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## ☐ Team Events

Banner year for **Grand Island REACT #2746**. During 1989 we have picked up nine new members and another membership drive is in the works. Our team has become a solid, well-oiled work force. Our adventures of 1989 will attest to that.

During the year we have been given a lot of positive support and advertising from the radio stations in the area. We have had numerous interviews aired and been given the opportunity to sit in at one station during storm watches to keep an eye on their radar screen. Our meeting dates are aired a week in advance through the radio stations and by the local newspaper. Our exposure has been increased many fold.

We have had many good opportunities to be visible to the public in 1989. We started off the warm months with a coffee break along I-80 during the Memorial Day weekend. We had 1358 people sign our guest book including three from Denmark and

seven from Switzerland. Along with this exposure, we are certain the mention in the last *REACT*er letters was talking about our coffee breaks.

With the cooperation of Howard Maxon of the Hall Co./Grand Island Civil Defense Office we now have a working spotter network for the surrounding area. We always had a network but now we have a well planned system. We had two separate practice runs before the tornado season. Both were a success. Now all our members know all the locations and can be called to occupy any one of them at any given time. We have participated in three Tornado Watches this year with two of them prompting warnings turned in by REACT spotters.

We have also participated in numerous runs and bicycle events this year. There was the Stuhr Run, GI Joggers-Home Federal Run, Bill Seymour Half Marathon, The

Heritage Zoo Bike-a-Thon and a 20 KM Bicycle Race.

Traffic control for parades is another way we help out. We had the Eagles Club Parade and the Harvest of Harmony Parade last October 7. Our fund raisers for the year include two alcohol Free Teen dances and our annual Fall Craft Fair held in October.

Our most demanding event of the year was to help in security and communications during the Nebraska Viet Nam Veterans Reunion. As a part of the reunion, the portable wall was set up at Fonner Park. We provided 24-hour communications for the entire week. A total of 397.5 hours were logged that week.

As stated in the beginning, this has been a banner year. We are hoping the rest of the year has as many exposure opportunities as the beginning has had. We are hoping to grow a little more during the coming year. There is one new member application being processed at the present time and we hope to have more in the near future.

Grand Island REACT has indeed been busy, but along with the work we have had a lot of fun. We can only dream of this much exposure every year. Sometimes the hours are long and you think to yourself that you're not accomplishing a thing, and then all of a sudden something happens to turn your thoughts to the positive and you are proud to be part of REACT. So always remember to keep your thoughts as positive as possible and have as much fun as you can along with the work and always **REACT**.

## Membership Renewals are DUE!

Teams have until **January 31, 1990** (postmark deadline) to mail in their Teams initial renewal and qualify for the REACT Renewal Lottery. After January 31, Teams who have not renewed will be considered late and assessed a late handling fee of \$10 for February or \$20 for March. Remember Team benefits, *The REACT*er,

and insurance expire on December 31 and are reinstated only upon receipt of Renewal prior to April 1, 1990. After this date a new Team Charter application is required.

'89 Team members on hold or undecided for 1990 have until February 28 to renew and still receive their March/April *REACT*er edition.



## Lottery Prizes

As of press time we have the following REACT Renewal Lottery Prizes:

QTY	ITEM	DONOR
1	Win—Charger battery charger	Wintenna, Inc.
1	Model 910 CB antenna	Wintenna, Inc.
12	5013-5 antennas	Shakespeare E&F Div.
4	SCB Red	Hustler Antennas
4	Mon-52 scanner antennas	The Antenna Specialists
4	M-710 Formula One antennas	The Antenna Specialists
4	M-711 Formula One antennas	The Antenna Specialists
1	40-chl CB w/weather monitor	Midland International
1	CB Base station	Midland International
1	CB antenna	Midland International
<b>33</b>	<b>TOTAL PRIZES SO FAR!</b>	

## On the Cover . . .

US Air Force Thunderbirds and Grand Island Nebraska REACT #2746 performing with pride.

July 1989, Grand Island REACT Team performed communications, security, finding lost parents, and ticket sales for the Thunderbirds' Air Show. The organization Aviation Awareness, Inc., was promoting the local show to help with aviation awareness. The Team was thrilled to help the event organizers, and their community, while meeting the elite Thunderbird pilots and crew. The show also provided an excellent opportunity to show off the new colors and paint scheme of the Teams Mobile Emergency Communications vehicle. The three color, black, white and orange, pattern makes the vehicle very easy to recognize and lets everyone know REACT is there to help. Another show is being planned for next year along with the help of Grand Island REACT.



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## FCC NEWS

### FCC Proposes New Personal Emergency Locator Transmitter Service (PR Docket 89-599)

The Commission has proposed the establishment of a Personal Emergency Locator Transmitter Service (PELTS), that would provide individuals in remote areas with a means of alerting others of an emergency situation and to help search and rescue personnel locate those in distress.

The Commission pointed out that a growing number of persons are participating in outdoor activities resulting in an increased number of situations requiring immediate emergency assistance. For example, nine teenage climbers were caught in a severe unexpected storm on Oregon's Mt. Hood, and lost their lives; and, in Breckenridge, CO, four skiers lost their lives after being buried by an avalanche. These examples illustrate the need for a compact and reliable means of emergency communications in remote areas because these individuals might have been saved if rescuers had been able to quickly locate them.

The Commission has two objectives in establishing the PELTS. The first objective is to provide for an area wide, centrally coordinated radio communications system for use by the general public in remote areas thereby reducing response time in emergency situations. The second objective is to reduce the illegal use of Emergency Locator Transmitters (ELTs) and Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRBs) as personal locating beacons. ELTs and EPIRBs are emergency radiobeacons used to assist search and rescue units in locating downed aircraft and vessels in distress.

PELTS would consist of a base station and associated portable (mobile) units. Eligibility

would be limited for a base station license but not limited for mobile operations. Base station operations would be restricted to governmental agencies and private organizations whose primary function is search and rescue, or those recognized by governmental entities to perform search and rescue. This will ensure that base station use will be limited to distress and assistance communications.

The Commission proposed to use the newly allocated 220-222 MHz band for the PELTS. Specifically, it proposed to allocate five frequency pairs (50 kHz) to PELTS. The Commission believes that it should provide sufficient spectrum to develop a personal emergency communications service that would permit two-way voice communications between individuals, base stations and search and rescue units, as well as emergency alerting and homing capabilities. Moreover, a new radio service in the newly allocated 220-222 MHz band will have a limited impact on existing users.

Finally, in order to increase the utility of the equipment and to improve the efficiency of the search and rescue operations, the Commission proposed technical standards and design specifications for PELTS equipment. These parameters will offer the public some assurance that the equipment is safe and likely to perform its intended function regardless of the user's location or the equipment's manufacturer.

Action by the Commission December 12, 1989, by Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FCC 89-342). Commissioners Sikes (Chairman), Quello, Marshall and Barrett.

## the REACTer

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### The REACTer for Visually Handicapped

The REACTer is available to visually handicapped on tapes!

Travis County REACT (TX) has two visually impaired members who were unable to enjoy *The REACTer* as many others often do. The Team contacted the Austin Office of Recording for the Blind Society, Inc. (RFB) and arranged for *The REACTer* to be made available on tape. When a snag in the recording process developed due to a shortage of volunteers, the Team volunteered to provide their own members to

assist in making the recordings.

REACT members who would like to take advantage of *The REACTer* on tape must contact the Recording for the Blind Society, Inc., 404 West 30th Street, Austin, Texas 78705.

PLEASE NOTE: There is a fee of \$25.00 to register for RFB in addition to meeting certain eligibility qualifications. There are 32 RFB offices nationwide who provide educational and other materials on tape for the visually handicapped.

**PLAN NOW TO ATTEND**  
1990 REACT International Convention  
Spokane, Washington



# HEADQUARTERS REPORT

What REACT International has done for you this past couple of months, 1st Period, October 15th to December 31st.

- Received 2,200 total inquiries from 10/15 to 12/30/89. Modern Maturity, 1768; pop can, 386; other, 46.
- Mailed/answered 7,065 inquiries 10/17 to 12/31/89
- As a result, over 150 additional inquiries have joined REACT
- Staff processed 305 orders for REACT Teams and members
- Registered 360 new members and affiliates and chartered 5 new teams
- Handled team renewals, two special board mailings to team and the December team topics.

Special Notices to teams from the Board of Directors were mailed on December 4 and then December 20 via first class mail. The December 20 letter read as follows:

TO: REACT Teams and Councils  
FROM: James E. Bear, President  
SUBJECT: Team Charter Update Agreement

From the telephone calls and mail the Board and Headquarters have received, it seems we didn't do enough homework on this matter, especially on the subject of dissolution. In other words, we blew it.

We are withdrawing the requirement for rechartering as a condition for the 1990 renewal herewith. You do not have to sign or return the agreement with your renewal for it to be processed. We intend to go back to square one, review the entire matter, and report to the membership as soon as possible. In the meantime, we ask you to follow the existing renewal process and requirements.

Bob Stone has already reviewed the subject with a CPA, and two facts stand out. First, while no Team is required to operate under the group letter from REACT International, there is no question but what it is

easier for you to get and maintain 501(c)(3) status if you do so. Second, REACT International is required by the IRS to exercise oversight of each Team operating under the International group letter. What this means as a practical matter in terms of workload at Headquarters, we don't yet fully understand.

We are holding our annual meeting in Washington, D.C., in mid-February. By the conclusion of that meeting we hope to have answers to the questions many of you have raised, and we'll communicate promptly.

I would like to personally apologize for any confusion, frustration, and anger that may have been caused by the Board's action. I can only assure you our intentions were well-placed and I will work to demonstrate that we can develop a program which will respect the importance of your Team's place in the REACT family, yet maintain protection over the benefits of membership in that family.

The REACT Board of Directors and staff extend to you our best wishes for a happy and safe holiday and our hopes for a prosperous new year.

## IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR TEAMS WHO ARE CONSIDERING NOT RENEWING FOR 1990.

### Is this your last REACTer?!

Teams and members who do not renew by February 28 with REACT International will not receive their March/April REACTer. Remember, this is the big issue with lots of new radio products introduced at the Winter Consumer Electronics Show. Late renewals can miss an issue or two of the REACTer. Don't miss out! Renew Today!

Special close out house cleaning specials.

TEAM CONTACT DIRECTORY: 'Big Savings' Was \$5.00 each. Now 3.75 each plus S&H. 10 for \$35.00 plus S&H. \*Real

Deal\* case lot -- 76 directories for \$240.00 plus S&H. Each Directory weighs 14 oz 10 = 9 lbs. 76 = 67 lbs. Please refer to the current catalog and order form for more details. Present S&H rates are \$2.85 for the first pound and \$.50 each thereafter.

COLLECTABLE REACTer MAGAZINES. 10 issues per bundle for only \$20.00 includes S&H. 10 or more bundles are only \$18.00 each. These are printer overruns and include one each of the following issues: J/F87, M/A87, N/D87, J/F88, M/A88, M/J88, J/A88, N/D88, M/A89, and on additional copy.

To order, use the current supply order form or a reasonable substitute. Phone orders are accepted with a credit card (MC/Visa).

THE TEAM RENEWAL LOTTERY PRIZE LIST IS GROWING! Here's what has been committed so far:

- 1 — Win-Charger battery charger  
Wintenna, Inc.
- 1 — Model 910 CB antenna  
Wintenna, Inc.
- 12 — 5013-5 antennas  
Shakespeare E&F Div.
- 4 — SCB Red  
Hustler Antennas
- 4 — Mon-52 scanner antennas  
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- 1 — CB Base station  
Midland International
- 1 — CB antenna  
Midland International

## ATTENTION: New England Area Teams

Aroostook County REACT #4094 would like to hear from all New England area teams interested in having a regional conference.

Please contact: Jim Koritzky  
Aroostook County REACT #4094,  
P.O. Box 2272, Bangor, Maine  
04401-9998.

## New Teams Chartered

- 4763 West Volusia County REACT  
Deland, FL  
10-16-89
- 4764 Rincon Emergency REACT  
Team  
Rincon, PR  
11-8-89
- 4765 REACT Radio Emergency  
Team  
Bronx, NY  
11-14-89
- 4766 Metropolitan REACT  
Cleveland, OH  
11-27-89
- 4767 Central Arizona REACT  
Glendale, AZ  
12-20-89



## Donation Deserve Recognition

We appreciate the \$25.00 donation from PULASKI COUNTY REACT #2446 in Winamac, Indiana. This contribution has been earmarked for our Legal Fund.

## 20 Largest Teams in North America

RANKING			Team No.	Name	State	Mbrs.	Change From 88
89	88	87					
1	1	1	C475	Southwestern REACT	S.CA	125	+22
2	2	3	C373	REACT of Golden Gate	N.CA	82	-2
3	3	2	C622	Dallas County REACT	TX	86	-13
4	4	N/R	3335	Richmond County REACT	S.NY	63	+4
5	N/R	N/R	4719	Mabuhay REACT	S.CA	60	+23
6	N/R	N/R	C022	Hagerstown REACT	MD	59	+13
7	6	N/R	4683	Rockwall County REACT	TX	58	+4
8	10	6	4208	Sedgwick County REACT	KS	56	+7
9	N/R	N/R	4644	Action Emergency Comms.	NJ	53	+21
9	N/R	N/R	2904	Spokane County REACT	WA	53	+11
9	5	N/R	2503	Seattle REACT	WA	53	-4
10	N/R	N/R	2609	Bay Area Emergency Radio	N.CA	49	+9
11	7	N/R	2263	Logan REACT & Rescue	W.VA	48	-4
12	9	6	3366	Rainier REACT Radio Watch	WA	47	-3
13	N/R	N/R	C263	Three Rivers REACT	MO	46	+14
13	12	N/R	3410	Suburban REACT	PA	46	N/C
14	N/R	N/R	2620	Oklahoma County REACT	OK	5	+4
14	N/R	N/R	C332	Herndon REACT	VA	45	-3
14	N/R	N/R	2036	Michigan Patrol	MI	45	+2
15	N/R	N/R	1582	Louisville Metro REACT	KY	44	+30

### LARGEST INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATE TEAMS

RANKING			Team No.	Name	Country	Mbrs.	Change From 88
89	88	87					
1	1	N/R	5100	Tia Sweden Gotland REACT	Sweden	154	+18
2	2	N/R	5101	Tia Sweden Svealand	Sweden	68	-3
3	N/R	N/R	5102	Tia Sweden Norrland	Sweden	43	+11
4	N/R	N/R	5015	Huntington REACT	UK	34	N/C

## 18 Largest State Councils

RANKING		State/Council	MEMBERS			TEAMS		
89	88		89	88	Diff	89	88	Diff
1	2	Southern California	802	786	+16	36	37	-1
2	1	Ohio	744	871	-127	42	48	-6
3	3	Texas	655	766	-111	33	35	-2
4	4	Pennsylvania	597	632	-35	38	41	-3
5	5	Northern California	541	576	-35	30	32	-2
6	7	Virginia	537	514	+23	26	24	+2
7	8	Michigan	512	501	+11	29	28	+1
8	6	Indiana	503	569	-66	38	39	-1
9	9	Florida	419	418	+1	30	30	N/C
10	11	Washington	366	372	-6	17	19	-2
11	10	North Carolina	359	403	-34	23	23	N/C
12	13	Maryland	346	324	+22	19	19	N/C
13	12	Illinois	332	368	-46	23	27	-4
14	N/R	Puerto Rico	292	243	+49	21	16	+5
15	N/R	New Jersey	283	217	+66	15	13	+2
16	N/R	Southern New York	281	218	+63	13	10	+3
17	14	Upstate New York	268	305	-37	18	20	-2
18	15	Wisconsin	246	274	-28	15	15	N/C

### INTERNATIONAL COUNCILS/AFFILIATES

RANKING	Country	89 MEMBERS			89 TEAMS		
		89	88	Diff	89	88	Diff
1	United Kingdom	342	387	-45	22	25	-3
2	Sweden/Tia	265	239	+26	3	3	N/C
3	Canada	246	218	+28	17	16	+1

Ranking based upon total number of members in the Teams in Council Statistics as of 12-1-89.  
NOTE: California and New York have more than one Council.

## 1989 Ending Figures REACT Total Membership

	1989	1988	1987
Total Teams	687	718	751
Total Team Members	11,301	11,960	12,670
REACT Affiliates	400	47	N/A
	16.45	16.66	16.87

NOTE: All three years International Dues remained the same \$12.00 regular and \$10.00 Family and Junior Membership.





## Publicizing REACT

by Bob Riechel

Publicity, Public Relations, whatever you want to call it, will exist regardless of whether you try to get it to happen or not. Your REACT Team will be affected by this publicity. Your Team should maximize the effectiveness of this Public Relations. You all are a member of your Public Relations Committee whether you know it or not. Everything you do generates Public Relations. There should be something in each REACT Team Activity or meeting your team holds that will make effective Public Relations. Newspapers, TV, Radio, direct mail, speaking engagements etc. all offer avenues for effective Public Relations. The "no" factor should be tried. Always try to sell your REACT Team and REACT. We have reviewed possible tools, techniques, and topics to consider when working with the media. Remember WHO, WHAT, WHY, WHEN and WHERE! Always evaluate your Public Relations and learn how to improve it. Share your knowledge with other REACT Teams. They should share with you and then all REACT will benefit.

Finally, look over the checklist provided. All of these items, if used effectively, can increase the benefits your team receives from their Public Relations.

Just remember — there is no "wrong way" to "Effective" Public Relations. If it works for you — it is "your right way." Go out and try!

### CHECKLIST

- Does your Team have a Public Relations Program?
- Do you know the community's attitude towards REACT?
- Do you think community and governmental leaders are well informed about REACT?
- Have you identified any weaknesses that create unfavorable relationships and have you taken steps to correct them?
- Are all of your members aware of their PUBLIC RELATIONS responsibility and how to handle it?
- Are news media members kept informed on REACT's activities through a regular newsletter or other methods?
- Do your members know your objectives in PUBLIC RELATIONS?
- Are criticisms avoided or met by providing positive, factual information?
- Is the REACT Team identified by appropriate signs?
- Is the radio answered courteously and helpfully?
- Is the mail answered promptly and thoughtfully?
- Is appropriate recognition given to all who deserve it? Are special services acknowledged with appreciation?
- Does the PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER or Team leader keep up regular contacts with newspaper, radio, and television outlets and handle requests for information promptly?
- Are these outlets regularly sent information about REACT activities and information furnished by the state REACT Council and REACT Headquarters?
- Are all REACT activities covered by news releases?
- Are suggestions made to news media for special feature stories, editorials, interviews, etc.?
- Does REACT contribute to community leadership in its field?
- Does REACT carry its share of responsibility in the community?
- Is the Team Leader fully informed on other organizations and their leadership in the community?
- Are other organizations kept informed about REACT programs?
- Does the Team Leader cooperate with other organizations?
- Does the Team Leader give full credit to other organizations in cooperative endeavors?
- Does your Team have an organized speaker's bureau?
- Are your speakers effective?
- Are speakers kept informed of current REACT news?
- Do you keep a background file to help speakers? (history book?)
- Do you try to recruit new speakers?
- Do you keep an updated list of potential audiences?
- Do you promote the use of speakers (and films) in the community?
- Do you have a current video list from the State Council?
- Do you know how to borrow REACT films?
- Do you promote the use of new films before organizations, schools, elected officials, department heads, and for television?
- Do you use films with exhibits at conferences, county fairs, etc.?
- Do you use slides for briefings and other presentations?
- Do you send slides along with TV spot announcements?
- Do you have a camera or access to a camera or photographer?
- Do you furnish photos to newspapers along with news releases?
- Do you have bilingual materials for ethnic groups?
- Do you have a current publication index?
- Do you have enough publications on hand for day-to-day use?
- Do you know how to order publications?
- Do you know which publications you would need in an emergency?
- Do you actively promote the use of publications to the public through the media and organizations?
- Are you able to display publications and have them available for meetings, conferences, schools, industries, tours of your facilities, and for use with your exhibits and displays?
- Does your local REACT Team have an exhibit and display program?
- Are exhibits planned well in advance?
- Are exhibits placed in strategic locations?

Lake Palestine REACT, Debbie Trammell, Editor, P.O. Box 1168, Athens, TX 75751, would like to receive other REACT Team newspapers and is willing to exchange their newsletter.

If you would like to exchange your newspaper or would like to receive other Team or Council newspapers, drop this column and 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.

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

## 1990 DUES ARE DUE

For REACT Team Members now through January 31, 1990  
\$17.00 Regular \$15.00 Family & Junior



## Publicizing REACT *CONTINUED*

### FREEBIE LIST

Write good old Uncle Sam's Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402. He will send your Team a list of disaster preparedness pamphlets you can order.

Better yet, visit your local FEMA or Disaster Preparedness officials. Establish or renew REACT contact. Ask for the list. Go in uniform. Invite them to speak to your Team too.

### FIRE SAFETY VIDEO

An award-winning video entitled, "Plan to Get Out Alive" can fit into your Team's mall safety displays, etc. There is a cost of about \$5 to cover the price of the tape and shipping. Contact WCBS-TV, New York, NY.

### GOVERNMENT GRANTS

Contact your state/provincial representative. Ask what funds are available to help community groups combat impaired driving (or other safety concerns). With the funds your Team/Council gets order large quantities of "Getting Help by CB Radio" from H.Q. Supply copies to state/provincial tourist information centres, police detachments, MADD chapters, truck and bus lines, etc.

Keep a file of letters of appreciation or commendation. Send photocopies with your grant application forms. They are worth their weight in gold.

Remember, nothing ventured nothing gained.

### EMPTY STORE?

A tip o' the PR hat to Waterloo Regional REACT (ON) for this idea. If a store in your mall, plaza or business section becomes vacant, offer to put in a REACT window safety display. It can transform an empty eyesore into an attractive, informative ad for your Team and earn the owner's appreciation too.

Use toy cars, trucks, people, scenery, etc., along with safety posters to present your safety message. No "staff" needed.

Firms may donate model trucks, etc., with their "colors" for the PR they'll get, too. Create a street intersection on 4' x 4' plywood. Your display can be used again and again in other storefronts, at events, during REACT Month, etc.

### UNIFORM POLLUTION?

How does your Team's uniform compare with your police or fire department's? Is yours as simple and uncluttered as theirs? To be really effective, it should be. Some Team uniforms carry so many patches, badges, etc., they surely only confuse the public.

REACT crests on each shoulder and above the heart, plus a first-aid crest for those so qualified, should be about it. How does your Team uniform measure up? Remember.

### 18,000 LETTERS LATER

Everyone agreed REACT needed publicity, and needed it badly. REACT members provided a life-saving public service, but after 25 years REACT was still virtually unknown.

Advertising our service was out of the question. A one-time ad, 2' x 3", ranged in cost from \$4000 to \$25,000 or more depending on the magazine. An Ad Council public service campaign required \$250,000 minimum to cover the rest of materials.

"Getting Help by CB Radio," our new safety leaflet, became the answer to our publicity plight. It offered life-saving information on correct use of CB radio in emergencies that the public would want. It also outlined the role of REACT Teams in assisting travellers who needed help.

A news release offering a copy of our leaflet was sent by the PRTG to over 200 national and state publications. *Modern Maturity*, a seniors magazine, published the offer, as did *Field & Stream*.

Over 14,000 MM readers have so far requested "Getting Help by CB Radio". For REACT Teams that yields several important benefits. At least 14,000 more people now know the REACT name. They talk to others. That likely means that about 100,000 people will learn about REACT.

Equally important, perhaps moreso, at least 18,000 more CBers now know best how to use their radios in an emergency. Many will share their leaflets or its information, with family and friends. That again likely means anywhere from 50,000 to 100,000 or more people will be able to use CB Emergency Channel 9 more effectively to summon help.

REACT Teams and police should receive increasing numbers of successful calls, calls where CB operators routinely broadcast full details that monitors must hear in order to assist. That will result in greater satisfaction for REACT and police monitors alike. That should help Teams to attract and retain members. It should also encourage police to maintain their important monitoring programs.

The unprecedented success of this REACT publicity venture has undoubtedly caused delays for some Teams assisting correspondence or shipments from a beleaguered Headquarters staff. We trust you agree it has been worth any inconvenience.

The PRTG will seek other opportunities to gain the publicity you have requested for REACT. Your suggestions are welcome. Much remains to be done to make REACT a household word.

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## CB Thoroughbreds with winning credentials.



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**Black Stallions**<sup>TM</sup>

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# GMRS...Rx

I know that I promised an article on antennas, but I've received letters concerning Part 95 Rules, so thought this would substitute.

Robert Campbell, a junior member of Oceanside Seacoast REACT (C-412), wrote to ask if he could legally use a repeater, using either his mothers' license or through using that of the local team. He further explained that he has completed the local GMRS training, and is receiving varied advice from different sources.

Actually, part 95, subpart A is very specific about the eight frequency pairs and their use. Section 95.1 states "Individual licenses and members of their families may . . . exchange personal and business communication. All other licenses may . . . exchange business communication only." Translation: Robert and his family may use direct (simplex) communication to discuss anything they want IF THEY HAVE A GMRS License. If Robert uses the team license, he is considered an "employee" of the team and can only talk about team business.

Going a little further, assume that Robert and his family not only have a GMRS license, but also have "permission from the license of the GMRS system," according to

section 95.179. This would allow anyone in Robert's family to communicate through the repeater to each other. Additionally, Robert and his family may communicate to any other license in the GMRS system as long as there is no base to base communication, and as long as the communications do not violate section 95.181 which concerns permissible communications.

Another question that has arisen: Can licenses on one system legally converse with those licensees on another? Section 95.53 states, in general, "yes." There are exceptions, however. Assume that I'm licensed and have received permission to use repeater A, and that repeater B also operates in the same area. I can legally talk directly from my mobile station to:

1) anyone in my system, base or mobile, and

2) anyone in system B, base or mobile.

I can also talk through repeater A from my mobile station to:

1) other mobile stations in either system

2) Control stations in my system.

I can also talk through repeater B from my mobile station to mobile station and control stations in the other system.

I may NOT, from my mobile station, transmit, through repeater B, to either a mobile or base in my system.

From my base station, I may transmit directly to any mobile station, but may not transmit to another base station, or to a repeater, fixed station or control station.

From my control station, I may transmit through a repeater to any mobile station, in any GMRS system.

Sounds confusing? You bet . . . but try reading the FCC lingo! Basically it says, mobile to mobile, ok, as long as you don't use someone else's repeater to talk to your units. Base to base is a big no-no . . . use a telephone instead!

One more big thought. While it may be legal to use another repeater to talk to a unit on the other system, it may not be a good idea. The permission of the repeater owner is still required, so . . . if you're going to talk to a unit in another system, use your repeater if there's any doubt at all. Simply monitor until you hear the person you wish to speak with, wait till he/she finishes the call, and boom right in. You're talking on your repeater, he's talking on his.

Have questions or comments? Write to the GMRS task group.

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### U.K. TEAMS

Hearing at the International Convention what REACT Councils can help Teams achieve has convinced Andy Trautner that a Council could benefit U.K. REACT Teams. Andy wants to hear at once from U.K. Teams keen to form a Council. A planning meeting will then be arranged. Please contact him immediately. Don't miss out. Be part of the proposed U.K. REACT Council. Write to Andy now at: IPSWICH REACT #5009, 23 RANDSWAY IPSWICH SUFFOLK ENGLAND IP3 9HG, Thanks.

### PR PAYOFF

A tip o' the PR hat to Champaign County REACT (OH) 4517. Champaign took pride in the rest area where the Ohio DOT allowed it to conduct its Safety Breaks. DOT had



upgraded the rest area with new washrooms and lighting.

Inevitably, it seems, graffiti began appearing on the new washroom walls. Champaign contacted DOT and offered to paint over the writings. DOT surprised them with a contract and a supply of paint to do the job. Great work gang. Now get some local news coverage of your Team at work painting. Send us a photo too.

REACT Lake Simcoe (ON) member dons safety vest and uses traffic cones in Operation Lifesaver project. Safety information by OLI AND REACT was issued by Team members at the crossing. Two separate fatalities have occurred there, one only months ago.





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**WORLD BAND RADIO**

By R.C. Watts

Much to my surprise I recently heard Radio Africa, 7,190 KHz from Equatorial Guinea at about 21:30 UTC. There is also a sister station, Radio East Africa, 9,585 KHz, which I've not heard. Pan American Broadcasting, Cupertino, CA, books English language religious programs on those stations as well as WRNO and KUSW.

HCJB relays the government Radio Nacional del Ecuador daily in Spanish on 15,270 KHz at 17:30 UTC. According to the Oct-Nov 1989 issue of ANDEX International, HCJB has made arrangements to QSL reports on this transmission. Return postage required.

By the way, ANDEX (Andes DXers) is the listeners club associated with the HCJB DX Partyline program. It publishes an excellent bi-monthly newsletter. Members also get the program schedules and postage paid HCJB QSLs for U.S. \$5 per year (\$6.50 Canada or Australia, or 3.75 U.K. pounds). If you are interested, inquire of the station at Casilla 691, Quito, but DO NOT send money to Ecuador.

I believe there are still some FREE DX listeners clubs associated with East European station, but you'll have to listen around, because I haven't lately. The idea of radio station listeners clubs is to capture and hold an audience, which is O.K. if you like the programming. Subscription clubs, around \$20 per year, may be found via the World radio TV handbook.

The Christian Science Monitor World Service has put a second transmitter on Saipan, beaming to Australia. Call letters changed to KHBI so if you didn't get a QSL from KYOI, you never will! United Nations Radio, hard to hear in English after Voice of America relay ended, can be heard on Radio For Peace International from Costa Rica. Try the 11, 13, 21 and 41 meter bands. 73s 'til next time.

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**Marilyn Quayle joins  
FEMA Advisory Board**

WASHINGTON — Marilyn Tucker Quayle, wife of Vice President Dan Quayle, has accepted an appointment to the advisory board of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The 21-member FEMA Advisory Board is comprised of business, scientific, academic, government and military leaders. Dr. Wesley W. Posvar, president of the University of Pittsburgh, chairs the board.

The board's principal purpose is to provide an independent source of advice to FEMA on matters related to emergency management. FEMA is the primary point of contact within the federal government for preparing for and responding to natural, technological, man-made, and civil defense emergencies.

In accepting the appointment, Mrs. Quayle told Morris that the "mission of FEMA, and of the Advisory Board, is one I fully support..."

Mrs. Quayle's appointment to the Board is a result of her long-standing interest in natural disaster preparedness and response. She has devoted significant time and attention to the plight of victims of recent natural disasters in the U.S. and worked closely with FEMA relief operations following Hurricane Hugo and the Loma Prieta earthquake. She has also participated in FEMA preparedness exercises, including Response '89 in California.

Mrs. Quayle places a particular emphasis on family preparedness, basic first aid training, and the emergency medical response to disasters.

**Disaster Aid Approved  
for Virginia**

President Bush because of damages from flooding and mudslides following heavy rains that struck the western portion of the state October 16-17.

The major disaster declaration opens the way for the use of federal funds to supplement the needs of affected residents and local governments in Buchanan County.

**Disaster Aid Ordered for  
Alabama Tornado Victims**

The deadly tornado struck the northern part of the state November 15.

The twister, cutting a swathe through the densely populated Huntsville area some 10 miles long and one-half mile wide, killed 19 people and damaged some 319 dwellings, according to early reports by federal and state damage assessment officials. Nearly two-thirds of the residences in Madison County were either destroyed or heavily damaged, they said.

**Louisiana Granted  
Disaster Aid  
Fourth Time This Year**

Substantial flooding damages caused by heavy rains fell in the southern part of the state November 7-9.

According to the agency, some 5,000 people in the Parishes of Jefferson, Orleans and St. Charles suffered some degree of loss from the flooding.

Earlier this year, the effects of Tropical Storm Allison led the President to order federal disaster aid for Louisiana on July 18. Similar assistance also was approved for the state because of damages from tornadoes in June and flooding in May, FEMA officials said.

**White House Special  
Assistant Named to Head  
FEMA Directorate**

WASHINGTON — Antonio Lopez, a special assistant to President Bush, was sworn in at a White House ceremony in the Office of the Chief of Staff John H. Sununu as the associate director of national preparedness programs for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Lopez was confirmed for his new post November 18 by the U.S. Senate.

Prior to his nomination and confirmation, Lopez, a retired U.S. Air Force officer, was director of the White House Military Office, which provides the President and the White House a wide variety of military services. He also served as White House Emergency Actions Officer.

Lopez replaces George Woloshyn who resigned after heading FEMA's National Preparedness Programs Directorate since 1985.

As the new head of the directorate, Lopez will direct a number of activities related to national security issues. The agency is the central point of contact within the federal government for response to disasters and emergencies, natural or man-made.

**EENET Garner  
Top TV Award**

WASHINGTON — The Emergency Education Network (EENET) has been acclaimed by business television for outstanding national educational programming this year, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The 1989 award for the "Best Distance Learning Program in Continuing Education" was presented to FEMA officials during the recent Telecon IX Exposition in San Jose, Calif. The award was one of 13 top honors

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## San Francisco Earthquake Involves REACT

### PEACE AND DESTRUCTION

By Kendrick Cochran Unit 56  
REACT of the Golden Gate C373

I was at work in a West Oakland warehouse doing my usual chores. Usually Tuesdays are one of the busiest days of the week, but it was quiet today.

Bob Anderson, Unit 29 and I had just completed all the orders for tomorrow. It was 4:30 PM, almost time to leave to watch the World Series. The San Francisco Giants were at home for the third game of the World Series.

As I stood in the silence of the warehouse, I heard someone banging at the door of the loading dock. I started for the door to answer it. As I did, the building began to creak. I felt the floor shake. I thought to myself, "another earthquake — no big deal." The earthquake began to settle down and I thought it was over. Then the rumbling got greater and greater. I ran for a doorway. All I could hear was the building creaking, the door rattling and cases of merchandise falling to the floor.

When the quake finally subsided, I went into the office to check on the two secretaries. The office was cluttered with papers that had fallen to the floor. The copy machine laid face down in the middle of the office.

After making sure everyone was all right, I went out to check the gas main. As I was checking the gas main, I heard people saying that 880 had collapsed. The 880 freeway is only four blocks from the warehouse. I could not believe that the freeway could collapse until I saw black smoke

billowing from the direction of the 880 freeway.

Knowing that the warehouse and the workers inside were safe, I jumped into my truck and drove to the 880 Cypress Structure.

I was shocked to see that the freeway had collapsed. The top deck had come crashing down onto the lower deck. There were pieces of the freeway's concrete covering the ground. Cars on the street level were crushed by the pieces of concrete that had fallen from the freeway. Smoke was billowing from between the decks and there was mass hysteria.

I knew that rescuers would need help to free the trapped motorists. I ran up to a California Highway Patrol officer and asked what I could do to help. He instructed me to go get some backboards and follow him. I picked up the backboards and began following him up the street. Someone had put together a makeshift lift. Two 40 foot shipping containers were stacked one on top of the other. We were then raised by a forklift onto the top of the containers. Another forklift then raised the two containers with the officer and I on it to the top of the collapsed freeway. We ran up the freeway checking all the vehicles for injured motorists. We pulled out a man who had crashed into the rear of another car. He was the first of five people that we extricated from the wrecked vehicles.

There were now 30 to 40 more rescuers on the collapsed deck, searching for survivors. We searched the top deck from West

Grand toward 30th Street, a distance of about four blocks. Three times we searched to make sure that we had rescued all the survivors.

We came upon a group of cars that was badly entangled. A van had collided with a portion of the collapsed freeway. It was hit by a chain reaction from two other cars. The van, which was a van-pool vehicle, had five people. Three survivors were rescued. We could not help the remaining two. It took me a minute to realize there was nothing that could be done and left. This was the most devastating site I have ever seen and I felt so helpless leaving them there.

Next we checked for survivors in vehicles trapped between the collapsed decks. I squeezed between the decks and checked each vehicle. I found a survivor in a crashed Ford Escort. A fireman and paramedic joined me to extricate him. I was then instructed to leave with them. It was unsafe because of the intensity of the gas fumes. It was now 8:00 PM and there were firefighters from Piedmont, Fremont, Hayward, Castro Valley, Alameda Naval Air Station, Berkeley, Oakland and others. There was every law enforcement agency you could imagine: Oakland Police, Highway Patrol, State Police, U.S. Patrol, DEA, ATF, Customs, Border Patrol and Southern Pacific were some of them.

With all the expert help now there, I was not allowed back between the decks. It was feared that more damage may be done from aftershocks. I helped with the ladders and got needed equipment. I waited in suspense as the rescuers cut away at a car that had two children trapped. The parents of the children had not survived. The girl was extricated safely. The other child, a boy, had to have one of his legs amputated to extricate him. It took two hours to get the children out.

Around 10:30 PM, all fire department personnel were ordered to report to the staging area at West Grand to form a more efficient plan for searching for more survivors. After seeing the large number of rescuers from Federal, State, County and City agencies, I left knowing that all the needed help was there.

I was amazed how the community had banded together to help save the victims of this horrible tragedy. People brought ladders and ropes. Companies with forklifts moved containers to form make-shift lifts so people could get to the collapsed freeway and rescue the victims.

It was an eerie feeling to see the freeway collapsed. I was there and I still could not believe it. It was like a dream too incredible to be true.

Now they are tearing down the Cypress Structure. I still get an eerie feeling everyday when I see the horrible destruction. I just hope this never happens again.

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The two-day program, shown last July to a nationwide audience of more than 100,000

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## San Francisco Earthquake Involves REACT

Bay Area Emergency Radio, Inc. (REACT), Team #2609, located in San Jose, California, went through the worst EARTHQUAKE since the one of 1906. Along with Santa Cruz, Los Gatos, Watsonville, San Francisco, Oakland, and other towns and cities not only in the Bay Area but covering the whole peninsula.

We lost all utilities at first so Mervin, the President of Baer, took his mobiles (CB and UHF) out to his car where they could work off his battery. It wasn't long before the telephone was working and one of our neighbors, who works for the County of Santa Clara, went down to pick up one of the smaller generators. As soon as the generator arrived, our radio room was hooked up to it and we were in business. At 5:04 P.M. the earthquake struck. At exactly 5:24 P.M., we were on line with radios and telephone and we were one of the LUCKY ones.

The picture which is attached to this article was taken almost exactly 20 minutes after the earthquake. It looks kind of messy, doesn't it? But we didn't have any time to straighten up before getting on the radios. Mike Lee, Unit #177, Claudia Jens, Unit #155, and Sharon Kurtz, Unit #163, stopped by within a short time to find out how we were doing. Mike was put to work almost immediately relieving Merv who had been hurt in the initial shock. The two ladies were sent to help Terry Rose, Unit #3, who has quite a set-up of radios. Unfortunately, Terry's telephone was partially out. He could not call out but could receive calls. Richard McCoy, Unit #135, who had a lot of personal damage, had his generator up and working within minutes. He worked with C.B. only on Channel 9.

The four REACT Teams in the Bay Area were up and on the air within a couple of minutes of each other.



For a short time, Santa Clara County Communications, 911, was out. The citizens, who still had working telephones and C.B.'s, not being able to reach 911 contacted REACT on Channel 9. The first citizen calls were a report of the fire at Redwood Estates and gas leaks (that's in the Santa Cruz Mountains). First calls out of Los Gatos were for electric lines down, gas leaks, etc. These various calls were passed on to our Base Station and, using our GMRS, passed it on to other REACT Teams if it was in their area. If it was in our area we telephoned the agencies if available. In addition, through our GMRS Repeater Net, we were able to cover almost all of California. There were

calls from people who had relatives and/or loved ones in this area and were anxious to get some word either to or from them.

REACT of the Golden Gate and Blackberry REACT put together a caravan to take food and supplies to Watsonville — the hardest hit of all the cities. Mission Peak REACT set up and operated communications for Oakland Red Cross with their people in the field.

So much happened that night, there were so many calls. Merv would take it for awhile, then Mike. I don't know how long it went on — I think I finally passed out.

Thelma Lee,  
Editor, BAER FACTS

## Red Cross Response Report

Allen Whear, director of Red Cross Northern California earthquake relief operations said, "Red Cross volunteers immediately established temporary shelters when the quake struck on October 17 and began surveying the damage."

At the peak of sheltering activity, a total of 38 temporary shelters were opened in affected areas from San Francisco to Santa Cruz. Many people were able to find housing with family or friends, or even return home. Two weeks after the quake, over 2,000 people were being housed in 18 Red Cross Shelters. Over 175,000 meals had been served.

As many as 22,000 people may have been affected by the disaster. Red Cross provides emergency funds to help people return to normal living in their own homes or

in alternate housing, helping with rent, minor home repairs, necessary household furnishings and utensils, replacement of medicines, even occupational tools. Assistance, provided in the form of a voucher, is based on the disaster-related needs of the family. Later, some people will turn again to the Red Cross if government programs and insurance do not cover their needs.

Red Cross nurses continue to help with medical needs and give all important emotional support. Other workers managed shelters around the clock, procure and distribute food and other supplies, or handle the myriad tasks that are part of a major relief operation.

"Whenever a large disaster strikes a community, the entire Red Cross system responds. Volunteer and paid staff who

provide disaster relief and other Red Cross services in their own communities are mobilized to help as many people as quickly as possible," said Whear. "These volunteers, who are willing to leave their families and friends to help others make a comprehensive disaster relief effort possible."

Whear said that Red Cross would be helping earthquake victims for many months to come. For information about how you can become active on your community disaster action team, call your local Red Cross office.

Those desiring to make donations to the earthquake victims should contact:

The American Red Cross  
or  
The Salvation Army.



## San Francisco Earthquake Involves REACT

### Golden Gate REACT C373

Shortly after 5:04 PM October 17, 1989, members of REACT of the Golden Gate Area Inc. began to assist their community. Golden Gate responded to the Daly City Emergency Operations Center located in the police department under the terms of their disaster assistance agreement with the City of Daly City. The officer in charge stated that Daly City was not hard hit by the earthquake and for now all city services were being supplied by the city and that our services were not now required. Contact information was left and a check was made later in the evening but our services were still not needed.

In the next few days the Northern California VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Active In Disasters) met and Golden Gate was there and found out areas in which our assistance could be used. Golden Gate members worked in the Marina Middle School Shelter providing security, worked in the Oakland area under the American Red Cross in 2 different shelters providing communications; worked under the American Red Cross in the Oakland/San Leandro area providing damage assessments; provided transportation for collected goods to a shelter in the Watsonville California area; and assisted Blackberry REACT at the Watsonville Shelter in setting up and training for CB communications.

The following are some of our specific involvements: At the Cypress Freeway structure collapse in the Oakland CA area communications assistance was needed manning Red Cross radios. Communications were directed by Don Simons of the Red Cross between the Laney College and Oakland Technical High School Shelters using additional Golden Gate personnel and G.M.R.S. radios to supplement the Red Cross radio system that was very busy. A short course was taken by a number of members in survey/damage assessment under the direction of Ken Owens of the American Red Cross. Ken had just returned from Hurricane Hugo work. Some of the information that was requested to be obtained was the type of building, the severity of the damage, the name of the family and the description of the damage. Information gathered would be confidential and would be used by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Additional volunteering was provided at the Red Cross assistance center at the Taylor Memorial Methodist Church in Oakland.

One of our younger members was able to respond to the Cypress Structure almost immediately after the quake and spent hours assisting the California Highway Patrol and the Red Cross in surveying and trying to evacuate persons trapped in cars between

the collapsed deck. A man was pulled out who had crashed into the rear of another car. He was the first of five people that our member assisted in extricating. They searched the top deck of the Cypress Structure from West Grand towards 30th Street, a distance of about four blocks. Three times they searched to make sure that they had rescued all of the survivors.

They came upon a group of cars that were badly entangled. A van had collided with a portion of the collapsed freeway. It was hit by a chain reaction from two other cars. The van, which was a van-pool vehicle, had five people. Three survivors were rescued. They could not help the remaining two. It took our

member a minute to realize there was nothing that could be done and they left. Our member felt so helpless. Next our member squeezed between the decks and found a car containing a small boy and a small girl along with their parents. He waited in suspense while the authorities cut away at the car to remove the two children. The parents did not survive. They had to amputate the lower leg of the boy to free him from the wreckage.

Our member states, "It was an eerie feeling to see the freeway collapsed. I was there and I still could not believe it. It was like a dream too incredible to be true."

### Wisconsin REACT Team Gets Involved

When we received word of the earthquake through the local and national media, we were also told of many local people who were concerned about relatives and loved ones in that area. Our team then began a relay system between the media, the concerned people, and several Northern California REACT teams. The teams involved in California were Southwestern REACT; Bay Area Emergency Radio; Santa Cruz County REACT; and REACT of the Golden Gate. I am very pleased to report that of the 10 (ten) calls we received, 9 (nine) of the people were contacted and all were reported to be in good health.

We would like to personally thank all of the California teams responsible for putting a lot of minds at ease here while handling a tremendous crisis of their own.

This is another example of how REACTers from the world are truly a FAMILY. Our hats are off to you all in Northern California and our hearts are with you!

### Letters

#### REACT REGISTERED TEAM NUMBER 5031

Team address:  
24 Edenvale Road,  
Westbury,  
Wiltshire,  
U.K. BA 13 3 NZ.  
19th October 1989

Dear Friends,

It was with deep shock that we awoke to the horrific news of the San Francisco earthquake on Wednesday.

Will you please pass on our deepest sympathy to our REACT friends in the area of the disaster.

We know that words are easy to utter but we do feel deeply for you, not only those who have lost loved ones but also those who have lost their homes and businesses.

If only we were nearer and could do something to help.

Yours in sorrow,  
Fred Robbins  
Westbury Team Secretary

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the Information Request Form.

## Skip Call Helps Boat Thousands of Miles Away

Attached is a copy of a letter I received a couple days ago exemplifying a dedicated REACTer. A little background little background — Donny Durrant has been a member of Salem Area REACT, #4397, Oregon for over 5 years. He moved from Sale to Eugene, 66 miles south, about 4 years ago.

Donny is 35 years old, married to Charlie, and they have no children. He is a quadriplegic, and has been since about 20 years old, due to an auto accident. Alcohol was involved in the wreck, and he has been a dedicated member of MADD for several years, and has traveled all over the state, to talk to high school students in conjunction with the Oregon State Police, to try to reduce the teen drinking problem.

Now, regarding the attached letter and the circumstances. For my part, my log shows an entry at 1550 Aug. 21, 1989. "SOS Sweet Lorraine 8 1/2 miles off Newberry Pt., need the Coast Guard." I simply listened, because I had no idea where Newberry Pt. was, and I could get no definite response, as he was drifting in and out in the skip. I finally determined that he was talking with someone, so I just listened, without logging.

Shortly thereafter, Donny called me by telephone, asked if I could hear the guy calling. After advising that I could, but did not know where he was, Donny said he knew exactly where he was — off the coast of Maine, and that he was familiar with the town because his Mother was born there. We compared information, determined that between the two of us, had enough to alert the CG, so he said he would call.

He called, not once, but several times, primarily because the CG apparently didn't believe him, had never heard of REACT, and above all, how and why a call from the West Coast. He finally convinced them, although they would not send a CG vessel out, they did make contact, and sent a private, or Auxiliary out, and my next signal from there was at 1610 "Sweet Lorraine in Tow."

I fully realize, as 'disaster's' go, this is quite commonplace, and no great feat — however, I do think the perseverance and dedication shown by Donny — even on such a 'trivial' matter, particularly with the expense he incurred, do make the incident rather special. In the "what if" department — what if he had ignored the call — where might the two people be now??

As a footnote — what Donny was doing at the time the call came in. As indicated, he is a quadriplegic, has no use of legs, and only a minute use of his right arm. Aside from public speaking with MADD, for which his expenses are paid, his only personal source of income is hand-made Christmas decorations, tiny figures or objects, figurines, that he paints, holding the brush in his mouth. The results are truly amazing.

Don Perry LM282

### Is Anybody Out There?

It was Monday, August 21, 1989. A gorgeous day. My buddy and I were lucky to have the day off to go fishing on my boat, a 27 foot cabin cruiser. We went out specifically looking for tuna and were 22 miles east of the Merrimac River in Newburyport, Mass. All of the boat's systems were in fine working order, all through the day, until our return trip home.

We were about 12 miles from shore when the transmission quit at approximately 5 p.m. Using my V.H.F. radio, I tried reaching the Coast Guard. I radioed 15-20 minutes with no response from the Coast Guard. We assumed something must also be wrong with the V.H.F. We decided, since it's still daylight we'll sit it out for awhile and watch for passing boats only to find there were no other boats in the area. We shot up 2 flares and sat for another 30 minutes with no response from anyone. Then I remembered my old C.B. with the broken wire, I had stored on board. WE repaired the wire and started sending out on the C.B. We sent out our S.O.S. for about 10 minutes when a voice responded to us asking "Are you in the Pacific?" By this point in time our extremely good nature was growing short. Here we are stuck in a boat, which is dead in the water, in the middle of the Atlantic. I finally get a response to my call for help and the individuals wants to know if I'm in the Pacific! My buddy and I looked at each other with blank expressions. My thoughts turned to my wife who is a born worrier. I knew how she would react when I did not return home within the time range I told her to expect me. I skeptically appealed to this one and only person who responded to me, to please get us the help of the Coast Guard in Newburyport, Mass. area, and also gave him my telephone number and wife's name for the Coast Guard. To notify her, which this kind gentleman did do for me.

The Coast Guard sent someone out to tow us in. My buddy and I were exhausted when we finally reached the comfort of our homes around midnight.

Early the next morning I went to my boat. While there my wife received a telephone call from a friend of the gentleman who came to my aid. We learned that he lives in Oregon. Due to this information, I was all the more thankful for his efforts in helping me.

I gave him a call later that day to thank him sincerely. It seems he also had trouble getting the Coast Guard to take him seriously since he informed them he was calling from Oregon, but his persistence paid off.

Thanks to this fellow, a member of REACT, my buddy and I were home with our families that night.

Sincerely,  
Roland D.

### Team Events

**#2386 Livingston REACT, Geneseo, New York**, is pleased to officially announce the receipt of a grant from the state of New York through the Department of Criminal Justice Services at Albany. This grant, totalling \$68,000, covers the purchase of GMRS repeaters and portables for all Team members as well as mobiles for, and a complete retrofit of the command post unit.

When fully equipped, the rebuilt Command Post Vehicle will have 2 UHF 14-channel mobiles, 4 VHF 16-channel mobiles, 1 VHF-10 16-channel radio, 6 UHF portables, 6 VHF portables, 2 VHF-10 portables, 12 CB portables, 2 Uniden Pro 810e CB base radios, 2 Whistler 900 series CB radios, 1 weather alert radio, marine

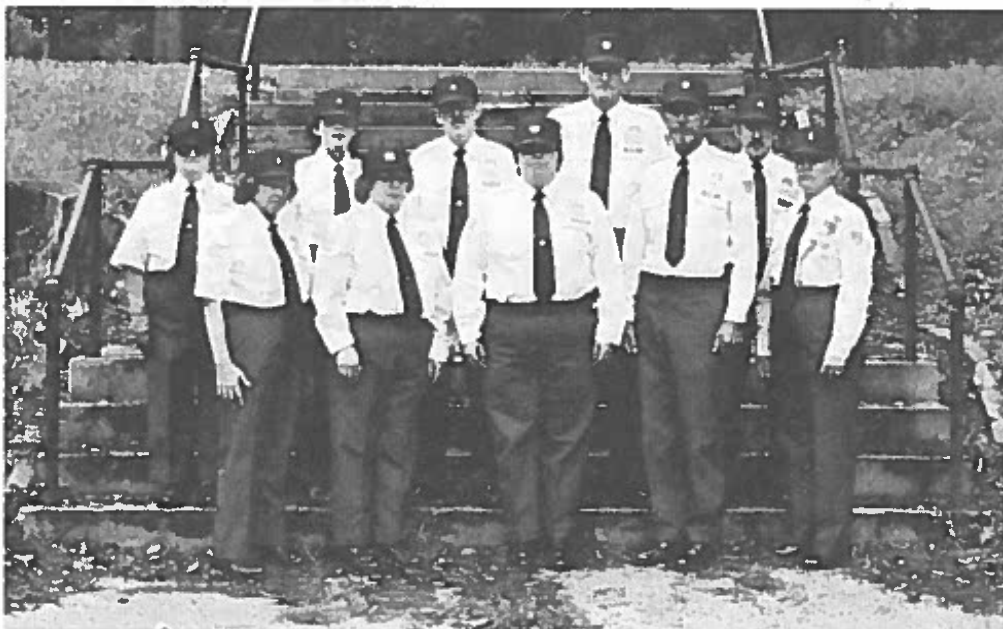
radio, amateur radio equipment, and various other forms of communication equipment.

The various mobiles are required to successfully interface with various local, state, and federal agencies we work with. Some of the activities our Team participates in are the New York State DEC National Hunting and Fishing Days, NYSDEC Deer Checks, National Warplane Museum "Wings of Eagles" Airshow, various horse trials, and runs. We are also involved as a communications coordinator for the Livingston County Search Coordination Team.

When our plan is fully implemented, we will be able to respond and be ready for any emergency that arises within Livingston County.



## □ Team Events



Members of Wayne County REACT #C32 assemble just prior to drill practice for the Team's parade drill team. Pictured are (left to right): Nora White, Treasurer; Sheila Bridgford, 2nd VP; Patricia Herron, President; James Sams, 1st VP; Lana Sams, Secretary. Second row: Ruth Penland, Jennifer Herron, Robert Bartley, J.D. Banco, Richard Bartley.

**#C032 Wayne County REACT, Richmond, Indiana**, has had a very busy year for 1989. Our membership is growing and everyone is working very hard and with much enthusiasm. Our monitors have answered 384 calls through September. In late July we voted to completely change our Team uniform for a more distinctive, professional look which has been well received by the public. For Labor Day we did a double Safety Break on east- and west-bound I-70 and at the same time worked parking and traffic for the Boogie Busters Parachute Jump (622 man hours by 17 members). On September 12 our Team was awarded "the Good Samaritan Award" by the Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce. September 16 saw our Team Parade Drill Unit making their first parade

appearance in the Levi Coffin Days Parade, a three-day event we provided first aid for. But the really big activity for us was our own benefit fundraiser for our emergency equipment fund. On September 24 Clay Huddleston and the stars of Midwest Jamboree donated a four-hour country music show as part of the seven-and-a-half hour event to raise funds to replace our Communication vehicle and get more sophisticated radio equipment. Mr. Huddleston is an over-the-road truck driver who knows what REACT is all about. Clay is also an entertainment/talent promoter and record producer who hosts a four-hour country music show every Saturday night at the Red Rose Hall in Nearly New Paris, Ohio. We really appreciate his and all the performers' support.

**#C143 Southern Minnesota Albert Lea REACT, Albert Lea, Minnesota**, awarded three certificates of appreciation to three outstanding citizens for their heroic life-saving efforts. Six-year-old Jessica Brackey pulled her sister, five-year-old Heather, from the bath tub when Heather suffered a seizure. Albert Lea police officer Robert Etheridge risked his life to look for victims inside a burning house. Fellow officer Spence Osterberg gave CPR to a young woman having difficulty breathing and later judged by EMT and hospital personnel to have been in great danger of dying.

As REACT members, we appreciate the others who volunteer their help in saving others. Hats off to all volunteers!

This was our year for providing communications at "thons": a walk-a-thon on a cold,

windy, miserable day; a 100-mile bike-a-thon during weather with -4 wind chill; and a sport-a-thon (five mile walk and 20 mile bike route). Hats off to Chairman Art Hughes for a job well done!

**#4637 Zumbro Valley REACT, Claremont, Minnesota**, received a letter and Certificate of Commendation from Governor Rudy Perpich. He proclaimed the week of July 2 through July 8 to be Volunteers in Response to Emergencies Week in Minnesota because "it is important to call attention to the vital work performed by emergency response personnel throughout the state." As a Team we are very much pleased to see how REACT's efforts are now being seen and recognized by the state offices.

## Calendar of Events

**February 4** Ohio State Council Meetings.

**March 3** Texas State Council Meeting, Brownwood, Texas.

**March 19-21** Md/DC VOAD F.E.M.A. Region 3 Conference. Topic: "Focus on Disaster." For information write: Norman Kaplan, 2605 Loma Street, Silver Spring, MD 20902-4841.

**April 6-8** 1990 REACT U.K. Convention (See information in this issue.)

**May 6** Ohio State Council Meetings

**EDITORS NOTE:** Councils please provide notice of your meetings and conferences to *The REACTer* for inclusion under this column. Please submit meeting date, place, time, particulars and a FMI contact. Provide this information as far in advance as possible. It's your opportunity to announce your event!

## Deadlines

**January 31, 1990** Postmark deadline for ALL 1990 Team fees and minimum member dues to be paid. Officer report and Team data sheet are also due.

**February 1-28, 1990** Late Fee \$10.00 for all Teams' initial renewals post-marked between these dates.

**February 15, 1990** Postmark deadline for all undecided members to renew for 1990 in order to receive the March/April *REACTer* and be covered under REACT International benefits.

**February 28** Board Field Director nominations due. Council expense reimbursement submissions due.

**March 1-31** Late Fee \$20.00 for all Teams' initial renewals postmarked between these dates.

**March 31** K40 Award 1st quarter nominations due.

**April 1 and after** Teams not properly renewed are **dropped** and a new charter fee of \$50.00 is required.

**April 1** 1992 Convention Bid (Midwest) due submission deadline for May/June *REACTer*.

**May** REACT Month.

**May 1** Optional REACT Accident insurance sign-up starts.

**May 16** 1990 Convention Pre-registration fee increases from \$65.00 to \$80.00.

**RENEWALS ARE DUE  
BY JANUARY 31, 1990**

# SEAT BELT SAFETY

## Effect of Child Occupant Protection Laws on Fatalities

by Susan C. Partyka  
Research Notes - NHTSA

In 1978, child safety seats and adult belts used by children under five years old saved 3 percent of those who would have been killed if no one had used the devices. By 1988, children's use of safety seats and belts had risen enough that 26 percent of those at risk were saved. During these eleven years, the number of states with child occupant protection laws increased from one (in 1978) to fifty (in 1985) plus the District of Columbia.

The 1981 to 1984 fatality experience was used to estimate the incremental benefit to a state of having a child occupant protection law in any one year. During these four years, 19 percent of those who would have been killed (if no one used a safety seat or belt) in states with child occupant protection laws were saved by safety seats and belts. In contrast, only 10 percent were saved in states without laws. The difference between these two numbers (9 percent) is an estimate of the immediate benefit to a state of passing a child occupant protection law. However, because these laws contribute to the increasing use of safety seats and belts by young children, their cumulative and potential benefits are much greater.

From 1978 through 1988, between 536 and 700 children under five years old were killed each year as occupants of passenger cars, pickups, vans, and multipurpose vehicles. Child safety seats are very effective in preventing fatalities when correctly used.

Unfortunately, many children do not receive the full benefit of their safety seat because of incorrect use. However, even with the mix of correct and incorrect use of the 1980's, it is estimated that:

- child safety seats prevented 69 percent of infant fatalities,
- child safety seats prevented 47 percent of toddler fatalities, and
- adult safety belts prevented 36 percent of child fatalities when used.

Data from the agency's Fatal Accident Reporting System were combined with estimates of safety seat and belt effective-

## Passive Restraints

Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard N. 208, "Occupant Protection," was first issued in 1967. Since that time, it has seen many changes — from lap belts to three-point lap and shoulder harnesses to the passive restraints — airbags and automatic safety belts. The area of passive restraints may harbor misconceptions for some people.

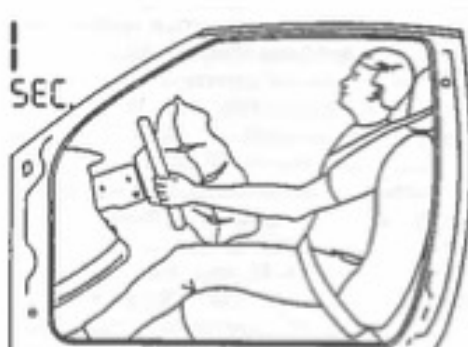
The National Highway Safety Administration estimates 2.9 million cars will be equipped with airbags in 1990 and 5-6 million by 1993. An estimated 4.9 million cars were equipped with automatic belts in 1989.

Airbags are supplementary devices which are most effective when used in conjunction with safety belts. Unbelted occupants may be stopped suddenly by impacting the

instrument panel or steering wheel or dash board and sustain injuries. Airbags supplement the protection provided by safety belts. They distribute the impact load more evenly over the driver's upper torso, reduce pressure concentrations associated with a driver's head contacting the steering wheel, and absorb a portion of the moving occupant's energy.

Airbags inflate in frontal crashes, the leading cause of deaths and injuries in motor vehicle collisions. According to NHTSA, each year 22,000 people are killed in the front seat of passenger cars. Frontal crashes account for half of all occupant fatalities and airbags are most effective in frontal crashes. Airbags are not designed to

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Under normal driving conditions, the air bag is uninflated and packed like a parachute inside the steering wheel hub. When a frontal or near-frontal collision occurs at speeds of approximately 8-12 miles per hour or more, crash sensors trigger the inflator module, causing chemicals sealed inside the module to undergo a reaction and inflate the bag. This cushion splits open the cover of the wheel and protects the driver. The entire inflation sequence takes place in less than 1/10 of a second. After inflation, the air bag automatically begins to deflate in less than one second.



## CB Emergency Communications in Mexico

Tijuana, Mexico — "... it's tiring to listen to skip from Mexico and other foreign countries that do not recognize restriction (sic) of channel 9 in the States," writes Seattle REACT training officer Charles Beckmeier in *The REACTer* September/October issue.

Unfortunately, many Americans don't understand CB emergency communications in Mexico. CB Ch. 9 is officially designated the emergency frequency in all Mexico, and casual conversation is prohibited.

CB radio is regulated in the United States by the FCC. In the Federal Republic of Mexico, the FCC's counterpart is the "Direccion General de Telecomunicaciones" of the "Secretaria de Comunicaciones y Transportes," located in Mexico City.

CB radio provides most of the emergency communications between Mexican citizens and emergency agencies.

That explains the heavy use of CB Ch. 9, especially along the Mexican border states of Baja California (south of San Diego County), Sonora and on to the east near Arizona and Texas.

Several volunteer groups similar to REACT regularly operate in the Mexican state of Baja California, especially on weekends when American tourists go into Mexico by the thousands.

One of the primary groups in Tijuana south of San Diego is the "Aguilas de Emergencia Ch. 9 AC." "Aguilas" is Spanish for the word "eagles." Their members range in age from 16 to 56, with about 40 active units.

### Two "Aguilas" Monitoring Posts

The "Aguilas" maintain two primary listening posts in Tijuana, where a uniformed

Aguilas member regularly monitors CB Ch. 9, in addition to roving mobile patrols.

"Centro-Azul" (Central-Blue) is one post, and is located in the municipal police communications room inside the main firehouse in downtown Tijuana, just a few hundred yards from the U.S.-Mexico border south of San Diego.

Mexican groups struggle with obsolete CB radio equipment, and the Aguilas' centro-azul monitoring post operates with an old Cobra model XLR base radio, wired to a battered Radio Shack Realistic portable radio for a speaker.

The second Aguilas monitoring post is located in the hills above Tijuana, and within walking distance from the central "policia" headquarters.

It operates with equally old CB mobile radios converted into base units, plus hand-held VHF radios for contact with local "policia, paramedicos y bomberos (firemen)".

Other Mexican groups in Tijuana include the "H-Unidos Emergencia," the "Falcones" and "Rescate (Rescue) Tijuana."

### Skip Interference

With skip conditions on the CB frequencies, the Seattle training officer wrote that he was bothered by radio traffic in espanol from Mexico. He apparently does not understand that CB Ch. 9 is used widely for emergencies in Mexico, and is strictly limited to emergencies.

Skip conditions cause the radio transmission to bounce over hundreds or thousands of miles.

Those unlawful "chatty" non-emergency conversations you hear on Ch. 9 in English,

unfortunately, do not mysteriously stop at the international border between the United States and Mexico.

Frequently illegal use of Ch. 9 by American CB operators cause havoc with emergency traffic south of the border.

It's a real problem for the Mexicans, who must rely solely on CB Ch. 9 to dispatch emergency aid. There is little alternative radios frequency backup for the Mexican groups and many areas have no phones.

For American tourists traveling in Mexico, however, it's helpful to know that they can call for help on CB Ch. 9, and that there are volunteer Mexican CB 9 monitors.

With bilingual members in the Mexican groups, "Americanos" can speak in English and be understood on CB Ch. 9 in Tijuana.

### REACT Assistance in Tijuana

While the Aguilas and other Mexican volunteer CB radio groups are not yet a part of REACT International, several members of Southwestern REACT, #C475 in San Diego regularly assist the Mexican groups. One American from Southwestern REACT has unprecedented dual membership: both American and Mexican.

The Southwestern Public Information Officer, "Big John" Pflingsten, Unit #91, regularly assists the Tijuana "radio grupos" with his time and equipment donations.

During the Christmas holidays last year, Southwestern REACT #91 assisted the "H-Unidos Radio Grupo" in Tijuana on their annual food, clothing and toy distribution to Mexican orphanages.

More recently, "Big John" has donated critically needed mobile and hand-held CB radios to the "Aguilas de Emergencia Ch. 9 AC" radio grupo. As editor of the "Southwestern REACTer," Unit 91 is publishing stories about CB equipment, clothing and food that's urgently needed in Tijuana.

Another member from Southwestern REACT, Southwestern Unit #67 — Leo E. Laurence, is an active member of the "Aguilas de Emergencia Ch. 9 - AC."

With the assigned Mexican team identification of "Aguilas Azul. Tres" (In English: "Eagle Blue Three"), Laurence is the only "Americano" with dual accreditation.

Southwestern's Vice President and now retired USN Lt. Cdr. "Skip" Westray (Unit #142) actively assists Pflingsten and Laurence on Mexican projects.

As a regular CB Ch. 9 base and mobile monitor, Westray is quick to "break" into CB Ch. 9 traffic to help reduce American interference with Mexican emergency radio traffic.

He will advise the operators that emergency radio traffic in Spanish from Mexico is both proper and authorized on CB Ch. 9. That is according to the international W.A.R.C. treaty controlling frequency allocations worldwide.

## SEAT BELT SAFETY

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deploy in low-speed frontal impacts, side and rear-end impacts or rollovers. Inadvertent deployment is very unlikely. Since the airbag inflates and deflates in less than 1/10 of a second, a driver is able to maintain control of the vehicle. Once an airbag has been deployed, it must be replaced.

There are two general types of automatic safety belts. One is attached to a track over the door and operated by a small electric motor and the other is attached to the car's door and moves into place when the door is

closed. The two-point automatic safety belt is a single shoulder belt. For maximum effectiveness in reducing injuries, lap belts should be used with both types of automatic systems.

Automatic safety belts are estimated to cost an additional \$45 for a non-motorized system and \$180 for a motorized system. Airbags for both driver and front seat passenger are estimated to cost \$390. A driver-side only system, the estimated cost is \$270.

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# REACT AMATEUR RADIO NEWS

## Congress Abandons Effort to Impose License Fees on Radio Amateurs

On November 22, after weeks of negotiation over its complex provisions, Congress forwarded the Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1989 to President Bush for his signature. As adopted, the Act contains no schedule of fees for Amateur Radio licenses. Deletion of the fee schedule was a victory for radio amateurs, who provide public-service communications without compensation of any kind and who therefore viewed the proposed fees as a tax on volunteers.

Amateur radio license fees had been proposed in both the House and the Senate as a small part of the process to reduce the federal deficit. A \$30 fee was proposed in the House, while in the Senate the proposed figure was \$35. Amateurs objected to the fact that the fee would be due every time an application went to the FCC, even if the application was simply to change address, to demonstrate qualifications for increased operating privileges, or to renew a school radio club or military recreation station license. Eventually, the conference committee charged with resolving the differences between the House and Senate versions of the legislation acknowledged that a fee was inappropriate since amateurs do not operate their radio stations for profit.

"The exemplary performance of radio amateurs in responding to Hurricane Hugo and the northern California earthquake helped make our point," observed David Sumner, Executive Vice President of the

American Radio Relay League (ARRL). "We faced an uphill battle in Congress against a wave of red ink and a general feeling that user fees aren't a bad way for the government to increase its revenues. Fortunately, enough key people in Congress recognized that the services performed by radio amateurs are far more valuable than the fees that would have been collected." The ARRL, headquartered in Newington, Connecticut, is the principal spokesman for the more than 460,000 licensed radio amateurs in the United States. League representatives worked for four months to educate Congress on amateurs' important public-service responsibilities and entitlement to an exemption.

Key officials who helped turn the tide included Representative John Dingell, D-MI-16; Senator Ernest F. Hollings, D-SC; Senator Carl Levin, D-MI; Representative Leon Panetta, D-CA-16; Senator Jim Sasser, D-TN; and Representative Bob Wise, D-WV-3. ARRL volunteers in these states and districts, among others, played a decisive role in the victory.

### NEW MORSE CODE TRAINING PROGRAM OFFERED

The desire to network computers by radio has brought about a renewed interest in amateur radio. Amateurs have developed extensive X.25 digital radio networks throughout the country.

Presently, hobby communications by radio requires that the computer user earn an amateur radio license issued by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). This involves learning to send and receive Morse Code at 5 words-per-minute in addition to answering a multiple choice test of 30 questions.

To facilitate passing the Morse code test, The National Amateur Radio Association (NARA) is distributing a shareware program called Super Morse, written by Lee Murrah, WD5CID. The program can be used with any IBM or compatible computer with MS-DOS. Super Morse is organized into the four phases of the Morse code learning process (1) learning the characters, (2) building speed, (3) enhancing skills and (4) measuring progress. An on-screen display permits configuring character sets in addition to the sending and word speed. A "zoom" mode permits increasing the speed automatically during a transmission session. Files are included on the disk which simulate actual radio transmissions between amateurs such as might be copied off-the-air with a receiver.

In addition to a visual presentation of the characters, the sound of the Morse is reproduced by the speaker in the MS-DOS computer and the tone frequency is variable. The sound from the speaker can also be recorded to make code practice tapes.

Two unique features are provided which are not found in any other code practice program. It is possible for two users of Super Morse to practice receiving code over the phone line. An interactive mode permits using a modem to transport the code characters. For example, depressing the "A" key at the sending end results in the "dit-dah" sound of the Morse code (representing the character "A") emanating at the other end of the telephone circuit. A second feature permits Morse code to be generated from ASCII files prepared by a word processing program. This prevents memorizing code sequences, which often occurs with code practice tape recordings.

To obtain a free copy of Super Morse, send \$3.00 postage and handling to The National Amateur Radio Association, 16541 Redmond Way, Suite 232, Redmond, WA 98052. For additional information call NARA at (206) 232-2579.

### Team Events



Through rain, sleet and breakdown — REACT will be there! #2457 Durham-Durham County (North Carolina) REACT's van at Team's rest stop. Funds collected from the rest stops will be used to update and maintain existing Team equipment and to attract local CBers to our organization. Photo courtesy of Steven M. Milton.

#4737 Rural-Metro REACT, Litchfield, Illinois, handled 138 calls during the months May through September including 1 fire, 56 motorist assists, 13 D.U.I.'s, 9 to 12 accidents, and 3 to 6 erratic drivers reports. The fire in the above call involved the Ed Bauer Fur Company located in Bond County and brought about a call for more man power. Team members Ron Collins and Joseph Counts were asked to help fight the fire to relieve exhausted firemen. Other Team members served refreshments, gave first aid to victims of heat exhaustion and other injuries, and helped in the clean up. Several weeks later our Team received a \$50 donation from the Greenville Fire Protection District.

In other activities, we were requested by the Sangamon County E.S.D.A. to do a storm watch during one severe storm. Our Juniors and other Team members have been doing activities with the residents at the County Care Inn. One Junior member has put in over 900 hours for one month alone. Guest speaker at our September meeting was Illinois State Trooper Robert Jones, Public Relations Officer, who gave advice and tips on some do's and don'ts as well as safety measures for the Team's benefit and basic information.

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# LIFE MEMBERSHIP CORNER

by Dick Cooper LM 329

REACT's newest Life Members are:

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Saunders County REACT  
Wahoo, NE

LM 408  
Freida Sullivan  
N.J. Inter-County REACT  
Fairfield, NJ

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REACT of Greater Long Beach  
Long Beach, CA

LM 404  
Robert Woodworth  
The New Rescue B, Inc.  
Haverhill, MA

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Troy R. Burton  
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Fairview, NJ

LM 412  
Marshall N. Spear  
Travis County REACT  
Austin, TX

From the Membership Committee of REACT International, Congratulations to all REACT members who decided to join the Life Member roles in 1989. Although much of the reason for the large L.M. response in 1989 was to save \$100.00 because of the dues increase in 1990, these same members have a very strong desire to be recognized as having a sincere interest in the REACT program. Along with this desire there are some responsibilities that must not be forgotten.

1) The Life Member must meet all team requirements of a non-Life Member (pay dues, duties, etc.). Life Membership is not an exception to these responsibilities.

2) Life Members are supportive of all objectives and ideals of the REACT program including membership through a REACT Team. Life Members are expected to start a new Team if they move to an area where no Team exists. A Life Member is expected to

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## 1990 APPLICATION FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP IN REACT INTERNATIONAL

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM # \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Date joined Team (month and day) \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: If the two year requirement is fulfilled through membership in more than one Team, please attach a letter of explanation stating which Team(s) and reason for change (moved, etc.)

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ (Minimum Age 13)

DUES ENCLOSED:  Full Life Member Dues \$340

Senior Citizen Discount applied

Age 61 - \$306  Age 62 - \$272  Age 63 - \$238

Age 64 - \$204  Age 65 and over - \$170

Payment Plan - \$35 first payment, 10 monthly payments total.

METHOD OF PAYMENT:  Check  Money Order  Payment Plan\*

VISA  MasterCard Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

I give my permission to publish my address \_\_\_\_\_ and my phone number \_\_\_\_\_ in the Life Member directory and other official REACT publications (Please initial each area)

TEAMS, check this box if this is a surprise gift or recognition. All information will be sent to Team address.

I understand that acceptance as a Life Member in REACT International does not release me from any financial or other obligation of membership in my local REACT Team. I shall be entitled to all privileges of Life Membership in REACT International wherever and so long as I live and my conduct is consistent with the purposes and ideals of the REACT organization.

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVAL OF THIS APPLICATION IS RECOMMENDED BY APPLICANT'S TEAM:

(Requires signature of two Team officers other than applicant.)

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

\*Payments made are considered a donation until Life Membership is paid in full in the prescribed period. There are no refunds of partial payments.

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242 Cleveland  
Wichita, KS 67214



## Life Membership *CONTINUED*

participate in various segments of REACT, but is not granted special privileges because of it.

3) Life Members are invited to attend the Life Membership Dinner held at the REACT International Convention each year.

4) Life Members must remember that their membership can be revoked if that individual brings discredit upon the REACT name.

At the 1989 REACT International Convention in Madison, Life Members were presented with proposed guidelines for the removal of Life Membership from REACT members with just cause. All LM present reviewed the proposal and directed that it be passed to the FI Board of Directors for action. If passed, this proposal would provide a procedure for removal of Life Members. This is not a small matter, therefore requires much attention. The guidelines will be published in this column when they are approved.

As of this writing, (11/15/89) the leading Life Membership states are:

Florida	53
California	49
Texas	42
Washington	35
Maryland	21
New Jersey	17
Virginia	17
Kansas	15
Pennsylvania	14
New York	13

If you want to know where your state is compared to others, call Dick Cooper at 609-259-7088.

In an effort to keep the Life Membership directory current, I am requesting that each State Council assign someone to update your portion of the Life Membership Directory that was mailed to Life Members. Send any changes to REACT International with a copy to: Dick Cooper, LM Chairman, RD 3, Box 2533, Allentown, NJ 08501.

## 1990 REACT U.K. Convention

1990 REACT U.K. Convention is the 6th to 8th of April at the Mendip Lodge Hotel, Frome, Somerset, England.

The cost will be £80.00 per head. This price based on two people sharing a twin room and includes all meals for the weekend.

Single rooms are available at an increased rate, further details on request.

An early reply would be appreciated to enable us to give the hotel an idea of the numbers attending.

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On June 17, 1989, members representing six Washington State REACT Teams, met with Ron Mayes, General Manager of REACT International, at the site of the 1990 REACT International Convention in Spokane, Washington.

A short open Washington State REACT Council board meeting followed. Ron was asked to swear-in new WSRC Board Members, the term of office begin 1989-90. A burger bash hosted by Spokane County REACT followed at the conclusion of the meeting.

## Bids to Host 1992 Convention Now Being Accepted

The work of the Site Selection Committee is beginning to become active with the first form request for 1992 being received. In 1990 the Convention will be in Spokane, Wa.; in 1991 the Convention will be in Melbourne, Fl.; for 1992 the bids are open in the central area. If for some reason one is not accepted in the central area, then it would be open to all areas for bids.

Councils or Areas that want to bid for 1992, please request your bid packages early so you have adequate time to do a

good job and we have enough time to evaluate your bid. We want to be able to recommend the best site possible at the 1990 Convention so your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Please request your bid package by either calling or writing:  
Site Selection Task Group  
c/o Larry Fry  
833 Cornelia Street  
Janesville, WI 53545-1609  
(or phone) 1-608-752-4547

## An Open Letter to Women in REACT

I haven't heard from many of you, only three to be exact. I would like to know what you would like REACT to do for you, or what you expect to receive from your membership in this great volunteer group. I know what being a part of this group has done for me. I also know I can go as far, and do as much, as I want to do. More than I ever thought I could. So can you.

You just don't join, a group, to say you're a member. You join to be a part of this great group, part of something good, and you want to help it grow.

I continue to call "Women in REACT" a "Task Force", instead of a "Task Group". Maybe because we, as women, can be more than just another group, but a force to do something good something special.

Let me hear from you.

REACTively,

Dorothy V. DePoe  
100 N. Richards Ave., Somerville, N.J. 08876

## □ Team Events



Fred Chappell (Rose City Windsor REACT, Windsor, Ontario, Canada) takes notes while Howard Wilder of Herndon REACT #C332 speaks of Team activities.

**#C332 Herndon REACT, Oakton, Virginia,** was requested by the Reston Triathlon officials to provide the emergency/safety communications with our radios and man power for this annual event. Despite the high heat and humidity, nearly 400 athletes swam, biked, and ran for the finish line while members of our Team watched over the participants. Eighteen Team members, supported by a few civilians, helped provide a safe and successful sporting event. The 1988 Triathlon was marred by the drowning of a young high school student during the swim at Lake Audubon (REACTer, November/December 1988). This year we covered both sides of the lake from start to finish. One Team member used a high-powered binocular to spot problem swimmers.

When you're working with an organization as big as REACT, you enjoy meeting fellow

**#C053 Tidewater REACT, Portsmouth, Virginia,** along with Richmond REACT #3968, Suffolk REACT #4536, and the Police Explorers participated in the 1989 Harbor Fest in Norfolk, VA. Twenty-seven units worked 682 hours for the event attended by well over one million people by parking cars, providing security in several areas, dealing with lost children. On Friday and Saturday of the three-day event a severe storm hit the area, requiring REACT, police, and rescue units to remain on station throughout, due to injuries and property damage. Sunday was clear with extreme heat which kept us all busy.

In August we held two car washes. The proceeds were used to finance our Labor Day Safety Break.

members from other REACT Teams throughout the world. We had such an opportunity when Fred Chappell of Rose City Windsor REACT #2060, Windsor, Ontario, Canada, visited his sister in Reston, VA. Fred was able to observe our Team in action at the Reston Triathlon. As well, he received tour and briefing by Robert Ange, an ambulance cardiac medic assigned to Fairfax County Rescue Squad. Hopefully, Fred was as pleased with his visit as we were in having him. What a better way to create goodwill and Team harmony among fellow members throughout the world.

REACT members, think about meeting other REACT members in our great family and see how other REACT Teams function. It could be very enlightening.

**#4700 Kitsap County REACT** responded to a Thanksgiving morning (0330) request of the American Red Cross Kitsap-North Mason County Chapter Disaster Assistance Team chairman. We responded with trailer and personnel to Bremerton International Airport to provide coffee and doughnuts for search and rescue personnel returning to search control at 0600. These personnel had been out since midnight in high winds, rain and 40 degree weather searching for an aircraft that had disappeared from radar Thanksgiving Eve. When weather cleared mid-morning, CAP found the wreckage. Relief rescue personnel then went to the scene. When the Kitsap County Sheriff secured the search and rescue groups, our members returned to their holiday dinners.

**#C453 Tri-State REACT, Huntington, West Virginia,** has had a very active year. Our Team had a road patrol on a fifteen mile stretch of I-64 using two base stations and four Teams working 80 man hours covering approximately 600 miles to help numerous motorists. We have had two successful safety breaks, Memorial Day and Labor Day, starting on Friday at 6:00 p.m. and staying until 6:00 p.m. Monday. The gratitude of the many people who stopped let us know we are doing a useful service.

We also tried something new this year—we helped out at the Tri-State Fair and Regatta. Some of our members worked every night with the safety committee and local law enforcement. Our job was to prevent trouble, help lost children, help the handicapped to and from the stage area, watch the gates, work around the stage area, and help with the jet skis and power boat races. We used our walkie-talkies which made communications a lot easier. Everyone expressed gratitude for our help.

**#C71 Tri-City REACT, Lakewood, California,** members, Henry Broughton and Mary Straitiff (Mary is a new member) gave a presentation of "Earthquake Preparedness" to thirty-five members of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Long Beach, CA. Henry was asked by American Red Cross of Long Beach to present a film, lecture, literature and a question/answer period. He had attended an eight hour training course at Long Beach Police Academy, September 9, on teaching "Earthquake, You Can Survive" and a presentation on "Vial of Life."

**#2620 Oklahoma County REACT, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,** assisted the Oklahoma City Police Department (OCPD) by patrolling the parking lots during the 1989 State Fair of Oklahoma, September 15 through October 1. We were supported by Gayland Kitch, **#3916 University of Oklahoma REACT.** This is the sixth consecutive year our Team has patrolled the lots for OCPD. Twenty-one members worked 825 hours, drove 2,200 miles, and were involved in or reported 296 incidents. One member was assigned to and was present in the OCPD Command Post for liaison and coordination during all hours that we were on duty. We are proud that our Team is the only civilian organization used in this manner by OCPD. The Team received television and newspaper coverage because of our work at the Fair. We also received a letter of thanks and appreciation from R.V. Wilder, Chief, OCPD.

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## □ Team Events

**#4730 Marathon County REACT, Wausau, Wisconsin,** operated a successful Safety Break over Labor Day. WAOW TV 9, Wausau, WI, interviewed many of the travelers taking advantage of the hot coffee and highway information we provided. We did something different this year: we kept the break open throughout the night of the first day. The amount of traffic during that time surprised us.

Another surprise for us came with being in the right spot at the right time. A family from our area had started out for their vacation, only to "blow" the engine of their car thirty miles into the trip. They were able to make it as far as the rest area where we were. Nothing worse than a breakdown in the middle of the night with two hungry children and four tired people, and a spoiled vacation. We were happy we could help with refreshments and a ride to town.

After a break on Sunday we managed to set up for Monday's Safety Break in the rain—another unfortunate first for us. However, the rain didn't dampen Team spirit, nor the travelers. By the end of the day we had served over 900 cups of coffee, 20 gallons of fruit drink and about 70 dozen assorted donuts and rolls. We also handed out grab bags put together by our local MADD organization and containing material from many different organizations working for the same cause.

None of this would have been possible without the support of our law enforcement agencies (Marathon County Sheriff Dept., Wausau Police Dept., Wisconsin State Patrol D-4, Wisconsin DOT) and area businesses, and most definitely not possible without all the Team members who worked the break and the ones who monitored Channel 9 for their fellow members.

**#2690 Twin City Emergency Communications REACT, Lafayette, Indiana,** provided night security, communications and traffic control for the 22nd Annual Feast of the Hunter Moon from Friday through Sunday, October 6-8, at Fort Quiatenon in West Lafayette, IN, and was assisted by **#C692 Cass County REACT** and **#3171 White County REACT.** The Feast, believed to be the largest living history event of its kind in the United States, is a celebration of 18th century French Colonial history and is sponsored by the Tippecanoe County Historical Association. It drew another record-breaking crowd of 67,146, which is 4,396 more than the previous year, and more than 4,200 participants and volunteers to a picture perfect weekend with high temperatures in the lower 60s and clear blue skies.

The three REACT Teams together put in a total of 375 man hours, with two-thirds of their members putting in as much as twelve hours per day. The REACT members who participated are proud of the fact that once again, there were no traffic accidents reported in the area.

**#3622 Guadalupe County REACT, San Antonio, Texas,** has received a \$2,500 donation from H-E-B Grocery Company, the largest store chain in Texas. The money is to be used for radio equipment.

Our Team has also been given facilities in the American Red Cross building. The room, once the production room for KBUK country music station, will be used for our communications center. 1

**#3722 Davis County REACT, Layton, Utah,** did three Safety Wake Breaks this year, serving coffee, punch and handouts to around 5,000 people. These Breaks were done over the Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day holidays. We also patrolled on Halloween evening for the safety of the children in the area.

We lost one of our greatest monitoring members. Due to poor health he has had to stop monitoring. We miss him greatly.

**#C322 Herndon REACT, Vienna, Virginia,** once again, as we have for over ten years, provided emergency safety radio communications for the 43rd annual Greater Vienna Chamber of Commerce Halloween Parade. Twenty-two members covered the entire parade route using handheld radios, mobile vehicles, and a two-man golf cart that patrolled up and down the parade route. A base station was set up at the Vienna town hall police station and a REACT communications van was used as a net control.

**#4686 Eastern Panhandle REACT, Martinsburg, West Virginia,** want to recognize their two members who monitored a call from a man wanting someone to make a phone call for him. The call turned out to involve a suicide attempt. One member talked with the man while the other gave the information to the authorities via telephone. They remained in contact with the caller until the police arrived to take him into custody. The gentleman called on the radio about three days later to thank our two members for their help.

**#2413 North Central REACT Monitors, LaGrange, Ohio,** worked the First American Cancer Society Bike-A-Thon with 50 bikers participating. There were no accidents. We assisted with the St. Jude's Bike-A-Thon which did not have a high turnout.

Charles Walker, three time NASA space shuttle astronaut, was Grand Marshall for the parade whose theme was "The Sky Is the Limit." An estimated 2,000 participated with floats, military units, antique cars, horses, cartoon characters and a giant helium balloon. The parade, co-sponsored by the Greater Vienna Chamber of Commerce, the Vienna Jaycees, and the Town of Vienna, was viewed by an estimated 25,000 people.



Stuart Meyer, Director of Communications, was the guest of Herndon REACT #C322 and the town of Vienna Chamber of Commerce during their annual Halloween parade. Stuart is being driven by Team member Bob Baird to the VIP reviewing stand. The smile on his face is an indication he enjoyed the event.

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# 1990 REACT International Convention

JULY 23-27, 1990  
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The 1990 REACT International Convention will be held in Spokane, Washington July 23-27, 1990. Spokane, the Lilac City, where the residents are friendly, the seasons change distinctively and the quality of life is understated.

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Cavanaugh's modern exercise facilities are available to our guests at either hotel. Enjoy a workout in the weight room, swim some laps in the indoor pool, relax in the spa and sauna, play a match of tennis or head outdoors on the two-mile jogging loop through Riverfront Park.

To cool off, refresh yourself with a splash down the water slide into the Inn at the Park's sculptured swimming lagoon, complete with its own waterfall and poolside swim-up bar.

Anytime is a great time to visit one of the many restaurants and lounges found on-site at the hotels. Inside the five-story atrium (pictured here) of Cavanaugh's Inn at the Park, you'll find the Atrium Cafe and Deli with a tropical atmosphere, delicious deli sandwiches, salads, fresh baked desserts and pastries.

Windows of the Seasons Restaurant at Cavanaugh's Inn at the Park adds elegance to your dining.



Overlooking the Spokane River and Riverfront Park, enjoy the cuisine of classic and seasonal favorites prepared to perfection.

Relax and enjoy the view at Cesare's Lounge atop the Executive Wing or dance to the most popular tunes at the Park Place Lounge on the main floor of Cavanaugh's Inn at the Park.

Ripples on the River Restaurant at Cavanaugh's River Inn offers a varied cuisine in a contemporary, comfortable atmosphere along the river. Patio seating is available in the Spring and Summer. And Ripples on the River Lounge features live entertainment and dancing each evening.

Each hotel offers services and access for the handicapped. Several menu items have been approved by the American Heart Association.

Rates for the hotel are as follows:

<b>Cavanaugh's Inn at the Park,</b> W. 303 North River Drive (509) 326-8000	
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Single	\$58 1 person/1 bed.
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Single/Double/Double	
Double	\$75
<b>Cavanaugh's River Inn,</b> N. 700 Division, (509) 326-5577	
Single	\$48
Double/Double Double	\$55

For more information regarding the 1990 REACT International Convention in Spokane, Washington contact Marv Wyrick at (509) 326-3392 or Walt Mabe at (509) 299-4863. If you would like to contact the hotel directly, you may call toll-free 1-800-THE-INNS in the United States and Canada.

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## ☐ Team Events



Members of the three REACT Teams assemble before the event.

**#2601 Ohio Valley REACT, Cincinnati, Ohio**, joined with Tri-County REACT #2624, West Chester, Ohio, and Northern Kentucky REACT #3221, Erlanger, Kentucky, at the Florence, Kentucky, U'All Parade. This is an annual "do" by Northern Kentucky and they have had the job for ten years (at least). It

was a lot of fun and fortunately there were no incidents with participants and spectators except one: a young girl was attacked and stung several times by bees and taken to the hospital when she became ill. Northern Kentucky always does an excellent job.

**#4730 Marathon County REACT, Wausau, Wisconsin**, had our second annual Halloween Safety Patrol. Our dedicated members worked to make the evening safe for children in five cities in our county, putting in about 150 man hours and 1700 miles. On October 29 we met with Officer Jerry Kittel of the Wausau Police Department to help us with the do's and don'ts of patrolling. Our vehicles had the REACT magnetic signs for easy identification, and all members wore orange safety vests with REACT on the back. All law enforcement personnel were informed of our safety patrol and the purpose behind it. The evening was a success, due to dedication, information and a lot of communication.

**#2332 Wood County REACT, Bowling Green, Ohio**, volunteered our services to the Wood County Sheriff's Department in the search for any clues connected with the murder of an 18-year-old girl whose body was found in a ditch along a rural road in northwest Ohio. We served coffee and doughnuts to the many volunteers who had searched the night before and all day Sunday; some of the Team's members joined the search. Expressions of appreciation were received from law officials.

**#2069 Hardin County REACT, Kenton, Ohio**, received a letter from Kenton Chamber of Commerce: "Once again the Hardin County Optimists will be sponsoring the Kenton Halloween Parade. The Optimists asked that you be given a special invitation to participate this year in any way you may see fit, be it traffic control, float, or whatever. The club, of which I am a member, certainly appreciates all the much needed assistance given by your organization last year." Our Team is also again this year patrolling the parking lots at the schools and checking the buses at the six home games. This is being accomplished with as few as three to five people, including our President Norma Furr on the base station.

**#2141 United Valley REACT, Beaver, Pennsylvania**, was featured in a three-page spread in "The Sunday Times Magazine" of their local newspaper. A picture of Team President Gary Fieson directing traffic for a parade graces the front page. The article highlights our Team's communication function as well as the variety of activities we do throughout the year. Several photos accompany the article.

**#C480 Summit County REACT, Akron, Ohio**, would like to thank MOBILECOMM Communications of Ohio for donating one voice pager to our Operations Officer. This enables local fire/police agencies to get in touch with our Team. Thanks to TRI-CITY COMMUNICATIONS of Baberton, Ohio, for working with us to achieve better communications by lowering their prices on Kenwood portables.

Congratulations to Wes and Sadie Miller on their new member of the family. Cassandra Dawn Miller, born October 18, 1989, will soon be Unit #4½.

**#2166 Roanoke Valley REACT, Roanoke, Virginia**, held a yard sale to provide funds for the Jerry Hines Educational Foundation at a nearby community college. We were able to make a \$500 donation. Jerry Hines was a state trooper killed in the line of duty. For the second year we provided communications for a November Saturday for Roanoke Coalition River Cleanup in the Roanoke County area of the Roanoke River Valley. Over 1200 volunteers took part in the cleanup. We completed our busy cycle by electing new officers: President, Azelia Tingler; First Vice President, Martha McClung; Second Vice President, Ray Braley; Secretary, Dorothy Riggle; and Treasurer, Martha Edwards.

**#C53 Tidewater REACT, Portsmouth, Virginia**, along with the Amateur Radio Club and the Hampton Roads Council of Veterans Organization participated in the November 11 Veteran's Day Parade, followed by a memorial service and wreath-laying ceremony. Our Team had 13 parade marshalls who provided communications and helped coordinate the positions and line-up. We used our GMRS, 11 Meters and 2 Meter. There were approximately 80 positions to work with in the parade. Our REACT van rode in the parade. Everything went fine; the weather was great. We're glad to say there were no injuries.

**#4760 St. Thomas REACT, St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada**, has received some much appreciated newspaper coverage. Our Team has been featured in two articles, one with a picture of Team President, Harold Hedden. There was also an editorial published in support of our efforts.

We participated in the 1989 Blue Light Relay during the September 16-17 weekend. This community event raised \$185,000 for three teaching hospitals in our area.

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Team Events



Smiling because they're doing a job they like, members of Richmond County REACT #3335 gathered for a photo at their Labor Day Coffee Break. Thirty-five REACTers worked 90 hours to hand out over 1,200 cups of soda, iced tea and coffee and 40 dozen bagels to people from Philadelphia, Texas, and Virginia, as well as other places. We also handled 11 emergency calls for assistance. In this photo taken by local newspaper reporter, Jim Romano, are: John Maiorana, Supervisor #2; Maria Maiorana; Nick Cosentino, Chairman of the Board; Donna Cosentino, Secretary; Beth Ann Belger, Recording Secretary; and (seated) Bob Cacciola, Team President and President of Southern New York State REACT Council.



4716 Watch on Wheels REACT's President, Peter Carroll (right), presents R.C.M.P. Corporal Alex Graham with a plaque in appreciation for his support. Corporal Graham, an outspoken advocate of the use of citizen band radio as a tool in crime prevention, is leaving Thompson to command the Shoal Lake detachment of the R.C.M.P.

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# Why Do People Belong To REACT?

Present and past members of REACT were asked why they belong to REACT. This is what they informed us, ranked in order of the most popular reason given:

1. To HELP people in need.
2. The REACT volunteer activities.
3. The friendship of other REACT members.
4. Meeting other CB, GMRS, Ham Radio enthusiasts.
5. The civic recognition of their local Team.
6. The opportunity for volunteer leadership.
7. To receive the REACT magazine.
8. For the training and drills.
9. Products with the REACT logo.
10. Attending educational meetings and hearing informative speakers.

## Be a REACT Team Member and Receive . . .

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## REACT Members Share in the Best Volunteer Recognition Programs Around

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## REACT International is a Member-Run Organization with Opportunities for Members to Advance in Leadership

Each year REACT Team members elect fellow members to the REACT International Board of Directors. Our Board members are



volunteers themselves receiving no pay for their work towards setting the policies and direction of our organization. The Board also establishes task groups who report directly to the Board on subjects of interest to the members of REACT. Each year our annual convention and Board meeting is held to gather the input of our membership. REACT State Councils are formed by the Teams within the state to help one another with major projects and in subjects of interest to the teams. Council officers are elected by the Team members. Teams are also encouraged to elect their own leaders.

## REACT Monitors are Needed by the Public to Save Lives

Emergency calls over CB 9 require a monitor to take the call in order for life saving help to arrive. There are millions of travelers who have a CB radio for the express purpose of getting help for themselves and others. Each year an additional three million radios are sold to new buyers for this exact reason. Unfortunately public safety agencies can't always be at the right place at the right time. Citizens band, General Mobile and Amateur Radio can save as much as twenty minutes response time to the scene of an accident. REACT needs every member it can get to provide effective life-saving coverage on the emergency frequencies.

## REACT Members are Part of a Tradition

For over 28 years REACT members have been using their citizens two-way radio to help people in need. Highway safety is an important aspect of our tradition as our members monitor emergency frequencies and provide the vital link between travelers and emergency services. During times of disasters REACT members are first on the scene providing vital communications and manpower. You are invited to join or remain a part of our REACT TRADITION!







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