soccer tournaments, my primary responsibility is to regularly monitor channel 9 as per the philosophy of Herndon REACT. During my tenure as Team president, 1982 and 1983, I worked to upgrade the Team's monitoring capabilities and to develop closer ties with the active monitors of other Washington, D.C. Metro area Teams — and I continue to do so.

I am currently developing a formal training program for monitors, especially for those people who want to become REACTers in order to monitor, but who feel the need for something else other than copying what they hear others do. The major thrust of my efforts as a member of the Board of Directors of REACT International will be to provide the channel 9 monitor the help that he/she might need to get the job done — and the job is to actively monitor channel 9.



William L. Shafer (Rev. Bill Shafer)

South East Rockingham County REACT 4105
Fremont, New Hampshire

OCCUPATION:
Clergy

PERSONAL DATA:
Age 52; Married; 1 son

REACT HISTORY:
Joined REACT in 1974. Team President, Chairman of Board, Delegate to State Council. Attended REACT Conventions, 1976 through 1984.

OTHER AFFILIATIONS:
Member and former officer of Kiwanis, Grange Clergy Assn., Boy Scouts, Bicentennial Commission, Volunteer Fire Departments, Civil Defense Team and a variety of community and church organizations.

EDUCATION:
Attended W. VA Wesleyan College, Bethany College (W. VA), University of NH and Ministerial Training School of Boston University School of Theology (ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church).

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS:

1. Having served on every level of REACT I can offer a wealth of experience and knowledge with a proven record of supporting REACT's goals and objectives.

2. CHANNEL "9" MONITORING — Among the many opportunities of service open to a REACTer, I have found that where there is an active Monitoring Program there is an increased sense of community within the Team and in the area served by that Team.

NOMINEE'S STATEMENT:

Come on REACT, let's grow — Forget the past, Equip for the present, Plan for the future. United we can succeed.

REPORT OF THE 1985 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Members of the Committee conferred by telephone on Saturday, March 16, 1985. Participating were: Ron Mayes, Rick Munton and Chairman Ron McCracken.

Seven nominations had been received by Headquarters, photocopied, and sent to each member of the Committee.

Three of the nominations submitted had to be disqualified. One of these was late; two others lacked complete or correct documentation.

Four nominations bore correct documentation and arrived by the deadline date. The Committee offers their names accordingly: Louis Thomas DeLaFleur; William Shafer; Edward Smith; Christine F. White.

(signed)
Ronald W. McCracken,
Chairman



Edward (Ned) Smith

Suburban REACT 3410
Wyndmoor, Pennsylvania

OCCUPATION:
Consultant to Labor Relations Press,
Fort Washington, PA

PERSONAL DATA:
Single

REACT HISTORY:
Joined REACT in 1977. President, Commonwealth Monitors REACT, 1977. GMRS Coordinator, Suburban REACT, 1985.

OTHER AFFILIATIONS:
Licensed Amateur Radio Operator, KA3EQT, Technician Class. Vice President and member of the Board of Directors, the Mid-Atlantic Amateur Radio Club, Inc., 1984; Board member at large, 1983. Member, Amateur Radio Emergency Services of the American Radio Relay League. Member, Montgomery County, Pa. Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services. Past member, American Red Cross, Eastern Montgomery County Branch, Disaster Action Team. Human Resources Coordinator, Philadelphia Radio Steering Group, Inc. Recording Secretary and GMRS Coordinator, Pennsylvania Emergency Communications Council, Inc. (dba Pennsylvania Council of REACT Teams, Inc.). Corresponding Secretary, Commodore Special Interest Group, Philadelphia Area Computer Society, Inc. Member, Personnel Selection & Training Task Group, Philadelphia Cricket Club. Past Chairman of Membership and Disaster Preparedness Task Groups of the REACT Forum. Currently Co-Chairman, Communications Task Group. Past Assistant Scoutmaster, Wyndmoor Troup 177, Boy Scouts of America. Currently a member of the Worship Committee, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, Pa. and previously head of the Servers Guild. Various college activities and offices. Noted nationally for commenting on issues before the Federal Communications Commission.

EDUCATION:
MBA (expected) 1985, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA. B.S. Administrative Management, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pa.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS:

1. In the past I have called on the REACT leadership, including the members of the Board of Directors and the REACT Forum, to strive to develop both long range strategic plans and specific, measurable goals for the organization. As a member of the Board I would be in a better position to see that such efforts are implemented.

2. The most interesting aspect of my REACT involvement has been my opportunity to deal with the membership and leadership of various organizations, including the American Radio Relay League, the Federal Communications Commission, the American National Red Cross, and even REACT itself, such as Team and Council participants, to interact with these people, and to make a positive contribution to building an understanding and working relationship across organizational lines.

NOMINEE'S STATEMENT:

The reason I joined REACT was that I saw a need for viable, reliable, highway communications for the motoring public, and thus a need for a capability to be able to call out for aid when lost in an unfamiliar area, in need of road service, or on the scene of a highway accident. I quickly realized that REACT, as an organization, was unable to meet its self-stated commitments due to a lack of proper internal control and resource development and management, areas in which I have developed a sensitivity to and background in over the past ten years.

The REACT organization has had some significant failures at its national level that have resulted from an unwillingness to make hard decisions and to develop long range plans for improvement. If elected I will continue my efforts to strengthen the concept of personal radio in general and REACT in particular. I will call for proper resource development and allocation, including personnel time, for proper control and program development, such as budget development for the coming (not current) year, and acquisition of strong management talent for the headquarters office.



Christene F. White

South Bay REACT C-167
Lawndale, California

OCCUPATION:
Housewife

PERSONAL DATA:
Age 52; Married; 1 daughter

REACT HISTORY:
Joined REACT in 1967. Held Team offices President, Vice President, Secretary, Communications Officer. Attended REACT Conventions 1977 through 1984.

OTHER AFFILIATIONS:
Field Director and Vice President of REACT International Inc., Past President of SCRC. R Cross, PTA, Navy Wives Clubs of America at South Bay Hospital Auxiliary.

EDUCATION:
High school and business school

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS:

1. By presenting to the Board the major concerns of the Membership and trying to get action taken to solve them and promoting programs that would be beneficial to all REACT Members.

2. Being able to monitor channel 9 at home and giving assistance to the motoring public.

NOMINEE'S STATEMENT:

In 1983 I was selected as a nominee for the REACT International Board of Directors and am grateful that you, the REACT Teams, gave me the opportunity to serve. During these 6 years I have presented to the Board the complaints from out in the field.

- Getting the Membership Cards and REACTer mailed out correctly.
- National Publicity.
- Balanced Budget.
- Getting Team Delegates a vote on Forum recommendations at convention before International Board votes to accept them.

Progress has been made in some of the areas but still not the way they should be. If you choose to elect me again I assure you that I will continue to represent you to the best of my ability and that, as in the past, I will be available and willing to work with everyone.

HOW TO VOTE

- Read and evaluate candidate qualifications. (This should be a Team project.)
- List all candidates in order of preference—most favored #1, next #2, etc.
- On ballot, write rank number in box for each candidate. Be sure to rank all candidates.
- Insert and seal ballot in small "OFFICIAL BALLOT ENVELOPE" Complete certification on this envelope including signatures of two Team officers.
- Mail small "OFFICIAL BALLOT ENVELOPE" in business size pre-addressed envelope to "REACT ELECTION COMMITTEE." Be sure to fill in Team Number and your Team return address on envelope and mail with First Class Postage applied.

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ation of the luncheon period. During the lunch break, exhibits will be open in one section of the Grand Ballroom. Be sure to visit these exhibits and welcome REACT Team suppliers and see exhibits from Teams and Councils. In addition, REACT headquarters will maintain a REACT store where you can purchase most popular REACT supply items. We will be open to specific requests for materials to be brought to the Convention for sale in the "REACT Store."

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.: Strategic Planning Workshop. This is the first of three professionally conducted educational sessions planned by your Convention Committee. This is a planning session specifically geared to REACT Teams and Councils. An interesting and informative session. 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.: REACT Forum Executive Committee Meeting.

Tuesday evening a special twilight potpourri pizza evening is planned. This is a must sightseeing tour for Chicago. The buses will depart the Hotel at 6:30 p.m., including observation tower from the famous Sears Tower, the world's tallest building, a view of the fabulous Chicago lakefront, Circle Campus of the University of Illinois, through Chinatown to a famous Chicago pizza dinner. Return to the hotel will be by 11:30 p.m. so that everyone can be rested up for the busy Wednesday session.*

Wednesday, July 24th: 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.: General session Forum meeting, announcement of Task Area and Committee Chairmen appointments for 1985-1986. 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Emergency Management Workshop led by John J. Shay, Director, McHenry County Emergency Services and Disaster Agency. 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Federal Communications Commission presentation. 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Task Area and Standing Committee working meetings for 1985-1986 projects. All

attendees are asked to select a task group or committee in which to participate. 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Life Member Luncheon and meeting. The \$15.00 luncheon ticket will cover the expense of a specially prepared meal in the hotel's Seashells gourmet restaurant. A short meeting of the Life Members will be held during this event. If not attending the Life Member Luncheon, you can also eat lunch in the Ballroom foyer with your luncheon ticket, or on your own in or out of the hotel. (Note: If attending the Life Member Luncheon and purchasing buffet luncheon tickets, you can get \$5.00 credit for a buffet luncheon ticket toward the Life Member Luncheon cost of \$15.00.)

Be sure to visit the exhibits and the REACT store during the luncheon break. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Board Leadership Workshop. A professionally conducted workshop to review various leadership styles, how to apply different styles in various situations and avoid abuse of power for Team, Council, Forum and International Board participants. 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Meet in your Individual Task Group and Committees for preparation of 1985-1986 project reports. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. The REACT Forum Executive Committee will meet with the Chairman of Task Areas and Committees.

Wednesday evening it's Take Me Out To The Ball Game! Buses will depart the hotel at 6:00 p.m. for the American League contest between the Chicago White Sox and the Detroit Tigers. The tour includes reserved grandstand seats, fireworks and transportation, all inclusion at \$19.00. The buses will return to the hotel by 11:30 p.m.*

Thursday, July 25th: The concluding Convention day will begin with a general session from 8:00 till 9:00 a.m. for the REACT Forum business meeting with the presentation of 1985-1986 goals. 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. the REACT Forum Executive Committee will meet. 10:00 a.m. till noon will be Workshop on the Dynamics of Board meetings. A professionally run workshop to explain the group dynamics within a board



The Seal Pond in Lincoln Park Zoo is one of many animal habitats within the Zoo complex. Others include the architecturally innovative Great Ape House, the Children's Zoo, Zoo Rookery and the Farm in the Zoo. The 35-acre Zoo, which is free to the public, is located in Lincoln Park and includes a Conservatory, the Chicago Academy of Sciences and the Chicago Historical Society.

Lincoln Park Zoo Society/Chicago Convention and Tourism Bureau

meeting, developing listening skills and how every board member needs to participate. Applicable to board and committee meetings at all levels of organization. 12:00 noon there will be group photograph. 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. lunch break. Again, the luncheon tickets will be honored in the Ballroom Foyer. The exhibits are also open for the last time! 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. is scheduled for the Open Board meeting for all participants and the REACT International Board of Directors. Included will be a presentation on the 1986 REACT International Convention from the Calgary, Alberta, Canada Host Committee. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. is the now traditional REACT Forum fund raiser.

6:30 to 7:30 p.m. is the cocktail hour and from 7:30 till midnight is the Concluding Convention Banquet. The banquet ticket, included with your registration (and available separately for non-convention registrants at a cost of \$30.00), entitles you to hot and cold hors d'oeuvres during the cocktail hour (cash bar) and a full prime rib banquet dinner. The banquet will be a time to honor those REACT members and Teams and Councils who have special

achievements. This will be brief and appropriate. The emphasis will be on socialability and entertainment. There will be a band for your musical and dancing enjoyment and special professional entertainment as well. The Convention Committee has planned a gala evening for all.

For those that are still around on Friday morning, there will be a Convention critique session to receive your complaints and compliments and recommendations for future conventions. This will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

*Note: Sign up form for these special events is printed on the back of the Convention Registration Form recently mailed to all REACT Teams. Sign up by June 15th! Additional forms available from REACT Headquarters.

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The Sheraton International Hotel At O'Hare



Our 1985 REACT International Convention site is located in Rosemont, Illinois, just two miles from the O'Hare International Airport. Recently the hotel has been totally remodeled and modernized. It is a truly complete facility with indoor and outdoor swimming pools, sauna and outstanding staff and facilities.

Barley's American Style Restaurant features buffet meals in addition to a broad based popular menu. Seashells gourmet restaurant specializes in fish and seafood.

The hotel provides free bus transportation to and from O'Hare Field. Pick up a courtesy phone upon arrival at O'Hare to arrange a pickup. From there you can take the Chicago Transit Au-

thority Rapid Transit Service to downtown Chicago and all over the City. The hotel also provides free parking for everyone who is driving to the Convention. Car rental is available on-site and full hotel services such as room service are available. Location is also near (walking distance) to other hotels, restaurants and facilities.

The REACT Conventioneers should recognize that while we have a \$45.00 room rate at the hotel, the regular rate is \$95.00 - \$110.00.

In addition, although the hotel reservation card lists only the Convention dates, the Convention room rate is available one week before and one week after the Convention for those who wish to extend their vacation.



Report On King's Manor

We have had a number of questions concerning the program at the King's Manor for the scheduled Monday Night Mixer, July 22nd at the 1985 REACT International Convention.

This is a fun-filled evening consisting of a six course dinner, washed down with unlimited wine, beer and/or cider, that is interspersed with merriment provided by the King and his Court Jester, Minstrel and the Serving Wenches who sing, dance and perform in very funny skits. Join the other REACT conventioneers for a delightful evening of adult entertainment that is truly all inclusive. The package price of \$27.50 per person includes motorcoach transportation to and from the hotel, the full cost of the food, drink and entertainment, tax and tip. Buses depart at 6:00 p.m. from the Sheraton, and will return by 11:30 p.m.

The Convention Committee has asked that everyone sign up before June 15th as they must have a minimum number signed up in order to reserve King's Manor for an exclusive REACT convention mixer.



United Airlines Selected As Official Convention Airline

1985 REACT Conventioneers will experience great convenience and some savings in using the Official Convention Airline — Chicago Based United Airlines.

- United Serves more major cities than any other airline!
- Make your reservations through United's special Convention toll-free telephone number, 800-521-4041, and give the REACT account number 510P.
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Convention Social Calendar

This is of particular interest to those people who are not registering for the convention and participating in convention events. These are a summary of the daytime entertainment programs planned for non-participating spouses and children attending the convention. All events include transportation and a professional guide to accompany the group.

The registration form for all of the social events, including those listed in the summary story on the Convention on this page, is printed on the back of the convention registration form previously sent to all REACT Teams. If you need another copy of this registration form, please advise REACT headquarters or the Convention Committee at once. It is requested that you register for these events by June 15th. If you have questions about any of these events or the convention, direct them to the Convention Committee, c/o Philip Wyld, 424 Warwick Road, Kenilworth, IL 60043, or call or write REACT Headquarters and we will get you the answers immediately.

July 22nd: Chicago's Highlight and Historic Tour. Buses depart the hotel at 1:00 p.m. with a guided, narrated tour of Chicago's downtown, including financial district, Grant Park, famous Art Institute, Shedd Aquarium, Adler Planetarium and the Field Museum of Natural History. The Magnificent Mile on Michigan Avenue, including a shopping (looking) spree at Chicago's famous vertical shopping mall, Water Tower Place; including Lake Shore Drive with a stop at the Lincoln Park Conservatory. The deluxe sightseeing coaches will return guests to the hotel by 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$15.00 complete.

Tuesday, July 23rd: A Day at the Races. Depart the hotel at 11:00 a.m. to beautiful Arlington Park Race Track. Enjoy a delicious luncheon in the famous Classic Club overlooking the finish line. A special race will be named for REACT and four lucky REACTers will have a photo taken in the winner's circle for that race. A perfect day of entertainment for a cost of \$25.00 per person. Buses will return to the hotel by 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 24th: Buses depart the hotel at 9:30 a.m. and journey into the past by visiting the charming little

village of Long Grove, Illinois. Browse among charming shops for fine imports, beautiful crafts, boutiques, antique shops, a chocolate shop, cheese and sausage shop, all housed in original old homes. Luncheon will be Dutch Treat at a variety of eating facilities sprinkled throughout the town, including old and new establishments. Guests will return to the hotel by 3:30 p.m. Total cost \$13.00.

Thursday, July 25th: "Here's Chicago" Tour and Water Tower Shopping. The buses will depart at 10:00 a.m. and take you down to fabulous Michigan Avenue for a shopping tour of the Water Tower Plaza. Guests will have a run of the plaza enjoying a Dutch Treat luncheon from a McDonald's hamburger to a gourmet dinner atop the 95th floor of the John Hancock Building, Chicago's second tallest building. You may also visit the observation deck for a truly spectacular view. The tour also includes a 30-minute film and 20-minute slide projection through "Here's Chicago," a multi-media presentation of Chicago's past, present and future. Buses will return to the hotel by 5:00 p.m. which will permit you to rest your feet for dancing at the banquet later that night.

Thursday, July 25th: Pep Party for Children. Beginning at 6:30 p.m. a pool party in the Sheraton's beautiful indoor pool area. An exciting evening of water sports, entertainment and pizza will be provided for children who wish to participate in this rather than the banquet. Cost is \$12.00 including adult supervision available until 10:30 p.m.

Friday, July 26th. The traditional post-convention dinner for those still around on Friday evening! This will be a unique event, including dinner, bus transportation to Chinatown for a family style Cantonese dinner at Chinatown's finest restaurant. Depart at 6:00 p.m. for a short visit in Chinatown to curio and bakery shops on your own. We will then be back on our buses for a mini after dark sightseeing tour arriving at the boat dock at approximately 9:15 p.m. for a one-hour boat ride in Lake Michigan with a romantic view of the magnificent Chicago skyline at night. Return to the hotel by about 11:45 p.m. A great way to conclude the Convention and celebrate in "Our Kind of Town"—Chicago!



On the left, the Apparel Center which houses the 140,000 square foot ExpoCenter/Chicago, fashion show rooms and the Holiday Inn-Mart Plaza. To the right is the Merchandise Mart, the country's first wholesale furniture and fashion center. The Mart has 7½ miles of corridors on 97 acres of floor space (which would cover the entire Loop, if spread out) and occupies a square block at Wells and Kinzie Streets. Both buildings stand on Wolf Point, where the Chicago River branches to the North and South, and together they form a profitable wholesale marketplace for clothing, home and contract furnishings, and accessories.

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The Museum of Science and Industry, which just celebrated its 50th anniversary, displays hundreds of exhibits that demonstrate scientific principles, technical advances and industrial applications. Visitors can push buttons, turn cranks, lift levers, operate computers and see technological advances come to life. The museum houses some 75 major exhibit areas with 2,000 displays including an operating coal mine and the U-505 German submarine.

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Team's Halloween Alert Program Rates Praise

LAWRENCE HARBOR, NJ — Old Bridge P.A.C.E.R.S. INC. REACT Team 4601 was again requested by the Township of Old Bridge Office of Emergency Management to patrol the Township of Old Bridge during the Halloween holiday period on October 29-31, 1984.

Old Bridge Township encompasses forty-two square miles, has six major highways running through it and a population of approximately 55,000. The township is located in southeastern Middlesex County, NJ, bordering the Raritan Bay and Monmouth County shore communities.

To patrol forty-two square miles, the township was divided into four separate patrol areas, each having two or three P.A.C.E.R.S. patrol cars assigned to it. On all three nights of the patrol the Team started at 6 pm and finished at 11:30 pm; adding up to 16.5 hours of patrol. Each night of the patrol, P.A.C.E.R.S. had eleven area cars on the road.

Thomas Masucci, Old Bridge P.A.C.E.R.S. Inc. REACT Vice President, monitored and dispatched the patrol from our Headquarters in the former Old Bridge Township Police Radio Room. David J. Rosenthal, REACT President, was designated in charge and requested by Ten Eyck Ronson, Director of Old Bridge Township Office of Emergency Management, to oversee the patrol from the Emergency Operations Center (E.O.C.) located in the basement of the Old

Bridge Township Municipal Complex, which makes for more reliable CB communications.

Since eleven were patrolling, besides two base station operators, total manpower was thirteen, adding up to 214.5 manhours expended. The patrol cars averaged a nightly total of 600 miles thus totaling 1,800 miles of additional "eyes and ears" coverage to the Township of Old Bridge, by REACT.

Highlights of the patrol included: several groups of juveniles attempting to congregate to cause malicious mischief. Also three disabled vehicles, two motor vehicle accidents, and three suspicious fires, all of which were radioed in to the E.O.C. by P.A.C.E.R.S. patrol cars. At the disabled and motor vehicle accidents, P.A.C.E.R.S. patrolmen rendered whatever assistance was necessary or helpful and requested by township police on the scene.

Immediately following his radio report of a couch on fire in a remote wooded area, Mark E. Chivers, Old Bridge P.A.C.E.R.S., was requested by the E.O.C. to ascertain the extent of the fire and to stand-by and direct fire company equipment and personnel to the scene. Mark accomplished this by radioing in to David J. Rosenthal (O.I.C.) at the E.O.C. Rosenthal in turn relayed to the Fire Chief responding to the scene via Municipal fire radio the fact that the couch fire had spread and was starting what would have been a major brush fire. For this quick response and other assistance rendered by our patrols, the Township gave high praise and extended many thanks.

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March of Dimes Event Aided by Charleston REACT

CHARLESTON, SC — Thirteen members of Charleston REACT Team C-614 turned out January 12-13 for the 1985 March of Dimes Telethon. We compiled 199 manhours of service with an average of 13.3 hours per unit. This was Charleston REACT's tenth Telethon and the twenty fifth held in Charleston.

Charleston REACT handled parking, traffic control, crowd control and escort service. It was an incident free function which was rated outstanding by the Team president and March of Dimes officials.

Charleston REACT donated a check for \$100 live on television. The host and hostess for the Telethon were Mary Ann Mobley and Gary Collins.

This was our best Telethon since it started in Charleston 25 years ago, with \$178,000 in donations and pledges raised.

Charleston REACT is next scheduled to hold its 1985 March of Dimes Walk-America on March 23. Following the walk, the 1985 Easter Seals Telethon will be held on board the aircraft carrier, USS Yorktown, March 30.

REACTing in emergencies

by R.C. Watts,
Louisville, Kentucky

Heat Injury

Summer brings more activities and sometimes a disaster or emergency to deal with. Working outdoors in the heat (and high humidity) can be dangerous. Prevention is the BEST first aid but the following information on symptoms and treatments can be helpful if someone is affected:

Heat asthenia (or calasthenia)—fatigue, headache, poor appetite, heavy sweating, high pulse, shallow breathing, low physical and mental efficiency. The already ill may have circulatory stress. First aid is respite from high heat and humidity plus plenty of liquids.

Heat cramps—painful muscle spasms and contractions. Pupils dilate with spasms. Cold, clammy skin. May have heavy sweating. First aid is firm pressure on cramping muscles or application of warm, wet towels. Give salt solution (1/2 tsp. in 4 fl. oz. water) at 15 minute intervals (3 or 4 times), unless victim can't take salt.

Heat exhaustion—weakness, vertigo, heavy sweating, sometimes heat cramps. May have calasthenia ahead of time. Cold, pale skin, clammy with sweat. Low blood pressure with thready pulse. Temperature may be sub-normal. Vomiting possible. Unconsciousness possible, but rare. First aid is to move to cooler place immediately, provide bed rest and salt solution (see above). If nauseous, provide fluid when it passes. Seek medical attention if symptoms are severe.

Heat stroke—heat cramps, mild heat exhaustion and excessive sweating which stops just before stroke. Temperature may rise to 106° F or more. Blood pressure elevated with pulse pounding and full. Delirium or coma common. Armpits and groin areas dry. Skin flushed pink at first, turning to ashen or purplish. First aid is to summon medical help or get victim to a hospital immediately. Delays can be fatal. If unable to transport immediately, move victim to a cooler place and remove clothing. Reduce body temperature, preferably with iced bath or by sponging with alcohol or lukewarm water until temperature and pulse is tolerable.

Sunburn—red and painful skin. More severe are swelling and blisters, often with fever and headache. First aid is treatment with water soluble ointment or spray (no butter or margarine). Blisters may require dressing. Seek medical help for severe cases.

Federal Budget Cuts

Many federal programs are being cut back to help reduce the huge budget deficit. Civil Defense and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) are no exceptions. Starting next year, FEMA financial support for state and local disaster agencies will be greatly reduced. People and systems will be lost. For instance: communications/warning, radiological defense and training/education funding will be reduced by about one-half in the proposed FEMA budget.

These cuts will place a greater burden on private agencies such as the Red Cross and force more people to fend for themselves during disasters or emergencies. If you're not prepared, you should be! It would also appear that governments will have to rely more on volunteers, such as REACT, to take up the slack. Are you ready for that too?

Team Planning

I've written about a lot of things that could happen and some of the solutions that might be appropriate. In order to use this information, individually or as a Team, you do need a plan. But first, you need what we call a "hazard analysis." All that means is that you decide what hazards you are exposed to and what disasters or emergencies can happen. Then you can plan on what preparations are needed ahead of time and what must be done if something does happen. Now plans don't necessarily have to be written down — it might suffice to just talk it over to make sure everybody has everything needed and knows what they are to do. Just remember that plans are never finished; things change and surprises do happen.

Shooting Probe Leads To Drug Arrest

by Steve Shyers, Treasurer
Tri-State REACT

WILMINGTON, DE—Delaware State Police report investigating a report of a shooting recently on Interstate 95 near Newport, stopping a car and arresting the occupants on drug charges after finding four pounds of cocaine hidden in the car.

Enrique Garay and Pablo J. Machado, both 28 and from Miami, were charged with trafficking in cocaine, possession of a deadly weapon during commission of a felony, police said. Garay also was charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

Both men were arraigned on the charges at Magistrate Court 11 in New Castle and committed to the Gander Hill Prison in Wilmington. Police said Garay was committed for lack of \$112,000 secured bail, and Machado for lack of \$110,000 secured bail.

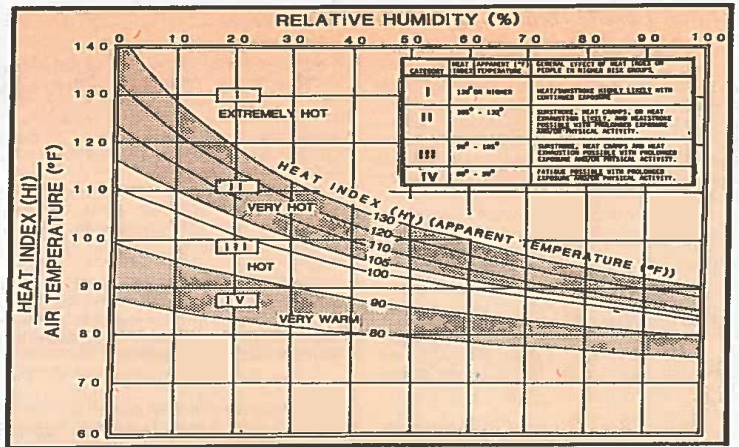
Cpl. Dale M. Hail, a police spokesman, said troopers were sent to I-95 near I-295 about 1:15 a.m., February 8,

to investigate a possible shooting.

A CB radio operator reported the shooting to a Tri-State REACT member (Cathy Briggs, Unit 65) who called the emergency dispatch center in Minquadales. Hail said police also were given a description of the suspect's car, a black and silver Corvette.

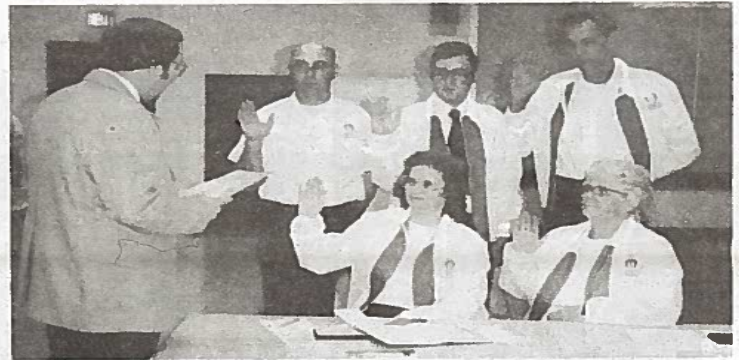
Sgt. Lewis H. Pinkett, checking for the shooting suspect, stopped a similar car driven by Garay and questioned him about the shooting.

Hail said Garay claimed to know nothing about the shooting and became disorderly with the sergeant. He was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and later with resisting arrest. Garay was taken back to Troop 6 at Prices Corner, where he gave troopers permission to search the car. Hail said the package of cocaine, which police said was worth about \$100,000, was found hidden in a compartment behind the driver's seat. Two pistols, a .25-caliber and .38-caliber, also were found in the compartment.



Heat Index

Also known as "humature", the HI combines effects of high humidity and temperature to give the apparent temperature — the real measure of what will bother you in hot weather. For instance, 100 degrees (F) with a humidity of 40%, gives a HI of 110 degrees. That's in category II where sunstroke, heat cramps or heat exhaustion are likely with physical activity and/or prolonged exposure.



When Sheriff's Radio Down REACT Dispatches on CB

LOGAN, WV—Logan REACT and Rescue Team 2263 and the Logan County Citizens Band Radio Club installed a CB radio in the Logan County jail on February 11, 1985 to provide motorists and citizens emergency assistance and communications via CB radio to the Sheriff's department on CB emergency Channel 9.

Logan County Sheriff Tom "Rose" Tomblin called REACT the "hub of the community" and stated that they had been invaluable in the past during floods and other emergency situations.

The following morning a severe winter storm hit Logan County dumping approximately 19 inches of snow on the ground and strong winds created drifts up to 5 feet in some areas.

REACT was asked to standby when the transmitter in the Sheriff's office went out. Power company officials speculated that it was due to lightning striking the lightning resistor on the antenna.

Tuesday evening REACT members were called to the jail to assist the dispatcher in operating the CB radio since the only radio communications was by CB radio.

Wednesday and Thursday REACT members and the Sheriff's department took residents who were stranded to the hospital and pharmacies to get medicine and to local grocery stores to buy food.

Several mobile CB units were loaned to the Sheriff's Department to be installed in police vehicles so deputies could have radio communications with the jail.

Radio service was restored to the Sheriff's office on February 15, 1985.

CHRISNEY, IN—Newly-elected officers of Spencer County REACT are sworn in by Rev. Don Johnson. They are, l. to r. front: Jane Gasaway and Madeline Duncan, and l. to r. back: Don Stewart, Lester Purviance and Charles Dillon. Team will have to go some to improve on record for 1984. With 46 members, the Team monitored a total of 19,517 hours for the year and held twelve regular and two director's meetings with an average of 23 members in attendance.

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**Local Family Helped
By REACT in Fire Loss**

BRAINARD, MN—On Feb. 23, 1985, a rural Jenkins, Minnesota family lost their home and belongings in a fire. The Crow Wing County REACT Team members in the area, along with friends and neighbors, organized a Pancake feed for them. Over \$500 cash was raised for the family along with clothing and many household items, which went a long way toward supplying some of the items the family needed.

Walter Ross Robinette

LOGAN, WV—Logan REACT and Rescue Team 2263 lost a fellow teammate and close friend on February 10, 1985.

Walter Ross (Hoppy) Robinette, 70, of Logan, died after a short illness.

He was an active member of REACT, Logan County CB Radio Club, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, IOOF Encampment, and IOOF Canyon.

He also belonged to the Bright Star Freewill Baptist Church.

"Hoppy" will be sadly missed and our sympathy goes to his family.

Louis Hare

LAGRANGE, OH — On Saturday, December 15, 1984, one of our members, Louis Hare, passed away. Mr. Hare was born May 10 in Hungary 77 years ago. He lived in Lorain, Ohio since 1909. On August 15, 1927 he married Mary Borocz.

Louis was a volunteer fireman for 15 years and a member of the Lorain Auxiliary Police Department for 20 years, having served as Captain at one time.

Until he retired, he was a supervisor and general foreman at U.S. Steel. He had a hobby of putting shells of all kinds together to form many very beautiful objects including flowers.

Louis Hare was also one of the persons who helped with the clean up after the Xenia tornado disaster.

On July 9, 1981 Louis Hare became Unit 18 of North Central REACT Monitors. Always there to monitor Channel 9 and take calls, he helped with many activities including the Mock Disasters. Louis was a true REACTer.

As is our practice, Louis' Unit Number has been retired. Louis Hare, Unit #18, has joined our list of Honorary Members.

**Philadelphia Independence
Marathon — 4,000 Runners,
No Incidents**

PHILADELPHIA — On Sunday, November 25, 1984, the 4th Annual Philadelphia Independence Marathon was run. Almost 4,000 runners left the starting line at approximately 0905 for the 26.2 miles to Independence Hall. Along the course were personnel from Greater Philadelphia Search and Rescue, various fire companies and police departments, and ambulance companies.

Search and Rescue manned five waterstops, the starting line, the chartered bus staging area, the command post for the first 15 miles of the route (RACE RELAY), eight response vehicles, and a public address site. Race Relay was located at Germantown and Bethlehem Pikes, the highest terrain in our zone. From Race Relay we operated VHF-Hi, VHF-Lo, and Amateur backup on 2M and 220. We had direct communications with downtown race headquarters via the simplex VHF-Hi channel as well as with all our units on the course. This system replaced last year's 2M link to downtown and was more reliable. The new UNIDEN was in place at Race Relay and the rebuilt GE base at "Downtown."

All safety services operated on Hi band with direct communication to Montgomery County dispatched ambulances on VHF-Lo band. The Amateur net was used only for timers and leader board service, independent of our network. From approximately 0700 to 1300 hours continuous coverage was maintained between the station, race relay, downtown, and units on the course. There was some co-channel interference from users at Lehigh Valley Medical Communications (MEDEVAC) and New Jersey units but no significant difficulties were encountered.

As with last year—a smooth running operation with no reportable incidents. A well done to all hands.

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THE FORUM IN FOCUS

by Penny Barker, President

This is the time of year when things begin anew—gardens are planted, resolutions reviewed (and maybe thrown out), spring cleaning started, vacation plans arranged, surges initiated to complete school assignments—a rebirth, so to speak.

Perhaps now is the time to begin anew with your REACT activities. Here are few suggestions:

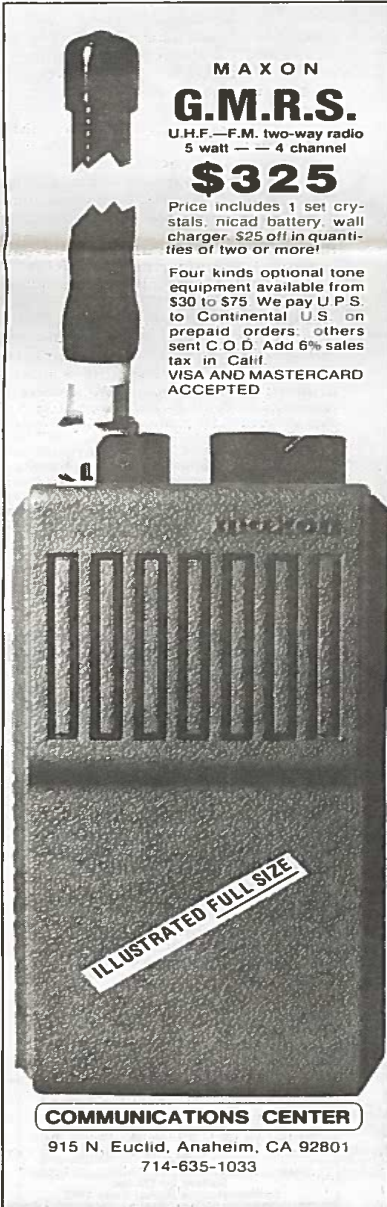
- NOW IS THE TIME TO**—Plant the seeds that will lead to increased Team membership by utilizing the public relations tips provided by the FORUM PR Task Group.
- NOW IS THE TIME TO**—Make your reservations at the Sheraton International Hotel for the 1985 REACT International Convention scheduled for July 22-25, 1985.
- NOW IS THE TIME TO**—Review your Team's progress in all areas, continue working on the good ideas, throw out the ones that do not benefit your organization and begin anew on concepts not yet tried.
- NOW IS THE TIME TO**—Call United Air Lines for the best rates to the '85 convention [800-521-4041 REACT Act. 510P].
- NOW IS THE TIME TO**—Complete those pending projects—membership drives, fund-raising efforts, long-range planning reports.
- NOW IS THE TIME TO**—Send in your convention registration forms to the '85 convention host committee.
- NOW IS THE TIME TO**—Contact your prospective members and invite them to participate in your Team meetings and projects.
- NOW IS THE TIME TO**—Contribute your best ideas to the FORUM so that they may be shared by all REACTers.
- NOW IS THE TIME TO**—Turn up your radios and monitor all of the emergency frequencies.
- NOW IS THE TIME TO**—Consider how you can personally make the FORUM effort even better by volunteering your time and talent on a FORUM committee for 1985-86.
- NOW IS THE TIME TO**—Complete and mail your Team ballot for the election of field directors.

NOW IS ALWAYS THE BEST TIME TO DO THE THINGS THAT MERE DOING!

All Teams should have received, in an April mailing, the minutes of the 1984 Annual Meeting of the FORUM. These minutes should have included THREE FORUM sessions held during the convention in Daytona Beach, Florida. If your Team did not receive these minutes, contact headquarters for a complete set.

All Councils and FORUM delegates should have received, in an April mailing, the minutes of the 1984 Annual Meeting of the FORUM, in addition to the minutes of the FORUM Executive Committee meetings held during the 1984 convention and at the Chicago meetings in February 1985. If you did not receive these complete minutes, contact headquarters for your set.

FORUM activities now are concentrated on preparing for the 85 convention in Chicago. We look forward to the best convention ever and we look forward to renewing REACT acquaintances while we share ideas which will benefit REACT Teams and their community.



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SEATTLE—Seattle REACT members Dan and Dawn Humphrey help distribute litter bags and REACT information to the general public during the President's Day Weekend at the Northgate Shopping Center, as part of the Safety, Security and Crime Prevention Fair.



HOLMDEN, NJ—Something special is the acclamation rated by Marge School, a member of Bayshore REACT Team 4583. Although handicapped, Marge had more than 2,000 hours volunteering last year. She has been a tremendous asset to the Team as well as Channel 9 and to the public. On several occasions Marge has monitored when a was in complete authority in making calls Team functions. Member 715, her number, not only a member of the Team, but a member of the REACT family which the Team would like to share with other REACT members and Teams.

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Busy Waterloo Team Seeks Funds To Improve Service

WATERLOO, ON, CANADA — Waterloo Regional REACT is raising funds to acquire a more efficient communications system. The following is a synopsis of the Team's history, present status, activities and objectives.

Waterloo Regional REACT was formed in 1970 with the primary objective of monitoring Channel 9, the C.B. emergency channel. Since then, the Team has evolved into an active community service organization, in addition to being available for call out by the authorities for any emergency situation that may arise.

The Team presently has forty full and associate members. All activities are on a volunteer basis. No remuneration is paid to members for their assistance at events.

Waterloo Regional REACT's main objectives are to:

1. Monitor the C.B. emergency channel in order to provide assistance to the motoring public.

In 1983 Waterloo Regional REACT members logged over 700 calls, the majority of which were directed to Waterloo Regional Police or O.P.P. dispatches. Calls taken range from motor vehicle accidents, fires, vehicle tows, servicing, road information and personal phone calls.

2. Assist in local emergencies, by furnishing, when requested, radio communications in cooperation with official authorities and volunteer agencies.

Waterloo Regional REACT has a close working relationship with the authorities of the Region of Waterloo.

Members and equipment have been used for:

- the Waterloo Rape Patrols
- Halloween Patrols (in connection with the Waterloo County Board of Education and the Waterloo Separate School Board)
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Traffic control at accidents
- Emergency evacuation procedures at K-W area nursing homes and the Sunbeam Home

REACT contact names are also found on the emergency listings of the Waterloo Regional Police Department,

O.P.P., Kitchener Fire Department, Waterloo Fire Department and K-W Ambulance.

3. Provide communications and emergency stand-by for community-sponsored events.

In recent years, REACT members have attended over twenty community-sponsored events annually, investing each year, a total of over 1,400 hours of in-the-field time.

Equipment

With the increasing demand on Waterloo Regional REACT to provide communication nets, we found it necessary to have a fully-equipped communications center that could be transported anywhere in the Region at a moment's notice. The REACT van provides us with this "mobile base" which is efficient by eliminating the storage of equipment at various places and providing a highly visible command center.

Waterloo Regional REACT started out as a CB group. In the late 70s with the CB boom, we found that it was becoming increasingly difficult to run an effective communications net on this band. The Team applied for and received a private frequency radio licence.

At the present time, REACT is licensed for two bases, twenty-six mobiles and fourteen portables. Of these radios, thirty-six are privately-owned, paid for and maintained by the members themselves.

The main base is set up next to the dispatch room at the Waterloo Regional Police Headquarters, available for use twenty-four hours a day. Other base facilities are located in West Montrose, Cambridge, Kitchener, the Waterloo Detachment of the Waterloo Regional Police, and the E.M.O. Building in Freeport. By having the facilities available, a base can be set up in minutes.

Though efficient and useful, Waterloo Regional REACT's present radio system is outdated by present-day technology. In order to serve as more useful volunteers, the Team is working to attain a radio system that will provide us with increased reliability, portability and coverage.



NIPAWAN, B.C., CANADA — Left are Garry Adlem and Lorne Tebbutt, of Cornerstone Sounds Ltd. presenting a VHF Motorola Radio to Nipawan REACT Team members Dennis Blough and Bert Lowe.

Computer Network Study Initiated By Forum Task Group

The Communications Task Group of the REACT Forum is evaluating the current use by REACT personnel of computer network services to see if this is a mechanism of communications that REACT should consider utilizing.

We would like to know if you are a user of CompuServe®, MCI Mail®, American People Link®, the Source®, Delphi®, or any other similar service. A brief description of your uses, both REACT and non-REACT, would also be helpful.

If you are a computer network user please contact:

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Ohio Team Recognized For Aid In Snow Storm

CONOVER, OH—Proud as can be of the performance of his Team in the face of a recent snow emergency was Wes Gould, President of Champaign County REACT Team 4157.

Says Wes, the Team set up a net of ten GMRS radios in "our REACT vehicles and maintained this net for 24 hours. Many of our REACT members had no chance of even getting food or drink and stayed with the action directing the snow removal equipment through the connections with CD headquarters and the national Guard Liaison officer."

For its actions, the Team rated a nice mention in a story appearing in the local Urbana, Ohio paper and a proclamation of County Commissioners citing the REACTers for their tremendous dedication to duty.

Naval Plane Crash Gets Quick REACT Response

SEQUIM, WA — When an electronics intelligence aircraft crashed shortly after takeoff from Whidbey Naval Air Station, members of REACT were quickly involved in the tragedy. CB'er Jerry Glover, a member of Olympic REACT, notified Sequim police shortly after being notified of the crash by a passing motorist. He in turn notified another member in Oak Harbor, who in turn notified Whidbey Naval Air Station. Continuing to monitor, Glover and other REACT members stayed by their radios all that day and night and the next few days relaying information for the Navy, emergency manpower and the Red Cross — an example of REACT dedication of the highest kind.

The Gulf Coast Regional Conference of APCO (Association of Public Safety Communications Officers) convened on January 23, 1985 in Daytona Beach, FL with over 200 attendees from all over the United States. Co-host for the conference was Daytona Beach REACT. The theme of the conference was "Telecommunications—The Common Bond," and this was demonstrated as state of the art communications equipment was demonstrated to representatives of law enforcement, fire fighters, forestry, civil defense, EMS, and volunteers in communications such as REACT and ARRL.

REACT was represented through the attendance of REACT International Board Member Joe Stephany and Forum Vice President of Programs Barbara Chuyen. In addition, Barbara presented a seminar entitled "REACT—A Model for Volunteer Interaction with Public Safety Communications." The seminar, which covered the "Why, Who & How" of utilizing volunteers, along with specific instructions for setting up and/or integrating programs from initial recruitment through implementation and review, was well received. Several requests were granted from directors of agencies and counties for names and addresses of REACT Teams in their area for the purpose of developing a working relationship.

Other seminars presented included Communications Mobile Command Post, Telecommunication Training for the Visually Impaired, Public Safety Trunked Radio Systems, Enhanced 9-1-1, Microwave vs. TIS, Disaster Preparedness in the Hurricane Belt.

Daytona Beach REACT was presented an award at the concluding banquet with special recognition to Art Slaney, Ronald Chuyen and Barbara Chuyen for their assistance with the conference.

Team Saddened by Member's Death

SALT LAKE CITY, UT — Salt Lake REACT has been saddened by the death of Joseph "Doc" Sanborn. He died following surgery on January 5, 1985 at the age of 76.

Joe was a long-time member of Salt Lake REACT. It was under his direction that the By-laws of Salt Lake REACT were drawn up. We often consulted him on many topics. He was a very knowledgeable person.

A retired college professor, he had earned two Ph.D.'s and a Masters Degree in Psychology and Education. He was active in the Boy Scout movement for more than 60 years. He claimed to be the last living grandson of the Mormon pioneer: Brigham Young.

Joe, or Doc as we often referred to him as, was a very giving man with a kind heart and was respected and loved by many.



VALLEJO, CA — At the invitation of Virgil Strunk of Vallejo REACT, 2727, Robert Riechel of Forum Rules and Procedures Committee and Charlie Harband of our Forum Communications Committee visited that Team on the night of their March 1985 meeting. Shown in the photo herewith are (from left) Secretary Linda Eastman, President Harvey Virgil Strunk, Treasurer Imelda Todd, and Vice President Ken Furgeson.

The city of Vallejo marks the real junction of the San Francisco Bay with the Sacramento River, and a majority of its jobs are connected with Mare Island, a long time

Naval shipyard, and now an active base for nuclear submarines. Boating is almost inherent to the area and occupies a lot of Vallejo REACT's time. Cooperation with the California Highway Patrol on their "Impaired Driver" program is also important since Vallejo sits on Hwy. I-80, the main SF-NYC highway.

Vallejo REACT is an active participant in BAM (the Bay Area Monitors) whose main effort lies in triangulation—that of boats for the Coast Guard and that of "goofballs" for the FCC. Vallejo REACT meets on the third Tuesday each month in a downtown highrise.

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