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A WEEK TO REMEMBER

by Ron McCracken, President

What a convention! If you missed it, you missed a dandy.

Over 170 REACTers and their families enjoyed making or renewing friendships in Melbourne, Florida. They worked hard too, and learned a lot for their efforts.

Our hosts, *Space Coast REACT* and *Brevard CARES REACT*, ably assisted by REACTers from other nearby Florida Council Teams did themselves proud. Two years of careful planning produced a convention that ranked with the best.

Links carefully built over the years by the Teams with their emergency services paid off in excellent workshop speakers on a variety of topics. Hopefully, those from your area who attended will share what they learned with others at upcoming Team or Council meetings. Invite them to do so.

"Firsts" marked this convention. City, county and state emergency services personnel staged a mock disaster exercise, a simulated chemical spill, right on site for attendees. That was a first, and well done too.

Another first was the attendance of a Team delegation from Trinidad and Tobago. They added to the international flavor of our convention, joining Canadian attendees, and quickly made themselves

at home. Come again soon, folks.

The REACT ARC offered tests to attendees wanting to earn their no-code amateur licenses. About 15 wrote the tests and most were successful. Another first, is certain to become a regular feature of future REACT conventions.

Some attendees became "guinea pigs" to test the first in a new series of REACT self-study training modules. The Training and Development Task Group is preparing them in response to Team requests for training aids. Successful candidates will receive certificates recognizing their achievements.

Yet another first was unveiled by the Government Relations Task Group. It has produced a unique Spanish translation of the "CB Rules." REACT International continues its leadership role by offering the FCC "CB Rules" to Spanish-speaking operators in their own language at a reasonable cost. A worthy project indeed.

For the first time the new REACT flag flew proudly from the hotel flagstaff for the entire week. The Public Relations Task Group originated the new indoor/outdoor flag. The new 30th Anniversary logo created by the PRTG also arrived in decal form for convention attendees to admire. Both the flag and decal sheets are selling well. The Women in REACT Task Group celebrated another first, the release of its new sun visor. Although originally initiated by the ladies, it is proving popular with the fellows too. Nice work.

Business sessions covered a considerable number of topics. The quality of the debates was superb. It enabled delegates to complete very full agendas within the time available and feel a sense of real accomplishment.

Departing delegates commented that REACT had shown "a new maturity," that it had "come of age." It was nice to hear. Thanks to all who helped make it happen.

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		Mexico	

HAVE A QUESTION?
CONTACT A FIELD DIRECTOR!!!

Ron McCracken
Canada
Trinidad &
Tobago
United Kingdom

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HEADQUARTERS REPORT

Where has the time gone? It seems like only yesterday I was in Spokane, Washington attending my first REACT International Convention. Now I officially have two conventions under my belt. It was good to renew so many REACT friendships that I had made last year as well as to make new ones. I, for one, can't wait till next year!

Headquarters took some new items to this year's convention. For those of you who couldn't attend we premiered our new REACT flag. This flag proved to be as durable as it is pretty. The flag flew over the Hilton for the full week of convention, through rain and shine. On the day it came down, Walt Young of Space Coast REACT showed it to me. I can honestly say it looked as if it had just come out of the box. So if you want durability as well as visibility order your flag from Headquarters today. The cost is only \$46.00 plus 19 ounces in shipping.

Another new item premiered this year was the REACT mens baseball style cap. This cap is done in all orange with the REACT logo screen printed in full color on the front. This is a great way for members to be recognized within their community as a member of REACT. And by the looks of the amount sold at convention, I'd say that the members thought it looked good too.

With the Florida sun (and heat) the sun visors proved to be a much needed asset to everyone's wardrobe. We're not just talking women here, several men were seen sporting the new visors. Again,

these visors are done in orange with the REACT logo screen printed in color on the front. As is the caps both are entirely washable, please use cold water.

Hot off the press, and I do mean hot off the press came the newest edition to the REACT supply item inventory. While at convention Headquarters received the established 30th anniversary logo done in a multi size decal sheet. These new decals were literally seen for the first time by, not only the membership, but the REACT board and staff as well. Prior to my departure to Melbourne, Florida, the decals had not yet been completed in Wichita. Please refer to page 13 for further details on how you can order these new decal sheets. I would like to thank the Public Relations Task Group on a job well done.

It was announced at the Convention that with the kind generosity of a donated modem from Bob Stone, Director and the support of Sedgwick County REACT, Headquarters now has BBS capabilities. For those of you who have computers and don't mind the long distance telephone call, you can now contact REACT International, Inc. Please call after normal business hours: Sedgwick County REACT BBS (316)264-9993. Headquarters is checking in everyday so drop us a line.

Headquarters is planning something special for the attendants of the 1992 REACT Convention. Don't ask what it is, it's a surprise!!! Just keep reading the upcoming issue of the REACTER for further details.

GMRS...Rx

by Bill Simpson

FIRST: A word from your local sponsor: "friends are you feeling tired..." Naw, just kidding, but do I have your attention?

As I promised, I have a couple of items on the market, used of course.

- Fujitsu "10 COM" 16 channel user friendly mobile.
- Icom U16 portable, user friendly.
- GE portable 64 channel capability, lots and lots of extras.
- Bear Cat 760XLT scanner 99 channels with 800 capability.
- Two or three requests for hand held radios.

If you are interested, let me know, and I'll put you in touch with the other half. Remember this author/column/publication takes NO

responsibility for prices or condition of equipment. We're just a clearinghouse.

If you have used equipment for sale, send me a description of it, with your name and address. If you wish, include price and any options. I'll try to put you in touch with the potential buyers. Potential buyers should also be sending me your name and address, as well as what you're looking for.

A look back in time: Last year, we completed the training manual, and turned it over to the Training & Development Task Group. To order your copy, contact REACT International, Inc. Hey, I just write them, I don't sell them!

A look to the future: We still need, as we have in the past, someone to index past

issues of the REACTer. It would be great to look at an index and find all references to your Team... or to a particular subject, or subject matter. Perhaps some of you computer buffs could take this on.

We also need to put into place an independent equipment review that would enable Teams to discuss possible choices intelligently.

During the next year, your ideas and suggestions for columns will be appreciated.

Here is two quick challenges...first, everyone's looking for equipment insurance...if you have such, please send me the insurance company's name and contact information. Let's see if we can get something going nationwide that is effective and affordable. Next, what's your idea of an "open" or "closed" net? How does your Team handle the two concepts? Let's exchange some ideas.



Headquarter's exhibit booth at the 1991 REACT International Convention. A warm thanks goes out to Rene Coppedge of Washington (left) for her continued support in manning the REACT booth over the past two years.

Team Events

REACT of the Golden Gate #C373, San Bruno, California was one of a handful of deserving recipients to receive an award from the Police Department of the City of South San Francisco, California. The Public Service Award was presented to the team for their assistance in reporting suspicious activity to police during Halloween and providing field communications during running and bicycle races.

REACT AMATEUR RADIO CLUB 1991 REACT CONVENTION REPORT

by Edward W.N. Smith, KA3EQT

The following is a summary of the report submitted to the 1991 REACT Convention by the REACT Amateur Radio Club:

1991-1992 Chairmen:

The following members were elected as "Tri-Chairmen" for the coming year (their addresses appear elsewhere in the REACTer):

Robert "Bob" Adler,
NZ2T

James E. "Yogi" Bear,
WB3FQY

Edward W.N. "Ned" Smith,
KA3EQT

Activities at the 1991

Convention: A "Special Event Station," including HF and packet operations, was operated from the convention site. National Traffic System message service was provided to the convention attendees. Copies of SuperMorse, a shareware morse code training program for the IBM PC and compatible, were distributed to interested parties. Volunteer Exam testing was held (see below).

VE Testing: A Volunteer Exam Test session was held on Tuesday evening, July 23rd. Fifteen individuals participated: 11 convention attendees plus four local amateurs. Special thanks go to AB4NQ, AB4VR and NICVN, three local VEs who made the session possible. Of the convention attendees, six received at least some examination credit: Rene Coppedge, Jeff Lawless, Norm Kaplan, Roger Andrejco and Eric Ward passed

Element 2, the Novice Theory test. Congratulations to Frank Jennings who passed Elements 2 and 3A which qualify him for a Codeless Technician license!

Plans for 1991-1992:

Azella Tingler was appointed Membership Chairperson, she will be developing a packet of information to send to members. The Sunday afternoon 10 Meter Net (28.380 - 28.400 MHz) is moving to 2030 UTC. Work was initiated to make available training materials for

Technician Class license candidates. Plans are being made to have a Special Event Station, Amateur Radio Classes and VE Testing at the 30th Anniversary Convention in 1992. Finally, copies of two morse code training programs - SuperMorse (IBM and compatible) and WD4CPF (Commodore 64) are available by writing KA3EQT. A \$2.00 donation to cover the costs of duplication and mailing is requested.

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WORLD BAND RADIO

By R.C. Watts

There are two good promotions for shortwave listeners this year. HCJB has a drawing to celebrate it's 60th birthday (prize is a free trip to Ecuador) and Radio Habana Cuba celebrates 30 years with an easy contest (top prizes are 5 free trips to Cuba). Contact stations for details or listen in. There are several interesting international radio contests each year and somebody who enters always wins.

Several international shortwave stations are either already using or testing SSB transmissions. Usually this is "Compatible SSB" (CSSB), which can be heard in both AM and SSB receiver modes. All international shortwave broadcasting will eventually be exclusively SSB.

Anyone interested in a foreign language may be able to

study it via radio. German, Japanese, Chinese, Russian, French and a few others are periodically available to shortwave listeners. Texts are low in cost or sometimes free so these language lessons are a real bargain.

The Association of North American Radio Clubs (ANARC) will meet this year in conjunction with the Monitoring Times Convention, Knoxville, October 4, 5, and 6. The ANARC SWL Net is still going strong on 7240 KHz LSB, Sundays at 10:00 a.m. eastern time in the U.S. Net controls are KW3F and N8J2X. Tune in for the latest DX SWL tips.

I really enjoyed the European DX Council meeting in Spain. EDXC-92 will be at Hotel Rosendahl in Tampere, Finland, August 14-17, 1992. Write the Finnish DX Association, P.O. Box 454, SF-00101 Helsinki, Finland to get on the mailing list for additional information when available. EDXC -93 will probably be held in the Canary Islands according to very tentative planning. See you there?

COUNCIL MEETING'S MATTER

When did you last attend your REACT Council's meeting?

Your Team should be well represented at every Council meeting. Is it? It costs little more to send a car load. Think of the fun you can have as you travel, too.

More important, think of how much you can learn at Council. And, the new REACTers you can get to know. Then, there are the ideas from other Teams that can help your Team.

Be there in strength the next time your Council meets. Your Team will have only one vote, but you can caucus on how to use it.

You may even opt to volunteer for a committee or to seek election to a Council office. Now is the time to learn how your Council functions and what role you could fill.

Be sure to let the host Team know early that your Team will be sending several attendees. The host may need to arrange for a larger meeting room. What a nice problem to have.



One of our newest board members arrested in Florida? Jesse Mauk from Southwestern REACT #C475, San Diego, California had John Leist, field director arrested during the opening session at the 1991 REACT International Convention, July 22, 1991.

Rumor has it John bailed himself out (because no one else would).

In all, over \$100.00 was raised in this "jail & bail" for the March of Dimes by the convention attendees.

It is Headquarter's understanding that John is currently on probation.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP CORNER

As your new Life Membership Chairman, I first want to thank those at the "91 Fun In The Sun Convention" for their support. I am proud to be YOUR chairman for 1991-1992.

Richard Cooper has been a dedicated chairman for the last two terms and has kept the REACT Life Membership at the top of his endeavors. I know that his future plans still hold a lot of work within the REACT family. We wish him the best in his upcoming duties.

Over this year I hope to see many more members join the ranks of the Life Membership family of REACT.

LM #475
Michael Schnurr
Tri-City REACT #C071
Lakewood, California

LM #476
Harold C. Arnold
Southwestern REACT of
San Diego #C475
San Diego, California

Over the past two years the Life Member Committee submitted a couple of proposals to the Board of Directors for action:

1. A change in the Life Member application format which they accepted this year as an administrative paper change.

2. The age requirement be raised to 18 years, so the individual would make his or her own commitment to Life Membership instead of the parents making it for them. This passed a vote of the membership at the Open Board Meeting and then

passed the vote of the Board of Directors.

3. A three (3) member investigation committee to be formed at any time there is sufficient reason for an investigation of charges brought against a Life Member. This also passed the vote of the membership at the Open Board Meeting and subsequently passed the vote of the Board. (Details of who shall serve on this committee at any time is now to be worked out).

4. The Life Membership also submitted that any Life Member, that the above committee referred to the Board of Directors, to be dismissed from Life Membership NOT BE considered for any further membership classification within REACT. This also passed the vote of the members at the Open Board Meeting. Because of bylaw procedures at the present time, the Board of Directors took this item under advisement and did not vote on it at this time.

In this column over the next year I would like to get

some input from the Life Members as to items of interest to you in a type of question and answer format. I may not be able to answer all of your questions but I will definitely try to find the answer for you or print your question to get an answer from the membership at large.

Once again in closing for this time I would like to remind all Life Members and really, all members, that any time you move or have any change in status of any type **PLEASE NOTIFY** the office at International. Notification can be made personally by phone, mail, FAX or the REACT Bulletin Board if you have the capability to do that.

PLEASE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS IN REGARDS TO LIFE MEMBERSHIP, LET ME KNOW.

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REACT International, Inc. Board President Ronald McCracken, presents outgoing field directors with awards to show the memberships appreciation for their outstanding service and support. From left to right: Ned Smith, Ronald McCracken and Dick Pratt.

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The following topics were discussed during Round Robin Sessions at the recent REACT International Convention.

A. Building Team Membership

Develop and promote the Junior membership program within your team. A one on one contact with interested potential members. Involve more non-REACTers in public functions. Promote REACT and your local REACT Team with new CB radio sales through local retail stores. Contact schools and issue flyers on REACT and your local Team in the Driver's Education handbooks as well as having REACT information available in the classrooms.

B. Team Member Retention & Motivation

Plan enough activities on your local and state level to involved all REACT members. Contact and arrange to have speakers on a variety of topics at your next team or state meeting. Present recognition awards for outstanding members, give your members praise at every opportunity. Personally contact those members who are now less active and encourage any inactive spouses to participate. Always have a goal to work toward. Consider members preferences for partners in team activities, thus creating more unity within the team. Offer and promote activities which are social in nature, not all work. Have a backup plan for functions in case a member does not show up. Encourage attendance at regional,

state and international meetings. Above all share thank you's with your fellow team members.

C. Introducing REACT To Others

Distribute business cards (assistance cards), brochures, pamphlets and membership applications. Advertise or contact your local radio or TV stations for talk show spots. Conduct team membership drives in your local mall. Have a member of your team on the local speaker's bureau. Volunteer the team to assist in community service functions, such as child or elderly searches. Offer to assist other community service groups, then invite them to your team or state meeting. Be visible and professional at all times and don't forget to wear your name tags. Display your REACT flag in a public place. Explain to individuals who cannot reach REACT why they should go ahead and broadcast (CLIP) then let them know why they should volunteer. Keep your community service vehicle in the public eye. Most important of all - be ready to explain

what REACT is, its' purpose and functions.

D. Fundraising

Apply for grants on a team or state level. Hold safety breaks (where permissible) throughout the busy travel

periods. Get your team involved in bingo and yard sales as well as commercial fundraising events (candy sales and music shows). Contact the United Way to find out how your team can get involved.

Have the team get involved with fingerprinting children or providing blood pressure checks.

E. What Attendees Want Out Of An International Convention

A source of unified directives to REACT International Board of Directors. First hand information and reports on what is being done for or affecting the membership by the Board of Directors and Headquarters. A source of current and upcoming technical data. The chance to have direct communications and good fellowship with REACTers from other areas.

NOTE FROM HEADQUARTERS:

Attendees at the Convention let it be known that they wanted a "Round Robin Report" in the REACTER. Barb Chuyen has been gracious enough to accept this task with the help from the membership. If you have any ideas or suggestions you would like to see, please mail it to Headquarters. All suggestions and ideas will be forwarded to Barb. Remember, to make this column work, we need your input.

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DATE: 4/1/91

SUBJECT: WHAT ABOUT CITIZENS BAND?

QUESTION: You usually talk about Amateur Radio, the Civil Air Patrol, and public safety radio services in your Bulletins. Isn't Citizens Band radio viable anymore in emergency services agencies?

ANSWER: Yes, in some areas. Because it is short range and local in nature, CB radio is best suited to city and county communications. Like any other volunteer

service this can vary from area to area. In many areas the REACT or Radio Emergency Associated Communications Team organization is a highly developed, dedicated and professional group that is a pleasure to work with and a credit to the community. CB radio now also includes the GMRS or General Mobile Radio Service. This enables a professional quality base, mobile and repeater operation in the UHF-FM band.

A CB radio should be part of any city and county Emergency Operations center even if there is no organized or dependable CB radio organization. It can be an immediate source of information or reports in some instances. It is an inexpensive communications resource that should not be overlooked in any local area Emergency Operations Center.

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NOMINATION & ELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT

by Edward W.N. "Ned" Smith, Chairman

Seven nominations were received and accepted for two Field Director positions to be filled on the International Board of Directors. Nominations received were: Warren Conlee, Laurence Fry, Richard Gamble, Andy Hetz, John Leist, Richard Pratz and Russell Willis.

Ballots were mailed to all REACT Teams with specific instructions on filling them out as well as mailing directions. The ballots were picked up at the Melbourne Post Office by Mr. Walt Young and me on the deadline date of July 20, 1991.

The Election Committee consisted of: Tom Macussi of New Jersey; Frank Jennings of Washington; Eric Power of Florida; Deanne Earwood, Office Manager of REACT

International, Inc.; Stuart Meyer, At Large Director; Dr. Hall Duncan, At Large Director; Ronald McCracken, President; Robert Riechel, Field Director; Jacki MacDonald, Field Director and myself.

In all 223 ballots were received and certified that all ballots received were from active REACT Teams. Of the 223 received a total of 19 were determined to be spoiled ballots. Some of these ballots did not have the signatures of the team officers who conducted the election process. Others ballots only had one signature. Those ballots 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 larger teams. For that reason, they were noted as spoiled ballots and not counted. Other reasons to be considered a spoiled ballot were insufficient certification, no ballot envelope used in the certification envelope and late delivery.

The ballot envelopes were opened and counted by six members of the election committee. Two members read and checked to make sure that the name called was actually the person voted for. Totals for all candidates were checked after every 20 ballots to make sure all individuals counted accurately.

After all ballots were counted the new board members were announced. The new Field Directors for the 1991-1993 term are: John Leist from Ohio and Russell Willis from Indiana. A warm congratulations goes out to John and Russell.

TEAMS WHO VOTED WITH PROPER BALLOTS

Alabama C122 4450	Colorado 4817	Kansas C386 4208	Mississippi C204 3231	Ohio C077 C081 C187 C199 C260 C282 C322 C363 2069	Rhode Island C102	Washington 2503 2904 3283 3366 3717	Canada 2627 4270 4716 4760
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REACT INTERNATIONAL, INC., APPRECIATES ALL REACT TEAMS VOTING IN THIS YEARS ELECTION

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October, 1991 - Commonwealth of Virginia REACT Council Annual Convention. Sponsored by Roanoke Valley REACT. For further details please contact the Team or the CVRC.

October 20, 1991 - New Jersey Council of REACT Teams meeting. Host team will be Union-Middlesex REACT. Please contact the team or council for further details.

November, 1991 - Maine REACT Council invites all Teams and members to attend a New England Conference to be held in the Framingham-Natic area. For more information write: Jim Koritzky, P.O. Box 2272, Bangor, ME 04402-2272.

November 3, 1991 - Southern California REACT Council meeting, to be held in Long Beach. Please contact the Council for further details.

November 8-10, 1991 - Indiana REACT Council State Convention. To be held at the Best Western Motel, Anderson, Indiana. For more information contact Dee Morgan at 317/357-4425.

November 17, 1991 - Northern California REACT Council meeting. Please contact your team representative for the agenda and directions to the meeting.

July 20-24, 1992 - REACT International Convention, to be held in Anderson, Indiana. Further details in upcoming issues of the REACTer.

OTHER EVENTS

Thanksgiving Holiday - Headquarters will be closed November 28-29 for the holiday. The office will re-open on December 2nd, 1991.

Christmas Holiday - Headquarters will be closed from noon on December 24 through December 25, 1991. The office will re-open on December 26, 1991.

New Year's Holiday - Headquarters will be closed from noon on December 31 through January 1, 1992. The office will re-open on January 2, 1992.

EDITOR'S 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. Please provide this information as far in advance as possible. It's your opportunity to announce your event!!!

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO TEAM 2496 GETS A STANDING OVATION AT THE 1991 REACT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN MELBOURNE, FLORIDA

Attending for the very first time were three delegates from Team 2496, who added that international flavor to this years annual meeting.

The assembly was addressed by both Kenny Jagdeosingh (Unit 631), Director of Public Relation, Education and Training and Lester Wilson (Unit 668), Chairman of the Board of Directors. Members had the opportunity to learn about Trinidad and Tobago and the development and growth of Team 2496.

Established in 1964, Team 2496 will be celebrating their 30th anniversary in 1994. They have indicated their interest in hosting the 1994 Convention in Trinidad and Tobago, the land of festivals and the country were steel

band music first started. Considerable interest has been expressed by delegates and this idea may very well become a reality, the first convention outside of North America.

Fitzgerald Benjamin (Unit 252), the third representative of Team 2496 who now resides in Sebastian, Florida, plans to start a Team in that area.

For information on Team 2496 contact can be affected at P.O. Box 3062, St. James, Trinidad, West Indies. You may also telephone directly at the numbers provided below.
Lester Wilson (home) 809/637-6285
Kenny Jagdeosingh (home) 809/632-8046
Fitzgerald Benjamin (home) 407/388-9578



Past and present President of REACT International; Christine White and Ronald McCracken meets with delegates from Team #2496 Trinidad and Tobago. Lester Wilson, Chairman (seated), Fitzgerald Benjamin and Kenny Jagdeosingh (standing).

**30th ANNIVERSARY
DECAL READY**

Thanks to the Public Relations Task Group our 30th logo and decal are ready for your use **now**.

Decals are in sheet form (like our standard logo), with three sizes per sheet. Cost is \$1.70 for one sheet or 5 sheets for \$8.00, shipping is 2 oz. each.

Order a sheet for each Team member. Affix a decal to personal mail, bill payments, greeting cards, etc. Let the whole world know REACT is celebrating this landmark event.

Every REACT member can help generate the good PR everyone wants. Use the 30th logo graphics on your newsletter cover, etc., too! See inside back cover.

Team Events

Oklahoma County REACT #2620, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma members have worked numerous events, including the Military Anniversary Parade, traffic control for the funeral of OHP Trooper Joe Nicolle, a rest stop on I-35 south of Guthrie, a 3-day March of Dimes Jail & Bail, the ONJAI National Jamboree and the Swing-for-Sight in Edmond.

The major project Team #2620 has conducted was in providing parking area security during the 17 days of the State Fair of Oklahoma. Along with members of **University of Oklahoma REACT #3916**, the Team provided 1078 man hours of security, driving over 2700 miles and working 264 incidents.



Well someone finally did it! Greg Seemach, At-Large Director giving John Leist, Field Director, back "his goat".

Presentation of "the goat" was made during the convention banquet on July 25, 1991 at the REACT International Convention, Melbourne, Florida. Greg has put the challenge to any REACTer, to try to get John's "goat".

**REACT INTERNATIONAL, INC.
TEAMWEAR ORDER FORM**

Team #

Team Name

Address (Please use physical street only)

City

State

Zip Code

Country

Daytime Phone Number

Please specify quantity and sizes on order form

LIGHT LINED SUMMER JACKET \$31.00 EACH
(Includes shipping and handling)

Small Medium Large

TOTAL ORDERED

QUILT LINED WINTER JACKET \$35.00 EACH
(Includes shipping and handling)

Small Medium Large

TOTAL ORDERED

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

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MIDLAND INTRODUCES PROFESSIONAL CLASS 40-CHANNEL CB WITH COMPACT SIZE AND PRICE.

A new, affordable, professional class CB, Model 77-160 Road Max, has been introduced by Midland International. Road Max is compact in size and weight, but offers many of the features desired by professional drivers. It has a new high-performance receiver to pull in weak signals. A special circuit amplifies voice and delivers 100% talk power for "long range" communications. To provide easy reading, Road Max features high-intensity amber digits, with "night" illumination for dimming. Incoming signal strength and RF output power are measured on its new 15-stage multi-sequential multi-color graduated scale metering system. A continuously variable rotary "RF Gain" control allows reduced receiver sensitivity. For clear communication, the unit has

full electronic tuning. Road Max also has a side rail mount, permitting tracking of the unit up to three inches forward or reverse of the mounting bracket. In addition, Road Max offers instant Channel 19; full 5-Watt hailer capability; a new quick-release bracket and DC cord; external speaker jack for adding power boost or high-efficiency speakers; a standard 4-pin metal microphone connector for adding echo, roger beep, or noise canceling microphones; and a high-performance, full-size microphone. Road Max features all-metal construction and new high-tech '90s styling. For complete information on Midland's 77-160 Road Max, contact Midland International Corporation, Consumer Communications Division, 1690 N. Topping, Kansas City, Missouri 64120.

1991 NORTH AMERICAN RADIO GUIDE

The North American Radio Guide is an improved version of the highly successful National Radio Guide. The new guide not only includes listings of every radio station in every city across the United States, but also includes stations north of the border. Each Canadian radio station is categorized by province and city, so finding your favorite type of programming across the continent has never been easier. You'll never have to blindly switch channels again!

Adult Contemporary, News, Oldies, Religious, Spanish, Talk and Top 40 are just a few of the over 12,000 entries listed in the guide. The North American Radio Guide also contains the following special sections:

National Public Radio
If National Public Radio interests you, the NPR section lists all stations carrying National Public Radio broadcasts across the country.

Professional Sports
The Professional Sports section includes all radio stations which broadcast the four major sports in America: baseball, basketball, football and hockey! It also includes the CBS Radio Network Affiliates for nationally broadcast sports events.

National Weather
If weather is important to your trips, the National Weather section will help you find the latest weather conditions faster. Categorized by interstates and major

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highways, this section provides weather stations when they're needed most.

TV Listings

For the avid traveler with a portable television or a fully equipped recreational vehicle, network and independent televisions listings are provided for both Canada and the United States.

The guide is a full 168 pages in length and costs only \$7.95. For mail orders please add \$1.05 shipping and handling. California residents add \$.62 in tax. Make checks payable to R.K. Leef, 28826 Paseo Malaga, Mission Viego, California 92692.

NATIONAL HIGHWAY PATROL FREQUENCY HANDBOOK - 2nd EDITION

The National Highway Patrol Frequency Handbook is the handy reference for those travelling the interstates of America. The book includes a state police/highway patrol frequencies, including their exact area of usage. With a handy radio glossary, this guide is a must for truckers or motorists who are particularly concerned with the activities of state police, state patrol and highway patrol agencies in the United States.

The handbook is 118 pages, 5 1/2 x 8 1/2, with a suggested retail of \$9.95. Mail orders add \$1.00 for shipping/handling. California residents include \$.77 for tax. Distributed by R.K. Leef, 28826 Paseo Malaga, Mission Viego, California 92692.



FANON COURIER ANNOUNCES NEW ADDITION TO COURIER LINE OF PROFESSIONAL HANDHELD VHF FM TRANSCEIVERS

The COURIER MINICOM, a new lightweight, compact Two WATT-TWO CHANNEL VHF handheld transceiver has just been introduced to the land mobile market by FANON COURIER.

The COURIER MINICOM design specifications assure reliable performance with superior voice reproduction. It operates on business band frequencies and is available in the following three frequencies:

FREQUENCY A	
151.625 MHz	
FREQUENCY B	
154.570 MHz	
FREQUENCY C	
154.600 MHz	

The MINICOM comes with one set of crystals installed on channel 1 for one of the above frequencies. An optional set of crystals can be

factory installed on channel 2. Also included is a rechargeable nicad battery pack, A.C. battery charger, flexible antenna with BNC connector and F.C.C. license application.

MINICOM features include a channel selector switch, a Hi-Lo power switch, adjustable squelch control with tone squelch ON-OFF switch, battery/transmit indicator, volume control with power ON-OFF switch, jacks for A.C. charger, external antenna and remote speaker/microphone. MINICOM is housed in a sturdy, high impact, plastic textured case with belt-clip a carry case and weighs only 13 oz. Its dimensions are 4 7/8" x 2 1/2" x 1 3/8".

ACCESSORIES (OPTIONAL)

RSM-1

Remote speaker and microphone.

PRIVACOM-2

CTCSS tone module to exclude unwanted conversations.

AUC-12

Auto cigarette lighter charger adaptor.

DIC-1A

Drop-in charger adaptor.

Fanon Courier also manufactures a broad range of Personal Communications and Commercial Sound Products including P.A. Amplifier Systems, Intercoms and Megaphones.

For further details please contact Fanon Courier, 14811 Myford Road, Tustin, California 92680 or phone (714)669-9890.

Training & Development Committee

SHARPEN YOUR PENCILS AND CLEAN YOUR READING GLASSES....

by Bonnie Zygmunt

The day has arrived. The Training & Development Task Group is proud to announce that a program for membership training has been approved by the delegates and the Board of Directors at the 1991 REACT International Convention. The Board has also changed this Task Group into a Committee since this will be an on-going service for the membership.

STANDARDIZED TRAINING FOR MEMBERS

This is a Self-Training program which can be done on an individual member basis and does not have to be done as a Team or Council

project. Participation is voluntary! Each member can pick and choose which subjects they are interested in sending for. The individual member can then take their time studying the training booklet. When they feel they understand the material, they can complete the test questions and return just the test sheet to the REACT International office. The training booklet is theirs to keep for future reference. After their test has been checked for correct answers, and it is 75% correct, they will receive a certificate imprinted with their name, the title of the training subject and the date.

TESTING -- A DISTANT SECOND TO LEARNING

If a member doesn't get 75% of the answers correct, they will have their original test returned with the inaccurate questions highlighted. They will also receive a new blank test sheet, for a second try. The Amateur radio service usually charges students each and every time they want to be tested (may differ in your area). We are giving our students two chances to pass the test included in our cost. Since our major concern is to insure the member learns the information, this is in reality an open book test. Right and

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TRAINING REGISTRATION FORM

Subject:]101 Monitoring]201 GMRS

Fill in your name and address, your REACT Team number and REACT member ID number (as found on your REACT card). Enclose Special "introductory" price of \$6.00 for each Training manual you request.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Team #

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Member ID #

Team Name _____

Monitoring \$6.00
GMRS Guidelines \$6.00

\$ _____
Total Enclosed

Mail to:
REACT International, Inc.,
P.O. Box 998
Wichita, KS 67201

wrong are secondary to having the student know the material. The testing will only confirm that the member has gained the knowledge.

CERTIFICATE FOR EACH SUBJECT COMPLETED & RECOGNITION IN THE REACTER

The award certificates are attractive professional certificates (8-1/2" x 11") with black and orange filigree along the outside edge. One certificate will be awarded to each individual REACT member for each subject completed. There will also be a Special Recognition section in the REACTer listing those who have completed the Training subjects.

SUBJECTS AVAILABLE

Right now we have one subject ready for immediate release, Monitoring. With the second subject, GMRS Guidelines following shortly thereafter. Even though the GMRS Guidelines won't be available until later you can pre-order the subject and still get the "introductory" price (must be post-marked by December 31).

MONITORING

The Monitoring Training has been taken from an excellent booklet developed by the Forum Monitoring Task Group in 1982. This booklet has been out of print for many years and has been sorely missed. Russ Willis has worked on the minor updating that it needed and it's now ready for training new members and as a refresher course for seasoned members. It includes the proper procedures for the use of CB Channel 9, the han-

dling of emergency and non-emergency calls and coordination of a monitoring schedule. All the necessary information to get you on the air and helping motorists by monitoring Channel 9. The procedures outlined can also be applied to many other radio services.

GMRS (General Mobile Radio Service) GUIDELINES

The GMRS Guidelines Training has been developed by the 1990-1991 GMRS Task Group headed by Bill Simpson. It covers the history and introduction to GMRS, an explanation of the FCC rules and regulations, how to get a GMRS license, a list of GMRS terms and how to supplement your CB channel 9 monitoring using GMRS. GMRS is a personal land mobile radio service that is available to individuals and can enhance your present radio capabilities whether your Team uses it or not. Now you can get the basic training for GMRS usage.

PRICING

The "introductory" price for each Training Subject will be \$6.00 per subject, per student. This means that if REACTer "A" wants both subjects currently offered, Monitoring & GMRS Guidelines, he/she would send \$12.00 to the REACT International office for the training materials and tests. If REACTer "B" only wants the Monitoring training and test,

he/she would only send \$6.00. This price is in effect only through December 31st, 1991. As of January 1st, 1992 the price will inch up to the equally low price of \$7.00 per subject, per student.

MORE SERVICES FOR MEMBERS, WITHOUT RAISING DUES

This is meant to be a self-supporting program. No dues money will be used. The price the members pay for the training program will go for buying the certificates and the envelopes, the printing, and the postage. Plus there is the time the staff at the office must use preparing the mailings and the grading of the tests. I think you'll agree that this is a good deal for what is being charged. Any revenue generated, which will depend on how many members participate, will be used to develop other training booklets.

HOW TO ORDER

On page 16 is a registration form for you to use to sign up for one or both of the training subjects. Be sure to give your name and address (print please) and your Team number and your individual member number off your current REACT ID card. Use one registration form for each student.

Please write me with your ideas for REACTer articles or subjects you'd like to see available as training courses for the future of your organization.

FIELD DIRECTOR NOMINEE SAYS THANKS

Andy Hetz would like to thank those who supported him in the 1991 election process. Although not elected to International Board this term, Andy states he will continue to support and promote the high ideals of the REACT program. He will continue to be an avid supporter of CB Channel 9 monitoring, represent the individual REACTer, the formation of local teams and further development of state councils.

There are some people in Washington, Ottawa, London and other centers of government who deserve credit for their efforts on behalf of REACT. Too often we overlook their contribution, or just take them for granted.

Communications Canada (formerly DOC) is our most recent benefactor. Their officials in Toronto and Victoria, BC recently earned

the gratitude of a REACT Team in Sequim, Washington.

Olympic REACT encountered problems last summer with a fleet of whale-watching vessels. The boats, operating out of Victoria, adopted Channel 9 as their inter-ship communications link while taking whale-watchers out on excursions. Olympic contacted Headquar-

ters for help when the Team's efforts to restore the channel to its authorized use proved futile.

Headquarters joined with Communications Canada officials in Toronto for advice. They said they would consult with their counterparts in Victoria. Despite limited manpower and budget restrictions they went to work, quietly but effectively.

Olympic REACT wrote lately to thank everyone for the help. Now that a new whale-watching season has begun, Emergency Channel 9 is clear and ready for distress calls once again. Communications Canada likely just reminded the ships' operators that they might someday be very glad to have Emergency Channel 9 at their disposal for this intended purpose. Thanks, folks at Communications Canada, for a job well done indeed.

Likewise, FCC officials are doing their level best to enforce regulations concerning Emergency Channel 9. They are concentrating their enforcement dollars on Channel 9 owing to its safety role. Headquarters wrote to Washington to express appreciation for the FCC work and the compliment pleasantly startled them.

Teams and Councils should consider writing in appreciation to their Field Office. Your well-deserved compliment may pleasantly startle someone too.

CLASSIFIED SECTION

For Sale

GE MPI GMRS Portable radio: 2 ch .675 Rpt & T/A, CTCSS 141.3, 4 watt. Excellent condition with batteries, dual desk top charger & leather case. \$600.00. Repeater - 20 watt, Duplexer, CTCSS 141.3. Good condition, \$900.00. contact Ron@ (316)264-9999 days.

Two Way Radio Equipment: to all REACT Teams and Members. Receive a 20% discount on all Uniden and Motorola products. For further details contact: Ed Hines at (814)445-4379.

GMRS SPECIALS: "Limited Time Offer" NEW YAESU Portable UHF 6ch, 4.5 watt, CTCSS, 3 year warranty, \$399.95. YAESU Mobile UHF 12 ch, 25 watt, CTCSS 3 year warranty, \$425.00. New ICOM Portable UHF 10 ch, 4 watt, CTCSS with desk top rapid charger, 1 year warranty, \$499.00. Call Advantage Communications at (316)264-5005 days.

Wanted

Back issues of the REACTer, old Team directories, Team disaster plans: to serve as reference material in building a college course on the history of emergency services. Reasonable prices paid. Contact: Walter Green, 3624 Citadel Drive North, Suite 309, Colorado Springs, CO 80909.

Miscellaneous

Registered Disaster Specialist: professional certification by examination for emergency communications personnel. For an application contact VASI, 3624 Citadel Drive North, Suite 309, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80909.

CMA: For free information on how to have a Country Music Association in your state write CMAA, P.O. Box C, Baldwin Park, CA 91706 or phone (818)960-1827.

**SUPPORT YOUR ASSOCIATION
AND HELP YOUR FELLOW
MEMBER BY PLACING A
CLASSIFIED AD IN THE NEXT
ISSUE OF THE REACTER!**

NOTICE

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

Deadline for classified ad submission is the same as article submission deadlines.

For further details on advertising please telephone REACT Headquarters at (316)263-2100, FAX (316)263-2118.

**CHALLENGE '91
INCREASE YOUR
TEAMS MONITORING
ON CHANNEL 9**

TWO REACT TEAMS WORKING HAND IN HAND

by Buck Harlin, President
Big Bear Valley REACT #3111

Big Bear Valley REACT Team #3111 working hand in hand with members of Lucerne Valley REACT Team #4758 participated again this year in the March of Dimes Walk-a-thon. The Teams provided communications from start to finish, including two different check points this year.

We had 90% participation in the Walk-a-thon. The Walk-a-thon has got bigger every year, although this year the number of walkers was slightly less due to the recession and tight money. Allowing for this, Big Bear Valley raised in excess of \$10,000 for the March of Dimes.

The Walk-a-thon is only one of several regular events that we participate in throughout the year, including working with Bear Valley Emergency Services. This also includes all the official emergency agencies in the valley.

On March 2nd of this year we had a chance to participate in a very significant role during a local snow emergency. All main highways were closed due to snow slides and blizzard conditions. Mother Nature dumped in excess of four feet of snow within a twelve hour period causing several avalanches, power outages, and phone disruption.

Team #3111, worked in cooperation with Bear Valley Emergency Services, the fire department, sheriff's department, and highway patrol, opened up an emergency shelter. In all, 122 people were rescued having been

caught in the avalanches. We helped provide sleeping facilities, hot drinks, food, blankets for 102 people until the roads were finally cleared

the next day. Because of the severity and amount of snow, the main access road in and out of the Big Bear Valley was closed for seven days.



Big Bear Valley REACT Team #3111 plus three members of Lucerne Valley REACT Team #4758 after participating in the March of Dimes Walk-a-thon for the fifth year.



Life Members in attendance at the 1991 REACT International Convention held in Melbourne, Florida.



Publicizing REACT

by P.R. Task Group

How important is it for the stranded motorist to keep repeating his location, injuries, problem over and over and for REACTors to monitor the various authorized frequencies available to us???

VITALLY IMPORTANT

During a recent (KEEP AWAKE) Safety Coffee Break, at an isolated rest area along I-90 ERIE COUNTY REACT of Pennsylvania received ten (10) calls for assistance in twenty (20) minutes.

The Team received these calls over CB Channel nine (9) and relayed them on a (donated over the weekend) cellular phone.

One of these calls they worked for nearly three hours. The Team member heard a very weak signal, "Please help us or we will die."

The Team member called back to them saying, "Repeat your last message, over and over again." By doing this, the Team members were able to get the necessary information for the authorities.

The message was, "Arizona family trapped in Bradshaw Mountains, overturned in a ravine, due west of Canyon City, Arizona, off of I-17. Send help or we will die."

The CENTRAL ARIZONA REACT Team of Arizona could only pickup bits and pieces because the skip was heavy. With the two REACT Teams working together, help was dispatched quicker with the proper questions answered.

During a recent troop support rally, where the DELAWARE COUNTY REACT of Pennsylvania, were serving free refreshments, they picked up an accident call with injuries.

They asked the caller to repeat his location over and over to be sure it was correct. The call was from BALBOA AVENUE in San Diego, California.

While two members of DANIEL BOONE REACT of Pennsylvania, were going shopping they heard a faint call for help. "I'm having chest pains, I think I'm having a heart attack, help me", over CB Channel 9. The REACTors, also trained in First Aid and CPR kept the man talking and after getting his location relayed it to another member who was also mobile, via GMRS to the County Communications center through his car phone. And with this Team's quick

thinking were able to save another life on the road.

Here are a few examples of the many ways a Team can render a service.

Members of ALLEGHENY VALLEY REACT, UNITED VALLEY REACT, ARMSTRONG REACT, NEW CASTLE REACT and TRI-COUNTY REACT of Pennsylvania, operated a

FAX service to receive mail from the servicemen and women in Saudi Arabia to their families stateside. The service was known as "OPERATION DESERT FAX."

VALLEY FORGE REACT of Pennsylvania, coordinates with several organizations to give out

bags of food, temporary shelter, transportation and guidance to needy and homeless families.

NORTH HILLS REACT of Pennsylvania works with the handicapped in their area. ABINGTON REACT and SUBURBAN REACT of Pennsylvania work with Crime Watch organizations. Recently, Dave Rondinelli, President of ABINGTON REACT won the Governor's Safety Award for Crime Watch activities.

L.E.M.A./REACT and it's Boy Scouts of America, Explorer Post 99 of Pennsylvania, not only assisted with traffic control and safety

YOUR TEAM CAN GAIN RECOGNITION THROUGH NEEDED COMMUNITY SERVICES IN ADDITION TO RADIO COMMUNICATIONS.

BE AWARE OF YOUR COMMUNITIES NEEDS BOTH LOCALLY AND NATIONALLY.

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services but helped at the food tent. They were involved in serving over six thousand (6,000) hot dogs, hamburgers and sodas to the hungry Boy Scouts at the 1991 Minsi Trails Council JAMBO weekend.

Oklahoma County REACT #2620, 1536 SW 52, Oklahoma City, OK 73119, in their June 1991 issue of "The REACT-ion Line" mentioned "we have been approved again for inclusion in the Combined Federal Campaign this fall...it is not too early to begin talking to everyone you know in the federal work force to ask them to pledge their contribution to Oklahoma County REACT." If you were to contact them, they would probably share with you how they became an approved group to receive these donations.

Sedgwick County REACT #4208, P.O. Box 62, Wichita, KS 67202 has resumed publication. Their last two issues are worth reading.

Porterville REACT Team #2517, P.O. Box 1429, Porterville, CA 93258 has shared with this writer a letter they have used to successfully get donations for their Memorial Day Safety Coffee Stop. They received donations from 8 of the 23 businesses they contacted. You might contact this Team to see if they would share some of their successful procedures with you. They felt it was good but the timing was a little short. This team has also printed up an article entitled "Women In REACT." The article shows how their women team members fit right into all activities of their Team. They

are proud of the support they receive from all of their members.

Received the May 1991 issue of "The KyREACTer" from the Kentucky State REACT Council. We believe you can request exchange copies from: David Mattox, President, Rt. 1, Box 440, Berry, KY 41003.

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, 1005 N. Glebb Road, Arlington, VA 22201, phone 703/247-1500 has a pamphlet entitled "Teenage Drivers" that should be available for handing out at your Team activities. They also have a 12 minute sound video-tape "When Teenagers Drive" that is available free for loan. You might want to consider working this tape along with a speaker from your local police department into a presentation for your Team and community. The Institute has additional items available.

Volunteer - The National Center, 1111 N. 19th Street, Suite 500, Arlington, VA 22209, phone 703/276-0542

offers a membership in their organization, and has available by subscription their publication entitled "Volunteer Action Leadership." A sample copy is available upon request.

Dartnell, 4660 Ravenswood Ave., Chicago, IL 60640-4595 offers a publication entitled "Public Relations Handbook" and offers various "Volk Clip Art" usable for including in newspapers. The publications of these last two companies are being mentioned here only as possibilities. This writer and REACT International are not commenting upon their usability in your applications.

Judging was held again at our just completed International Convention in Melbourne, Florida for Team and Council newspapers. The Public Relations Task Group would like to thank Paul Kennedy and Tony Boylan of the "FLORIDA TODAY" newspaper and Brenda Rodefer of Space Coast REACT for taking the time to

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Getting on GMRS?

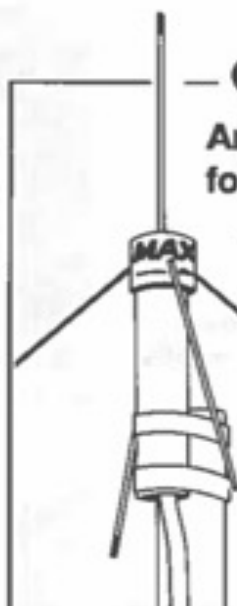
Announcing the antenna designed specifically for REACT teams...The MAX GMRS Ground Plane

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be the judges for this year's Newsletter Contest.

Paul Kennedy, feature writer and columnist and Tony Boylan, business writer shared their talents with us. Brenda Rodefer was the local REACT judge. These three people spent a few hours looking over the various newsletters. All three were impressed with the entries received.

There was an increase in newsletters received this year. Please continue to send in your entries for the four categories. The Public Relations Task Group wishes to thank all the teams and councils for sending their entries in.

This column wants to

thank those Teams and Councils that offered their newspapers for judging. The judges offered some positive comments about many of the individual papers and were pleased with the overall quality. A list of the entrants along with their mailing address can be obtained by sending a self addressed stamped envelope to the address below. Please mark 'ATTN: Newspaper Results'. REACT International looks forward to additional submissions next year.

If you would like to exchange your newspaper or would like to receive other Team or Council newspapers, drop this column a note. State your newspaper with 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.

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Team Events

McGregor REACT Team #2615, McGregor, Texas participated in a missing children search on February 5th, 1991. A happy ending came around 8:30 when the two boys were found and returned to their parents.

Reli REACT, Inc. #4552, Levittown, New York member Mike Dumagan, Unit 44 was at the right place at the right time on August 26, 1990. Mike was returning home from work on the Long Island Expressway in Queens County when he heard a faint call for help on Channel 9. Answering the caller, he asked the man his problem and location. The caller answered Mike that he did not know where he was but repeated that he needed help. Mike kept the man talking while he began tracking his signal. Within a short time span, he finally located the caller. The man told Mike that he was a diabetic, forgot his insulin and was going into shock. Mike radioed Richard Dierlam, Unit 41 who in turn notified the Highway Patrol that an ambulance was needed. Because of their quick action, Mike and Richard received an award from the Nassau County Police Department.

THE WINNERS OF THE NEWSPAPER CONTEST ARE

Category A - Teams with 3 to 10 members
1st Place - Oakland County REACT, Inc., #C238
Waterford, Michigan
2nd Place - Lake Palestine REACT #3129
Athens, Texas
3rd Place - Brazos County REACT #3386
Bryan, Texas

Category B - Teams with 11 to 35 members
1st Place - Evergreen REACT Team #2869
Everett, Washington
2nd Place - San Antonio REACT #3622
Universal City, Texas
3rd Place - Bell County REACT #4047
Belton, Texas

Category C - Teams with 36 or more members
1st Place - Bay Area Emergency Radio Team #2609
San Jose, California
2nd Place - Herndon REACT #C332
Oakton, Virginia
3rd Place - REACT of the Golden Gate #C373
San Bruno, California

Category D - Councils
1st Place - Wisconsin REACT Council
2nd Place - Texas State REACT Council
3rd Place - Pennsylvania Council of REACT Teams



THE WINNERS OF THE K40 ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS!

FIRST QUARTER 1991

Individual: Marvin "Gene" Eugene Lawson from Prince William REACT, Inc., #C109 monitored a total of 3,008 hours in the last 12 months and attended 9 of the last 12 Team meetings.

Gene joined the Team in 1986 and has been an active member ever since. During this time, he has monitored in excess of 12,000 hours and has provided both communication and direct aid in over 5,000 individual incidents.

As a professional truck driver, Gene has distributed information flyers on REACT across the states of Virginia, West Virginia, North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Maryland and the District of Columbia.

Team: Bergen-Passaic REACT #4738, Garfield, New Jersey had a record number of members attending Team meetings in the last quarter as well as the past seven Council meetings.

The Team monitored over

25,000 hours in the past year and worked over 4,000 hours in Team and community events. From January 1, 1990 through December 31, 1990 the members of Team #4738 responded to over 2,200 calls.



Photo Above: Norma Angel and George Lynn from Vanderburgh County REACT, Inc. Team #C296 (IN) accepts the 1990 K40 REACT Achievement Annual Team Award from Ronald McCracken, President of REACT International, Inc.



Left Photo: Dick Cooper, President of the New Jersey Council of REACT Teams accepts the 1990 K40 REACT Achievement Annual Council Award from Ronald McCracken, President of REACT International, Inc.



Right Photo: Dorothy DePoe (NJ) receives the 1990 K40 REACT Achievement Annual Individual Award from Ronald McCracken, President of REACT International, Inc.

**EUGENE GOEBEL AWARD
PRESENTED AT THE 1991
REACT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

W. Robert Stone (left) received the Eugene Goebel Award from Ronald McCracken, President (right) at the Convention banquet on July 25, 1991. Upon the presentation of the award Mr. Stone received a standing ovation from the convention attendees.

The Eugene Goebel Award is the highest tribute REACT's Board of Director's bestows upon recipients. Mr. Stone is past Vice President and At-Large Director to the Board.



The inscription on the award reads as follows:

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

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W. Robert Stone

In recognition of his unselfish contribution of time, skills and effort to guide REACT through changing and challenging times while serving as At-large Director and Vice-President of the REACT International board. This dedicated volunteer service has benefitted all REACT members and is therefore worthy of the highest commendation.

Presented July 25, 1991

EUGENE GOEBEL AWARD

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THEY ARE THERE FOR YOUR TEAM!!!**

**REACT INTERNATIONAL, INC.,
REQUESTS MEMBERS INPUT ON
BOARD OF DIRECTOR
RESTRUCTURING PROPOSALS**

Below is several proposals presented over the last year to the board of directors. These proposals were also discussed during the open sessions at the 1991 REACT International Convention held in Melbourne, Florida.

The board would now like

your input on these proposals. Your comments must be submitted in writing.

All comments on these proposals should be directed to REACT International, Inc., no later than December 16, 1991.

Please refer to the number

issued to each proposal in your comments presented to the board.

You can mail your comments to Headquarters through the post office or through UPS. You can also fax your comments to Headquarters at 316/263-2118.

**CURRENT
STRUCTURE
OF REACT
INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

- 4 - Field Directors (Elected)
- 1 - International Director (Appointed)
- 4 - At-Large Directors (Appointed)

*ALL DIRECTORS
ON THE BOARD VOTE*

PROPOSAL #2

1. Nine REACT Members - Elected for three years, three per year.
2. Eight Directors from U.S. one from Canada.
3. Advisory Board (Professional and "prestige" members).
4. Officers - One year terms: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, (others if needed).
5. Officers operate REACT International.
6. Dual Membership - Team and REACT International.

PROPOSAL #4

1. Nine Field Directors.
2. Nine regions - 7 in US, 2 in Canada.
3. All Directors to be elected by Teams within regions.
4. One Director (from above) to be representative for all other foreign countries.
5. Four At-Large Directors - "Advisory Board".
 - a. Non-voting
6. Three years to implement.

PROPOSAL #1

1. Board of Directors
 - a. Five regional Directors, U.S.
 - b. One regional Director, Canada.
 - c. One regional Director, Foreign.
 - d. Three At-Large Directors.
2. Regional Directors elected by region.
3. Officers Ex-Officio members of board, elected at convention by delegates.
4. Need General Manager.
5. Council in each state. At least one in each country. Sub-councils in heavily populated states.

PROPOSAL #3

1. BOARD - (3) - President, Secretary and Treasurer - Elected. (Minimum required for corporation charter).
2. REACT International Headquarters.
 - a. Issues charters
 - b. Registers members
 1. Teams
 2. Individuals
 - c. Protects trademarks
 - d. Provides supplies.
 - e. Publishes the REACTER
 - f. Provides Insurance
3. No recognized Councils by International office.

PROPOSAL #5

1. Eight Field Directors.
2. Elect all Field Directors by membership.
3. Elect Directors by division.
4. Executive Committee of four Directors and the President.
5. Officers - President, several Vice President's, Secretary and Treasurer elected by Board.
6. 3/4 of Directors can amend articles of incorporation.
7. Employ Executive Vice-President as General Manager - No Vote.
8. Individual balloting.

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