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# PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

by Ron McCracken

Thanks go to all who helped make the 1990 REACT International Convention a great success. Our hosts, the REACT Spokane and REACT Council of Washington did a fine job for the dedicated REACTers from across North America who participated.

Many traveled long distances to learn and share ideas that work. "First-timers" I spoke to appreciated the welcome they received and the efforts "veterans" made to involve them in all the various activities or events.

Plans for our 1991 convention in Melbourne, FL are already well underway. You will read much more about that in future issues of the REACTer and Team Topics. Plan now to attend.

Indianapolis, IN will be the site of our 30th anniversary convention in 1992. It is a

fairly central location, so I hope we will have a record attendance to mark that next milestone in REACT history.

Our PRTG (Public Relation Task Group) is hard at work already, preparing materials for your 30th anniversary celebrations. Other Task Groups will be formulating their plans for our 30th too. Have your Team and Council begun preparations? Some projects require ample lead time. Begin now.

I wish each Team a very successful and satisfying year ahead. Take photos of all your Team activities and send copies to HQ for the REACTer. We need your pictures to help tell the REACT story.

Thanks for all your monitoring of CB Emergency Channel 9. Lives depend on you (see p. 14, Jan/Feb, 90). Keep up your outstanding volunteer REACT work.

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### TEAM CONTACT DIRECTORY CORRECTION

Phone number for Charleston REACT #C614 on page 174 should be corrected. Please make note of the correct listing 803/554-1406.

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## HEADQUARTERS REPORT

So much has happened since the last issue of the REACTer, I honestly do not know where to begin.

I do know that both Michele and Lynda have been jumping lately, what with preparation for the Convention as well as the daily operations of the office, they definitely deserve a special thanks.

I made it back from Spokane on July 30th, a little more tired than when I began, but a whole lot wiser that I ever imagined.

Since March I have literally read everything I could get my hands on about REACT, its' members, Teams and Councils. But nothing was more educational than my week and a half spent with so many dedicated REACTers. My hat goes off to all of you.

I truly enjoyed the Convention, and the opportunity to meet so many members that I have spoken with in the past over the telephone. I finally was able to put faces with names. I was also able to meet members who hadn't been in contact with Headquarters because they thought we were too busy. I'd like to state now, as I stated in Spokane, Headquarters is here for you. If you have a problem, let's get it solved, if you have a question, ask, if you just want to talk, give Headquarters a call, we are there for you.

Most of my time at Convention was spent meeting the members present, listening to their ideas and suggestions and of course even their complaints. I am still sifting through my 4 notebooks I used in keeping track of special requests and information with (now if I could only read my handwriting). So, if you

stopped me at Convention and have not heard from the office on information you requested yet, please be patient, we are trying to process all the items as quickly as possible.

I would like to take this opportunity to especially thank a few people I met at the convention. First, to Jan and Marv as well as all the Washington members who made the Convention possible, you truly helped make my job easier and my whole trip to Spokane a lot more enjoyable. To Rene Coppedge and Joan Hedghes a heartfelt thanks for all their help in manning the International booth. Sales were up and only one box was mailed back to Headquarters. To all my "Perkins" friends (and you know who you are) thank you so much for looking out for me. You really made me feel like part of the "family". For all the members in attendance who just stopped to introduce themselves and let me know they care, thank you so much. Your support makes our jobs here in Wichita so much easier. And of course, to the Board of Directors thank you for your trust in my abilities. Last but not least, to the general membership, for without you, I would not be needed at Headquarters.

My goal between now and the next Convention is to provide you with the best assistance possible, for all 9,000 of you are the backbone of REACT International

I am already looking forward to Melbourne in 1991 and in meeting more fellow REACTers. I only have one

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thing to say..."Walt, you better have my roller skates ready at the door!"

Now, onto other business... in this issue you will find not only pictures from the Convention, but other new items. For one, please make sure you read the article from Norman Kaplan. Teams were recently mailed a Team Survey, via Headquarters on cellular phone usage in your areas. This survey was complied by Norm and mailed to all Teams around the first of July. I spoke with Norm on the telephone recently, so far he has received under 300 completed survey's back. So come on Teams, if your still sitting on your survey, fill it out and mail it back. It will only take a few minutes of your time and a 25 cent postage stamp, but the benefits for the future of REACT could be astronomical. I might add, everyone who spoke with Norm at the Convention was encouraged by his ideas for the future of REACT.

Also, starting with this issue you will be seeing more advertising. Now before you start thinking that the magazine will be turned into a advertising circular, let me explain the future of the magazine. First, in all rights, the magazine should pay for itself, thus the cost of publishing the REACTer will not have to be subsidized by your membership dues and in turn your membership dues could then work for you in other areas, such as in more benefits offered. So starting with this issue, a campaign has begun on recruiting advertisers which would be of interest to you. As an additional incentive for advertisers, the "New Product" section is being reduce

to only list manufacturers names and address and a brief description of products only relevant to the membership. Only advertisers will benefit from the "New Product" section as far as any additional space requirements thus freeing up the rest of the publication for what you want most. Please keep in mind, that in the past normally the "New Product" section has taken, up to and over 2 full pages, so why not cut this section and replace it with something of far more value, a dollar savings for you the members.

Speaking of dollar savings, does anyone notice anything different about this magazine? If you do, its because this is the first issue of the REACTer totally laid out in-house. With the installation of a new desktop publishing application on one of the computers at Headquarters, we are now able to do all the actual layout in the office thus cutting out not only a certain portion of the production costs of publishing but also a substantial time savings factor. No longer do we have to rely on the typesetters turning around the magazine within a specific time frame, we now have the control of this portion of the magazine in the office.

I realize this issue is running behind the original deadline schedule. But, Headquarters felt the time lost in the installation of the desktop publishing application will be made up in cost

savings. Starting with the November/December issue all schedules will be back to normal. Please feel free to write to Headquarters with any suggestions you might have on how the magazine could be improved.

On a more somber note, I have taken the liberty of including with this issue a photograph of Nancy Shoemaker a 9 year old Wichita child. Nancy was reported missing from a trip to a convenience store in the Wichita area on July 30th, 1990. I spoke with Nancy's father at Headquarters upon my return to Wichita from the Convention, during our brief conversation he asked for assistance from REACT and its' members. So please, when your out, keep Nancy on your mind and her family in your prayers. Our children are our future and we cannot stand for letting our future vanish.

In the past, it seemed the hardest part of publishing the REACTer was the Headquarters Report. In the future, the hardest part of the magazine will still be publishing the Headquarters Report, but not for the same reason. Before I wondered what you as members wanted to see, needed to know. But now I feel I truly know what your wants and needs are. I promise to try to keep the Headquarters Report short, but please forgive me if it gets a little long. You are a unique group and one I might add I am proud to now be a part of.

**FUTURE DEADLINES  
FOR  
the REACTer Magazine**

**November/December Issue:  
Article submission: October 8th, 1990**

**January/February, 1991 Issue:  
Article submission: December 3rd, 1990**

## SEARCH FOR MISSING AIRCRAFT COORDINATION AND PREPAREDNESS LEAD THE WAY

## CB IN TECHNICOLOR

by "Long Island Phil"

On Thursday, May 10, 1990, a Cessna 210 aircraft with six men aboard left Manteo, North Carolina enroute to Leesburg, Virginia. It never arrived. The men on the plane were returning from a fishing trip when their plane disappeared, presumably somewhere between Richmond, Virginia and Gaithersburg, Maryland. The pilot did not file flight plans before departing so radar did not track the plane's course.

The Civil Air Patrol and the Appalachian Search and Rescue Conference began their formal joint search for the plane at sunrise on Friday, May 11. **Prince William REACT Team C-109** contacted the search groups, registering Team's availability to help with the search. At this time a Team member was dispatched to the Manassas Municipal Airport command post to serve as Liaison Officer and the rest of the Team was alerted to be on standby via a telephone call-up procedure which had just been implemented two days prior.

Over the next nine days, 83% of Team C109's active membership participated in support of the search, which according to a CAP spokesperson was the largest of its kind in this area. The Team assisted with logistics and search team transport. Food, supplies, and equipment were also transported.

On Saturday, May 12, Team members were canvassed for transport, on-site, and Radio Net availability. Nets were established on both the east and west end of

the county and some mobile units were put into service for logistics and search team transport.

On Sunday, May 13, an on-site station was put into operation to assist the search efforts being coordinated by CAP and ASRC within Prince William Forest Park on the east end of the county. Food service was supplied with the assistance of the Dumfries-Triangle volunteer Fire Dept. Auxiliary and Red Cross Disaster Services. Transport of people and supplies expanded on both ends of the county. Quick retrieval of search teams was required in the afternoon when the National Weather Service issued a tornado watch for the entire area and a tornado warning when a funnel cloud was spotted to the west.

From Monday, May 14 to Thursday May 17, the search continued. The Team continued on-site services at Manassas Airport with the west-end Radio Net operating continuously from 0530 to 2400 daily.

The plane and remains of the occupants were located at approximately 1300 hours on May 17. Available mobile units were dispatched to Manassas airport to close the airport and provide traffic and crowd control at the request of Virginia State Police. The VSP later praised the Team for speed and reaction and efficiency with which this action was accomplished.

On Friday and Saturday, May 18 and 19, cleanup activities were performed at the airport by the Liaison and

Last year the CB Task Group took on a Goliath of a task in order to make every REACT Monitor a more efficient one by starting to compile police and other emergency phone numbers into a directory for each team to have as a reference manual. The purpose of this directory is if in the event you should receive a skip call, you can place the call directly to the local authorities and save time by not going through all the connections.

Last year I had only one member help me, this year however, I have many more people willing to help. This shows a greater interest towards advancing REACT to higher levels.

I said it before, and I'll say it again, we **NEED** your police and other official phone numbers so we can make this directory. So please send them to either:

Ron Faulkner  
189 Sydenham Street  
Woodstock, ON N4S 7B8

if you live in Canada, or to me at my NEW ADDRESS,

Philip Treglia  
3008 Western Blvd  
Baldwin Harbor, NY 11510

if you live in the U.S., I'll get it into our computer storage.

We have many tasks that our group will take on this year. All are aimed to bring back the fame and glory that it once had. With this in mind, I would like to ask everyone to think of something new to say when someone asks you "What is REACT?"

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## SITE SELECTION TASK GROUP

by Azella Tingler

other than saying, "An organization to help monitor CB Channel 9" and leaving it at that. Because it is that type of PR that doesn't excite anyone to join REACT.

So if you have a new answer to "What is REACT?", send them to me at the above address and I'll get them printed in the REACTer (pending on space available), with credit given, unless otherwise stated.

Before I close my article with a splash of color, I wish to say that each issue of the REACTer will contain an update of what our task group is doing. But for some reason if you wish more information, or if you wish to join our task group, either write to me at the above address or call me at my **NEW PHONE NUMBER** which is (516)623-7271.

Until the next thrill-packed episode of CB in Technicolor, may the "Rainbow of Life" put color into your everyday clothes.

Well, another successful REACT International Convention has taken place. It is so nice to renew old friendships and gain some new ones.

Congratulations Washington REACT Council, you did a great job. You have now joined the "WE DID IT" Club. All of you put in a lot of long hours to make it a success.

Many thanks to those of you who worked on this Task Group this past year. I am looking forward to accomplishing the tasks that we have set forth to do this year. Mainly revise and update the Convention Application and have a little more information available to the folks putting

on the future Conventions.

Indianapolis, Indiana will be the site of the 1992 Convention.

But, first, we have to go to Melbourne, Florida and bask in the sun and play on the beach. Their moto is "Fun in the Sun in 91" the dates are July 22-25, 1991. So get out the Sun Screen and enjoy Florida again.

Bids are now being accepted from the West Region for 1993. If you are interested, please contact: Azella E. Tingler, 2525 Westover Ave. SW, Roanoke, Va., 24015. All bids need to be in by April 1, 1990. More later.....

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

1991 REACT International Convention to be held in Melbourne, Florida. Dates are July 22nd through July 25th, 1991.

### SEARCH FOR MISSING AIRCRAFT ...continued

Site Officer. A memorial service was held on Sunday, May 20 which six Team units and 3 family members attended. A Team debriefing was held on Tuesday, May 22 and through June 5th, three members assembled and collated data and put it into a document given to all Team members. Some highlights of the data follow.

Written records are a must and the Team has been able to learn a lot from those things which were written down. They showed that Team work and coordination

of efforts increased as the mission progressed. Though tragic in outcome, the event was an excellent field experience of all involved.

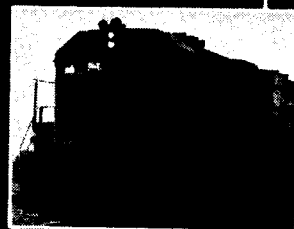
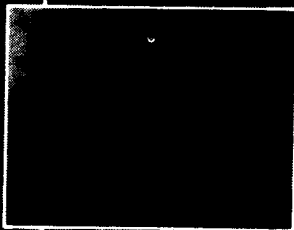
Uniforms were responsible for easy recognition of Team members. All three command groups (ASRC, CAP, and VA. Emergency Services) commented on the ease of identification that REACT Team uniforms provided. Uniforms were also a positive aspect in acquiring contributions. Community response to requests for

food, supplies and rooms and facilities was positive with some 40 businesses contributing.

The effectiveness and professionalism of Team radio operations drew positive comments and compliments from all of the search groups all week. Near the end of the mission Appalachian Search and Rescue command personnel asked if REACT had a training program we could provide their personnel.

During the debriefing, all

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# WORLD BAND RADIO

By R.C. Watts

World Harvest Radio, which operates WHRI in Indiana, is proceeding with a second Christian shortwave facility in Hawaii. According to LEASEA, the parent organization, this new station will be directed to Asia and Oceania with a target population of 2,846,400,000. There are eight or nine other Christian shortwave stations already broadcasting to that same audience.

The shortwave relay station of Spanish National Radio, under construction in Costa Rica for some time, is nearing completion. It may be on the air in late 1990 or early 1991. Out in the South Pacific, Radio New Zealand International put a new 100 KW transmitter into service. The old 7.5 KW transmitters, used since World War II, are still on emergency standby in case the new one has to go off the air-which as already happened! Maybe old transmitters never die.

Until recently part of the Sri Lanka government shortwave broadcast station used the old SEAC (Southeast Asia Command) station left after World War II when Sri Lanka was Ceylon. It's reported that Japan is rebuilding the facility as a foreign aid project. When finished it will probable relay Radio Japan programs to East Africa and the Mid-East. The voice of America is also co-located in this same broadcasting facility.

You can now obtain blank QSL cards for the Christian

Science Monitor World Service stations (WCSN, WSHB, KHBI) from their Boston address. Fill in your listening information and return for verification. This is like the QSL system used for several years by Radio Canada International.

Look for shortwave broadcast frequencies/schedules in Popular Communication or MT magazines and current editions of WRTH or Passport. Have fun while the spots are up!!!

## A NOTE OF THANKS TO ALL CONVENTION ATTENDEES

To all of you who signed my birthday card, my deepest thanks. I'm sorry I couldn't stay to thank you all in person. Such appreciation makes the hours spent on REACT matters worthwhile.

Bob Stone,  
Vice President

## TRAGIC ERRORS

by Ron McCracken

It began at 2335 on Thursday, June 15. So loud and clear were the transmissions that the trucker calling could have been on nearby highway 400 in Ontario. His broken messages and their content revealed otherwise.

He was calling Hagerstown REACT and reporting a vehicle travelling the wrong direction on I-55 at marker 75. He gave no state. Hagerstown, MD came to mind but it did not match with I-55. Several times the broken message came across the airwaves, but no state. Out came the National Geographic Atlas and the road atlas. NG showed a Hagerstown in Indiana, but I-55 misses Indiana too.

Suddenly, the message changed. Now he was reporting that the vehicle had collided head-on with an 18-wheeler at marker 73. This time one of his calls mentioned Missouri State Police. I began a landline to MSP. I

had been unable to locate a Hagerstown in MO but maybe it was too tiny to be in the atlas.

After I completed the call, I was relieved to hear him thanking another REACT monitor somewhere. I hope that REACTer had fuller information than did I, but we had lost a lot of time regardless.

I continued to check the atlases and found a Hagarstown (note the spelling) in IL, reasonably close to I-55 and marker 73. I believe now that the information I had, likely sent MSP on a wild goose chase, but I don't know. Hopefully, the other REACTer notified ISP so at least both locations were checked. I don't know how serious the collision was either, but I do know that tangles with 18-wheelers are usually very serious.

All the message lacked was

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a state, but it delayed the arrival of help by at least ten minutes. Ten vital minutes.

Embarrassed at having perhaps sent MSP to an accident that seemed later not to exist, but relieved that someone else had hopefully been more help to the trucker and the accident victims than I had, I returned to bed.

Within seconds I heard a monitor saying, "Yes, you are on Pike Creek, the water is rising, and people are trapped. Where is Pike Creek? Where is Pike Creek?"

I went to the radio, hoping that perhaps I could hear something the other monitor could not. Nothing. I did hear the monitor ask several more times for the location of Pike Creek. He mentioned notifying police, likely in his own state, but seemed helpless as to where to direct them.

Friday morning as I prepared for work I learned from the news that Pike Creek was in eastern Ohio. At least twelve people had died in a flash flood along the creek the night before. Had the monitor I heard had a location perhaps some of those lives could have been spared.

How seriously does your Team take its educational role in the community? How many groups has a speaker from your Team addressed on correct CB use in emergencies? How many hundreds- yes hundreds - if not thousands, of copies of "Getting Help by CB Radio" has your Team distributed? Is it available at all the truck stops, welcome centers, service stations, police detachments, ect., in your vicinity?

Monitoring is only part of

our REACT role. Educating CBers in correct emergency radio use is another major part. Unless we do it, no one else will. Unless we do it, we will continue to get incomplete calls upon which we are helpless to act.

Review your Team's activity in this vitally important area. How well is it fulfilling this part of its role? Most of us can likely do better. When we do, remember it will bene-

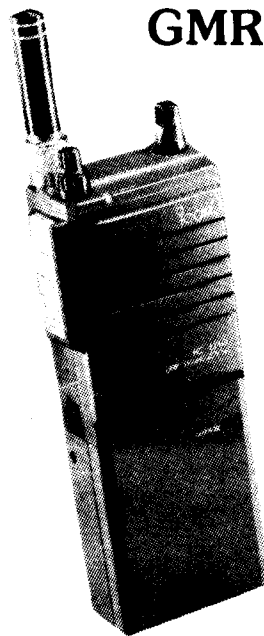
fit not only our Team but all other Teams too.

Most importantly, it will benefit those millions travelling our roads and waterways who mistakenly think that just having a CB along is enough. We know it isn't.

We know you must use it skillfully to get help in an emergency. We must do more to ensure that they know. We must do more to help reduce those tragic errors.

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## "SURVEY CORNER"

by Norman Kaplan

### Where are we going???

A question raised by all levels of REACT. Even more important...

### Where are we???

### What are our capabilities???

### When are we on the air???

### How are we doing???

REACT International, Inc. has sent out a survey to answer some of these questions. From the answers that have been returned to REACT, Teams monitor Channel 9 although not necessarily 24 hours. Some Teams monitor during the day, others during the night - as an organization, we need to share the information on how these times are covered and methods on approaching people to work these hours.

Do we as an organization need to provide other languages for FCC Part 95D, in Spanish, Chinese, Sweden, and Vietnamese that cover Citizen Band Channels? Do we on a team level need to be-lingual?

Due to noise on CB Channel 9- skip, foreign language, bleed over from other channels, many groups are monitoring General Mobile Radio Service since it is a quieter service. Mobile units monitor both CB Channel 9 and report problems over GMRS. GMRS does have a drawback since the general monitoring public does not have this communication service. Teams use GMRS as backup communications, administrative communica-

tions and disaster communications. 462.675 megahertz with no tone or 141.3 hertz tone has been established by the FCC as an official emergency frequency.

A few of the Teams monitor amateur radio service on 147. megahertz at various times. In the areas covered by these Teams help can be gotten.

A few Teams operate on public service radio bands in conjunction with their local emergency service providers. We as REACTers should be working with the local emergency service providers as a professional communications provider (and if Teams can't, then they need to contact their state councils or International for further training.)

Any opinions or statements made in this column are my own. If you as another REACTer have problems, please drop me a note at the address at the end of this column. If you want something addressed that will cause positive thinking on the part of REACTers drop me a note. While I don't promise to use everything sent, I will not file 13 it, but pass it on to the appropriate people.

If your Team has not returned the survey mentioned at the top of the column, please have your Team do so. This article is the beginning of a series of articles that I hope will address the concerns of the average REACTer. The questions and statements are raised for your thoughts to be worked out at the Team, Council and Headquarter level. Please contact me at 2605 Loma Street, Silver Spring, MD 20902-4841 with any questions, thoughts or counter-discussions or contact REACT Headquarters.



*Herndon REACT # C332, Vienna, Virginia held another Safety Break again this year over Memorial Day weekend. Team members served 7,100 travelers. Photo shows Bob Druie giving road information to a traveler. Directly behind Bob is Mike Boger, both are members of Herndon REACT. Photo by Bob Baird, Herndon REACT.*

## **INCORPORATE YOUR REACT TEAM**

Do the members of your Team a favor. Encourage them to incorporate. Save yourselves grief.

Incorporation is an absolute necessity in today's lawsuit - crazy world. It protects Team members from being sued individually if a lawsuit results from a Team activity. That is important protection.

When a Team is incorporated, only the assets of the Team (i.e. Team funds, Team equipment, ect.) are at risk in a lawsuit. Most Teams own too little to be a worthwhile target.

If your Team is not incorporated, however, someone can sue each member. That can put your house, your car, your bank account, ect. at risk. Even if you win, the legal costs can be crippling.

Begin the incorporation procedure right away. It is easy and inexpensive if someone on your Team does it. A lawyer who is a friend of your Team may do it as a public service or at minimal cost.

Ask other Teams within your REACT Council that have already incorporated for information and help. Most will be happy to assist.

Be careful. Put as little as possible into your incorporation documents. Include only the required items.

The reason is that if you wish to change anything later you will have to pay all over again. Changing is just as costly as starting up.

A worthwhile bonus awaits Teams that incorporate. You

may find it much easier to interest businesses in donating to your Team. Incorporation causes them to consider your Team more favorably. They will know your Team is likely to be around for some time. They will also know your Team operates on sound, business-like principles.

Contact the state or provincial department that regulates business. Your REACT Council or nearby incorporated Teams can help you there.

The government agency will send you the papers and most likely an instruction booklet to help you complete them.

It is a wise idea to incorporate with REACT as the first word in your Team name (e.g. REACT Cincinnati, REACT Tucson, ect.) Again, remember that a change later will mean costly fees all over.

Start now. Take your time. Talk to other teams. Someone on your Team who has the time to work on it can do the job. The government fees are about \$100. Ask other Teams about their costs.

Once your Team incorporates everyone can sleep easier. Until then, they are operating under a false sense of security. Ignorance is not bliss.

Incorporate your Team just as soon as you can. Give your members the legal protection they deserve as dedicated volunteers.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**September 15, 1990** - Western Washington Region REACT Council Meeting. For more information contact: Evergreen REACT #2869, 9808 42nd St., NE, Everett, WA 98205.

**September 21 - 23, 1990** - Midwest REACT Conference to be held in Wichita, KS. For further details contact the Kansas REACT Council or Sedgwick County REACT #4208.

**October 13, 1990** - Minnesota REACT Team Council Annual State Meeting/Convention. For more information contact: Jim McCarthy, 723 S. Water St., #209, Excelsior, MN 55331.

**October 20, 1990** - Southern New York State Council Meeting will be held at Clove Lakes Nursing Home in Straten Island. For further details contact Bob Cacciola at 718/948-4251.

**November 3, 1990** - Texas State REACT Council Meeting. For more information please contact Area V REACT Council or San Antonio REACT Team #3622.

## **OTHER EVENTS**

**September 23, 1990** - First Day of Fall

**October 5 - 7, 1990** - Monitoring Times Convention to be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Knoxville, Tennessee. Registration \$30.00. Contact P.O. Box 9645, Norfolk, VA 23505-0645.

**October 31, 1990** - Halloween Day

**January 7, 1990** - NVOAD Annual Meeting. Hosted by the American Red Cross, Washington, D.C.

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

**PLEASE SEND YOUR COMMENTS  
AND SUGGESTIONS INTO HEADQUARTERS!**

## K40 MAKES SPECIAL OFFER TO REACT MEMBERS

K40 Electronics is launching a new promotion which allows an existing CB owner to "trade-in" a working CB unit when purchasing a K-40 CB System and receive a \$50.00 trade-in payment upon verification that the unit is in working order.

How does that benefit REACT members and Teams? The answer is simply in many ways!

First, once the promotion is underway, the trade-in units will then be made available to REACT and other non-profit travel related groups at no charge except for shipping.

Next, as an additional bonus to REACT members, a discount coupon will be sent with each donated CB, to be used to purchase K40 accessories such as antennas, mounting brackets, etc.

Finally, the trade-in offer will also be extended to REACT members, allowing

them to trade-in CB units on the same basis as the public, except REACT members will be allowed to purchase the described system for \$129.00 without a trade-in necessary to achieve the discount, this price reflects quite a savings compared to the suggested retail price for the systems of \$209.90. REACT members will be required to provide their Team and individual member identification numbers.

Selecting REACT to join with K40 was done on the basis of believing REACT's goals and dedication are the kinds of qualities desired to be associated with K-40 products.

K40 Electronics feels that the CB systems donated to REACT will be put to excellent use in fulfilling REACT's commitment to travelers.

So, if you've been thinking of replacing your current sys-

tem or of adding another system to your Team, here's your opportunity. For further details on this program, please call Sandy or Doug at 1-800/323-5608 in Illinois 1-800/826-2405. Be sure to ask for the REACT promotion.

At present, International does not know when or how many CB units will be donated, but are recommending any Team or member who feels they know an individual that will put a donated unit to good use to please send Headquarters a letter of nomination on the individual. Please hurry, the promotion ends December 31, 1990.



**Donations  
Deserve  
Recognition**

**LEGAL DEFENSE FUND**

- In memory of Pam Riechel's  
father, Hal Monozon. \$260.50



*A captive audience during open session at the 1990 REACT International Convention, July 23rd through July 27, 1990.*

### **To all Spokane Convention Attendees**

I would like to thank you for the support shown to Bob and I and for all the help given us on the tasks we had to leave unfinished. The death of a loved one is never easy but your cards and thoughts have helped.

On behalf of my family, I would also like to thank all who added to the contribution of our favorite charity, the REACT legal fund.

Pam Riechel,  
REACT of the Golden Gate  
San Francisco, CA

## FIELD DIRECTOR REPORT

by Rick Munton

It has been my pleasure and a pain in the --- at times, to serve as your Field Director for the past two years. During my years with REACT, I have been most fortunate to make some truly outstanding friends. I have also made some enemies. To my friends I say "Thank You" for your input and support, to my enemies I say "I'm sorry, I did the best I could."

I have been silent over some of the statements and newsletters that have been circulating recently. In my fourteen years as a member of this organization, I have never seen a more unprofessional and underhanded campaign then that which was conducted by two of the candidates for the Field Director positions. Ladies and gentlemen, publications such as those recently distributed are tearing this organization apart. We are committing organizational suicide. We can't get new members and can't keep the ones we have due to this infighting. This cannot continue and must not be tolerated by any member. I hope you have the intelligence to ask specific questions of those persons writing and distributing this "garbage", especially proof of their so called "facts", not opinions. Remember the old saying, "Don't believe anything you hear or read and only half of what you see."

I have always wondered why Field Directors, after

coming off of the Board, don't continue their participation in the REACT national program. The exceptions being Barb Chuyen, Dottie Thomas and now Chris White. We have lost a wealth of knowledge with the loss of people like Mike McCloy and John Tracy. I now fully understand why these people are no longer around, perhaps they are like myself, tired of all of the personal attacks and the general BS that the Board has to deal with. I am proud to have served with some of the most dedicated people that I know of in this organization, members of the Board of Directors, especially Bob Stone,

Ned Smith and Jim Bear. Jim has had to take some of the most vicious attacks ever aimed at any member of this organization. No one, especially volunteers, should have to deal with that. To those that instituted those attacks and succeeded in getting Jim off of the Board, I hope you are satisfied. You have succeeded in driving another dedicated REACT member away from a position where positive changes were being made. I hope you and the overall membership can live with that. You now have two new members on the Board, I hope you treat them and the rest of the Board better in the future.



**Morongo Basin REACT #4592, Twenty Nine Palms, California's annual Memorial Weekend Safety Break** benefitted more than just motorists on their way to the Colorado River and Lake Havasu from the Los Angeles and Orange County areas. Due to a flashing beacon set up on site, which is 5 miles from any utilities and 25 miles from the nearest town, a victim of an armed robbery came across the desert to the location for assistance. The following morning the beacon struck again. This time a man hiked across the desert to the beacon to request help for his friend who was stuck and injured in an abandoned

mine shaft. The Team contacted the Sheriff's Mine Rescue team, California Dept. of Forestry and County Fire Warden Dept., who in turn completed the rescue and had the patient airlifted to Palm Springs. The rescue was carried on all major news networks along with many larger newspapers. And as all things come in groups of three, the highlight of the long weekend manning the break was a visit from Dustin Nguyen, one of the stars of Fox television's hit "21 Jump Street". Photo: from left to right, Nicole Houston, Dustin Nguyen, Shelley Houston, President, front, Dustin Houston.

# GMRS...Rx

Looks like the Field Directors want me to stay until I get it right.... Ned Smith says "Practice makes perfect... and I want you to keep practicing", so I guess you folks in REACT land are stuck with me for another year.

I learned two things at convention: first, there are a lot of questions concerning CARS radio. Thank heaven I had Leigh Bartlow (AL) and Chuck Thompson (TX) at the meetings to answer some fairly technical questions. But, why weren't these questions asked during the year? Had we not scheduled an informal session on GMRS, would they be unanswered now? Honest, folks, I'm not unbearable! I've managed to answer every letter received over the years, and have used several questions as the basis for articles.

The second thing learned at convention is that members are crying for training. The GMRS Task Group will prepare a training manual for presentation at the next convention - along with - we hope - a training film that may be rented, copied and returned.

Until then let's answer a couple of questions. Why use GMRS, any way? Very simply, range and clarity. GMRS radio Ultra High Frequency has the range on direct to compete with CB radio. If a repeater is available, ranges of 40 miles to the repeater are not uncommon. If the person on the receiving end is opposite the repeater, that adds another 40 miles. Now, suppose you see an accident, and you're fifty miles from home. By talking

to the repeater, you can reach someone to call the authorities easily and clearly. That's the other advantage: FM communications are clearer than AM ... no skip ... no hash and mash. Disadvantages? Probably cost. An average walkie talkie runs around \$500.00 and boy do they go up from there!

OK, you say, but what's a repeater? Basically, just another radio with an antenna that's mounted in a high spot. Your five watt walkie-talkie transmits to the 50 watt repeater on one frequency... say 467.675 Mhg, the repeater accepts your transmission and simultane-

ously rebroadcasts on 462.675 Mhz. The person you are calling has a radio which receives on 462.675 Mhg. Simple, No? The advantage is the height of the repeater antenna, and the allowable power of the repeater. A good repeater antenna can be rather expensive but will increase the effective range of the radio/repeater: in other words, the five watt radio into the 50 watt repeater with a six db gain antenna will sound like more than 100 watts.

Remember, though that the antenna height is more important than the power of the radio. The rough rule of thumb is that one foot increase in antenna height yields one more mile in range. Of course, that's dependent on terrain, buildings, and weathers.

## NEW TEAMS CHARTERED

4788 Inland Empire REACT  
Fontana, California  
August 6, 1990

4789 Eastern Idaho REACT  
Idaho Falls, Idaho  
August 15, 1990

4790 Leones REACT Team de Patillas  
Patillas, Puerto Rico  
August 21, 1990

## TEAM EVENTS

**Mojave Desert REACT #4785, Apple Valley, California** is quite proud of their junior members and with good cause. Corralee Cagle, Unit #17 was recently monitoring Channel 9 when she over heard a fellow Team member trying to pull a 10-33 caller. She advised him that she could assist if he needed her. The unit asked if she could pull the caller out of the mud, she replied that not only could she, but, she had been

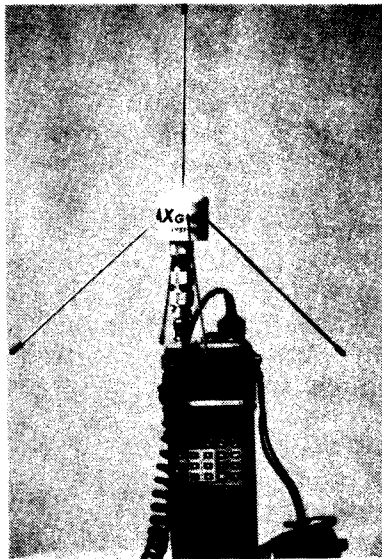
taking notes the whole time and had been able to copy a good 10-20 and license, the member handed the caller over to her. She immediately telephoned Santa Ana, California (over one hundred miles from her location) to the proper authorities. Because of her sharp hearing and thinking those individuals today are safe and sound. She was able to pull out of the "skip" what her fellow member could not hear. Our hats go off to Corralee and to all other junior members, they are the "future" of REACT.

# NEW PRODUCT

## CELLULAR SECURITY GROUP'S NEW GMR'S ANTENNA

Thomas Bernie, President of Cellular Security Group announced a new antenna for REACT teams and other GMR's users. "We are expanding our highly successful MAX System line of ground plane antennas to include a 460 Mhz model," reports Bernie. Max System ground plane antennas can be mounted either directly atop a hand-held or base unit, or outside in the traditional manner. "REACT teams now have a source for affordable, high-performance antennas. We ship immediately and offer volume discounts," states Bernie. The innovative, patented design, developed for cellular phones, incorporates stainless steel elements silver-soldered to an Amphenol connector, while inside a precision drilled PVC enclosure. The design results in a rugged weather-proof antenna. The

MAX System GMR's is shipped fully assembled with a six inch PVC mounting mast. Shipping is free in the continental USA and there is a full money-back guarantee. Antennas may be ordered from Cellular Security Group, 4 Gerring Road, Gloucester, MA 01930, (508) 281-8892. The price is only 29.95 and Master Card and Visa are accepted.



## TEAM EVENTS

**Sedgwick County REACT #4208, Wichita, Kansas and Kansas REACT Council** worked communications for the Kansas Special Olympics Summer Games held June 1st through June 3rd, 1990. With the help of radio communications provided by the Team and Council events were kept on schedule and some even ahead of schedule. Good work Team and Council!

**Eastern Panhandle REACT #4686, Martinsburg, West Virginia** participated in "Operation Care" a nation wide event to kick off the Memorial Day weekend. They served refreshments to state troopers from the following states: West Virginia, Delaware, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Washington D.C., New Jersey, New York and John Overington, House of Delegates.

## CLASSIFIED SECTION

**Magnets, Decals, Balloons for sale:** showing REACT road sign logo. Box 942, Sutton, Ontario L0E 1R0.

**Lost at Convention:** navy blue nylon windbreaker with GM keys. Please notify REACT Headquarters.

**Junior Division of Woodstock wants to contact other junior members:** if you are a junior leader we would like to receive information concerning your training of the juniors, where you use them and any programs which will assist in forming a useful and productive Team. Contact Linda Faulkner, Jr. Co-ordinator, P.O. Box 745, Woodstock, Ontario N4S 8A2.

**Second Appeal for New England Conference:** to be held in the mid Massachusetts area around October or November. Please contact Jim Koritzky, P.O. Box 2272, Bangor, ME 04401-9998.

**Public Relations Tips Requested: from Taunton REACT #5002.** Membership and interest is dwindling, would like suggestions on how to promote REACT in the UK. Please write A.W. Derrick, 7 Croft Cottage, Wrangate, Taunton, Somerset, UK TA36DH.

### NOTICE

Try placing a classified ad in the new classified section of the REACTer. Cost is \$.45 per word for REACT members and \$.65 per word for non-members. Phone numbers automatically count as two (2) words.

For a limited time free informational only ads are available to members on a space availability basis. Deadline is the same as for article submission deadline.

For further details please call REACT Headquarters at 316/263-2100.

**SEND HEADQUARTERS DETAILS ON WHAT YOUR TEAM OR COUNCIL IS DOING!**

## HAVE YOU SEEN THIS CHILD?

Nancy Shoemaker disappeared on July 30, 1990 near Seneca and Pawnee Streets in Wichita, Kansas.

Nancy is 9 years old, 4'2" tall and weighs 60 lbs. She has straight brown hair and wears bangs.

If you've seen Nancy, please notify your local law enforcement agency or REACT International, Inc.



The Election Committee consisted of: Nina Jernigan of Virginia; Frank Jennings of Washington; Deanne Earwood, Office Manager-REACT International, Inc.; Stuart Meyer, At Large Director; Richard Pratz, Field Director, E.W. Ned Smith, Field Director; and myself.

245 ballots were received and certified that all ballots received were from active REACT Teams. Nine ballots were determined as spoiled. These ballots either did not have the signatures of the team officers who conducted the election process or had only one signature. Those with only one signature were checked to see if they were from a small team, less than five members where there might be only one officer and were determined that all were from much larger teams and were noted as spoiled ballots and would not be counted.

The ballot envelopes were opened and counted by five members of the election committee while the other two members read and checked to make sure that the name read was the person voted for. Totals for all candidates were checked after every 25 ballots to make sure that all persons counted accurately. After all ballots were counted, we have a three way tie, consisting of Jacki MacDonald, Ron Mayes and Bob Riechel.

In order to break the tie, a cut of the cards was conducted. A deck of cards was purchased by myself and witnessed by Greg Seemuth, At-Large Director, who secured the cards until the cut was made by the candidate. The candidates, with the exception of Bob Riechel who had to leave due to the

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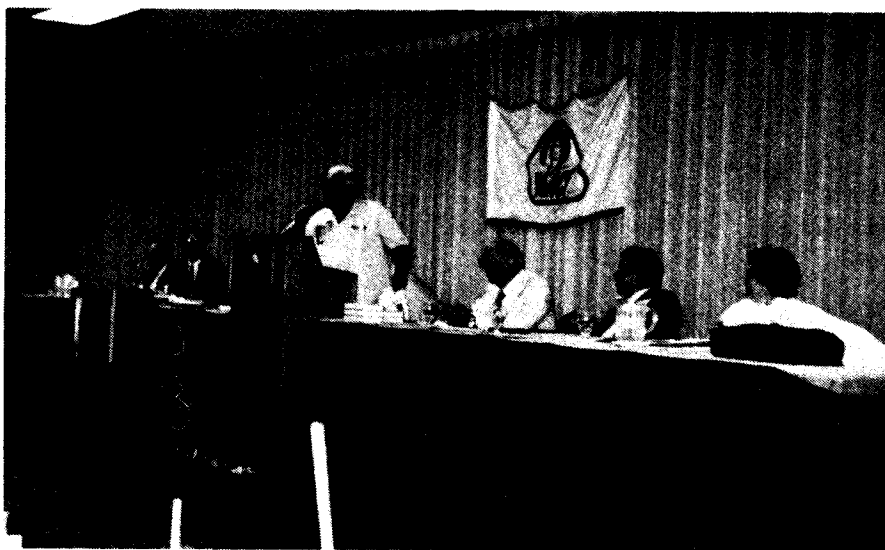
## NOMINATION & ELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT

by Rick Munton, Chairman

Five nominations were received and accepted for two Field Director positions to be filled on the Board of Directors, they were: James E. Bear, Jacki MacDonald, Ronald O. Mayes, Robert Riechel and Russell Willis.

Ballots were mailed to all REACT Teams with specific

instructions on filling out the ballot and mailing. The ballots were picked up at the Spokane Post Office by Mr. Marv Wyrick of the Spokane County Team and myself after the Post Office had placed all mail received on the deadline date, July 21, 1990.



The 1990-1991 Board of Directors. From left to right Ron McCracken, President; Ned Smith, Field Director; (standing) Dick Pratz, Secretary, Bob Stone, Vice President; Greg Seemuth, Treasurer; Jacki MacDonald, Field Director. (Not Pictured Robert Riechel, Field Director).



death of his father in law, but before he left, he appointed Dick Gamble of Washington to act as his proxy. The cards were shuffled first by Greg Seemuth, then each of the candidates and then shuffled again, to make sure that no candidate could see the bottom card. The cards were spread across the table and

the successful candidates were Ron Mayes and Bob Riechel.

Mr. Mayes resigned his position due to the opening of his own business and the Board accepted his decision and has seated Jacki MacDonald as the second Field Director.

In closing, when I pushed for this new procedure in

voting for only the candidates of your choice, no one, especially me, ever thought there would be a three way tie. It truly shows that every ballot does count, especially those that were not counted due to Teams not following instructions. I wish the new Field Directors well in their endeavors. They have their work cut out for them.

**TEAMS WHO VOTED WITH PROPER BALLOTS**

Alabama	Iowa	Massachusetts	New York	Puerto Rico	West Virginia
C122	3038	3603	C047	4609	3921
4450	4748	4618	2202	4469	2263
Arizona	C049	4508	2278	3461	3369
C514	C164	Michigan	2215	4207	4686
C176	6250	C256	2371	Rhode Island	Wisconsin
C320	2292	2975	2386	C102	3183
4753	2545	3653	3609	Tennessee	3866
California	3310	3692	4403	2012	4089
4041	3556	C380	4552	3083	4365
C373	4020	Minnesota	4745	Texas	4521
C412	4534	4637	Ohio	C446	4578
C057	4714	3844	C245	C662	4712
4758	Indiana	3179	C189	2683	4770
C448	C149	3791	C199	2988	Wyoming
3425	2314	C143	C363	3022	4646
C475	3327	Missouri	C480	3051	Canada
2725	4298	2201	2102	3129	4270
4719	C261	C336	2413	3387	2627
2592	C697	C263	2624	4047	3658
C059	2468	C271	4517	4682	4716
2950	C653	Mississippi	4522	4683	England
C040	4661	C204	4722	Utah	5002
3253	4666	3231	Oklahoma	C505	5003
4592	3842	Nebraska	2829	3722	5005
C730	C100	2736	Oregon	Vermont	5021
C371	C692	2467	2853	2424	<b>SPOILED</b>
3897	3171	2750	2867	Virginia	<b>BALLOTS</b>
3972	2914	4713	4397	C109	C238
C125	C439	3073	Pennsylvania	C142	C333
2642	C296	C652	C015	C332	C453
4614	C375	North Carolina	C161	C490	2833
4614	2690	2457	C425	C705	3253
4573	Kansas	2804	C445	2037	3335
2192	C386	3032	C546	2166	4760
C230	3135	New Hampshire	C576	2871	4781
2200	4208	3265	C602	3361	4782
2609	Kentucky	4105	2141	3968	
5300	1582	New Jersey	C655	4459	
2190	1583	4259	2235	Washington	
2190	4775	2416	2647	C582	
Delaware	Maine	4651	2859	2503	
4183	4094	3730	3325	2869	
Florida	Maryland	4738	3410	2904	
3490	C022	New Jersey	3412	3366	
4778	2106	4259	3521	4677	
2194	2388	2416	2850	4700	
4465	3202	4651	3851	4784	
4776	3252	3730	3920		
Georgia	3781	4738	4493		
4069	4086				
3038	4673				

# WORK SMARTER, NOT HARDER!!!!

by Bonnie Zygmunt

The Training and Development Task Group is a relatively new Task Group. We hope to provide the information the Teams and members want. Once we all have this knowledge we will be better able to do what we volunteered to do, **HELP OTHERS.**

To that end the Task Group members have identified many areas of training that we'd like to present to the membership. If you or your Team has a specific training idea that you think needs to be developed, let us know. Also, if your Team has a training program already in place that is successful, don't be shy, send us a copy and we'll share it with the whole membership.

I feel that REACT's wealth lies within the ranks of it's members. We need to uncover this undeveloped wealth and distribute it among the rest of the organization. We also need to develop open minds and be willing to accept information from outside the organization when it's necessary. This Task group knows that we can't accomplish all the training ideas we'd like to in the one year span between the 1990 and the 1991 conventions, so two items were chosen to be worked on.

Some of the Task Group members are producing information on Basic Radio Procedures. This information is planned to be printed in the REACTer with a list of questions. If any REACT member wishes to enroll in this training program, they would answer those questions on the work sheet and send it into the REACT Headquarters. When they pass the quiz, they will be awarded a certificate of completion. This method can be used for almost any subject the membership wants addressed. The information and question sheets can also be copied and used by Teams for training new members.

The other area we plan on working on is leadership training. When a member gets elected to a position of leadership, whether it's a committee, Team, Council or International Board, it doesn't have to be a stressful situation. You just need to be aware of the necessary techniques of management. The

Task Group will be gathering and presenting some of these skills to the membership.

Today there are many volunteer agencies organized to coordinate volunteer recruitment and provide access to books and other publications on subjects of interest to volunteer groups. These Volunteer Action Centers have Resource Lending Libraries that are available to non-profit groups. The contact information for the national agency is:

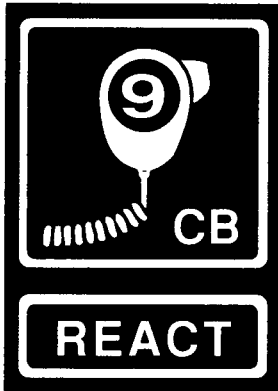
**VOLUNTEER-  
The National Center  
1111 N. 19th St. Suite 500  
Arlington, VA 22209  
(703)276-0542**

There are nearly 300 centers listed in the 1990 Volunteer Center Associate Member Directory that I have, so I won't be able to print them all in this article, but I will make them available to anyone who asks for them. If you'd like a list of the Volunteer Centers in your state or just the one closest to your city, send me a stamped self-addressed envelope and I'll get it back to you as quick as possible. A full copy of the Directory will also be available at the International Headquarters.

Finding the time and energy to be a volunteer doesn't have to be difficult, if you only **Work Smarter, Not Harder.**

*The REACTer* is available on audio cassette tape for the blind. Certain conditions and costs are involved. For more information please contact:

**Kathleen Coynes  
Recording  
for the Blind, Inc.  
404 W. 30th Street  
Austin TX 78705  
(512) 477-9390**



## Publicizing REACT

By P.R. Task Group

I want to thank Jacki MacDonald for being volunteered to stand in for me at the last minute to finish coordinating the judging held at our Spokane convention. Two outside judges had been lined up however, one was unable to assist at the last minute. The 3 judges were: Mr. Bruce Krasnow, assistant city editor for "The Spokesman-Review", REACTor Nina Jernigan, and REACTor W. Wayne Stanley. Bonnie Zygmunt and Judy Simpson assisted in verifying the accuracy of the entry categories.

As a short background on our outside judge, Mr. Krasnow, is assistant city editor at "The Spokesman-Review/Spokane Chronicle", he supervises coverage of police, courts, government and law enforcement. Before that he worked as an editor in Gainesville, Florida, and as a reporter in Jacksonville, Florida where he covered legal affairs, prisons, and issues relating to capital punishment.

Mr. Krasnow received his start in journalism at "The City News Bureau of Chicago" where he worked as a night police reporter, a rewrite man, then as a beat

reporter responsible for the Cook County Courts. He is a graduate of Columbia University School of Journalism in New York and Northern Illinois University in DeKalb.

**2nd place:** ANTELOPE VALLEY REACT  
**1st place:** GOLDEN GATE REACTions  
 (There were 5 entries in this category).

The results are as follows:

**CATEGORY A** - teams with 3 to 10 members  
**1st place:** Lake Palestine REACT - only entry

**CATEGORY B** - teams with 11-35 members  
**3rd place:** Kitsap REACTer  
**2nd place:** Seattle REACT  
**1st place:** REACT Signal - Simi Valley  
 (There were 11 entries in this category).

**CATEGORY C** - teams with 36 or more members  
**3rd place:** BAER FACTS - San Jose

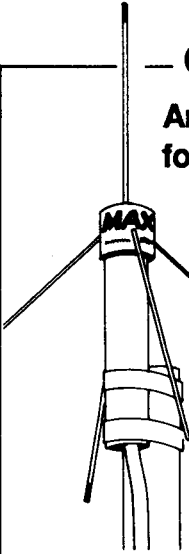
**CATEGORY D** - Councils  
**Honorable Mention:** Sooner REACTer - Oklahoma  
**3rd place:** Wisconsin REACTer  
**2nd place:** Radio Waves of the Garden State - New Jersey  
**1st place:** BREAK 9 - Texas  
 (There were only 4 entries in this category).

If you desire a listing of the addresses of all entries, please send a self address stamped envelope to my address below,  
 ATTN: Newspaper List.

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### - Getting on GMRS? -

**Announcing the antenna designed specifically for REACT teams...The MAX GMRS Ground Plane**



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 4 Gerring Rd., Gloucester, MA 01930 Or charge by phone: (508) 281-8892  
 CK - MO - MC - VISA Accepted (MA add 5% sales tax)

## LIFEMEMBERSHIP CORNER

Welcome to the newest Life Members listed below. I would like to note that Paul Jones' application was paid for by the Florida REACT Council to recognize Paul's many years of service.

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!**

LM 459  
Craig Hoepfner  
Cedarloo REACT  
Cedar Falls, IA

LM 460  
John Holden  
Bayshore REACT  
Lauarence Harbor, NJ

LM 461  
William Killer  
Grand Island REACT  
Grand Island, NE

LM 462  
Don Woods  
Collin County REACT  
McKinney, TX

LM 463  
Paul Jones  
Citrus Center REACT  
Lakeland, FL

Excluded from previous

issues:  
LM 371  
Joseph R. Dewars  
South Gate REACT  
Gardena, CA

At the Monday dinner at the Convention, attendees gave a moment of silent prayer at the passing of Amy Stewart, LM 055, King County REACT, Seattle, Washington, in early July. Our sympathies to her family and friends.

As of this writing the Convention is over and all Life Members who attended have received the 1990 Directory Supplement. Many LM's took enough Supplements to mail to all Life Members in their state, thereby helping REACT International. Those states are: Virginia, Illinois, New York, Bell County (Texas) and New Jersey (sorry if I missed anyone).

At the Monday night dinner, I was elected to another term as Life Member Chairman and as I have stated before, I will continue to do my best. The Life Members at the dinner also heard the

report from the Rules Committee. From that report the following recommendations were made to the Board of Directors:

1. Add an amendment that will provide framework in which Life Member investigations and commendations on complaints can be handled.

2. Change minimum age of a Life Member to 18.

3. Update the LM application each year to reflect current date and any dues changes if applicable REACT membership ID number must appear on application, LM application be published (1/2 page) a minimum of twice per year in the REACTer.

Your chairman has established 2 committees. The Rules Committee will continue to investigate improvements and changes within Life Membership and the Directory Committee will work on the production of the 1991 LM Directory.

Other Convention notes include: Once again this year, all of the elected Field Directors are Life Members with the election of Bob Reichel and Jacki MacDonald. If anyone wants Life Membership pictures from the Convention, contact Dick Cooper at P.O. Box 9898, Trenton, NY 08650, and send \$3.00 to cover cost.

Many positive things were stated in Spokane this year and hopefully they will overshadow the negativeness within REACT. The positive steps that were taken must continue or REACT will cease to exist. Watch future mailings and REACTer articles for more information.

Dick Cooper  
LM Chairman  
LM 329



Life members in attendance at the 1990 REACT International Convention.



## THE WINNERS OF THE K40 ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS!

### FIRST QUARTER 1990

**Individual:** Richard Dierlam from RELI REACT, Inc. #4552 has monitored 4,404

hours in the last 12 months. He has also attended 12 out of 12 Team Meetings in the same time period. Besides Richards normal monitoring

duties he has called in a total of 282 calls to the appropriate authorities from January 1st to December 31st of 1989.

**TEAM:** No Team nominations were submitted.



*Harry Glasgow (WA) receives the 1989 K40 REACT Achievement Annual Individual Award from Bob Eichman, K40 Electronics (standing).*

### SECOND QUARTER 1990

**Individual:** Dorothy DePoe from Somerset County REACT #4259 has monitored a total of 1,523 hours in the last 12 months. Dorothy has also attended the last 12 out of 12 Team meetings and all 6 Council Meetings in the last year.

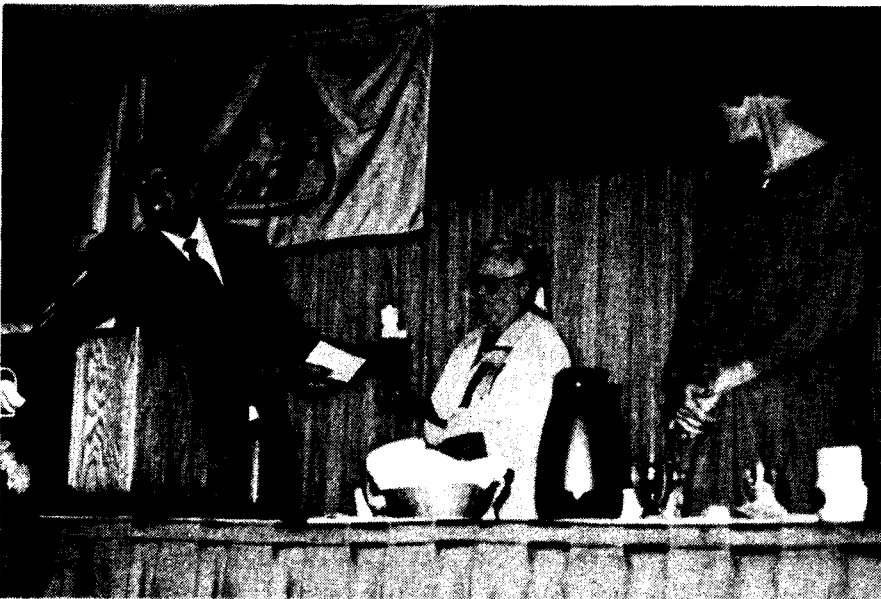
Dorothy was recently presented the 1st Annual "New Jersey REACTer of the year" Award at the State Convention held in April of 1990.

Besides being quite active in Team events Dorothy participates heavily on the Council & International level. She served as NJ Council Treasurer in 1987 and 1988 and was elected again for 1990. In 1989 she served as Financial Resources Coordinator and Events Planning Coordinator for NJCORT.

**TEAM:** Lake Palestine REACT #3129 had a record number of 8 out of 9 members attending the Team meetings in the last quarter.

The Team monitors an average of 18-20 hours per day. Besides Monitoring Channel 9 they are quite active within the community. They assist in numerous civic events including crowd control, communications, parking and concessions.

The Team also participates in an ongoing weather watch program.



*Bob Eichman (Standing), K40 Electronics, presents 1989 K40 REACT Achievement Annual Team Award to Dorothy McLemore, Lake Palestine REACT #3129, Athens, Texas.*

Category B this year had many more entries than the rest. Last year the categories were modified to equal out the number in each. Any written suggestions regarding possible adjustments can be forwarded to my address below.

Suffolk County REACT, P.O. Box 11352, Hauppauge, NY 11788-0703 over the holidays had available a nice little calendar with the following wording "Suffolk County REACT wishes you a very merry Christmas with a special gift to last the whole year through. Use this handy desk calendar as a reminder of our special thoughts of you." I am sure that if you were to contact them, they would share the purchasing details.

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

**Publicizing REACT Column**  
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As the new field director responsible for Public Relations, I am pleased to introduce the new co-chairmen of this task group - Fred Lanshe and Melv Lee had asked for your continued support. Send your P.R. suggestions to either Mr. Fred Lanshe, 630 Washington Street., Allentown, PA 18102, or Merv Lee, 1405 Eden Ave. #47, San Jose, CA 95117. Look for P.R. ideas from them here in future issues.

## CRAZY LIKE A FOX

by Richard E. Pratz, Field Director

Who was it that said "you don't have to be crazy to be a REACTor, but it helps?"

You don't have to be crazy to buy that radio equipment so you can sit for hours and listen to skip, insults, foreign languages, and all kinds of noise or silence -

You don't have to be crazy to buy that safety equipment so you can assist those in trouble safely -

You don't have to be crazy to give up your holidays to work the REACT Safety Break/Rest Stops -

You don't have to be crazy to get out of bed to serve sandwiches and drinks to firemen while they battle a major fire -

You don't have to be crazy to get out of your comfortable house in bad weather to watch for tornadoes -

You don't have to be crazy to help provide communications and security for Special Olympics, Bike-a-thons, Volksmarches, 10K Runs and other worthwhile projects -

You don't have to be crazy to spend your hard earned money to participate in these various team projects -

You don't have to be crazy to work on team projects to help get team equipment so that your team members can go out on a cold rainy night to set up a communications station to serve as headquarters while they and others are looking for a lost child -

You don't have to be crazy to help the American Red Cross and other disaster agencies set up shelters for those needing a place to stay during or following a disaster -

You don't have to be crazy to spend your valuable time participating in Team and Council meetings -

You don't have to be crazy to be involved in any of the activities listed above, but when you think of all the benefits that you receive: the many new friends you make, the new things you can learn from these experiences, the good times you share with others and that special good feeling you get after participating in a job well done by helping others, you just may be crazy.....**CRAZY LIKE A FOX!!!!!!**

## F E M A N E W S

### FEMA - WHO DECIDES WHETHER FEDERAL FUNDS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR DISASTER AID?

During the hectic days after Hurricane Hugo and the earthquake in California, many accusations were hurled over the media, and grumbled about in private, because of the apparent delay in receiving federal aid. FEMA was criticized by members of Congress and local officials at the disaster sites. As a result of this, FEMA is resetting some of its priorities which may effect the way they do business, such as reducing barriers to assistance applicants, automating the applications, tele-registration, ect.

But even before these latest accusations, concern had been expressed that possibly politics was entering into the decision making process causing delay and, at times, resulting in unfairness in administering the fund.

In a copyrighted story in the March 1990, Disaster News Report this issue was discussed. Because of questions raised regarding the major disaster declaration process, the U.S. General Accounting Office had been directed as early as 1988 to undertake a study of the process and report to congress.

The three main areas examined were:

1. The time frames involved in reaching a major disaster declaration decision, including the amount of time the White House spent in making its decision.

2. The procedures for making the declaration deci-

sion and other information public.

3. Indications, if any, of political party affiliations influencing the decision.

The request for federal funds starts at the local levels. FEMA's regional office personnel and state and local government representatives tour the disaster area and make preliminary damage assessments. The governor of the state then determines whether the situation is beyond the capability of the state and local governments to manage.

The FEMA regional office prepares a regional summary which includes the governor's request and the information gathered during the damage assessment tour and presents these to FEMA headquarters for review. The FEMA Director decides on the recommendation to be presented to the President of the U.S.

The White House notifies FEMA by phone of the President's decision. FEMA then relays this information to the regional director, who notifies the governor and the appropriate congressional delegation.

According to the Disaster News Report of the "33 major disaster declaration requests reviewed, 22 resulted in declarations and 11 were turned down." Only in one case did the White House reverse FEMA's recommendation when it chose to declare a major disaster contrary to FEMA's recommendation. "The time between the FEMA recommendation and the White House average 3.5 days, two days for requests resulting in declarations and seven days when

requests were denied."

The system of processing the requests for federal funds involves enough individuals of varying rank and party affiliation that, after examining the declaration procedure and the party affiliation of key state officials in 22 major disasters, the commission found no indication that politics had a role in the decision.

The ability and willingness of the federal government to assist when severe disaster strikes an area continues to be one of the greatest encouragements to local volunteer agencies that are overwhelmed in these situations. FEMA is planning several conferences for information management people and other "players" in the major disasters to try to improve both the perception if its role and the efficiency of its role in times of disaster.

*(Source: NVOAD Newsletter, Summer, 1990)*

### FEMA APPROVES FEDERAL AID TO HELP BATTLE ALASKA FIRE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has authorized supplemental federal funds to help Alaska battle the Tok River fire which was determined to be a threat to populated areas near the city of Fairbanks.

FEMA approved the state's request for federal fire suppression aid late Thursday (July 5). The fire, located about 200 miles southeast of Fairbanks, started on July 1

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and so far has burned more than 20,000 acres of forest and grasslands.

Under the authorization, the agency will pay 70 percent of the state's eligible firefighting costs that are above \$672,900. The figure, called a floor cost, is derived through a formula based on the state's five-year annual average cost for fighting fires.

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

#### **DISASTER AID AUTHORIZED FOR CALIFORNIA FIRE VICTIMS**

President Bush authorized federal disaster aid for California because of damages to homes and public property from wildland fires that broke out in the southern part of the state on June 26.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency said the President's major disaster declaration followed reports of fire damages to some 1,225 homes, including more than 560 dwellings which were either destroyed or heavily damaged.

Immediately after the President's action, FEMA Acting Director Jerry D. Jennings designated the counties of Los Angeles and Santa Barbara eligible for aid

to affected residents and local governments.

Jennings said that more designations may be made when damage assessments are completed in other areas threatened by the fires.

The agency, which will coordinate the federal relief effort, said the assistance can include temporary housing, grants, low-interest loans to cover uninsured property losses, and other programs to help residents and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster.

Federal funding also will be provided to affected local governments to pay 75 percent of the approved costs for debris removal, emergency protective measures and the repair or replacement of damaged public facilities.

### **SEARCH FOR MISSING AIRCRAFT ...continued**

Team members expressed feelings of personal and Team pride as well as confidence in themselves and other Members. The Team took on a complex situation and worked together to produce effective solutions to encountered problems.

Communications problems ranged from skip and bleedover interference to inoperable units. The Team learned that most sources of interference were cooperative in moving off-channel during this emergency. The need for additional communications capabilities was also reinforced. The Team

also found that it is easy to forget the primary task of monitoring Channel 9 during a special mission. It is also vital to periodically check all radio equipment as well as other safety and first aid equipment before they are needed.

Organizational and administrative problems were also encountered at the beginning; but, establishment of a chain-of-command with detailed responsibilities and task assignments improved the situation and will get us off on the right track in the future. Practice call-outs, mission set-ups and Radio

Net working exercises are strongly recommended.

Total mission time was logged at a minimum of 485 unit hours with total radio time logged at 494 Unit hours. The Team made 76 trips for a total of 2,682 miles. We had one major equipment loss in the form of a hand-held scanner and a first aid kit. Both items were removed from a vehicle located at a command post. It is unfortunate that one out to help others would find it necessary to help themselves.

Team C109 President, Edgar McConnell, Unit 54

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# 1990-1991 REACT COMMITTEES AND TASK GROUPS

summarizes the ever. "The presence and ready recognition of the work done by the Team produced, perhaps, the very best publicity and public relations for REACT and Team C109 that we have ever had... We worked well together and as individual Units, earning compliments, praise, and gratitude from all other involved organizations and individuals. Our participation has given us valuable practical experience that can be applied directly to other missions. In addition, we have experienced an increase in teamwork ability, of confidence in each other, and in surety in our effectiveness. This has been accompanied by a growth of pride in our Team and in the community we serve, and the conviction of the importance of our service."

Jim Donaldson  
Prince William REACT C109



## TEAM EVENTS

**Cedar-Loo REACT #4748, Cedar Falls, Iowa** and the "All Family CB Radio Club" of Waterloo, Iowa jointly sponsored and operated a motorist safety stop over the Memorial Day weekend at E.F. Roadman Park on US Highway 20, 2 1/2 miles west of Dike, Iowa. The event was a big success as 852 people were served. All in all 13 states and 1 foreign (exchange student from Bergen, Denmark). The event was a big project and many thanks are owed to "All Family CB Radio Club" of Waterloo, Iowa for their participation.

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**Colleton County REACT #3153, Walterboro, South Carolina** has been elected to the Board of Officers of the Fraternal Order of Police to serve a two year term. REACT Membership Officer, Ltc. Noah H. Weese was elected Conductor, REACT Chaplain Robert Hudson was elected Vice President, and REACT Chief William R. Kofron, was elected Secretary/Treasurer. In other Team news the Team has adopted a new special operations uniform for use during Team road work, special working events, disasters and child fingerprinting.

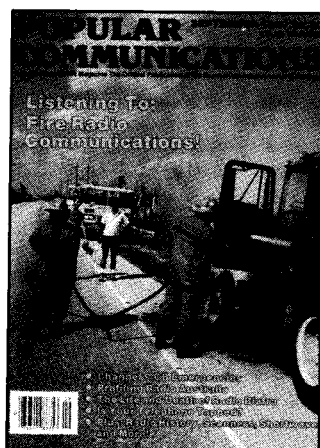
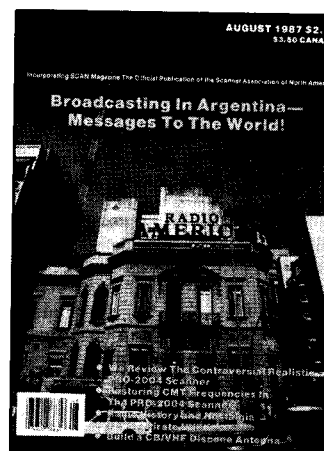
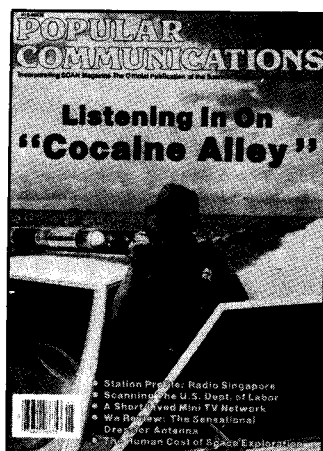
**Kettle Moraine REACT #3866, Lannon, Wisconsin** has totaled their hours and calls for 1989. Nineteen units monitored 20,662.5 hours and answered 1,843 calls. The breakdown of calls were: 432 accidents, 650 stalled vehicles, 96 road hazards, 187 reckless or drunk drivers, 14 traffic control malfunctions, 384 road information, 19 vehicle fires, 2 crime reports, 1 medical emergency, 5 severe weather, 4 non-vehicle fires, 20 personal calls, 1 vandalism, and 28 other kinds of calls. All in all, it seems that Team #3866 has been very, very busy!

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