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SALINA, KANSAS, JULY 12—Windado does extensive damage. Cessna 150 is blown under twin engine plane.

Photo by Jim Meyer, Photography, Wichita, Kansas, using 35mm camera on black and white film.

1988 Renewals were mailed first class to all Teams by November 14.

**Early Bird Drawings** — Last year 60 Teams won prizes of antennas, CB radios and the like. This year we will try to top last year's efforts and award more prizes. Many of the same manufacturers are promising some nice winning items. We already have more than 20 antennas including a BC base antenna from Shakespeare in the drawing. It's easy to get in the drawing. Just send your initial Team renewal in (completed with dues) by December 31, 1987. The 60 winners last year had a 1 in 7 chance to win a prize, so the odds are pretty good.

**100% Renewal Certificates** will be given out to those Teams renewing the same number of members for 1988 that they had in 1987. Your Team has until April 1 to submit renewed and new members to bring your number of members to the same or greater than what you had registered with International at the end of 1987.

**Team Survey Results** — With 18 percent initial response to the survey we can show you this sampling.

	Percentage
Teams with CB .....	100
Teams & Members with GMRS ..	36
Teams with GMRS Repeaters ...	22
Teams and Members with Amateur .....	26
Other Communications used .....	30
Monitor CB-9 .....	99
Monitor CB 19 .....	32
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Operate Rest Stops .....	61
1 to 2 per year .....	74
3 - 5 per year .....	36
6 or more .....	10

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We have received more in but require all Teams to respond in order to have the best results. The survey will become a regular

part of your Team file and will be updated yearly. Please call us if you have any questions about the survey. The survey results will be used in fundraising and public relations activities.

**1987 Year-end Monitoring Report** was enclosed with the Team Topics renewal package. Please complete and return.

This information will be compiled and a report made in the REACTer. Other uses in public relations and fundraising are being contemplated.

**1987 monies owed to REACT International must be paid.** — Credits issued from this office must also be used. You can use these credits to order REACT supplies and pay dues. Remember, you must return the original credit slip with your order/dues.

**1988 Field Director nominations are now open.** — Nominate qualified candidates to serve on the Board from July 1988 to July 1990. Two positions are open: Al Hansen (Illinois) and Nathan Maryn (Maryland). All nominations must be received on the official form by February 29, 1988. The form was included with the November Team Topics.

**1990 International Convention bids are due March 31, 1988.** The 1990 convention will be in West U.S. (west of the Rocky Mountains). For more information or a bid application contact:

Site Selection Committee  
Barbara Chuvan  
P.O. Box 928  
Ormand Beach, FL 32074  
or REACT International

**New Officer Report Form** was enclosed with the November Team Topics. Complete and return all copies with your renewal or immediately after your Team elections. NOTE: Must be initialed to be included in emergency contact directory of REACT Teams.

**All Team renewals are due by January 31, 1988.**

**Late renewal fees** — Any Team renewal received (for the first time) between February 1 and February 29 is required to pay an additional \$10. Between March 1 and March 31, the fee is \$20.

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## the REACTer

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## HQ REPORT / Continued

### TEAMS NOT RENEWED BY APRIL 1 ARE DROPPED.

**The Renewal Instructions** — The renewal form contains your members' names and addresses along with a designation "renew," or "drop," or "undecided." Check the line to show the action (renew, drop, or undecided) for each member.

- Name spelling and address corrections for members renewing are to be made on the renewal form.
- Include the required dues plus the Team insurance fee of \$26.

**1988 Team renewal process** — You can expect membership cards in about 30 days after International receives your completed renewal form. Checks are deposited immediately, so Team treasurers can make sure these show up on your bank statement. If not shown, this may indicate a problem.

- A new Team printout will be returned with the 1988 membership cards. Use this for follow-up renewals of your Team. Submit this printout with the necessary dues to International.
- New members may be written in on the front or back of these renewal forms. Be sure to show name, complete address, and whether they are Regular, Family, or Junior member.
- Address changes are to be made close to the member's original printed information. Draw a line through the incorrect information.
- Nine-digit zip codes are now possible. Please give this information, if known.

**Good News** — We are now using a Wichita computer service to handle our membership data base and renewals. This will enable us to have a quicker turn-around time for you. The deadlines must be met and instructions followed closely to make your Team renewal go as smoothly as possible. Please contact your Council or our office if you have any question about the renewal instructions.

### 1988 Dues are:

\$12 — Regular Members (over 18) for the first member of the household (address) of family members.

\$10 — Family Member for the second and following members of the same household.

\$10 — Junior Member (under age 18) doesn't require a parent as a REACT Regular Member.

N/C — Life Members are those who have been accepted into Life Membership of REACT International and paid in full. Those making payments must pay the regular dues. (REACT International recognizes Life Members as being associated with only one Team. If they wish to belong to more than one Team, they must pay the other Teams' dues requirements. (Please contact REACT HQ if you have any questions.)

**Special Sealed Bid Auction** — REACT 25th Anniversary commemorative belt buckle Number 25 from the series 1-500 will be auctioned off. Only 500 buckles will be

released. (Number 1 was presented to Pete Kreer, our founder.) Collectors know the value of limited edition items and the special value of certain numbered items. Number 25 represents the 25 years of REACT existence.

**Anyone can bid.** All bids must be received by January 15, 1988. Bid instructions: (1) get your monies all put together; (2) write a CHECK for the full bid amount; (3) attach a piece of paper with the name, complete address, and phone number of the bidder(s); (4) send this to REACT International, Belt Buckle #25 Auction, 242 Cleveland, Wichita, KS 67214. Only the winning check will be cashed; all others will be returned. Ties will be broken by the earliest postmark. Final tie will be broken by direct contact for increased amount.

The monies received will be earmarked for a special REACT International project to be announced. requirements. Please contact REACT HQ if The winning bid is a tax deductible donation.

**Christmas Anniversary Gift Ideas** — There are 25th Anniversary belt buckles and presentation pen and pencil sets left.

### CLOSE OUT ITEMS (while they last)

- 25th Anniversary logo stickers — 48 for \$1.00
- Presidential Award cloisonne pins — \$5.00 each
- Presidential Award vinyl touch-on emblems — 4 for \$3.00
- "Where Seconds Count" Video (was \$20) — now \$15.00

### New REACT Supply Items

- REACT Video — We have combined the videos ("Where Seconds Count" and "Help is Near"), included a recent presentation about the REACT program, and updated the International address into a single, one-hour REACT Video. The new video tape is \$32 each, quantity of 1-4; \$29 each, 5-9; and only \$27 each, quantity of 10 or more.
- "Lil REACTer" — Them fuzzy lil things that stick close to you. Orange body, white hat with REACT logo, stick 'em feet, and a streamer with our motto "Public Service Through Communications." 10 for \$7.50; 50 for \$35.60. Call for larger quantity discount.

Our new office assistant is Lisa Donnelly. Lisa is a senior at North High School in Wichita, Kansas. She replaced Leanna Diehl who has gone off to college at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas. Lisa is pictured on page 31 of this issue.

Holiday travel is nearly upon us for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years. These travelers are relying on your monitoring skills and on your being there when they need you!

**OUR STAFF AND I WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

Ron Mayes  
General Manager

## REPORT FROM THE BOARD

Christene White

Our 25th year has been a very good one and a big thank you to Gaudelupe REACT #3622 and the Texas State REACT Council for doing such an outstanding job in hosting the Silver Anniversary Convention.

Many improvements have been made this last year and from the correspondence received it appears that the majority of you are happy with the improvement.

Our financial status is better than it has been for several years and this is due to the hard work and planning of the Board of Directors, General Manager, and Office Staff.

Survey Forms have been mailed out to each Team. It is very important that these forms be filled out and mailed back to headquarters. You expect that headquarters should take care of everything immediately so when you are asked occasionally to do something please follow through.

It is Membership Renewal time. Be sure that you renew all of your members that are going to remain members. It has been brought to our attention that there are Teams that still are not registering all of their members of REACT therefore they are not covered by insurance. It has also been brought to our attention that when Teams take in new members during the year that they are not sending the dues in right away. It is important that you do so as they are not members until you do and they miss out as they do not receive any of the benefits. Members whose dues have not been paid by the end of December will not receive their January/February REACTer.

Remember, this is your organization and the Board of Directors are here to serve you. So let us know if there any new programs that you would like to see implemented. Please feel free to contact me or any of the Directors at any time.

## NEW TEAMS CHARTERED

#4696, Volunteer REACT, Inc., Jonesboro, TN, 9/87

#4697, Neosho Count REACT, Erie, KS, 9/87

#4698, Tarrant County REACT, Ft. Worth, TX, 9/87

#4699, Canyon Country REACT, Canyon Country, CA, 10/87

#4700, Kitsap County REACT, Poulsbo, WA, 10/87

#4701, Clearfork Valley REACT, Itmann, WV, 10/87

#4702, Tri-County REACT Emergency Response Team, Sterling, IL, 10/87

#5034, Cruden Bay & Buchan District REACT, Cruden Bay, Scotland, 9/87

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# REACT INTERNATIONAL, INC: BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES July 1987 — Gunter Hotel — San Antonio, Texas

July 24-31, 1987 Sessions

Attendance: Chairman Christene White, presiding; Nathan Maryn; Ronald McCracken; Edward Smith; Gregory Seemuth; Joseph Stephany; Robert Stone; Ronald Mayes, General Manager; Alfred Hansen later added.

Minutes of the previous meeting: February 13-15, 1987, minutes were approved.

Review of Financial Statements and Budget status: Gregory Seemuth and Ronald Mayes presented draft Financial Statements effective 6/30/87 (with July estimates penciled in), a draft 1988 Budget, along with a Statement of Projected Income and Expenses for the year 1987. Mr. Seemuth noted that expenses for first half 1987 were below budget.

Open Board positions: The Board removed from the table the topic of the two open positions on the Board of Directors: One Field Member and one At-Large Member.

The Board voted that the candidate in the current Field Board Member election, receiving the third highest number of votes, be appointed to the unexpired term of Ronald Mayes. The Board further voted that an effort be initiated to locate an additional At-Large Member with an expertise in membership, public relations, and/or fundraising, with a goal of appointment of this At-Large Member by the end of February 1988.

Professional Management Association (PMA) contract: The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) should be approached to assure a good relationship and to see if there is an interest in a future contract for product distribution. Joseph Stephany agreed to contact Mr. Ronald Engle at the NHTSA to determine further interest, if any.

REACT Name and Trademark: Our Trademark has been established within the Phillipines. Reports of non-authorized use of the REACT name were discussed.

Anytime it is determined that another organization is operating under the name REACT, that organization should be formally contacted, indicating the trademark protection REACT International currently enjoys, and indicating that REACT International is prepared to protect its name, including through legal action.

Uniden proposal: Declined due to the stipulations required by Uniden.

Popular Communications: Board approved an agreement to trade out advertising with *the REACTer*.

1988 Dues: The Board voted to postpone the planned 1988 dues increase one year.

Duties of Councils: Edward Smith, assisted by Nat Maryn, Ron Mayes, and Robert Stone, were asked to revisit the Statement and report back at the February 1988 meeting.

REACTer: Ronald Mayes raised the issue of how to promote additional submissions of articles. Recommendations were offered.

Chairman White asked the following members to write "The View from the Board" columns:

Joseph Stephany	September/October 1987	Due 8-1-87
Nathan Maryn	November/December 1987	Due 10-1-87
Robert Stone	January/February 1988	Due 12-1-87
Edward Smith	March/April 1988	Due 2-1-88

Community Concerts Entertainment: CCE fundraising offer for REACT Teams to sponsor local musical shows was tabled.

Team "How To" publications: To be revised for possible update by the Task Groups.

International's responsibility in regards to conventions: A need to document responsibilities of REACT HQ vs. the host Team and/or Council developed.

Task Group reports:

Ronald McCracken — Public Relations: Thanks to various Task Group members the planning for the Silver Anniversary was very successful. The U.S. Postal Service issued a special commemorative cancellation for the convention. The CB symbol road sign is an ongoing project. Articles and news releases noting the 25th anniversary of REACT were issued.

Nathan Maryn — Awards: Mr. Maryn noted that their effort is ongoing, and that efforts will be required to enhance participation by individuals, Teams and Councils. He also noted a need for a sponsored program to acknowledge special acts or services.

Joseph Stephany — Public Service: Mr. Stephany noted that he had attended a Transportation Research Board meeting in Washington, D.C., and that he had little response from the members of his Task Group.

Edward Smith — Communications: Under the continuing leadership of Charlie Harband, the Task Group continued to sponsor the "Nuts and Bolts" column in the *REACTer* with a continual flow of quality material.

Under the leadership of Judy Simpson, a new "regular feature" was added to the *REACTer*: "GMRS Rx." This series, focusing on the General Mobile Radio Service, did a fine job in following in the footsteps of "Nuts and Bolts."

The editorial staff of the *REACTer* made changes to the publication to support the requests for archiving, later reference and indexing.

Computer Operations Committee Reports: Jacki and George MacDonald joined the meeting at this time.

Gregory Seemuth noted that he had met with Robert Stone, Ronald Mayes and S&S Computer Services on June 1 to discuss computer services. Mr. Seemuth noted that the opinion expressed by S&S was that, given the size of REACT, the corporate database should be maintained in-house on a personal computer.

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## BOARD MEETING MINUTES (Continued)

Ronald Mayes distributed a written analysis entitled "REACT Data Base Management and Computerization."

Jacki & George MacDonald gave a brief overview of issues discussed in their memo Subject: Review of Feasibility Study—Bringing Membership List in House.

A long discussion was held addressing various data processing management issues and topics, including system requirements, data base integrity and revision, forms design and system conversion from outside to inside services.

Robert Stone suggested that IBM and UNISYS be contacted for assistance, and Nathan Maryn suggested that similar contact be made with Digital Electronics Corporation.

Chairman White asked Jacki and George MacDonald to meet with Ron Mayes and Nat Maryn to study the issue further.

**Shakespeare Corporation proposal:** Ronald Mayes announced that Shakespeare had offered to sponsor a membership drive in conjunction with its introduction of a new base station antenna. Under the program, Shakespeare would give away an antenna for each state and/or province, the winning Team being the Team in the state that gains the most members (by number) with ties being broken on a percentage increase basis.

The Board adopted the proposal, setting a new-member registration period of August 1 until October 31, 1987.

**Board Ratified Appointment of Alfred Hansen:** Hansen was appointed to fill the unexpired July 1986-July 1988 term of Board of Director membership left vacant by the resignation of Ronald Mayes.

### Election of Officers and Executive Committee:

Christene White	President
Ronald McCracken	Vice President
Edward Smith	Secretary
Gregory Seemuth	Treasurer

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** Christene White, Ronald McCracken, Gregory Seemuth and Robert Stone.

### Assignment of Task Groups and Committees to Board:

Goals and Objective Committee	Nathan Maryn
Public Relations Task Group	Ronald McCracken
Government Relations T/G	Joseph Stephany and Robert Stone
Awards Task Group	Al Hansen
Convention Task Group	Christene White
Computer Services Task Group	Christene White
Life Membership Task Group	Christene White
Communications Task Group	Edward Smith
Financial Resources Task Group	Gregory Seemuth
National Advertising Program	Ronald McCracken

**At-Large Board Member Search Committee:** It was voted that the task of recruiting candidates for the open At-Large board position be assigned to the three existing At-Large members for review of candidates, nominations to be submitted from all sources, including the field, with the At-Large Members being asked to report to the entire Board by the end of 1987.

Edward Smith was tasked with drafting copy for submissions for *REACTor* and *Team Topics* inviting suggestion of candidates and process for submission.

**Operation Life Saver:** James Kuykendahl and Don Conant of Union Pacific Railway's Operation Life Saver gave a presentation outlining their program and how it may dovetail with REACT. The program is based on the "three E's: Education, Engineering and Enforcement," and is operating in 49 states and Canada. They also noted that there is a program contact in each state and a national office is being set up.

The Board asked Richard Munton to present the Operation Life Saver Program to the Convention, indicating support of the Board of Directors, and asking the endorsement of the Convention.

**Financial Resources Task Group Presentation and Discussion:** Gregory Seemuth and James Bear gave a presentation regarding grants, donation and fundraising. It was indicated grant proposal topics need to be advanced that can be developed and presented to foundations.

Nathan Maryn advanced one possible grant request: Education of the new population of CB buyer, who buys the radio for storage in the trunk of the car for personal emergency use, regarding use of the radio in times of emergency for self and the possibility of use in times of emergency for others. A special Task Group, headed by Jim Bear, was formed to prepare grant proposals and submit them to the Board.

### Selection of Task Group Leaders:

Task Group	Assignment
Awards and Recognition	Jerry Parker
Communications — CB	William Simpson
Communications — GMRS	Judy Simpson
Computer Service	George & Jacki MacDonald
Convention — Site	Barbara Chuvon
Convention — Credentials	John Leist
Council Development	Russ Willis
Financial Resources	James Bear
Government Relations	Al Hanger
Public Relations	Robert Riechel
Public Service	Larry Shrigley

**Motto:** "REACT: Public Service through Communications" was adopted.

**REACT Amateur Radio Club Program:** Fred Breiding, Communications Task Group Sub-group Leader, was appointed to be responsible for this program.

**Election of Field Directors:** Ronald McCracken noted that a number of recommendations concerning the process of election of the Field Directors had been submitted. The matter was referred to the Field Directors for analysis and recommendation.

**Next Board Meeting:** The regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting is January 30-February 1, 1988.

# REACT INTERNATIONAL, INC.

## OPEN BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

### July 30, 1987 — Gunter Hotel — San Antonio, Texas

**Attendance:** Chairman Christene White, presiding; Alfred Hansen; Nathan Maryn; Ronald McCracken; Edward Smith; Gregory Seemuth; Ronald Mayes, General Manager; plus the attendees of the 1987 REACT Convention.

**Credentials Task Group report:** It was announced that at this meeting there were 64 Teams and 23 Councils represented.

**1987-1988 Officers and the elected Executive Committee were announced.**

**1988 Dues:** Planned dues increases for 1988 were postponed for one year.

**Effort to recruit an At-Large Director was announced:** Chairman White urged all to publicize the effort to recruit candidates for the vacancy to the Board of Directors to allow for maximum participation by the membership in the filling of this important position.

**Emergency Directory effort:** It was noted that plans were being made to allow for emergency contact of Teams as had been requested by the convention attendees. The interim list was being developed for distribution at the convention.

**New Board of Directors Committees:** Chairman White announced a Goals and Objectives Committee consisting of Robert Stone, Nathan Maryn and Edward Smith; and a Council Duties and Responsibilities Committee also consisting of Robert Stone, Nathan Maryn and Edward Smith.

**Absences:** Chairman White extended the apologies of Joseph Stephany and Robert Stone who had to leave unexpectedly to attend to family matters.

**Financial Report for 7-1-87 was presented.**

**Explanation of the nomination process:** In response to numerous questions during the convention, Nathan Maryn presented a brief explanation of the Field Director nomination and election process:

- Nominations must come from Teams, and the consent of the candidate is required.
- If there are more than four qualifying candidates, exclusive of incumbents, the Field Directors not up for election screen the candidate's qualifications.
- At the election site, independent election tellers are chosen from outside the Board to assist with the vote-counting process and to assure that the counting process is conducted in a fair and confidential manner.

**REACT Affiliate Program:** Chairman White noted that it had been discussed at the 1986 REACT Convention, and, while it had been adopted in principle by the Convention attendees, it had been referred back to the Board of Directors for additional staff work. The two major objections had been the name and the lack of a self-regulation process. At the February 1987 Board of Directors meeting Nathan Maryn had presented additional recommendations, including the name "Affiliate." Ronald McCracken had advanced the name "Reporter." Earlier in the Convention, Nathan Maryn had proposed a combined program, using the name "Affiliate" with a "Reporter" option. Delegate discussion was held.

The delegate from the Indiana Council moved to adopt the "Affiliate with Reporter Option" concept. The motion was seconded and carried with 10 votes opposed and six abstentions.

The delegate from the New Jersey Council moved to recommend to the Board of Directors that the pricing scheme for the Affiliate Program be structured in such a way that a REACT Affiliate pay a \$3 premium over the price of regular REACT membership dues. The motion was seconded and carried.

**Council Duties and Responsibilities Committee:** Nathan Maryn noted that this Board Committee would be working with the Council Task Group to define the duties, responsibilities and authorities of REACT Councils. He stressed the need for assistance and input in this effort from all REACTers, not just those active in Councils.

**REACT Amateur Radio Club proposal:** Edward Smith asked for direction from the attendees concerning the proposal for a REACT-sponsored Amateur Radio Club advanced at the general sessions. Chuck Thompson of Dallas County REACT moved that the convention recommend that the concept be adopted, and that the Communications Task Group be tasked with its implementation. The motion was seconded and carried, with seven votes against and two abstentions.

**GMRS Notice of Proposed Inquiry—Position Statement:** Edward Smith noted that the Communications Task Group had hosted a special meeting to consider various issues contained in the FCC's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, and that it recommended that the Convention consider and recommend to the Board an official position statement regarding these matters (see Exhibit for a copy of the proposed position statement).

The Florida Council moved to recommend adoption of the proposed position statement. The motion was seconded and carried with none opposed and four abstentions.

**Need for a Special Award:** Al Hanger invited Jerry Parker to speak to a need, perceived by the Awards Task Group, for a distinguished service award for those REACT Teams or members performing in special or unique circumstances.

Gregory Seemuth moved to adopt the concept of a "Distinguished Service Award." The motion was seconded and carried.

**Product Review Plans:** Nathan Maryn announced plans to publish product reviews in the REACTer. The concept was advanced by Robert Stone at the February 1987 Board of Directors meeting, with the hope of publishing independent reviews of products. The idea will be instituted using a standardized format and approach, with product reviews coming from qualified REACT Team members.

**Membership Committee Report:** Ronald McCracken presented a report from the Membership Committee. Two new Councils were recently initiated in New York State: The Southern New York State REACT Council, serving the New York City metro region; and the Upstate New York REACT Council.

Edward Smith moved that the two new Councils be officially recognized. The motion was seconded and carried.

**Public Relations Task Group report:** Ronald McCracken presented a report from the Public Relations Task Group. Work had already begun on the 1987-1988 projects which include additional public service announcements; work to include REACT in TV programs, radio and movies; a visor and/or cap; Operation Life Saver; and a national advertising campaign.

**Election Committee Report:** Ronald McCracken noted that it took over four hours to count the ballots in this year's election.

Awards were then given to Christene White and Edward Smith signifying their service to REACT through their Board of Directors'

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## BOARD MEETING MINUTES (Continued)

membership over the past two years.

**Recommendation for Convention Programs:** The delegate from Federal City REACT suggested that representatives from local, state and federal level police agencies be included in the convention program at the Opening Session.

**General Manager's Report:** Ronald Mayes presented the following membership benefits: Best Western and Days Inns discounts recently added; the Shakespeare membership drive recently announced.

Mr. Mayes asked a number of questions regarding Team insurances and received input regarding the cost members would be willing to bear. There was general agreement that Mr. Mayes should continue to pursue the Team liability insurance, and should pursue bonding insurance up to an additional \$15 per Team cost level if necessary.

**Operation Life Saver:** Mr. Richard Pratz of Bell County REACT moved that the convention recommend adoption of the program. The motion was seconded and carried.

**Life Membership Committee:** Chairman White announced that the Life Members had elected Mr. Richard Munton to chair the Life Member Committee. Mr. Munton then asked that the convention give Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pratz a round of applause to thank them for their service to the Life Membership Committee over the past several years.

Mr. Munton noted that the question of costs related to printing the Life Member Directory was still outstanding. Azella Tingler, Life Member No. 276, moved that donations be accepted from the Life Members to cover these costs (approximately \$71). The motion was seconded and carried by the Life Members.

**Questions and Comments:** Joan Shrigley, of West Suburbs REACT, asked about the proper number of copies of the REACTer that are sent to homes with more than one REACT member. Ronald Mayes answered that regular members receive the REACTer, and that family members, who must live in a home with a regular member, do not receive the REACTer.

A question was raised regarding the pricing and process for Canadian Team's ordering of REACT patches. The question was referred to Ronald McCracken, Canadian Liaison to the Board, for analysis and comment.

It was suggested that the convention host committee be invited to make a listing of sales items available for printing in the REACTer so that non-attendees to the convention would be afforded the opportunity to purchase sales items.

The issue of a limit on the number of consecutive terms a Field Board Member may serve was raised. Chairman White noted that while there is currently no stated limit, the Board is open to suggestions from the membership for handling this question.

A concern was raised regarding the date of the announcement of the "official" convention airline. Azella Tingler, co-chairman for the 1988 Convention in Roanoke, responded that negotiations were currently underway and an announcement was hoped for in the next several months.

The delegate from Harrison County REACT noted that some Teams in Indiana had been having problems getting approval from the state for use of rest areas for Safety Stops. Chairman White asked the Indiana Council to assist with the matter. Nathan Maryn noted that he would be working with Alan Hanger to research the federal laws related to these matters to determine if assistance could be found here.

**Welcome to first-timers:** Credentials Task Group Chairman John Leist noted that there were 51 "first-timers" at the convention. The convention applauded the attendance of these people.

**25th Anniversary Patch Sales:** Rheta Link of the Illinois Council announced that their sales of 25th anniversary patches had raised over \$300 for REACT International.

**Thanks to two attendees:** The head of security for the Gunter Hotel addressed the convention to extend his thanks to Mr. Frederick Brown and Mr. Robert Lumpkin of Federal City REACT. These attendees had found a fire in the hotel, summoned fire personnel, and extinguished the fire, averting a potential disaster.

**Announcement of donations:** In that he is four days older than REACT International, Phil Treglia of Nassau County REACT donated \$54 (\$25 for the past 25 years, \$25 for the next 25 years, plus \$4 for the four days) to REACT International.

Sedgwick County REACT donated \$353 to REACT International, Inc.

The hosts for the 1989 REACT Convention, to be held in Wisconsin, noted that there were samples of cheese for each attendee for pick-up after the meeting.

**1988 REACT Convention presentation:** Azella Tingler, co-chairman of the 1988 REACT Convention, to be held July 18-21, 1988, in Roanoke, Virginia, gave a presentation concerning the great program planned for next year's convention.

## 1986-1987 TASK GROUP AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Credentials Task Group** — Leader John Leist reported that 23 Councils and 63 Teams with validated credentials were present at the Convention.

**Computer Consultants** — Computer Consultant to the Board of Directors George MacDonald outlined the activities Jacki MacDonald and he performed over the prior year. The consultants helped with the move to the new Wichita, Kansas, office; they assisted with computerization and information analysis for the 1987 Convention; and they evaluated software packages for use in the Headquarters Office.

**Life Membership Committee** — Chairman Richard Pratz presented the report of the Life Membership Committee. To date there were 351 listed life members, 12 of which were deceased. A directory of Life Members was published, and a regular article has been established in the REACTer to keep the Life Members informed of the activities of the Life Membership Committee, and to educate the REACT community concerning Life Membership.

**Awards Task Group** — Jerry Parker presented the report of the group. Key points included:

- The Task Group recommended that it start to notify nominees they have, in fact, been nominated. In some cases that nomination has been a surprise to the nominee.
- To be stressed is the use of current, up-to-date nomination forms; often outdated forms do not contain correct deadline dates, etc.
- Nominations will be judged in the quarter in which they are received, and will not be "carried over" into following quarters. If a nominator wishes a nominee to be considered in future quarters the nomination must be resubmitted.
- Only quarterly award winners are considered for the annual award contests.
- Nominations should be promoted by all Councils and Teams. Many within REACT are worthy of recognition and this is one means of providing this recognition. In addition, this can become an incentive to future involvement.

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## BOARD MEETING MINUTES (Continued)

**Communications Task Group** — Noting the recent passing of her Co-Chair, Charlie Harband, Judy Simpson presented the report from the Communications Task Group, noting the following:

- The "Nuts and Bolts" column continues to be the longest-running column in *the REACTer*, and successfully served the need to disseminate information regarding CB.
- A new and successful *REACTer* article, "GMRS Rx," was created to serve the interests of GMRS information dissemination.
- The FCC's PR Docket 86-38, regarding the Creation of a New Personal Radio Service, was closed without action by the FCC and thus no longer required monitoring by the Task Group.
- Changes have been made to *the REACTer* to focus on useful information with a format that promotes information archiving and retrieval.

Mrs. Simpson offered the following suggestions for the 1987-88 Task Group year:

- Continue to use *REACTer* articles as the cornerstones of information dissemination.
- Promote the ability to communicate within and between the various levels of the REACT organization.
- Monitor communications technology to assist its evolution whenever possible.

**Convention Site Selection Task Group** — Barbara Chuyen presented the recommendations of the group. Two bids were received for the 1989 Convention; however, one was not from the central region and thus had to be disqualified. The committee revised the convention bid forms and will be revisiting the bid manual for update.

The Task Group formally proposed that the Convention recommend the bid from the Wisconsin REACT Council for the 1989 REACT Convention. Charles Thompson of Dallas Co. REACT made a motion to this effect. The motion was seconded and carried by a vote of the convention delegates. Nathan Maryn made a motion that the Board of Directors adopt this recommendation. The motion was seconded and carried.

**Credentials Task Group** — John Leist presented a further report from the group. It was recommended that the Task Group revisit some of the credentials rules with the hopes that better working rules will improve the credentials validation process.

**Council Development Task Group** — Russ Willis outlined the activities of the group. The Task Group decided against doing a survey which it had contemplated. It hopes to try to index the various Team and Council programs previously conducted across the country with the hopes of being able to refer Teams and Councils to the previously successful organizers when a program is considered in other areas. Finally, the Task Group hopes to continue to disseminate program information in *the REACTer* on a timely manner.

**Financial Resources Task Group** — James Bear discussed the activities of the group, as follows:

- Foundations were researched and 287 opportunities were established.
- One funding request was submitted to a foundation but, due to economic changes, was unsuccessful.
- The "Return of Gifts" program was initiated.
- The Task Group responded to numerous requests for information from Teams.
- Opportunities for a sweepstakes were evaluated and declined.
- The Task Group assisted the Headquarters office in becoming involved in the NAEIR.
- The Task Group assisted the Headquarters office in being added to the mailing lists of four publications regarding fundraising.
- The Task Group studied funding opportunities for the new "Channel 9 Monitored" signs.
- The Task Group studied funding opportunities for computer equipment for the Headquarters office.

**Government Relations Task Group** — Al Hanger presented the report of the group, noting its objective of promoting working relationships with government agencies, including the FCC. Mr. Hanger raised the following points:

- The FCC's PR Docket 86-38, regarding the Creation of a New Personal Radio Service, was closed without action by the FCC and thus no longer required monitoring by the Task Group.
- The FCC has a new mailing address for GMRS license applications.
- The special FCC monies allocated for CB enforcement has run out.
- FCC will be issuing a new Notice of Inquiry regarding proposed changes in the GMRS.
- General Manager Ronald Mayes had a visit to Washington, D.C., to visit numerous government offices.
- The U.S. House of Representatives, in House Bill 911, is considering protections from liability for volunteers.
- The Task Group should monitor laws regarding the transportation of people in the back of pickup trucks.
- Contact is being made with the National Truckers Association to develop a working relationship on issues of mutual interest.

**Public Relations Task Group** — Robert Riechel outlined the activities of the group for 1986-87. The Task Group successfully implemented the 25th Anniversary logo, including distribution of balloons. The "CB Monitored" road sign effort was initiated and is ongoing. Finally, the column in *the REACTer* from the PR Task Group continues to provoke thinking on the topic of promoting REACT.

**Public Service Task Group** — Larry Shrigley reported that the group produced no completed staff work requiring action by the Convention.

### OTHER PRESENTATIONS

**Amateur Radio Club Proposal** — Edward Smith outlined a proposal to promote education and understanding between the REACT and amateur radio communities. REACT would, in effect, create a "REACT Amateur Radio Club" made up of existing REACT Team Members who are licensed amateur radio operators. This would allow REACT to determine the level of activity in the amateur community on the part of current REACT Teams and members, promote education in REACT regarding the ways and interests of amateur radio, and to educate "ham" radio operators regarding the public service nature of REACT Teams.

**Call for a means to contact other REACTers in times of emergency** — Barbara Chuyen of the Florida REACT Council raised the need for a means to contact other Teams in times of emergency. Other delegates presented alternative ways of accomplishing this goal.

Edward Smith outlined recent plans to move, in steps, toward a comprehensive Emergency Contact Directory, noting that plans include an abbreviated level of information in a 1988 directory. Following this discussion, numerous delegates called for an interim effort to allow for inter-Team contact until the 1988 Directory can be distributed. Nathan Maryn and Edward Smith proposed that an interim list of contact people be developed from existing convention attendees and state council information, with distribution of this information to specified

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## THE VOLUNTEER PROTECTION ACT OF 1987—H.R. 911

On February 2, 1987, Congressman John Porter (R-IL) introduced legislation that encourages states to exempt all volunteers from civil liability except for acts of willful and wanton misconduct. The 99th Congress adjourned before a similar bill Porter introduced could be considered.

"We have it fittingly numbered HR 911." Porter said at a press conference to announce the bill. "It is an emergency."

Called The Volunteer Protection Act of 1987, the legislation would withhold one percent of Social Services Block Grants from any state that fails to extend liability protection to volunteers by the beginning of the 1989 fiscal year, redistributing those funds to states that have complied.

"Fears of personal liability exposure are spreading like wildfire throughout the volunteer community," Porter said. "All types of nonprofit groups, from universities and town governments to school boards and social service agencies like Catholic Charities, are facing the withdrawal of the time and skills of individuals on boards of directors and in other volunteer capacities."

The bill was written to protect the individual volunteer. Organizations remain legally liable.

"People are simply unwilling to jeopardize their family assets through volunteer work—and who can blame them? My bill offers a solution to this serious problem."

Porter then introduced VOLUNTEER Vice Chair Joyce Black, also representing a host of other voluntary organizations with which she is involved.

After posing the question, "Why is this legislation so important?" Black addressed three points: (1) Insurance premiums have spiraled; (2) many nonprofit organizations must make a choice between purchasing premiums and providing program services; and (3) many nonprofit insurance policies are not inclusive; they exclude child abuse and health programs, for example—ones that really need the liability coverage.

"Some volunteers are becoming leery of service both on boards and as direct service volunteers because they fear lawsuits against them as individuals," Black said. "This fear threatens the very basic beliefs of voluntarism, for without citizen volunteers, there would be no voluntary sector."

It is important that volunteers be protected from this type of liability. The bill states that "within certain states, the willingness of volunteers to offer their services has been increasingly deterred by a perception that they thereby put personal assets at risk in the event of liability actions against the organization they serve."

The cost of liability insurance has become so high that many nonprofit organizations cannot afford to provide this protection for their volunteers. It has resulted in the withdrawal of service from boards of directors and other volunteer positions.

### PEAT, MARWICK SURVEY: LIABILITY CRISIS

A recent survey of 2,532 leaders in the volunteer arena points out the immediacy of the liability crisis. According to a survey by Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. and INDEPENDENT SECTOR, more than 80 percent of respondents believe the directors' and officers' liability problem is damaging the quality of governance in U.S. national volunteer organizations and has reached crisis proportions.

When asked by Peat Marwick who or what was to blame for the problem, more than half of the volunteer organization directors pointed their fingers at lawyers and juries granting huge awards. Also, 46 percent cited heavy publicity on large settlements. More than half blamed the insurance industry.

More than three fourths of Peat Marwick's survey group belong to organizations

that carry director and officer liability insurance. Ninety percent of those in the for-profit sector had insurance protection, compared with only 71 percent among the not-for-profit groups.

Of the nonprofits, 86 percent of hospitals and 83 percent of municipal officials were covered. Museum directors at 45 percent and orchestra executives at 54 percent made up the low end of the scale of insured.

A third of the entire sample said that premiums had risen more than 300 percent at the last renewal of coverage. Only six percent said that rates had not changed.

"There has been serious concern over the past two years over the liability exposure faced by the members of boards of not-for-

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### REP. JOHN PORTER ON H.R. 911

*The following editorial by U.S. Representative John Porter appeared in the August 24, 1986 Chicago Tribune and is reprinted by permission.*

When your wife or husband tells you they're volunteering to serve on the board of the local United Way or park district, YMCA or school, the first thing you'd better ask is whether they have liability coverage for volunteers. Unfortunately, many organizations are having a tough time keeping volunteers protected. Either they can't get coverage at any cost or, if coverage is available, they can't justify the huge outlays.

Volunteers are the backbone of social progress and community life in America and run many of our local governments from townships to libraries to volunteer fire departments. Like it or not, they are increasingly being exposed to lawsuits which conceivably could cost them their homes or farms.

While it is true that few have been successfully sued, the proclivity of trial lawyers to name everyone in sight as a party defendant and the increasingly unpredictable nature of our tort system have led insurance companies to withdraw from the market. The consequence is less and less liability insurance protection and fewer and fewer people coming forward to volunteer.

The solution: Exempt unpaid volunteers from personal civil liability, except for willful and wanton misconduct. Why should the assets of board members of the Junior League be jeopardized for a slip-and-fall injury in the local thrift shop? That judgment should be paid out of Junior League assets or its liability coverage, not by its volunteers. Otherwise, how can we expect volunteers to continue to come forward?

Who should implement such a solution? The states. It's here where jurisdiction over

almost all personal injury litigation has resided for all 200 years of our republic. The Illinois General assembly has just adopted such a provision in its insurance crisis package. All states should do so.

The role of the federal government? To prod the states to adopt this and other reforms to keep the liability crisis from destroying the competitiveness of American products, undermining the availability and quality of our doctors and hospitals, and withdrawing local government services—from paramedics to picnic grounds and toboggan hills.

To encourage the states, I have introduced legislation in the House of Representatives to redistribute a small amount of federal funds for social service programs to states which have acted by 1988 to exempt unpaid volunteers from civil liability. The money would come from the allocations to states that have not yet done so. State legislatures should be made to focus on the problem now, before the volunteer spirit is permanently crippled.

Who are the volunteers of America? You and me and our families, friends and next-door neighbors. We should not have to fear placing family assets at risk when we donate our time and talent without compensation to serve our communities and charitable organizations.

*REACT members are protected by our million dollar liability coverage. However, we have seen the dramatic increase in this insurance costs over the past few years. H.R. 911 may very well reduce these high costs.*

*REACT International supports the concept of H.R. 911 and urges you to write your congressmen as a volunteer in support of H.R. 911.*

## Team Events

#4397 Salem Area REACT, Salem, OR, has had a banner year, and also one with a very sad ending, particularly the month of September.

September 129, we lost our Unit 143, Pauline Forrest, who has been a very staunch supporter of the Team for the last 4 years. Pauline was 75, but she certainly enjoyed coming to the meetings and sitting at the Safety Breaks, talking with travelers.

September 22 we were advised our very good friend and a dedicated REACTer in Polk County REACT #4026, "next door" to us, passed away. Edwin L. Trueax, age 63, has been a very hard-working member of REACT for many years, headed his Team several of them, and worked on the Board as V-P and as Treasurer of the State Council. He worked with our Team many times, on Halloween Patrol, Band and Drill Team Invitational and many, many hours on our Safety breaks. We will sorely miss Ed.

September 21 the father and father-in-law of our members, Bill and Ruthie Hennies, passed away. Louis J. Hennies was 85, had always been a very active member of his community, and enjoyed very much sitting in on our Team meetings.

We will miss these fine people and, unfortunately, will have to add 2 more names to our "Silent Mike" plaque.

Aside from this very sad week, the rest of the year has gone exceedingly well for the Team. We have completed (by the end of November) some 14 Safety Breaks, where nearly 100,000 cups of refreshments were served to motorists on I-5 at the Santiam River Rest Stop, south of Salem.

We have received our Mobile Repeater for the GMRS radio service and look forward to being able to participate more with the Emergency Services organizations in the area. We have our Public Service trailer completely outfitted now—12-gallon coffee urn, 2 types of cold carbonated drinks, plus hot chocolate, hot and cold tea, and various other beverages. The trailer can be totally self-sufficient: the urn is gas-fired, and the Team now has 2 generators for electrical power.

We are in the process now of building a supply trailer so that additional materials can be moved to disaster or emergency scene in short order. We hope to provide, along with the usual communications assistance, food and drink for workers. This has been a problem in the past here on search and rescue incidents, forest fires, and other "long-term" situations.

Unfortunately, in addition to the aforementioned member who passed away, we have lost 3 others: one to matrimony and the other 2 to ??? However, in the last couple of months, we have taken in 3 new members. Hopefully, there will be more before the end of the year.

We extend an invite to anyone passing through; we monitor 24 hours a day (most of the time). Give us a call and have lunch or dinner with some of our members.

## REACT C475 ASSISTS 1987 MILLER HIGH LIFE GOLD CUP THUNDERBOAT REGATTA

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA—There was Thunder-on-the-Bay in San Diego again. 1987 was the year that the Unlimited Hydroplane Gold Cup came back to Mission Bay in San Diego. The Thunderboats were racing again and for the fourth consecutive year. Southwestern REACT of San Diego County (C475) was in the pits providing the communications that got the boats in and out of the water. Led by Skip Westray, Team President, thirty-two REACT radio volunteers were responsible for the four pit cranes that moved the huge boats, changed their engines and did other pit work. According to Al Cervenka, Thunderboat Race Chairman, the only radio group that Thunderboats Unlimited of San Diego want in the pits is San Diego's REACT Team, Southwestern REACT. Over the past four years, the Team has developed into a highly respected and experienced organization for thunderboat communications. Because this was the Annual Gold Cup Regatta, there were more boats in San Diego than in past years. A total of fourteen thunderboats were crowded into the space normally used by ten boats and communications were a very important element in qualifying and racing the boats. The Southwestern REACT Team of radio volunteers were up to the task and got every boat which was ready into the water in time to qualify.

The REACT volunteers like the rest of the race volunteers served double duty as security personnel during emergencies. This year there were two emergencies on the water and both involved the Miss Budweiser, driven by Jom Kropfeld. The first was a turbine fire which took place directly opposite the REACT communications trailer as the thunderboat was returning to the pits after the first heat race. The off-duty REACT personnel near the trailer immediately established a crowd control perimeter around the area thus insuring easy access for the emergency personnel and equipment. Although the Miss Budweiser was not badly damaged, this was an excellent practice for what was to later happen. During the third set of heat races, a repaired Miss Budweiser became airborne on the first turn of the race, flipped, landing upside down in the water. Again the REACT volunteers around the Radio Command Post Trailer established the crowd control perimeter. We learned quickly from the water

rescue personnel that Jim Kropfeld was not seriously injured but would be transported to a nearby hospital. Pete Solomonsen, Thunderboat Chief Security Officer, said of the REACT volunteers, they are one group of Thunderboat volunteers that he can always depend on to secure the area around an emergency. As the REACT workers have their own supervisors he doesn't need to be there but can always be sure the job will be done just as if he had personally led them.

The regatta ended after a delayed but exciting Gold Cup Trophy Race with the Miller American driven by Chip Hanauer and owned by San Diego's Fran Muncey winning their sixth consecutive Gold Cup.

## Team #4677 HELPS FLOODED 911 CENTER

#4677 Lakewood REACT, Tacoma, WA, was contacted by Lakewood Fire Chief Tom Kanno. The basement of the County/City building had been flooded. The basement houses LESA and Tacoma and Pierce County's 911. Lakewood Fire Station houses the county fire communication center. With the basement flooded LESA had to be transferred and set up at the fire station. In an area where 2 people normally work, suddenly there were 12 to 14 people.

Team members were called upon to act as runners from the 911 operators to the sheriff and police dispatchers. Team members took the calls from the 911 operators as they were answered, logged them, and passed them on to the shift supervisors. Team members with knowledge of computers verified addresses and listed codes on the cards before passing them on to the dispatchers themselves.

The Team assisted the County/City operators September 25-27. The following members donated their time on this emergency and also gained a better knowledge of how this system works: Leroy Willis, Sherry Romaine, David Moon, Connie Willis, Bob Andrea, Herb Joslyn and Linda Norwood.

## Volunteer Protection Act / Continued

profit groups. "As auditors and business advisers, we are committed to seeing this situation resolved and to helping board members maximize their effectiveness."

In another survey, 35 state officials noted that only 11 states had current or proposed plans to bring relief to directors and officers. Also, none of the state commissioners rated these initiatives as politically feasible.

This situation makes it even more urgent that volunteer groups rally around H.R. 911, which would, if passed, simultaneously give an incentive to all states to inact limits on liability.



Safety Break trailer and awning from which Team #4397 Salem Area REACT served nearly 100,000 cups of refreshments during 14 Breaks.

## FCC Cracks Down on Illegal Equipment

On July 16 and 17, the FCC's San Diego office completed an 18-month investigation into the illegal marketing of CB radio devices in California and Arizona. On July 16, Mr. Roger S. Williams, proprietor of the San Diego retail CB store "Mud Shack," was arrested and charged with selling and offering to sell illegal CB linear amplifiers and modified CB radios.

Acting pursuant to a warrant, Deputy U.S. Marshals accompanied by FCC engineers also conducted a search of the store. They seized an illegal CB linear amplifier and several apparently modified CB radios. The linear amplifier could be used to illegally increase the transmission power of a CB radio. The radios could operate on unauthorized frequencies and transmit using excessive power.

The FCC in San Diego Office also sent proposed civil fines totaling \$14,000 to seven other CB vendors in California and Arizona. Each proposed civil fine included notices that FCC may impose the penalties because the subjects had apparently sold or offered to sell illegal CB equipment. The following seven vendors were given 30 days to respond before the proposed fines were imposed:

1. William D. Cheek  
Commtronics Engineering  
Lemon Grove, CA 92045
2. Jim Dickens  
Jim Dickens Radio Sales  
El Centro, CA 92243
3. Bob Peterson  
Cal Western Electronics  
LaMesa, CA 92041
4. Sam W. Hedrick  
San Diego, CA 92121
5. William Edward Samuels  
Lightning Electronics  
Long Beach, CA 90810
6. Wally White  
CB Sales and Service  
Yuma, AZ 85364
7. Jesse L. Warrick  
Two Gun CB Radio Sales  
Fairfield, CA 94533

The operation of illegal CB devices causes harmful interference to home entertainment electronic equipment and crucial, authorized safety radio users, including fire departments and air traffic control towers. The manufacture, marketing or use of these devices is prohibited by the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and FCC Regulations. 47 U.S.C. 302 (b); 47 CFR 2.815. Maximum penalties include fines of up to \$100,000 and imprisonment for up to one year for each offense. 47 U.S.C. 503 (b); 18 U.S.C. 3623 (a) (5).

For further information contact June Butler, Public Service Specialist, FCC San Diego, at (619) 557-5478.

## Rose Pleads Guilty

Mr. Earl Rose, of Suffield Township, Ohio, recently pleaded guilty to transmitting ob-

scene language via radio, and unlawfully using apparatus to transmit radio communications and signals. His transmissions violated CB Rules 13 & 11, 47 CFR 95.413 (a) (2), 95.411. Rose's use of overpowered equipment caused his transmissions to become unlicensed radio operations, which violate Section 301 of the Communication Act of 1934, as amended (the Act), 47 U.S.C. 301. Rose was convicted of violating sections 501 and 502 of the Act, 47 U.S.C. 501, 502.

Acting on complaints from CB radio users in Akron, Ohio, area, the FCC's Detroit office investigated Rose's CB operations. Investigators used radio direction-finding techniques to trace the origin of the violative transmissions to Rose's residence. Subsequently, a warrant was obtained and Rose's residence was searched by U.S. Marshals accompanied by FCC investigators. Illegal radio equipment was seized and Rose was informed of possible further sanctions.

The Commission continued to receive complaints about Rose's use of threats and profanity in his CB transmissions. Commission investigators again traced the profane transmissions to Rose's residence. They also gathered additional evidence, including tape recordings of the transmissions, and obtained another search warrant. U.S. marshals and county deputy sheriffs accompanied FCC investigators to Rose's residence where additional illegal radio equipment was seized.

After the FCC received further complaints against Rose, the local U.S. Attorney's office filed a Bill of Information alleging 24 separate counts of radio misuse, including obscenity. Rose was convicted of the obscenity and unlawful use charges detailed above.

Rose received 2 years' probation subject to the condition that he refrain from the possession, use or operation of radio transmission apparatus. Rose also received 2 fines totaling \$550, and was ordered to forfeit all radio equipment seized in the case. The court ordered the equipment forfeiture under Section 510 of the Act, 47 U.S.C. 510.

The use of obscenity in CB radio transmissions is a felony that violated Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. 1464, and Part 95 of the Commission's rules (CB Rule 13), 47 DFR 95.413 (a) (2). Such misuse may subject violators to administrative, civil and criminal sanctions. Possible sanctions include monetary or equipment forfeitures, and civil or criminal prosecutions. Maximum criminal penalties include a \$250,000 fine and 2 years' imprisonment. 47 U.S.C. 501, 502, 503, 510; 18 U.S.C. 1464, 3623 (a) (3).

For further information please contact Irby Tallant, Engineer in Charge, FCC Detroit at (313) 226-6078.

## Boater Fined \$1,000 in FCC Crackdown

A Smithtown man has been fined \$1,000 as part of an FCC crackdown against boaters on Long Island Sound who clog emergency marine radio channels or operate marine radios without a license.

Michael Gaine was fined August 30 after an FCC engineer, using sophisticated electronic tracking equipment, discovered that his 20-foot pleasure boat was the source of a signal that for several hours had been interfering with marine radio Channel 16, the international distress calling frequency.

The fine was imposed by FCC electrical engineer Judah Mansbach, who also cited Gaine for operating a marine radio without a license.

Mansbach said that under federal law, willful or repeat offenders are subject to prison sentences and fines of up to \$2,000. Mansbach works for an FCC enforcement division that covers an area extending from the mid-Hudson region to the south Jersey shore. The division concentrates its efforts on Long Island Sound, where about 50,000 pleasure boats are out on a typical summer day.

"We've found that Long Island Sound is the worst in our whole area by far. The Coast Guard there will constantly complain about what they call channel congestion," he said. "On a Sunday, you'll hear one call after another on Channel 16, and none of them are emergency calls."

Gaine's signal was traced after the boater failed to respond to a radioed request to switch channels, Mansbach said.

Gaine was fishing for bluefish when Mansbach pulled alongside in a Coast Guard cutter. Mansbach said he discovered that the radio in the pleasure boat was stuck in the transmitting mode and was tuned to Channel 16, the international distress calling frequency.

If there had been an emergency within 20 miles of Gaine's boat, the Coast Guard might not have been able to hear the distress call, Mansbach said. "That's why I fined him."

Gaine could not be reached for comment.

## Team Events

#3552 Somerset County REACT is proud to be a part of REACT International and an active part in our community. In the past year, members have been very active assisting the Red Cross in Conclunce (PA) train derailment. The residents of the town had to be evacuated. Our Team and 2 of its members received special recognition with events such as Special Olympics, Lions Club's Walk for Sight, Somerset County Crop Walk, and last but not least, assisting the Somerset Boro. Police Department in traffic control for parades for Somerset. We have had a good year in 1987 with these activities and our monitoring for motorist assistance. We are looking forward to more of the same in 1988.

1987  
**DUES ARE DUE**

### Interim Policies for GMRS

In PR Docket NO. 87-265, the FCC has proposed rules that would limit eligibility in the GMRS to individuals. (An "individual" in this context is one human being.) Other entities which had been granted GMRS licenses on or before July 30, 1987, would be grandfathered. Grandfathered licensees would not be permitted to make substantial modifications to their systems.

During the pendency of this proceeding, they will continue to license entities other than individuals in the GMRS. However, should these rules be adopted, licenses granted to these entities on or before July 31, 1987, will not be renewed.

Grandfathered entities would be prohibited from making modifications to their existing GMRS authorizations to increase the power of any transmitter, increase the number of mobile units, add any stations, increase any antenna heights, change any land station location or change any area of operation. Entities other than individuals which make such modifications to their GMRS systems during the pendency of this rulemaking will be considered newly licensed as of the date of grant of such modifications by the FCC for purposes of applying the prospective grandfathering provisions. Thus, if the rules proposed are adopted, any such modified GMRS license granted to a non-individual on or after July 31, 1987, will not be renewed.

**NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:** For clarification: REACT TEAM GMRS licenses are considered to be commercial—non-individual. Therefore you may not modify your Team GMRS license without losing your grandfather provision. This means changed Team licenses may now expire in 4 to 5 years and will not be renewable at that time. Your Team will then be required to have each individual wishing to use GMRS licensed individually at a cost of \$30 for a 5-year license.

Any Team license modifications or new application received at the FCC after July have been held up until the in-term policies have been released. For more information about PR Docket No. 87-265, please refer to the September/October 1987 REACTr.

NEW YORK TIMES NEWS SERVICE — After a general decline in the early 1980s, the number of traffic deaths caused by drunken drivers rose markedly in 1986.

"It's the first indication that we ought to be concerned about these death rates going back up," said Ralph Hingson, the chief of social and behavioral sciences at the Boston University School of Public Health, who is the author of a recent study that outlines and elaborates on the trend.

Alcohol-related traffic deaths declined by 11 percent from 1982 to 1985, but then jumped by 7 percent, to 23,990, in 1986, according to calculations done by the Department of Transportation. Total traffic fatalities, including those unrelated to alcohol, also increased in 1986, by 5 percent over 1985, after having remained essentially stable, at around 43,000 to 44,000 a year, since 1982.

All of the accidents in the analyses occurred before enactment of a federal law allowing states to raise the speed limit to 65 miles an hour from 55 on rural interstate highways.

The wave of attention and debate that stimulated both the laws on drunken driving and the citizens's movement appears to have passed its zenith, according to Hingson. He said the attention and debate might have been more responsible than the laws and the movement for causing the drop in alcohol-related deaths from 1980 through 1985.

The 1986 upturn was particularly acute among teenagers, the group considered most vulnerable, according to an analysis by Hingson in which he tried to delineate the change more finely than the general figures reported by the Transportation Department.

The analysis was done in the 15 states that since 1980 had performed comprehensive alcohol testing of drivers killed in automobile crashes. It showed that deaths of legally intoxicated 15- to 19-year-old drivers dropped 48 percent to 212 in 1985 from 410 in 1980. But in 1986, they increased to 231, a rise of 9 percent.

The analysis found also that the number of 15- to 19-year-old drivers killed in single-vehicle night crashes declined by 35 percent to 2,408 in 1985 from 3,693 in 1980. In 1986, however, the decline was dramatically reversed as deaths rose by 17 percent, to 2,820.

#2356 NOVA REACT, Washington, D.C., is very proud of member Ken Mezger. Ken was awarded a Letter of Commendation from Lt. Robert McAfee, Maryland State Police, for issuing an Impaired Driver Alert on CB Emergency Channel 9. "Although a collision did occur during the incident, the immediate reporting of what appeared to be a drunk driver to the police by Mr. Mezger may have very well prevented a tragedy." The driver was subsequently arrested for DWI.

We are very proud of Ken and the excellent work he does for REACT.

Single-vehicle night crashes, according to Hingson, are closely correlated with drunken-driving fatalities.

"This group of highest-risk drivers, particularly young males, is constantly being replenished," Hingson said in an interview. "Three or four years from now, there will be a whole new set of teenagers who weren't driving when there was all that attention to the problem in the early 1980s. One can't expect the interest of the early 1980s to have a lingering effect. You have to keep driving home the dangers to the new ones entering the driving pool."

#C690 Lancaster Fairfield County REACT, Lancaster, OH, recently presented an appreciation plaque to Sheriff Jim Peck for his continued support and dedication to REACT. We've helped our local sheriff's department with many local activities such as parades, mops, snow emergencies, emergency transports, crowd and traffic control, and other public functions.

We have had a very busy summer with our coffee breaks, parades, outdoor concerts and festivals. At the present time we are getting ready for the possible bad winter weather and are holding classes for radio procedures which include the Junior members.

Sheriff Peck helped dedicate the completion of our newest piece of equipment, a 1957 step van, donated by a Team member, Marshall Cunningham. This van is an addition to our trailer that we use mostly for our fund raisers and coffee breaks. Over an 18-month period Team members spent many man hours and a big Team effort in restoring this van to add to our communications' capabilities. This van is equipped with a communication radio and all other emergency material for a speedy arrival when we are called out for our services. We feel as though the van will be an asset to our organization because of the ready availability of equipment for emergency situations. We are very proud of this effort.



Pictured is #C690 Lancaster Fairfield County REACT Team's Van. In front of van is (L. to R.) Chief Deputy DeMastry; Team President Bob Cunningham; Sheriff Jim Peck; and Team Vice President Mike Crilly.

### ENOUGH TO CURL YOUR HAIR

A woman in Fullerton, CA, recently complained to the FCC about obscene CB talk. Nothing new, but in this case her curling iron was receiving broadcasts. She said it nearly scared her to death when the conversations first came through.

The FCC advised her it probably came from high-powered illegal operations nearby.

The heart of any CB-system is the antenna/coax combination. Most of the mobile CB sets available today are more than adequate, and all are legally limited to 4 watts. Some have more bells and whistles than others, and without recommending one over the other, let's just say they are all good. The purchase of a set depends on your desires and your wallet.

Most of the available mobile antennas are good, also, and again I don't want to recommend a particular brand. Every REACTer is familiar with the claims of the manufacturers. Look for the signal amplification ("db gain"), directional aspect and polarization. The higher gains send signals farther.

The critical element—the variable—is the care and quality of the mounting technique. Ideally, the best place to mount an antenna is the center of the roof, which will yield a pattern balanced in all directions. The next

choices would be the center of the trunk, the side of the trunk and the side of the hood—in that order. A good rule of thumb is that the strongest signal will be in the direction of the most metal surface.

Most technicians will recommend that a hole be drilled in the vehicle to assure the best transmission/reception and the fewest problems. And they are right. BUT, at the cost of today's vehicles, that's often out of the question. The next alternative is either a magnetic mount or a trunk lip mount. Less effective is a gutter mount, and anything mounted on the bumper—except a 102" whip.

After the mount is chosen, the antenna for the mount is matched. Matched? What's that?

CB operates in the eleven meter band, meaning that one full wave length equals eleven meters or 433 inches. Ideally, the

antenna would be a full wave length . . . but we'd look pretty silly with a 36' antenna on the car. The easiest compromise is one-quarter wave length—102". Antennas are built with that in mind. Most antennas have a "load" or coil of wire which allows the antenna to be shorter yet give the characteristics of the ¼ wave, ½ wave, ¾ wave, etc. The idea is to have the radio designed to transmit into a set resistance and for the coax/antenna combination to provide that specific amount of resistance. This is what we mean by matched.

The next problem is the coaxial cable. There are 2 basic types that are used in CB radio—RG 58U (the small stuff) and the RG 8U (the big stuff, like on the base). There is a difference in the amount of resistance each type offers, but let's save that for another

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## SAFETY BELT USE REACHES NEW HIGH

SEPTEMBER 21, 1987 — Secretary of Transportation Elizabeth Dole announced on this date [Secretary Dole has since resigned this post] that observations in 19 cities during the first six months of 1987 found driver safety belt use in the United States has increased to a record level.

Based on 46,471 observations, safety belt use by automobile drivers was at 42 percent, compared to 39 percent for the same period in 1986. In 1982, before DOT's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) began an unprecedented national safety belt campaign and subsequently issued a rule that encouraged states to adopt mandatory safety belt use laws, only about 11 percent of drivers used safety belts.

"Among front seat passenger vehicle occupants, safety belts saved about 2,200 lives in 1986. This was mainly because of increased public awareness and safety belt use laws. We estimate that 1,450 of those lives were saved and 20,000 injuries were prevented as a direct result of state safety belt use laws," Secretary Dole said.

"Our long-term goal is to achieve the same high levels of use as in other countries. If the nation achieved 100 percent belt usage, a total of 10,000 to 12,000 lives could be saved each year," she added.

Currently, 29 states and the District of Columbia have safety belt use laws.

Twelve of the cities in the survey are in states with safety belt laws. Usage in those cities during the first months was 51 percent, compared to 27 percent in the seven cities without such laws.

Miami, Florida, which has a belt law, showed the highest usage at 71 percent. Providence, Rhode Island, with no belt use law, registered 15 percent.



## Percent Observed Safety Belt Use by Drivers

January — June 1987

	BASE	PERCENT
Total (19 cities)	46,471	41.7
Boston	2,251	24.9
Providence	2,248	15.0
*New York	2,309	24.7
*Baltimore	2,214	54.5
Pittsburgh	2,871	25.5
*Chicago	3,132	36.7
*Minneapolis/St. Paul	2,823	51.8
Fargo/Moorhead	1,909	19.1
*Miami	2,637	71.0
Atlanta	2,450	36.8
Birmingham	2,892	23.6
*New Orleans	1,115	30.2
*Seattle	2,709	62.7
*San Francisco	2,708	52.6
*San Diego	2,677	56.3
*Los Angeles	2,696	44.4
Phoenix	2,893	40.1
*Houston	1,805	51.9
*Dallas	2,132	60.9

\*Safety Belt Use Laws in Effect

time, and just limit our discussion to the RG 58U. The accompanying figure shows the approved method for attaching the PL 259 connector to the coax. There are solderless connectors on the market, but these tend to create their own problems.

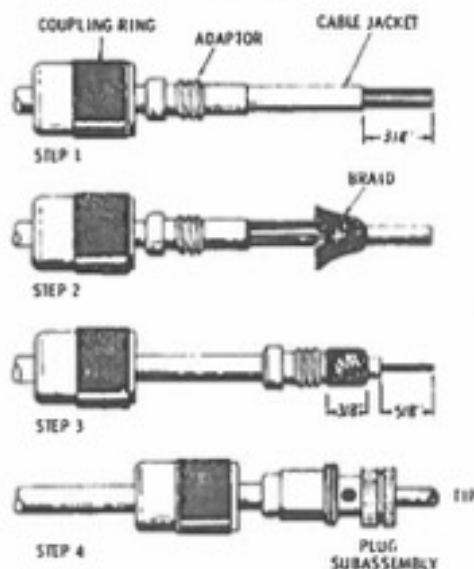


Figure 1

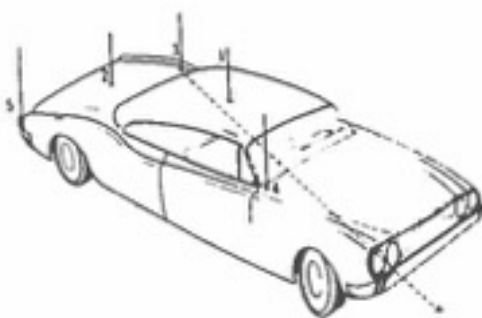


Figure 2

Nearly all of us have heard of SWRs and know that they should be 1:1 (or the lowest possible), but what does that mean? The Standing Wave Ratio (SWR) is the ratio of applied energy to the antenna to the energy reflected from the antenna back to the radio. In other words, it is a measure of the mismatch between the antenna and line. For a 4-watt radio, a reading of 3:1 would mean that 75 percent of the power is being radiated. A higher number can damage the radio. Next issue, we'll look at some types and types of coaxials. If you have any specific problems, write me. I'll try to find an answer.

## 1988 DUES ARE DUE

# NAMES IN THE NEWS

## Tandy Corporation

Robert McClure has been named to the new post of president of Tandy Electronics, the manufacturing division of Tandy Corp.

He previously was senior vice president of Tandy Electronics.

The company also announced Paul Hill has been appointed senior vice president and treasurer, succeeding Charles Tindall who died in April.

Hill formerly was chief financial officer of InterFirst Corp.

## Uniden Corporation

James Stewart has been named Uniden Corp. of America's 1986 employee of the year as well as the company's regional sales manager of the year.

A regional manager in the company's commercial communications division, Stewart joined Uniden in 1982 and has been responsible for developing the dealer network in Florida. He previously was a regional manager with Motorola Inc.

Uniden also announced several staff promotions and additions.

Frank Swindler has been named product support engineer of the commercial communications division and will oversee ongoing product support and operational testing of all new commercial communications products.

Pat Connelly has replaced Swindler as customer service manager and David Praeauer now is assistant manager of the customer service department.

Edward Nichol has joined the company as software engineer in the commercial communications division, while Mike Branch and Tom Carello, both former regional sales managers, have been named national sales managers for the commercial communications division. Both will be responsible for marketing and sales strategies and regional management support.

Joe Carello and Sal Farina have joined the company as regional sales managers and will work as liaisons with dealers and supervise marketing in their respective regions.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA — Uniden Corporation of America announces the addition of Paul E. Davis as executive vice president. Davis is responsible for marketing and sales of Uniden's consumer product line, which includes cordless and corded phones, scanners, radar detectors and CB radios.

Davis says, "Our strategy is three-fold: competitive products, competitive pricing, and strong merchandising programs for distributors and direct accounts. We plan to go back to basics and make Uniden the strongest line of products in the industry."

Davis has an extensive marketing and sales background in the telecommunications industry. Prior to joining Uniden, he served as the vice president of marketing at Commtron, one of the nation's largest electronics distributors, for two years. In addition, Davis had been vice president of Dynascan where

he was general manager of its Cobra division for seven years.

## Celwave Names Aldinger, Arnold Vice Presidents

MARLBORO, N.J. — Combining more than 30 years' experience in radio communications, Steve Aldinger and Pitt Arnold have been long associated with Celwave and its predecessor, Phelps/Dodge.

Aldinger, with an MBA from Monmouth College, has become knowledgeable of Land Mobile antenna systems as a result of experience gained in various accounting, manufacturing and cellular products.

Aldinger is vice president, sales and marketing; Arnold is vice president, research and development at the company's Phoenix facility.

## Sale of Midland LMR Said to be Imminent

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI — A Midland spokesperson said recently that Midland owners were seeking to sell the Land Mobile Radio company to an "appropriate" buyer and had talked with several interested parties.

Midland manufactures frequency-synthesized and crystal-controlled mobile and portable radios, base stations, repeaters, trunked systems and accessories. It is a subsidiary of Western Auto Supply, a publicly held company based here.

An official of one firm that had been considered a potential buyer, and who declined to be identified, said the list of bidders had narrowed to a handful and that a final decision was expected to be made soon.

A rumor that Uniden Corp. of America already had purchased Midland was denied by spokespersons from both companies.

## TWILIGHT ZONE COMMUNICATIONS

Before Monday, May 11, 1987, people in the Southern California area who happened to tune to Channel 27 on their CB were surprised to find some unusual activities going on. For several years a group of people had been operating a complicated and illegal system of interconnected radios.

"As the 'Pirate Radio Network' grew, so did its audience, which eventually included the FCC. Early configurations consisted of repeater inputs in the 49 MHz band, with outputs on Channel 27. Later developments grew into a complicated net of multiple CB inputs and outputs. An increasing number of UHF inputs and outputs and even autopatch were being used too. The entire system was FM and operated from several different sites, linked at 49 MHz.

When the FCC finally acted, several hundred outlaw operators were put off the air, including their leader—a licensed amateur and electronics expert.

# Publicizing REACT

By Bob Riechel

Recently I received papers in the mail from:

Suffolk County REACT, P.O. Box 11352, Hauppauge, NY 11788-0703; Trinity County REACT, P.O. Box 1121, Weatherville, CA 96093; Northwest REACT, P.O. Box 5274, Aloha, OR 97006; Washington State REACT Council, 5320 130th P.L. N.E., Marysville, WA 982702

The reason I mention these is: (1) they desire to exchange papers; and (2) to mention some of the types of articles they have included in their papers.

Suffolk included proposed by-law changes; information about CPR training classes being offered; and safety break policy and procedures.

Trinity included an article from their local highway patrol; latest rules concerning the use of car seatbelts; and a summary of FCC crackdowns on illegal linears.

Northwest included 1987 covention highlights; and an article regarding assistance to a camper and his family in a camp site.

Washington State included an editorial from their new editor asking for Council support with articles so she could continue the well-received paper and giving a little background information about herself and her desires for their paper.

As you can see, just about anything that is of interest to a Team is acceptable for including in your paper. With the notice of inquiry presently before the FCC, those Teams involved or desiring to be involved in/with GMRS should be considering carrying details on the proposals and the possible stands REACTers should take.

*PS: The Herndon Monitor just arrived with 3 pages of the FCC proposal plus Tom DeLaFleur's paragraph-by-paragraph recommendations.*

Richard Pate, of Golden Gate, read with interest the recent addresses from the REACT Teams in England and Scotland and dropped 2 of them a note asking about REACTing in their area. He shares the following [Publicizing React Report] from Highland REACT, 163 Galloway Drive, Culloden, Inverness, Scotland, IV1 21P:

About 6 years ago, we were called Breakers Rescue Service and had 3 members. Now we have 14. When CB radio became more and more used in a bigger, wider area, we were needed more for breakdowns and giving out road reports and this is when we heard about REACT.

We joined and called ourselves Inverness REACT. Many breakers at the Breaker's Club did not like this but we had to stand up for what we believed in and that was to help anyone, no matter what the case was. We had a motto, "Never Give Up." That was us.

We have done marathons; The Children in Need Appeals; and we have helped the guide dogs for the blind. We are always looking for new ideas for charities as we do a lot of fundraisings. Our Safety Break Week turned out really

well. The lorry drivers and car owners thought this was a great idea. When they found it was only for a week they were most upset. They all thought it was a permanent stopping place.

Our Norpol, local police, and other emergency services know REACT and what REACT stands for.

We have our problems at times like when we can't get through on Channel 9 with the crazy air waves, breakers close by, and those transmitting with more power than they should; but we just wait with patience. That is how we get by.

The Team would like to express their best wishes to you and your Team of REACTers, and all REACTers in the USA and other areas.

The above is just another way to publicize REACT. Publicizing does not just have to be in the form of articles in a paper.

- When a Team works with a local authority for a period of time, the local community leaders learn about REACT.

- When your Team obtains balloons from Ron McCracken with the REACT roadside emblem on them, sets up a table/booth at a fair, or at a city activity and gives the balloons away to the kids as well as having REACTers there in person, REACT International and the local Team are being publicized.

How many persons have stopped in at your Rest Area Safety Coffee Stops over the years, for those of you having them, and made the comment along the lines of "Yes, we saw REACT at such and such a place doing such and such." Or "We appreciated the coffee and road information we received from that REACT Team in such and such a place."

Those of you attending the past convention in San Antonio had the opportunity to see the latest banner from REACT International. It is approximately 6 feet wide by 3 feet tall in approximately 6- to 8-inch high letters in black on a white background. There is plenty of room to have printed the name of your Team or Council. The use of this uniform banner will solidify the impression one remembers about REACT. Maybe they will forget your Team's name, but hopefully they will remember the name REACT.

Ron McCracken reports that Radio Shack in his area of Canada has included in the CB section of their latest catalog many symbols of REACT. We all thank Radio Shack for this and greatly value this form of Publicizing REACT.

If you serve your community well, the publicity is good. On the other hand, if you foul up the publicity is not good.

The little actions as well as those big actions, like the ones that get written up in the local papers, all are a form of Publicizing REACT. The more Teams and Council can use common actions and symbols in Publicizing REACT, the more wide-spread the publicizing can go for the same cost. If a person sees the REACT roadside symbol in Texas, again in Maine, and still again in Oregon,

they should get the idea that REACT is unified and maybe in many other states as well, even though they may not have seen the symbol.

If you would like to exchange your newspaper or would like to receive more Team or Council newspapers, drop this column a note stating which and your editor's full name and address including Zip Code. This column will attempt to publish as many as it can to help YOU expand this newspaper exchange.

Publicizing REACT Column  
Robert M. Riechel  
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San Bruno, CA 94066-0563

## RADIO SHACK SALUTES REACT CANADA

Radio Shack of Canada has given REACT Teams in that nation a tremendous PR boost. Its 1988 catalog, just released, highlights the emergency communications role of REACT volunteers on the front contents page.

In the CB radio section of the catalog, Radio Shack displays the REACT logo on 3 different pages. Canadian CB operators who consult the catalog can hardly help but become familiar with REACT, thanks to Radio Shack.

Many thousands of the catalogs are distributed coast to coast through local Radio Shack stores. REACT Canada director Ron McCracken expects that a number of new Teams will result from the publicity.

"Radio Shack's kind gesture will hopefully inspire other major Canadian corporations to support REACT in its safety efforts here," McCracken commented. "When a firm of Radio Shack's stature lends its support to the REACT program, others are certain to take note and regard REACT favorably."

REACT is already benefiting from Radio Shack's tribute although the catalog has only been available for a few weeks. McCracken showed it to provincial highway officials in a meeting on the CB symbol road sign and they were noticeably impressed.

Radio Shack should benefit from its generosity too. Consumers will be more likely to buy CB equipment as they realize that REACT volunteers augment police monitoring of CB Emergency Channel 9.

Since safety is the prime reason for most new CB purchases, awareness of REACT and its safety role will benefit Radio Shack customers too.

Radio Shack has been a good corporate friend of REACT in the U.S. as well. This year, its U.S. catalog contained a salute to REACT's 25th Anniversary. For many years it has also supported REACT with an annual \$1,000 grant.

Thanks, Radio Shack, for all your help.



# REPORT FROM REACT INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATES

## PUERTO RICO COUNCIL REPORT

### REACT Grupos de Ciudadanos Asociados en Emergencias de Radio

Las siglas de REACT representan a una organización de ciudadanos alrededor del mundo denominada RADIO EMERGENCY ASSOCIATION COMMUNICATIONS TEAMS o GRUPOS DE CIUDADANOS ASOCIADOS EN EMERGENCIAS DE RADIOS. Con sede en Kansas, REACT Internacional Incorporado es una entidad mundial sin fines de lucro, establecida en el año 1962 para servir al público en general.

Es una organización completamente independiente y que provee servicios de comunicaciones de emergencia a través del radio de la Banda Ciudadana, mejor conocidos por los Radios CB y reglamentados por la Comisión Federal de Comunicaciones en Washinto, Distrito de Colombia.

Esta organización se sostiene únicamente de los fondos provenientes de las cuotas mensuales y anuales pagadas voluntariamente por sus miembros. En ocasiones, empresas privadas interesadas en el esfuerzo y conservación de nuestro servicio y objetivos en bien de la ciudadanía, nos han favorecido con equipo u otros materiales para sostener nuestras operaciones.

Con el propósito de humanizar más el área donde vivimos, en donde se han ido perdiendo más los valores y costumbres de nuestra comunidad y para así poder contribuir en nuestra mejor y muy propia forma al resurgimiento de esos valores y esas costumbres, es que se creó uno de los primeros grupos METROPOLITAN REACT DE SAN JUAN, EL GRUPO 3461, MIEMBRO DEL CONCILIO REACT DE PUERTO RICO Y ADS-CRITO A REACT INTERNACIONAL, INCORPORADO.

En Puerto Rico actualmente hay 23 grupos REACT; alrededor de nuestra Isla.

CONTAMOS CONTIGO PARA ASI PODER AYUDAR A OTROS NECESITADOS.

Danos tu donación por más pequeña que sea a nombre de Metro REACT de San Juan. CONTAMOS CONTIGO CUANDO LOS SEGUNDOS CUENTAN.

Joseph A. Sterling Lebron  
Coordinador Zona Noreste  
Cond. Meliyán Apartments, Apt. 1501  
Santiago Iglesia R.P. PTO. Rico 00921

## SWEDEN REACT Started

Roy Larsson, Vice President of Truckers International Association, has been granted the first Team charter #5100 T.I.A. Sweden REACT and they promise several more charters and about 300 more members in 1988. They now have 15 members.

Welcome our new International affiliate

The REACTer

by writing:

T.I.A. Sweden REACT #5100  
Roy Larsson  
Richardsonsgatan 29  
Halmstad, Sweden  
S 302 37

## REACT of AUSTRALIA Has Refilled

REACT of Australia has just paid up its 1987 International fees.

Peter Rowe, National Director, writes that our communications have not apparently reached them. This led each group to believe that the other was not interested.

He reports REACT Australia has 3 Teams and is growing in membership. We welcome them back.

## UNITED KINGDOM News

New CB license conditions started September 1.

Several changes in the rules have taken place that improve CB operations throughout the United Kingdom. They are:

- FM equipment operating 26.965 MHz to 27.405 MHz meeting type-approved to specification MPT 1333 may now be used.

- Any number of CB radios may be used by the individual licensee.

- Company and corporate licenses will continue to cover employees and numbers until expiration date. On renewal a separate individual license will be required for each unsupervised CB user.

For more information contact the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry—Radio Communications Division, Room 613, Waterloo Bridge House, Waterloo Road, London, England, SE18UA.

The UK CB Code of Practice—Watch the LIPS.

## CB CODE OF PRACTICE

Remember to always "Watch the LIPS":

1. BE LEGAL — Read your licence (sic) carefully and always comply with its terms and conditions.
2. DON'T CAUSE INTERFERENCE — Remember that other radio services may be affected by your transmissions.
3. BE PATIENT — Show patience and consideration toward other users.
4. BE SAFE — Don't risk your life or anyone else's.

## OTHER INFORMATION

Channel 9 is for emergencies.

Channel 14 is for calling.

Channel 19 is for mobile use.

This was submitted by Alan W. Derrick, 5002 Taunton REACT.

Dear Ron,

I thought it about time an item on the activities of REACT in the UK was published in your magazine, hence my writing to you.

As you are aware there are some thirty teams in the UK widely spread through the country, the bulk of which are in the Anglia Region which covers an area equivalent to the state of Ohio.

Many of the teams in the region are closely associated with government departments, such as emergency planning, police, etc. and have a good rapport with them.

During the crisis involving the ex-management committee the region voted to remain united whatever the outcome and it is fair to say, the majority of teams in the Anglia region have affiliated to International.

The membership covers a wide spectrum of people from an M.P. (Member of Parliament), solicitors, broadcasters through to pensioners. This I think proves the importance people place in the service that REACT provides.

Finally, I, as regional spokesman for the Anglia region, thank all for the help and support I have received particularly from Huntingdon, Cambridge, Luton, Bedford and all who were present at the last regional meeting. Special thanks to Bob Wilson and Ken Trigg.

Wishing everybody in REACT a good year.

Yours REACTively  
E.W. Lawrence  
#5030 Luton REACT  
Luton, Bedfordshire  
England

## Major Disaster Declared in Illinois

President Reagan, on August 21, approved federal aid for Illinois by declaring a major disaster exists in the state as a result of heavy rains and flooding that began on August 13.

The assistance included temporary housing for those whose homes were uninhabitable, grants for individuals and families, low-interest loans to cover uninsured property and business losses, and other programs to supplement state and local recovery efforts in the stricken area.

FEMA designated 17 townships in two counties eligible for assistance to individuals and business owners. They were: Elk Grove, Hanover, Leyden, Lyons, Maine, Norwood Park, Palatine, Proviso, River Forest, Riverside, Schaumburg, and Wheeling townships in Cook County; and Addison, Bloomingdale, Downers Grove, Wayne and York townships in Dupage County.

According to FEMA and state damage survey teams, more than 11,000 homes and some 450 businesses sustained some degree of damage in the flooding.

## Team Events



#3609 Douglas E. Pete Memorial Team members (L. to R.) Reggie; Frank; Betty; Warren; Earl and (front) Arthur ready for service with a smile at their Memorial Day Safety Break.

#3609 Douglas E. Pete Memorial REACT, Potsdam, NY, presented James Winterbottom with his 10-year pin and a certificate for outstanding service and dedication to his Team and REACT. Although Jim now lives in Florida, he still continues to help make REACT work for all.

It is with deep regret that we announce the loss of one of our members, Grace Durand. Grace was a valued member of our Team for many years. She helped us on all our events until becoming sick. Even then she helped with phone calls and monitoring Channel 9 until her death August 2. Grace will be missed by all of her friends in REACT.

We have had another very busy year with all the bike runs, walk-a-thons and other events we help in. And, we still have other events, such as the annual Crop Walk (to raise money for hungry people of the world and sponsored by churches of all denominations) at which we handle traffic and communications. We also have a Labor Day Safety Break. Along with all the hours spent monitoring it has been very busy for us in 1987.

#3722 Davis County REACT, Layton, UT, has once again had a pretty busy season. We did a March of Dimes Walk, American Diabetes Bike-A-Thon, and Awake Breaks for Memorial Day, July 4, and Labor Day. During the Labor Day Wake Break, we served over 3,500 people; for all 3 breaks we served coffee, punch and free hand-outs to about 6,000 people.

We worked in conjunction with C505 Northern Utah REACT, Clearfield, UT, on the Pioneer Day Parade Committee with the second largest parade (with almost 200 units within a 15-block parade route) in Ogden, UT, on July 24.

We again teamed up with Northern Utah REACT to assist them in providing communications support for the Roy Days Parade in Roy, UT. They assisted us with communication support for the (First Ever) Syracuse, Utah, Bicentennial Parade.

#2601 Ohio Valley REACT, Cincinnati, OH, had a busy month. We won praise from the Blue Ash Police Department for our handling of the Blue Ash Triathlon on August 29. We were assisted by 6 members of #3321 Northern Kentucky REACT.

## GMRS . . . Rx

By Judy Simpson  
Communications Task Group

Many REACTers, over the years, have expressed emotions ranging from disgust to pure anger at the seeming indifference of the FCC to problems within the GMRS (and CB) spectrum. Uncle Charley just does not seem to respond to complaints from REACT members. The plain fact is, the FCC does respond—but only if they have the facts.

Don't depend on a telephone call to get results. The FCC staff is harried and understaffed. There is no complaint form to file. However, a letter is necessary with the following details:

Date and time of occurrence; the frequency; what happened, who did it, where they are located; how you identified the individual; what you have done to try to correct the problem; the specific FCC rule that was broken; and whether the problem is a one-shot deal, or if it is recurring. If it is recurring, give approximate times.

Send the letter (typewritten) to your local FCC field office; a copy to Al Hanger, Government Relations Task Group; and to the GMRS Task Group, c/o REACT International, 242 Cleveland, Wichita, KS 67214. Al and I will try to follow these up, to ensure stating that a complaint has been filed, without mentioning the name of the complainant. The offender MUST answer the letter, explaining his or her position and the steps

On September 6 we assisted Northern Kentucky REACT at the WEBN Riverfest with crowd surveillance and communications. It was a well-planned, well-executed exercise.

For the St. Suxanna Festival at Mason, OH, on September 12 and 13, #3624 Tri-County REACT requested assistance from us.

More and more police officers are monitoring Channel 9. It's helping the departments arrive "Johnny-on-the-spot" when auto accidents and traffic tie-ups cause tempers and blood pressure to go sky high. To assist with monitoring our Team has donated 2 mobile CB units to Hamilton County Sheriff Traffic Units.

#4675 Wake County REACT, Knightdale, NC, was featured in an article for the Knightdale local newspaper. Ray Wilkinson III, President and founder of the Team, stated that it all started with a toothache—his. He was in pain and needed to find a 24-hour dental clinic. Fellow CBers provided a name and gave Ray the inspiration to form a local REACT Team.

### TEAMS MAN THE SANDBAGS

#3310 West Suburbs REACT, Oak Park, IL, along with #2947 Unity REACT, Western Springs, IL, responded to a call for the village of River Forest to assist with sandbagging and traffic control. Also, Melrose Park ESDA requested people for traffic control in that

taken to correct the problem. If the problem does continue, the FCC will send in a field engineer to investigate the complaint further. As a final step, the offender may face a fine, loss of license(s), and possibly a jail term. While you must initiate the sequence, it is also up to you to monitor the progress. Remember, the FCC is understaffed, so we must do some of their work for them. The more information you can provide, the easier it is for the FCC to do their job.

I have had several inquiries concerning equipment . . . thanks for showing me that you are at least reading this column.

When requesting information on equipment, please give me some idea on the amount of money you wish to spend. Sure, everyone says as little as possible but that may not be enough to give you what you want. I can give you, for example, a 2-frequency AC/DC mobile relay (repeater) for under \$800 . . . but it really wouldn't be suitable for some applications. Try to have some idea of your application: time involved, terrain, available towers, your expectations from a mobile or portable.

If there are more questions, please don't hesitate. In the meantime, we are preparing a list of service centers and technicians for UHF equipment. Send me the name of your favorite repairman for inclusion in the list.

suburb.

For the second time in less than a year, the Des Plaines River overflowed its banks in the northern and western suburbs of Chicago. This most recent flooding was a direct result of a record 9" rainfall in 12 hours.

Viaducts in the Chicago area contained 12-14 feet of water, closing main thoroughfares and expressways. Kids had a great time diving off the bridges into the newly formed lakes on the expressways, much to the dismay of the state police.

Even O'Hare Airport was affected by the water. Airplanes could fly in and out; however, no cars or buses could drive in. The airport was literally an island that day. For those people who were able to find someplace relatively dry to park their cars, they still had to walk 3 to 4 miles to get into the airport.

REACTers worked long hours Friday and Saturday nights. Just when they thought it was safe to come out of the water, a down-pour Sunday night brought another call from ESDA requesting assistance at the flooded viaducts in Melrose Park. Everyone was relieved to get back to work on Monday so that they could finally get some rest.

### RAIN, RAIN, GO AWAY . . .

"If we're under water, it must be time to pack International for the move to Wichita." These were the thoughts of many North-

## Team Events / continued

Northwest REACT #3556 members as 9 inches of rain fell in 12 hours on the Chicago metropolitan area. The last rain of this type fell last October 1986, as International was moving to Wichita from Northbrook. North/Northwest members sent Ron Mayes off in a cloud of raindrops, and hurried to help the Red Cross with the flooding.

The first indication of serious problems last August came on Thursday night, when 3 members were instrumental in rescuing 2 of the state emergency trucks and drivers, as they unknowingly drove into several feet of water on one of Chicago's expressways. The "official" radios were shorted out, leaving the drivers sitting on the hood of the trucks and using a CB on Channel 9. Normally, North/Northwest members work with these drivers, advising them of problems along the expressway system. Imagine the shock of the 3 units when the Department of Transportation drivers requested assistance! Six hours later, that same area was under 13 feet of water . . . without the 2 trucks. They had been winched out by fellow employees, thanks to the quick action of the Channel 9 monitors, and the GMRS.

On Friday, at noon . . . after the rains had let up some, the Wheeling Police Department requested assistance in securing several areas that were flooded in that suburb. The team usually has a response time measured in minutes for the area, but due to snarled traffic and flooded streets, it was nearly 2 hours before the first 2 units arrived in Wheeling. Other units fought their way into the area to help set up and maintain a traffic/security watch until 11 p.m., when relieved by the Wheeling Police.

On Saturday afternoon, the American Red Cross put out a call for assistance via UHF radio. By this time, many members had reported their own problems with flooding and were unable to respond. Five members answered the call from the Red Cross, and were immediately dispatched to a Wheeling condo complex with doughnuts and coffee, and instructions to survey the area in an attempt to pinpoint the worst flooding. At the request of the condo owners, REACTers returned to the Red Cross office to transport "clean-up kits" and cots for several families that had been flooded and were sleeping in the clubhouse.

On Sunday, several members returned to the Arc office and were assigned to various affected areas to perform house-to-house damage assessments. Since many of the areas were still under water, it was difficult to access some of the neighborhoods, and much had to be left undone.

Members of West Suburbs REACT #3310 and Unity REACT #2947 were also involved in the floods. Members of both teams assisted local police and disaster organizations by controlling traffic, helping construct dykes and providing communications. One member of Unity REACT even tested the depth of the water . . . by immersing his body . . . very voluntarily, of course. These teams were on station Friday night, part of Saturday and part of Sunday.



#C375 Wabash Valley REACT's van and tent set up for their Labor Day Safety Break.

#C375 Wabash Valley REACT, Terre Haute, IN, is the proud owner of a new Cobra 2000 radio that does duty at our team Aid Station on Memorial Day, July 4, and Labor Day weekends. Its home is our 1969 Chevy van truck. The van, along with our tent, is used to better serve our motoring public. We serve coffee, tea, lemonade, and doughnuts at our stations.

One of our older, charter members, Jonny Layman, can always be found at our functions, as well as monitoring on Channel 9. Jonny is handicapped, but that has not stopped him from being there to serve the many grateful travelers who have come to know us.

#3810 CBA-Potter County REACT, Amarillo, TX, worked at the Iron Skillet Restaurant (Petro Truck Stop) for Jerry's Kids. Fourteen people spent a total of 216½ hours from 6 p.m. Friday to 4 p.m. Monday, collected \$1,400, and told the REACT story to at least 3,000 travelers.

#C134 Southern Minnesota Albert Lea REACT, Albert Lea, MN, provided a safety break for nearly 8,400 travelers over the Fourth of July holiday. The group served free refreshments to approximately 3,243 people who stopped at the Minnesota Information Center on I-35, south of Albert Lea, during a 78-hour period. The coffee, lemonade, orange drink, pop, iced tea, and cookies that were served helped persuade motorists to stop and rest up a bit for safety's sake.

Most of the coffee was donated by the city of Albert Lea. Area merchants and service clubs donated other refreshments. Members of REACT were on duty to serve refreshments from 12:00 noon Thursday, July 2 to 6:00 p.m. Sunday, July 5.

Motorists from 39 states plus 3 Canadian provinces and 9 foreign countries were served. Countries represented included England, Japan, Spain, Italy, Mexico, Germany, Jordan, Finland, and Iran.

#4637 Zumbro Valley REACT, Claremont, MN, served approximately 5576 travelers during their Labor Day Safety Break. We advertised on the local cable and radio stations. This is a great activity. People are glad we are out there and hope that we continue this service.

#2690 Twin City REACT, Lafayette, IN, helped line up the participants in the Eighth Annual Wabash River Raft Race on Sunday, August 30, at Mascouten Park in West Lafayette. The race was originally planned to begin at the David Ferry Bridge, north of Lafayette, but due to mud left over from recent flooding, the race organizers were forced to move the starting point downstream. Even though the location of the race had to be changed at the last minute, there was a successful turnout of an estimated 6,000 spectators.

We had planned to have our Labor Day Weekend Coffee Safety Break for 1987 in the Howard Johnson's parking lot on Highway 26 in Lafayette. But on the morning of Monday, August 31, we received word from our INCERT (Indiana Council of Emergency Response Teams) coordinator that the ban from having Coffee Breaks at rest areas in the state of Indiana had been lifted and we were given permission to serve free refreshments to motorists on I-65 at the rest area in White County at the 195 milepost. We served 600 people.

On September 11-13 we provided security for the 27th Annual Home Hospital Fair. While we were there, we displayed a poster depicting REACT's history and how it serves the community. We also distributed pamphlets about REACT. Also, while we were there, our area's Sub-Council meeting was held at our Emergency Communications bus on Sunday the 13th. All proceeds from this year's fair will go to the new Center for Women's Life.

#494 Broward County REACT, Davie, Florida, was the subject of a news article in the local *Sun-Sentinel* newspaper September 31.

#2141 United Valley REACT, Beaver, PA, hosted the Western Regional Pennsylvania Council meeting on October 18.

#2194 Daytona Beach REACT, Daytona Beach, FL, held their Labor Day Safety Break on September 4 through 7. We were located on the southbound side of US Route 95, south of Daytona Beach. It was a success in that we served more than 2,000 cups of coffee along with orange drink, cookies, ice tea, etc. Many travelers were grateful for our effort. We had some publicity pictures taken by TV Channel 2 in cooperation with the Florida Highway Patrol.



#2194 Daytona Beach REACT Team members at work for their Labor Day Safety Break. Pictured (L. to R.) are a guest; Art Slaney; John Danella; and Mel Rothschild.

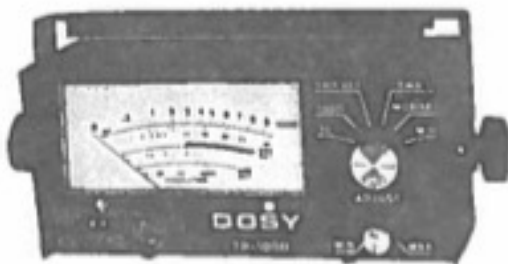
## Celwave Launches Eagle Series of Antennas

MARLBORO, N.J. — A tough, new breed of bird has just soared into the world of portable antennas.

Designed and rigorously tested with a 5-year design life, Celwave's new Eagles are hand cut for required frequency  $\pm 5$  MHz for best VSWR. Injection molded in durable polyurethane, the new, one-piece antennas feature a fully encapsulated element and a plated, skirt-sealed connector to prevent shorting and corrosion. BNC and TNC connectors have a gold-plated floating center pin.

The eagles are available in helical, whip, and dipole styles for VHF, UHF, trunking, and cellular applications.

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
CIRCLE NO. 1 ON CARD.



## ELKHART ENTERPRISES CORPORATION INTRODUCES DOSY MOBILE WATT METER

ELKHART, IN — While engaged in the field of electronic engineering and manufacturing, Elkhart Enterprises Corporation has continued to specialize in the development and production of two-way radio communication equipment. Their aim has been to provide instruments required by service shops and CB users to maintain their equipment as well as attempting to foresee the needs of the art.

A recent "first" is their mobile watt meter, made in the U.S., as are all Dozy products.

Featuring an ALL NEW internal design providing improved accuracy and low loss, a mobile mounting bracket and a large  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " back-lighted meter which reads two ranges: 0-30W and 0-1000W; also has an SWR bridge and modulation meter. May be left in antenna line continuously.

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
CIRCLE NO. 2 ON CARD.

# Season's Greetings



## UHF portable radio

A frequency-synthesized, two-way FM portable radio that covers up to 30 MHz has been presented by *Midland Land Mobile Radio*.

The EEPROM-controlled portable can be programmed for up to 16 channels from 406-430 MHz, 450-480 MHz, or 480-512 MHz. When equipped with the standard rechargeable battery pack, the radio is rated at five watts RF output, switchable to two watts, Midland said.

Standard features of the portable consist of built-in programmable, tone-coded squelch, DTMF signaling and channel scanning and a mode-lock key. The company added that a 100 mAh battery pack, chargers, speaker-microphone, belt clips, cases and several signaling formats also are offered.

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
CIRCLE NO. 3 ON CARD.

## New Deluxe 40 Channel CB Handheld Added to Fanon Line

TUSTIN, CA—Fanon Courier recently announced another addition to its expanding CB radio line.

A new deluxe 40-channel, 5-watt CB handheld transceiver—Courier Model CWT-40—was unveiled by Murray Trotiner, Director

of Sales & Marketing.

"The new state-of-the-art Courier CWT-40 is the latest addition to Courier's expanding CB product line," said Trotiner. "High quality and outstanding performance are the characteristics of Courier-brand CB products. The Courier CWT-40 ranks high in each category."

Its superb adjacent channel rejection of better than 70 DB down, automatic noise limiter circuit reduces background noises and adjustable squelch control assures clear, noise-free reception. Its selectable RF power level/battery saver switch allows for 4 watts or .4 watts power output.

Convenience features include LED channel number display with battery saver "on-off" switch, LED meter to indicate signal strength, transmit, receive power and percentage modulation.



In addition CWT-40 features an automatic Channel 9 switch, transmit/battery "low" indicators, separate condenser microphone and speaker, jacks for earphone, external antenna and external 12-volt supply.

Courier CWT-40 operates on 12 volts D.C.—10 "AA" rechargeable nickel cadmium batteries or 8 "AA" standard alkaline batteries (not included). A deluxe carry case and auto lighter adaptor are included.

Courier CWT-40 cabinet colors are black with white appointments and units are packaged in attractive multi-colored "OUT OF THIS WORLD" gift boxes. Suggested list price is \$109.95.

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
CIRCLE NO. 4 ON CARD.

1988  
DUES ARE DUE

Dear Ned:

I was elated by the news on page seven of the new REACTer concerning hams in REACT. About time!!!

I have encouraged my fellow REACTers in Maryland for several years to expand into the amateur sphere, more for team coordination and disaster communications than for monitoring. My efforts have been partially successful and, needless to say, the communications proved effective.

In my own county, the Office of Emergency Preparedness center has a two-meter FM transceiver, several police radios (TTY and voice) and a very good CB with a high antenna. Several members of the local ARES and RACES also swear by the old 27 MHz standby.

CB, however, is still viable, not because of its technical shortcomings or all the interference, but because of its ability to reach a great number of people.

I sincerely hope that the organization of Hams in REACT will encourage more of our dedicated people to expand their communications capabilities.

Please let me know more about the amateur program in REACT.

Sincerely,  
Max L. ("Vic") Vickery,  
N3DFS  
Council President  
Anne Arundel County RE-  
ACT/ARES Coordinator

Gentle Persons:

Congratulations on over 25 years of REACT!! I just learned that REACT has been in operation since 1962. That is a fantastic record of service to the public.

It was good to see that *Popular Communications* magazine is now including articles on CB radio and, in particular, the story about REACT, a copy of which is enclosed.

Those of us who have enjoyed, and depended upon, CB for several years certainly appreciate the service REACT members provide and I was glad to see that REACT still continues after these many years.

Congratulations again. Please continue to be there whenever we might need a friend on the road. Your services are greatly appreciated, whether or not it is ever necessary to

call upon you.

Warmest regards,  
Walter Davis  
Beachcomber  
KQZL 4179  
Santa Ana, California

Dear Ron:

In the September/October issue of the REACTer an article on page 11 talked about the MOBILE monitoring of CB-9. The article suggested there may be some people, somewhere who don't believe in monitoring CB-9 while mobile. It also seemed to suggest it was necessary to have some other form of communication (e.g., mobile phone) to make mobile monitoring of CB-9 worthwhile.

I've been monitoring CB-9 from my mobile for years, long before joining REACT. And, even though I don't commute and drive less than 500 miles a month, I've found the mobile monitoring of CB-9 very productive. Furthermore, I can't think of any reason NOT to monitor while mobile. The mobile monitor can provide support in a variety of ways, even without the benefit of a second form of communication.

The following are some examples:

- Relaying information to a base station (10-5'ing) when needed.
- Stopping to render assistance.
- Driving to a nearby public phone or call box.
- Carrying information down the road and passing it to a base when in range.
- Flagging down assistance (police, fire, etc.)
- Providing directions and local traffic information.

Anyway, the list goes on... and on... and on. I've done all the above many times. Even though I am GMRS equipped I pass more mobile CB-9 traffic to local CB "bucket-mouth" base stations than I do over GMRS. I also pass GMRS traffic in the same way.

I assumed all REACTers monitored CB-9 when driving. In my opinion, if they don't, they should. My suggestion to all monitors, mobile or base, is: Keep your CB on 9. When tired of monitoring don't turn your radio off, turn your squelch up. You never know when and how you can be of help. All you know is,

if you're not listening you won't be able to help anyone.

Cordially,  
George Rhodes  
Unit #31, Orange County  
REACT, CA  
KBTX6826, KAD8502,  
N6MJY

## What do REACT and Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) have in common? Drunk driving, for one thing.

All people in REACT know the organization is a key participant in the CB Radio Coalition Against Drunk Driving. All people involved in MADD know our goal is to get drunk drivers off the road.

The greater Milwaukee Chapter of MADD went one step farther.

Metro Milwaukee REACT #4564 and Kettle Moraine REACT #3866 joined together and controlled communications for the health and welfare of almost 1,000 runners and walkers on May 9, 1987.

The MADD DASH owes a lot of its success this year to the efforts of these 2 teams. Their professional manner was greatly appreciated when race time became a nightmare. They became the eyes and ears out on the course.

MADD would like to publicly thank Carl Plojda, Lee Jasinski and Bonnie Zygmont for working out all of the details to make race day a smash. I mentioned one thing each had in common. The second thing shows the networking ability between people and organizations. I have been a member of Metro Milwaukee REACT for almost 2 years. My term as President of MADD became effective on June 1, 1987.

I recommend that other REACT teams get together with MADD chapters in their areas. Unite on this common goal, and together "get 'em off the road."

If you have any questions, please contact me at 414-273-MADD.

Sincerely,  
Susan Janowski  
President  
MADD Greater Milwaukee Chapter

## MONITORING MARATHON PLANNED

Oakland County REACT plans to hold a Monitoring Marathon from November 1 through November 25. During this 25-day period, the 30 members of the Team will strive to monitor 24 hours a day.

They are seeking both individuals and organizations to sponsor this Team effort. The money from this fund-raiser will go toward purchasing generators to be used during power outages.

To help celebrate REACT Month and the Monitoring Marathon, they will have a Recognition Banquet on November 30. This event will also celebrate the 25th Anniversary of REACT.


OAKLAND COUNTY REACT MONITORING MARATHON

I believe in what you are doing and am pledging \_\_\_\_\_ per hour to your MONITORING MARATHON. I understand that your goal is 24 hours a day for 25 days and my contribution will be for a maximum of 600 hours.

I cannot at this time make an hourly pledge, but have enclosed a donation of \_\_\_\_\_ toward your efforts.

I would like additional information about REACT. Please turn in all Pledge Cards before November 1. A statement of our accomplishments will be sent to you at the end of our MARATHON.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
MAIL TO:  
Oakland County React, Inc.  
5640 Williams Lake Road  
Drayton Plains, MI 48020  
673-9683




## KETTLE MORRAINE REPORTS

### REACT #3866 Provides Security for Presidential Visit

HARTFORD, WISCONSIN — Four days before President Reagan stepped off the helicopter in this small southeastern Wisconsin community of 7,600, the communications director of Kettle Moraine REACT #3866 received an urgent phone call.

The Broan Manufacturing company had been selected as the first site of the Presidential visit to Wisconsin, July 27, 1987. Even with the local police department and the Washington County Sheriff's Department, the public relations director of Broan knew she would need more help to secure the area near the plant. Only Broan employees, invited guests and the press were allowed to enter the building to hear the President's speech. She called the Chamber of Commerce looking for some help and was directed to our REACT Team because of the good reputation gained by working with other community events.

Lee Jasinski, communications director, was contacted on Thursday the 23rd of July by Laurie Brammer, public relations director of Broan, who outlined the nature of the help she needed. The rear parking lot was to be closed off to everyone but the local and national press corps. Another lot was assigned to the Broan employees who were allowed into the plant to see the President. Finally a third parking lot was set aside for the general public who were then bused back into the area so they could line the route that would be taken when the President left.

On the morning of July 27, at 7:00 a.m., 14 Kettle Moraine REACT members assembled to review maps of the area and receive their assignments. Each one was given a copy of a proper press pass so unauthorized people could be kept out. Even though the team doesn't have a dress code all members showed up in white shirts and dark slacks over which was placed our orange REACT vests which helped unify and identify them. All communications were handled by using the team's VHF radios. When the press would enter the area they would be stopped at 3 different checkpoints to verify their IDs.

At one point the Mayor of Hartford tried to enter the parking lot assigned to the press. He was stopped and asked for his press pass, to which he replied that he was the Mayor and wanted to park in this lot. He was politely refused entry and directed to another parking lot. After he realized he wasn't getting in no matter how much he protested, he remarked, "I guess it's a good thing you're working here. We can be sure someone who doesn't belong won't get by you. Keep up the good work."

At 10:00 a.m. 3 military helicopters circled the Broan plant, 2 were decoys, and one landed in the front yard from which the President disembarked. After 30 minutes of band playing, speech making, smiles and waves he left the building, entered a limo with dark windows and sped on to the next location on his agenda.

Many compliments were received from

the Secret Service, the Sheriff's deputies, and the city police that we worked with.

### Disabled Vehicle Turns Out to be More

On September 10 Sean Marschke, Kettle Moraine REACT member #217, left work in Milwaukee at 10:00 p.m. and entered I-94 westbound to head home. On the ramp he noticed a disabled green Chevy Citation with its 4-way flashers on.

He first thought that it was unoccupied but as he approached the passenger side he observed a young woman approximately 21 years of age slumped over the steering wheel.

He ran back to his truck and radioed to Kettle Moraine REACT #249, Randy Ware, who then called the State Patrol.

Sean grabbed his first-aid kit and ran back to the car. He tapped on the window with his flashlight and called to the woman to open the door. She did. He asked her what was wrong. She replied that she was all right but then slumped over. He got her to wake up again and noticed the vehicle was still running. He called to her to shut the ignition off. When she couldn't do that, he reached over and shut it off himself. She was sweating and very pale. He didn't feel she was intoxicated because there wasn't any smell of alcohol in the car or on her.

He ran back to his truck to confirm that help was coming. Unit #249 stated that he had heard a squad being dispatched on the scanner. Sean cleared off the CB, grabbed a flare and put it 100 feet behind his truck to signal the responding officer. He also slipped on his REACT jacket. When he was back at

### MIMI DAWSON OF FCC MAY TAKE DOT POST

WASHINGTON — Federal Communications Commission member Mimi Weyforth Dawson has been nominated by President Reagan to be deputy secretary of the U.S. Transportation Department, potentially slimming the agency to 3 commissioners.

Dawson would succeed James Burnley, who has been appointed transportation secretary by the White House to replace Department of Transportation (DOT) Chief Elizabeth Dole. Dole resigned recently to assist her husband, Sen. Robert Dole (R-KS), in his planned campaign for U.S. President.

Dawson, 43, a republican and strong proponent of telecommunications deregulation, has been at the FCC since 1981.

Dawson's term at the FCC expires at the end of June 1988. Her husband, Rhett Dawson, currently heads the White House office of operations.

Rumors circulated earlier this year that Dawson planned to leave the FCC after being passed over for the agency chairmanship, which was given to Commissioner Dennis Patrick following resignation last January of FCC Chief Mark Fowler.

A confirmation date has not been set, but the Senate is expected to act on the President's DOT appointments before the No-

the car he told the woman to relax and put her head back. He asked if she was on any prescription drugs, but she couldn't answer.

A Milwaukee County Sheriff's squad then approached the rear of his vehicle and a woman deputy got out. She ran to the car and Sean apprised her of the information he had. The deputy climbed into the car and also asked her if she was on any prescriptions. She told the woman that she was going to open her purse for some ID. In the purse was a syringe, 2 bottles of insulin and a med-alert card. The woman was diabetic and was in need of medical attention.

The deputy called for a Wauwatosa Paramedic unit to be dispatched. Both of them kept the woman awake and soon 2 other county squads stopped. After about 4 minutes, the med unit arrived. They removed her from the car and a squad closed down the left lane for them to get her on the stretcher.

The deputy then thanked Sean for stopping and told him that he probably saved the woman's life. She thanked him again and Sean told her that's what REACT is for.

On the way home he reported 2 other calls to a REACT base. Another disabled car and a possible drunk driver. He said thankfully that the possible drunk driver turned out to be just a slow Sunday afternoon driver unfamiliar with driving at night. He was glad that's all it was, he was getting pretty tired by this time. It was now 11:05 p.m., and the next day was a school day.

Sean is a junior at Hamilton High School, a member of the Explorer post at the Menomonee Falls Police Department and has been a member of Kettle Moraine REACT for 2 years. The Kettle Moraine REACT Team is proud of the mature and level-headed manner in which he takes his REACT responsibilities.

member recess, according to a Senate Commerce and Transportation committee staff member.

The nominations do, however, spawn some uncertainty and potential problems for leadership at the FCC and DOT.

The 5-member FCC already is one member short, with the White House yet to fill the empty seat left by Fowler's departure. Bradley Holmes, chief of policy and rules in the mass media bureau, is the unofficial nominee for that slot but has been waiting in the wings for several months to receive official word from the White House.

At the same time, Burnley's nomination reportedly could face tough scrutiny from the Senate because of his rocky relationship with various lawmakers, which some say was brought on by the nominee's abrasive style and Congress' increasing concern over public safety of the accident-prone and deregulated commercial airline and railroad industries.

The prospect of Dawson leaving prompted one land mobile attorney here to suggest that Peter Pitsch, Patrick's chief of staff and an avid spectrum auction supporter, would be among the first considered for the empty seat.

**— PLEASE —**  
**FILL OUT THIS INFORMATION FORM**  
**FOR TEAM MEMBER CHANGES**

Use this form to change information concerning the members of your Team or for the Team itself. You may photocopy this form. When you are submitting less than four names, you may cut the forms apart on the dotted lines.

**To Add Members:** Check the NEW box and the MEMBER box. Fill in the NEW STATUS box. Complete the Team number, the new member's name and address.

**To Renew:** Check the RENEW box and the MEMBER box. Fill the OLD STATUS box. Complete the computer ID number, the Team number, and the member's name and address under the NEW INFORMATION section.

If the member is renewing but also has a change of information, complete both the NEW and OLD information sections.

**To Drop:** Check the DROP box and the MEMBER box. Complete the computer ID number, Team number, and the member's name and address under the OLD INFORMATION section.

**To Make Address Change or Correction:** Check the ADDRESS CHANGE box and the MEMBER box. Check the appropriate box to indicate if the change is for Team or Member. Complete Team number, computer ID number, Team name or member name. Fill in both the NEW and the OLD information section.

**To Change or Correct Membership Status:** Check STATUS CHANGE box and the MEMBER box. Complete Team number, computer ID number and member's name and address under new section. Your membership status is listed as Regular (R), Family (F), Junior (J), or Life Member (L).

**To Change or Correct Member's Name:** Check the NAME CHANGE box and the MEMBER box. Complete Team number, computer ID number. Show the incorrect name and member's current address under the OLD INFORMATION section. Show the new/corrected name under the NEW INFORMATION section.

**IMPORTANT:** The member (or Team) computer ID number is a seven (7) digit number that appears on your membership card, REACTer mailing label and on your Team renewal printout. You must list this number for all current member changes.

If you have any questions, please give us a call.

Return completed form(s) to: REACT International, Inc.  
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 Wichita, Kansas 67214

**1988**  
**DUES ARE DUE**

**— Membership/Team Change Form —**

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Team # \_\_\_\_\_ Member/Team Computer ID Number

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Member Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Province/State \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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# REACT C475 ASSISTS 1987 WORLD POLICE AND FIRE GAMES

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA—From around the world they came to San Diego. During the first week of August, Police Officers and Firemen were here in America's Finest City to participate in the 1987 World Police and Fire Games. The World Police and Fire Games are a recent addition to world sporting events and have become an immediate success. In terms of participants and sporting events, these Games are one of the largest, most exciting events of its kind in the world. The Games were held at 28 widely spread sites in and around San Diego and all the communications between the sites and the Games Control Center were provided by Southwestern REACT of San Diego County (C475). For nine days, a group of 24 Southwestern REACT radio volunteers led by Johnny Stowers, REACT coordinator, provided instant communications between the Control Center and the Sport Coordinators at each sporting site. The communications included routine administrative traffic, immediate reporting of results and emergency communications regarding the safety of the Games participants. Because of the distances involved, the Team's GMRS communications system was utilized. This included the Team's GMRS repeater on 4000 foot Lyons Peak, east of San Diego, and the personally-owned handheld and mobile radios of the Team members.

Communications were provided for an average of 14 hours each day with frequent last minute changes in the sporting calendar requiring great flexibility by the REACT radio operators. The key to this coordination was the dedicated, efficient assistance by Pat Pierce, the REACT net control radio operator. Pat and Johnny were often in the Games Control Center early in the morning and late at night getting last minute schedule changes and organizing radio operators for the day.

## Team Events

#3344 Marion County REACT, Marion, OH, served more than 3,000 travelers at our Labor Day Coffee Break. We served 1,800 cups of coffee and 46 gallons of orange drink and pink lemonade and put in more than 203 man hours. Due to vacation and holiday only 9 members were able to participate in the Safety Break.



#3344 Marion County REACT 1 set up and ready to go for the more than 3,000 travelers they served over the Labor Day weekend.

REACT radio operators were often called upon to move quickly from one site as it closed to another as it opened. The coordinators of the individual sporting events had nothing but praise for the work of the REACT volunteers. Skip Westray, President of Southwestern REACT, has been told by

## Team Events

#C446 Brownwood CB Emergency Unit, Brownwood, TX, just about met itself coming back during the month of August. We started the month with our annual rodeo and rodeo parade, which, for some reason, is held on a Thursday at 5:00 p.m. all over downtown Brownwood. What this meant to our Team was we were needed at the staging area at 3:00 p.m. to help assemble the more than 125 units that made up the largest parade in Brownwood's memory. After we "got it together," we moved out to block cross streets and work traffic as the floats and horses passed by.

Mid-August brought the First Annual Bud Light Power Boat Races at Lake Brownwood and a long weekend at Sandy Beach for our Team; in fact we all camped out from Friday through Sunday. It seemed we were at "work" all the time. We helped with a big outdoor dance on Friday night, taking tickets, working the crowd, and later, "bedding down" the revelers. Saturday the Team furnished communications, First Aid, traffic and crowd control. Sunday was race day. All the racing was not on the lake: the Team did their share on the shore, too. Additionally, we worked the party and dance Saturday nights and manned (woman-ned?) a food concession all weekend. All in all, "Spuds McKenzie" and Brownwood REACT had a fine time, and we are all looking forward to next year.

The Team responded to a call for ice water and help at a big grass fire in northern Brown and southern Calahan counties. This was a costly trip for Bobby Jones. He had a blow-out and "crunched" his truck trying to get water to some firemen in the back of a goat pasture. He made it though, and those firemen were so glad to see him that they nominated him for sainthood—St. Bobby? Hmmm.

In August we had 2 Weather Watches, 2 Weather Schools, numerous motorist assists, and 744 hours of Channel 9 monitoring which resulted in 20 referrals to PD, SO and DPS.

We have developed an "Activity Report Form" in cooperation with the Brownwood. The form helps us document our activities.

#2001 Gateway Area REACT, St. Louis, MO, was out in force Memorial Day and Labor Day, greeting weary travelers with coffee, cookies, tea and orangeade. REACT 25th Anniversary balloons were flying and riding the highways from St. Louis to the East Coast and back again to the West Coast. Even though we seemed to have more out-of-country travelers the international language of hands made communications easier. With the help of our Guest Sign-In Book and

Larry Gosnell, President of the Games Board of Directors, that much of the success of the Games was as a direct result of the outstanding communications provided by the REACT Team. They are trying to get the Games back and have asked the Team to help again if they are successful.

Highway Patrol we came up with a rough figure of 3,000 people we served. Missouri State Highway Patrol made our day when they informed us that the stretch of highway we covered had fewer incidents. Thank you from the President of Gateway Area REACT to all members for making the break a success.

After 7 or 8 years you would think the new would be worn off, but, when you see thousands of bicycles coming at you, the heart starts pumping and your eyes start scanning. This year had to be one of the better years. Even AYH agreed to that. We had less injury count and more cooperation from the bikers. Thanks to Frontenac Equipment Company, we were able to get our base antenna up high enough to cover the entire course. This Moonlight Ramble runs all night so for at least the next day most of the REACTers are out of commission. This year they estimated 18,000 riders were present; next year they expect more. We were told that for next year's 24th running, they hope for 24,000 riders. Guess we had better start getting rested up. That is a lot of people.

For all who don't know what "AYH" is. It is American Youth Hostels, an organization that provides overnight lodging at a small rate to our young people traveling all over the world. By becoming a member even us older folks can take advantage of this. There is a lot of country out there to see, and AYH helps make dreams come true.

On September 12, our President, while monitoring her radio and scanner, heard a fire alarm go out from one of our newest cities, Maryland Heights. They had an apartment fire going, and it seemed to be getting a bit out of hand. Within 30 minutes they were hitting a fourth alarm. Maryland Heights has been aware of REACT from the beginning, but until she called them, they were not aware that we had special training in First Aid and evacuation. The dispatcher asked her to make available, at the staging area, as many units as she could muster up. By 2:15 a.m. Gateway Area had 6 units on the scene, 2 units on base, and one unit standing by to roll. On arrival at the staging area the units were advised by police personnel that most of the other apartment buildings had emptied out and injured were being transported but would they stand by for anything unexpected.

Luckily the conditions improved, and our units were dismissed about 2 hours later. The dispatcher called and added her thanks to the officers' thanks. She remarked she was really glad to know where extra emergency help could be obtained.



## REPORT FROM FINANCIAL RESOURCES TASK GROUP

The Financial Resources Task Group (FRTG) has begun its appeals and inquiries to 335 pre-screened foundations in quest of various funding levels for REACT International. The initial letters of inquiry were started in mid-September and were completed for mailing by the end of the month.

Two previous inquiries have been greeted with anticipation of a program submission and the task group is presently working on those proposals.

Several priorities have been catalogued and will be implemented in the following order:

- Review of all "how to" publications and updates to be inserted prior to program acquisition for printing and Team distributions.
- Channel 9 highway signs. In cooperation with the PRTG, 2 states are presently approaching their respective highway departments for prior approval of support for these signs. As this progresses, the FRTG will be approaching specific foundations for financial and materials support for this program.
- Emergency directories will follow—2 specific versions. One version will be for Team handout to the general public as an information and public relations tool. A second version would be for specific and confidential Team utilizations.
- Additional updated office equipment will complete the package, notwithstanding the current persual for additional computer acquisitions and appropriate programs.

Interim actions by the FRTG has included preparation of draft letters for the proposed membership acquisitions of public support, such as a limited "supporting" membership.

Foundations previously screened have been updated with 42 directorship changes, and an additional 27 new foundations added to the proposal lists. The FRTG is also working with International in acquiring the REACT information booklet on *How to Use Your New CB* publication, in anticipation of acquiring financial support for this publication printing and free distribution to Teams.

If the membership has additional ideas or programs, please direct your information to FRTG, P.O. Box 1033, Lancaster, PA 17603-0133.

J.E. "Yogi" Bear  
FRTG leader

#2647 Greater Philadelphia Search and Rescue, Erdenheim, PA, received a letter of thanks for their participation in the First Annual Great Philadelphia Bed Race. The Race was for the benefit of the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

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## 1988 International Convention

### AND THE WINNERS ARE . . .

Congratulations to 3 lucky people from New Jersey. Their names were drawn from the 21 Early Bird Registrations received.

They are:

Thomas Mascucci, S. Amboy, NJ  
Team 4601

Mary Cooper, Allentown, NJ  
Team 4651

Lori Rosenthal, S. Amboy, NJ  
Team 4601

Chris White, Chairman of the Board, honored the delegates and officers of the CVRC State Convention with her presence. She also visited the Convention Hotel in Roanoke. She also drew the names of the 3 winners for the Early Bird Registration.

Things are going well with plans for the upcoming '88 convention in Roanoke. If your Team has not received or seen a copy of a Registration Form that was passed out at the '87 convention in Texas, please contact me. I will be glad to send you a Registration Form and information on the Tuesday Tour. Remember that this is a limited-space activity, so get your registration in early for space on the buses.

Hope to see you all in 1988. Come and enjoy some great SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY.

ROANOKE IN 1988!

For information: Azella E. Tingler  
P.O. Box 3085  
Roanoke, VA 24015



### TEAM/COUNCIL NEWSLETTER CONTEST.

Here's a chance to enter your newsletter in competition against others just like you. Need not be present to enter.

Entry form required. For more information please contact Robert Reichel, P.O. Box 563, San Bruno, CA 94066-0563.

The convention is also a time for recognition and awards. Two newly elected field directors to the board will be recognized and given trophies.

You, your team and council can also show your support by advertising in the convention program.

**YOUR TEAM AND COUNCIL HAVE A CHANCE TO BE HEARD.** Provide input and vote on many important issues at the convention. So consider sending your official team delegate to represent your team. You'll be glad you did.

Complete and send in this registration form today!

### SHORT FORM

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### 1988 REACT International Convention

Hotel Roanoke, Roanoke, Virginia

July 18-21

PLEASE PRINT — One person per form.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Initial

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Team # \_\_\_\_\_ Life Member # \_\_\_\_\_

Early Registration (until May 15)	\$60.00
Late Registration	\$75.00
Life Member Dinner	\$15.00

Total Enclosed \$

Make check payable to 1987 International REACT Convention Fund.

Mail to: P.O. Box 3085, Roanoke, Virginia 24015

(A more detailed information form will be provided to you for completion.)

## Team Events

### TEAM C446 BIG HELP TO TOWN FESTIVAL

#C446 Brownwood CB Emergency Unit-REACT, Brownwood, TX, just naturally seems to get involved in the "darndest" things! "Rest Stops" when nobody is tired; no "Rest Stops" when everybody is tired; monitoring Channel 9 for 200 hours of dead air and then answering a call for motorist assistance (a flat tire) in Opa Locka, FL; being asked to help build a concession stand in the Park and after agreeing finding out that it is 38' x 50' welded steel building! Well, as you can guess, we did it and in just 6 days!

The Pecan Valley Arts and Crafts Festival is one of the really big events every year here in Brownwood. We have always helped with parking and First Aid for this happening; however, this year we were asked to lend a hand with the Pre-Fest preparations. And we jumped at the chance. Then we jumped to work on the building. The finished product is something to see.

On Thursday before the Fest, the Festival Committee discovered that only 7 of the big tents that were ordered were delivered. In order to hold the event as planned, 8 were needed. Corkey Bryant was dispatched to Waco to "save the bacon" or pick up the tent or whatever.

On Friday it rained and rained and RAINED! About 2 p.m. there was serious thought to cancellation. Never fail! REACT to the rescue! One of our members with some Army field hospital experience suggested that with some hay and lime we could dry up the grounds—if it would only stop raining. Well, "shur-nuf," it stopped raining, and you would have really enjoyed seeing the Brownwood REACT "hayseeds" out at 7 a.m. buckin' them bales and spreading that hay. The mud dried, the sun came out, and all was well with the world. The hay was so well liked that someone asked if we would do it again next year.

### REACT TEAMS SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL

#4632 Star REACT, North Andover, MA, received a call from the uncle of a missing girl. After trying to "break" Channel 19 to no avail, he requested our help in searching for his 18-year-old niece. He gave me a full description, told me the young lady was suicidal and had left home a day earlier in the family car into which she had placed a garden hose. The young lady lived in Dracut, MA, a small town. With the help of her family and friends she was traced to York Beach, ME, a distance of about 80 miles. Somehow she was stopped by an off-duty Maine police officer and the garden hose was taken away from her, but she managed to escape him. It was then we were called.

I immediately broke Channel 19, identified myself as Star REACT and received an instant response from a northbound trucker. Within 10 minutes I heard truckers passing; the information I'd given him along their own network.

Following this step I took to calling as many REACT Teams on the northeast coast as I could and requested their help also. I received great support from all of them, as well as civilians monitoring their CB radios in traffic.

After 2 days of searching by many, many people, the young lady was found about 5 miles away from her home asleep in a club parking lot, in a different vehicle than the one we had been looking for. When her dad called at 7 the next morning to say she had been found, he couldn't express enough appreciation to REACT for all their help.

Says Team President Nita Eldred, LM 317, "I would be remiss if I didn't say Thank you to all the Teams who answered my call. So, a hearty 'well done and THANKS' go out to all members of Star REACT (MA); #4628 Metro REACT (MA); #4508 The New Rescue 8 REACT (MA); #3773 Mohawk REACT (MA); Emergency Citizens Rescue REACT (MA); #3265 Nashua REACT (NH); #4105 Southeast Rockingham County REACT (NH); and #3603 Southern Maine REACT (ME). And, to all the many truckers and concerned citizens, we also say 'Thanks.'

"It is a great feeling to belong to an organization such as ours where members work as a single unit in an emergency such as this. I am proud to be a part of it."

#2736 Grand Island REACT, Grand Island, NE, is really making things happen. We have 4 new members and 4 applications pending. This is since August 1.

We've been busy! We've helped with runs and been involved in storm spotting throughout the summer. Ten of our members have taken First Aid Multi-media classes and received their certification. We were invited and attended a tabletop exercise put on by the Civil Defense concerning hazardous materials. It was a very helpful training exercise and also pointed out to the top officials in all capacities the resources REACT has available.

Team member, Ronald Witherwax, has accepted a nomination for President of the Nebraska REACT Council. He has devoted numerous hours of his time and labor for the growth and betterment of the Team. We feel he is the best man for the job.

#2690 Twin City Communications, Lafayette, IN, provided night security and traffic control at the 20th Annual Feast of the Hunters' Moon at Fort Quatenon in West Lafayette, IN, on October 2-4. We were assisted by #3171 White County REACT and #C692 Cass County REACT. After the closing ceremonies on Saturday we helped to get a lost 3-year-old boy back to his family. On Sunday we helped to report a theft from one of the merchant booths to the police. There were no traffic accidents reported in the area during the Feast.

#C238 Oakland County REACT, Drayton Plains, MI, faces a rush of events. The month of October usually marks the wind-down of community events that are worked by us, but not this year. The first 10 days of October finds the Team busy with 3 events in one week: the Lake Orion Fun Run, the Troy Walk for Mankind, and the Clarkston

SCAMP Walk. A fourth event is in the works as well. The Team members enjoy these events because it brings good exposure to the community and lets people know what REACTers are doing. In addition, plans are going ahead full steam for the Monitoring Marathon that is planned for the month of November in honor of the 25th Anniversary of REACT. All of these busy weeks ahead will culminate in an honors and awards banquet on November 30.

October will also see a new family unit formed in our Team. We are pleased and proud to announce the wedding of 2 of our members, Dale Scheiske and Betty Soper. Congratulations from your Team and may you have a long and happy union.

#2467 Lancaster County REACT, Lincoln, NE, has had a rather busy 1987. Our Safety Breaks in May, July, and September were all successful. Also, on July 4 we were at Holmes Lake for the day. We even had 2 successful days at the Cornhusker State Games and Youth Triathlon on July 18, 19 and August 5.

Right now we are working the football games, helping the Lincoln and University police with parking lot patrol. Only one thing we haven't gotten involved in: snow removal!

#C652 Panhandle REACT, Alliance, NE, assisted and took part in Special Olympics, Heritage Days, "Just Say No to Drugs and Alcohol" parade and seminar, Walk-A-Thon March of Dimes, CROP Walk, Memorial Day Coffee Break, and attended Disaster Management class.

Our President asked the Broken Bow radio station to advertise the Memorial Weekend Coffee Break, which they did as a public service. There were 21 states represented among the visitors. We gave a small dash clock-compass to the one who came the greatest distance. The winner was from New York City, NY.

The main summer project was parking cars at the local race track on Sunday afternoons. Fall and winter project is to patrol around the schools. This is part of the Drug and Alcohol Program. Three members returning from a funeral assisted the State Patrol at a car accident.

Franklin Krause was a victim of cancer and died April 15. He was a 25-year member of REACT. He helped to get the Team organized in this area.

#3556 North/Northwest REACT of Illinois, Des Plaines, IL, mourns the death of a valued member of the Team. Kathleen Reitz Fratto, a charter member of Metro North REACT (now North/Northwest), passed away suddenly on August 25. Kathy had served 3 years as secretary, one year as treasurer. She will be deeply missed by her friends, and in her honor, unit #909 will be retired.

#4696 Volunteer REACT is the new Team that has started in Carter County of Elizabethton, TN. We have had car washes, road blocks, and yard sales to raise money for our charter. We bought a base radio and now

monitor almost 24 hours a day.

We have been helping search for a lady who disappeared around the end of August, or first of September. We have had some of our Team out almost every day.

Our officers are Jerry Miller, President (and also Council Vice President); David Brewer, Vice President; Jeanett Miller, Secretary; Faye Townsend, Treasurer; Johnny Miller, Captain, Ruby Miller, Public Relations.

#3552 Somerset County REACT, Somerset, PA, to be a part of REACT International and an active part in our community. In the past year, members have been very active assisting the Red Cross in Concluce (PA) train derailment. The residents of the town had to be evacuated. Our Team and 2 of its members received special recognition with events such as Special Olympics, Lions Club's Walk for Sight, Somerset County Crop Walk, and last but not least, assisting the Somerset Boro. Police Department in traffic control for parades for Somerset. We have had a good year in 1987 with these activities and our monitoring for motorists assistance. We are looking forward to more of the same in 1988.

## POPE VISITS TEXAS REACT is There

Millions of people all over the country took part in Pope John Paul the Second's visit to the United States during the month of September. When the Pope arrived in San Antonio, members of the Texas State REACT Council were there to take part. The American Red Cross had asked the Texas Council to help them with communications during the Papal Visit.

Six Teams were able to participate in this very exciting project. The teams were in San Antonio on Saturday and Sunday, September 11 and 12. REACT was asked to provide communications for the American Red Cross at the First-aid Stations that they were manning along the Papal Parade Route through downtown San Antonio. The REACTers worked side by side with the Red Cross personnel providing communications back to a REACT communications van from San Angelo, where the messages were evaluated by a San Antonio Fire Department paramedic.

REACTers also worked as "Hot Teams," taking supplies and aiding the station personnel. The event went very well and the Team did a terrific job. With an exercise involving 42 people from a variety of Team both CB and GMRS equipment was used.

This was the first time the State Council had ever taken part in a project of this size that required participation from so many Teams. It is a real credit to REACT that all of these people could come together and put such a large communications network together and then work it without a hitch on such short notice with no prior planning.

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## New Computer System Speeds Help to Disaster Homeless

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has put into operation a unique computerized financial distribution system that dramatically reduces the time required to provide rental payments to people left homeless by natural disasters.

The system, unofficially dubbed "Ready Check," makes it possible to print and issue government checks at the scene of a disaster in as little as four days. Before the system became operational, disbursing such checks from off-site locations often required as much as two weeks.

Brought on-line during the current federal disaster recovery effort in Illinois, the computerized system has been in daily use at the FEMA's Rosemont disaster field office since late August.

According to the U.S. Treasury Department's Financial Management Service (FMS), use of the system marks one of the few times federal disaster assistance checks have been issued from temporary field offices.

"This innovation not only allows us to meet the need for temporary housing faster and more efficiently, but also permits us to reduce our administrative costs without affecting the amount of assistance provided," FEMA Director Julius W. Becton, Jr. said in officially unveiling the new computerized check-writing system last week in Chicago.

Becton was joined at the unveiling by Gordon Hickam, regional director for the Treasury Department's Chicago FMS Center, whose agency, in cooperation with FEMA and the Riggs National Bank of Washington, D.C., aided in developing the new system.

"Using the most advanced technology available," Hickam said, "FMS is working with FEMA to benefit citizens in their time of need."

Field-tested in the Ohio and Minnesota federal disaster recovery operations earlier this year, the portable system utilizes a stand-alone Troy 308A Financial Document Printer that is linked to a personal computer and produces checks imprinted with FEMA's name from funds established in a controlled disbursement account held by the Riggs National Bank.

When activated, the printer's laser electro-photographic mechanism electronically writes checks from data entered into the computer. The system is made secure after use by removing a security key and type-font cartridge.

Becton said the field tests showed that housing checks could be printed and mailed to eligible recipients within four days following initial application.

"Compared with our former method of disbursements, we now are able to reduce the waiting time for this vital assistance by about 10 to 15 days," he said.

Becton added that similar results are being achieved in the Illinois disaster recovery where to date more than 2,500 rental assistance checks worth over \$1.7 million have been printed and issued on-site. Some 600 checks are now being written a day, accord-

ing to FEMA officials.

Based on the results of the field tests and on-line operations in Illinois, Becton said that additional units are now being phased in and that the agency expects the system to be fully operational by early next year.

## FEMA Awards \$5 Million for Hazardous Materials Training

FEMA awarded \$5 million on September 25 to support improved training within state and local hazardous materials programs.

The funding, provided under Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, authorizes FEMA to provide \$5 million for each of fiscal years 1987 through 1990. Each state will be required to provide a 20 percent non-federal funds match.

These training funds are intended to expand current training activity and help state and local governments to meet the requirements of Title III. The training offered will be through the already existing delivery structures in the states to ensure a more cohesive delivery and make sure that all disciplines: law enforcement, environment, health, transportation, and fire have the training needed to perform their jobs.

The training programs that will be provided to the states for delivery are national emphasis programs developed jointly by FEMA, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Transportation, and the Department of Labor.

"The launching of this training program underscores this nation's commitment to improving state and local capabilities to deal effectively with hazardous materials emergencies," FEMA Director Julius W. Becton, Jr., said.

Funds are being provided to the states through the Comprehensive Cooperative Agreements (CCA) system administered by FEMA.

Localities seeking training opportunities should contact their state emergency management office for information on course availability and enrollment requirements.

## Family Emergency Planning Booklet is Now Available

Life-saving action individuals and families can take before, during and after an emergency are outlined in a new publication by FEMA.

The 10-page booklet, *Emergency Preparedness Checklist*, includes sections on ways to develop a plan, what to stockpile, things to do if evacuation is required, things to include in the automobile emergency kit, and what to do after the crisis has passed.

"Planning ahead and making provisions for your family's needs can make a big difference in your ability to cope with emergencies," the booklet warns.

The booklet is available in limited quantities at no charge from FEMA, P.O. Box 70274, Washington, D.C. 20024.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**JANUARY 9:** Oklahoma State REACT Council Meeting at Blackwell, OK.

**JANUARY 10:** Kansas State Council of REACT Teams regular meeting and elections at Western Sizzlin Steakhouse, 1708 W. Crawford, Salina, KS, at 1:00 p.m.

**COUNCILS:** We need your meeting and event information. Please submit January through April meeting dates and place by December 10, 1987.

**MARCH 14-16:** Entelec '88, sponsored by the Energy Telecommunications and Electrical Association. Dallas Convention Center, Dallas, TX. For information call Mark Bakke at 301-468-3210.

**MARCH 21-23:** Associated Public Safety Communications Officers' 21st Western Regional Conference & Trade Show. Spokane Convention Center and the Sheraton Hotel, Spokane, WA. For details call Pam Ratcliffe at 206-774-3583.

**APRIL 20-22:** National Land Mobile Expo, sponsored by *Communications* magazine. Las Vegas Convention Center, Las Vegas, NV. For information call Kathy Kriner at 303-220-0660.

## DEADLINES

### NOVEMBER 30

• Comments due to FCC on GMRS rewrite.

### DECEMBER 10

• Articles due for January/February 1988 issue of *REACTor*.

### DECEMBER 31

• Entry deadline for K-40 Awards 4th Quarter.  
• Early Bird renewal registration deadline.

### JANUARY 31

• Renewal registration deadline.

### FEBRUARY 1-29

• Penalty of \$10 for late Team renewal.

### FEBRUARY 29

• Last day for "undecided" members to renew.  
• Board Field Director nominations due.  
• Council expense reimbursement submissions due.

### MARCH 1-31

• Penalty of \$20 for late Team renewal.  
• Teams not renewed for 1988 dropped from records.

### APRIL 1

• 1990 Convention bid (West) due.

## POLICE OFFICER USES CPR TO SAVE A REACTer LIFE

The following is from a newspaper article concerning the event.)

Mark Eastman used his training as a Fairfax County police officer on August 4 to help save the life of a Herndon REACT member.

The incident occurred during the bi-monthly meeting of the REACT Team, a volunteer organization of citizen-band radio operators who help communities and travelers with two-way radio communication. The meeting was held at Fairfax County Government Center where Eastman and Officer Stephen Keeney were on duty at the reception desk.

During a break in the meeting, REACT member Bill Anton collapsed near the desk, and fellow member Jim MacCue called for help, according to Bob Baird who is public relations officer for the organization.

Eastman immediately dialed 911 to alert emergency services personnel, then vaulted over a counter to assist Anton. Both officers suspected that a heart attack had occurred and attempted to make Anton comfortable.

MacCue then noticed that the victim had stopped breathing. When told this, Eastman began cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Within seconds, Anton began to breathe again, although his breathing stopped twice more before additional help arrived, says Baird.

Paramedics from Reston's Company 25 arrived and stabilized Anton for transport. Examination at the hospital indicated that Anton had suffered a heart attack.

"If it were not for the heroic efforts of the



Bill Anton of Herndon REACT C-332

Fairfax County police officers at the scene and quickly administering first aid, Bill (Anton) might not be alive today," says Baird in a press release.

"We of the Herndon REACT are proud to have such dedicated men assigned to the Fairfax County Police Department."



A handshake of appreciation and gratitude is extended to 2 Fairfax County, Virginia, police officers from John Webster, Secretary for the Herndon REACT Team on behalf of all members of the Team, for their dedicated service in handling a serious emergency that saved a man's life. In photo: (left to right) John Webster, officers Mark Eastman and Stephen Keeney. The life they saved was Herndon REACT Member Bill Anton.



# Happy Holidays



## WHY WE LIGHT CANDLES ON THE CHRISTMAS TREE

### An Old Legend

Why do we light candles on the Christmas tree? Well now, that might seem like an out-dated question, but the modern lights we put on the tree today actually had their start way back when people used to put candles on the tree. But back to our question. Namely, why?

Well, once upon a time, in the high mountains of Asia, there lived an old woodcutter named Karl. Every day he chopped firewood for the villagers, and every year he brought them Christmas trees.

One year on the day before Christmas he was sharpening his axe by his cottage, when a voice said, "Tell me, sir, if I take the path through the forest, will it lead me to Ciria?"

Karl looked up and saw a tall, young boy, and he answered, "Yes, but don't go at this season. It's a long way, and storms are wild in these mountains." But the boy said, "Thank you, sir," and he was off before Karl could stop him.

That afternoon, a terrible blizzard swept over the village, and when the blizzard was over, the night was so dark that Karl felt afraid. He said to himself, "I'll go to my neighbor's house. We can cheer each other."

So he lighted a torch, and he was just starting out when a sound made him stop. What was it? Was it a timber wolf? And then he heard that sound again. "Oh, that's no wolf," he said, "someone is crying for help!" Without even thinking, he plunged through the snow into the forest.

Suddenly he fell and his torch went out, leaving him blind in the dark. And then he saw a miraculous thing . . . It was a fir tree, but on the end of each branch flickered a flame brighter than any star, and Karl struggled toward it through the snow. As he came closer, the twinkling lights faded, but another tree began to glitter, farther on. And the trail of lights led him into a forest he had never seen before until one sparkling tree did NOT fade as he drew near, and beneath THAT tree, half frozen, lay the young boy.

Quickly he gathered the cold, unconscious boy into his arms and started back, wonder-



ing how he would ever find his way home. But slowly, a bright lane formed between the trees, lined on each side by millions of dazzling sparks—playing among the branches.

Karl became strong and his burden grew light, and soon he saw many torches burning—in his village.

All the neighbors crowded around. One of them said, "We saw the miracle of the lights! It was as if all the stars in heaven had come down to hang upon the branches! From tonight on, we will burn candles on our Christmas tree—to light the way for others who may be lost in the dark."

AND THAT'S WHY WE PUT LIGHTS ON THE TREE! (And you thought it was to make it look pretty!)

## President Orders Federal Aid to Southern California

President Reagan, on October 7, ordered that federal assistance be provided to Southern California where a strong earthquake October 1 damaged more than 10,000 homes and businesses.

Eight deaths and more than 100 injuries have been attributed to the quake, which registered 6.1 on the Richter scale, according to state officials. A number of aftershocks occurred in the days following the earthquake.

The President's major disaster declaration triggers federal aid to supplement the recovery efforts of state and local governments in Los Angeles and Orange counties where most of the damage occurred.

Preliminary damage assessments done by federal and state officials within 24 hours of the earthquake show more than 9,100 homes and 1,400 businesses in the two counties were damaged or destroyed. The assessment

report said little of the loss was covered by earthquake insurance.

Julius W. Becton, Jr., director of FEMA, which will coordinate federal recovery operations, designated individuals, families, businesses and local governments in Los Angeles County eligible for aid as well as individuals, families and businesses in adjacent Orange County.

FEMA estimated the total outlay of federal funds in the two counties will reach at least \$117 million and may exceed that as hidden structural damages and other losses are uncovered.

Federal assistance to individuals will include temporary housing, grants to individuals and families, low-interest loans to cover home, business and personal property damages and other programs to supplement state and local recovery efforts.

## Council Events

Michigan REACT Council holds convention — The annual convention of the Michigan REACT Council was held on September 19 and 20 in Traverse City, Michigan.

Despite deluges of rain, those attending enjoyed the fellowship such meetings bring about, heard some interesting speakers, and enjoyed lots of good food. The annual meeting and election of officers also took place during this convention. Newly elected to serve the Council were: President — Robert Early, Jackson County REACT; First Vice President — John Kelly, Muskegon County REACT, Inc.; and Sergeant-at-Arms — Harold Turner, Mecosta County REACT. Carole Wiggins stays on as the Immediate Past President.

Earlier in the year Michigan REACT Teams participated in a letter-writing campaign seeking re-instatement of "Y" plate eligibility for REACT Team-owned vehicles. They are pleased to report that these plates are once again authorized for REACT Team equipment. The plates cost \$5 and are good for 5 years.

A second letter campaign directed toward our Michigan legislature resulted in a joint resolution from the Senate and House of Representatives declaring November REACT Month in Michigan in honor of the 25th Anniversary of REACT.

New York State Teams have been actively forming two new Councils — The Southern New York State REACT Council covers the 5 boroughs of New York City plus Rockland, Putnam, and Westchester counties. Serving in officer positions until December 31, 1989, are: President — Harry Juris, Westchester County REACT; Vice President — Bob Cacciola, Richmond County REACT; Secretary — Rich Perkowski, Suffolk County REACT; and Treasurer — Andy Maybaum, Nassau County REACT.

The Upstate New York Council has as officers: President, Rosemary Brown; First Vice President, Larry Moriarty; Second Vice President, Bob Snell; Secretary, Mary Mayhew; and Treasurer, Kenneth Reasoner.



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