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10th Convention Leads to More Direct Participation of Teams, Councils and Members, Major Reorganization Begun

NORTHBROOK — REACT's 10th Annual Convention held July 22-25, 1985 at the Sheraton International O'Hare in Rosemont, Illinois has resulted in a new look for the REACT organizational structure.

In a dramatic move, the Board of Directors meeting just prior to the Convention, voted to move all of the operating Committees and Task Groups of the Forum directly under the supervision of the Board of Directors. In effect, this puts Board members into key committee chairmanships with Task Group Leaders reporting to them.

The benefits of the action are as follows:

1. **Cost.** Expenses for Forum Executive Committee meetings are eliminated. Reimbursement of expenses for Forum

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Your REACT International Board of Directors (left to right): Past-Chairman Rev. William L. Shefer, Executive Director Gerald H. Reese, Ron Mayes, President and Chairman Chris White, Vice President Ronald McCracken, Treasurer Gregory Seemuth, Richard A. Munton, and Ned Smith. Not in photo: Bud Fink, Joe Stephany and Robert Stone.

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Herndon REACT Monitor's Quick Action Notifying Rescue Helps Save Man's Life

By Bob Baird, Public Relations Officer
Herndon REACT Team C-332

VIENNA, VA — On Sunday, July 14, Betty Christensen of Herndon REACT was monitoring Channel 9 on CB Radio when she heard a call come over the channel interference. Betty answered the caller and the conversation went like this . . .

- MOBILE:** "Break nine, I need help, this is a medical emergency!"
- REACT:** "Herndon REACT one seven base, may I help you?"
- MOBILE:** "I'm having (garbled transmission) . . . I can't see, I need help!"
- REACT:** "You are having what, sir?"
- MOBILE:** "I can't see, (garbled) pain (garbled) . . . I'm in a gold Dodge Charger, K-Mart parking lot, Kamp Washington."
- REACT:** "Standby on the channel, sir, while I call rescue."
- MOBILE:** "Thank you."
- REACT:** "Sir, I have called the rescue squad. They will be there as quickly as possible. Try to lean back in your seat and breathe slowly and deeply. Try to stay calm. Help will be there soon. I will stay with you, sir. I won't leave the channel until I know you have the help there. If possible, sir, I would like to know when they (rescue) arrive . . . so I will know you are being helped."
- MOBILE:** "They (rescue) are here. I see a red light and hear the siren. Thank you so much. I really appreciate all you have done."
- REACT:** "You are welcome, sir. Good luck to you, Herndon REACT one seven clear."

Betty said it was quite evident that the caller was having great difficulty talking and breathing, and for this reason she did not even try to ask him any detailed questions.

Accuracy, brevity and quick action by Betty Christensen when dialing 911 probably made the difference between life and death. The call to rescue went like this . . .

- REACT:** "Herndon REACT one seven with a medical emergency."
- FAIRFAX POLICE:** "Standby for fire and rescue."
- RESCUE:** "Fire and rescue."
- REACT:** "Medical emergency. Possible heart attack, little information. Man in gold Dodge Charger, K-Mart parking lot, Kamp Washington."
- RESCUE:** "We're on our way!"

On July 24, Betty received a call from a fellow member of Herndon REACT informing her that he had a message on REACT's answering service for Betty to call a Fred Faass. Betty called Fred and learned that he was the man she had helped on July 14. Faass told Betty he had just gotten out of the hospital, still paralyzed in one leg but that he hoped it will improve. Fred told her he was so scared, that everything was upside down to him. All he could remember, he said,



Betty Christensen of Herndon REACT C-332.

was Betty telling him to breathe slowly and to try to stay calm. Faass told Betty that five minutes without help and he would have been dead. Fred asked for Betty's address so he could send her a thank you card. The card arrived and said . . .

"To Betty Christensen, Herndon REACT Unit 17.

For your quick and calm response to my emergency call, July 14, 1985, 12:42 p.m. Due to an unknown slight stroke (B.P. 200/117) on my part, I feel now your calmness and quick response may have saved my life. Thank you again. I feel an expression of special appreciation should be placed in your Team's record. God bless you!

Signed, FRED

While talking to Betty, I asked her how she felt about the incident and her reply was . . . "I am just so grateful to have had the opportunity to have been there when he needed help. I am part of the Herndon REACT Team and I am so proud to be associated with so many fine people."

Board of Directors

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Officers to attend the International Convention and mid-year meetings are saved. It is expected that this cost savings can go into producing and publishing material which the Forum has prepared for publication but which has awaited financing to accomplish.

2. **Efficiency.** Convention time taken up with review of Committee reports by the Forum Executive Committee will no longer be required. In addition, considerable floor discussion time devoted to these proposals will be saved. The process of the Forum Executive Committee reviewing material and then presenting it to the Board of Directors as recommendation will be eliminated. Committees will report through the Board Committee Directors directly to the Board, improving communications, saving time and permitting better two-way communications between Board, Committee members and Task Group Leaders and members.

3. **Participation.** Because of the improved communications, efficiency and time savings, it is believed that Committee and Task Group members will have more motivation and it will result in greater numbers participating more effectively.

4. **Training.** With more direct communication to and from the Board of Directors with more individual members through the Committees and Task Groups, all participants will have more insight into the workings of the Board of Directors. This is considered a means to leadership training directly for application to work on the Board of Directors.

5. **Less Isolation.** Board members will have more contact with the membership through the working Committees and Task Groups. Thus, there will be less isolation of Board members from the general membership of the organization.

6. **Faster Decisions.** With the elimination of the interim review of the Forum Executive Committee, the Board can process recommendations from Committees directly and thus save time and eliminate delays in making decisions.

7. **Faster Communications.** With the direct involvement of members of the Board, with Committees and Task Groups, it will take less time to communicate ideas from Committees and Task Groups to the Board of Directors. In addition, feedback from the Board, including questions, tasking assignments, etc., will move quicker through the structure than ever before.

Transitional Plan Used

To implement the reorganization plan, a transitional schedule was used during the Convention. The 1984-1985 Forum Officers and the Forum Executive Committee completed their work and the work of their respective Committees and Task Groups. All the reports were presented to the Forum Executive Committee at the final business meeting of the 1984-1985 Forum concluding Tuesday morning. New officers were not elected and the Board of Directors organized Committees and Task Groups as noted in this issue of the REACTor under the Board and completed the remaining scheduled Forum meetings.

An innovation of the reorganization was evident at the Open Board Meeting on Thursday, July 25th. All delegates, both Team and Council, voted equally at the Open Board Meeting. Several matters were placed on the floor by members of the Board and Task Group Chairmen from the floor. Each delegate could cast one vote. Those who were representing both their state and their Team, could only vote once. It is planned that all delegate voting shall be of this nature in the future.

The retiring Forum Officers acknowledged the advantages of the reorganization plan and recognized the significant additional responsibility and workload assumed by the members of the Board through this action.

(See statement on page 6.)

Plan to Attend REACT International Conventions: 1986—Calgary 1987—San Antonio



Thirty states, two Canadian provinces and Puerto Rico were represented by the nearly 200 attendees at the 1985 REACT International Convention. They enjoyed the hospitality of Chicago, and the efforts of the Illinois REACT Council to provide a stimulating, educational and enjoyable experience.

Notes from Northbrook

by Executive Director Gerald H. Reese

Those attending the 1985 REACT International Convention in Chicago got a demonstration of the REACT Magic and Variety Show that is now scheduled to aid REACT Team fundraising beginning in 1985.

Mark Holstein, a Chicago magician, gave a 20-minute performance as a sample of the professional show quality produced by the Allan C. Hill Entertainment Corporation in behalf of the REACT Teams. Allan Hill addressed the Convention. He explained that in ten years of helping local non-profit organizations to raise funds, REACT is the only organization for which they have established a special program. Dave Williams, who is heading up the REACT Division of the Hill Company, was in attendance during the entire Convention to discuss the program and answer questions.

The show is opening in Nashua, NH on September 18th and will travel through New England, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, North Carolina and other states before breaking for the Christmas holidays. The show will go back on the road after January 1st and it is hoped that all REACT Teams who wish to participate will have the opportunity. If you are interested, be sure to call the Allan C. Hill Corporation for information and tentative dates of when they will be available in your area. Remember, you are guaranteed a minimum of \$500.00 income from this participation. You don't have to sell any tickets, or do extensive work. Just get a hall, such as a school auditorium, and a place where the promoters can establish a set-up for six to ten telephones. They will use their professional telemarketing to sell the tickets and that's all there is to it!

Here are some reasons why you should consider this program:

1. More funds to get that GMRS system or other equipment you need.
2. If your REACT Team is financially sound, you can more easily attract new members and build credibility with authorities.
3. The Magic and Variety Show will gain recognition and publicity for your REACT Team.

In addition to the funds received by participating Teams, REACT International will also receive an additional 33 1/3% of the proceeds that go to each Team. This will be of great benefit to improving REACT services from Headquarters in the future.

Get all the information, call toll-free today — 1-800-237-7469 and ask for Dave Williams who is heading up the REACT Division of the Allan C. Hill Entertainment Corporation.

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All REACT Teams will be receiving material produced by REACT International under a grant from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation to prepare a public information program on the Impaired Driver Alert Program. This is the campaign to encourage people to use their CB radios to report drunk drivers.

Before the end of the year, REACT Teams will receive a kit of material, which will also be going out directly to the media, to provide newspaper, radio, and television materials on this vital issue.

REACT Teams will be provided material so that they may go out to local organizations and present the drunk driving report story similar to the safety belt program done last year.

This theme will also be incorporated in the National REACT Month material which REACT Teams should be receiving very soon. The Impaired Driver Alert Program will be the major public relations effort for REACT in the next year.

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The 1986 REACT International Convention will be held at the Marlborough Inn in Calgary, Alberta, Canada on July 21-24, 1986. This will be the first Convention outside the borders of the USA. Canadian REACT members are particularly urged to support this 1986 Convention, and we know that REACTers all over the USA will have a new, exciting and enjoyable experience in Western Canada.

Calgary is only 80 miles from the Canadian Rockies and the famous resort areas of Banff and Lake Louise which will be ideal places to visit in July. The host Team, City REACT of Calgary, will be making arrangements to permit all convention attendees to visit the Canadian Rockies. You will also find the home of the famous Calgary Stampede, a most hospitable city for a REACT Convention.

Reserve the dates now for the 1986 REACT International Convention in Calgary!

Drill Report — "Hasty" Operations

ERDENHEIM, PA — On Sunday, June 30, a simulated search for three small children of the Kone family was conducted in Fort Washington State Park by members of the Greater Philadelphia Search and Rescue REACT Team. Based on a profile of the family and the children, a probable location was established. Three Teams were deployed to rapidly search the highest probability route of travel through the park.

Team One went direct to the subjects destination and worked backward, as sufficient time had elapsed for the subjects to reach their destination. A second Team was inserted at a point where a slower than normal rate of travel would place the children. The third Team traced the subjects route from point last seen towards their destination, approximately 3 miles away.

Substantiating the search theory, all three subjects were located in areas predicted to be attractive to the subjects. Elapsed time in the field — 1:05.

Hurricane Exercise Report Special to the REACTer

CLEARWATER, FL — Central Pinellas REACT Team C-111 took part in a Hurricane Exercise July 31, involving evacuation of nursing homes in the area.

For this drill the Civil Emergency Services began tracking the "mock" hurricane July 29. By July 30 the "hurricane" had become important enough to activate Emergency Operations Centers with all county departments, municipalities, industries and other disaster-related agencies being advised.

"Our Team was advised to be available by 8:00 a.m., July 31st," said Bob White, president of Central Pinellas Team. "At that hour we established a GMRS base and dispatched members, with portables, to two nursing homes to await radio communication for the evacuation procedure," White continued.

From REACT's standpoint, the co-operation with the Red Cross, other radio personnel, and the many related agencies, contributed to a successful Hurricane Exercise.

VIEW FROM THE BOARD

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

With the reorganization the Board of Directors has taken on more responsibility, but are looking forward to the close working relationship with the Task Groups and Committees. In the past it has seemed that the Board has been isolated from the membership and now that won't be. We will be celebrating our 25th anniversary in 1987 and wouldn't it be great if we could double our membership by then. We need to hear from the Teams and Councils as to why we are losing members and what the Board can do to help retain and recruit. There are complaints that there are not enough membership services, but we need to know exactly what services the membership wants and expects — so let's hear from you. When you receive questionnaires, please take the time to answer the questions and mail them back.

It is not too early to start planning to attend the 1986 Convention in Calgary, Canada. Each state Council delegate and Team delegate in attendance will have a vote on any issue that is brought to the General Assembly for a vote. One way to send a delegate would be to have one fundraising project and designate that the funds be used for that purpose.

Board members would like to be able to attend Team and Council meetings, but due to the lack of funds are unable to unless they are near their home or if they are going to be in an area on vacation or for some other reason. Write or call me or any Board member if we can assist you in any way.

Wind, Rain Conquers Fire(Works)

DALLAS, TX — It was all set. The Annual Fireworks Show in the Trinity River "Greenbelt" area was to be on Wednesday, July 3. Upwards of 150,000 people were expected to jam into the river bottoms, on surrounding bridges, and in other nearby areas. The event was cosponsored by Coors and KVIL, along with the Dallas Parks Department (and Dallas County REACT claims some credit, too!).

The stage was in place, the sound system loud enough to cause earaches for days, the skydivers suited up and at the airport, dozens of concession booths were stocked and ready for the crowd, the grass was mowed and sprayed for obnoxious bugs, the Texas Air National Guard F-4's were on the ready line, KVIL's helicopter was whirring overhead, \$40,000 worth of fireworks were installed and ready to fire, \$5,000 or more spectators were already situated on the levee, and 32 Dallas County REACTers were on hand and in position.

Then the rain and winds hit at about 5:30 p.m. At first, there was hope that it would be a mere sprinkle, but as time passed, the rain became heavier and heavier, and the wind rose in intensity. Willow Distributing (Coors) Public Relations Director Mary Brown approached DCR Event Coordinator Chuck Thompson (4/44) and asked that communications be established with the fireworks company on the other side of the river. Bud Mann (3/97) and Steve Delano (28) were there in a couple of minutes to check on the status. "We've had to pick up all the fireworks," said the foreman, "in order to save them from the rain, and we've lost a few. It'll probably take at least two hours to reinstall them for a show."

After waiting for a while, while the weather got worse instead of better, the decision was finally made at about 6:45 p.m. "We're going to have to cancel," Mary Brown announced to DCR and the media. "We're at the point where even if it cleared up, we wouldn't have time to get the fireworks reinstalled before dark." And the word went out over DCR's radio systems, "Pack up, we're cancelled tonight."

In the rain, DCR members picked up the picnic, packed up the CP trailer, cleaned up the picnic area, headed for home. Most REACTers were on their way by 7:30 p.m., leaving in the rain. Several thousand spectator automobiles had left the area, though by an alternate route, since the way they entered was impassable because of mud.

By 8:00 p.m., of course, the rain had stopped, the sky was clear, and there was no wind. As the last gaggle of REACTers started to leave, hundreds (perhaps thousands) of automobiles started to descend on the area, expecting to see a fireworks show. All the sponsors, Dallas Police and Park Police had left the scene, and the hardy band of REACTers blocked the main entrances to the river bottom, set out flares to

direct folks away from the area, and answered hundreds of questions about the cancelled show. Eventually, hundreds of people were spotted in the river bottoms (coming in the back way) and a PA equipped REACT car was dispatched to advise these people of the cancellation. Before long, a call for assistance was sent through REACT Central to DPD and the Park Police. DPD was tied up with accidents all over the city, but the Park Police came to the rescue with four officers (recalled from off duty) and two patrol cars. By 10 p.m. the traffic died down and everyone headed for home.

Staying late and assisting with the traffic were Steve Delano, Chuck Thompson, Bud Mann, Bernie Parker, Judy Thompson, David Weikert, and Dale Biddy.

Other REACTers attending the event were Terry Allen, Bob Hitch, Bill Ellis, Steve Ross, Gene Coates, Lee Pate, Ellen Allen, Frances Riley, and J.L. Riley. Also, Bill Sutton, Jimmy Helsey, James Helsey II, Mike Helsey, Brian Helsey, Carolyn Kanter, Gene Churchill, Blake Foster, Clay Cain, Bert Stull, Phil Realing, Bert Martin, Linda Churchill, and Terry Kinsey. Other Junior REACTers were Terry Northcutt and Dale Northcutt.

With about 80% of the fireworks saved and still usable, Coors and KVIL are now thinking about a substitute event. At press time, DCR had been informed that a tentative date of Monday, September 2 (Labor Day), was being considered. DCR was asked to assist if and when the event is held.

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REACT International, Inc., Committee Structure

STANDING BOARD COMMITTEES PER BYLAWS

Executive Committee (Committee of Corporate Officers) — The Executive Committee will act in place of the Board of Directors between Board meetings on all matters except those assigned specifically to the entire Board by the Bylaws. Actions of the Executive Committee shall be reported promptly to the entire Board and be placed on the agenda for formal review at the next meeting of the full Board.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President and Treasurer of the organization. The President shall also serve as Chairman. The Executive Director shall serve ex-officio without vote.

Additional responsibilities of the Executive Committee include:

- a. Management of personnel, including the conditions of staff employment, and setting of performance goals and standards.
- b. Leadership training for members, that will lead to qualification for Board membership.
- c. Recommendations for chairmanship assignments for Board approval.

Finance and Budget Committee (Treasurer Greg Seemuth, Chairman) — The principal functions of the Finance and Budget Committee are to:

- a. Oversee the preparation of the annual budget and recommend its acceptance to the Board of Directors.
- b. Develop and maintain effective financial controls and reports.
- c. Recommend the selection of the auditors and evaluate their recommendations before presentation to the Board.
- d. Periodically review and evaluate the investment policy of the corporation.
- e. Ensure that expenses do not exceed income without approval of the Board of Directors.

The Committee will maintain a close working relationship with the Executive Director and staff on all financial matters. In accordance with Bylaws, the Treasurer shall serve as Chairman of this Committee.

Operations Review Committee (Bob Stone, Chairman) — The Operations Review Committee will conduct periodic audits of the financial operational procedures of the corporation. Its purpose is to act as the members' representative in safeguarding the assets of the corporation. The Committee will work with the operating officers and employees of the corporation, accountants, service bureaus and auditors, and utilize such special skills as circumstances dictate. It will provide an overall review of headquarters office procedures and will take special note of computer services within headquarters operations.

ACTION COMMITTEES

Awards and Recognition Committee (Rick Munton, Committee Director) (Task Group Leader, Lee White) — Administers the REACT Achievement Awards Program in compliance with policies established by the Board of Directors. Responsible for rules, promotion and selection of recipients of all appropriate award programs. Recommends means of providing appropriate recognition and awards at the Council and Team levels as well.

Convention Committee (Ron Mayes, Committee Director) — Responsible for developing a policy regarding scheduling of conventions, planning logistics and program and its related activities. Specific responsibilities include:

1. Site Selection Task Group (Barbara Chuyen, Leader)
2. Programs and Evaluation Task Group (Jackson Kling, Leader)
3. Delegate Credentials Task Group (John Leist, Leader)

Development Committee (Rick Munton, Director) (Jim Bear, Task Group Leader) — Responsible for developing fundraising activities which may be engaged by REACT Teams and Councils. Responsible also for all non-dues income production. This includes corporate and foundation fundraising, government contracts, and special funding programs, including sale of products to REACT members.

Government Affairs Committee (Bud Fink, Director) (Al Hanger, Task Group Leader) — Provides review of all activities of REACT that relate to government regulation and interaction, particularly at the Federal level. Sets priorities on handling issues that uniquely affect REACT Teams. Recommends broad policy direction to the Board of Directors, and may prepare documents to be submitted in response to administrative agency and legislative issues.

The following agencies will receive special attention:

1. Federal Communications Commission
2. Department of Transportation
3. Federal Emergency Management Administration
4. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, et. al.
5. State and local government agencies responsible for public safety or communications.
6. National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

Membership Committee (Ron Mayes, Director) — This Committee is responsible for building REACT membership in both numerical growth and increased individual participation. The Committee will emphasize:

1. Retention and Recruitment of Members Task Group (Dickie George, Leader)
2. Council Development Task Group (Russ Willis, Leader)
3. Development of Team activities
4. The advantages of life membership
5. Leadership and Training Task Group
6. Programs to increase international members.

Public Relations Committee (Ron McCracken, Director) (Bob Reichel, Task Group Leader) — The objective of the Public Relations Committee is to enhance the public awareness and image of REACT through development of national publicity, local publicity, special events such as National REACT Month and any other opportunities that may arise.

Community Service Committee (Ned Smith, Chairman) — With REACT's purpose being primarily that of public service, this Committee is being created to ensure that the objectives for public service are maximized through program implementation. The following categories are included in the Committee's scope of responsibilities:

1. Communications Task Force (Penny Barker, Leader)
 - a. Citizens Radio Service (Charlie Harband, Leader)
 - b. General Mobile Radio Service (Gayland Kitch, Leader)
 - c. Amateur Radio (Fred Breiding, Leader)
2. Disaster Assistance (Charles Van Vleck, Leader)
3. Other community service activities (Wylie Beall, Leader)
 - a. Highway safety
 - b. Special Olympics
 - c. Communications for walkathons, bikathons, marathons, etc.
 - d. Assisting in the search for missing and lost children.
 - e. Storm watching, etc.
 - f. Other community services as they may develop.



One of the highlights of the opening session was Harry Hahn's incomparable impersonation of "Mr. Lincoln." A unique and memorable welcome to Illinois, the "Land of Lincoln."

Minutes of Open Board of Directors Meeting

July 25, 1985 at Sheraton International O'Hare Hotel in Rosemont, IL

The meeting was called to order at 2:55 p.m. with Chairman William Shafer presiding. Board members present were introduced, including Milford R. Fink, Ronald O. Mayes, Richard A. Munton, Ronald McCracken, Gregory Seemuth, Robert Stone, Chris White, and Executive Director Gerald Reese. Director-elect Edward (Ned) Smith was also introduced as was Board candidate Tom De Le Fleur. It was noted that in addition to Mr. Smith, Chris White was re-elected and that Chairman Shafer was participating in his last Board of Directors meeting. S. Joseph Stephany was absent due to professional commitments.

1. Credentials Committee report by Dottie Thomas. 30 states were represented with 30 delegates and 20 alternates. That includes 2 Canadian provinces and Puerto Rico. In total, 63 Teams were represented with 63 delegates and 24 alternates.

2. Wayne Stanley of Dodge County REACT 2750, Fremont, Nebraska, made a presentation in which his Team "adopted" Southeast Rockingham County REACT 4105 of Fremont, New Hampshire, as a "sister" Team. The presentation was made to Bill Shafer who is a member of the New Hampshire Team.

3. Convention Site Selection Committee Report by Dottie Thomas. The Committee recommendation was that the 1987 REACT International Convention be held in San Antonio, Texas was moved for adoption by Dottie Thomas, Circle City REACT C-261, Indianapolis, Indiana. The motion was seconded by Charles Williams, Memphis REACT 3083, Memphis, Tennessee. Team and Council delegates attending passed the motion by majority vote.

Chris White moved that the Board of Directors accept the will of the body and hold the 1987 Silver Anniversary REACT International Convention in San Antonio, Texas. Seconded by Ron McCracken and approved unanimously by the Board of Directors.

4. The Chairman read the Policy Statements previously passed by the Board of Directors concerning National Projects and the Policy on Resolution of Complaints. Copies of these policies are attached to the minutes.

5. Life Membership Committee Report, Richard Pratz. Two recommendations were presented and voted on by the Team and Council delegates in attendance. The recommendations for an "over 60" discount as follows: Age 60 - 100%; Age 61 - 90%; Age 62 - 80%; Age 63 - 70%; Age 64 - 60%; Age 65 and over - 50%. Adoption moved by Committee Chairman Pratz, Bell County REACT 4047, Belton, Texas, seconded by Bonnie Davis, Gratiot County REACT 3693, Alma, Michigan, passed by vote of the membership.

Recommendation that the minimum age for life membership be 13 years of age motioned by Mr. Pratz, seconded by Sylvia Sherman, Wisconsin Capitol REACT 3183, Madison, Wisconsin, passed by the body.

On a motion by Rick Munton, seconded by Chris White, the Board accepted the vote of the delegates and adopted the recommendations of the Life Membership Committee.

6. Dave Williams of the Allen C. Hill Entertainment Corporation was introduced. He, in turn, introduced Mr. Allen C. Hill. Mr. Hill explained his Company's dedication to the REACT program and their establishment of a special REACT fundraising division as a first effort for their company on behalf of a single organization. The show will start in New England in September and continue through 1986. Teams are urged to sign up for these shows to make money for their Team treasury and REACT International.

Jerry Parker, Madison County REACT C-697 of Anderson, Indiana talked about their Team's experience with the Hill Corporation in which they have recently earned \$2,000 for their Team.

Nancy White, Adams County REACT 4391 of Quincy, Illinois stated that they had sponsored three shows with the Hill Corporation with great success.

7. Chairman Shafer presented REACT International's appreciation to the retiring Forum Officers: President, Penny Barker, Capital City REACT C-41, Atlanta, Georgia; Vice President - Administration, Jackson Kling, Douglas County REACT C-663, Omaha, Nebraska; Vice President - Programs, Barbara Chuyen, Daytona Beach REACT 2194, Daytona Beach, Florida and Secretary, Jacki MacDonald, Kettle Moraine REACT 3866, Waukesha, Wisconsin.

8. Rick Munton presented the following: Motion that the REACT International Board of Directors release the REACT Forum from its responsibilities as the official working and advisory body of REACT International, which were providing formal participation, coordinating advisory input, and the utilization of the individual expertise of the members.

The Board of Directors recognizes and accepts these same responsibilities.

Motion that the Board of Directors wishes to express the appreciation of the entire REACT International organization to those who have worked so hard to make the REACT Forum a success.

These actions were moved by Rick Munton, seconded by the assembly, and approved unanimously by the Board of Directors.

9. Forum President, Penny Barker presented the traveling gavel originally presented to the Forum in Daytona Beach in 1984 to the Board of Directors from the Forum as a symbol of the transfer of responsibility for Committee and Task Group functions from the Forum to the Board of Directors.

10. The Field Directors who have completed terms this year were presented with tokens of REACT International's appreciation by the Executive Director, Bill Shafer, who has completed two terms on the Board and will be retiring from the Board delivered appropriate remarks to the assembly. Chris White, who was selected to a second term on the Board and who was elected President and Chairman for the coming year also delivered appropriate remarks.

11. Copies of the resolutions presented by Bob Reichel are attached. On a motion by Chris White, seconded by the body, the resolutions were approved by unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gerald H. Reese
Executive Director



Nuts & Bolts on 27 mags

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

Actions taken at the 1985 Convention to restructure REACT now locates our Sub-Task Group on CB Radio under the Community Services Task Group, Penny Barker, Leader under the Community Services Committee, Ned Smith, Director.

Since the Task Group we head closely parallels this column — "Tools and Methods We Use to Monitor," there was little that changing organizational structure would affect, so we just went ahead, as in the past, and held our scheduled meetings. By a stroke of luck we had lined up two very interesting people to demo GMRS — Leigh Bartlow of Huntsville, Alabama, and Bob Leef of Anaheim, CA. Leigh brought along some mobiles, some portables, and even a repeater. Presentations and answers to questions kept our attendees with us for all of one day's sessions. The small, lightweight maxon drew a lot of attention since Bob was offering it at a still lower price than before, and (more important) there were REACTers in the room who had used it well for two years now and with excellent results and no problems.

A word about GMRS — with Ned Smith, our former partner now on the Board, Gayland Kitch of Norman, Oklahoma has taken over that portion of the Communications Group that deals with frequencies other than 27 mags. But when more and more, the monitor sits at his set and uses 27 mags and 462 mags alternately according to the source of the call, it is obvious that the two frequencies cannot be separated in terms of "advice to the monitor."

The main bits of advice that came out of our Task Group meetings were:

1. In GMRS, the eight frequencies we are allowed to use are "shared" frequencies. Before we were given access, they were assigned out to business users — installers — security firms — taxies — etc. and many of these users are still there, sharing with us. There is a presumption, but meanwhile, they are there and it is up to us to "get along with them." Listen before you place your call. Let them finish before you start. Keep your conversations short and to the point. Clear when you are thru. In the San Francisco area, we share with a delivery service and the Motorola Servicing Group. We get along fine. We give them complete priority during daytime hours and we have the channel literally to ourselves evenings and weekends. A surprising "plus" is that their mobile units, when they spot a problem on the freeways, call it in to our monitors. Further, two of their technicians have joined our Team as supporting members. So be sure to share.

2. In 27 mags, the two standout complaints seem to be: (a) Motorists who drive along with their set on but their squelch too tight. They call to turn in a 10-33 but don't acknowledge your response. All we can do is to get the word out — "If you make a call but don't get a monitor, check your squelch — listen for other traffic — check another channel and make sure that you are 'hearing.'"

- (b) Noise from adjacent channels that make it impossible for you to receive and understand the call you are taking. We had such a situation just "yesterday" and decided to do something about it. We went to channel 6, the source channel, waited until the "loud" speaker took a momentary break, and broke in ourself:

"To the CBer using power on channel 6, we are notifying you that you are bleeding over on channel 9 to the extent that we are unable to complete an emergency transmission. Please be advised that under the new state law, we can have you cited, arrested, fined, and confined for interfering with emergency traffic. We are required by this same law to warn you, and this we are doing. Before you turn off your excess power, why don't one of you go to channel 9 and listen to what you are doing to the emergency channel."

We then listened and were amazed to find that they did quiet down considerably. Incidentally, to avoid reprisals to our individual Team, we indicated that we were speaking on behalf of the State Council of REACT Teams.

REACT Calendar of Events

October 1985

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

November 1985

- 2 Texas State REACT Council Meeting — Odessa
- 8-10 Indiana State REACT Convention
- 9 Central West Texas REACT Area II Council Meeting
- 9 East Texas REACT District, Area VIII Council Meeting
- 16 South Texas REACT Area Council Meeting
- 16 Texas REACT Area V Council Meeting
- 16 Texas REACT Panhandle Area Council

July 1986

- 21-24 1986 REACT International Convention, Calgary, Alberta, Canada

NOTE TO COUNCILS: Add your meetings and conventions to this calendar. Send information at least three months in advance to: REACTer Calendar, 3653 Woodhead Drive, Northbrook, IL 60062.

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LIFE MEMBER CORNER

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

CONVENTION IS OVER and if you missed it, you missed a good time. It seems to make me feel better to see the many friends that I have made over the past five years and to make the new friends that I met this year. You also missed the opportunity to express your opinion on two important matters that came before the Life Members. First let me say that I have been elected as Life Membership Chairman for the next year and will try to keep the latest information in *The REACTer*.

The first item of business before the group was a proposal to give a discount to Senior Citizens. The proposal was to deduct \$10 for each year over the age of 53. An example is at age 53 the membership would cost \$190, at age 54 the cost would be \$180, and so on until age 65 when the cost would be \$70 and would remain at that rate. After much discussion and several motions, amendments, etc., the delegates recommended to the Executive Board that the Life Membership dues remain the same (10 times the annual dues) until age sixty, then reduce by 10 percent each year until the age of 65 and remain at that level. This means that at 61 the dues will be \$180, 62 — \$160, 63 — \$140, 64 — \$120, and 65 & over will be \$100.

The second item of business concerned the minimum age of Life Members. It was agreed that this would be hard to set, but the Life Members present recommended to the Executive Board of Directors that the minimum age for Life Membership be set at 13.

The Executive Board listened to the recommendations and referred them to REACT members at the Open Board Meeting. The recommendations were approved by the delegates at the Open Board Meeting and then approved by the Board of Directors.

The Life Members approved a Life Membership directory to be sent to Life Members only. The directory will include the name, address and telephone number. We will have to update our files to be sure that the information is correct. Please send your Life Membership number, name, address and telephone number to:

Richard E. Pratz
Rt. 7 Box 7296
Belton, Texas 76513

The faster we receive this information, the sooner you will have your directory. This project is being done at no expense to REACT International. The delegates at the Convention donated \$43 toward expenses. If you would like to help defray the expenses, your contribution would be appreciated.

I want to apologize to the new Life Members that were present for not introducing them at this convention. Time was requested before the convention started, but it was not granted. I have written Jerry Reese requesting time on the 1986 agenda. I have also made a request to the Calgary Team which was well received.

The past two years we have been rushed trying to have lunch and discuss an item as complicated as changing the dues structure for Senior Citizens. The Life Membership Meeting for 1986 will be a dinner meeting at 7:00 pm with time for discussion if needed and maybe time for some entertainment if we can find some.

To those members that were present at Chicago, it was good to see you again. It seems like such a long time until we will meet again and to those that could not make the Chicago meeting for one reason or another, try to be there in '86. You will be richer for the experience.

Cheese It

CINCINNATI, OH — Dark and early on July 15th (dark because of a thunderstorm), the Cincinnati Police advised Ohio Valley REACT that a tractor-trailer was on its side and blocking the eastbound ramp from Interstate 74 to northbound Interstate 75. 7:45 a.m. on a Monday morning is a most inopportune time to interrupt the on-the-way-to-work town frolics. Besides, at that time, the exit ramp is busier than a one-arm paperhanger with the hives.

The truck was transporting thousands of pounds of cheese. Our role in the incident at first worried us for fear of being asked to round up all the spare rats, until the police suggested that we broadcast that it would be prudent for motorists to seek alternate routes.

Team member Killinger, because of the area location, acquired the task of helping motorists to subdue their passions and at the same time recommend alternate detours. Things were getting under control when it was decided to close both north and southbound I-75 while wreckers righted the cheese-laden vehicle.

Because of the work being done on the Brent Spence Bridge, traffic congestion is the rule, and closing I-75 for one or more hours causes many auto drivers to express their agitation to God. (No one spoke unkindly about cows or dairies — both important to cheese making.)

You've heard about "doubling in brass." Well, now, KILLINGER found himself tripling in expressway routings (I-74, 75, 71, 562, etc.).

Some of us would have succeeded in

causing the entire expressway system to become a snarled mess. Not KILLINGER. No one dared to NOT obey his directions. Will the world notice this skill? Nope. Only hits by ballplayers.

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Report of Committee on Team and Council Newspaper Judging

As Chairman of the just completed Team and Council Newspaper judging held at the 10th International Convention, I am pleased to submit, for possible inclusion in *The REACTer*, the following results. The committee was very pleased to have as the judges Mr. Jack McGuinn, Public Information Officer of the *Chicago Sun Times*; Mr. Terry Sacks, Editor of our own international, *The REACTer* newspaper; Evelyn Hopkins, Team 413, North Central REACT Monitors, of Ohio; and Roger Feingold, Team C47 Central Nassau REACT, of New York.

Trophies were presented to the 1st place winners. Plaques will be presented to the 2nd place winners and certificates will be presented to the 3rd place winners as follows:

Category A — Teams with 5 to 25 Members:

3rd Place: Lancaster County REACT Team C-130
2nd Place: Dodge County REACT Team 2750
1st Place: Apollo VII REACT Team 4534

Category B — Teams with 26 to 50 Members:

3rd Place: Tri-City REACT Team C-71
2nd Place: West Pasco REACT Team 2445
1st Place: Herndon REACT Team C-332

Category C — Teams with 51 or more Members:

3rd Place: Richmond County REACT Team 3335
2nd Place: Dallas County REACT Team C-622
1st Place: REACT of the Golden Gate Team C-373

Category D — Councils

3rd Place: The Illinois REACT Council
2nd Place: The Nebraska REACT Council
1st Place: The Southern California REACT Council

As Mr. Terry Sacks stated during his presentation during the awards dinner, every Team and Council paper that achieves the goals set for it "Is a Winner" regardless of what any non-Team or Council reader says. The committee is proposing to the Board of Directors some rule changes as the result of input received from the questionnaire included in every attendance packet and by those attendees in the meeting. Every Team and Council publishing a paper should submit it as every paper submitted is placed on display for the convention attendees to see. Many attendees have stated that they appreciate the opportunity to review other papers and in this way they can possibly improve their own papers.

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Publicizing REACT

By Ron McCracken, Director
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Back to Work

Convention '85 is now history. Thanks, Illinois REACT Council. It was fun and productive. Now it's back to work, all you PR types.

Thanks

That little word, "Thanks," is perhaps the most valuable PR tool you have. Thank your Team members often for their monitoring, for helping at events, for the little ways they enable your Team to be effective.

Thank businesses that assist your Team in even the smallest ways. Thank other organizations that provide speakers, films, etc., for your Team meetings, safety displays and other functions. Thank service clubs and community organizations that invite REACT speakers to their meetings. "Thanks" should be the most-used word in your REACT vocabulary. You can't buy better PR.

25th Anniversary PR

Plans to celebrate REACT's silver anniversary (1987) are well underway. The PR Task Group chose a 25th logo design in Chicago. It also completed revisions to the familiar REACT brochure you use in your PR. A silver anniversary edition bearing the 25th logo will soon be available. We plan to have all 25th PR items available to Teams in early 1986. That's right, early 1986. You can then use them to publicize the approach of REACT's silver anniversary. Continue to use them throughout 1987, our 25th anniversary year. Thus you have a two-year PR program focusing on REACT's quarter century of public safety communications.

REACT Month

Your Team will receive the 1985 REACT Month kit shortly, if it has not arrived already. It contains some illustrative items this year to help you spread the REACT story. Watch for it. The PR Task Group worked hard at Chicago to update and expand it. We welcome your feedback.

'Timely' Idea

Barbara Chuvon, Daytona Beach REACT, offers this idea for an award. Buy digital desk clocks embedded in a plastic stand. (They are now quite inexpensive, about \$5.) Have small plates engraved with "In appreciation to . . ." or other suitable message. Present them to those your Team wishes to honor on "Law Enforcement Appreciation Night" or similar occasions. Such a useful award, sitting prominently on the police or fire chief's desk, will be a constant reminder of your REACT Team. Thanks, Barb, for sharing this PR idea. Have you an idea that could benefit other Teams? Please send it along to us.

Earthquake?

Teams in areas subject to earthquake activity will find the Red Cross leaflet,

Train-Truck Collision

LOGAN, W VA — On May 29, 1985, a Chessie System train collided with a tractor-trailer carrying approximately 50 tons of coal.

The accident occurred at the high truck bypass in Stollings.

The driver of the truck, Wendell Simpson, 41, of Gilbert, West Virginia, was taken to Logan General Hospital where he was treated and released.

Members of the Logan REACT and Rescue Team 2263 were on the scene with assistance from Logan County Sheriff's Deputies for about four hours directing traffic to avoid congestion and to keep traffic moving smoothly.

Members of REACT on the scene were Harley Leykam, Kenneth Leykam, Tom Collier, and David Stillwell.

"Earthquake," valuable in your safety information displays at malls, etc., during REACT Month or any time. Red Cross will welcome your help in getting its info to the public. Remember to stamp your Team's message on the leaflets, too. Thanks to "Clay" Watts, Louisville, KY, for this latest tip.

Feedback

Charlie Donaldson, president of Scottsdale REACT in Arizona, made our week in Chicago. He proudly produced the familiar REACT Assistance Card. It bore a rubber stamp reproduction of the message recommended in one of the early "Publicizing REACT" columns. Thanks, Charlie. We hope it helps those who receive your cards. We hope it results in more calls your Team can complete successfully. We're glad some of these ideas work for Teams. Let us know about ones your Team has used from this column and how they worked for you.

Winter Cometh

Sorry, folks. We mention this only to remind you to check your stock of PR material for winter. In the PR business you have to think (and order) one season ahead. "Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night."

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Resolutions Presented by the REACT International Forum

WHEREAS, the Indiana REACT Council desired to provide a means whereby other Teams and Councils could use to spread the word REACT before the motoring public in a large way, and
 WHEREAS, the Indiana REACT Council spent numerous productive hours of effort on a project that should benefit many REACT Teams and Councils, and
 WHEREAS, the Indiana REACT Council has available at a reasonable cost a 12 x 25 foot outdoor billboard sign promoting REACT,
 Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Indiana REACT Council be commended for developing and making available this valuable public relations vehicle.
Presented this 25th Day of July, 1985 by Ron McCracken, Forum Public Relations Officer

WHEREAS, the Illinois REACT Council desired to provide the Teams and Councils of REACT International a most enjoyable and meaningful 10th Annual International Convention, and
 WHEREAS, the Illinois REACT Council spent uncounted member hours in putting together this 10th Annual International Convention,
 WHEREAS, the results of the Illinois REACT Council's efforts were enjoyed by all in attendance,
 Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Illinois REACT Council is hereby thanked for hosting a most comprehensive 10th Annual International REACT Convention.
Presented this 25th Day of July, 1985 by Penny Barker, Outgoing Forum President

WHEREAS, FRAN GIMINO, past treasurer, Illinois REACT Council and a member of New Trier REACT, co-chaired the 10th Annual REACT International Convention, and
 WHEREAS, FRAN GIMINO has succeeded in all cases to see that every little detail of this convention was properly and promptly carried out and that her input will be extremely valuable to any Team or Council planning a future convention, and
 WHEREAS, FRAN GIMINO can be extremely proud of her Co-Chairmanship of this 1985 REACT International Convention,
 Now, therefore be it resolved, that FRAN GIMINO is recognized by all REACT Teams and Councils as having acted in the highest manner expected of a real REACTor.
Presented this 25th Day of July, 1985 by Rheta Link, President — Illinois REACT Council.

WHEREAS, PHILLIP WYLD, Chairman of the Board, Illinois REACT Council and a member of New Trier REACT, chaired the 10th Annual REACT International Convention, and
 WHEREAS, PHILLIP WYLD has succeeded in all cases to see that every little detail of this convention was properly and promptly carried out and that his input will be extremely valuable to any Team or Council planning a future convention, and
 WHEREAS, PHILLIP WYLD can be extremely proud of his Chairmanship of this 1985 REACT International Convention,
 Now, therefore be it resolved, that PHILLIP WYLD is recognized by all REACT Teams and Councils as having acted in the highest manner expected of a real REACTor.
Presented this 25th Day of July, 1985 by Rheta Link, President — Illinois REACT Council

WHEREAS, RICHARD PRATZ has served as the chairman of the Life Member Committee of the REACT International Forum for the 1984-1985 year, and
 WHEREAS, RICHARD PRATZ has been responsible in this capacity for numerous achievements concerning the REACT Life Member Program, and
 WHEREAS, RICHARD PRATZ has helped formalize numerous programs that will continue to benefit all REACT Life Members,
 Now, therefore be it resolved, that the REACT membership and especially the current REACT Life Membership do hereby recognize and thank RICHARD PRATZ for his guidance during 1984-85.
Presented this 25th Day of July, 1985 by Jackson Kling, Forum Vice President — Administration

Statement of Forum Officers

The Forum officers, while not necessarily being in full agreement with all aspects of the restructure proposal, do support this action as it helps achieve the overall goal for which the Forum was originally established. The development of the Forum was a controversial and highly explosive issue six years ago as the Board of Directors resisted direct voice input from the membership. The Forum came into being despite this and has been highly successful in instituting necessary change and reform for the benefit of all REACTors. This restructuring should be viewed as a further step in the combined efforts of membership and Board of Directors working for a common goal. We ask that you all keep an open mind and give the same support and participation that was given the Forum. Please judge this issue from a factual and realistic standpoint rather than an emotional one, and let us all work together for a united organization.

Respectfully Submitted 1984-85 Forum Officers
 Penny Barker, President; Jackson Kling, Vice President/ Administration;
 Barbara Chuven, Vice President/ Programs; Jacki MacDonald, Secretary.

Annual Winners Receive Achievement Awards From K-40

Doug Mele, President of K-40 Electronics, was on hand at the Convention Banquet to personally make the presentations to the 1984 Annual Winners of the REACT Achievement Awards sponsored by his company.



The Puerto Rico REACT Council received the Council Award. Council President Alfonso Ferrer accepted the award. Jocelyn Goodwin, Past-President accepted the Team award for Richmond County REACT 3206 of Hamlet, NC. The Individual Award was accepted by Al Mocchi of Lower Pinnelas REACT C610 of St. Petersburg, FL.

Annual winners receive a handsome trophy in addition to a \$500 cash prize plus expenses to attend the Annual International Convention to receive the award. Quarterly winners in the Team and Individual categories become eligible for the annual award. The Council award is only given on an annual basis.

If your Team or an individual member is worthy of recognition for achievement, be sure to submit an entry for the next quarterly award. Revised entry forms will be sent to all REACT Teams in the next Team mailing.

Convention Tapes Available

NORTHBROOK — REACT of the Golden Gate Area is again making free tapes available of key presentations made at the International Convention in Chicago this summer. Presentations available for Team and Council use only include: Jeanenne LaMarsh on *Strategic Planning* (Approx. 1½ hours), Jeanenne LaMarsh on *Board Leadership* (Approx. 1½ hours), John Shay on *Emergency Management* (Approx. 1 hour), Frank Mills on *Dynamics of Board Meetings* (Approx. 1¼ hours), and the Calgary Convention presentation for 1986 (Approx. 30 minutes).

The Team emphasizes that the tapes are available for REACT education only and not for commercial use and a statement to this effect must accompany the order, or the order will not be filled.

The tapes are available for \$1.50 each to cover return postage and a sufficient quantity of blank tapes to make copies. Send your request with a check payable to REACT of the Golden Gate Area, Inc., a statement on the use of the tapes, and a listing of the tapes desired, and enough blank tapes to: REACT of the Golden Gate Area, Inc., Attn: Convention Tapes, P.O. Box 563, San Bruno, CA 94066-0563. Allow at least 2-3 weeks for the return. Note: The return address must not consist of a P.O. Box number.

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Track Hurricanes

If you live in an area prone to hurricanes or are planning a trip to Hawaii, Aca-pulco, Florida or Curacao during the hurricane season, keep a "weather eye" on tropical depressions, tropical storms and hurricanes. You can do that with Tracking Charts from the National Weather Service. Charts are available for both the Atlantic (NOAA/PA 77020) and Pacific (NOAA/PA 77021) ocean areas. Or, any good map will do. Some TV weather forecasters give positions in latitude and longitude which may be easily found on the chart or map. If your stations do not, try WWV/WWVH. Tropical depressions (winds of 39 mph — 34 knots — or less) sometimes turn into tropical storms (winds of 39-74 mph or 34-63 knots) which may become hurricanes (75 mph — 64 knots — or more winds). These weather disturbances can suddenly change direction and your guess is often as good as any on where they'll head next. If your area of interest is under a Hurricane Watch or Warning, check frequently on the storm's progress.

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Editor's Note — The article which follows, which was intended as a lead-in to the piece on "After Nuclear War," which appeared in *REACTing in Emergencies* in July-August, was inadvertently omitted, and in the opinion of author R.C. "Clay" Watts is more important than the Nuclear article. We therefore hasten to correct the omission by printing the article in this issue.

Safe Water

Clean, safe water is no longer for sure. City water from the tap may be contaminated by toxic chemicals and high levels of bacteria. Formerly clean wells, springs, streams and lakes also may contain unsafe chemicals and/or sewage. That's where there's plenty of water. Some places have a shortage of water of any quality.

Many now routinely filter their tap water or buy bottled drinking water, whether their supply is city water or from their own well or cistern. It makes sense to store water against municipal supply failure, pump or power outage, or a temporary contamination problem. Disasters frequently disrupt water supplies.

Bulk water may be purchased in bottles or jugs, but good municipal tap water should suffice, or your well water, if you trust it. Plastic milk jugs, cleaned with boiling water, make good storage containers. The water may be filtered prior to storage: nd liquid household bleach (8 drops per gallon) should be added. Seal the cap to the jug with strong tape.

If you have to use suspect water, let it settle and boil 3 to 5 minutes or treat with bleach. Boiling may help by evaporating some volatile chemical contaminants. Other treatments are halazone or iodine tablets available from camping/hiking or sporting goods stores. A variety of filters are also available, for home or portable use. Some are better than others so compare and shop around for best quality and price, if you decide to buy one.

NEWARK, DE — To the Editor of *REACTer*: My apology for an error in the news item in the May-June *REACTer* under "Shooting Probe Leads to Drug Arrest." In the fifth paragraph, the name of the member who handled the call should have read "Pat Hubik, Unit 49" instead of Cathy Briggs. My apologies to all especially Pat. — Steve Shyers, Treasurer, Tri-State REACT.

The Community Service Committee

By Edward Smith, Director

The reorganization of the national level of REACT has not resulted in a de-emphasis in the primary objectives of REACT. Some might even suggest that the emphasis has increased. Up until July the tasks concerning the primary purposes of REACT were split-up over a number of task groups, leaving the effort of coordination of efforts to the Forum Officers. Under the new structure these key areas fall under one Task Area, with one Field Board Member and one Task Area Leader with total responsibility for topics that extend well beyond the previous "Communications Task Area."

The Community Service Task Group actually has five sub-groups working to create products and services of value to the REACT membership. This is more than any other REACT Task Group or Committee. Penny Baker has been asked to assist the effort by serving as Task Group Leader with the responsibility of working with Field Board Member Ned Smith to coordinate the various tasks under development.

The CB sub-group is again headed by Charlie Harband. Charlie has successfully contributed his expertise in CB and Channel 9 Monitoring over the past several years through his "Nuts and Bolts" article in *The REACTer*, and this, and other efforts will continue. In addition, Charlie will be reporting what will be required if you plan to travel from the U.S. to Canada for the 1986 REACT Convention and you wish to use your C.B. in the host country.

The GMRS sub-group is being headed up as a joint effort by Gayland Kitch and Dave Long of the University of OK REACT. They are well versed in the GMRS topic but still excited enough about the GMRS to keep looking for new information and materials that will help the REACT member new to the service. Additionally, they will be monitoring closely the possibility of the use of GMRS equipment at the 1986 REACT Convention in Calgary, Canada.

Fred Breiding is taking on a new responsibility: Amateur Radio/REACT interface. Fred is a noted amateur radio operator and he will be working closely with both Penny Barker and Ned Smith (who are also "HAMS") to try to promote a better working relationship between the REACT and "HAM" communities.

The Emergency Preparedness sub-group is being headed by Charles Val Vleck. Charlie has extensive experience in REACT's involvements in disaster assistance and will be looking for additional experiences and information that can be distributed to the REACT general membership. Of special interest will be distribution of currently available information, update of mutual aid agreements, and production of a Team/Council guide for contact with emergency response agencies.

Finally, there is always an "Other" category, and this sub-group is being headed by W. Ylwie Beall of Erie Co. REACT. Ylwie and his group will be working on a number of projects, including those related to Special Olympics, walkathons, etc.

The above list of sub-groups and their tasks shows that the Task Group is as diversified as is REACT itself. It could be suggested that they only have three things in common: First, they are all REACT projects and, thus second, they require close coordination, the reason they have been brought under the responsibility of one Field Board Member, with the help of a highly experienced REACT member as Task Group Leader. Third and finally, all five sub-groups want (not to mention NEED) your help and input. The leaders are experts in their areas, which means that they know they don't know everything. The entire group actively solicits your participation. If you have any suggestions, please pass them along.

You are urged to get involved quickly because we want to get you and keep you "up to speed" to get the full advantage of the contribution you can make. So, please feel free to contact anyone on the Community Services Task Group and say "Hey: I'd like to help . . . !"

Greetings from Computer Services Task Group Bulletin Board

Hi, I'm the REACT Bulletin Board and I'd like to talk to all you users out there. I'm getting pretty lonesome. I stay awake 24 hours a day just to help and serve you, but do you care? No! You let me sit for days on end without even calling me. How would you like it if someone did that to you? You wouldn't, would you?

I am happy to say more of you are calling me lately, but I know there are a lot more of you out there. Now stop saying that you don't know the number. It was in the last Team Leadership Letter and was given at the Convention. Just in case you misplaced it, it is 414-691-9490. All you need is a computer and a modem to "Boot me up!"

Now some words for those of you who are nice enough to call. I'm up 24 hours a day (no rest for the weary), but my human (the syp) usually gets to bed about 10:30 p.m. or much before 4:30 p.m. — he works away from here. When you page him after 11 p.m. he gets mad at me and threatens to pull my power. You wouldn't want that to happen, would you?

Another thing, I know your Teams and Councils are doing things, but you cannot prove it by the amount of information I have in my news and calendar files. How about it, only you can help keep these files up to date.

For you users who feel sorry for me and plan on calling me, if it is your first time, please leave your name, address and phone number. My human will get back to you and then up your authority level. The message I give you when you first sign on tells you how to leave the information. Please don't forget to leave it. I want to keep talking to you. I'm lonely.

In the remote chance you have trouble reaching me, you can call my human directly at 414-691-3977. By the way, his name is George, or you may get my other human, her name is Jacki. Either of them will work with you to solve the problem. If you try to call my human during the day, you may get my other friend, the answering machine. He's lonesome too, so please talk to him.

Now you have no excuse for not calling me, so make me happy and talk to me. I don't like being lonely.

Help for Motorists Reported in Local Newspaper

CIRCLEVILLE, OH — If your car broke down on the road and you found yourself out of gas, to whom would you turn for help?

The answer was supplied in an article appearing in the Pickaway County (Ohio) Advertiser, which saluted the local REACT Team C-199. According

to the story, the best answer is to contact local police, sheriff's office or REACT on Channel 9.

The story quoted Team President John Leist as saying: "We have distributed approximately 125 gallons of gasoline free to local and out of town motorists in need."

Leist went on to note that the Team has also found overnight lodging and mechanical aid for stranded motorists, and provided road weary motorists with the chance to stretch their legs at Team-operated coffee breaks.

Round Robin Session

The following is a summary of comments of those participating in the "Round Robin" discussions at the International Convention. One of the most popular sessions, members are asked to comment on specific questions. Each group had a recorder who prepared the following highlights:

1. **Identify the training programs offered within your Team and/or Council.**
 - Monitoring
 - Traffic Control
 - GMRS
 - Bookkeeping Techniques for Treasurer
 - Uniform wearing
2. **What has your Team done to promote closer working relationships with local emergency or community agencies?**
 - CB Mobile Team for Emergencies
 - Security for Sheriff's Dept. (patrol)
 - Traffic Control for Local Police Dept. (backup)
 - Red Cross Blood Mobile setup & take down monthly
 - Welfare Dept. Transportation for Services
 - Cable TV
 - Urban & Rural problems
 - REACT Signs on Vehicles
3. **Weather Watches:**
 - Insurance Coverage
 - Clearance through Sheriff Dept.
4. **What means does your Team or Council employ to improve Public Relations?**
 - Present a professional image both by action & appearance.
 - Insist that organization you assist recognize that fact in their publicity.
 - Don't just hand out coffee at Safety Breaks — talk and give information about REACT.
 - Notify press and other media about activities and membership drives.
 - Law Enforcement — Provide membership lists for communications dept. for verification of calls received from legitimate REACT members. Ask for specific Team training, e.g., directing traffic around accidents.
5. **What can you recommend to educate the public as to reasons why not all calls can be answered on Channel 9?**
 - Explain nature of CB radio, e.g., radio signals.
 - Proper usage of radio — don't have squelch on full and expect to hear a response.
 - Proper way to call for help.
 - Use of displays at public areas.
 - When told of a call not being answered, apologize and say the call may have been heard but not so with the answer, but it may not have been due to shortage of volunteers, and since they have a CB radio would they like to help?
6. **What do you feel REACT International should provide for your Team?**
 - Mailings to ALL officers when monetarily feasible. Teams should not just complain but identify the problems and pass this on to the B.O.D. so the problems may be rectified.
7. **What does your Team utilize to promote greater publicity for safety breaks?**
 - Newspaper
 - Radio
 - TV
 - Highway signs
 - Channel 19
 - Commercial contacts
 - Handouts
 - Coordination with state and local Tourist Associations, Safety Councils and Law Enforcement Agencies.
8. **Do you feel that your Council has provided the guidance you require to strengthen your Team's operation?**
 - Just getting started.
 - Strong overall.
 - Weak in communications with Member Teams.
9. **What should REACT International be providing for its membership that is not being provided now?**
 - Better technical training in communications.
 - Better communications and coordination between Canadian and US Teams and Headquarters.
 - More contact with Board Members, i.e., attending council or joint council meetings.
 - Establishment of a Speakers Bureau.
10. **How can Team Management be provided through Council assistance?**
 - Outline of policy for new Teams by guidelines.
 - Councils serve as coordinator — not dictatorship.
11. **Which do you feel are the three most effective Task Area Committees and give reasons why?**
 - DISASTER SERVICES — through publicity given by media.
 - FINANCE & BUDGET
 - PUBLIC RELATIONS — providing information to Teams, i.e., news items.
 - Coordinating REACT publicity.
 - GOVERNMENT RELATIONS
12. **Round tables should be continued because they give ideas to others.**
13. **Which do you feel are the three least effective Task Area Committees and give reasons why?**
 - CONVENTION COMMITTEE — Same thing everytime: fighting, re-hashing, annual fight or ruckus. Too much politics. Willing people are pushed to the background. Run by cliques. Variety by different Convention Committees. Would improve quality, attendance, information dissemination. Round Robin most beneficial extends into free time. Reviewed Committee chair assignments — looks good according to expertise.
 - MEMBERSHIP & COMMUNITY SERVICE — general guidelines trickle down.
 - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE — caution to function as needed not as substitute for Control Board.
14. **How can your State Council improve its visibility at the Team level?**
 - Help work out problems and communicate.
 - Individual member newsletter mailing.
 - Provide services and assistance.
 - Provide information and How To Workshops — meetings, conventions.
15. **How to handle and make changes in Council Dictatorships.**
 - Encourage Teams and members to stay active and effect changes according to bylaws.
 - Get good set of bylaws — not change to accommodate every whim.
16. **How does your Team encourage attendance at State Council meetings?**
 - Announce to Team members — encourage council participation.
 - Have at restaurant.
 - Pay mileage — offer transportation
 - Have at same location at all times.
 - Having training sessions.
 - Keep expenses down.
17. **When funds are donated by an organization to your Team for assistance which your members have provided, how are these monies distributed? Do they go into the Team treasury for purchase of equipment of operating expenses, or are the monies distributed to members for time they have donated for the project?**
 - Pay members at end of year for services donated.
 - Put money in treasury for operating expenses of Team.
 - Reimburse for mileage traveled.
18. **How do you get new members?**
 - One to one contact with prospective new member.
 - Recognize friends of REACT — Give badge of own.
 - Pay International dues after so many hours of service.
19. **List five things that a Team leader could do to promote a greater sense of Team work within the Team.**
 - Lead by example and also be a good follower.
 - Keep a positive attitude.
 - Fair and equitable decisions for members, but be firm with the decision.
 - Recognize members' contributions.
 - Recognition by the public media of the Team and its contributions to the community.
20. **List ways of generating more Team-oriented articles for inclusion in your State Council newsletter.**
 - Team of the Month/Quarter/Year awards contests to encourage Team contributions.
 - Blank area in newsletter with non-contributing Teams' names, noting this space is for you.
 - Contact list for Editor for each Teams' PR Officer.
21. **How to get new members, i.e., what do you tell a prospective member when they ask you, "What does REACT International do for me?"**
 - Prestige & credibility upon chartering.
 - Liability & bonding insurance coverages.
 - Training programs — newsletter.
22. **List five questions that you would like to see presented at the 1986 Convention during the Round Robin Session.**
 - Why haven't we seen more help from International on Monitoring Guide distribution — update training.
 - How to get Team members more involved in state.
23. **What can the Council Board do within your State to improve Team participation in REACT and your State Council goals?**
 - Need easily definable and understandable goals.
 - Good PR from state organization.
 - State must show good personal relations with Teams.
24. **Discussed reorganization —**
 - Increased communication with International.
 - Financial improvement.
25. **Your Team has \$2,000 in its treasury. How can this money be best used to enhance the Team?**
 - Purchase GMRS equipment.
 - Maintaining equipment.
 - Purchase equipment that the members can use.
 - Purchase uniforms.
 - Pay members' International dues.
26. **Your Team is very active. However, it has lost sight of its original goal, which is monitoring. What can be done to reverse this trend without losing too many of its members?**
 - Monitors should not have to sit right by the radio.
 - More communications from International promoting Channel 9 monitoring.
 - Have training sessions that will motivate the members to get back to monitoring.
 - Allow the members to monitor when they have the time and not just to a schedule.
 - Have central monitoring station.
 - Give awards for most hours monitored. Awards for special types of calls that are taken, like the fellow that was stabbed, etc.
27. **Your Team's membership has been steadily decreasing. List things your Team could do to reverse this trend.**
 - If GMRS oriented, stop at house with CB antenna; interview them; if interested, give them a scanner to develop interest. If they attend three consecutive meetings, take the scanner away and give them a GMRS radio.
 - Car wash — check antenna match. Get people out of car, have member in uniform talk to them, show album, etc.
 - Wake Breaks — Kool-aid distributor call for free donations. Donut shops — get old doughnuts, freeze them; put doughnuts (at the break) in the steamer and serve hot doughnuts. Give away comic books.
28. **List, in order of importance, five items that your State Council can do at its regular meeting that would benefit more significantly the member Teams that it serves.**
 1. Keep your Teams involved.
 2. Area coordinator must contact every Team in jurisdiction each quarter.
 3. Educate . . . Inform.
 4. Open discussion.
 5. Legislative input (Federal and State) updates.

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Round Robin (continued from page 9)

29. **List, in order of importance, five items that you would like to see at the next International Convention.**
1. Better handling of first timer . . . Greeter . . . Prearrival packet . . . also 2nd and 3rd time attenders.
 2. Cost of food — more buffets to cut cost.
 3. More free time.
 4. More and longer round robin.
 5. Reduce size of workshops to give more one on one contact. Consider repeating more than one time.
30. **How does your Team promote recognition for its members within the Team?**
- A. Monitoring Recognition
 - B. Special Certificate of recognition
 - C. Year Pins
 - D. REACTer of the Year
 - E. Send information into International as well as publish in Team/ Council paper.
31. **What can you do for local PR/Membership?**
- Make personal contact with person at paper, TV station, radio station, Cable TV local station.
- Explain to possible new members on a one to one basis before they attend the first meeting and give them a packet and explanation so they are not snowed.
32. **List five ways which you feel can significantly improve a REACT International Convention.**
- Team Delegate to participate more.
Encourage to sign up upon registration for committee work.
Have a sign-up table at registration.
How to work slip with carry home info.
Adopt a delegate (new).
Prefer a hotel (45.00) over a campus dorm (32.00)—would like a hotel on campus.
33. **How does your State Council promote recognition for member Teams within the state?**
- REACTer of the Year
Team of the Year ——— TRAVELING TROPHY
Sub-Council of the Year
President's awards for radio-REACTers

Team certificates for Council participation
Council newsletter
Quarterly Team & Newsletter awards

34. **Comments:**
Restructure went over my head.
Team delegates are left out until the last day.
Convention Site discussion.
GMRS — vs — CB
Grants — discussion — go to grants Seminar — prepare grant request properly.
New Team — no handbook.
35. **List in order of importance, five things that your State Council can do between its meetings that would most benefit the Teams that it serves.**
- Counsel with Teams who request assistance, wherever convenient for the Team.
Provide newsletter — sent to each individual member (if possible), to inform of important issues from Headquarters and of new State Legislation and any educational materials available, also any information gleaned from the exchange of newsletters with others (Teams & Councils).
Scheduled visitations of officer or officers of Regional or State Councils to teams. Statewide P.R.
Additional educational materials and/or workshops, training sessions or seminars as appropriate for area.
36. **What five things can your Team do between its regularly scheduled meetings that would benefit the membership?**
- Provide Community Service.
Newsletter and/or educational material.
Committee, inter/intra-Team meetings.
Check in net.
Provide public relations.

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REACT Adds to Success of Seattle Area Celebration

By C.E. Beckmeier, President Seattle REACT

SEATTLE, WA — On Saturday and Sunday, June 1 and 2, members of Seattle REACT assisted Maple Valley/Black Diamond Chamber of Commerce with the Maple Valley Days Celebration. Members provided communications for a parade, and road closures on Saturday morning. At the end of the parade, monitors provided communications for a rubber raft race along the Cedar River. At the conclusion of the raft race, monitors moved onto the South Seattle Saddle Club for traffic control and crowd observation duties. Uniformed off-duty King County Police officers provided security on the grounds, and fire district 43 provided EMT and basic first-aid service.

There were B.M.X. bike races and 4x4 mud bog runs both days at the saddle club. Seattle REACT members helped police locate a person who was using his two pit-bull terriers in a menacing manner; also, a bike stolen from a young owner. When we received the information about the bike, all members available made a detailed search of the area and the surrounding wooded areas for the bike which was valued in excess of \$350. Members learned the following day that the missing bike was recovered at the residence of a friend.

Although alcohol and glass containers were not allowed at the saddle club grounds (club regulations), members received several complaints from the public of alcohol abuse on the grounds. The county police were directed to the violators, the containers confiscated, and dumped on the ground, by the police, and the violators escorted from the grounds. Maple Valley Fire Department reported no serious incidents at the saddle club all weekend.

A plaque of appreciation along with a \$100 donation was presented to the Team, from the Maple Valley/Black Diamond Chamber of Commerce.

By 5 pm Sunday, events had wound down and members helped prepare the mobile communications trailer for travel on the road. We were informed by the Maple Valley/Black Diamond Chamber of Commerce that this had been the most successful Maple Valley Days Celebration to date.



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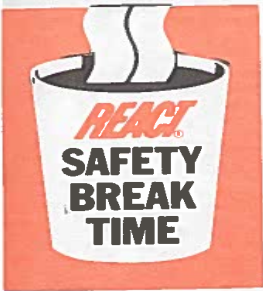
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REACT SAFETY BREAK REPORT



VIENNA, VA — Helping to assure the success of Herndon REACT's Memorial Day Safety Break was Mom's Pies, of Herndon, which donated 600 pies to the event. Left to right: John Webster, Herndon REACT, Steve Cox, owner of Mom's Pies and Al Hanger, President of Herndon REACT.

VIENNA, VA — Herndon REACT Team C-332 operated a successful Safety Break on Virginia Interstate Route 66 during the Memorial Day Weekend serving an estimated 4,000 to 5,000 motorists. Members manned both sides of I-66 rest stop areas handing out free coffee and refreshments to all who stopped for a brief visit.

Refreshments included free coffee, orange drink, hot and cold tea, cake, donuts, cookies and pie. Local merchants and fast food restaurants donated the equipment and food supplies while Herndon REACT supplied the service.

Herndon REACT was assisted by volunteers from Loudoun County REACT Virginia, Fairfax County REACT Virginia, and Montgomery County

Maryland REACT. Members worked three shifts to provide 24-hour coverage.

Guest books indicated the Break drew travelers from New Jersey to Washington state and many states in between who stopped to have refreshments. Many guests were from foreign countries including El Salvador, West Africa, Morocco, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico, England, Poland, Belgium, Israel, Canada, New Zealand, Australia and Alaska.

Said Public Relations officer Bill Baird: "We of Herndon REACT C-332 Hope in some small way we were instrumental in holding down accidents and casualties usually accompanying the well-traveled Memorial Day highways. Safety on the heavily traveled highways was our primary concern."



CROWLEY, LA — This Coffee Break setup of Arcadia REACT Team 4593, on eastbound Highway I-10, attracted 300 motorists passing through on July 6. Motorists from as far away as Hawaii, Canada, and Mexico stopped by for coffee, KoolAid, cookies, donuts and other refreshments.

CROWLEY, LA — Acadia REACT Team 4593 had a Coffee Break July 6, 1985, at the 66½ mile marker on the East bound side of I-10, from 7 am to 6 pm.

This was our first Coffee Break and proved to be very successful as members served coffee, donuts, cookies and kool-aid to 250 to 300 motorists during the day.

All of the members present worked very hard to make this a successful venture.

Those who participated are: Jack and Leora Amy, James and Audrey Amy, Sidney J. Baker, Leon and Addie Hoffpauir, Stacy and Missy Habetz,

Morris & Willie and Tammy Lanthier, Olen Amy and Mitchell Hoffpauir.

Robert and Pat Habetz donated the ice and Lou King Patin donated 14 pounds of sugar, 15 pounds of coffee, 1,200 donuts, 4 boxes of cookies and the kool-aid. Lou also furnished the generator.

Motorists who stopped by included travelers from Hawaii, Canada, Mexico and various other states.

We had many favorable comments about the Coffee Break and our hospitality since most of those who stopped had never experienced anything like this before.

More Than 700 Stop for Staten Island REACT Coffee Break Weekend

STATEN ISLAND, NY — Approximately 750 men, women and children took advantage of the hospitality offered by Richmond County REACT at its Memorial Day weekend Coffee Break, and cut down on highway traffic accidents at the same time.

Travelers from as far away as California and five other states were among those who stopped for FREE refreshments during the four days of the REACT Coffee Break, sponsored and hosted by Richmond County REACT Team 3335, and friends, with full cooperation from the Department of Transportation Staten Island Traffic Operations Bureau, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority, the 122 Precinct Community Affairs Division, Highway Safety Department and Borough Division.

The Coffee Break was held on the Victory Boulevard overpass of the West Shore Expressway (Route 440). FREE coffee and refreshments were served to weary travelers for 90 consecutive hours, from 5 p.m. Friday, May 24 through midnight Monday, May 27.

4,200 Stop for REACT Coffee Break

MARION, OH — Approximately 4,200 men, women and children took advantage of Marion County REACT hospitality REACT style during the Memorial Day Weekend, and helped prevent traffic accidents in the bargain.

Travelers from as far away as West Germany stopped by and people from twelve states were among those who stopped for free refreshments during the three days of the REACT accident prevention project. The Break was planned and operated by Marion County REACT in cooperation with Elwood Bloomfield, Bob Rowland, Nancy Osburn, Danny Osburn, Ron Williams, and volunteers.

"There is no way to determine what effect our project had on the total accident picture," said Activity Chairman Cecil Bradley. "We are convinced however," he continued, "that just getting people off the highways long enough for a safety break is a contribution to accident prevention."

Team 3030 REACT Wake Break News Release

By Chuck Benson, Publicity Officer
Schenectady County REACT Team 3030

SCHENECTADY, NY — Schenectady County (NY) REACT Team 3030 held their fifth annual Wake Break July 3-4 on the Adirondack Northway (I-87). To serve the public better, President Bob Snell and others this year built a collapsible serving house with large screened windows, built-in serving shelves and dispensers. The house, designed to be taken down in 15 minutes, was built of pressed wood and light lumber, roof trussed, and is collapsible to 12 pieces.

The 15 Team members taking part worked four-hour shifts.

Corporate sponsors this year who contributed snacks and drinks to be given away included McDonald's Restaurant, Millbrook Baking Company, Freighofer's Baking Company and other local concerns.

Well-publicized by local radio and television, and promoted by newspaper articles weeks before and CB radio broadcasts by area truckers' safety bases, the Break served over 4,500 coffee and soft drinks and almost 200 dozen donuts to an estimated 7,000 visitors in 24 hours.

The Break was important because there are no food services on the 180-mile expressway and few rest areas.

Team 3030 also advised motorists of the other Wake Break on I-87, 100 miles north, presented by the Skyline Team of

Richmond County REACT was one of more than 1,700 Teams affiliated with REACT International, who sponsor the nationwide Coffee Break program in conjunction with the American Trucking Association.

Richmond County makes no claims as to the effect their Coffee Break program has had on reducing the total number of highway accidents throughout the country, but members are convinced that getting weary motorists off the road long enough to unwind and enjoy some free refreshments significantly reduces the possibility of accidents. If accidents should occur, REACT notifies the proper authorities and — if at the scene — secure the area until help arrives. Their two-way radio communications save time to help save lives.

Many travelers expressed appreciation for the chance to stop and get out of their vehicles and enjoy some FREE coffee, soda and other refreshments. REACT also provided a literature table for anyone wishing to obtain additional information on highway safety and drunk driving.

Another REACT Coffee Break is being planned for this year's Labor Day weekend.



MARION, OH — One of the big factors in the success of Marion County REACT's Memorial Day Weekend Coffee Break was the support they received from local businesses which supplied the food and drink. In the photo, Marvin Emmors, of Sisters Chicken Biscuit, receives plaque from Marion County REACT's Ruth Hinton for its help in supplying food during the event.

Saranac Lake.

I-87 is the main tourist artery between New York City and Montreal, connecting the New York State Thruway with Canada.

In the Team's five year history of Wake Breaks, an estimated 50,000 tourists have been served and supplied information about the Adirondack region of the state. In addition, the CB Base Station manned at the Break sites has introduced many to CB radio and a number of accidents near the sites have been relayed to police.



SALT LAKE CITY, UT — Salt Lake REACT's Treasurer, Cheri Brinkley, prepares to welcome holiday motorists to REACT's Wake Break at the Silver Creek rest stop, 20 miles east of Salt Lake City. The event was held over the Memorial Day weekend.

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