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## On the Cover . . .

Guadalupe County REACT #3622, of San Antonio, Texas members Robert McNeill (KB5AQD) and Brian Wright (KB5AOE) install emergency antenna on top of the 32 story NBC Bank as Hurricane Gilbert approaches. You will notice the Tower of America in the background, left. This is where the Friday night post 87 International Convention Dinner was held. Both installers are tethered to prevent any tragedy from approaching high winds. Photo by Lee Besing, team president.

## Hurricane Gilbert puts REACT in Action

Hurricane Gilbert made a path through the Gulf and left in its wake a path of crisis and devastation. Fortunately for several areas affected REACT was there ready to respond and respond they did! REACT Trinidad and Tabago (selected islands located just off the coast of Venezuela) maintained around the clock monitoring of the Hurricane's direction through the Carriacou Islands. The Puerto Rican REACT Council gathered its Teams, already tired from an earlier tropical storm that did a lot of flooding, and again evacuated people to higher ground. They also provided emergency communications as hurricane winds damaged most of the antenna and phone lines. REACT in both countries were interviewed by USA Radio News Network carried on over 400 stations nationwide.

### On to Texas

All along the Texas coast REACT Teams prepared for the worst as Hurricane Gilbert increased its devastating size and speed. Here are the reports from a few of the many Texas Teams that went into action.

**SAN ANTONIO, TX** — During the week of September 12-18, 1988, the Texas coast was threatened by Hurricane Gilbert, the strongest hurricane in the history of NOAA Weather. The local REACT Teams mobilized and made plans to prepare for the storm.

On Tuesday (9/13) a meeting was called by **Frank Graves** (Area V REACT Council President) to be held with representatives from the San Antonio Emergency Operations Center (EOC), **Guadalupe County REACT #3622 (GCR)**, **Bexar County REACT #2708 (BCR)**, Explorer Post 700, Traffic Central, and the Red Cross Amateurs.

At that long four hour meeting, much groundwork was laid for incorporating both REACT Teams' communication capabilities into San Antonio's emergency contingency plans. This included plans to install a Guadalupe County REACT GMRS Radio in the City's EOC, the use of REACT and Post 700 volunteers to man checkpoints on all major routes into the city to greet the evacuees, and to provide traffic information to the authorities. REACT would also play a vital part using Channel 9 monitors to help spread information to motorists and to

handle the increased number of calls expected. Secondary plans also included using REACT members to observe selected low water crossings to relay information back to the EOC for determining flooding conditions in the city, and to spot for tornadoes, if conditions warranted the precaution.

Wednesday evening, while the Disaster Committee for San Antonio held their meeting, Guadalupe REACT installed a GMRS radio at the EOC. The number of REACT monitors from both Teams on emergency CB Channel 9 was increased to handle the increasing number of emergency reports to the authorities.

The Guadalupe County Com Van was prepared for use, and all radios were tested. The presidents of both REACT Teams conferred frequently by radio, phone, and in person in order to coordinate the actions of each team.

Lee W. Besing (GCR President) established contact with the presidents of the Corpus Christi REACT Team, Jay Stout, the Kingsville REACT Team, Richard McDaniel, and the Victoria County REACT Team, Jerry Clifford. Information was collected from these other team presidents and relayed to local EOC and news media upon request. Richard McDaniel was also in charge of the Naval Air Comm Station in Kingsville, and was able to provide first hand information from his post. Jay Stout was stationed in a storm shelter in Corpus Christi with a CB antenna outside, and relayed continuous reports on weather conditions.

Assistance from **San Angelo REACT**, and several other REACT Teams in Texas was offered, but their offer was kept on standby, until the extent of the storm was determined. On Saturday (9/17), when it had been established that San Antonio would be spared the brunt of the hurricane, they were informed that they would probably be needed more in their own home areas due to the storms moving through Texas towards the northwest.

The FCC Licensing division in Gettysburg, was FAXed with a "STA" request for emergency radio operations on GMRS radio by Guadalupe County REACT, as a Team on

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462.700 MHz GMRS. This was granted on Thursday (9/15).

Tom Davila of the U.S. Postal Service in San Antonio contacted Guadalupe County REACT on Wednesday asking for assistance from REACT Amateur Members to establish contact with their Corpus Christi Post Office which was establishing an Amateur Station at their location. (Tom was the person responsible for arranging the 25th Anniversary REACT Cancellation Stamp at the 1987 Convention.) Arrangements were made for REACT to establish a 40 meter net to Corpus

Christi, with local 2 meter and GMRS communications.

Gary Lebo (WDSJVU) and Leroy Giddings (KBSCDG), along with the welcomed assistance of Joe Cline (KNSU), and Terry Growell (WD9BJR) were able to successfully establish contact with Gene (KF5QB) at the Corpus Christi Post Office, and maintained their net for the Post Office beginning 8 a.m. Friday morning, and continuing until 1 a.m. Saturday.

Lee Cook (W8WNBK), who is also an Air Force MARS unit, contacted Joe Cline

(KNSU) at 10:55 p.m. to ask REACT's help in organizing, via 75 meters radio, a local amateur search party to look along the Texas/Mexico border for two missing Coast Guard Cutters, known to be on the Rio Grande River north of Brownville, but who had lost radio contact with their base. While Joe was organizing this search, the cutters sent some men ashore to make contact, and they flagged down a motorist who happened to be one of the amateurs preparing to search. Also, coincidentally at the time, the cutters were able to reestablish radio contact with their base due to changing radio conditions.

Brian Wright, Robert McNeill (KBSAQD) and Lee Besing installed a backup repeater on the new 32 story NBC Bank Tower under construction at Soledad and Pecan. The GCR Team's generator was readied to provide backup power. This was enabled through the generous cooperation of John Turnage of Century Development Corporation and installation help from Donald Rutledge of Zachery/Bellows. A custom-made bracket for mounting the repeater antenna on a window washer suspension unit was built and donated by Eureka Sheet Metal (Manual Elizondo).

Kennedy & Associates, the owners of the 462.675 repeater used by REACT in San Antonio, offered their assistance in monitoring the repeater on a 24 hour basis, and to send a technician out to repair the repeater if damaged during the storm. They also offered to rewire the repeater to allow an emergency backup generator to be used in the event of power failure.

At 8 a.m. Thursday, the REACT command post and Post 700 van was established at the Gardendale Volunteer Fire Department on the southeast side of San Antonio. This post was manned by various Post 700 members, and Guadalupe County REACT members, and monitored REACT Traffic on GMRS and CB, Fire Department Radio Traffic, and various amateur 2 meter frequencies as well.

On Friday morning (9/16) at 2 a.m., GCR president Lee Besing, was called by the San Antonio EOC requesting assistance in providing radio operators for Red Cross Shelters. Unfortunately, due to previous commitments, GCR was not able to provide any operators, however a plea was made on KTSA Radio by Lee to ask for amateurs to volunteer to assist the Red Cross directly.

On Saturday morning (0425 hours), while everyone in the EOC was relaxing, believing that the worst was over, reports of multiple tornado strikes, heavy thunderstorms, and flooding in some areas of the county, started pouring in by radio to the EOC. REACT members manned their radios and relayed reports via GMRS to the EOC. One of the first reports of confirmed tornado damages came through Bexar County Fire Alarm Radio

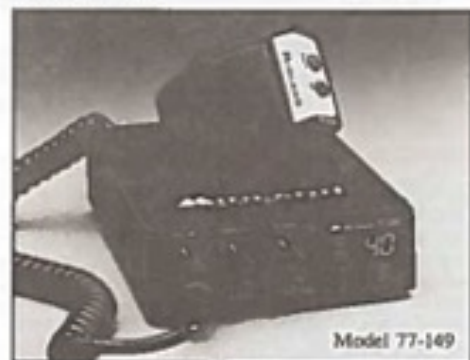
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from Sandy Oaks VFD, at 0550 hours, and was relayed by the REACT post at Gardendale VFD via REACT GMRS Radio to the city's EOC.

On Saturday, San Antonio was declared to be a disaster area, primarily due to the extensive damage involving three major hospitals, several housing subdivisions and apartment complexes, plus Kelley Air Force Base. Total damages were estimated in excess of \$35 million.

When the EOC was deactivated at 4 p.m. Saturday, Guadalupe County REACT switched control to the REACT Com Van. The fire chief and several other city officials, including the mayor, personally came over to thank us for being there to help.

This "exercise" proved the reliability of REACT's operations and the abilities to combine communications from CB radio, GMRS radio, and Amateur radio. During the operation, several radio volunteers came forth to offer their services with CB, GMRS, and Amateur radios. Membership applications are pending and most should be processed by the September 26th meeting. These additional volunteers made a big difference in REACT's response to the emergencies.

REACT maintained a high level of publicity, with both KTSA RADIO and KSMG RADIO using Guadalupe County REACT as a news source and for announcements. GCR president Lee Besing was on KTSA for numerous live and taped interviews about what REACT was doing to aid the situation. Robert McNeill (KBSA/QD) was interviewed about the new 462.700 GMRS repeater, while Gary Lebo (WDS/JU) and Joe Cline (KNSU), were interviewed regarding the REACT/Postal Connection.

KTSA radio also interviewed Richard McDaniel, president of the Kingsville REACT Team for live interviews from down there, and local PSA announcements were made in Corpus Christi and surrounding areas to advise evacuees to contact REACT in San Antonio using CB Channel 9.

**Kingsville REACT #4682** was prepared. For the past year various members of our team have been attending meetings with the Kleberg County Civil Defense director Mr. Merced G. Garcia and other Kingsville City/Kleberg County agencies. These meetings included training and a table-top disaster drill. Most of our team was also able to attend a 3 day course at Texas A&I University, May 1988 entitled "Texas Dept. of Public Safety SHELTER SYSTEM MANAGER". Knowledge gained from these meetings and training experiences payed off during the preparation and actual hurricane periods during the week.

The following information is provided on actions taken by Kingsville REACT. Assisted Kleberg County Sheriff Dept. in notification of evacuation of low lying and flood plains area of Loyola and Riviera Beaches of the country. Established the Emergency Management Central Ch 9 communications base



Guadalupe REACT members man the Hurricane Monitoring Station. One member takes time for his hurricane survival kit lunch.

station at the Court House EOC using AM/SSB CB radio and the existing cable and ground plane antenna establishing a Ch 9 CB AM/SSB radio at the Kingsville High School shelter. Established emergency shelters in accordance with EOC guidelines at the two cities of Ricardo and Riviera which are south of Kingsville. Assisted a stranded motorist by taking them to a relatives house. Established Emergency Ch1 9 AM/SSB CB radio and Big-Stick antenna at the Kingsville Fire Department. Established Emergency Ch1 9 AM CB radio and ground plane antenna at the Texas A&I University shelter. This shelter had 400 total evacuees and shelter operations personnel. Established an alternate CB radio and antenna system at Kleberg County Veterans Administration Office in the Court House. Informed the local radio and TV stations of San Antonio shelters/road information sources received from Guadalupe REACT. Established Emergency Ch1 9 AM/SSB CB radio and a 1 1/2 wavelength center feed dipole antenna at the NAS Communications Center. The 52 foot wire antenna was stretched 8 feet off the ground with the flat side towards Kingsville. An alternate 1/2 wavelength antenna was stretched inside a long passage way outside the CommCenter rooms. Took a call on Ch 9 the night of 16 Sept. from a group of Houston based Ham Radio Operators running low on gasoline. Ended up supplying the fuel due to no service stations open in Kingsville. The Hams were on their way to Brownsville, Texas with radio equipment and antennas for the hurricane aftermath in that area. About 30 minutes later took a call over Ch

16 LSB from the Hams about an auto accident on Hwy 77 south bound 25 miles south of Kingsville. Established Emergency Ch 9 AM/SSB CB radio and 1/2 wavelength dipole wire antenna at the Kingsville High School shelter. This shelter had 46 total evacuees and shelter operations personnel. Established Emergency Channel 9 AM/SSB CB radio and whip antennae at the Gillette Grade School shelter. This shelter had 340 total evacuees and shelter operations personnel. A surprise check into the REACT/EOC Emergency Communications net was made the NAS Kingsville Hurricane Command Center at the Base Operations Building. This was an excellent idea for interaction between the U.S. Navy and the emergency communications personnel outside the Naval Air Station.

Most of the REACT Emergency Communications operators either had car batteries or emergency generators for radio operations should the AC power fail. All communication links were considered excellent except for periods of maximum Skip Conditions from outside Texas or the United States. Many long distance radio signals were received on Ch 9. Single Side Band was used on several occasions to communicate locally. On some occasions our team used relay procedures to pass messages.

Kingsville REACT President Richard W. McDaniel received a long distance telephone call from the KTSA 550AM radio station in San Antonio and went on the air live for questions about what REACT was doing here in Kingsville, what the weather

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## HEADQUARTERS REPORT

**89 Dues are due.** Your Team should receive its 1989 renewals by first class mail in early November. Complete the renewal information in full and return it with your dues to be eligible for the REACT renewal lottery.

**89 Dues are:** (North American Teams, U.S. & Canada) \$12.00 per regular member, \$10.00 per family or junior member. The Team insurance fee is \$17.00 for liability and bonding coverage. European Teams are \$25.00 Team fee and \$5.00 per member.

**\$\$ Get in on the REACT Renewal Lottery \$\$** In the past years we have provided each Team who renewed by December 31st a chance at the early bird prizes. 1989 renewal will give each and every (North American) Team **more chances** at a renewal prize. One chance is entered for each Team who fully completes the following categories:

- **One chance** — for sending in your initial renewal with several members and Team fee by December 31st.
- **One chance** — for completing the Team information report.
- **One chance** — for completing the 1989 Team officer report.
- **One chance** — for 100% renewal (1989 renewal compared to 1988 ending membership numbers).
- **One chance** — for each 10% increase in membership over the previous year (1989 renewal compared to 1988 June records).

To be eligible all renewal information must be complete, with proper dues and Team fees paid. (Only one prize awarded per Team.) Renewal contest ends and all information must be received by January 31, 1989.

We are trying for a lot of prizes (like last year) to give more Teams a chance to win. If you know of someone (dealer, manufacturer, etc.) who would like to contribute a tax deductible donation and receive international publicity for such, please have them contact our office.

**Teams dropping members must state** the reason the person is being dropped: deceased, moved away, joined another Team (give Team name & number) for cause, removed by membership for cause

or lost interest, etc. This will enable REACT HQ to remove such persons names from certain mailings. Persons dropped without a reason stated will be treated as "lost interest" and subject to mailings.

**Team's public relations goes national:** San Fernando Valley REACT #C183 of Supulveda, California signed up a new member this year who went head over heels about REACT. The new member suggested the Team advertise their public service on TV and ask for interested persons to join. The new member is **Bobby Sherman** who produces and directs commercial, industrial films, TV specials and records from his own production company. Bobby is famous for his two year role as Jeremy Bolt on ABC's "Here Come the Brides". He also turned out a series of records, twelve of them went gold, and he has appeared on TV shows "Shindig" and "Getting Together". The result is a 30 second Public Service Announcement spot promoting REACT's monitoring of CB ch 9 and invitation for persons to join REACT. This spot is already appearing on several Southern California stations.

Bobby is working on a new makeover for REACT International use. Starting out the new international spot will appear on WWOR of New York and TBS of Atlanta, both independent "Super Stations". More later about the availability for local Team use.

**New REACT apparel designs** have been viewed and commented on by Teams from several states. The jacket, shirt and hat designs are now being bid upon for availability in early 89. If you are thinking about new REACT apparel, we urge you to wait for our new designer line.

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**Team address problems.** All Teams already received their September Team topics with the REACT month materials enclosed. All except the twenty or so who forgot to renew their Team P.O. box or moved without a forwarding address. Now's the time to make sure your Team address is correct so you will receive your renewal package.

Happy Holidays from Ron and the Staff!

### New Teams Chartered

**#4731** Downriver REACT Inc., Wyandotte, Michigan, September 1, 1988

**#4732** Ohio Valley REACT, Henderson, Kentucky, September 13, 1988

**#4733** Bakersfield REACT, Bakersfield, California, September 14, 1988

**#4734** Big Sky REACT, Missoula, Montana, September 15, 1988

**#4735** Greater Danbury REACT, Danbury, Connecticut, October 4, 1988

**#4736** Lake County REACT, Madison, South Dakota, October 6, 1988.



## WORLD BAND RADIO

By R.C. Watts

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TWR can be heard very well anywhere on Earth over one or more of these stations. The Bonzire station is on every evening to North and South America on shortwave. Bonzire also broadcasts on 800 KHz medium wave for the Caribbean and that can sometimes be heard if you don't have another strong station on the frequency.

Trans World Radio does have nice GSLS for each station and always verifies correct reports. They do appreciate return postage. Speaking of return postage, except for the big government broadcasters and communist bloc stations, it's usually a good idea to enclose an International Reply Coupon from the Post Office. An IRC is currently 95¢ in the U.S. Some countries don't accept IRCs (South Africa for instance) and a small South American station might not know what they are. A U.S. dollar bill is a substitute in most cases but foreign currency is illegal in some countries (Peru, Mexico etc.). There are a few suppliers who sell mint stamps from various countries.

You see that collecting QSL cards can get expensive. An alternative is to collect the rare or exotic stations with a tape recorder as you hear them. As it is, more and more stations won't QSL or just send a reply card (non-QSL, QSL card). So you might want to put some on the wall before the QSL card becomes extinct.

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## OOPS! — Some Corrections

□ The Sept/Oct cover photo of the convention group was inverted by the printer.

Correction of the cover was too time consuming so we chose to get it out on time and receive monetary compensation from the printer. Our thanks go to the hundred or so eagle eyed members who do read the REACTer and called this to our attention.

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□ Board and task group listing corrections; Government relations: leader Al Hanger Business phone should read (703) area code.

Life member: leader Dick Pratz address should read Rt. 7 Box 7296.

□ Teams who voted: Team #2674 should have been shown under California not Colorado.

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I have just returned from the MIDWEST REACT CONFERENCE in Wichita, Kansas. Keren and I started the weekend by going to the REACT international office to meet Sandy and Stacy and to purchase some supplies. While I was looking at some of the new items I asked, "Why aren't more supplies available for Life Members?" Ron's immediate response was "because Life Members don't buy many of the supplies." Ron said that REACT could not make the minimum purchase and then have the stock sit on the shelf for several years. He said that the Life Member patches were the best seller of the LM supplies, and they really didn't move very fast. He still has a good supply of the other Life Member items that need to be moved and cannot tie up additional funds in more items that may not be used by the Life Members. There was a large stack of the new REACT emblem decal sheets. The decals will enhance any envelope or package. They could be used on personal items, such as brief cases and radios if you desire. I would like to have some Life Member decals of different sizes to use in various ways. **Check out the supply catalog, there may be several items that you could use to show you are a Life Member.** If we want Life Member items, we are going to have to request them and then purchase them when they are available.

I was pleased to see that almost one-third

of those attending the MIDWEST CONFERENCE were Life Members. The attendees represented California, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska and Texas. There were four seminars on Saturday. Sunday, REACT Headquarters was open with coffee and doughnuts available. This was the first time many had seen the office and everyone was offered a chance to purchase supplies. After visiting the office, the meeting resumed at the motel. Ron took this advantage to display some "proposed" REACT clothing. He had several jackets, shirts and caps. We took the opportunity to tell him which items we liked. Ron was asked if it would be possible to have a special Life Membership cap. Some ideas were expressed about the colors and Ron said that he would see what he could come up with.

We send our sympathy to the family of Life Member 150, Joyce A. Hogadone. She was a member of South Gate REACT. We know she will be missed.

I am working on another Team directory. Several Life Members moved, changed teams, changed telephone numbers or made other changes since the last directory in 1987. Some of you may have decided that you would like your telephone number in the next directory. **If there is a change of your information in the directory needed, please send it to: Richard Pratz, Rt. 7**

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Age 65 and Over	\$120.00

All applications must be signed by two current Team officers and submitted with check or credit card. Life Memberships can be purchased with time payment, but the Life Membership Number will not be issued until the payment schedule has been completed.

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Life Members represent a small buying group of about 300. This limits the number of items we can offer at a good price. Shelf time and initial costs are factored against the quantity of items purchased by Life Members.*

— Ron Mayes, General Manager

## Monitoring Tips

by Ms. Sarah J. Leach  
CB Communications Task Group

Before you start talking on channel 9, listen to make sure it is clear of emergency traffic. This also means to see if someone else is switching to other channels and what channel they are using.

The REACT members should, if at all possible, try to keep channel 9 "free" of non-emergency traffic. If you do have other traffic, then go to one of the other 39 channels and use them instead. When changing channels, have the other person "hold" on the channel that you met him/her on. You as the REACT member should check to see if the other channel is free for you to use, then go back and ask the person to go to that channel with you.

For those members who have indoor antennas, they should be checked once every three or four months to make sure that all of the connections are tight and that the cable has not been pulled in any way.

For those members who have outdoor antennas they should be checked even more frequently because a connector or the antenna itself may have come loose.

## ☐ Team Events

### Gateway Area REACT #2001 — St. Louis, Missouri Helps at Train Derailment:

On Saturday, August 6, 1988, approximately 50 miles north of St. Louis at Elsberry, Mo. a train derailed. Missouri State Council President and Gateway's Unit 18, Bill Marshall, heard about the derailment at about 11 a.m. Even though it took place at about 6:30 that morning, Elsberry was calling for more assistance from St. Louis and St. Louis County for fire equipment and personnel as the derailed cars had run into several storage tanks filled with various chemicals used in fertilizers and a diesel fuel tank. The diesel fuel tank had already ignited and was burning; and the other tanks were close enough that the danger to life and property was imminent. Elsberry evacuated about half their citizens and all available police and fire personnel were needed to block off the danger zone and try to control the fires.

Unit 18, Bill Marshall and Unit 27, "Mac" Miller responded to Elsberry and offered assistance. They were requested to handle radio communications. Bill handled the police radio and "Mac" was put on Mutual Aid Fire radio. There they stayed until approximately 7:30 p.m. Sunday, August 7. At that time the fires were under control.

Immediate danger from Toxic fumes was much less, and their own personnel were free to take over.

With all the different agencies that responded such as Fire, Police, Red Cross, etc., they may or may not remember that the two guys from St. Louis who handled radio communications so effectively were REACT. They once had a REACT Team up in Elsberry called Lincoln Pike REACT. The Team did not renew their charter for various reasons, however some of the past members were out there helping. Now maybe, just maybe, some of that spirit might just rekindle a desire for the Team to reactivate.

**#3880 Muskegon County REACT, Muskegon, Michigan,** had a great coffee break on the Fourth of July weekend. We were really busy right to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 3; then the traffic dropped off.

We took part in the Muskegon County Art Fair July 16 and 17. They had a very good show with two of the world's largest airplanes on display. One of them even took off and passed over the airport two or three times.

Then we took part in the Northside Summer Spectacular by helping provide security around the beer and food tent and wherever else they needed help.





## Publicizing REACT

by Bob Riechel and Ron McCracken

producing newspapers. We frequently receive requests from Teams desiring information to help them start a paper and if we can forward to them a list of councils and/or teams in their local area that are publishing papers, they can study these to see what apparently works in their specific area. The generalities we discuss in this column are of benefit, but seeing what works for another local team is just, if not more, important.

This writer is behind schedule, but this column will carry in, hopefully, the next issue the comments of the various judges at the Virginia newspaper judging so all readers can benefit from their comments. Plan to attend Wisconsin in '89 and personally talk to these other editors, see their submissions, study the submitted submissions in your class, then see if you can improve your paper a little [as all papers benefit REACT International and all REACT Teams] and then if you have not entered the judging and showed off your paper, plan now to enter it in '90. Reading newspapers from other teams and councils after the convention has showed that all winners feel very good and

some were very surprised to find that they placed, let alone won 1st or 2nd Place for what they felt was "not that good of a paper." There are more "good" papers out there than you think. Everyone must use these papers to the fullest extent possible to benefit all REACT.

Bay Area Emergency Radio (BAER) is in the process of putting the final touches on their first issue of their Team paper. Those wishing to exchange papers should contact:

BAER  
Box 6726  
San Jose, CA 95150

**QUESTION FOR THOUGHT** [and we will share your answers]: What special P.R. is used relative to the REACT Rest Area Safety Coffee Stop Program that your Team or Council put on?

Publicizing REACT Column  
Robert M. Riechel  
P.O. Box 563  
San Bruno, CA 94066-0563

The P.R. Task Group officially asks for your input as to any revisions desired or suggested for the "May as REACT Month" that you feel would make this package more usable to your Team. Is there some flyer, press release, valuable statistic or other information that you really need to include in your P.R. material that International should be able to supply that would make your P.R. material "complete"? Let this column know and we will attempt to supply you the requested information.

This column desires to compile a listing of which teams and councils are currently

### REACT Action Announced on the USA News Network

Over 400 stations in USA and Canada make up the USA Radio Network based in Dallas, Texas. REACT International has appeared on this network to broadcast over Labor Day Safety Break and Hurricane Gilbert activity. Teams who have a major disaster or other activity taking place could be eligible for an "on the air" interview. To find out how please contact REACT International Hq during the activity. Afterwards may be too late to be considered news worthy.

**1989 RENEWALS  
ARE DUE BY  
JANUARY 31, 1989**

**NOVEMBER IS  
REACT  
MONTH**

### CB 9 Sign Usage



Travellers approaching Newmarket, Ontario, on four major routes quickly learn from these signboards that REACT monitors for their safety.

REACT Lake Simcoe requested space and learned the boards were soon to be reorganized, creating more room. This prompted the Team to ask if its signs could

occupy the lower left roadside corner. (That would increase their visibility to passing motorists needing help at night.) Officials obliged happily.

REACT members first sighted their new signs at night, shining brightly in their headlights. Investigate similar signage for your Team.

## Letters We Like To Get

Christene White  
International President and  
Chairman of the Board

Dear Christene,

We wish to congratulate you and REACT International for all that it is trying to do for the motoring public along with the safety of all people of all walks of life, whether it be at home, in the city, on the street, on the highway, at a sporting event, on a lake, or on the high seas, in a foreign country, or at a disaster scene. (accidents, forest fires, drownings, looking for lost persons, tornadoes, hurricanes, walkathons or sporting events) REACT is always there to help no matter what the need may be at the time.

With the above in mind, GOPHER STATE REACT INC. would like to donate a check in the amount of \$100.00 toward the work of REACT International to help further the cause and purpose of REACT in all parts of the world.

The members of Gopher State REACT Inc. are proud to be a part of the work of REACT International and its purpose for what it is trying to accomplish in helping people of all walks of life.

As president of Gopher State REACT Inc., I strongly believe in a high standard leadership and quality of appearance while in the public eye and observation at all times so as to gain the respect and trust of the public along with public officials and authorities. These are people whom we are to help and be served along side as an aid to help make their job easier and much more complete. The appearance of team members are one of the most important assets of REACT



teams and also reflect on REACT International Organization as a whole along with individual conduct while in the public view and trust.

We have also included some pictures of our safety break activities which was held during Memorial Day Weekend and Labor Day Weekend. These pictures will show some of the professionalism that our Team has been striving to maintain while in the public view. We have had many compliments on quality. This is the type of image that our team wants to be able to reflect back to REACT International.

Yours REACTively,  
Karl P. Nath, President  
Gopher State REACT, Inc., #4570  
Bloomington, MN 55420

Robert Patton  
Lakewood REACT  
5600 Oak Park Drive  
Tacoma, WA 98499

Dear Mr. Patton,

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for assisting James Sullivan on the night of June 6, 1988. I deeply appreciate your outstanding volunteer service you provided by calling several tire repair and towing companies seeking assistance for him. Through your outstanding efforts and monitoring emergency channel 9, assistance was finally obtained. Also, through your telephone and radio connections the

Bangor Commissary Store was advised of the situation.

Again, your deep concern in helping James Sullivan and the Navy Resale System is definitely appreciated. Thank you.

N. Krauss  
Distribution Manager  
Navy Resale and Services Support Office  
Field Support Office  
Department of the Navy



## REACT Memorial Additions

The REACT Memorial plaque is kept on display at REACT International Headquarters. It contains 70 plates onto which the individual's name and Team number can be engraved. Once filled, additional plaques will be obtained. A \$50 minimum donation to this fund is required to have a name placed on the plaque. This amount can be from one or many. Names added to the memorial will be mentioned in the REACTer. Once the memorial is of sufficient size, a worthy use will be determined by the International Board of Directors. Several uses have been suggested, however, it's too early to tell what would be appropriate. It may take some time to generate enough money to find a worthwhile project.

New names added to the REACT Memorial.

Nellie Cochran #3006  
Harvey Hamilton #3006  
Robert E. Ruhl #3006  
Joe Chartrand #C271

**RENEW 100% FOR AN ADDITIONAL LOTTERY CHANCE**

## Pittsburgh REACT #2844 team members give assistance to National Wheelchair Games

by Jeff Ruffing  
Harmarville Rehabilitation Center

When Pittsburgh REACT member Bill Gracey was a volunteer for the 1985 National Wheelchair Games, the annual U.S. championships for disabled athletes, communication was a problem.

"They sent messages across the university's campus by way of a small child running from building to building," says Gracey. "It was far from adequate."

Things were different at the 1988 National Wheelchair Games, which were again held at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania near Erie, Pa. This time, Pittsburgh's North Hills REACT team members offered their help to Harmarville Rehabilitation Center, the health care facility co-sponsoring the games.

Four men, Bill Gracey, Bob Ross, Art Lynch and Ken Little, monitored communications 24-hours-a-day for the entire eight-day event. They set up two base stations: one in the campus field house and one in a dormitory on the other side of campus. Twelve walkie talkies were also used by those coordinating the games. According to Gracey, communication was improved immeasurably, and, although none occurred, they were prepared in the event of an emergency.

A North Hills REACT members for 12 years, Gracey currently volunteers his services two days a week helping disabled adults at Harmarville Rehabilitation Center in Pittsburgh, where he and other REACT members operate a CB radio program for patients.

The Harmarville program is the third project Gracey began after implementing a radio communications program at the Veterans Administration hospitals in Pittsburgh. He began that program eight years ago when he was volunteering his services and observed how quiet two roommates became after they were together for a month.

"I went to the staff and said, 'Hey, we have to get these guys talking'," Gracey recalls.

With that, Gracey prepared a syllabus to teach a CB orientation course and established what has come to be known as the "Vet Net."

The program, sponsored and coordinated by the Pittsburgh North Hills REACT, Inc. Team #2844, trains veterans how to use the CBs. Team members also attach the CBs and antennas to the veterans' wheelchairs. In addition, they established contacts in the nearby community who would serve as a one-on-one communication link for each individual veteran.

The second communication program, again sponsored by North Hills, was established at another veterans hospital in Pittsburgh. This program began six years ago and was put into action by Gracey following the request of an employee who had read an article about the Vet Net.

North Hills REACT #2844 was the organization solely responsible for laying out the guidelines for the two veteran communication programs, as well as the program run two days a week at Harmarville Rehabilitation Center. The Harmarville program is more than four years old and began when a

Harmarville employee contacted Gracey after learning about the programs at a rehabilitation conference in Portugal.

The primary service provided is for spinal cord injury patients who are preparing to return to an active role in society, but instruction is available for any patient who is interested.

"For partially paralyzed people who will be transporting themselves," explains Gracey, "we teach them the proper way to use a CB radio in case of an emergency."

Patients get instruction ranging from how to use the CB radio to what all the CB lingo means. They first practice with instructional tapes that simulate being on the air, followed by actually practicing over the air on Tuesday nights.

Gracey sees it as a way to provide a new "window on the world" for disabled adults who can no longer get around and communicate as easily as they used to. He sees the therapy his organization provides as a two-way street. The patient feels good, and they in turn feel good.

"When I go home at night, I'm beat," says Gracey. "But I'm up. I really have a lot of fun and feel real good about what I'm doing."



Bill Gracey gives a final check on the newly mounted CB radio for a member of the Vet Net.



### Donations Deserve Recognition

Gopher State REACT #4570 MN .....	\$100.00
Andersons #4570 MN.....	\$16.00
Fort Hood Combined Federal Campaign, Fort Hood, TX.....	\$32.29
Philip Tregla, LM#254 NY ....	\$48.00

The above individual(s), Team(s), Council(s), and/or Company(ies) join the ranks of those who are helping REACT International. Thanks to them we can provide more voluntary public service.

WON'T YOU PLEASE HELP, TOO?!

All donations above \$20.00 are recognized in *The REACTer*.

## New 40 Channel Two-Way Radio From Midland



KANSAS CITY, MO. — Midland International has added a convenient and efficient 40 channel Ready Rescue emergency CB radio to its complete line of mobile, portable and base station CBs and accessories.

New Model 77-909 offers top performance, contemporary style and a convenient small size that makes the radio easy to stow

in a glovebox or under a seat. A one-touch Channel 9 memory button provides instant access to the emergency communications channel that can bring help fast on the road. The radio's other advanced features include ETR frequency control for pinpoint channel tuning accuracy, integrated circuit technology with state-of-the-art design, fully variable squelch control, and a new high intensity green LED readout system.

Separate up and down channel selector buttons with two speeds provide fast and convenient tuning. Included is a built-in condenser microphone for improved audio transmissions, a pre-tuned telescopic antenna with magnetic mount base, and a tough vinyl carrying case. The unit is available boxed and in clam packaging.

Midland's emergency and mobile radios are being supported with a national television advertising program.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CIRCLE NO. 1 ON READER SERVICE CARD.

## Two Watt VHF FM Handheld Transceiver

Fanon Courier introduces new TWO WATT VHF FM Handheld Transceiver. Fanon Courier announced the introduction of its new TWO WATT — Single Channel COURIER PROCOM with a range of better than two miles. PROCOM is a professional quality unit ideal for use on construction sites, in factories, on disaster sites, for emergency communications and by security personnel.

The COURIER PROCOM design specifications assure reliable performance with superior voice reproduction. PROCOM operates on business band frequencies and is available with a choice of one of the following three frequencies:

- Frequency A — 151.625 MHz
- Frequency B — 154.570 MHz
- Frequency C — 154.600 MHz

Each PROCOM comes with one set of installed crystals of one of the above frequencies. Also included is a rechargeable nicad battery pack, A.C. battery charger, flexible antenna and F.C.C. license application.

COURIER PROCOM features include an adjustable squelch control with tone squelch ON-OFF switch, volume control with power ON-OFF switch, jacks for A.C. charger and external antenna.

COURIER PROCOM is housed in a sturdy, high impact, plastic textured case and weighs about 1 lb. Its dimensions are 7"H x 2½"W x 1¾" deep. Suggested retail price \$199.95.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CIRCLE NO. 2 ON READER SERVICE CARD.



## New MFJ-109 World Time Clock with GMT Pointer

MFJ Enterprises, Inc. announces the release of a new MFJ-109 World Time Clock for \$18.95.

This new clock features a sliding indicator you can set to any of 24 international cities. It has a 24-hour world time display and a local time display with ¼" LCD digits.

It also has a Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) pointer for instant access to the international standard.

Other features include alarm with snooze, night light, adjustment for daylight savings time, date change indicator, suede-like carrying case and flip stand in an attractive gift box.

It comes with MFJ's one-year unconditional guarantee.

## New MFJ-1286 Gray Line DX Advantage for Personal Computers

The new MFJ-1286 Gray Line DX Advantage/Terminator (\$29.95) displays a detailed world map on your IBM or compatible computer.

It shows the moving Gray Line (day/night divider line) and the position of the sun over the earth. It can be customized to display any 24 locations and the correct 12 or 24 hour time at each.



Once started, it tracks the movement of the earth. It shows the Gray Line and sun positions change as time passes.

It works with all graphics: composite, Hercules, CGA, and EGA. It can be run alone or memory resident with other software.

By switching to a high speed display mode, you can set any date and time and watch solar/Gray Line positions change in increments of 2 minutes, 6 minutes, 1 hour, 1 day or 1 week.

It comes with a Land Mass Map, a latitude/longitude map and a third map that displays the 24 time zone divisions. CGA works with the Land Mass Map and lets you send the display to your printer.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CIRCLE NO. 3 ON READER SERVICE CARD.



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## □ Team Events

**#3622 Guadalupe County REACT, San Antonio, Texas**, has a member participating in the 1988 Paralympic Games held in conjunction with the 24th Olympiad in Seoul, Korea. The Paralympic Games give physically disabled athletes from around the world the same opportunity to compete internationally as their able-bodied counterparts. Tom Allred, one of the 500 representing the United States, is on the U.S. volleyball team. Tom, a double amputee, is Team Vice President.

**#2690 Twin City Emergency Communications, Lafayette, Indiana** helped line up the participants again in the 9th Annual Wabash River Raft Race on Sunday, August 28. The race route was a four-mile stretch along the Wabash River from the Davis Ferry Bridge, north of Lafayette to Mascouten Park in West Lafayette. Each year the race participants are faced with new obstacles, some of which are caused by the weather. Those obstacles can make getting to the river and the race difficult.

Last year we had too much rain, but this year we haven't had enough. So, the new obstacle was that some areas of the river were very shallow and some of the rafts were too large to pass through them. Due to the drought there were ten less crafts entered this year than last year. A total of 58 crafts were entered, carrying about 200 crew members. However, it was still considered a very good turnout.

TCEC provided security for the 28th Annual Home Hospital Fair and the Tippecanoe County Fairground on Friday, September 9 through Sunday, September 11. Other than one of our members helping an elderly gentleman with a cane to get into the car he was riding in, there were no emergencies reported to Control.

The TCEC members who together put in a total of 102 man hours working this event were Ed Coliver, Robert Hislope, Theresa Hislope, Curt Perkins, Betty Tyrie, James Tyrie, and Jamie Tyrie.

All proceeds from this year's fair were donated to Home Hospital's Ambulatory Surgery Areas.

**#4069 Effingham County REACT, Springfield, Georgia**, retired unit number 18 in memory of loyal and valued member, Lillie Mae Webb. At 6:00 a.m. on March 1, 1978 Mrs. Webb turned on her CB and claimed the honor of being the first radio operator to go on the air for REACT in Effingham County. Over the years, she has monitored and aided people with CB radio, accumulating 24,225 hours of monitoring time. Mrs. Webb rarely missed a Team function and was always involved in the true spirit of REACT, providing assistance to travelers and persons in need by way of radio communications.



*The first leg of the Reston Triathlon three-leg event began early in the morning with swimmers competing in the one mile swim. Herndon REACT #C332 Team member, William "Sparky" Rogers was one of the early arrivals. (photo by Bob Baird)*

**#C332 Herndon REACT, Vienna, Virginia**, once again, at the request of Triathlon officials, provided safety/emergency radio communications for the Reston Triathlon. Sponsored by the Reston Hospital Center the event drew 450 people ranging from teenagers to senior citizens. There were as many volunteers as participants, including 14 lifeguards, 75 or 80 "marshals" monitoring the bicycle route, 40 uniformed police officers, half-dozen medical personnel, 19 Herndon REACTers, and about 150 others handing out water or standing by to offer assistance. The event began with a one-mile swim at Lake Audubon, continued with a 23-mile bicycle race, and ended with a 6.2-mile run.

The event was on time but was marred by tragedy when officials could not account for

one swimmer at the completion of the swim race. As swimmers finished their swim and came out of the water, they turned over their race number, worn as a tag attached to their ankles, to waiting Triathlon officials and then grabbed their bicycles for the second leg of the event. When the last swimmer emerged from the water, officials began to worry. A single bicycle was left behind.

Triathlon officials determined from the number on the bicycle that the missing swimmer was a 17 year-old (male) high school junior. A Herndon REACT member remained on the scene until the Fairfax County Police divers determined the search would take many hours and little could be done but wait for police reports. The body of the youth was recovered from the Lake 9 days after the Triathlon.

**#C663 Douglas County REACT, Omaha, Nebraska**, was there when a fast moving storm developed over the central part of Omaha and produced three tornadoes that hit the west and central part of Council Bluffs, Iowa. The city was very lucky: damage was heavy, but no lives were lost, and the number of injuries was low.

The tornado was first spotted by Unit 19, Steve Beckman, while in route to a weather watch point. Steve had to get out of his truck and wait for it to pass over before reporting it. This was the first confirmed sighting. The warning was given, but the storm had reached Council Bluff by that time.

After the watch was cancelled, six to eight of our members were in Council Bluff Friday night and early Saturday morning, helping out with security patrol in the damage area. We were more than glad to help out and do our part for our neighbor city.

We have completed training of three new members, have visited with two more and have one more to complete his training. It is hoped that we can begin the process of growth again within our ranks and usage of the CB radio, as we feel there continues to be a need and use for the CB.

## Calendar of Events

**November 5 & 6** — The North Carolina REACT Council fourth quarter meeting will be held in Selma, N.C. Elections for 1989 will be held at this meeting.

**November 12** — Texas State REACT Council meeting in San Angelo, TX.

**November 13** — Kansas State Council of REACT Teams regular meeting 1:00 p.m. at Western Sizzlin Steakhouse, 1708 W. Crawford, Salina, Kansas.

**November 20** — Northern California REACT Council meeting, hosted by REACT of the Golden Gate #C373. Elections for 1989 will be held.

**December 11** — New Jersey Council of REACT Teams meeting at Somerville, NJ, hosted by Somerset County REACT.

**January 7-10, 1989** — Winter Consumer Electronics Show, Convention Center, Las Vegas, Nev. For more information (202) 457-8700.

**January 8** — Kansas Council of REACT Teams regular meeting and elections at 1:00 p.m. Western Sizzlin Steakhouse, 1708 W. Crawford, Salina, Kansas.

**February 19** — Northern California REACT Council meeting at Jamestown Community Center, Main Street, hosted by Tuolumne County REACT #C730.

**March 4** — Texas State REACT Council meeting, Lake Jackson.

## Deadlines

**November 1-30** — REACT Month

**December 1** — Deadline for the January/February REACTer.

**December 31** — Last day for Early Bird Team renewals for 1989. K40 Award 4th quarter nominations due.

**January 31, 1989** — Last day for all 1989 Team renewals.

**February 1-29** — Late fee of \$10 for 1989 Team renewals received during this period.

**February 29** — Last day for "undecided" Team members to renew.

## Disaster Aid Ordered for Texas

WASHINGTON — President Reagan declared a major disaster exists in Texas and ordered federal aid to assist people in the southern end of the state recover from the damaging side effects of Hurricane Gilbert which struck the area on September 16.

The President's action provides federal funding to supplement state and local recovery programs for individuals and businesses in Bexar, Cameron and Hidalgo counties. The areas were designated eligible for this aid by Julius W. Becton, Jr., director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), immediately following the declaration.

## Hurricane Gilbert

was like and what was going on down in the McAllen and Harlingen, Texas area. KTSA was given a short brief plus information on four tornado sightings in those south Texas cities.

Kingsville REACT Units attended post Hurricane Gilbert lessons learned meeting in the Court House chaired by Kleberg County Judge Mr. William C. McDaniel and the Civil Defense Director Mr. Merced G. Garcia. There were about 43 personnel present representing the agencies involved with Hurricane Gilbert emergency operations. Two individual ATTA-BOYS mentioned

The assistance, to be coordinated by FEMA, can include temporary housing for those whose homes are uninhabitable; grants for individuals and families; low interest loans to cover uninsured private and business property losses; and other programs to help return the stricken area to pre-disaster conditions.

Robert D. Broussard of FEMA's regional office in Denton, Texas, was named in the declaration to coordinate federal recovery operation in the affected area.

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by Judge McDaniel and Mr. Garcia went to Kingsville REACT #4682 for the rapid and excellent emergency communication support for the Hurricane Gilbert operations and to Mr. Merced G. Garcia for his single-handed hard work as the Civil Defense Director.

Most REACT Units were very busy on the 14th of Sept. getting their own homes and families ready for the hurricane. After those preparations were out of the way, REACT Community Service Duties came on line with full force and awareness making REACT a household word here in Kingsville, Texas.

## Team Events

**#C733 Lincoln Railsplitter REACT, Lincoln, Illinois**, has worked 10 different events on 20 different days in the last 5 months. One event, the Fair, involved 8 days. These commitments needed 705.5 "people-hours" to handle them.

**#1582 Louisville Metro REACT, Louisville, Kentucky**, manned a monitoring station during the entire Labor Day weekend. Located in a camping trailer parked beside the REACT GMRS and RACES repeaters

at the Hoisclaw Hill fire tower, members answered numerous calls for assistance. With an elevation of 887 feet, coverage was fantastic! Most of the calls were from motorists, including the first report of a fatal accident on I-71. REACT also relayed a gas station break-in report, which was handled by Louisville Police. Another report, involving a prowler in a rural Indiana barn was relayed to Indiana State Police.

**#C256 Jackson County REACT, Jackson, Michigan**, aided travelers at our July 4th weekend coffee break. During the 4 days we were at I-94 rest stop near Grass Lake, a local newspaper, *Citizen Patriot*, featured our Team in an article accompanied by a photo. The photo showed our President, Robert Earley (also President of the Michigan REACT Council) serving a cup of coffee to a traveler from Austria.

**#2609 Bay Area Emergency Radio (REACT), San Jose, California**, was spotlighted in a newspaper article. The *Downtown Post*, a local newspaper, gave a "behind the scenes" view of what REACT and specifically B.A.E.R. provides for the community.

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## Team Events

**#4683 Rockwell County REACT, Wylie, Texas**, has a major money in handling the concession at Texas Stadium. Over the last several months we have worked tractor pulls; moto-cross; concerts by Pink Floyd, Gloria Estefan and Miami Sound Machine; Boy Scout show; wrestling, and a concert to wipe out cancer for children. With the money earned we were able to purchase a trailer, a tent, and a copy machine.

Several Team members were involved in the First Annual Lake Lavon Clean-up. Over 150 volunteers picked up 7 tons of trash from the shoreline and roadside.

At our Memorial Day weekend rest stop we served 1000 cups of coffee and 6 cases of soft drinks along with numerous glasses of tea and lemonade. Team members answered 4 calls from the rest stop and had an accident of our own. Team member Billy Pruitt was injured as Team members struggled to keep our tent from collapsing during strong winds. He was checked at the hospital after he was stabbed by the center tent pole, had light bulbs shatter on him and struck on the back by a corner pole. He's fine now. The Team learned the value of the optional insurance available through REACT International!

Team members joined with several officials and volunteers in a search for a missing 10-year-old boy. We served food and drinks as well as participated in the search. The boy's body was found a week after he disappeared under the house where he was last seen.

July 4th found 7 of our members assisted Collin County REACT #3390, McKinney, Texas. They parked cars for the Fourth of July Spectacular, a fireworks show in McKinney.

Since July 1 we have gained 19 new members. We're looking forward to building our Team with more new dedicated people.



Rockwell County REACT #4683 set up for safety.

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**#2683 Sweetwater REACT, Sweetwater, Texas**, has a van donated by Southwestern Bell Telephone. It has been painted with REACT colors and signs, also donated. We're ready to roll and help where needed.

Member Mary Healer received the K40 Individual Award for first quarter. She made the front page of the Sweetwater Reporter.

We've monitored 3609 hours from June to August 31. We helped distribute commodities for the needy two days per month. We've added 5 new members.

At 1300 hours a hysterical caller broke Channel 9 requesting ambulance and jaws of life. The caller said it's a mess, children laying all over the road. Mary Healer quickly relayed the call. Within 6 minutes, ambu-

lances, jaws of life, and law enforcement officials were on the scene.

Plas went out for all the help they could get. Children were mixed in with twisted metal. Some were in the van which was mashed flat under a Coca-Cola truck. Large wreckers were called to lift the truck off the van while other wreckers pulled the van from under the truck. There were 5 deaths and 13 critically injured. Two helicopters from Lubbock air lifted the most critical to other hospitals.

Sweetwater and its community pulled together again in this disaster. That's what makes Sweetwater a top city in the U.S. People working together.

And that is what makes REACT GREAT: people helping people.

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July 24 to 27

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Contact the Holiday Inn Southeast I-90 exit Highway 12 & 18 East Madison, WI 53704, (608) 222-9121.

**Come early** for the Sunday night get acquainted tailgate party. The food includes grilled brats, hotdogs, salads, drinks and entertainment.

More surprises and special activities are planned. Look for more information in the next REACTer. Use the form below to request more information and a registration form.

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## NDTA will voluntarily support Civil Defense

WASHINGTON — The 7,500-member National Defense Transportation Association (NDTA) will provide voluntary support to state and local governments that request assistance in civil defense and other emergency planning.

NDTA President Norman C. Venzke agreed to provide the assistance under a memorandum of understanding co-signed by Julius W. Becton, Jr., director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The agreement cites portions of the National Security Decision Directive 259 which President Reagan signed in February, 1988. Among other provisions, the NSDD encourages voluntary participation by citizens and organizations to deal with crises which degrade or threaten national security.

According to the agreement document, members of the NDTA's 75 chapters represent the broadest cross-section of expertise on emergency transportation and logistics management in the free world.

FEMA is the principal point of contact within federal government for emergency planning, response and recovery from natural and man-made disasters, including an attack against the country. It supports state and local response efforts.

## Federal Aid Approved to Fight Oregon Fire

WASHINGTON — The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has authorized supplemental federal funds to help Oregon battle a fire which was determined to be a threat to populated areas in Josephine County.

FEMA approved the state's request for federal aid (August 26) to fight the Walker Mountain fire which began August 23 and has burned more than 1,000 acres of forest and grasslands.

Under the authorization, the agency will pay 70 percent of the state's eligible fire-fighting costs that are above \$623,600. The figure, called a floor cost, is derived through a formula based on the state's five-year annual average cost for fighting fires.

Federal fire suppression aid, provided by the President's Disaster Relief Fund, is made available to assist in fighting fires when they threaten to cause a major disaster. The agency said it could not estimate the amount of federal money that will be needed to quell the Walker Mountain fire.

## Federal Aid Approved to Fight Washington State Fire

WASHINGTON — The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has authorized supplemental federal funds to help Washington State battle a fire that is threatening the town of Entiat in Chelan County.

FEMA approved the state's request for federal aid (September 6) to fight the Dinkleman fire which began September 4 and has burned more than 35,000 acres of forest and grasslands.

Under the authorization, the agency will

pay 70 percent of the state's eligible fire-fighting costs that are above \$534,000. The figure, called a floor cost, is derived through a formula based on the state's five-year annual average cost for fighting fires.

Federal fire suppression aid, provided by the President's Disaster Relief Funds, is made available to assist in fighting fires when they threaten to cause a major disaster. The agency said it could not estimate the amount of federal money that will be needed to quell the Dinkleman fire.

## Disaster Aid Approved for California

WASHINGTON — President Reagan approved federal disaster aid for California to assist people in the northern part of the state recover from damages caused by wildfires which started on September 11.

The President's major disaster declaration opens the way for use of federal funds to supplement state and local relief efforts in Nevada, Shasta, Solano and Yuba Counties. The areas were designated eligible for assistance to individuals, families and business owners by Julius W. Becton, Jr., director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), immediately after the declaration.

Federal aid can include temporary

housing, grants, low-interest loans to cover uninsured property and business losses, and other programs to help fire victims recover from the affects of the disaster.

FEMA and state disaster survey officials reported that more than 150 homes were destroyed by the wildfires which burned nearly 78,000 acres of forest and grasslands and caused the evacuation of over 4,000 people. Numerous other residences and businesses sustained varying degrees of damage, they said.

Joseph G. Del Monte of FEMA's regional office in San Francisco was named to coordinate federal recovery activities in the stricken area.



## NHTSA Publishes Final Reports on Ride Service Programs to Discourage Drunk Driving

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has published a user's guide dealing with ride service programs. Such programs are designed to provide motorists who have been drinking with a safe ride home without injuring themselves or others. The guide contains information that should be useful to state and local planners, including types of ride service programs available, operating methods, resources required, and possible problems and recommended solutions.

Also, a final technical report was published that should aid those readers who need more details about the study, including the methods used to identify ride service programs and to collect and analyze program information.

According to NHTSA, ride service programs, usually called "Dial-A-Ride" or "Safe

Rides," can perform a valuable service to the community by providing a convenient alternative to driving while under the influence of alcohol.

The user's guide, entitled "A User's Guide to Ride Service Programs" (DOT HS 807 291) and the technical report, entitled "The Assessment of Ride Service Programs as an Alcohol Countermeasure" (DOT HS 807 290) can be obtained from the National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Rd., Springfield, VA, 22161. "A Directory of Ride Service Programs" (DOT HS 807 146), which provides information on key features and program spokespersons for 325 programs from 44 states and the District of Columbia, is available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

## Transportation Department, Seat Belt Council, Honor Richard Petty

Race car legend Richard Petty, long an advocate of safety belt use in motor vehicles, was honored Sept. 15, 1988 by Secretary of Transportation Jim Burnley and the American Seat Belt Council.

Petty, the "winningest" driver in stock car racing history, was presented with the Secretary's Award for Outstanding Public Service for his "continuing efforts to encourage and promote traffic safety."

Petty also was presented with the "Saved by the Belt" award by Charles H. "Chuck" Pulley, the president of the American Seat Belt Council.

The North Carolina race driver, who recently celebrated his 30th anniversary in racing, accepted his awards at a ceremony in the DOT headquarters building in Washington.

Last February, Petty received only minor injuries in a severe crash during the Daytona 500 race and he has survived other high-speed crashes because he was protected by safety belts.

The Secretary's Award cites Petty for his safety accomplishments and reads, in part, "Your personal and professional use of automobile safety belts influences millions of Americans. Further, by emphasizing highway safety in your public appearances you contribute immeasurably to the goal of an accident-free transportation system."

Secretary Burnley praised Petty for his "serious commitment to safety both on and off the racetrack and for sending a positive message that safety belt use is the single most important precaution motorists can take."

The American Seat Belt Council instituted the "Saved by the Belt" award as a reminder



of the effectiveness of safety belts in preventing deaths and serious injuries in crashes.

In presenting the award to Petty, Pulley said the race car driver joins more than 8,000 survivors on the rolls of the American Seat Belt Council-sponsored "Saved by the Belt" clubs nationwide, including boxing champ Sugar Ray Leonard and recording star Barbara Mandrell.

Surveys conducted by the Department of Transportation show that safety belt use in the U.S. has increased dramatically in the last few years. Today, 42 percent of front seat occupants use belts and the increase in belt use is credited with saving 8,000 lives between 1983 and 1987. Thirty-two states and the District of Columbia have passed belt laws and all states require children to be protected in a child safety seat.

### Rear-seat lap belts and correct safety belt use

Recent publicity about the safety of rear-seat lap belts may have given the public the idea that no safety belt is better than a lap-only belt. Here is some information which may help you deal with questions that come up in your education programs.

### LAP-BELT FACTS

- A passenger is nine times more likely to survive a crash or escape serious injury if wearing a lap belt.

- Rear-seat lap belts are approximately 32 percent more effective in preventing fatalities than non-use.
- Rear-seat lap belts are approximately 36 percent more effective in reducing injuries than non-use.
- Rear-seat lap belts are approximately 40 percent effective nonfrontal crashes.
- Lap/shoulder safety belts already are available in many new domestically produced passenger cars and will be available in virtually all models by the 1990 model year.
- Last year, 2,077 rear-seat passenger-car occupants died in traffic crashes. Of those, 18 percent wore belts and 82 percent were unrestrained.
- Lap belts saved an estimated 100 lives and prevented more than 1,500 serious injuries in 1987.
- If belt use was 100 percent, lap belts would have saved an estimated 660 lives and prevented more than 10,000 serious injuries last year.
- The fatality risk of passengers using rear-seat lap belts is estimated to be 24 to 40 percent lower than that of unbelted back-seat passengers.

Statistics are from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

## REACT Amateur Radio Club Project

Hurricane Gilbert demonstrated the obvious marriage of Ham radio with REACT, providing another source of communications to compliment CB. (See the story on REACT's involvement in Hurricane Gilbert.)

REACT General Manager Ron Mayes recently met with Fred Breiding and Al Hansen in St. Louis, Mo. about establishing a REACT Amateur net to provide vital reports back to REACT Intl HQ during disasters. During such times of disaster telephone lines are either down or jammed and Citizens Band or GMRS is not intended for long distance communication. Thus REACT Amateur members in the affected areas could relay the activities and involvement of local REACT back to REACT HQ in Wichita, Kansas. This way REACT International could provide national media reports of REACT involvement in the disasters on a timely basis—when the media wants it, instead of after the fact when its yesterdays news.

Such national exposure would be of tremendous benefit to REACT's public service image.

REACT Amateur Radio Club members should immediately contact Fred Breiding, 211 Hereford Ave, Ferguson, Mo. 63135 (314) 524-0834 and offer their amateur capabilities towards establishing this net.

REACT members who are amateur operators may join the REACT Amateur Radio Club by requesting and completing a registration form with REACT International HQ. There are no additional dues or fees. Subsequently there are no special cards or acknowledgement. Club members do hold a luncheon and meeting(s) at the International Convention.

For more information about the club please contact Fred Breiding or Edward W.N. "Ned" Smith, Board of Director in charge of the communications task groups.

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## □ Team Events

**#2800 Manhattan REACT, Manhattan, Kansas**, mourned the loss of member Marian R. Johnson. Helping friends and neighbors were an important part of her life. She preferred to do things for others, rather than have things done for her. For the Team Marian served as Assistant Treasurer, Vice President, headed several fund-raising drives, a member of many committees, and was Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. She served as delegate to the Kansas REACT Council, attending all three annual State Conferences held. Marian Johnson also was a member of the Board of Directors (and was the unofficial conscience of the Board, keeping the Directors in line).

**#C161 Alleghany Valley REACT, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**, together with **#2141 United Valley REACT (Beaver Falls)**, **#2844 North Hills REACT (Glenshaw)**, and **#3920 Armstrong County REACT (Ford City)** once again supported The Great Ride. We provided communications for the bicycling event that raises funds for Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh. REACT received several mentions in the souvenir booklet and in feature articles in the *Pittsburgh Press*.

We were joined by **North Hills REACT** to provide communications and security at the Shadyside Summer Art Festival. Over 400 hours were volunteered. We found "misplaced parents" and lost cars — people park them, then forget where. At one time the car, the driver, and the passenger were all separated. But we got them all together!

**A New Concept in Marathon safety Dodge County REACT #2750, Fremont, NE**, recently unveiled a new concept in marathon safety for runners, walkers, bicycles, etc.

The Team has begun utilizing diamond shaped signs mounted in wire stands that fit into wooden braces for use on road surfaces. The signs are white, with red lettering, printed on both sides with "Slow — Runners/Walkers Ahead — Thank You! Dodge County REACT."

Wayne Stanley, Special Projects Officer, who developed the concept and designed the signs, says the idea came out of the blue. "One day, I was sitting at my computer thinking about the various road signs and their functions, and I thought 'why not a portable road sign for sporting events?' and, using my computer I designed what I thought was the perfect sign. As it turned out, the Team thought so, too."

A Fremont sign company, Granger Graphics, produced the signs as a donation



to the Team. The signs would have ordinarily cost around \$25 each.

Comments have been received from motorists and marathon participants and organizers as well as local law enforcement personnel. All comments have been positive, both about the signs and the purpose they serve.

As an added bonus, the signs also provide some very valuable public relations for Dodge County REACT. Everyone who sees the signs knows that the Team is assisting with the project.

All in all, a very worthwhile idea!

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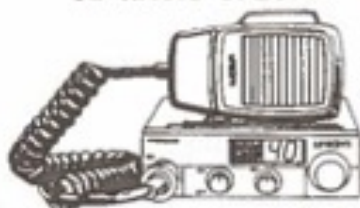
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**#4719 Mabuhay REACT Network Glendale, California** has 25 members who have undergone the CPR Modular Systems Seminar on August 28, 1988 conducted by the American Red Cross, LA Chapter. The seminar is a part of the continuing project of the Team to broaden the skills of each

member during emergencies. The Team has also completed a seminar on CB Procedures and is earmarked to attend a course on Disaster/Relief Assistance in October, 1988. Photo above shows part of the class during actual lessons of the CPR seminar.

## □ Team Events

**#2037 Peninsula REACT, Newport News, Virginia, and #C-53 Tidewater, REACT, Portsmouth, Virginia,** assisted the 100,000 visitors to this year's Bay Days celebration in Hampton, Virginia. A combined effort of 12 from Peninsula and 6 from Tidewater used CB, GMRS, and VHF Business radio services for a coordinated communications network. During the three days REACTers found 17 lost children, provided first aid for 15 people and even returned a stray dog to its rightful owner. Hampton Police made only a total of 24 arrests, mainly drunk and disorderly conduct in public. The low figures are contributed to the extra eyes and ears of REACT. The Teams' assistance in locating lost children and helping any way possible made it one of the safest Bay Day celebrations on record, according to Lt. R.L. Tugwell of the Hampton Police Department. Public service through communications was a key factor to the Hampton Roads area — to prove once again that REACT is an important part of the community.

**#2336 New River Valley REACT, Radford, Virginia,** started our "Christmas in July" project in 1986. The purpose is to provide clothing, shoes, toys, and school supplies for the most needy children in our community so they may be better prepared to start school.

We first contacted the local Social Service Department for 20 names of children in the most need. These names were then put on individual cards, along with the child's age, clothing size, and shoe size. Also included on the card was the date, time, location of the "Christmas in July" party and instructions on where to deliver the gifts.

These cards were then attached to Christmas trees and placed with local merchants. Patrons took a card(s) from the tree, bought and wrapped the gifts (in Christmas wrapping paper), then delivered them to the location indicated on the card. If a patron was unable to deliver the gifts, a telephone number was included on the cards and we would arrange to pick up the gifts.

Santa arrived in full attire at the party. The children's parents as well as participating patrons were invited. After the children ate, Santa and his helpers handed out the gifts. To see the children opening their gifts was the highlight of the project.

By 1988 this project has grown to include 41 children with an estimated \$7500 spent on gifts. Our local citizens have supported this project with very little cost to our Team.

Everyone is looking forward to next year's annual event at which time we hope to expand and include even more children. For additional information send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: New River Valley REACT Inc. #2336, Box 3714 FSS, Radford, VA 24143.

**#4643 Maricopa County REACT, Peoria, Arizona,** was contacted by VFW Post 1433 of Glendale, Arizona, when they decided to become active as volunteers. After a meeting of the two organizations, the Post decided to not only sponsor the Team, but found that nearly 30 of their members wanted to join the Team. This will be a 300 percent increase to the Team's membership roster.

The VFW Post will donate their storage building for Team use. The plan is to establish a base radio station manned 24 hours a day. "My dream comes true," said Frank Johnson, President of the Team, "a permanent home for the Team." The VFW will support the Team financially until it becomes self-sustaining. The Post will also provide the personnel to man the radio station.

## The Winners of the Shakespeare REACT Membership Drive Contest

And the winners are . . .

Order Shown ( )	# Members	Gain, Team #, State.	
(8)	C176 Arizona	(5) 4656 Maryland *	(3) 4522 Ohio *
(26)	4719 California	(6) C238 Michigan	(6) 2620 Oklahoma
(5)	4577 Florida	(4) 2538 Minnesota	(10) C604 Pennsylvania
(11)	4718 Georgia	(4) C263 Missouri	(3) 3153 South Carolina
(3)	3038 Iowa	(15) 2804 North Carolina	(25) 4683 Texas
(6)	3556 Illinois	(16) C652 Nebraska	(4) C109 Virginia *
(11)	4666 Indiana	(3) 3265 New Hampshire	(9) 4578 Wisconsin
(3)	2800 Kansas	(5) 4644 New Jersey	(3) 4686 West Virginia
(13)	4725 Massachusetts	(3) 4096 Nevada	(7) 4027 Puerto Rico



533 New members joined during the Shakespeare REACT membership drive contest. 28 Teams in their respective states will receive Shakespeare's newly designed Big Stick Gold Band Base Antenna model #376 GB valued at \$89.95. A new Team in California #4719 added 26 new members, the highest. Three states (Maryland, Ohio and Virginia) had to go to the tie breaker of greatest percentage gain. Several Teams really went for the win but were beat by one member. Special mention goes to #4698 in

Texas who had 24 and lost by one. All Teams won by receiving membership promotion materials. We appreciate the efforts made by the approximately 125 Teams who signed up new members during the contest period. These Teams will get a chance at more prizes in the REACT Membership Renewal Lottery. Remember you receive a chance for each ten percent increase in members over the number of registered members as of June 88.

# INFORMATION FORM

Please use this form to change information concerning the members of your Team or for the Team itself. You may photocopy for duplicate copies. Send to: REACT International, 242 Cleveland, Wichita, Kansas 67214.

## — Information Change Form —

New  Renew  Address Change  Status Change  Name Change  Drop: Reason \_\_\_\_\_

For:  Team  Member

Team #

Member Computer ID Number

New Status (RFJL)

### NEW INFORMATION

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Member Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (Month/Year) \_\_\_\_\_ Sex  M  F

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### OLD INFORMATION

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

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

## Midwest REACT Convention A Success — Sept. '88



About forty people from Texas, Kansas, Missouri, Minnesota and Nebraska attended the First Annual Midwest REACT Conference. The Guest Keynote Speaker was Christene White, International President and Chairman of the Board. The full program included speakers on Operation Lifesaver, Hazardous Materials, REACT International Programs and a Round Robin. Ron Mayes, International General Manager, showed several prototype REACT jackets, shirts and hats gathering the attendees input. A coffee and donuts tour of the REACT Headquarters office enabled all to see our operations and

purchase items from REACT supply. The winner of the "REACT Big Spender of the Week" award was Dick Pratz Life Membership chairman. All agreed it was a great conference and have set next year's conference date of September 29 - October 1, 1989 in Wichita, Kansas. A convention group (8x10 color photo) is available for \$6.00 to attendees. Sedgwick County REACT #4208 and the Kansas REACT Council extends their appreciation to all those who attended and look forward to seeing everyone back next year.

## Michigan REACT Convention — Sept. '88



Approximately 30 people attended the convention along with special guest Ron Mayes, REACT International General Manager and John Leist, Ohio State Council President. A well rounded program included speakers on Operation C.A.R.E. and Emergency Management and several workshops. Door prizes were many including some very attractive REACT latch hook items. (See the photo for an example.) Ron

Mayes was the Keynote Speaker informing all about the Convention news and answering questions from the attendees. The food was great! Said Ron and John, John was always the first in line. Ron said special thanks go to all the planners, especially Paul Veen, who made his stay a memorable one.

Best wishes to the new '89 Council Officers elected.



## K40 — REACT Achievement Award

The results for the second quarter 1988 are in! The Team winner is REACT of Wells County, Inc. #4611. The individual winner is Terrell Bunch. Terry was declared winner after a tie breaker was cast.

REACT of Wells County #4611, Bluffton Indiana, was chartered September 18, 1984. The Team has seven members and monitored 12,728 hours the past twelve months. That averages 80% plus on 24 hour coverage. The Team has attended four out of four state Council meetings, sent delegates to the 1987 and 1988 REACT International Conventions, and paid expenses for all members to attend the last four Indiana State REACT Conventions. One Team member is 2nd Vice President of Indiana State Council; another is president of Indiana Sub-Council #5. Members serve on the Indiana Council's Convention Committee and Bylaws Committee. One member is on the Allen-Wells Chapter of the American Red Cross Board of Directors and is Wells County Civil Defense Assistant Director. Others are on the Red Cross disaster assistance team and Civil Defense shelter management. The Team works with city and county on disaster planning and helps transport hospital and nursing home personnel to work during county emergencies. REACT of Wells County is very involved in the county INCERT program with Indiana State Police. The Team is registered with the Better Business Bureau and is a member of the Bluffton Chamber of Commerce and the Wells Tourism Council.

Terry Bunch, the individual winner, is a member of the winning Team. He has been a member of REACT for 8 years. He started as a member of Wells County REACT and, when it disbanded in 1984, helped to form a new Team, REACT of Wells County, Inc., which became Indiana's 1986 Team of the Year. He has been the top monitor on both Teams from the time he joined REACT, with 4,076 hours monitored on base radio of CB Channel 9 for the last twelve months. Terry won Indiana Council President's Award for dedicated service to Indiana Council in 1983 and REACTer of the Year in 1984.

Terry has served as various Team and Council officers. He was instrumental in getting new Council bylaws written and in introducing a new Council meeting schedule in an effort to gain more member participation. For his Team he put together the booklet, "Is REACT for You?"

Runners-up for the individual award are: Don Perry, Salem Area REACT #4397, Salem, Oregon; Tom Key, Danville REACT #C001, Danville, Illinois; William Cornelius, Alcorn County REACT #4658, Corinth, Mississippi.

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