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Oregon REACT Hits the Public Relations Heights

ALOHA, OR — On July 22, Northwest REACT's Public Relations officer, Steven Pierce, met with Bob Erhausen, representative of the Goodyear Blimp, about the possibility of airing a message on the Blimp, "Columbia." As a result, the following message was aired on the Blimp for five days from July 22-26:

"Northwest REACT
Emergency Radio Channel 9
'Help REACT Help'
Dedicated to public service."

The message was seen throughout the Portland area five to six times a night for a five-day period. Says Steve Pierce, "Northwest REACT has risen to new heights in its efforts to spread the word about REACT and CB Channel 9." Says Pierce, 1986 has been something special for Northwest



REACT in the sense that the area abounds with news of REACT in Oregon (See Publicizing REACT column on page 2.)

ALOHA, OR — Northwest REACT's Steve Pierce (left) meets with public relations representatives of Goodyear Blimp, Susan Fisher and Bob Erhausen, as Goodyear Blimp "Columbia" looms in the background.

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Canadians Host REACT's 1986 International Convention



CALGARY, ALBERTA, CANADA — the first of the conventions to be held out of the United States. REACTers came, had fun, got information, and enjoyed themselves.

But boy, were there differences from U.S. conventions. For one, there were a lot more Canadians in attendance. It was nice to meet many of our fellow REACTers from the north. All of us from the states had to get used to Canadian money. To many of us, it felt like monopoly money. It was also different to buy soda, cookies, and many other items in bilingual containers. Everything was in English and French. Then, of course, we purchased gas in liters, not gallons, and the temperature was given in Celsius, not Fahrenheit.

Tuesday afternoon. No meetings, workshops, or seminars were scheduled. Instead, 76 people — two bus loads — took a trip into the Canadian Rockies. We went to Lake Louise and then to Banff where we road in a gondola to the top of

Sulphur Mountain. The view was just beautiful and breathtaking. The day concluded with a western dinner and some entertainment. It was really a lovely day.

There are always the regulars who come every year. This convention, however, had the largest number of first time attendees ever. Many new friendships were made and hopefully some of the first timers will be come regulars.

Through all of this was one big change. A most welcome one, too. For years, members have been trying to get the Board to be more responsive to them. For years we have been trying to have more input to the Board. Last year we urged everyone to support the Board. Our support was well rewarded this year. First, the Board was open about the financial situation. They provided us with the facts and figures to back up what they were telling us. There is no doubt that the Board of REACT International had changed through the years. The changes made this year were definitely for the better.



REACT International President, Chris White (Lawndale, California) addresses Convention attendees.



Left: Rick Munton, Parting Field Director (VA)
Center: Chris White, President of REACT International (CA)
Right: Azelle Tingler, '88 Convention Chairperson (VA)



Team Presents Wheelchair To Handicapped Woman

MENTOR, OH — Mrs. Barbara Babinyecz was recently presented with a new wheelchair made possible through donations received at coffee breaks of Lake County REACT Team C-396. Several extra features on the chair which Mrs. Babinyecz required were graciously donated by the Vine Surgical Supply Co., where the chair was purchased.

In the photo, Mrs. Babinyecz and her husband are shown with Lake County REACT president Milton Terrill, far right, and Coffee Break Chairman Robert Decker and Vice President Robert Cook, far left.

Publicizing REACT

Score Card

How well is your Team utilizing the 25th Anniversary PR items currently available? Are you using 25th logo labels on all Team correspondence? Are members using them on personal correspondence too? Every envelope in the mail bearing a 25th logo helps to publicize REACT and your Team all along its journey. Put them to work for you.

25th CLIP litter bags perform a similar function. The CB safety information they carry can save lives, too. Teams report improvement in CB distress calls. CLIP bags and cards are having the desired effect. They increase travel safety and reduce littering. What's more, they make REACT monitoring easier. Those who receive them are grateful. What more could we ask of a PR item? Check your supply.

Self-adhesive-address labels can be fastened to the bags. Adding your Team address is more good PR for you. This step may also bring some donations to your Team.

Congratulations

Northwest REACT 2867 (Aloha, OR) warrants a tip of the PR hat. It should gain ideal publicity from the generosity of *Ad Bench, Inc.* (REACTer, May-June, p. 5). Perhaps your Team can benefit from a similar venture? Check it out. Well done, Northwest!

Safety Breaks

Does your Team offer safety information at its Safety Breaks? Many excellent government publications are available for the asking. Investigate them. Create a table display. Include the new 25th REACT leaflet and other REACT materials.

Consider preparing "Safety Information Kits" like the "Boating Safety Kits" (May-June, p. 2). Do it at a Team meeting a month or two ahead. Stamp or label each item with your Team name and address. Fine PR, and you just may encourage formation of a new REACT Team somewhere.

Congratulations on the time and effort Teams devote to "Safety Breaks." Keep up the excellent work.

REACT Month

Are you gearing up for REACT Month activities yet? Shopping malls need to be booked now for display booths. Order supplies of safety leaflets, etc. Watch for your REACT Month kit soon. Make this your Team's best REACT Month yet!

HELP

What other organizations (trade union, service club, professional association, charity, etc.) are you a member of?

REACT is contacting other organizations to alert them to our Silver Anniversary. The PR Task Group hopes all of these groups will feature a REACT story in a future issue of their publications.

Does the company you work for have an employee publication? (Let us know.) Many large and small firms do. They may be glad to help publicize the good work REACT does.

Often these publications wish to link a story to their member's participation in REACT. That's why we need to know the name of their company.

Just drop a note to: George & Jacki MacDonald, N29 W27520 Peninsula Dr., Pewaukee, WI 53072. Include your name, address and phone. List the company and/or organizations that publish magazines or newsletters. We will do the rest.

Thanks for helping to publicize REACT. You may help swell our membership so we can better serve the travelling public.

SIGNS ADVERTISE REACT



Now your Team can have these eye-catching signs along the roadsides in your area. Contact your local County Highway Department for permission to install the signs and send in your order. The cost is only \$30.00 a sign (without posts) from a manufacturer

here in Wisconsin. The signs are 18" x 24", white lettering on a green background, completely reflective, with two predrilled holes.

Team Name _____

Address _____ Zip _____

We will pick up the sign(s) at a Council meeting

OR

Please ship them to the address below and bill us for that extra amount:

Shipping address (must be street address, not P.O. Box) _____

Quantity needed: _____ @ \$30.00 each = \$ _____ BALANCE DUE

Make checks out to: WISCONSIN COUNCIL OF REACT TEAMS, P.O. Box 228, Pewaukee, WI 53072



REACT Public Service Radio Announcement Support

VINCENNES, IN — Robert T. Tester (shown in photo, right), Public Relations Chairman for the Knox County REACT Team 4514, Vincennes, Indiana, presents Mr. Mack Seed, Manager of Vincennes University Public Radio Station WVUB with a certificate of appreciation. Seed produced a public service announcement free of charge to the REACT Team that used three voices: a caller, a REACT monitor, and a narrator. The PSA announcement gives an example of how an emergency call is reported, taken by a REACT monitor, and relayed to the proper local authorities all in sixty (60) seconds. The announcement also explains the need for additional REACT monitors, in the sense that it does not harm the announcement. The announcement is being aired on all area radio stations in the Vincennes area serving Knox County.

WVUB has agreed to produce many professional Public Service Announcements as Knox County REACT has the need for, and all radio stations were recognized for their support in airing the announcement and have agreed to air all future announcements. Knox County REACT will have produced by WVUB later on.

REACT Teams that can support the need and justification for PSA announcements about their REACT organizations, should contact the person in charge of your local radio station or arrange to have announcements produced, especially if you are dealing with a Public Broadcast Station, or aired free of charge. This should be attempted by a qualified REACT member.

If any REACT Team would like copy of the radio announcement or some ideas on how to perform such task, please send a blank cassette tape and proper postage on a self stamped addressed envelope to: Knox County REACT, Post Office Box 1134, Vincennes, Indiana 47591. All tapes will be returned, proper postage required.

Bay Area REACT with Help of Two Other Teams Does It Again

SAN JOSE — For the eleventh year in a row, Bay Area Emergency Radio REACT, assisted by Blackberry REACT and Mission Peak REACT, was called on to handle radio communications and traffic control for the Tapestry in Talent, an annual event which this year drew well over 500,000.

The Team's main purpose is to unite lost children with their parents, or vice versa. Members also reported medical emergencies and assisted law enforcement agencies in reporting crimes.

Members worked from 7 a.m. to dusk each day of the three-day event.

Says Mervin Lee, Team leader of B.A.E.R., "I wish to thank members of all the Teams and the CB Club for a job well done."

REACT Member Helps Track Down Driver Involved in Accident

HAMLET, NC — When a car driven by Tony Lee Lammonds of Rockingham traveling north on a rural road just outside of town swerved and struck a parked vehicle, the driver, John D. Williams, also of Rockingham, was injured and subsequently taken to the hospital complaining of chest pains.

He was kept in the hospital for observation and later released. Meanwhile Woody Perkins, a member of Richmond County REACT Team 3206, succeeded in locating the car and occupants who later were arrested for driving while intoxicated.

REACT Again Called On to Assist in Salt Lake City Event

SALT LAKE CITY, UT — Salt Lake REACT Team 4269 assisted monitoring during the July 24 Days 47 Parade, commemorating the Mormon pioneers entrance into the Salt Lake Valley in 1847.

REACT had units on each block of the 15-block parade route. The parade consisting of 180 entries, lasted three hours.

Salt Lake County Emergency Services allowed REACT to maintain the base of operation next to their 9 facilities, which proved to be quite successful. Says the Team's public relations officer, Clarence Anderson: "We are not only grateful to our members but to some friends of REACT who were willing to donate their time."

Member's Injury Sparks Formation of New MN REACT

CLAREMONT, MN — When Greg Hunsaker wound up in a body cast last year as a result of a broken vertebrae he had plenty of idle time. To fill some of those hours, he turned to CB radio and conversed with another CB fan, Greg Thorn of Dodge Center.

The result was the formation of a new REACT last year which has members located across Southeast Minnesota. The new Team is officially known as the Zumbro Valley REACT and its headquarters is Hunsaker's home here. One of the Team's first official activities was to stage a successful Coffee Break during the Memorial Day Weekend.

Rx . . . GMRS

In an effort to provide information to those people who do not have a GMRS system now, I will attempt to answer questions as they appear. Please send questions to: the address listed at the bottom of this column.

Q. What is GMRS?

A. General Mobile Radio Service is actually Class A CB radio, operating on any one of eight frequencies in the UHF band, and assigned by the FCC. The eight frequencies are: 462.550, 462.575, 462.600, 462.625, 462.650, 462.675, 462.700, and 462.725. MHz. While GMRS does require a license, no technical knowledge or code is required, as in Amateur Radio. The generally accepted frequency for REACTers is 462.675, although 462.600 and 462.700 are used as alternatives. GMRS was originally specified as a personal communications alternative to CB radio, but, until very recently, remained relatively unknown. In many instances, businesses have been able to license on these frequencies this part of the spectrum is for business use also.

GMRS operates in two modes . . . first and easiest to understand is SIMPLEX Talkaround CB, meaning that both transmitter and receiver operate on the same frequency, as in CB radio. Range is based on power mostly.

Duplex operation, the second mode, introduces a new piece of equipment called a "repeater." The repeater hears on one frequency, and retransmits on another. In other words, YOU transmit to the repeater on, let's say, 467.675 MHz, while calling your spouse. The repeater automatically accepts your signal, changes the frequency to 462.675 MHz and retransmits to your spouse's receiver. She (he) hears your voice, and answers . . . on 467.675 and the process is reversed. Back to the repeater and then to your receiver. The only differences? Your transceiver, whether it be mobile or portable, or even base, has a maximum of 50 watts output, and the antenna is relatively low . . . three to six feet off the ground. The repeater antenna is normally mounted on a tall building, but may also have no more than fifty watts. The result? Distances of thirty, forty, or even 75 miles legal maximum miles are not totally uncommon. Here in Chicagoland, consistently talk to Waukegan (40 miles) and Zion (50 miles). Remember, that's a distance to the repeater. If one unit is thirty miles north of the repeater, and the other unit is forty miles west, the distance between units is fifty miles. (If you don't believe me, pythagoras will help).

Many people ask "Why change to this new system?" It's not really new, as UHF communications were in existence IN THIS FORM shortly after WWII. But to answer the question, we don't want you to change. Most successful REACT Teams welcome GMRS as an addition to CB., and have found that the monitoring hours have shown a dramatic increase, simply due to the greater capability and flexibility of GMRS. Projects take on a new meaning when there are no problems with SKIP and BLEEDOVER, the twin nemesis of CB. In 1983, at the Wichita Convention, attendees were eloquently adamant that REACT's main goal — Channel 9 monitoring, and that is what REACT is about. But, let's make it as easy as possible.

Next issue: How do you license . . . or . . . is ALL this necessary?

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COLUMN NINE

Where the REACTion is Yours

An Opportunity for a CB Manufacturer

It is traditional for a business to commemorate certain milestones. The acknowledgment of having reached the 100,000th unit, 25 years, or other important point is reason to draw attention to the organization for its accomplishment. A company may make a production run of a special "limited edition" model or a "commemorative issue" of their product.

During 1987 we celebrate REACT's 25th anniversary. We will be the only organization that has been around for a quarter century of public service communications on CB. In addition to helping save untold lives and property REACT has stimulated the sale of thousands of CB radios for manufacturers and will continue to do so.

In the March-April issue of the REACTer I proposed the idea of a different kind of CB model being marketed. In part, the article said, "Perhaps we should look elsewhere for technological advancements to help our cause. What about convincing manufacturers to offer a CB that automatically switches to Channel 9 when a call

is received while it is on another channel? Fine to have models that the operator switches to instantly transmit an emergency report on Channel 9 but what good does it do if no one is listening? Better to have a radio that RECEIVES Channel 9 on a priority basis. Scanners have this feature and so could CB's!"

So here we are at the brink of an opportunity. By making the decision NOW to honor REACT in 1987 (and also promote their own brand name) some enterprising CB manufacturer could accomplish a timely piece of luck. All they have to do is make a production run on a CB as described above and attach a small escutcheon on the radio saying "REACT Silver Anniversary Model" next to their brand name.

Too costly to develop? I doubt it. One manufacturer, Cobra, already has a model — 32XLR — which although not current in the model lineup, has the Channel 9 scanning feature. (By the way, we owe Cobra a big thanks and a lot of patronage for their consistent advertising in the REACTer.) If Cobra isn't the one manufacturer who takes advantage of this opportunity, there are several other potentials:

The REACTer To Be Improved

With this issue of *The REACTer* you've probably noticed some changes in content. The next issue will be a different size (11 x 17) and formatted for more versatile readership. Several ideas were presented at the Calgary Convention and I (Ron Mayes) was appointed to see them through.

Now that I have been hired as General Manager which includes being editor of this publication, I want to extend an invitation to all REACTers to provide input. Our goal is to provide the BEST PUBLICATION for Radio Association of Communications Team members. That means it has to be interesting — informative — educational — and easy for your eyes to follow.

Submit your ideas, news articles, calendar of events, achievements and pictures in the following manner for our publication use. Typed or printed neatly. Pictures must be black and white glossy in 3" x 4½" or 5" x 7" size. Film negative is helpful. Please note: We cannot return your pictures. Calendar of events should be submitted as shown in this issue at least 90 days in advance.

WANTED: New REACT Recognition Certificates Design

Enough of the old. Get out your pens and creativity and on a 8½ x 11 piece of paper, design a new "Certificate of Recognition" for REACT International to use. Please limit your design to no more than two colors with ease of use by all Teams for all recognition purposes. Submit your design artwork and one finished product to our office by December 8, 1986. Send them to Ron Mayes, REACT International, 242 N. Cleveland, Wichita, KS 67214.

**New REACT
International
Headquarters**
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Special Recognition For Extraordinary Support

The Board of REACT International wishes to express their gratitude to the following REACT Teams and Councils for cash donations above and beyond their dues. It is this type of generosity that helps our organization provide more and better services to all of our members.



Chris White accepting donation from Rick Murrell of Peace Bridge REACT

\$1,000.00 donation was presented to Chris White, president of REACT International, by Rick Murrell of Peace Bridge REACT Team, Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada. This special presentation was made at the 1986 International Convention in Calgary, Canada.

Wisconsin State REACT Council presented a \$250.00 donation at the Convention, as well.

Golden Gate REACT of San Francisco, CA donated \$100.00.

The REACTer Staff

This issue of *The REACTer* was put together by Terry Saks (Chicago, IL), past editor; Ron Mayes (Wichita, KS), General Manager - new editor; and guest co-editors Chris White (Lawndale, CA), president; Judy Simpson (Chicago, IL); George and Jackie MacDonald (Pewaukee, WI).

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Radio Shack Div. of Tandy Corp., Fort Worth, TX (largest electronics retailer in the U.S.); General Electric Co., Consumer Products, Portsmouth, VA (mass producer of the "emergency radio packages" that utilize REACT services); Midland International, Consumer Products, Kansas City, MO (mass producer of the "Ready Rescue" CB which takes advantage of the services we provide); Uniden in Indianapolis and a couple of others.

As I read the July-August REACTer under "REACTing in Emergencies" by R.C. Watts, I note his comment "In this state, at least, very few state troopers police or sheriffs have CBs in their cars. Considering the number of tiny emergency radios that have been purchased thinking that help is available anywhere, that's a big problem." Shall we see which manufacturer is REALLY interested in the public's emergency CB communications? I ask our International Board of Directors Chairman Chris White to contact manufacturers, either directly or through an appropriate committee head, with the above proposal. This should be done at once due to the time required in planning and production for marketing sometime in 1987.

Bob Leef
Orange County REACT
California

SPECIAL THANKS to those Chicago, Illinois and Wichita, Kansas REACTers who helped move the REACT International Headquarters. More about them in the next issue

Nashua REACT's Role in Community Affairs is Hailed

NASHUA, NH — As the Nashua Sunday *Telegraph* reported, Nashua REACT is much more than a monitoring Team. We are an integrated part of the City of Nashua and many of the surrounding communities. The 40 members of Nashua REACT not only provide safety for runners/bikers/walkers in about 20 road races per year, but we also run a 365 day/year road patrol program helping people with problems ranging from flat tires to frozen fuel lines. Communications is carried out primarily on CB Channel 9, with a UHF system of about 30 units providing secondary communications. Just about anytime the City of Nashua requires wide range communication, traffic direction, protection for participants in events, or just a helping hand, you'll find Nashua REACT, reports Edward J. Maris, Team secretary.

Massachusetts Team Makes Grand Slam in Awards

HAVERHILL, MA — On June 26 New Rescue 8, Inc., REACT Team 4508 received an official citation from the City of Haverhill for its assistance and participation in the "Hands Across Haverhill."

July 6 saw the Team receive an official citation from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Senate for "Invaluable Assistance to Victims of Fire and Accidents." This citation was presented by State Senator Nichols Costello. A second citation from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts came from the House of Representatives in recognition of the Team's having been awarded an outstanding Achievement Award by the City of Haverhill for tireless efforts during a recent fire and during the holiday season. This award was presented by State Representative Frank A. Emilio. Finally, we received an Outstanding Achievement Award by the City of Haverhill Community Events Commission.

1986 Election Report

NORTHBROOK, IL — Congratulations to 164 Teams which exercised their democratic right to vote — *and did* — correctly.

Twenty-six other Teams also voted. Sixteen of those submitted *invalid* ballots. They either did not vote for all candidates, or failed to rank them (1 to 4), as required. Another ten had to be *rejected*. Four lacked necessary signatures; three did not return the inner ballot envelope at all; two were received late; one showed no Team name or number on the outer envelope. Nonetheless, they did make the effort.

The Election Committee stresses the importance of following voting instructions carefully. They ensure the honesty of elections. Next year, we want every vote cast to count.

Disappointing indeed was the failure of over 550 Teams to vote. Did your Team vote? If not, why not? Inquire at your next Team meeting.

Below is a chart showing our 1986 voting record by area. Let's work to improve it in 1987.

United States	KY3	NH1	VA13
AL2	LA1	NJ2	WA5
AR1	MA2	NY7	WI4
AZ4	MD6	OH5	WV2
CA16	ME1	OK5	WY1
DE2	MI6	OR6	PR1
FL9	MN5	PA13	
IA2	MD4	RI1	Canada
IL8	MS4	TN1	AB1
IN17	NC3	TX8	ON2
KS2	NE2	UT1	SK1

Election Committee: Rick Munton, Ned Smith, Chris White
Chairman: Ron McCracken

MAYES CHOSEN AS GENERAL MANAGER For REACT International Headquarters

The Executive Committee of REACT International has completed the task of selecting a General Manager. The Executive Committee reviewed all resumes received and selected Ronald Mayes for the position of General Manager.

Ron was selected based upon his background, enthusiasm about REACT, and managerial experience. In order to better control the office, REACT International Headquarters is being relocated to Wichita, Kansas.

The entire Board is aware that these are major changes, however, we your Board feels this is in the best interest of REACT. The move will provide REACT with reduced expenses and improved services. All Teams and councils will be notified of the new address and phone number as soon as possible. Mail will be forwarded from the Woodhead Drive address to the new address. You can continue to call the office at its present phone number. When the number is changed, the operator will let you know.

I hope that all of you will bear with us during these changes and have patience if you do not get an immediate response to your questions. The Board is working very hard to make the transition go smoothly. Remember, you can still contact any member of the Board of Directors when needed. They are appointed to serve you.

Please join the Board in welcoming Ron as our new General Manager and in giving him our best wishes for a successful career with REACT International.

Christene White
 President, REACT International
 On behalf of the Board of Directors



Nathan L. Maryn



Ronald O. Mayes

REACT Field Director Elected

Ron Mayes was re-elected for a second term and Nathan L. Maryn was elected to the Board of Directors for the next two years.

REACTer Falls to His Death While Helping Motorist

ST. LOUIS, MO — At 11:41 pm Saturday, July 5th, Gateway Area REACT unit 45 was monitoring her radio as usual. She received a call advising that there had been an accident on I-70 east bound on the west end of the Missouri River bridge. She advised St. Charles, MO Police Department as it was their area. On her scanner she heard St. Charles advise St. Louis County and Missouri State Highway Patrol that a person had gone over the side of the bridge. There was little doubt in her mind what his fate had been. She cleared her station about 3:30 am and went to bed.

At about 8 am Sunday she was awakened by her phone ringing. From the Overland, MO dispatchers, Sue, unit 45, was grief stricken to learn that the victim had been Richard (Denny) Lloyd, Gateway Area REACT's Medical Liaison and an instructor from Overland. Denny was one of the best dispatchers Overland Police Department had.

While helping a stranded lady motorist, an intoxicated driver had struck the lady's car and to avoid getting hit, Denny had jumped out of his way, pushed the lady clear and had fallen off the bridge. He hit some tall trees and landed 78 feet below the bridge. It was learned that Denny had died of a broken neck after hitting the trees.

Denny Lloyd belonged to an elite organization called Codebusters. Each person in the group is credited with having saved several hundred lives. His Lifesaving & CPR Instructor job took him all over the Metropolitan St. Louis



area, a fact which became apparent by the evidence of hundreds who came to pay their last respects.

During the two days of visitation and funeral, REACTers had the opportunity to meet many people whom Denny had saved or who had had a loved one saved.

Denny, formerly an ambulance attendant, was a leader in Explorer Scouts, a member of C.A.P., and many other organizations too numerous to list. His passing will leave a void in our Team and community that will be hard to fill.

Although Denny was not a Saint, he came close to it. He was a caring person who knew his limitations but refused to let them limit him. Caring about people gave meaning to his life. The compassion and training he taught will give meaning to his death. Through his work, his spirit lives on.

REACT Calendar of Events

October 3,4,5
 NEBRASKA STATE CONVENTION
 Ramada Inn, Grand Island, Nebraska
 For more information contact: W. Stanley (402) 721-4905

October 12 — Noon
 WISCONSIN STATE COUNCIL MEETING
 St. Joseph's Church, 9th Street, Green Way, Wisconsin
 For more information contact: B. Blaske (414) 437-7735

November 1-November 2
 TEXAS STATE MEETING AND WORKSHOP CONVENTION
 Gunther Hotel, San Antonio, Texas
 For more information contact: D. George (512) 659-2965

November 2
 PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL — ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS
 1300 Hours, Arena Lounge, Bedford, Pennsylvania
 For more information contact: J. Bear (717) 872-4303

November 7-9
 INDIANA STATE CONVENTION
 Sheraton Inn, Anderson, Indiana
 For more information contact: R. Willus (317) 643-4871

November 9
 KANSAS COUNCIL MEETING — 1:00 p.m.
 Sizzilin Sirlain, Salina, Kansas
 For more information contact: R. Ekstein (316) 942-1082

OTHER EVENTS

October 15-17
 "NATIONAL LAND MOBILE EXPO EAST"
 World Congress Center, Atlanta, Georgia
 For more information contact: (303) 694-1522

October 20-22
 "INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON TRANSPORTATION ELECTRONICS CONVERGENCE 86"
 Sponsored by the Vehicle Technology Society of the I.E.E.E. and the Society of Automotive Engineers
 Hyatt Regency, Dearborn, Michigan
 For more information contact: (313) 649-0420

** If you would like your REACT state event or related radio communications event listed please submit your information, just like the above, 90 days or more in advance to REACTer, attention: Calendar of Events.*

Oregon State Council of REACT Teams Wins Governor's Volunteer Award

DALLAS, OR — Governor Vic Atyeh, of Oregon, in cooperation with the Oregon Corporate Volunteer Council, recently presented the Governor's Voluntarism Award, civic category, for 1985 to Oregon State Council of REACT Teams. The Council was selected from more than 200 nominees.

The nomination was made by the City of Dallas Police Department whose Crime Prevention Unit and Polk

County REACT cooperate in patrolling and accomplishing many other crime prevention activities.

Presentation came during Oregon's Volunteer Recognition Week. The award recognizes Oregonians who have made sacrifices on behalf of others, in thanks for exemplary citizenship.

Council Team members and individual members throughout the state who participate in the Channel 9 (emergency channel) monitoring program, safety breaks, emergency alerts and other civic activities are proud to have made an impact deserving of this award.

LIFE MEMBER CORNER

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

Let me introduce our newest Life Members. They are:

LM 275
Carol Harrison
Nassau County REACT
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LM 276
Azella E. Tingler
Roanoke Valley REACT
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LM 277
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Kendall Grundy Will REACT
Team 4488
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LM 278
Gene S. McLernore
Scottsdale REACT
Team 4148
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LM 279
John S. Patton
REACT of Clark County
Team C-025
148 Roosevelt Drive
Springfield, OH 45504

Please update your Life Member Directory.

The 1986 REACT International Convention is now history and all of the REACTers attending will tell you about the good times, good food and the beautiful scenery that were a part of this meeting. The members of City REACT of Calgary did everything they could to ensure that we enjoyed their city.

I enjoyed meeting many of the people that I had read about in newsletters and that were names on the Life Membership roster. It is easier to write columns like this when you have met some of the people that will read it. It is much easier to write a column like this when some of you out there write me asking questions or expressing an opinion. This gives me an idea of what you are thinking.

The Life Membership Committee (all Life Members that were at the Convention) met Monday night. I had the privilege of distributing the Life Membership Directory to those present. I also reported that twenty REACTers had become Life Members since the 1985 Convention in Chicago. There were 275 Life Members at Convention time, but now there are 279 Life Members. I also had to report that Charles R. Dowdy, LM 75, has recently died. I was told at the Convention that Wesley E. Rogers, LM 95, has also died. Two Life Members, Richard S. Alton, LM 34 and Kenneth C. Barninger, Sr., LM 56 were in nursing homes and those present signed "Get Well" cards that were sent to them the next day. A third card was sent to Martha W. Jernigan, LM 256, who is ill and staying with her daughter in California. We wish these Life Members, and those we don't know about who are ill, the very best and a speedy recovery.

LM 258, Harold Leach, suggested that the requirements for Life Membership be changed to require five years of REACT service before becoming eligible for Life Membership. This was discussed and then tabled until Wednesday when it was soundly defeated. The practice of accepting new Life Members at Convention was discussed. This has been done in the past and not all applicants were checked out with their Team. It was suggested that a Life Member be able to sign the application for an applicant whom they know. After discussion, the decision was to follow the prescribed practice. The application must be signed by two Team officers. This does create an interesting situation for one New Jersey Team since one couple was there wanting to become Life Members. He is the President of the Team and she is the Secretary. The only other officer is the Vice President, who was in New Jersey. I know they will solve that problem.

I mentioned a Life Membership Directory at the beginning of this column and I know that some of you are saying, where is mine? We had enough put together to take to the Life Members at Convention and have now finished the job. Chuck Thompson, LM 147, has volunteered to mail the directories as soon as I can get them addressed and to him. We plan to have them on the way to him in the next few days. By the time you read this, or shortly afterwards, you should receive your directory IF we have your correct address. If you are one of those who move and don't tell us where you are, we will do the best we can.

The membership decided they would like to have a new directory next year. We can do this and, since we expect to increase the number of Life Members again, it would be worthwhile. If a correction needs to be made, please let us know as soon as possible. If you know of a Life Member who died, we need to know about that also. The accuracy of the directory depends on you. We have no way of knowing about what is happening if you don't keep us up to date.

The final action of the Life Membership Committee in Canada was to reelect your Life Membership Task Group Leader for a third term. Chris White reminded me that this chairmanship is the only one that is elected by the members. The others are volunteers or appointed. That makes it a special honor to me.

If you were unable to attend the 1986 REACT Convention, make your plans now to be in San Antonio for the 1987 Convention. Being a native Texan and proud of my state, I also have reason to be proud of San Antonio. I lived there from 1934 to 1945. If you want to enjoy a week of REACTing and entertainment, don't miss this one. Registration is \$55.00, BUT if you preregister before October 20, 1986 you save \$5.00 and get a chance for the early bird drawing. The prize is a FREE ROOM for the Convention. I'll have my registration in early, how about you? Don't forget, have your registration postmarked before October 20th.

I am sure that you have heard by now that the dues will go up in 1987. Life Membership will remain at the present rate of \$200.00 until December 31, 1986. The price will go to \$240.00 in 1987 and \$300.00 in 1988. If you meet the requirements and are not a Life Member and would like to become one, or if you know someone that is considering Life Membership, now is the time to take action. Can

you think of a better way to say "THANK YOU" to that Team member that everyone counts on so much? How about that person that has been a member since the Team started and is still going strong? You can think of more deserving members than I can, so why not consider making them a Life Member while the Team can save some money. (If they admit to being over 60, you can save even more.) They will be very proud and the Team will benefit as well.

Oh, by the way, in 1984 we had 18 states that had no Life Members. We now have 13 states that have no Life Members and if you include Guam and the Virgin Islands that makes 15 with no Life Members. There is still room to grow.

If you lost a Life Membership pin at the Banquet, Thursday, July 24th, please describe it and we will get it to you. Be sure to send your name and address.

Karen and I plan to visit the Wisconsin REACT Council at their October meeting if arrangements can be made with our work schedules. It will be nice to see our friends up there again. We missed some of them at Convention time.

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Early Bird Prizes for 1987 Membership Registration CONTINUED

Your team registration package will be coming to you by early November so you can get your dues in for a chance on the many Early Bird Prizes being collected. All Team dues and registration forms must be in by December 31, 1986 to be eligible to win a prize.

Over 100 prizes have been awarded the past two years. One prize per Team maximum, so get your dues in! \$12.00 for each regular member, \$10.00 for family and junior members and \$25.00 per Team for bonding and liability insurance is required.

More about the prizes in the next issue of *The REACTer*.

Prestigious LIFE MEMBERSHIP A Bargain at just \$200⁰⁰ thru December 31, 1986

You save \$40.00 over next year's cost by applying for Life Membership today. Proposed '88 dues will make Life Membership \$300.00, so don't think about it much longer. Get your Life Membership application in today. Our quarterly payment plan makes it even easier. Look for more details in the Life Membership Report.

New York State Council Recognition Rescinded

The present Council and its officers have repeatedly failed to comply with the bylaws as set forth by REACT International.

We (The Board of Directors of REACT International) deeply regret having to take this action at our July Board meeting, stated Chris White, president. But the current Council leadership blatantly refused to cooperate with us when we tried to resolve several problems stemming from their unapproved Council activity. Their actions left us no other choice but to remove their Council chapter recognition.

This action was taken by the REACT International Board of Directors at a meeting held July 19, 1986 in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

All New York Teams will have the opportunity to decide whether or not they wish to form a new Council. If a New York Council is formed, the REACT International Board of Directors has voted that no officer of the now non-recognized Council shall hold office in a new Council for a period of at least one year.

The REACT International Board of Directors has taken this action after considerable deliberation and hopes this will not affect your continued support of REACT.

Chris White
President and Chairman

FCC Officials Designate APCO to Develop National Public Safety Plan

FCC Private Radio Bureau Chief Robert Foonsaner told members of the Associated Public Safety Communications Officers at their August 18-21, 1986 National Conference that future public safety radio systems will need to be able to communicate with each other and utilize advanced spectrum efficient technologies in order to meet federal standards under a national plan. APCO will be instrumental in developing a national plan later this fall for the FCC. The proposed plan would be presented by early 1987 with the FCC expecting to approve a plan a year or so later. Foonsaner cited the Southern California regional public safety plan as an "excellent" effort that can be emulated by agencies in other areas of the United States. The newly allocated 800 MHz spectrum of 6 MHz should factor strongly in the new national plan. The intent of the plan is to enable each and every subdivision, each and every town, county and state to communicate across jurisdictional lines.

Two Teams Consolidate Into One

ILLINOIS — Northwest Suburban REACT, Inc. (Team 3556) and Metro North REACT, Inc. (Team 4515) are proud to announce the consolidation of the Teams into North/Northwest REACT of Illinois, Inc. The two Teams have worked closely for the past two years, and felt that the benefit to the community would be greater for the one new Team. Neither Team had experienced a decline in membership but both Presidents felt that the consolidation had become necessary because of the close ties of the members. "The consolidation gives us the opportunity to fulfill our obligations with the villages with which we have (disaster assistance) agreements," stated Judy Simpson, President of Metro North. "With more members, we gain more exposure, since we can undertake larger projects," agreed John Collins, President of Northwest Suburban. The Teams have been meeting jointly for the past two months, and the new charter will become effective as soon as possible.

REACTing

in emergencies

by R.C. Watts,
Louisville, Kentucky

Volcanos

Active volcanos exist in Alaska, Hawaii, Western Canada, Washington, Oregon and California. All of these have the potential to erupt and there have been recent experiences in Hawaii and Washington. If close by when an explosive eruption occurs, there is little one can do, as evident in the Mt. St. Helen's incident. Most eruptions fortunately are not explosive in nature. Mudflows, ash falls and lava flows usually allow some protective action.

If volcanic ash begins to fall, stay indoors. If outdoors, seek shelter in a car or nearby building. If you can't get to shelter immediately, breath through a cloth, preferably damp, to filter out the ash. Keep your eyes closed as much as possible. Do not try to drive a car during a heavy ash fall — poor visibility will increase chances of an accident.

Mudflows follow valleys and streams away from the volcano and move faster than you can walk or run. If you are in the path of possible mudflow you will probably have to evacuate by car and can move faster than the flow. Before crossing a bridge, look upstream and don't cross if a mudflow is already moving under it. If you are isolated and can't evacuate, move upslope away from stream channels and valley floors. Lava flows are slow, giving ample time to get away.

Heavy ash falls may temporarily interfere with radio, TV and telephones, but seldom last more than a few hours. Mudflows will probably damage electric and telephone lines. Obviously, emergency communications is essential in these disaster-prone areas.

Drills

All emergency plans and preparations are useless if they don't work. The only way to find out if everything works is to participate in drills or exercises. Your state may have an annual tornado or hurricane warning and communications exercise. Or it may be a required exercise of nuclear power plant emergency plans. Whatever the nature of the drill, its purpose is not to find out how good or bad an organization is, but rather to find possible weaknesses that can be improved upon.

If state or local drills are not available, make up your own. The object might be to alert all Team operators to a simulated emergency to test their message-handling abilities. Or, call your members, have them assemble at a central location, and set-up equipment as they would in a real emergency. Lots of other scenarios are possible. Drills help to train members and make them better at REACTing in Emergencies!

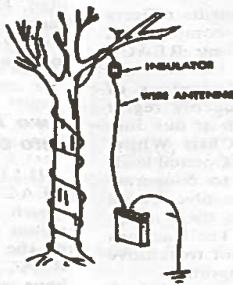
Emergency Antenna

If you have to operate in the field and don't have a good portable antenna, you can make one. The same holds true if your base antenna is destroyed by high wind and you need to get back on the air in a hurry (assuming you have power). Perhaps the best emergency antenna for CB is the suspended vertical (see figure). It may be hung from a tree, a chimney or on the side of a building where you have enough height.

To make it work properly, the antenna wire should be cut to $\frac{1}{2}$ the wavelength (in meters) of the operating frequency. To determine the wavelength, divide 285 by the frequency in MHz. A meter is about 39.37 inches. For Channel 9:

$$\frac{285}{27.065 \text{ MHz}} = 10.53 \text{ meters} = 414.57 \text{ inches} = 34\frac{1}{2} \text{ feet (approximately)}$$

The vertical antenna wire for 9 would be one half or about 17½ feet. Don't hang the wire much higher than that from the ground. Elevation above this height would require ground plane elements.



More Nuclear Hazards

We've talked about radiation hazards from nuclear war, transportation accidents and nuclear power plants. Accidents aside, coal burning electric plants can give you 400 millirems per year, if you live within 10 miles — more than any nuke power plant! Such common items as dentures, smoke detectors, gas lantern mantles and phonograph static eliminators emit small amounts of nuclear radiation, which may surprise some of you!

Going back to nuclear war, it might not be ours. An overseas conflict could spread fallout on us, even if we're not involved. There's also a remote possibility of an accidental or unauthorized launch of a nuclear weapon (theirs or ours) which doesn't lead to war, but deposits fallout on limited areas. Terrorism with a nuclear device is also possible. A "Broken Arrow," an accident involving a nuclear weapon, can happen at a military base, missile silo or during transportation.

Some people believe that nuclear war won't happen, while others think it likely. Many think everything could be destroyed and some believe nuclear war can be survived. Regardless of your thinking, preparedness for nuclear events is not wasted as just about anything can happen. Someone well prepared for the ultimate catastrophe can, with some luck or divine assistance, survive just about anything less severe.

EENET

On May 20, 1987 at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern time), the FEMA Emergency Education Network (EENET) will broadcast a video-conference that should be interesting to all REACTers and many other people. It's called "National Emergency Preparedness: Every American's responsibility." If your local civil defense has not already done so, a REACT Team can make arrangements with the cable TV company to carry this, free of charge, as a public service. If you make the arrangements, ask for a credit logo or announcement at the beginning of the transmission. Be sure to PR the program via the news media and flyers.

If no cable system is available, a local motel or school may have a satellite dish and viewing location that can be used instead. Try to have a telephone available for call-ins as there will be an opportunity for audience participation. The video-conference will be on the Spacenet I satellite, transponder 3 Direct (horizontal), channel 5, audio frequency 6.8 MHz, location 120° W.

For additional information, write to: EENET, USFA, National Emergency Training Center, Emmitsburg, MD 21727. Help make EVERYBODY better at REACTing in emergencies!

Petitioners Ask FCC to Seek Inquiries into Protection of Civilian Communications from EMP Threat

FCC RM-5528, this new petition asks the FCC to open an inquiry into the EMP threat from a single nuclear explosion at high-altitude. High-altitude (40 to 200 miles high) nuclear explosions generate an intense energy wave known as "electromagnetic pulse" EMP. Modern electronic equipment, especially equipment containing solid state components and/or microprocessors, can be extremely sensitive to damage by EMP. According to the petition such a nuclear explosion can disrupt communications and other electronic equipment over an area wide enough to cover the entire continental United States. "That which is an undetectable ripple in the environment to the living thing is experienced by an electronic component as the literal equivalent of a bolt of lightning." The petitioner describes EMP as the "last word in economic warfare" and urge the FCC to determine what protective steps should be taken.

(Nickolaus Leggett and Donald J. Schellhardt, 1500 Massachusetts Ave., N.W. #610, Washington, D.C. 20005)

So, there may be use for old tube type radios yet! Ha - Ed.

"NJ Council - Match Makers"

LAURENCE HARBOR, NJ — The New Jersey Council of REACT Teams has made many accomplishments in its relatively short existence. But this one is different.

A Search and Rescue drill was hosted by McGuire Alert REACT 2797 in the fall of 1985. After the drill, all 28 REACTers from 6 Teams went out to eat. Alene MacCoun of Somerset County REACT 4259 was introduced to Harold Green of McGuire Alert REACT. Both were single and this only seemed appropriate. From that day, they started to see each other at any opportunity — REACT related or not. They were married on July 31, 1986.

All REACT members in New Jersey wish Harold and Alene the best of luck in the future.

Houston REACTers Come to Aid of Fellow Team Member

HOUSTON, TX — On July 26th, Houston Metro Emergency REACT presented a much needed whirlpool bath to Hill "Sleepy" Littleton, a former member of San Jacinto REACT.

Houston Metro Emergency REACT volunteered to help arrange the collection of donations and to purchase the whirlpool bath. Hill is a double amputee and is also blind with a number of health problems including poor circulation. The whirlpool bath would greatly improve Hill's circulation, so a number of his friends got together and raised over \$300.

Houston Metro Emergency REACT members acted as hosts of an informal party for friends and supporters at the Red Cross Headquarters. Hill and his wife Ann were presented the whirlpool bath and a gift certificate for the balance of the fund.

Manufacturers Announce Promotions

■ G.E. has appointed John Haddock as General Manager of Marketing for General Electric's Mobile Communications Business Division.

■ Yaesu has promoted Norm LaCombe to Vice President of Yaesu USA's Commercial Division. LaCombe will be responsible for marketing of all Yaesu USA's land mobile, marine and radio products.

■ Maxon Electronics has promoted David Stubbs to Vice President of Marketing and Sales for the company's line of communications equipment.

■ Uniden Corporation of America has promoted Ed Watkins to National Sales Manager, and Greg Pruet to Sales Administration Manager of its commercial and marine communications divisions.

■ Dynascan Corporation, Mfg. of Cobra and B & K Communications and test equipment, has elected Jerry Kalov Chief Executive Officer, Chicago, IL.

■ Antenna Specialists Company has promoted Raymond Ditomas to Regional Sales Manager for the central states, and William Jamieson is the new Customer Service Manager.

■ At the FCC... Ronald J. Lepkowski, a 1985 recipient of the FCC's Silver Medal Award for Meritorious Service, has been named deputy chief of the Common Carrier Bureau's Domestic Facilities Division... William A. Russell, Jr., director of the Office of Congressional and Public Affairs, has resigned to start his own government and public relations firm in D.C. Robert L. Pettit, senior legal advisor to Commissioner Mimi Dawson, exits to become a partner at Wiley, Rein & Fielding. Lauren J. Belvin succeeds him at the FCC.

On Line Computer Access to Private Radio Bureau License Database Now Available

Electronic retrieval of license data for the Part 90 private land mobile radio services and the Part 95 General Mobile Radio Service has been announced by Spectrum Management Systems (SMS), the for-profit subsidiary of the Special Industrial Radio Service Association. For 3.9 cents per second (log-on to log-off), the general public can access computers which provide retrieval (by call sign, frequency and state or exact location) of information including licensee name, radio service, transmitter location, expiration date, frequency, coordinates and class of station. Customers may use personal computers or data terminals to access the system. Applications include marketing, site research and interference prevention.

There is no sign-up or subscription fee and the service is available via public data networks. (SMS, 1700 N. Moore St., Suite 910, Rosslyn, VA 2209, 703/528-5115.)

A REACT MONITOR

Submitted by Rosalie Wszolek

Past President of Comanche County REACT 3232, Lawton, OK

I look at the clock and see it is time
To sit down and monitor channel nine.
Just sit by the radio for an hour or two
And listen for a call that might come through.
Yes, as usual, the bleed-over is bad,
And the skip rolling in makes me mad.
I grit my teeth and pull at my hair,
Wishing some way I could clear the air.
My favorite program is on TV
And I can't see for the life of me
Why I joined an out-fit like this

There is so many things I would rather do
Than listen to that turkey on channel two.
I wish he would turn his power down,
He doesn't need it to talk here in town.
I pay alot of dues and give up my time.
Good grief! I say, I must be out of my mind!
Then I hear, "Breaker, breaker. I have a ten thirty-three,
Is there someone on channel nine who can help me?"
After the call is over and I have done what I can
I really feel good that I helped a fellow-man.
Now I remember why I joined an out-fit like this.

I smile to myself and think, no . . .
I'm not crazy out of my mind.
And I definitely haven't wasted my time.

Houston REACT's Response to Fire Timely and Effective

HOUSTON, TX — Saturday, May 24, started out like any other Memorial Day weekend. Things were going as normal at a Channelview sulphur plant when a fire, which broke out in an 18-wheeler, spread to construction equipment and eventually to sulphur storage tanks. About twelve noon, the Channelview Volunteer Fire Department responded and later called for mutual aid from surrounding fire departments, including Houston.

Many law enforcement agencies reported, as well as Houston Metro Emergency REACT. An evacuation of surrounding homes and businesses was ordered. Houston Metro Emergency REACT worked Channel 9, advising those who called as to what area was affected and which roads were closed. Instructions for evacuees and directions to nearby shelters were given. At approximately 1900 hours, the all-clear was given and several thousand residents were allowed to return to their homes.

Scanner Laws Make Progress in Senate

The Privacy "Scanner" legislation passes the Senate Copyright Committee and heads for the Senate Judiciary Committee on August 12, 1986. Bill §2575 Electronic Communications Privacy legislation offers legal protection for cellular, paging communications and other radio services. Earlier this summer the House approved similar legislation. The Scanner legislation will provide for criminal fine and prosecution of individuals caught listening in on prohibited radio services.

PA REACT Steps In to Help When Boy is Injured

ALTOONA, PA — Blair County REACT Team 3655 sponsored a dance in July at the local VFW Post for a little 8-year-old boy who was injured on his grandfather's farm. The money went to help pay for medical expenses for the boy.

The event featured seven hours of live country and western music, donated by a band, prizes, and food, all of which was donated to the cause.

International Convention Attendees Vote in Favor of Dues Increase for 1987

During the July Board meeting, the Board had voted to increase the dues, but they wanted the delegates at the convention to have the right to vote on what the increase would be. Monday, at the opening session, the delegates were presented with two sets of figures and asked to discuss them among themselves and with Board members and be prepared to vote on Thursday at the open Board meeting. The result of this was that Delegates representing 17 councils held a meeting, and at the open Board meeting they presented a proposal to the delegates and Board of Directors that the 1987 dues would increase to \$12.00 for regular members and \$10.00 for family and junior members and that the 1988 dues would be \$15.00 for regular members and \$12.00 for family and junior members. The delegates and the Board of Directors voted to accept this proposal. Life membership will be \$240.00 in 1987 and \$300.00 in 1988.

The Board is cutting costs in every way possible and is seeking additional forms of revenue. They want to assure you that if the dues increase that has already been approved for 1988 is not needed, it will not go into effect.

The Board also voted to add a charter renewal fee which would take care of the liability insurance and the bonding insurance fee. While the delegates supported the fee, they did not like it being called a charter renewal fee and suggested that instead it should be called an Insurance Fee. The Board accepted this change.

A late renewal fee was also added by the Board. If a Team does not renew by February 1, the fee will be \$10.00. If they do not renew by March 1, the fee will be \$20.00. If they do not renew by April 1, they will be dropped as a REACT Team and will have to apply for a new charter if they wish to stay in REACT.

The idea of a REACT Associate membership was presented to the delegates. The delegates liked the idea of having another classification of membership, but asked that certain aspects of it be reworked before final approval is given. Nat Mayrn and Ron Mayes given the task of reworking this proposal.

REACT Team Assisting Help During Independence Day Parade

SALT LAKE CITY — Salt Lake REACT Team C-296 was requested this year by the Sandy City (UT) Parade Committee to assist them with their communications for their Independence Day Parade.

REACT's base of operation was at the home of Vice President Ken Hickock, whose radio room had a commanding view of the main parade route. Members were contacted by GMRS radio as well as CB walkie talkies. A REACT unit was on each corner to report on the progress of the parade.

Says the Team's public relations officer, Clarence Anderson: "We enjoyed the opportunity of working together and this event served as tune-up for the larger Days of 47 Parade that REACT is always called on to assist in, which is held on July 24."

Herndon REACT Team Helps Local Triathlon

For the second year in a row, more than 400 participants signed up for the running of the 1986 Reston Triathlon held in Reston, Virginia. All participants who signed up for the event had to swim 1 mile, bike for 23 miles and run 6.2 miles to the finish line. The time frame for the entire event took 4 hours. Herndon REACT C-332 was invited by the Reston Triathlon Association to support them with radio communications for the safety of all participants and watching spectators. Herndon REACT was pleased to accept this community event challenge and opportunity to assist the Fairfax County Police and fire/rescue departments in assuring the safety of all participants.

Race Director Bruce Titus said the triathlon was virtually injury-free except for a rash of bee stings.

Preparations are now underway by the Reston Triathlon Association for the 1987 triathlon and Herndon REACT C-332 hopes to assist again with their radio communications needs.

NEW BOOK

CB Sales and Service Centers may want to take a look at a new book called "The Citizens Band Buyers Directory" for \$39.95, by Bill Cheek of Commtronics Engineering, P.O. Box 1019, Lemon Grove, CA 92045. Each copy has an individual serial number and is not available to the general public.

To the Editor:

Steven Lynch, of Aberdeen, is our choice for the CB Program Volunteer of the Year. Although Steve has only been with us since 1984, he has proved to be a most valuable "asset" to the Monmouth County Board of Social Services Volunteer Unit.

Steve has a history of community involvement. He is currently serving as the Captain of the Aberdeen First Aid Squad. Steve also serves as President of the Bayshore REACT Team #4583, serving many hundreds of hours each year to insure that Channel 9, the emergency channel CBers call on when help is needed, is constantly monitored.

Steve Lynch has proved to be one of the most agreeable and reliable volunteers the CB Program has ever had! He's the kind of volunteer who doesn't say no to any request made of him. Not only has he installed many CB sets in the cars or homes of our disabled recipients — he has instructed clients in the use of their equipment, consulted on many a technical matter, provided much positive PR for our MCBSS Program, and has even found recipients for us in need of our services.

I only wish we had more volunteers like him, but there's only one Steve Lynch. Thanks for giving us the opportunity to recognize a great individual.

Sincerely,
Pam Martin
Coordinator of Volunteers
CB Program, Monmouth County Board of Social Services in Freehold, NJ

New Brunswick Team Makes Mark in its Brief Existence

ST. JOHN, NB — In the short time it has existed, Tri-County REACT has answered many calls ranging from calls for assistance for grass fires, to auto accidents, marine assistance and motorist assistance. With 13 members on board, the Team has accomplished a good deal and participated in several community activities including the 1986 Loyalists Day Festival, supplying communications and a needed public address system for a dog obedience club. The group has also received a letter from the Premier of New Brunswick congratulating members for its humanitarian service. Says the Team's Secretary/Treasurer Esther Foote: "We would love to hear from any other REACT Teams that would like to correspond with us. Our Team is working hard to help the public and we will do our best to make REACT proud of our newly-founded Team. . . ."

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