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August 1 through October 31, 1987

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HEADQUARTERS REPORT

The *Team Topics* newsletter mailed to each Team and Council in late August reported the following.

No Dues Increase for 1988

After noting a much improved financial condition of REACT International, Inc. the Board of Directors voted to maintain the current membership dues of \$12.00 regular and \$10.00 family or junior member. Life membership dues of \$240.00 (minus senior discount if applicable) will also remain for 1988.

The Team Insurance Fee is subject to change based on the cost of liability and bonding insurances. Their obtainable costs are being worked on to keep the cost to our members as low as possible.

Added Membership Benefits

Take advantage of these newly added benefits: REACT group discount rate when staying at Days Inn or Best Western Inn. The Days Inn Incredible Club is now available to all REACT members. To get the discount rate and special privileges you need to call the toll-free number to enroll in the club.

Better yet! The Best Western Inn will provide a 10% discount or more (off the regular rate) when you show your REACT ID card and give our group ID number 508920. See their advertisement on page 5. The 1988 membership cards will reflect these new benefits.

More of these types of group discounts are being sought. If you have an idea of what discounts would benefit REACT members send us a card with the information or suggestion.

Membership Drive Contest

Your Team can win a newly designed Shakespeare "Big Stick" antenna.

One Team in each state/province will win a "big stick" worth \$82.95, just by being the Team to recruit the most members in your state. This contest must be paid for and properly registered with REACT International by October 31. (This means received at REACT International by this date.) One big stick will be awarded to one Team in each state/province. Ties between two or more winning Teams will be broken by declaring the Team with the greatest percentage gain in new members the winner.

REACT International Contact Directory Project Approved

The last contact directory showing Teams and vital contact information was done in 1984. Since then a significant number of changes have occurred. The Board has approved this project to produce two levels of a contact directory. The first level will provide travelers and the general public the location of REACT Teams and such contact information the Teams wish disclosed. The second level will be for REACT use only and will provide a much more detailed contact list.

These directories will require the utmost cooperation of ALL REACT TEAMS in providing the necessary information. Please help us help you by replying to the attached Team Survey and submitting your Team officer list if not previously done so this year.

REACT Launches major CB Safety Campaign With Aid of Industry

With the ever increasing first time buyers of CB radio. REACT Team monitors are beginning to experience a larger number of *lost calls*. Calls where the monitor can hear the call for help, but the caller does not hear the reply. This goes on and on until the caller gives up and goes elsewhere. Had the caller broadcast the needed information, the monitor could have sent help without the caller hearing the reply.

In speaking with several CB industry leaders I learned that they too were receiving complaints from buyers that their radios did not work when they used them to try to get help and couldn't get a reply. After each review of the problem it was determined that a guide pamphlet on how to use your CB to get help was needed. Several CB manufacturers have agreed to print and insert such a pamphlet into their products if REACT would design it.

Result: *GETTING HELP BY CB RADIO* pamphlets will start appearing in early 1988.

This pamphlet will help educate CB users, resulting in less lost calls as well as increase the CB public awareness of REACT.

REACT International Renews Advertising

See our first new advertisement on the inside cover. Your Team can copy this, insert your Team name, address and phone number and use it for your membership drive.

A new advertising campaign has been developed to gain more recognition to REACT International and its Teams. The new ads will appear in *CB VOICE* and *Popular Communications* publications which have a readership of approximately 100,000 CBers and communications hobbyists. These ads will also be made available to the local teams who can include their name, address and phone number for use in their communities.

The public relations task group led by Ron McCracken is also working on national public service advertising (PSA) for REACT to appear in major publications to the general public. A new by line has been created to assist public recognition of REACT and its purpose. The by line is "Public Service Through Communications."

REACT International Conducts Team Survey

Included with the Team Topics mailing was a Team Survey form for your Team to

complete and return to International. Tell REACT International about your Team. The last time we took detailed information about your Team and its planned activities is when you chartered. In order for REACT International to seek alternative funding (other than raising your dues) and grants we must know more about our local Teams and their activities. So please help International help you by completing the Team Survey and sending it back to REACT International ASAP.

This survey will become a part of your Team file. Additionally we will let you know the survey total percentage averages so that you can compare your Team with the national averages as a matter of interest.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated in enabling International to seek alternative funding and greater recognition with national agencies through the findings of this survey.

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer each survey question by X-ing the () box that applies as yes or true, and filling blanks with requested information.

If your Team has any questions (or fears) as to what the survey is for, or about a particular question on the survey, PLEASE GIVE INTERNATIONAL A CALL OR DROP A POSTCARD TO US.

General Manager's Closing Comments

Nineteen eighty-seven has been a very good year for REACT. Membership has remained stable despite the dues increase and we are well on our way to showing growth. Many improvements have been made and benefits added as you can see from the *Team Topics* newsletter and *The REACTer*. I believe the International Board and this office have taken some positive steps toward prosperity for the next 25 years of REACT International. These need to be shared with Team members so that they too will see the benefits and prestige of belonging to REACT International. This will also help them Sell REACT to new and prospective members during the membership drive contest. If you ever have any questions or problems I urge you to call upon the other dedicated REACT leaders who can help you. They are your council, task group leaders, and elected members of the board. These people have the vast experience and knowledge to advise you through what would seem like a one and only crisis. I can also assure you that your problems are not one and only. Many of these leaders have already faced them and can help you with their experience. I also can assist you from my experience as a past Team, Council leader and Board member. BUT there is a lot of work to be done on behalf of all REACT members in my office and I would prefer you contact the above leaders first if at all possible to solve your problem. In some cases they may refer you to another more suitable source. In any case, you will get help.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION RESULTS

RE-ELECTED



Christine White

Centinela South Bay REACT #C-125
Lawndale, California

RE-ELECTED



Edward W.N. "Ned" Smith

Suburban REACT #3410
Wyndmoor, Pennsylvania

APPOINTED



Alfred J. Hansen

Beltline REACT #4575
Alton, Illinois

Election Interest Keen

*Ron McCracken
Chairman, Election Committee*

Participation in the Field Director election was the greatest in several years. That is a sign of a healthy organization on its Silver Anniversary.

250 Teams cast ballots. Seven ballots were rejected for incomplete documentation; 12 ballots were invalid; 231 ballots were correct.

Ned Smith and Christene White were the successful candidates. Both were re-elected to 2-year terms.

Chris White received a majority of votes on the first ballot, an unusual occurrence where six candidates are involved. She also became the first person elected to a third term on the Board of REACT International, California, be proud.

The Board instructed the Election Committee to report to it the name of the runner-up in this election. The Board then appointed Al Hansen, the runner-up, to fill the vacant Field Director position. That vacancy occurred when Ron Mayes accepted the staff post of General Manager last fall.

Teams may submit nominations for the 1988 Field Director election now. Begin soon to consider potential candidates you would like to represent you.

We hope still more Teams will vote next year. Remember, voting should occur at your Team's May or June meeting each year. Make your Team's voice heard.

Did Your Team Vote?

If your state is not shown then it had 0 total votes.

AK-2	MD-5	PR-4
AL-2	MI-8	RI-1
AR-2	MN-7	SD-1
AZ-2	MO-5	TN-1
CA-22	MS-3	TX-11
DC-2	NC-5	UT-2
FL-12	NE-9	VA-11
IA-2	NH-3	VT-1
IL-16	NJ-7	WA-6
IN-19	NY-7	WI-7
KS-4	OH-14	WV-2
KY-1	OK-5	CANADA
LA-1	OR-4	AB-1
MA-2	PA-17	ON-1

United Kingdom-8

REACT International At-Large Director Nominations Invited

By Edward Smith, Field Director

The current structure of the Board of Directors of REACT International calls for a membership of nine directors: Four directors elected by the field; four "at-large directors" representing community interests; and the "Canadian Liaison to the Board." At the present time the Board has one vacancy as a result of there being only three at-large directors.

Your Nominations Requested

All REACT Teams, Team members, and councils are asked to consider possible candidates and offer these individuals for consideration for the vacant at-large seat. Your

Board of Directors hopes that the person selected will have an expertise in fundraising, membership and/or public relations.

The steps in the nomination process

You should follow these steps in submitting nominations:

1. Consider potential candidates: Does the person have a background that would be valuable to REACT on a national/international level? Does the person have the ability to attend a week-long convention, and a mid-year meeting, plus dedicate

time through the year to special projects, administrative work, etc.?

2. Approach the person: Even if you don't think the person is interested in a seat on the REACT Board of Directors—ask! The person just might be. In any event, he/she will probably be flattered at the request.
3. If the person says yes: Develop a brief description of the person's credentials, expertise and experiences, and pass along the information, including name, address and telephone number, to any current member of the Board.

Deadline: October 31, 1987.

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REACT Monitors Help Rescue Two At Sea!!

By: Leo Laurence, Team C-475 San Diego, CA

Southwestern and Seacoast "team up" to help Coast Guard and Independent CBER rescue 2 at sea off Del Mar.

A dramatic Coast Guard rescue about 2 miles off Del Mar late in July saved 2 young men who called for help on CB when their motorboat went dead-in-the-water.

The 2 men were aboard a 17-foot boat, believed to be a Chriscraft. The engines went dead and they only had a crude CB radio. They reported they were drifting toward the Oceanside pier, and it was picked up by an unknown CBER.

The CBER reported the "mayday" to the Seacoast "wake-break" communications trailer stationed at the rest area about 6 miles north of Oceanside along I-5 southbound. Seacoast's Bill Corrigan (#12) used GMRS to report the "mayday" to Southwestern's Leo Laurence (#67), who relayed the distress call to the Oceanside Harbor Police and the Coast Guard. The USCG opened a landline with Unit 67, and was having trouble with their CB transceiver.

Unit 67 called Helen Acuff (#52) and requested that she try to raise the USCG on Channel 9 since his new base station in Normal Heights didn't go on-the-air for another 24 hours. Unit 52 also called Donna Koski (64) and Elaine Smith (95) asking them to give the Coast Guard a radio check. Roger McCollough (98) maintained active monitoring. Radio checks were without contact. The USCG's CB was out of service. Meanwhile, Seacoast Units 30, 40, 2, 27, 29 and 69 went on active monitoring trying to help the Coast Guard or contact the vessel in distress.

"I didn't hear anything" from the boat, reports Seacoast 12. The CBER reported it to me and I called it to Southwestern 67. The CBER making the initial report left the rest area never to be seen again. The initial report was that the vessel was dead-in-the-water and needed help. No other details were given.

The area was a dark zone for the Oceanside Harbor Police CB, who passed the report on to the Coast Guard. USCG Lt. Durett says a helicopter search was made along a 20-mile stretch near Oceanside and proved unproductive. The search continued with a second radar-finding plane looking about 10 miles off the coast.

There had been 2 reports coming into the Coast Guard. One off San Onofre later was ruled a hoax. The second, worked by Seacoast and Southwestern REACT, was the real thing.

The first aerial search was called off at sunset, according to Lt. Durett at USCG.

Later, as the boaters were unable to reach anyone on CB Channel 9, they scanned the channels and made contact with Bob Mosley aka Tripple 7, who regularly monitors Channel 15, according to Southwestern Unit 64, who monitored but couldn't contact the vessel.

The Coast Guard opened a landline to Tripple 7, who was carefully comforting the

boaters in distress. He advised them to make a metal reflector with a large piece of aluminum foil to reflect the spot lights of the USCG rescue boat dispatched during the operations. Unit 64 continued active monitoring.

A USCG helicopter finally found the vessel and dropped flares to it for use when the rescue boat pulled up along side at about 11:20 Friday night, July 3. The boaters could see the Del Mar Fair lights as help arrived.

WELL DONE TO ALL HANDS PARTICIPATING FROM BOTH SOUTHWESTERN AND SEACOAST TEAMS!!

Nominations / continued

The selection process

Once all nominations are received, the current at-large directors will evaluate the candidates submitted, contact them for further information, if required, and offer a recommendation to the full Board of Directors at its February 1988 meeting.

Your opportunity to participate

REACT is your organization, and the Board of Directors is charged with the dual task of promoting public service while, at the same time, safeguarding your interests. This is your opportunity to assure that qualified expertise is provided to the group that sets policy and direction for your organization.

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Be sure to include your name and address!

REACT Amateur Radio Group Formed

—by Fred Breiding/KAØNTE,
Task Group Leader
and Ned Smith/KA3QT, Field Director

At the recommendation of the 1987 REACT International Convention, the REACT International Board of Directors approved the formation of a REACT "Amateur Radio Club" to work in conjunction with the Communications Task Group.

The goals and purposes of the group will be two fold:

1. Education of the REACT community of the history, technology and practices of amateur radio, both as a hobby and as a form of community service;
2. Education of the amateur radio community of the goals and purposes of the REACT program, along with education as to the values of, and opportunities for, mutual cooperation.

The Pennsylvania Emergency Communications Council, the REACT Council in Pennsylvania, already has a successful state level club operating and this group will be patterned off their success.

To be eligible for membership a person must be a member in a REACT International member Team and the holder of a Federal Communications Commission issued Amateur Radio Service Operator's License pursuant to Part 97 of the FCC Rules and Regulations, or similarly issued Amateur Radio License from the regulatory agency of another country.

More information about the program will be included in upcoming issues of *The REACTer*.

Amateurs—come out from behind your coax

If you are a licensed radio amateur operator, or you have an interest in amateur radio and you would like to help, you are asked to contact:

Fred Breiding/KAØNTE
Task Group Leader
211 Hereford Avenue
Ferguson, MO 63135
(314) 524-0834

or
Ned Smith/KA3EQT—Director
1410 E. Willow Grove Avenue
Wyndmoor, PA 19118
(215) 233-4932

Rest Stops

#4637, Zumero Valley REACT, Dodge Center, MN, set up their Fourth of July Safety Break 5 miles south of Owatonna at the southbound Straight River Rest Area. Many of the 4,839 travelers served commented that they hope to see the rest stops on other holidays. The event received media coverage from local radio, cable TV and newspaper.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) DECLARES MAJOR DISASTERS

Major Disaster Declared in Oklahoma

WASHINGTON, July 9—President Reagan declared that a major disaster exists in Oklahoma and ordered federal aid to supplement state and local recovery efforts in areas which were hit by heavy rains and flooding in late May.

FEMA designated the following 13 counties eligible for public assistance under the declaration: Caddo, Canadian, Carter, Comanche, Cotton, Custer, Grady, Kay, Kiowa, Logan, McClain, Stephens and Tillman.

Nearly 100 bridges in these counties were damaged or destroyed by the floods, according to FEMA and state officials who surveyed the area prior to the declaration. Significant damage to roads and water systems also was reported.

Major Disaster Declared in Iowa

Federal aid to supplement Iowa recovery efforts in the area that was struck by severe rains and flooding in late May was designated for the following four counties eligible for public assistance: Fremont, Mills, Montgomery and Page.

Assistance available to eligible local governments in these counties will include debris removal, emergency protective measures, the repair or replacement of roads and bridges, and the restoration of public buildings and facilities damaged or destroyed in the flooding.

Major Disaster Declared in Ohio

President Reagan, July 17, 1987, approved federal aid for Ohio by declaring that a major disaster exists in parts of the state which were hit by severe storms and flooding starting on July 1.



#3030 Empire Central REACT, Schenectady, NY, served approximately 5,040 visitors at its annual July 4th safety break at Exit 9 Rest Stop on the I-87 Northway. In the 7 years the Team has been there, they have served 72,400 people. A big thank you for outstanding support goes to Price Chopper, Freihofer's, Sofco, McDonald's Restaurant of Allamont Ave., Channel 10 (WTEN), and to the New York State Police who took time out for a cup of coffee.

FEMA designated four counties eligible for assistance to individuals and business owners, including farmers. They are Crawford, Marion, Morrow and Richland.

More than 1,200 homes and numerous businesses sustained some degree of damage in the flooding, according to FEMA and state officials who surveyed the area prior to the declaration. No deaths resulted from the disaster, but 21 people were reported injured.

Major Disaster Declared in Minnesota

August 6, 1987, President Reagan declared that a major disaster existed in Minnesota and ordered federal aid to supplement the state's recovery efforts in the area struck by heavy rains, tornadoes and flooding beginning on July 20.

Several hundred homes and numerous businesses suffered some degree of damage as a result of the disaster, according to federal and state officials who surveyed the area prior to the declaration. They also reported significant damage to public facilities. The following six counties were designated: Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott and Washington.

Assistance will include temporary housing, individual and family grants, low-interest loans to cover uninsured property and business losses, and other programs to help those in the affected area recover from the disaster.

Federal funds also will be available to local governments for the repair or replacement of damaged public facilities in Carver, Hennepin and Ramsey counties. The federal government assumes 75 percent of these costs while the state and local governments provide the remaining 25 percent.

Federal and state officials are continuing to survey damages in other areas, and Becton said that additional counties may be designated as these assessments are completed.

Council Events

The REACT Council of Puerto Rico participated in volunteer week on the Island. By proclamation of the Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Rafael Hernández Colón, March 29 through April 4 was known as "Volunteer Week." Puerto Rico, through the Councils' efforts, joins in the effort to promote the use of seat belts for children.

The Wisconsin REACT Council sent letters and questionnaires to all sheriffs in the state. Forty Sheriffs' Departments returned the questionnaires, although not all answered all questions. In summary, it appears that most REACT Teams have a good reputation with their local Sheriff's Department.

Team Events



#4683, Rockwall County REACT, Wylie, TX, had a bake sale in Wylie to pay for the expenses of Charles Rushing and Jim and Carol Cook to attend the state meeting in Houston for their team.

The big event for Rockwall County REACT was when Charles Rushing, James and Kathy Turner, and Jim Cook were able to attend for the first time an International Convention to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of REACT. It was a great honor that Dickie George asked Rockwall County REACT members to serve as pages for the convention. It was also a great honor to present the 25th Anniversary cake at this time.

The Rockwall Village Shopping Center had a grand opening on July 18. We set up a First Aid Center and made the front pages in the paper. Charles Rushing did a live interview and broadcast at this time on KTLR radio station about REACT. The station plans to broadcast about the September rest stop, also.

We've made a start working hard on getting new Team members and making our REACT Team grow stronger. At this time we have logged 2,000 monitoring hours for the month. We have taken 20 calls to Police Department or assisted in our vehicles.

One of our Junior REACT Members, Kristy Diamond, age 10, worked her first accident by herself. Kristy was out playing and came upon the accident. The vehicle was in the ditch, so she ran back to the house and asked for a rope to help the man. Doug McDougale assisted the distressed motorist with his truck and the rope that Kristy got for them. The help of our young enthusiastic REACT member has proven how helpful REACT is. The stranded motorist was very impressed with help that was given to him by our organization.



Rockwall County REACT

#2988, Brazoria County REACT, Brazoria County, TX, since almost doubling its membership after an aggressive membership drive last year, has had an extremely busy year to date. In April the Team provided crowd control and communications at the Brazoria County Air Show and staged the

events at the Tazas Area 22 Special Olympics. In May, they did communications at the March of Dimes Team Walk and provided its annual Memorial Day Break (4 days) to motorists of Brazoria County highways. In June, they provided personnel to organize the parade for the No-Name festival in Brazoria. The Team also donated \$100.00 to sponsor a local youth in the Brazoria County Youth Rodeo and volunteered to stuff convention packets for the International REACT Convention held in San Antonio.

C238, Oakland County REACT, Drayton Plains, MI has major concern of getting their Central Base Unit operational again. On May 14, during a thunderstorm, the antenna was struck by lightning. The resulting electrical surge burned out much of the equipment, including CB base, telephone and answering machine, tape recorder, and other office equipment. They hope to have the base fully operational again by mid-August. Speaking of thunderstorms, one of their major activities during summer months is participating in Skywarn. So far, the Team has had 5 activations. There are 19 spotters, covering 6 positions throughout Oakland County. Other activities have included providing communications for the Senior Olympics, staffing a State Police Operation Care Safety Break, and a fund raiser for a GMRS radio system. This is all in addition to working toward 24-hour monitoring of Channel 9. Team member Keith Knighton received a certificate of achievement for monitoring 100 hours. He becomes the newest monitoring supervisor for the Team.

#2953, Twin Cities REACT, Yuba City, CA, provided radio communication for Butchie's River Run #1, sponsored by Yuba City Noon/Early Risers Kiwanis, on April 26. On May 9, communication was provided for the Sutter Buttes Day "Touring the Sutter Buttes" 10 mile run. Members also lined up the entries for the Parade that followed the Run. The Team was presented a "Thank You" trophy. Participating members were presented commemorative T-shirts for both Runs. May 14-17, a Hot Dog and Pepsi Concession was hosted for PV Ranch and Home Stores annual sale; 1,541 hot dogs were sold during the four days. PV enriched our Treasury with a generous donation, profit from sales, and have invited us back next year.

Safety/Coffee Breaks were held Memorial Day and July 4 weekends on State Highway 99. Emergency services were obtained for several motorists. The Annual Marysville Stampede parade was held May 30. Again, members formed the parade and provided communication along the route.

Leroy "Lil Abner" and Daisy Mae Hicks, formerly Units 88 and 158, respectively, were declared Honorary Members and presented Distinguished Service Awards in recognition of their many years of service to the Team and Community. Three new members have been accepted for a total of 14 members.

#4521, Northern Lakeland Area REACT, Woodruff, WI is feeling the loss of member and Vice President, Frances Delton. Her

death was due to a heart attack on June 19. Fran, as she was known, had been the nighttime monitor on the 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. shift for all the years she was a member.

C446, Brownwood CB Emergency Unit, REACT, Brownwood, TX has had an eventful past few months. They had their Memorial Day rest stop and a good Team turnout as always; the Brownwood Jaycees were on hand to help out. The Team recently established a "teaching bureau" led by Chief Instructor, Joe Dickey (see photo). They've had the usual severe storm watches that happen so often the activity is classified "routine" on the reports! They provided first aid, communications, ice water, car parking and traffic control for the Riverfest. The event attracted 6,000 plus people. But, before Team members went home, they parked cars, worked traffic, provided communication, first aid, ice water, and furnished a sound system for the annual fireworks display at Lake Brownwood.

Since Team members responded to calls for road assistance, two members answered a call for help with a flat tire. They found the man was on his way to the doctor because he thought he was having a heart attack. Needless to say, the REACTers took him to the doctor first, then went back to fix the tire. When they took the car to the doctor's office, they found out the man had indeed had a heart attack and had been admitted to the hospital. The Team reports the man doing OK and REACT has a new friend. In their words, "Now folks, that's what IT'S ALL FOR!"



#C446 Brownwood CB Emergency Unit, REACT, Brownwood, TX, member Joe Dickey is shown teaching a weather school. Joe is an official National Weather Service Observer and an EMT. Classes have been presented to area elementary schools and nursing homes.



Brownwood CB Emergency Unit, REACT and the Brownwood Jaycees teamed up to provide much-needed rest and refreshments to some wear travelers at their rest stop. Pictured left to right: Al Moore, REACT; David Rodriguez, Jaycees; and James Hullum, REACT.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Celwave, Incorporated, a major manufacturer of antenna systems and components, has added Monica Cruse to their technical sales staff. In her new capacity, Ms. Cruse will share responsibility for primary customer contact, technical sales inquiries and coordinate system design. Other responsibilities will include product promotion at regional and national trade shows and participation in CELWAVE's program of technical seminars.

The **Antenna Specialists Co.** has promoted Robert Levy and Larry Kline within its sales and marketing department.

Levy, who most recently was OEM sales manager for the firm, was promoted to director of national sales. Levy also previously served as sales manager for A/S. Prior to joining the company, he was with Stromberg Carlson Communications and with the U.S. Air Force as an instructor in communications and electronics.

Kline was named vice president of product marketing and sales. He has been with A/S since 1964 and has served as chief engineer, director of engineering, product marketing manager and, most recently, as vice president of sales. Kline also is A/S' representative to the Electronic Industry Association's com-

munications section and vice chairman of the commercial advisory committee of the Associated Public-Safety Communications Officer, Inc.

Maxon Electronics N.A. has promoted Daniel Devling project manager in Maxon Electronics North America's marketing department.

Devling has been with Maxon since May 1986, most recently serving as technical services supervisor.

Quintron Corp. has added David Thomas and Bill Munday to its sales and marketing department.

Thomas will be Southeastern regional account executive for the company and will be responsible for paging and two-way systems sales in eight states. Prior to joining Quintron, Thomas was with Motorola.

Munday will be Quintron's telephone account manager.

Repcor Inc. has appointed John Long vice president of finance.

Long, who will oversee Repcor's financial management and strategic financial planning, previously worked as assistant general counsel and controller for Computone Systems in Atlanta.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 1: Land Mobile Expo/East, sponsored by *Communications* magazine. Hall E, Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta, GA. For information call Kathy Kriner at 303-694-1522.

OCTOBER 10: Oklahoma State REACT Council Meeting at Pauls Valley, OK.

OCTOBER 10: Minnesota REACT Team Council state convention starts. #3844 Ram Rod REACT is hosting the event at the Litchfield Golf Club.

October 12-15: International Conference on Automotive Electronics. Institution of Electrical Engineers at Savoy Place, London. For details call the Institution in London at 01-240-1871, extension 222.

October 24-29: 94th Annual Conference of the International Association of Police Chiefs. For information call Barbara Rathbun at 301-948-0922.

NOVEMBER 7: Texas State REACT Council meeting.

NOVEMBER 7: Wisconsin REACT Council will hold its first annual individual bowling tournament at Fond du Lac, WI. For more information please contact Marlena Bischoff, Special Project Coordinator, 828 Michigan Ave., N. Fond du Lac, WI 54935, 414-921-4692 weekends or 608-262-5354 weekdays.

NOVEMBER 8: Michigan REACT Council board meeting and general meeting at Camp Monrow, Alma, MI.

NOVEMBER 8: Kansas State Council of REACT Teams regular meeting, 1:00 p.m. at Western Sizzlin' Steakhouse, 1708 W. Crawford, Salina, KS.

NOVEMBER 14 & 15: #4605 Lincoln County REACT, North Platte, NE will hold 2nd Annual Arts and Craft Show at the North Platte Holiday Inn Holiday; show hours are Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. and Sunday 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. For more information contact: Lincoln County REACT, HCO Box 142, Maxwell, NE 69151; 308-582-4320. Shirley Ross is in charge.

DEADLINES

SEPTEMBER 30: K40 Awards third quarter entry deadline.

OCTOBER 1: Due date for items for November/December issue if *The REACTer*.

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By Rick Munton

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Drayton Plains, MI

LM 352, Robl Carroll
#2012 Carter County REACT
Elizabethton, TN

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Lakewood, CA

Stand Tall, REACTers

A little giant of a lady died recently. CB is the poorer for her passing. She added considerably to its stature in her all-too-brief career as a CB operator.

Last Fall, a letter arrived in our REACT Team's mail box. It was a membership inquiry. We responded.

At our next Team meeting, Margaret Wood appeared. She had just retired, she told us, and wanted to participate in REACT. Margaret owned no CB equipment. She had no experience as a CB operator. Neither obstacle hindered her in the least. She quizzed us about needed equipment and costs; she took home copies of the *The GRS Handbook* and *The Restricted Radio-telephone Operator's Handbook*, to bone up on guidelines, correct radio procedure and technique.

Within a few days, and after some antenna assistance from REACTer Art Heath, Margaret signed on the air. She monitored CB Emergency Channel 9 for 14 to 20 hours most days thereafter and quickly learned the ropes.

Margaret assisted numerous callers throughout the winter and attended every Team meeting, livening them up with her questions and comments. We were gradually getting to know Margaret and admired her dedication.

In April, Margaret called to say she could not attend the Team meeting. She described flu-like symptoms. We would be preparing boater safety information kits. It is a tedious task at best, so we advised her to remain home.

On Good Friday, her neighbor called to inform us that Margaret had died the night before. As quickly, as unexpectedly as that, our promising and popular new monitor had been taken.

Then, we learned more about Margaret. She was Dr. Margaret Wood, a distinguished bio-statistician and researcher at Toronto's famous Hospital for Sick Children. She had recently worked for an entire year investigating the unresolved digoxin deaths of some 30 infants at the hospital.

Margaret, we learned, died of lung cancer. She had battled it for 17 years and had lost one lung to cancer several years ago. She

LM 324 Killed While Helping

PORT JERVIS, N.Y.—Tri-State REACT #4368 and the entire Port Jervis area suffered a major tragedy on Thursday, June 4 when George Kingston was killed while helping to free a truck stuck under a low railroad bridge. George, 41, President of Tri-State REACT since January 1986 and new Life Member #324, was helping free a truck lodged under a railroad bridge when he was struck by a Conrail freight. He was killed instantly.

George was the owner of the D & H Garage in Port Jervis and was always willing to lend a helping hand in any roadside emergency, accident or storm. As a member of REACT, George monitored CB Channels 9 and 19 from his home and business 24 hours a day.

A strong supporter of local volunteer ambulance, fire and rescue organizations, he donated his time and business resources to hold rescue training sessions. His towing, rescue and salvage operation was geared toward large trucks with air bag recovery operations. Any emergency would find George at the scene directing traffic, freeing stuck vehicles, calling assistance, etc. and at no charge. His goal was to provide the best service possible to keep our area highways safe.

George had previously been injured on December 11, 1986 during an ice storm when he was run over by a hit and run driver who failed to heed warning markers indicating stalled vehicles on the highway.

At his wake, volunteer fire and ambulance corps paid their respects as a group. George leaves a wife, Jane, and a stepson, Jimmy Lee West. He also leaves a large void in the Port Jervis community and in the hearts of all REACT members.

knew she had only months to live when she joined our REACT Team.

Knowing this, she happily paid the annual membership fee some healthy prospects complain about. She enthusiastically spent about \$200 to establish and license her station. She saw in CB and REACT a way to continue her career as a "caring professional" right to the end.

Certainly, monitoring CB Emergency Channel 9 helped Margaret to pass many a painful night when sleeping was difficult. Nevertheless, anyone who has monitored CB 9 will know that Margaret gave much more than she received. Many of the calls she answered undoubtedly interrupted the cherished snatches of sleep she was able to enjoy.

Dr. Margaret Wood can be an inspiration to all of us. She, and others of her caliber, are testimony to the degree of maturity CB radio has attained in recent years. They instill pride and confidence in all of us.

As REACT marks its Silver Anniversary, they give us genuine cause to celebrate.

God bless you Margaret. And thanks.

Source: *CB Canada*, June 1987
Ron McCracken

REACT and its members owe a sincere "THANK YOU" to Richard Pratz for his outstanding work in recruiting and helping the Life Membership program. Not only did Richard, with a tremendous amount of help from his wife, Keren, compile, publish and distribute the Life Membership Directories, he put together a truly enjoyable Life Member Luncheon at the 24th Anniversary Convention in San Antonio. We were treated to special handmade Christmas ornaments, attractive centerpieces, and attractive napkins that commemorated the 25th Anniversary of REACT.

Many Life Members, including myself, had urged Richard to accept nomination to another year as our chairman, but he felt he needed a break and I respect his decision not to accept such a nomination. I only hope that I can do half the job that Richard did while he was chairman.

For those of you that couldn't make the convention I will try to fill you in on a couple of things that were discussed and acted upon at the luncheon. Greg Seemuth, Treasurer-REACT International, Inc., was our guest speaker.

Greg had brought to us an accounting change for reporting the income and expenses for the Life Member program. After several questions were completely answered, the Life Members agreed that this would more accurately show the true income and expenses incurred for this program.

Ron Mayes brought some samples of a new decal that will allow the application of one decal on the inside of your windshield and another from the same sheet to be used on your binder, notebook or syllabus. If you have any questions on that ask any San Antonio attendee—they will be glad to explain the difference between a binder, a notebook, and a syllabus. The Life Members recommended that these be purchased as soon as possible.

The Life Members approved the sending of get-well or sympathy cards as appropriate. However, the sending of any cards to any Life Member hinges upon my being notified of the need to do so. Again, I need to be notified when any Life Member is ill, has been injured, or passes away.

As the convention will be in Roanoke, VA, my old hometown, next year. I will be working with Azella Tingle, Convention Chairperson, to ensure that our evening Life Member Banquet will be enjoyed by all. We are planning to offer several choices of entrees that should be acceptable to everyone. So start planning to attend—it's only 11 months away!

A final note of "THANKS" to all of the Texas REACTers who worked so hard to make everyone feel at home. I look forward to seeing many of you in Roanoke next year.

Gentlemen & Ladies:

You are doing an excellent job. Since the changes made in the format, and also officers, we have noticed a tremendous change.

The REACTer has become a magazine we look forward to receiving. Our Club cuts out many articles to either follow the instructions given, try out suggestions, or file for future reference.

Now—if you could just tell us how to revive our Team! The younger people are too busy working, raising families, and enjoying life. The "older Americans," as a norm, say: "I'm retired. I've earned the right to do what I want to do." Just because they did what our younger people are doing now, doesn't mean they have earned anything except, if they're lucky, a pension and social security. They still owe a contribution to society! How to instill this in their minds and give them the incentive to get off their "duffs," become involved. There is still life after retirement!

When you get a solution to this problem, please print it!

Thank you and congratulations again on the jobs you are all doing.

Sincerely,
Barbara B. Talvola
Secretary-Treasurer
Trinity County REACT #3066
Weaverville, CA 96093

The problem of getting new members who will volunteer to work your Team events is not new. We always think the older retired member can be available more, but the basic selling of REACT is the same—no matter what their age is. Volunteerism is on the increase with people giving more time and money than ever. However, competing causes and groups are also on the increase. So you have to sell them on why they would benefit by being a member of your REACT Team. The November/December 1986 and January/February 1987 REACTers have an article "What do I get for my money?" that will give you some help.

Selling is really a process of helping the buyer decide what they want. The same as finding out the reason someone will want to join REACT. To do this you have to gain their attention then ask questions to learn what their interests are and what will motivate them to join. Questions like: *Do you like to help people? Or Would you like to help people without getting out of your home?* The idea here is to see if they like to help people and if they do but don't want to go to a lot of trouble, then monitoring CB 9 at home will fit their bill.

Another approach involves their interest for recognition. *Would you like to be connected with an international organization recognized for helping people? That also received the President's (LISA) Volunteer Action Award.* Go into your local Team achievements in the community. People like to belong to a good cause.

Is their interest action?—ask them *Would you like to know what's going on in your town (accidents, road problems, crime watch) before it's on the news? REACT takes the calls and relays them to P.D./911 so we hear it first!*

How about nationally. The REACTer covers many disaster operations because a REACT Team was there to help.

The last area I will cover goes into our direct benefits of membership.

1. Receive official membership ID Card
2. Receive official membership Bumper Sticker
3. Receive *The REACTer* six times a year
4. Low cost accident insurance while on REACT duty
5. Receive group discounts at Days Inn and Best Western
6. Group discounts at National and Alamo Car Rentals
7. Liability insurance protection for REACT activities

And many more intangible benefits
I hope this gives you a start. Keep reading future issues of *The REACTer* for more ideas.

Mobile Monitoring on CB Channel 9

I remember visiting an out-of-state convention in 1983 where the question came up about monitoring CB 9 from vehicles. It seems that there was a major stalemate about it being okay.

Because I was an outsider they asked me what I thought; whereupon they were shocked to hear my response, "I do it all the time." How can you do that, they asked. "Simple," I responded; "Can I show you my car?" When they got to my car they saw my mobile telephone (no that's not a phone booth on wheels) I use in business. I explained there are many tools to use in communications—GMRS, business, radio, mobile and cellular phones, and all of them can be used to handle your emergency call taken over the CB radio.

Here's another example. Craig Wooster of Atlanta REACT recently had this article appear in the BellSouth Mobile Quarterly Newsletter.

Logging the Benefits of Mobile Communications

On behalf of both his building contractor supply business and his service to Atlanta's metropolitan area police departments, Craig Wooster has kept logs to determine the value of his cellular phone and pager. As the sole proprietor of Craig W. Wooster Enterprises, Inc., Wooster provides structured metals to building contractors. He is also a member of the Atlanta chapter of REACT, a team of civilian volunteers who assist local authorities with emergency communications.

In both endeavors, Wooster spends the majority of his time in his pick-up truck. When it comes to business, "the pager is my secretary," Wooster offered. "I can monitor my calls and then use my mobile phone to return the most important ones."

Wooster insists that service is the key to his business success—and that his cellular communications equipment is the key to his

service.

"I kept a log and determined that I was spending eight to ten hours a week just driving around looking for public phones. With my mobile phone I can return calls immediately. It has helped business tremendously—saved me time and made me money."

As a REACT volunteer, Wooster keeps a second log, one that tells him he makes contact with local police departments on between 100 and 150 emergencies each month.



CRAIG WOOSTER

Typically, REACT teams communicate via the CB radios they employ to monitor Emergency Channel 9. But Wooster turns to his cellular phone in the most critical of emergency situations.

"The cellular telephone is the most dependable communications component," he stated. "it's the key to everything else."

So as you can see there are a lot of tools available to help you monitor more on Channel 9.

Ron Mayes, Editor

Letters We Like To Get

Dear Sandy and Ron,

Thanks so much for your help with information about REACT's Insurance. It was a great help to me and our Team. The two of you are doing a great job at REACT International. It seems that REACT is going full speed ahead. This year I have called on you several times and each time you were very helpful.

I hope the International Convention went well. I wish I could have been there. I want to also let you know the Pen and Pencil set were nice. I think they will make a wonderful gift for awards to members and outside people that help us during the year. Also the 25th anniversary buckles were great also. Thanks once again for being there when we need you; keep up the good work and have a great year.

Thanks,
John C. Franklin, Sr.
President, Blue Ridge REACT C-142

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING

PR DOCKET NO. 87-265

In the Matter of:

*Amendment of Subparts A and E
of Part 95 to Improve the
General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS).*

Adopted: July 16, 1987

Released: July 31, 1987

By the Commission:

BACKGROUND

1. In an *Inquiry* in PR Docket No. 86-38, 51 FR 5212, February 12, 1986, we explored today's personal communications needs as they are being met in the 2 small UHF segments now assigned to the General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS). We determined to decide at a later date whether to initiate a proceeding to examine some specific rule changes to improve the existing GMRS. See *Report and Order*, PR Docket No. 86-38, 52 FR 15516, April 29, 1987. We had in mind 2 rule-making petitions associated with PR Docket NO. 86-38: RM-5058 and RM-5242.¹ This proceeding is based on some of the recommendations made in those petitions.

2. The GMRS is a Part 95 Personal Radio Service. However, GMRS rules permit both personal and business communications. The GMRS was originally the Citizens Class A Radio Service and was created 40 years ago for use by individuals and organizations who were not eligible for licenses in the public safety, industrial and transportation (PSIT) services. (At that time none of the commercial operations who are now eligible in the Business Radio Service were eligible in the PSIT services.) Consequently the regulatory structure of the service is patterned after a traditional view of land mobile operation, namely, a base-to-mobile dispatch operation employing assigned frequencies in a specific geographic location.

3. Things have changed. The modern GMRS user has available a wide range of equipment. Hand-held mobile units are capable of accessing any of the GMRS frequencies through synthesized frequency controls. Mobile relay stations (repeaters) permit easy communications between persons carrying hand-held units. Business and pleasure travel takes people far from their home area, but their communications needs do not disappear. As presently written, our GMRS rules limit the flexibility of users to employ the technology that is now available.

PROPOSAL

4. We propose to modify the GMRS rules to allow this service to achieve its full potential. Specifically we propose (1) to limit eligibility for GMRS system licensing to individuals;² (2) to eliminate the need to re-license a GMRS system before changing channels; (3) to add interstitial channels; (4) to provide for transient use of mobile relays (repeaters); (5) to broaden station operator eligibility and (6) to create the concept of a small base station to enhance GMRS utility for the mobile-unit-

oriented personal user.

5. *System Licensing eligibility.* Unlike the restrictive eligibility of the private and land mobile radio services in Part 90, eligibility for the Part 95 personal radio services is very broad. Entry to the GMRS is virtually unrestricted except for requirements of minimum age and the statutory requirement of not being a representative of a foreign government. In its previous pleadings and comments in RM-5058 and RM-5242 the Personal Radio Steering Group (PRSG) has documented the incompatibilities between large commercial users and the numerous but smaller in scope personal users. PRSG maintains that in areas of large population density use of GMRS channels by high-traffic-volume business dispatch operations has often effectively precluded personal use. PRSG is of the view that personal users are frequently forced to compete for channel time with the oftentimes extended and unrelenting dispatch operations of commercial users. As a result, according to PRSG, many personal users find themselves unable to engage in legitimate personal communications because commercial dispatch operations are unwilling or unable to share the channels.

6. For the large commercial user, eligibility in another of the private land mobile radio services offering comparable communications performance is available. Personal users, on the other hand, generally are not eligible in the other private land mobile services in which comparable resources (repeaters, FM quieting and capture, freedom from "skip," etc.) exist.³ Similarly, there are no comparable, affordable alternatives to the GMRS for the small entrepreneur or sole proprietorship.

7. We do not propose to change the permissibility of business use of GMRS. But, considering the very limited number of channels in the service, it appears that larger commercial enterprises could generally better satisfy their needs in the Business Radio Service. Accordingly we are proposing to limit eligibility for system licensing in the GMRS to individuals. We recognize that at this time roughly one-half of all the system licensees in the GMRS are commercial users. We propose to grandfather those commercial GMRS systems that are licensed as of the release date of this NPRM. Subsequent non-individual licenses would not be granted.

8. *Station operator eligibility.* In line with re-orienting the GMRS toward personal use, we propose to liberalize station operator eligibility. A station operator would be any licensee or family member for whom the licensee is willing to take responsibility. To facilitate the use of GMRS repeaters in different GMRS systems by personal users while traveling we propose to permit use of a GMRS system repeater by any other GMRS licensee who has the permission of the licensee of the system with the repeater. We envision that

permission to include the transient licensee and the transient licensee's family members. Thus, the spouse of a GMRS licensee, for example, could travel from city to city using a station in the licensee's system to access any available GMRS repeater. We construe the proposed rules to mean that any GMRS open repeater would be a repeater for which the system licensee had given tacit permission for such transient use. We request comment on the validity of this approach, and on whether we need to require system licensee permission for transient use of GMRS repeaters at all.

9. *Channel selection.* Management of the GMRS spectrum has historically been grounded in the compound space-, frequency-, and time-division approach. Each GMRS licensee has received authorization for only one specific shared channel or channel pair at one specific location. Under this approach, a GMRS station is unable to transmit if its assigned channel or channel pair is in use, even if other channels or channel pairs are clear. To use a different channel, the licensee has to obtain a license modification.

10. With increased emphasis upon personal use in the GMRS, the frequency-division approach would appear to be both unnecessary and unwarranted. Therefore, we are proposing rules to permit each GMRS licensee to select the channel or channel pair for the stations in a GMRS system as needed. We believe that this should permit more efficient and effective use of the GMRS spectrum by giving GMRS licensees for the first time the ability to choose any available "clear" channel or channel pair.⁴

11. The proposed rules would permit channel selection to one channel or channel pair for a station in a GMRS system at any given time. In other words, a single GMRS licensee may not use 2 or more GMRS channels or channel pairs simultaneously, lest one or 2 licensees with fleet dispatch operations completely usurp all channels in an area. This is consistent with current FCC assignment of only one channel or channel pair.

12. *Small base stations.* Many GMRS personal users merely wish to acquire and operate one or more mobile units, on occasion using them to operate from a fixed location, such as the home or office. For such users, it is desirable to keep licensing complexity to a minimum. It is also desirable to encourage such users to operate stations that are unlikely to cause significant interference to other lawful uses and users. To this end, we propose to create small base stations, analogous to small control stations. A small base station would employ no more than 5 watts effective radiated power and would employ an antenna no more than 20 feet above the ground or above the building or tree on which it is mounted. To facilitate use of low-power "mobile" equipment as small base stations, we would permit small base stations the fre-

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quency tolerance currently allowed for mobile stations (0.0005%), rather than the frequency tolerance currently required for base stations (0.00025%). We encourage most GMRS users to utilize short-range equipment so that more users can be accommodated.

13. *Interstitial channels.* We have proposed the addition of 12.5 kHz offset (interstitial) GMRS channels to facilitate personal communication and repeater control. The direct communications range of a UHF transceiver is roughly line-of-sight. Thus, for personal communications to be viable in the GMRS, at least some communications need to be transmitted through a mobile relay station to increase the range. Current GMRS rules provide for such operation. However, many personal communications exchanges can be conducted without a repeater. Such range can be achieved with low-power stations transmitting on interstitial GMRS channels. Since these non-repeated personal exchanges would be on channels that are not available for mobile relay stations, they would have a somewhat greater degree of protection from interference by mobile relay station transmissions. To this end we propose to add 3 interstitial channels in the 462 MHz segment² for non-repeated mobile station and small base station use.

14. It also appears that interstitial channels in the 467 MHz segment³ for repeater remote control might be helpful. Therefore, we propose that four 467 MHz interstitial channels be established for this purpose. Transmissions on these channels would be restricted to low power one-way non-voice communications solely for repeater control.

15. We chose 462.5625 MHz, 462.6125 MHz and 462.6375 MHz as the 3 non-repeated mobile station and small base station interstitial channels. We made this choice on the basis of interference potential. We considered the following factors: (1) PRSC's statement in its Petition for Rule Making in RM-5058 that 462.675 MHz, 462.600 MHz and 462.575 MHz are, in descending order, the most heavily used 462 MHz channels for mobile relay station operation; and (2) the existence of non-GMRS high-power paging on 462.750 MHz. We chose 467.5625 MHz, 467.6125 MHz, 467.6375 MHz and 467.7125 MHz as the 4 repeater remote control interstitial channels. We also made this choice on the basis of interference potential, relying upon information that 467.675 MHz, 467.600 MHz and 467.575 MHz are, in descending order, the most heavily used 467 MHz channels for mobile relay station operation.

16. *Additional considerations.* We seek comment on whether it may be desirable to allow use of more than one channel or channel pair in the GMRS should the FCC no longer assign channels. Additionally, we encourage comment on whether the abolition of FCC assignment of a particular channel or channel pair should lead us to consider other technologies such as trunking in the GMRS. We also seek comment on whether the input and output channels of mobile relay stations require regularization in order to minimize possible harmful interference, and whether

the FCC should consider discouraging or prohibiting simplex operation on mobile relay input frequencies. Finally, we also seek comment on whether we should consider requiring that repeaters be capable of automatic monitoring of 462 MHz channels to minimize mobile relay station interference.

17. *Regulatory review.* As part of our continuing regulatory review we also propose: (1) to make certain changes to the GMRS rules to

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

18. The proposed amendments to the Commission's rules, as set forth in the attached Appendix, are issued under the authority contained in Sections 4(i) and 303(r) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§154(i) and 303(r). They include certain changes to the GMRS rules solely to account for new Field Operations Bureau Classification of certain field offices.

19. Under procedures set out in Section 1.415 of the rules and regulations, 47 CFR §1.415, interested persons may file comments on or before **November 30, 1987**, and reply comments on or before **December 31, 1987**. All relevant and timely comments will be considered by the Commission before final action is taken in this proceeding. In reaching its decision, the Commission may take into consideration information and ideas not contained in the comments, provided that the fact of the Commission's reliance on such information is noted in the Report and Order.

20. In accordance with the provisions of Section 1.419 of the rules and regulations, 47 CFR §1.419, formal participants shall file an original and 5 copies of their comments and other materials. Participants wishing each commissioner to have a personal copy of their comments should file an original and 11 copies. Members of the general public who wish to express their comments are given the same consideration, regardless of the number of copies submitted. All documents will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the Commission's Public Reference Room at its headquarters in Washington, D.C.

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conform to new Field Operations Bureau classification of certain field offices; (2) to remove advisory rules recommending that GMRS radios be repaired only by technicians approved by some organization with the consensus of GMRS users, because there is no such organization in this service; and (3) to update the FCC addresses for filing GMRS applications.

FOOTNOTES

¹Proposed changes in the GMRS rules filed by the Personal Radio Steering Group (PRSG). PRSG is an all-volunteer, not-for-profit corporation created by licensees in the GMRS to provide services to and serve as an advocate for the GMRS personal-use community.

²We use the term "individual" throughout this discussion to refer to a single human being—that is, one man or woman. (Children under the age of 18 are not eligible in the GMRS, and would continue to be ineligible under the proposed rules.)

³In PR Docket No. 86-404, however, we are currently considering whether to expand the eligibility of SMR end users to include individuals and federal government agencies.

⁴Although all-channel authorization would be the general rule, limits on this ability may be necessary near the Canadian border. See proposed §95.37.

⁵Section 95.29(a)(1) defines 8 channels at 462.550-462.725 MHz for base station, mobile relay station, fixed station and mobile station transmissions.

⁶Section 95.29(a)(2) defines 8 channels at 467.550-467.725 MHz for mobile stations, control stations, and fixed stations in duplex system.

COMMENTS DEADLINE November 30, 1987



GMRS . . . Rx

By July Simpson
Communications Task Group

At the 1987 REACT convention in San Antonio, the Communications Task Group set several goals for the '87-'88 year.

- Set up index for the REACTer articles.
- Establish an Amateur Radio REACT club.
- Watch advanced technology for both CB and GMRS.
- Compile list(s) of sales and/or repair stations for UHF equipment.
- Continue to update the emergency contact list.
- Assist REACT International in compiling a complete contact directory.
- Establish a method to revise and update official publications.
- Continue GMRS . . . RX and Nuts and Bolts.
- Consider the possibilities of a computer Bulletin Board.
- Closely monitor the FCC for possible modifications to the CB and GMRS spectrums.

While these projects are in subcommittee now, your input is important. Amateurs: show your interest by contacting Fred, KAØNTE, in St. Louis. GMRS users: we need to know YOUR service centers, including address, phone, bench rate, turnaround time, and other comments. Comments are important too.

There's a story that preceded the demand for an emergency contact list. The son of one of our fellow members rolled a truck nearly 2,500 miles from home. When our REACT mom was notified of the accident, naturally, she was frantic, but thought of REACT. Unfortunately, it was 5:30 a.m. and no one was available at International, and she had no personal contact for the area. It took several hours to locate someone to check on her son and his possessions.

George and Jacki MacDonald, chairpersons of the computer task group, were kind enough to generate an interim report during the convention. Only 26 states and Canada were represented. The communication task group needs YOUR approval to include your name. Note that this list will go only to REACT Teams, and not to the general public. This is an emergency directory, for use in situations similar to that described earlier. In other words, a P.O. Box won't help. We need a name and contact information. The entire project is useless unless YOU participate. There are entire teams that don't contact International except to renew every year. Please recognize the need and the urgency to respond NOW.

The task group made one recommendation to the Board and the membership. Both approved the recommendation by an overwhelming majority. The task group recognized the potential conflict of differing views concerning proposed changes in GMRS licensing. After much debate and discussion, the group recommended that REACT support the licensing of 501(c)(3) organizations AND personal licenses. If the FCC will not support the proposal to limit licenses to not-for-profit organizations and personal licenses,

then this task group may support the "individual only" license concept, as a better than nothing measure. A grandfather clause, and a grace period were built into the proposal to allow businesses a chance to move to another part of the spectrum without suffering undue hardship.

If any of the REACTers have "war stories" they would like to share with others, please send them to me. We will feature some of the more interesting ones at a later date.

REACT JOINS OPERATION LIFESAVER

A moving freight train, weighing 5,000 tons or more, is properly intimidating. Yet, a terrifying number of people show a reckless disregard for safety when in the proximity of such a vehicle. Operation Lifesaver is a worthwhile effort to raise awareness about the hazards inherent when highways and rails cross paths.

It is to the benefit of the rail companies and the public that the message gets out. The human and commercial costs of grade crossing carelessness are too high to be taken lightly.

Tragedy usually results when crossing warnings are not heeded and common sense does not prevail. In Truman, Arkansas earlier this year, a mother and four of her children were killed when she ignored warning lights at a crossing and drove her pickup truck into the path of a train. Railmen can recite too many of these incidents for their own comfort.

In Missouri, there were 24 people killed in grade crossing accidents in 1986, up from 11 the previous year. The number of injuries resulting from these mishaps is also on the rise.

In order to improve these statistics, Operation Lifesaver, a program funded through public and private sources, has been initiated in a number of states and Canada. Like schooling's three Rs, Operation Lifesaver has its three Es: Education of all ages about grade crossing safety; Engineering to make the crossings as safe as possible; and Enforcement of existing laws governing grade crossings.

While the program encourages active enforcement, the laws of government prove far more yielding than the laws of physics: inertia dictates that a 10 million-pound train moving at speeds up to 50 miles an hour can not stop, short of derailment, in a distance less than three-quarters of a mile. In the Truman accident, the truck was dragged for 3,300 feet before the engineer was able to stop the train.

When an object is blocking the rails, a collision is usually inevitable. The object on the tracks almost always loses out in this viola-

Scene at Convention . . .



tion of law, but rail companies prefer that this brutal justice not be handed out.

Trains travel on a designated route, their rails easily located. Their power and capacity for doing damage should not surprise anyone. They cannot sidestep collisions, so it is up to those approaching crossings from the roadways to look and listen and obey the laws.

These accidents are preventable. If persons pay attention to what the rail program is teaching, the operation can be a lifesaver.

OPERATION LIFESAVER A Rail/Highway Crossing Safety Education Program

Operation Lifesaver is an active, continuing public education program designed to reduce the number of crashes, deaths and injuries at railroad/highway intersections. It is sponsored cooperatively by federal, state and local government agencies, highway safety organizations, and the nation's railroads.

To meet its lifesaving goals, the program strives to increase public awareness of railroad/highway crossing environment, and improve driver and pedestrian behavior at these intersections by obeying the traffic laws relating to crossings and adhering to the messages given by the crossing signs and signals. In conjunction with its education program, Operation Lifesaver emphasizes enforcement of existing traffic laws, and engineering improvements, including installation and upgrading of crossing warning devices and signs.

REACT Teams in USA and Canada will be given the opportunity to participate in Operation Lifesaver. Such Teams can arrange for a presentation by contacting the Operation Lifesaver coordinator in their state. These contacts will be available from your State Council or from REACT International headquarters.

Participants will be able to request, at no charge, such items as: litterbags, key chains, coloring books, and pamphlets to help inform the public about Operation Lifesaver.

TRANSISTORS 'N' TUBES

By Jus' Plain Bill

It is with a great deal of humility, and just a smidgin' of pride that I undertake the task of following in Charlie Harband's footsteps in writing this column. Charlie sent a great deal of information to all REACTers through the longest running continuous column, "NUTS 'N' BOLTS," in *the REACTer* and will be sorely missed. Frankly, I'm scared to death, and unless YOU help, I'll run out of material soon. REACTers on the west coast, please keep me up to date on the Epirb program. That's something that could be useful in many places . . . Chicago, for instance.

Since the GMRS column has the convention report, I'll only make a couple of observations concerning that subject. First, despite all reports to the contrary, I did not have fun, and second, Texans, despite all their bragging don't know how to have fun either.

There were some excellent suggestions at the convention, the most important being the emergency contact directory. By all means, make sure your area is represented . . . with a telephone number. Don't shortchange yourself and your team by refusing to be listed. A second idea concerns the revisions and updates of official publications. If you have ideas and suggestions concerning the monitoring guide and forms, please send them to me.

One of the forms we will be designing is an annual monitoring summary. This would provide information valuable to the public relations and financial resources task groups.

Speaking of the public relations task group, they are making plans to provide some type of mass media exposure. I'm not sure exactly how it will be arranged, but stop for a moment and think about it . . . How will this affect you . . . and you . . . and me? For one thing, we'd better be on Channel 9. Use the GMRS and ham radios as a tool, but NEVER lose sight of the fact that we are Channel 9 monitors.

There could be no worse publicity than having someone see the ad for REACT and then have no one on the channel . . . but there could be no better followup publicity than having someone call after seeing that same ad, and being able to reach a REACT unit. That's the way to draw new members . . . and keep them. All the programs in the world, and all the publicity money can buy, will not match the ability to be on Channel 9 when THE call comes through.

Ten years ago, I was traveling south on I-35 from Minneapolis to Des Moines in a truck with the temperature 35° below and a wind chill approaching 60° below. Near Albert Lea, the diesel fuel gelled . . . became a semi-solid, and the engine quit. I grabbed the CB and yelled for help on Channel 9. A REACTer from Albert Lea heard me, got my location, and had a trooper there in 10 minutes. A mechanic arrived about 15 minutes later, and I was soon on my way.

To answer some of the professional drivers before they ask the question, yes I HAD put HEET in the tanks, and was using #1 fuel at that. It was just too cold. I never learned the name behind the voice on the radio, but I figure that I owe REACT quite a bit. A doctor

friend told me that I would have frozen to death in less than an hour, had I not received help.

I'm sure that there are others with similar stories . . . please write me with your reason for being in REACT. I can't promise to use all of them, but I'll sure use some. After all, Ron can't cut everything I send in to the Editor.

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Judging at the 1987 REACT International Convention of the Team and Council Newspapers was conducted by: Mr. Jay Rogers, Assistant Managing Editor, *San Antonio Express & News*; Mr. Joe Rust, Associate Editor, *San Antonio Light*; and Mr. Gayland Kitch, University of Oklahoma REACT. The submissions were very few when compared with those of the past few years. The rules were not changed, nor will the rules be any different for the judging in 1988 in Roanoke. Only the last 4 issues were judged on content, appearance, readability, and apparent usefulness to their readers of the contents.

In Category A—Teams 3 to 25 members submissions were from:

Harrison County REACT—3317
Bell County REACT—4047
Lancaster County REACT—C-130
Roanoke Valley REACT—2166
Unity REACT—2947
Nassau County REACT—C-047

Third-place winner was Unity REACT

Second-place winner was Lancaster County REACT

FIRST-PLACE winner was BELL COUNTY REACT

In Category B—Teams with 26 to 50 members submissions were from:

Tri City REACT—C-71
Antelope Valley REACT—C-40

Second-place winner was Antelope Valley REACT

FIRST-PLACE winner was TRI CITY REACT

In Category C—Teams with over 51 members submissions were from:

Dallas County REACT—C-622
REACT of the Golden Gate Area, Inc.

Second-place winner was Dallas County REACT

FIRST-PLACE winner was REACT OF THE GOLDEN GATE AREA, INC.

In Category D—Councils submissions were from:

Texas State REACT Council
New Jersey REACT Council
Commonwealth of Virginia REACT Council
Wisconsin REACT Council

Third-place winner was Wisconsin REACT Council

Second-place winner was New Jersey REACT Council

FIRST-PLACE winner was TEXAS STATE REACT COUNCIL

The two outside judges made special comments about the ability of Roanoke Valley REACT to include just the meat in their one-page newsletter. They felt it deserved special recognition. If you desire to exchange your newsletter with any of the above, I am sure that they will gladly do so. Space will not

allow printing all of the addresses, but if you send a self-addressed stamped envelope to me, I will send you the full listing of addresses.

It seems that from the number of papers this writer sees during the year, there should have been more submitted. One would think that to have noted professionals in the news media look at your paper, let alone judge it, should be the desire of every editor. To this end, the following question/suggestion was asked by more than one attendee of the convention: "Why can not every Team and Council that publishes a paper send it to International for holding, and then all of them be brought to the convention and judged?" If you have thoughts on this question, drop me a line.

A special THANK YOU goes to Mr. Tom Devalia of the San Antonio Post Office for all of his help in putting together the following Special Cancellation of REACT'S 25th Anniversary. Approximately 700 envelopes were canceled. This cancellation consisted of 4 different cancellations: the date was changed daily. Requests came from as far away as Japan, England, Germany and France. These will really be collectors' items. Hope all interested stamp-collecting REACTers got theirs.

The Public Relations task group offers the following for your consideration when putting together a local Public Service Announcement (PSA). This information is Thanks to Barbara Jennison of San Angelo, Texas, who works in the TV profession:

Basic Guidelines for a Local PSA

Public Service Announcements are very important to your Team's image in your city. Most of the electronic media handle several in any given period. Generally speaking, stations prefer to have you do the entire process; however, some—if large enough—have complete departments to handle PSAs. That is, someone to write the "copy," someone to get the "talent" and do everything to get the announcement into the system. This overview will, instead, approach this from the aspect of stations which want you to do it from start to finish.

Draft a brief statement of what you want to get across: the WHO, WHAT, WHERE, and WHEN. Have with you a logo, phone number, dates of the event and keep it brief. Remember the old "in 25 words or less" when you entered contests? Well, 25 words is perfect for a :60 spot! Therefore, if using television, let the pictures tell part of the story. Let the "chyron," the words written on the screen, tell another part and use "copy." If the station hasn't free talent, someone in your REACT organization who has a good voice can usually be used.

Before you go to the station, find out the name of the Public Service Director or the General Manager and state your needs; i.e. You want a PSA for November to celebrate National REACT Month and its 25th Anniversary. Set a time to visit and plan out what

you're going to do and later, if you're involved, they will set a time to "produce" the spot. DO NOT EXPECT THE SPOT TO RUN THAT DAY! There's also "post production" where the finishing touches are put on your announcement and it's put into the system. PSAs are used as fillers at most stations, after all, it is the PAID commercials which pay the bills. As important as PSAs are, they only fill the holes where no spots are sold. Be prepared to pay for production as some TV stations, however benevolent, must charge for producing the commercials to cover cost of the tape etc.

If you would like to exchange your newspaper or would like to receive other Team or Council newspapers, drop this column a note so stating which and your Editor's full name and address including ZIP CODE. This column will attempt to publish as many as I can to help YOU expand this newspaper exchange.

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URGENT

CB SYMBOL SIGN PROJECT

TEAMS AND CAPTAINS:

First, sincere thanks from the Public Relations Task Group (PRTG) to all who have endorsed this major Silver Anniversary Project in so many varied ways. We really appreciate your support thus far.

To update you briefly—the Symbol Sign Project was adopted unanimously by delegates to the Calgary Convention. The symbol has since been incorporated into REACT letterhead and safety materials to foster recognition of it and its meaning. Teams and Councils have likewise helped by using it in publications, on crests, and on balloons.

Actual road signs have been available since ??? and have already sold out once. Don't worry! We have new stock now. (See REACT Supply Catalog for details.) The CB symbol sign will appear on new membership decals and on the popular CLIP litter bags and cards, as well as in media advertising.

We plan to seek Department of Transportation (DOT) approval of the symbol sign for optional use. Preliminary discussions have been very positive. Meanwhile, we need important help from you.

Councils are asked to contact their state/provincial DOT and seek approval of the symbol for optional use within its jurisdiction. Please seek endorsement of the symbol also from your state/provincial police, governor/premier, and other effected agencies.

Teams can help too by seeking similar approvals and endorsements from county and municipal authorities. The more and broader support we can gather, the better.

In all contacts, please use only the CB sym-

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Let Your Light Shine

MORE IDEAS ON HOW TO PUBLICIZE REACT



Share PR Tips

If it works for your Team, it will work for

other Teams, too. The tips  above all came from Teams present at San Antonio.

Our thanks to them. Now, it's your turn. Please send us any tip that could benefit other REACT Teams. We will be happy to credit your Team in print for the tip. Thanks in advance.

REACT Month

Fresh, new REACT Month materials will be arriving at your Team mailbox soon. Watch for them.

Meanwhile, plan your strategy. Have you approvals for your mall displays? For your Safety Break? Is your media mailing list up-to-date, ready for REACT Month news releases? Who is arranging for the REACT Month proclamation?

The time for the spade work is right now. **GO FOR IT!**



25th Balloons

Balloons showing the new CB symbol sign and the 25th logo are available. Give them to kids at parades, etc., or launch them. Cost is \$9 (U.S.) per 100. Launch tags are \$4 (U.S.) per 100.

Send money order only to: REACT, Lake Simcoe, Box 942, Sutton, Ontario, Canada, L0E, 1R0.

That's It!

We hope this stock of tips will keep you going until next time. Best wishes for success. Keep us posted on your results—and your tips.



REACTer Bonus

Let *The REACTer* work for your Team. Ask members to take copies when they visit the doctor, dentist, barber, etc. Leave the copy in the waiting room for others to read. It's great PR and may bring your Team a new member or two. Thanks to Corydon, IN, REACT for the tip.



CB Symbol Sign a Hit

A salute to Somerset County REACT (NJ) for the first known incorporation of the CB symbol sign into a Team crest. Other Teams and Councils are publicizing the CB sign widely in newsletters, etc., and we appreciate it greatly.

Sales of the symbol sign are growing. Teams/Councils are asked to send photos of their installations to: CB Symbol Sign, Box 942, Sutton, Ontario, Canada L0E 1R0. Please also send copies of approvals for sign installations you receive from authorities. This documentation is important. We will use it in our presentation to DOT later. Please help us.



Speakers' Bureau

Order the convention tape for ideas. Use the REACT film/video *Where Seconds Count*. Let it "speak" for you. Introduce yourself and your Team briefly.

Ask your audience to watch for callers in the film/video who call correctly. (At least two do.) This task makes them watch more carefully and thus learn more. Quiz them afterward.

Congratulate those who spot the correct calls. Perhaps even give them an inexpensive prize. Answer questions the audience has about the film and REACT. Give everyone a REACT litter bag. Insert a road map, some safety information, etc., and they will have a useful safety kit to take home. Speaking about REACT to other community groups need not be difficult, and it can yield funds, even members, as well as PR.



Joint Projects

Link up with other respected organizations in your community (e.g., Lions, Rotary, etc.) to sponsor an event. Share the proceeds and the good PR.

When asked by an organization to provide communications for an event, require that your Team's involvement be featured in any news releases and/or photo sessions. Then be there early, in full uniform. Thanks to Waukesha, WI, REACT for this tip.

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Marine Weather

One good reason for knowing the weather is that many pleasure boats are equipped with CB radios. A good portion of these have CB as their ONLY radio equipment. Up-to-date weather information may enable you to warn those of potential severe weather and perhaps render a life-saving service. You can also expect more emergency calls when severe conditions threaten. *Forwarned is forarmed!* Plus, keeping up with the weather can help while away a few hours while monitoring emergency channels.

Just about everyone is now familiar with weather radio from U.S. NOAA and Environment Canada on VHF. But, there seems to be many other weather information sources. For instance, some marine high frequency (HF) radio stations broadcast offshore weather reports that you may find useful to emergency activities. Weather buffs and QSL card collectors will also like them.

KMI, Dixon, CA; WOO, Ocean Gate, NJ; WOM, Ft. Lauderdale, FL (all operated by AT&T Communications); and WLO, Mobile, AL (operated by Mobile Marine Radio, Inc.) broadcast scheduled forecasts and current conditions in the HF marine bands (4 to 23 MHz) using USB mode. These stations handle most telephone calls to the U.S. from ships at sea, but listening to them is not a violation of the Electronic Communications Privacy Act.

The U.S. Coast Guard stations also broadcast weather reports. Easily heard are NMO, Honolulu, HI; NMN, Portsmouth, VA; NMC, San Francisco, CA; NMA, Miami, FL; NMF, Boston, MA; and several others. These will also be found on USB in the marine bands and are very interesting to listen for.

According to *Monitoring Times*, the Canadian Coast Guard broadcasts on VHF (161.650, 161.775 and 161.850 MHz) 24 hours a day and they include weather reports. Very probably there are also HF marine broadcasts from Canada, the U.K., and other countries where REACT operates. I, for one, would like to see more about REACT and radio in those countries in future issues of *The REACTer*.

Peaceful Halloween Night Possible

By W. Wayne Stanley, LM 273, Dodge County (Fremont, NE) REACT

It's the "witching hour," that time of year when the ghosts, goblins, witches and monsters are out. They're meeting to decide what kind of mischief they can get into this night of nights.

No matter in what size community you live, your REACT can provide a helpful, if not valuable, service to your local police or sheriff's department.

Dodge County REACT (Fremont, NE) is in its 8th year of assisting the local police

department with a city-wide Halloween Patrol.

The purpose of this patrol is to make sure that certain dastardly deeds are left undone on Halloween night. Doing things like big kids picking on little kids and taking their candy, or, worse, taking them; toilet papering and shave creaming of houses, cars, trees, and so on; egging, breaking windows, and lots of other mischief that some of the goblins like to do on spook's night out.

Members, using their own radios and unmarked cars, patrol the city and provide an extra set of ears and eyes for the local constabulary.

Now, don't get me wrong. You are not out there to be Sgt. Friday (Jack Webb) or Dirty Harry (Clint Eastwood). You observe and report. You don't chase and apprehend—leave that to the police.

Bring this up at your next Team meeting. Then approach your police or sheriff. Chances are they will welcome the extra help. But be aware, professionalism is the name of the game. Remember the 3 C's (Correct, Concise, Calm).

You have a valuable resource that any right-thinking police chief should jump at being able to use.



New FEMA Home Study Course

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is currently offering HS-4, *Preparedness Planning in a Nuclear Crisis* from the Emergency Management Institute.

The course provides general information about the effects of nuclear weapons, evacuation, sheltering, and developing individual or family survival plans. There is no charge for this course.

A certificate is awarded upon successful completion. College credit (1 semester hour) may be obtained from SUOMI College, Hancock, MI. Army, Air Force or Coast Guard reserve personnel can earn retirement points.

U.S. residents can obtain an application from local or state emergency management (civil defense) offices, or by sending a request to: FEMA Home Study Program, Administrative Office, Emergency Management Institute, 16825 S. Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD 21727.

HS-1, *Emergency Program Manager* and HS-2, *Emergency Management, U.S.A.* are still available. They are also certificate courses, eligible for college credit and military reserve retirement points. Try 'em. You'll be glad you did!

Helpful Hints on Channel 9 Monitoring

In a densely populated area like Long Island, New York, there are many organizations and individuals utilizing Channel 9—some properly, some somewhat properly and others abusing the frequency. It should, therefore, be obvious that it is much easier to operate courteously. It is often better to wait for a second before answering a call for assistance than to have multiple stations trying to handle the same call. It is much more important that an emergency call be handled properly than a certain operator handle the call.

There are reasonable courtesies and rights of way that must be observed on a frequency dedicated to emergency traffic. There is an order of priority of emergencies. A life-threatening situation takes priority over an incident in which only property damage is involved. The property-threatening incident takes priority over traffic directions or general traffic reports. Again, radio checks are not emergencies and do not belong on Channel 9 regardless of who is requesting the check.

An emergency communication in progress should not be interrupted, except for a higher priority emergency, unless one of the stations is experiencing extreme difficulty in receiving the other. It might then be appropriate to break on a pause, identify yourself, and offer assistance. The original monitor remains in charge, even if they accept the offer of assistance, unless they specifically request the second unit to take over.

How to handle the irresponsible parties who use Channel 9 as a personal toy or splash over the frequency from adjoining channels? All we can suggest is that you advise them politely and briefly of the purpose of Channel 9 and request that they go elsewhere or reduce their power and hope that they comply. Then, grin and bear it. Judgment must often be used in receiving a call that does not "feel right." It is often better to call the report in to the authorities and tell them of your suspicions (use the phrase "unconfirmed") than to ignore it.

By Arnold #37
From *Reli on REACT*
Long Island, New York



HURRICANE SEASON USHERED IN BY EARLY TROPICAL DEPRESSION

WASHINGTON—The tropical depression that threatened the Florida Keys May 31 with rain squalls and high winds served an early warning of what may lie in store for the remainder of this year's hurricane season which opened June 1.

The depression, spawned over the Bahamas, lacked the intensity to be graded by the National Hurricane Center as the season's first tropical storm. But its early advent has given pause to the probability of a severe hurricane striking the U.S. within the next 6 months.

Since 1982, hurricanes have hit parts of the nation 5 years in a row. Only 2, Bonnie and Charley, made landfall last year, causing 8 deaths and an estimated \$19.4 million in damage.

This compares with the onslaught of 6 hurricanes that tore through 10 states along the Gulf and Atlantic coasts in 1985, leaving 30 dead and a path of devastation that produced more than \$4 billion in damages to homes, businesses and public facilities. These storms, the greatest number since 1916, cost the American public more than \$400 million in federal disaster recovery aid.

Such statistics, nearly doubling those for storms of the 3 previous years, have emergency managers concerned about the nation's awareness level in properly safeguarding lives and property if a major hurricane strikes.

Even with the high incidence of hurricanes in 1985, most of the more than 60 million people who populate the coastline from Texas to Maine have never experienced a major hurricane, Julius W. Becton, Jr., director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), points out.

"I'm mostly concerned this season by the relatively small number of hurricanes last year," he said, "because that tends to breed complacency which eventually can produce absolute apathy. In many cases, studies have indicated that this human condition can be one of the leading causes which turn hurricanes into mass killers."

Recent history shows that apathy has manifested itself in a number of ways. One can be seen in people who are attracted to seaside condominiums and resort towns along the nation's barrier islands which now extend across more than 300,000 acres, with coastal construction continuing at a rate of about 6,000 acres a year.

"More and more Americans are populating these coastal areas every year, with many failing to recognize or being prepared for the potential hazards that may confront them," Becton said.

"It is becoming increasingly clear," he added, "that sound coastal development and redevelopment must become a much more important aspect of state and local hurricane hazard management activities if we are to reduce the risk from exposure to coastal storm vulnerability."

Apathy also shows up in people who ignore hurricane warnings and stay to ride out the storm, Becton said. A study following Hurricane Alicia's trek across Texas' Galveston Island in 1983 indicated that nearly 40

percent of the island's residents ignored warnings. Eleven people were killed and many others injured as a result.

Despite such tragedies, Hurricane-related fatalities have been sharply reduced in recent years by the application of America's civil defense planning program and its dual-use by federal, state and local officials. Last year, FEMA provided nearly \$100 million in civil defense funds for integrated planning and to support state and local program development and training.

In addition, FEMA, in cooperation with other federal agencies, is continuing hurricane preparedness projects in most every Gulf and Atlantic coastal state, as well as Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Hawaii. Since the early 1980s, FEMA has provided more than \$4 million in support of these projects.

Becton said that current plans call for the completion of funding for hurricane evacuation projects in 24 high-risk, high-population areas by 1992. Property protection plans for these areas are scheduled to be completed by 1997.

Emergency planners believe that these activities have already paid dividends in promoting improved public response levels.

In 1985, for example, their combined use by local officials during Hurricane Elena made it possible to safely evacuate 1.7 million people, the largest peacetime evacuation in U.S. history. Similarly, more than 1.4 million people were moved to safer areas in North Carolina through Massachusetts during Hurricane Gloria.

Emergency managers also point out that building design and construction methods can provide protection against the 100-year hurricane flood. But they agree that little can be done economically to protect most property that lies in the path of a Category-Five hurricane, which packs winds of 155 miles an hour or higher.

FEMA's Federal Insurance Administration (FIA) suggests, however, that the purchase of federally backed flood insurance for hurricane-generated storm surge and flooding can help significantly in protecting against property losses caused by flood damage.

According to FIA Administrator Harold T. Duryee, such coverage is now available through local insurance agents or brokers in nearly 18,000 communities that participate in the National Flood Insurance Program.

Currently, about three-fourths of the nation's 2 million flood insurance policies are for properties in states with some exposure to hurricanes. But Duryee estimates that only one-quarter to one-third of the 6 to 8 million U.S. buildings that are exposed to flooding risks are insured.

The value of this coverage, he added, is borne out in such hurricane-prone states as Texas, where flood insurance claims alone totaled more than \$120 million in the wake of Hurricane Alicia's 1983 attack.

Predicting where and when a hurricane will make landfall still remains one of the thorniest problems that confront even the



most experienced weather trackers. Meteorologists, despite the many improvements in forecasting techniques in recent years, normally can give just 24-hours' notice that one of these devastating storms will strike a particular coastal point.

As a result, FEMA officials offered the following preparedness tips for those millions of people who may face a hurricane between now and December.

- Recheck your supply of boards, tools, batteries, non-perishable foods and other equipment you will need when a hurricane strikes your town.

- When you hear the first tropical storm advisory, listen to future messages. This will prepare you for a hurricane emergency well in advance of the issuance of watches and warnings.

- When your area is under a hurricane watch, continue normal activities, but stay tuned to radio or television for all NOAA National Weather Service advisories.

Remember that a hurricane watch means possible danger. If the danger materializes, a hurricane warning will be issued. Meanwhile, keep alert. Ignore rumors.

When your area receives a hurricane warning, you should:

- Plan your time before the storm arrives and avoid the last-minute hurry that might leave you marooned or unprepared.

- Leave low-lying areas that may be swept by high tides or storm waves when directed by officials to evacuate.

- Moor your boat securely before the storm arrives, or evacuate it to a designated safe area.

- Board up windows or protect them with storm shutters or tape.

- Secure outdoor objects that might be blown away. Harmless items hurled by high wind become missiles of destruction.

- Store drinking water in clean bathtubs, jugs, bottles and cooking utensils. Your town's water supply may be cut off by a power loss or contaminated by flooding.

- Check your battery-power equipment—radios and flashlights—and emergency cooking facilities.

- Keep the gas tank of your car at least half full, since gasoline pumps will not be working if the electricity has been cut off.

- If the calm storm center passes directly overhead, there will be a lull in the wind lasting from a few minutes to half an hour or more. But you should remember that at the other side of the storm's eye the winds rise very rapidly to hurricane force, coming from the opposite direction.



The winners of the Annual K-40 Award were introduced at the Silver Anniversary Convention in San Antonio, TX. The winners of the Individual and Team Awards are selected from the year's quarterly winners. Councils are recognized annually only. A little of why each one is a winner follows.

Award nomination forms went out with the September/October *Team Topics Newsletter*. Use it to nominate one of your Team's outstanding members, or your team. Be sure to follow directions when submitting your nomination.

TEAM WINNER



REACT of Wells County #4011, Bluffton, Indiana, has rebuilt itself from a Team that was all but destroyed by a select few 2 years ago. This Team now has 10 members who function together in one of the finest examples of a "TEAM" seen anywhere.

With only 10 members this Team worked together by monitoring regularly day in and day out, worked numerous bike-a-thons, walk-a-thons and other community events. They put together a circus fundraiser in which they donated half of the proceeds to a crippled child in their community which garnered several thousand dollars for both causes.

This Team took on a major project for the Indiana Council which consisted of organizing a mailing list of over 10,000 entries and printing and recording all activities of this yearbook fundraiser project. This project took hundreds of additional manhours in addition to their regular Team functions and their ever present monitoring of Channel 9.

REACT of Wells County is active in the Indiana Council by participation in all activities; one of their members serves as Second

Vice-President of the Council; delegates attend all meetings; and every member of this Team attended the Indiana State Convention this year. At that Convention REACT of Wells County was named REACT TEAM of the YEAR for 1986 for the state of Indiana.

INDIVIDUAL WINNER



Bill Simpson is the founding President of Metro North REACT, Inc. Team 4515, Des Plaines, Illinois. (EDITOR'S NOTE: Team has since merged with team 3557), served 2 years in that position and is presently serving as Special Projects Officer, a position he considers to be one of the most important on Team level. During his second term as President, he was instrumental in the incorporation of the Team, and has always served as agent of record for the corporation.

As Special Projects Director, Bill is responsible for all Team functions, as well as liaison with other Teams in their projects. He oversees Team participation in projects hosted by Metro North: the Skokie Spirit Fun Run, Lincolnwood Turkey Trot, WNIC Fitness Run, Skokie Federal ALS Run, as well as coordinating the Lake County Marathon, and act as personnel coordinator for the America's Marathon/Chicago, during which 175 REACT units provide communications on 9 different frequencies in the largest single REACT function in the United States.

He also coordinates "Team Assists" with other Chicagoland Teams during projects such as the Frank Lloyd Wright Run, the Wheeling and Evanston Fourth of July Parades, and the Oak Park Parade.

After extensive meetings with the American Red Cross, North Cook Chapter, Bill was chosen by the Red Cross to act as liaison in one of the only 2 working agreements between the American Red Cross and REACT in the Chicagoland area. He is presently working with Main Township to formulate a disaster plan that will, for the first time, include REACT Units.

Bill has received formal training in traffic control, first aid, disaster assessment, and search procedures and is recognized in all 4 areas. He is regarded as an excellent communicator and frequently serves as control during projects. Along with the 6,000 plus annual monitoring hours, Bill manages another 500 plus hours in community service. In 1985, Bill tied with another member as top Team monitor, and also was chosen as the REACTer of the Year for his overall enthusiasm, activities, and performance.

Bill served the Illinois REACT Council for

3 terms as District Director and led the movement to incorporate the Council under the Illinois not-for-profit laws. During 1985, he coordinated security, communications and operations at the International Convention in Chicago.

Bill recently was asked to speak at the Wisconsin REACT Council Convention. The subject??? . . . Organizing and controlling large events.

COUNCIL WINNER



The Indiana Council has been an active Council since its inception in 1974. The Council is active throughout the state assisting Teams in all areas of need. This is done through quarterly meetings and meetings of Sub-Councils which are also held quarterly. Council officers visit Teams throughout the state to explain new programs and assist in management and problem solving.

The Indiana Council published a quarterly newsletter which is mailed to all individual REACT member households.

The Council holds an annual convention which includes workshops on topics of Monitoring, Starting a New Team, CB and GMRS, Team Government for Changing Times, Membership, Indiana State Police, Bylaws, Incorporation, and Team Activities.

Booklets have been printed by the Council on the topics of Motivation, Fundraising, Membership, Monitoring, Leadership, Convention Planning, Project Coordination, Junior REACT, Budget and Finance, Training those who Train, and Public Relations which are available to Teams in Indiana and throughout the country.

In 1986, 3 new Teams were chartered and one application was pending at time of nomination. Total number of hours monitored by Indiana Teams, as reported in Awards Program, was 137,000.

Awards are presented each year for REACTer, Team, and Sub-Council of the year. President's Awards and a Distinguished Service Award are also given.

The Indiana Council is supportive of International as is evidenced by its printing of the Monitoring Booklet and active participation at International Conventions. The Indiana Council has always spoken out favorably toward the Board of Directors when necessary both in word and finances.

The Indiana Council makes its ideas available to all REACT Teams as evidenced by the distribution of billboards for publicity last year.



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The Illinois REACT Council will still be offering the REACT 25th Anniversary patches for sale until our present supplies are exhausted, according to Larry Shrigley, Vice President-North.

"The well-designed and manufactured patch has enjoyed a successful sales run and drew many compliments at the San Antonio Convention. We have been very pleased with how well this commemorative patch goes with all types of uniforms and jackets."

The Illinois REACT Council is donating 25¢ from the sale patch to REACT International and was very proud to be able to present checks totaling \$380 thus far.

We anticipate only having stock remaining through the next couple of months. Any Teams or individuals wishing to order patches are requested to do so within that time frame.

— JULY 1 —
REACT International
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for Regular Members.
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About Your REACTer

The REACTer needs your support to be able to grow. Sell subscriptions to interested persons @ \$9.00 per year. Your Team keeps \$3.00 and forwards \$6.00 to REACT International. This way your Team makes money; makes your community aware of REACT; and helps The REACTer grow.

Many comments have been made about the changes to The REACTer. Most all are very complimentary. We are working on two new feature columns for your reading interest. The first deals with "Product Evaluation." It's one thing to tell you what the manufacturer says about radio equipment (CB, GMRS, accessories, etc.); it's quite another to actually use it and learn what's good and bad. Several knowledgeable REACT members across the country will begin to purchase and review products on a non-biased (meaning no manufacturer influence) basis. Their findings will be reported to you in The REACTer.

Another column will be "Column 9—Where the REACTION is Yours." This feature will respond to your questions about REACT in each issue.

Many times the question your Team has may also be the same question other Teams have. Several qualified REACT leaders will answer your questions in The REACTer. Please submit your question(s) on a postcard. You must be brief and to the point. Please be sure to include your name, Team number and complete address. If possible we will answer all questions space available in The REACTer or by return mail.

One question that has come up is why we have "The Names in the News" about communications manufacturers. Many are concerned that this may be a waste of space. Well, it could be a waste just like anything else if you don't use it.

REACT is highly dependent upon manufacturers for advertising, equipment donations, industry news and information. There are also many professional communications people within the ranks of REACT. (I know because I've run into them at conventions and product shows.) The REACTer is a specialized source of news—meaning you won't find most of the information in The REACTer anywhere else. So if we don't inform you of such changes, who will?

Your Team can benefit from this information. Knowing a contact name will get you a donation faster than a "to whom it may concern letter." You may also want to call about your equipment problems or needs. Again having a name will get you better results.

In conclusion, the ultimate benefit is to REACT International—we get advertising, donations and other support from those manufacturers by recognizing them in The REACTer. Recognition is a two-way street—REACT can't get recognized by the very people we choose to exclude. Your local Team newsletter can do the same for Team donors and supporters. Believe me, the results are worth it!

Best wishes for your successful membership drive.

Win a Shakespeare "Bigstick" Base Antenna

— MEMBERSHIP DRIVE CONTEST —

August 1 through October 31, 1987

See Page 3 for details

REACT International Inc.'s 1987 Annual Budget Comparison

Below is the (unaudited) Budget Comparison of income and expenses for the first quarter of 1987 ending March 31, and the second quarter ending June 30, 1987. This report is to show how REACT International is doing financially compared to the budget.

Ron Mayes, General Manager

ANNUAL 1987 BUDGET

INCOME	Budgeted Amount*	First Quarter /87	End of Second Quarter
Dues from Members	\$122,000	\$122,601	\$128,045
I.D. Material Sales	8,000	1,796	5,414
Grants & Contributions	16,000	1,605	3,806
Life Memberships	-0-	1,852	3,446
Miscellaneous Income	-0-	832	2,647
Government Contracts	-0-	-0-	-0-
Advertising Income	30,000	5,100	10,502
Commissions	2,500	450	881
Fundraisers	5,000	-0-	-0-
Team Charters	3,000	600	875
International Dues	5,000	1,968	2,305
Interest Income	2,000	805	1,987
Total Income	\$193,500	\$137,609	\$159,908
EXPENSES			
Grant Program Expense	\$16,000	-0-	-0-
Membership Kits	2,000	472	500
Team Charters	1,000	478	478
Lifetime Membership Expense	200	801	801
Team Publications	4,000	612	1,285
Data Processing	10,000	1,412	2,862
Bonding Expense	-0-	-0-	-0-
Misc. Expense (Membership)	-0-	22	57
REACTer Costs	42,000	5,488	16,767
Liability Ins. (Inc. Assessment)	-0-	(1,235)	(1,235)
Group Expenses	1,000	-0-	-0-
Goebel Award	200	-0-	-0-
25th Anniversary	5,000	-0-	-0-
Publicity	250	-0-	-0-
Membership Promotions	1,000	-0-	-0-
State Council Reimbursement	1,000	-0-	1,708
Postage & Freight	11,000	1,949	4,276
Long Distance Telephone	4,000	95	1,003
Board of Directors Expense	18,000	2,620	4,957
Advertising	-0-	499	586
Salaries	50,000	11,166	22,827
Office Supplies	5,000	805	1,533
Postage Machine Rental	420	-0-	-0-
Maintenance & Miscellaneous	600	205	417
Insurance (Staff)	4,000	404	1,369
Auditing & Accounting	4,100	314	3,133
Legal	1,000	163	258
Travel (Headquarters)	1,000	464	521
Payroll Taxes	4,000	218	1,632
Rent	2,400	1,525	3,000
Utilities	2,400	452	811
Basic Telephone	800	137	330
Foreign Exchange	1,000	115	115
Dues & Subscriptions	200	-0-	-0-
Depreciation Expense	3,360	526	1,055
Total Expenses	\$198,630	\$ 29,707	\$ 71,046
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (5,130)	\$107,902	\$ 88,862

*Amounts in one dollar increments.

MAYDAY HANDLED

Caller Gave "Clip Card" Information to Macon County REACT #4020

At 1350 June 24, 1987, I heard a "Mayday" call reporting a forest fire in the Armstrong area of Toronto, Ontario, Canada. (The Armstrong area is located 50 degrees, 17 minutes, 25 seconds north and 88 degrees, 54 minutes and 35 seconds west.)

After listening to the call for several minutes I was convinced that no one had responded. I made a long distance call to the Ministry of Resources in Toronto, Canada, and talked to a lady who said she would report it to someone. In a few minutes I received a return call from a "fire watch official" asking for any more information that I could furnish. He said there were several small fires in the area which were being cared for but that they had no reports of additional fires. He told me he was dispatching aerial observers to further check the area. He was not familiar with REACT but assured me he would find out more about it.

Decatur Macon County REACT 4020—Unit 17.

I reported the communication to the *Herald and Review* and they inserted a nice article in the June 25th paper. Text of the article follows.

REACT call aids Canada

By Ron Ingram

Herald and Review Farm/Business writer
CERRO GORDO—Harlow Bower heard about a hot time in northern Ontario, Canada, Wednesday and the provincial government was glad he did.

Bower is a volunteer monitor for the Decatur and Macon County REACT. As he was listening to his citizens band radio about 2:45 p.m. Wednesday, he received a distress call from a man near Armstrong, Ontario, who was trying to report a forest fire.

"I made a long distance to the Ministry of Resources in Toronto (Ontario)," Bower said. "They had not had a report of the fire as yet." Bower said an official of the ministry called him later Wednesday afternoon to say the government was tracking 5 small fires, but not the blaze he had reported.

The distress likely came from the pilot of a small plane flying over the fire, Bower said. Atmospheric conditions were just right that his signal "skipped" southwest as far as Illinois, he said.

"I hear calls from Texas, Virginia and Florida, and even Colorado occasionally," Bower said.

Macon County REACT is the local branch of Radio Emergency Associated Communications Teams, a volunteer organization that monitors distress calls made over citizens band radios.

NOTE: I made one serious omission—I should have made it clear to the reporter that I was able to complete the call only because the caller had given me complete information as I was not able to get back to him to ask questions.

WANTED: Writers and photographers for The REACTer

Has your team gone into action lately? Did you take any pictures?

How about a story—was one written?

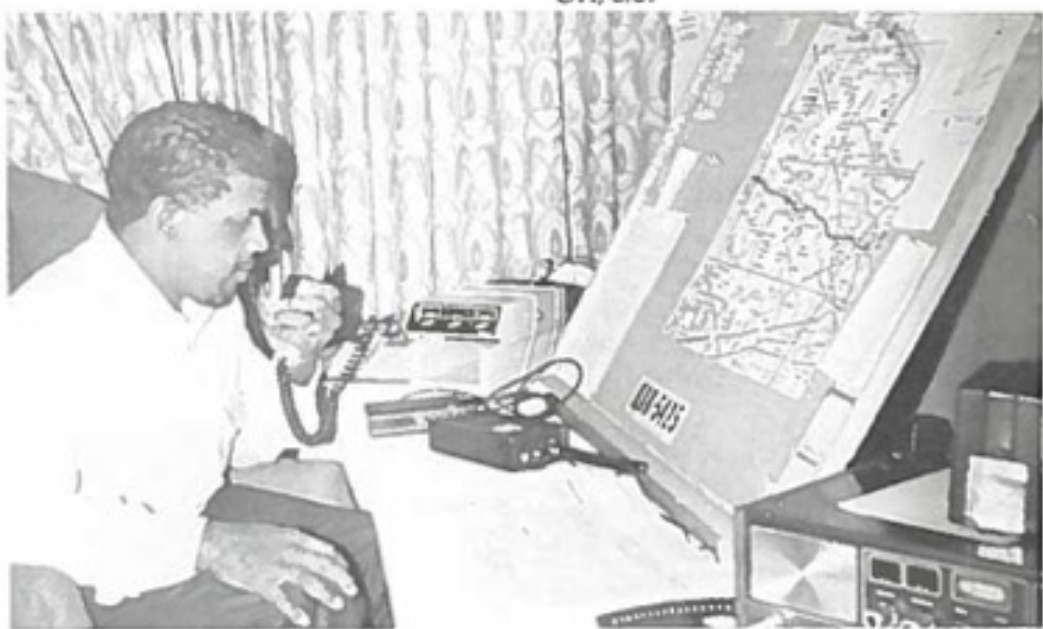
We want you to "Show and Tell" about your team's community efforts in *The REACTer*. The best photos are the ones that show REACT members, in REACT apparel, doing some kind of activity related to REACT. Black and white pictures are preferred but color shots in good focus will work. Three inch x 4 inch or larger and with a glossy finish are needed. If you have a real good photo, you could be on the cover of *The REACTer*.

Writers are needed to tell about Team or Council events—activities and emergency responses. We also would like some "technical" articles which deal with CB, GMRS, ham and scanner radio.

These articles can be one time or a series.

For more information, contact Ron Mayes (316-263-2100).

Team Event



#C-332, Herndon REACT, Oakton, VA, again this year provided emergency radio communications support to the Reston Soccer Association with radio communications at the soccer fields and Net Control (Base Station) at the Holiday Inn at Fair Oaks, VA. The 12th Annual Reston International Soccer Tournament was played during the weekend of June 20 through the 22nd in Reston, VA. The Reston International Soccer Tournament is sanctioned by the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA) the country's youth component of the Federation of International Football (FIFA), the interna-

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bol sign in your REACT Supply Catalog. It is accurate.

Stress to authorities that the symbol can be used by police, other emergency service, and Coast Guard, as well as REACT or other volunteer monitor groups. Only the tab would differ (e.g., POLICE, COAST GUARD, MONITOR, etc.)

We also need photos of your sign installation. Newspaper clippings are particularly helpful. We plan to amass as much documentation on the project as possible before we approach Washington. Please send any relevant item that will swell our collection.

We hope every Council and Team will participate. Help us build the strongest possible case for presentation to DOT.

All the assistance you can provide is greatly needed and will be much appreciated. You will be helping to continue the success of our silver Anniversary Project. LET'S GO FOR IT!

Please send all material to: CB Symbol Sign, Box 942, Sutton, Ontario, Canada L0E 1R0.

Thanks again, and best wishes with the challenge.

Ron McCracken, Director
Public Relations Task Group

New Teams Chartered

#4694 Broward County REACT, Davie, FL, 7/87

#4695 Sandusky Bay REACT, Sandusky, OH, 8/87

tional governing organization of soccer. Seventy-six teams from all over the country were scheduled to play in this soccer tournament—1,239 players in all (boys and girls) participated in the games scheduled for the weekend.

Herndon REACT covered the three-day soccer event with seventeen members with the assistance from one member from #2356 Nova REACT, Washington, D.C., and one member from #2388 Montgomery County, Maryland REACT, Germantown, MD. The three-day event was very successful with only a few minor accidents reported

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