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by Ron McCracken

Are you and your Team taking full advantage of all the hard work REACT Task Groups have been doing for you?

"You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make it drink" goes the old adage. I hope you are drinking in much of what these dedicated REACT volunteers have prepared. All their efforts have one purpose: to benefit Teams.

The Communications Task Group is working to offer amateur license tests again at the upcoming Anderson, Indiana Convention. Study up, so you can

write while there.

The Government Relations Task Group has prepared a Spanish edition of the FCC CB rules. Teams that serve Spanish speaking populations can benefit from its availability.

The Training & Development Committee has issued its first two self-study modules. The modules are designed to help REACTers become more proficient in various aspects of their work. The help you asked for is here, ready for you.

REACT's Public Relations Task Group has introduced the new REACT sun visor, flag, cap and 30th anniversary logo sheet. It has given us three PR graphics recently. The graphics can be used in a variety of ways by your Team or Council. Put them to work for you.

Task Group and Committee

members are all volunteers from REACT Teams everywhere. If you have ideas to share, contact the chair of the appropriate Task Group or Committee. Even if you can't attend a convention, you can serve on a Committee or Task Group. Most of their work is done by mail during the year. Here's another chance for you to get involved in the future of REACT. Help us grow.

Be sure to use the tools our Task Groups and Committees have produced, too. It will encourage them to go on and develop other new tools to help all of us.

We are all indebted to the REACTers who contribute their time and energy to the work of Committees and Task Groups. Thanks, folks. You've given us great new items to help us. Keep up your superb efforts.

PLACARD CONTEST CRITERIA

THEME: 30th Anniversary of REACT
or
30 Years of REACT

SIZE: 10" x 24" Poster Board
One Side with Theme
Back side blank

CATEGORIES: Team - 1st, 2nd
Council - 1st, 2nd



NOTE: Placards for Meeting use will be approximately 8" x 12" and will be available in the Operations Room at the hotel.



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Postal Service Provides
Special Commemorative
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Anniversary Celebration**

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HEADQUARTERS REPORT

They're here! The new edition of the **REACT Team Contact Directory** is now available. In March we announced the introductory price of \$1.25 each with 10 ounces in shipping and handling. This introductory price is being extended through June 30th, 1992. There is no limit on the quantity ordered just remember to send the appropriate shipping and handling for each directory. Starting July 1st, the price goes to \$1.85 each per directory. So order one for each of your Team members. Order extras for friends and family members who will be travelling this year. It could just save a life.

Headquarters has just mailed a Team Topics to all REACT Teams. Share this information with your members at your next meeting. Enclosed in this mailing is the latest on this years

convention including a registration and a credentials form. There is also two surveys which Headquarters would like to request you complete and return. Both surveys will enable REACT to gain a prospective in how we can better serve and help not only you but your communities as well.

Within the next few weeks Teams will be receiving a mailing from International on the 1992-1994 Board of Director(s) candidates. This mailing contains the information needed in voting for two board positions. Share it with your members at your next Team meeting. Make your vote count!

Don't forget have a safe and busy summer season. I hope to see you all in Indiana for this years Convention.



Sedgwick County REACT, Inc., #4208, Wichita, Kansas participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade with three REACT vehicles and a dozen or so members. Each year the Team participates in two or more community parades for the public relations exposure and

FUN for the members. This year the Team also worked communications (for the 2nd year in a row) for Walk for Children. Upcoming events include the Kansas Special Olympics State Games and other similar events.

Independent Auditor's Report

The Board of Directors
**REACTINTERNATIONAL,
 INC.:**

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets of REACT International, Inc., as of December 31, 1991 and 1990, and the related statements of activity and changes in financial position for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of REACTINTERNATIONAL, INC., at December 31, 1991 and 1990, and the results of its operation and the changes in its financial position for the years then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The statement of activity - actual vs budget presented in this report, for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial state-

ments. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Lee Cropp & Associates, CPA's

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITY FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1991 AND 1990

	1991	1990
REVENUES FROM MEMBERS:		
Dues	\$ 128,771	\$ 140,713
Team charters	1,620	1,835
Life membership (Note 1)	3,719	3,540
International membership	2,515	5,392
Affiliate dues	3,019	4,772
Total revenues from members	139,644	156,252
OTHER REVENUE AND SUPPORT:		
REACT advertising income	17,793	18,976
REACT subscriptions	318	433
Gross profit on sale of REACT I.D. material	4,616	3,326
Training income less expenses	121	-
Contributions (Note 6)	723	1,393
Commissions	1,259	2,662
Interest income	5,096	5,233
Affinity credit card	-	689
Legal fund contributions	-	786
Mailing list sale (net)	-	90
Miscellaneous income	1,360	1,081
Total other revenue and support	31,386	34,169
Total revenues	171,030	190,421
EXPENSES:		
Membership services and communications -		
Direct membership benefits:		
REACT	35,988	36,630
Data processing (Note 3)	5,004	6,790
Membership kits and materials	2,619	1,567
Team charters	507	260
Life membership materials	436	149
Membership materials	-	970
Team topics	2,325	2,229
Membership advertising	468	1,012
	47,347	49,607
Membership services and communications -		
Indirect membership benefits:		
Reimbursement of state councils	\$ 1,304	\$ 1,672
Board of Directors expense (Note 4)	18,213	24,601
Convention expenses	1,394	2,564
Postage and freight	10,255	9,342
Telephone - long distance to team and members	2,553	2,265
	32,719	40,444
Total membership services and communications expenses	81,066	90,051
General and administrative expenses:		
Salaries	37,249	49,448
Rent and utilities	10,305	9,709
Audit and accounting	4,255	4,490
Legal	429	440
Stationery and office supplies	4,221	2,657
Insurance	5,810	6,892
Headquarters travel	384	1,043
Maintenance and repairs	1,342	393
Dues and subscriptions	380	681
Payroll taxes	2,775	3,797
Depreciation expense	2,797	2,178
Interest and penalties	244	1,025
Telephone	1,346	974
Loss due to obsolete inventory (Note 7)	720	8,616
Miscellaneous expense	1,494	4,405
Total general and administrative expenses	72,751	96,748
Total expenses	154,817	186,799
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses for the year	\$ 16,213	\$ 3,622

REACT INTERNATIONAL, INC.
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY - ACTUAL VS BUDGET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1991

REACT INTERNATIONAL, INC.
BALANCE SHEETS
DECEMBER 31, 1991 AND 1990

	Actual	Budget	(Over) Under Budget
Revenue:			
Dues	\$124,205	\$161,492	\$37,187
Team charters	1,620	1,900	280
Sales	4,616	7,500	2,884
Contributions	723	1,000	277
Commissions	1,359	1,675	316
Training income less expenses	121	-	(121)
REACTOR subscriptions	318	475	157
Advertising income	17,733	8,000	(9,733)
Interest income	5,096	3,500	(1,596)
Mailing list	-	500	500
Miscellaneous income	1,360	1,900	540
Life members earned	2,719	-	(2,719)
Total revenue	171,020	187,942	16,912
Expenses:			
REACTOR	35,980	50,400	14,412
Data processing	5,084	9,870	4,866
Membership kits and materials	3,055	4,935	1,880
Team charters	507	2,100	1,593
Team laptop	2,325	2,100	(225)
Membership advertising	468	3,500	3,032
Council reimbursements	1,304	2,100	796
Board of directors expense	18,212	34,150	5,938
Convention expenses	1,294	1,575	181
Postage & freight	10,255	12,600	2,345
Telephone - long distance	2,552	2,205	(340)
Salaries	37,749	41,480	4,731
Rent and utilities	10,305	11,225	920
Audit and accounting	4,255	4,410	155
Legal	429	2,500	2,071
Stationary and office supplies	4,221	3,465	(756)
Insurance	5,811	6,825	1,014
Headquarters travel	384	1,605	1,221
Maintenance and repairs	1,342	2,100	758
Dues and subscriptions	380	525	145
Payroll taxes	2,775	3,233	958
Depreciation	2,297	1,000	(1,297)
Interest expense	244	-	(244)
Telephone	1,346	1,155	(191)
Task group	-	525	525
Cobel award	-	100	100
Miscellaneous	1,494	-	(1,494)
Loss on obsolete inventory	720	-	(720)
Affinity cost	-	210	210
Total expenses	154,817	196,402	41,586
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses for the year	\$ 16,213	\$ (8,461)	\$24,674

ASSETS

	1991	1990
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash	\$ 17,714	\$ 13,520
Investments (Note 1)	56,299	66,203
Accounts receivable	2,962	1,009
Inventory (Note 1)	20,644	12,862
Prepaid expenses	68	54
Total current assets	97,679	93,728
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, (Note 1):		
Computer equipment (Note 6)	5,822	4,788
Furniture and equipment	12,724	12,268
Total	18,546	17,156
Less-accumulated depreciation	7,244	4,447
Property and equipment, net	11,302	12,709
OTHER ASSETS:		
Security deposits	1,100	1,100
Total assets	\$ 110,081	\$ 107,537
LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Accounts payable	\$ 697	\$ 2,672
Deferred income - dues (Note 1)	35,726	39,263
Accrued payroll taxes	775	880
Obligation under capital lease (Note 2)	-	3,657
Compensated absences (Note 8)	976	-
Total current liabilities	38,174	46,480
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES:		
REACT memorial payments	611	461
Life membership directory donations	-	261
Insurance excess (Note 5)	805	6,112
Unearned life membership dues (Note 1)	74,453	70,679
Earned life membership dues	(23,206)	(19,467)
Total long-term liabilities	52,663	58,026
MEMBERS' EQUITY:		
Donated equity	1,800	1,800
Fund balance (deficit) -		
Balance, beginning of year	1,231	(2,391)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses for the year	16,213	2,672
Balance, end of year	17,444	1,231
Total members' equity	19,244	3,031
Total liabilities and members' equity	\$ 110,081	\$ 107,537

REACT INTERNATIONAL, INC.
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1991 AND 1990

	1991	1990
SOURCES OF WORKING CAPITAL:		
Operations:		
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses for the year	\$ 16,213	\$ 3,672
Items not affecting working capital:		
Depreciation expense	2,297	2,178
Earned life membership dues	(2,719)	(3,548)
Total provided (used) by operations	15,791	2,260
Increase in unearned life memberships	3,774	6,701
Increase in REACT memorial payments	150	100
	19,215	9,061
USES OF WORKING CAPITAL:		
Additions to property and equipment	1,398	6,574
Decrease in insurance excess	5,307	4,629
Decrease in life membership directory	261	-
	6,958	11,203
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN WORKING CAPITAL	\$ 12,257	\$ (2,142)

	1991	1990
CHANGES IN COMPONENTS OF WORKING CAPITAL:		
Increase (decrease) in current assets:		
Cash and investments	\$ (5,710)	\$ 30,597
Accounts receivable	1,873	(2,893)
Inventory	7,782	(14,859)
Prepaid expense	6	(22)
	3,951	12,813
(Increase) decrease in current liabilities:		
Deferred income - dues	3,537	(14,876)
Accounts payable	1,975	1,920
Accrued payroll taxes	113	1,648
Obligation under capital lease	3,657	(3,657)
Compensated absences	(976)	-
	8,306	(14,955)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN WORKING CAPITAL	\$ 12,257	\$ (2,142)

REACT International, Inc.
Notes To Financial Statements
December 31, 1991 and 1990

1. DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The Corporation is a nonprofit organization formed to develop and promote the use of the Citizens Radio Service and other personal radio services as an additional source of communication for emergencies, disasters, and other forms of aid to citizens. REACT is exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3).

a) Investments

Investments at December 31, 1991 consisted of \$50,000 in certificates of deposit and \$6,299 in a money maximizer account. The December 31, 1990 balance was \$50,000, and \$16,203, respectively.

b) Inventory

Inventory is valued at the lower of actual cost or market using the first-in, first-out basis of cost accumulation.

c) Property and Equipment

Property and equipment is recorded at cost with the exception that donated equipment is recorded at its estimated fair market value at the time of donation. Depreciation is provided over the estimated useful lives of the related assets, generally three to five years, and is calculated using the straight-line method.

d) Deferred Income - Dues

Income from dues is being recognized in the year in which it relates. Income received, which pertains to the subsequent year, is credited to the liability ac-

count - Deferred income-dues.

e) Deferred Life Memberships

Since the inception of the life membership program, in 1980, \$74,453 has been received. The life membership dues are deferred over 20 years and allows an individual to be a member for his or her life without further dues. There is no obligation on REACT INTERNATIONAL, INC., to refund this money upon termination of the organization.

2. LEASE COMMITMENTS:

Capital lease on copier

On September 4, 1990, the Company entered into a lease to purchase a copier for \$6,125. The lease was for one year with monthly payments of \$557.38, and a \$1 buy-out at the end of the lease. The obligation at December 31, 1990 was \$3,657.

Lease agreements for office space

On October 1, 1991, the Corporation renewed the existing lease agreement with respect to its Wichita, Kansas office for an additional eighteen months. The term calls for the Company to pay monthly installments of \$550.

3. DATA PROCESSING:

Data processing expenses include services for membership processing, label production and membership card printing.

4. BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXPENSE:

Board of Directors expenses include telephone conferences, expenses incurred in electing board members, travel and

expenses for members to attend Board of Directors meetings and the annual convention.

5. INSURANCE

The insurance excess account reflects money in excess of membership liability insurance and bonding which REACT International, Inc., has collected. The excess will be used to decrease the membership liability insurance and bonding when the board deems appropriate.

6. DONATED EQUIPMENT:

During 1991, a PageMaker software was donated to the Company with a fair market value of \$500. The amount is reflected in contributions, as revenue, and equipment, as an asset.

7. OBSOLETE INVENTORY

The Company decided that a public relations guide and a CB handbook was obsolete during 1991 and the value of \$720 was recorded as a loss due to obsolete inventory.

8. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Employees accumulate vacation leave benefits at the rate of one week for the first year and two weeks thereafter. Accumulated earned vacation leave at December 31, 1991 amount to \$976. The liability for compensated absences has been recorded as an accrued liability in accordance with FASB Statement 43.



GMRS...Rx

by Bill Simpson

This is written in mid-winter...I've got the blahs...there's not even enough snow to make Channel nine interesting!

Therefore: I'm going to just babble about several things on my mind. If they bore you, turn the page!

First, thanks to Deanne for putting up with my handwriting at times, and to Bonnie Zygmunt for putting on disc the GMRS manual. I know that it was promised last year, but technical difficulties - and a couple of superfluously cautious individuals held it up. Thanks to Bonnie and her persistence, it should be out by the time you see this!

Second, thanks to all of you that have written over the past years. It's nice to know that someone is reading this column! On several occasions, your question or comment has provided a column, which may have helped someone else. Keep it up!!! All writers love to know they are read.

Here's a new scam: The following information appeared in "Radio Fun" April, 1992, and was taken from "The Q-Fiver", March, 1992. Thanks to Trevor KK6DO:

"If a pager owner/user gets a page with the phone number (212)540-xxxx (where xxxx can be any four numbers)...DO NOT CALL THIS NUMBER!"

...212 is the area code for New York City, but the 540 exchange acts the same way as a 1-900 number, where the phone from which you are calling is automatically billed. The fee for calling these 540 numbers is \$55.00. The 540 number is calling pagers around the country, and inserting the number so the individual will call: the fee is then collected!

Scam 2: Companies that charge \$85.00 extra for renewing the license that you only need to sign and send in. If you really want to throw the money away, send it to me...I'll complete your license AND pay your dues for '93! That's a better deal than they'll give you!

Team license renewal due? Don't change anything except the mailing address, or it is bye-bye license! Then you get to explain to the Team members why they EACH must pay \$35 to use their radios. (Everybody should license individually, sooner or later...a husband/wife could license for two frequencies each.)

Why haven't more people purchased the Training Manuals? You've been screaming for more from International, for years...it's here...what more do you want? Should we give it away? I don't

think so. Yep, I've purchased mine, and so did Judy! Our certificates are on the wall. I hear that some Teams "don't need" to take the test! I've been monitoring for 10+ years, and had to go back to check my answers. I'll guarantee that the GMRS test cannot be completed without the booklet. Besides, it's such a deal! Purchase the GMRS test for \$7 and we'll throw

in a current set of FCC rules for Part 95A...a \$20 value!

Why don't more Teams participate in the REACT directory? This is used among REACT members, perhaps as they travel, to look for assistance...or perhaps simply company. I tried to

plan a trip for my daughter, using REACT Teams as a guide, 50% of the areas she wanted to see had REACT Teams...but no contact data. If her car broke down, could she get help in your town? She will in my town!

Enough doom and gloom...go out and have a wonderful summer, I'll see a number of you at the Convention. Oh...one last thought - want a stint as a guest columnist? Write a column and send it to me. The chances are good it'll run later.

REACTively,
Bill

"If a pager owner/user gets a page with the phone number (212)540-xxxx (where xxxx can be any four numbers)...DO NOT CALL THIS NUMBER!"

The 1992 International Convention Committee

has submitted the art work to the U.S. Postal Service for a Special 4 Day Cancellation in Anderson, Indiana July 20, 21, 22 and 23 during our 30th Anniversary Celebration and Convention.

A special thanks goes to Mr. Paul Eschbacher, Anderson Postmaster, for his support and cooperation of this project. A Postal Service sub-station will be on location at the Convention hotel each day of the cancellation availability. In addition to cancellation of outgoing mail and envelopes for keepsakes, the Postal Service will provide a printed commemorative folder which will have a logo imprint on the front, a stamp for cancellation (stamp yet to be determined) on the inside and a brief printed description of the REACT organization.

Those attending the Convention will be able to obtain as many of the cancellations on outgoing mail, commemorative folders and keepsake envelopes as they desire at the Postal Service sub-station on site at the Convention hotel. Those of you desiring to have an envelope mailed back to you or to someone else may do so by following the information outlined below.

Your "Mail To" address must include - full name, address, city, state and correct zip code.

EACH envelope must contain your COMPLETED, zip coded RETURN address.

Requests can be made for mailings to Canada and foreign countries as long as YOU affix the proper FIRST CLASS or AIRMAIL postage. (It is suggested that you use as small as

30TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE POSTMARK

possible stamp so that as much as possible of the special cancellation will be readable).

Place your stamp(s) in the upper right hand corner. DO NOT put anything in the block of space measuring 2 1/2 inches down from the top edge of the envelope and measuring 5 inches from the right side of the envelope other than your stamp(s). This area MUST be left clear for the large cancellation stamp. It is therefore suggested that you submit only the 4" by 9 1/2" envelopes and for the "mail to" and return address use a typewriter.

This special cancellation will have the date within it changed on each of the 4 days, thus making each cancellation different. Those members desiring a cancellation of more than one date, should write in the upper right hand corner ON THE BACK of each envelope the date (20,21,22,23) that you want each enveloped canceled. Using pencil marking would allow for removal when returned to you.

A BRIEF note that outlines your cancellation requests should be included. A thank you for providing the special cancellation and handling your request for actual cancellation would be in order.

All envelopes for cancellation should be sent in an outer envelope and addressed to:

**Postmaster
1505 Raible Ave.
Anderson, IN 46011**

If you prefer to have your keepsakes mailed back to you in an envelope rather than through the actual mail service, you

envelope. This envelope must be large enough to hold your canceled envelopes and with SUFFICIENT POSTAGE affixed.

Your request must be RECEIVED by the Postmaster BEFORE the date of cancellation to insure proper handling of your request. ERRORS in SUBMISSIONS CANNOT AND WILL NOT BE RETURNED. Be sure the addresses are correct and proper postage is affixed to all envelopes, including any that will return cancellations to you. Be sure to check that you have affixed sufficient postage for the size and weight of your returning envelope.

The special Commemorative Cancellation folders may be obtained by request through the Convention Committee. The folders can be ordered in quantities of 2 and multiples thereof. Enclose with your order \$1.00 for each set of 2 ordered (i.e., if you want 2 send \$1.00, if you want 4 send \$2.00 and so forth) and a self-addressed, 8 1/2 x 11 inch (minimum) envelope with at least \$.58 of postage affixed.

DO NOT send stamps for the cancellation folder. The stamps are provided in the cost of the folders.

ALL orders for the Commemorative Cancellation folders must be RECEIVED by July 10, 1992 to insure proper handling of your request. Mail your order to:

**Commemorative
Cancellation Folder
REACT International
Convention
3036 East 8th Street
Anderson, IN 46012**

MUST include a COMPLETE self-addressed

REACT Teams Unite During Texas Floods

by Allan Tyler, President
Brazoria County REACT #2988

When the Southeast Texas floods hit Brazoria County, Texas in late December and early January; Brazoria County REACT #2988 and Houston Metro Emergency REACT #4098 became an active part in the disaster relief of the high waters with 23 people working as American Red Cross volunteers. Brazoria County had three waterways that rose above flood stage. They were the Brazos River, Oyster Creek and Bastrop Bayou. There were about 600 homes that were affected by the high water. Two shelters were opened in Angleton by the Brazoria County Chapter of the American Red Cross. These 2 shelters housed approximately 150 people from the affected areas.

Emma Stanford of Brazoria County REACT was the supervisor of the shelters for the Red Cross. Jeanette McDonald of Brazoria County REACT worked as a shelter volunteer for the Red Cross. My job assignment as a member of Brazoria County REACT was to coordinate the damage assessment for the Red Cross. Philip Eakin of Brazoria County REACT, Ed Williford, Jason Asbhar and Dennis Gray of Houston Metro Emergency REACT assisted with the damage assessment. John Stanford of Brazoria County REACT was the supervisor of mass care and supply for the Red Cross. Keith McDonald of Brazoria County REACT, Billy Harper and Eric Morrical of Houston Metro Emergency REACT assisted with

mass feeding in the field from the ERV's. Dick Wood of Houston Metro Emergency REACT was delivering clean-up kits to the affected areas.

The Red Cross set up a warehouse at the Brazoria County Fairgrounds to store and disperse disaster relief goods in a more timely manner. Marty Miles, David Dearing, Reba Harper, Glen Iris, Lynn Iris, Bill Morrical and Linda Morrical of Houston Metro Emergency REACT assisted as Red Cross volunteers in the warehouse. David Gregory of Brazoria County REACT taught a damage assessment course as a Red Cross instructor. Becky Mayfield of Brazoria County REACT assisted as a family services caseworker for the Red Cross. Cliff Tubb of Brazoria County REACT and

Robert Beran of Houston Metro Emergency REACT assisted with the relief operations as radio operators at the Chapter office.

In almost every phase of the relief operation, GMRS was used. Brazoria County REACT and Houston Metro Emergency REACT have repeaters on .600 in Angleton and .725 in Houston. With the Brazoria County Chapter of the American Red Cross having a .600 license, the chapter office, shelters, family services, mass care, supply and damage assessment. The .725 repeater was used for damage assessment in the northern part of the county. The American Red Cross system on 47.420 was used to communicate to the ERV's in the field while they were mass feeding. The duration of the relief operation lasted approximately three weeks. Brazoria County REACT also furnished outside lighting for the shelters and radio equipment for their use.



(From Left to Right) Philip Eakin and Allan Tyler of Brazoria County REACT #2988 and David Dearing, Bill Morrical, Eric Morrical, and Ed Williford of Houston Metro Emergency REACT #4098 working as Red Cross volunteers in Brazoria County, Texas during the floods that came December, 1991.

Classified Section

For Sale

Hayes Compatible 1200 Baud External Modem: for further details contact Lee Besing at (512)490-9008.

This Is A Special REACT Member GMRS Sale -- A 30% Savings! Your Choice: Yaesu Portable GMRS; 6 chl, 4.5 watt, includes CTCSS, ant, bat, belt clip and dual desktop rapid charger. Yaesu Mobile GMRS; 12 chl, 25 watt, includes CTCSS, mounting hardware and HD microphone. Both GMRS are fully synthesized, include a three (3) years warranty, FCC GMRS license application, all programming and ready to go! Only \$389.95 plus S&H, offer expires soon! Check, MO, Visa or MC. Advantage Communications, Inc., 301 Laura, Wichita, KS 67211, phone (316)264-5005.

Miscellaneous

Help - Need To Beg, Borrow or Steal: video of the Awards Presentation at the 1990 Convention Banquet. Contact Wayne Stanley at 12033 Parker Plaza, #101, Omaha, NE 68154.

Rabbit's Party! January 10, 1999: San Antonio, Texas. More info, mail postcard to Rabbit's Party HQ., 1508 Vanderbilt, San Antonio, TX 78210.

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Try placing a classified ad in the REACTer. Cost is only \$.45 per word for members and \$.65 per word for non-members. Phone numbers automatically count as two words. For further details telephone Headquarters at (316)263-2100.

Training and Development Committee Report

by Bonnie Zygmunt

The GMRS Training package is nearly done and by the time this magazine comes out those who have ordered it will have received it. I want to apologize for the extreme delay, but I ran into some problems that blocked the expected progress by at least six months. I think now that these problems have been brought to light they will not be able to retard any of the future training packages. The process to proofread the material has gone smoothly and I think everyone will agree that this package will have been worth the wait. I know I learned a lot about GMRS just by typing and editing the information.

I want to thank the many REACT newsletters that have supported the training program with their articles. And the letters to the office with suggestions for future subjects are greatly appreciated.

For those who would like to know what they'll be getting with the GMRS training package, I'll outline what it includes. It starts with the 24 page booklet that explains the terms that are used with GMRS and has sections on the FCC rules and regulations and what they mean. There are two sample applications with explanations and information about purchasing equipment. Along with this is a separate smaller book of the FCC Rules and Regulations Part 95, subpart A, that deals with the General Mobile Radio Service. To get this information from the FCC directly means you'd have to buy the whole book of rules and I believe it runs over \$20.00. You will also get a list of all the FCC field offices and a blank Form 574 license application. Finally, there will be a sheet of test

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NEW TEAMS CHARTERED

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| #4838 | Fajardo REACT
Fajardo, Puerto Rico
02-27-92 | #4841 | REACT Jonesboro
Jonesboro, Arkansas
04-02-92 |
| #4839 | Washoe County REACT
Reno, Nevada
03-06-92 | #4842 | REACT Tri-Town
Haileybury, Ontario
04-08-92 |
| #4840 | REACT Windsor
Windsor, Nova Scotia
03-31-92 | | |

*Headquarters
extends a warm
welcome to our
newest REACT Teams
and their members.*

TRAINING WINNERS

questions that you can fill out to get your Certificate of Completion.

REACT International will now be offering the FCC Rules and Regulations Part 95, subpart A, book separately from the Training package. This book is 5-1/2 by 8-1/2 with 29 pages. It will sell for \$2.50 to the membership. Remember if you have already ordered the GMRS training you will be receiving this book as part of the package.

To date 62 members and affiliates have had completion certificates awarded from the Monitor Training program. See the March/April issue of the REACTer and this issue for the names and states of these training winners.

CANADA

Arthur Heath #4270
Ward Kennedy #4270
Dale Hobden #4760

CALIFORNIA

Arthur Buckingham #2725
Jon Mosby #C057
Jeff Glassman #C059

COLORADO

Terry Galbreath #4817

INDIANA

Georgia Elgan #3327
Florence Hedges #3327

MASSACHUSETTS

Stephen Jeffries #4828

MARYLAND

Jarrell Nowlin #3781
Jerry Hazell #4650

MINNESOTA

Steven Castillo #2538
Nicklaus Erickson #2538

NEW JERSEY

Ralph Gibson #4259

OHIO

Clifford Lewis #2624

WISCONSIN

Russ Hauptenthal #4089
Tina Davis #4813
Tom Davis #4813

TRAINING REGISTRATION FORM

Subject: 101 Monitoring 201 GMRS- (Includes FCC Rules) GMRS FCC Rules- Part 95A (ONLY)

Fill in your full name and address, your REACT Team number and REACT member ID number (as found on your REACT card). Enclose \$7.00 for each training module you request and \$2.50 for each GMRS FCC Rules Part 95A you request.

NOTE: When purchasing the 201-GMRS Training Module the FCC Rules is included).

Name _____
First Initial Last

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Team #

Member ID #

MAIL TO:
REACT International, Inc.
P.O. Box 998
Wichita, KS 67201

Monitoring Manual (\$7.00)
GMRS Manual (\$7.00)
GMRS FCC Rules Only (\$2.50)

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____



Publicizing REACT

by PR Task Group

Recently, President Ron McCracken of REACT International sent a "Thank You" letter and commended the Federal Communications Commission for their efforts in Puerto Rico. They recently seized illegal CB's and other equipment. These efforts, greatly help the REACT program that hamper our volunteers.

The PA Council of REACT Teams notified REACT Headquarters of a company that was using the REACT name. Headquarters notified the company of the name infringements by mail. The PA Council learned the company has since changed it's name.

Convention Reminders

The PRTG encourages all of the Teams and Councils that submitted newsletter entries to do so again in this years Newsletter Contest.

Even those of you who are new editors, don't be bashful; this is a good time to show off what you can do. The Teams and Councils are always hungry for different ideas.

The PRTG encourages everyone that is planning to attend this years REACT International Convention to bring along a few

copies of your Team/Council's successful PR items. Whether you utilized the information from Headquarters or generated your own. If you are willing to share your successful ideas, the Teams and Council's are hungry for them.

NEEDED!!! Send in your photographs from all those events you've worked so hard at in the past. The PRTG is in the process of creating a display board for the Convention and use later. So, if your proud of that special event your members worked, send us a photo. We are also looking for any extra event brochures pertaining to the activities you worked. This is going to be an "International Display", so all you Teams from Canada the United Kingdom and Trinidad & Tobago we want your photographs also! All photos marked on the back with a name and address will have them returned.

"Graphic" Newsletters

Brighten your newsletter and add reader appeal. Here's an affordable way to do it. Write for the FREE "Dover Pictorial Archive" catalog. Requests for further details should be addressed to Dover Publications, 31 East 2nd St., Mineola, NY 11501. Their clip art books cost between \$3.00 and \$4.00 each. Don't cut up the book(s). Photocopy the items you want to use. Cut the clear photocopy up instead and preserve your book,

intact, for future use. Don't forget to continue to use REACT graphics on newsletters. **IT PAYS.**

We Saw You In The News

Recently Ron McCracken had a two page article in one of the several RV and Camping magazines. One of them being, "The Canadian Camper's Information Magazine." This provided tips and hints for your CB and the "Emergency" graphic for REACT.

Something We Would Like To See Coast To Coast

The PA Turnpike has announced they will be monitoring CB Channel 9 more closely. They have introduced a "Turnpike Watch" between the PA Turnpike and the Yellow Freight Line Trucking Company. This is supposed to be in effect 24 hours per day.

Another Idea For Getting Your Team Name Posted Along The Highway

Depending on your own state/province's Department of Transportation regulations, you may be able to participate in a new volunteer program called "Adopt A Highway."

Consult with your state/province's district office for all of the information needed. By being involved with this, your Team/Council may get a sign posted with your name sponsoring a

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K40 Achievement Award Winners

section of a highway or interchange.

A Tip O' The PR Hat

Hats off to Mike Cochran of Erie County REACT Team, Pennsylvania. He aided 100 stranded motorists during a recent winter blizzard. Mike has his REACT priorities straight. Monitoring the Emergency CB Channel 9 is what REACT is all about and Mike is the PR our organization can have.

Hats off to Lema REACT, Pennsylvania for the in-depth front page article it scored in their weekly paper. The paper carried the REACT story to five towns and three townships served by Lema REACTers. It's proof of how valuable weekly and special interest (i.e., seniors, radio, etc) can be to your PR effort. Great work, Lema.

A Special Mention Earned...

Brownwood REACT Team of Texas has used a recruiting ad generated from Headquarters. This was used in a cooperative effort with Brownwood Regional Hospital and KTXS TV 12. The ad was used in a booklet for getting help. This booklet was then distributed to every home in Brownwood County, Texas.

Richmond County REACT Team of Virginia has put together a TV report on a recent coffee Safety Break. They mentioned the various activities their Team participates in.

The PA Council of REACT Teams for using the "Emergency" and the different graphics available from Headquarters, on their newsletter.

1991 4th Quarter

INDIVIDUAL - Joe Branin from Golden West REACT #4802 has monitored 5840 hours in the past year, has attended all 12 of the past 12 Team meetings and 3 of the past 4 Council meetings.

Joe was given special recognition at a banquet held in November for his efforts, time and devotion to REACT. In support of this award, Mr. Branin's efforts was also recognized by a number of well known public and private organizations.

Throughout the year ending December 31st, 1991, Mr. Branin received and dispatched numerous calls using both CB and GMRS - including monitoring scanners, telephone communications between Air Watch and Metro Traffic. In addition, he continues to monitor and take calls as TRAFFIC WATCH COORDINATOR during the AM hours and again during the evening freeway rush hours, often 5 days a week.

Between January 1991 and November 1991 Joe logged a staggering 1,000 radio calls. The nature of these calls ranged from disabled vehicles, traffic emergencies, local fire/police assistance, Air Watch and Metro Traffic freeway conditions.

A special feature story that was published by the Orange County Register newspaper on June 22, 1991, best describes Mr. Branin's accomplishments. "This man, despite his handicaps (to which he feels is nothing more than ... 'a set back...') is more than remark-

able: he is an inspiration to all of the other Teams in the area and his dedication and love for radios creates a desire in others to enlist his help and many do work closely with him."

TEAM - Champaign County REACT, Inc., #4517, Urbana, Ohio was active helping within their own community during 1991. The team president was contacted by the Human Relations Division of the Welfare Department for Team assistance with a Woodstock family whom had a very ill small child. Team #4517 responded with not only a Citizen's Band radio for the parents, but also a radio and antenna for the Grandmother of the child.

Champaign County REACT did not stop there, Team officers made several telephone calls to additional government agencies for support. A happy ending came after raising the money to pay off the telephone bills of the family. A telephone was then installed for 911 calls when the child became ill.

This is a very unusual Team effort using CB's as well as community and other agency support. It shows what a Team can do in any emergency.



Calendar of Events

May 17, 1992 - The Spring Meeting of Upstate NY REACT Council meeting. For further details please contact Triple Cities REACT, Inc., at 607/797-4407 or a council representative.

June 19-21, 1992 - 2nd Annual California Weekender hosted by Southwestern REACT of San Diego #C475. All REACTers are welcomed to come. For further details please contact Jesse Mauk at 619/274-8840 or John Pflingsten at 619/585-8283.

June 19-21, 1992 - Kansas REACT Council Family Campout at Kanopolis Lake. All REACTers are welcomed to come. For further detail please contact Ron Mayes at 316/264-5005.

June 27, 1992 - Texas State REACT Council Meeting hosted by Rockwell County REACT #4683. For further information please contact the host team or a council representative.

July 11, 1992 - Wisconsin Council of REACT Teams meeting. Hosted by Fond du Lac REACT. For further details please contact the host team or a council representative.

July 20-23, 1992 - REACT International Convention to be held in Anderson, Indiana. Further details can be found in this issue of the REACTer.

Send in your upcoming events today for inclusion in this column!



Jacki MacDonald
Waukesha Area REACT #4089
Pewaukee, Wisconsin

OCCUPATION:
Systems Analyst

PERSONAL DATA:
Age 48, married

EDUCATION:
BA, University of Pittsburg, MS,
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

REACT HISTORY:
Joined REACT in 1978. Prior to Waukesha Area REACT membership was a member of Kettle Moraine REACT. Served Team offices as Secretary and President. Council offices held include Secretary, Vice President and President. Served International offices of Forum Secretary, Computer Services Committee, Field Director and Secretary to the International Board.

NOMINEE STATEMENT:

This is a critical time for REACT. After 30 years, it is time to evaluate our accomplishments, both good and bad, and to plan for the future. This future depends on the Teams. Teams, and members, must be given the

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Jesse J. Mauk, Jr.
Southwestern REACT of San Diego County, Inc. #C475
San Diego, California

OCCUPATION:
Retired US Navy, Civil Service

PERSONAL DATA:
Age 54, married, 1 daughter,
1 son

EDUCATION:
High School Diploma

REACT HISTORY:
Joined REACT in 1984. Served Team offices as Director At-Large, President and Past President. Council offices held include District Director, Sargent At-Arms. International offices include Public Relations Task Group member and Site Selection Committee member.

NOMINEE STATEMENT:

My Fellow REACT Team members: I have a clear vision of the future direction needed for REACT International, based on principles.

We can improve REACT International with more stress on the "team" concept, with more members actively involved,

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Richard E. Pratz
Bell County REACT #4047
Belton, Texas

OCCUPATION:
Civil Service Employee,
US Army

PERSONAL DATA:
Age; 60, Married, 3 sons,
4 daughters

EDUCATION:
High School Diploma, attended
Arlington Jr. College, El Dorado
Jr. College, Temple Jr. College
and Central Texas College.

REACT HISTORY:
Joined REACT in 1977. Served
Team offices as Vice President,
Chairman of the Board, Treas-
urer, Secretary, Team Newsletter
and Team Parliamentarian.
Council offices served include
President and Chairman of the
Board for the Texas REACT
Area V Council, Inc. Chairman
of the Board, President, Secre-
tary, Parliamentarian and News-
letter Editor of Texas State
REACT Council. International
offices held include Life Mem-
bership Task Group Chairman,
Computer Task Group member,
Long Range Planning Task

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Robert M. Riechel
REACT of the Golden Gate
Area, Inc. #C373
Daly City, California

OCCUPATION:
Food Processor

PERSONAL DATA:
Age 48, married

EDUCATION:
College Graduate

REACT HISTORY:
Joined in 1975. Served Team
offices of President, Vice Presi-
dent and Secretary. Held Treas-
urer position on the Council
level. International positions
held include Chairman of Rules
& Procedures under Forum,
Chairman of Public Relations
Task Group, Field Director and
Vice President of the Interna-
tional Board.

NOMINEE STATEMENT
During my term of office, I
have tried to "get the facts" out
to the membership and I feel I
have been instrumental in enact-
ing those changes requested by
the membership. At the January
1992 Winter Board of Director's
meeting, as throughout the past

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HOW TO VOTE

1. **At your next Team meet-
ing (regular or special)** review
the Board candidates qualifica-
tions and have your members
indicate their choice of
candidate(s) to fill the two
Board positions up for election/
re-election.
2. **Mark the official ballot
with an "X"** by the
candidate(s) of choice by your
Team. You may vote for one
or two candidates on the ballot.
DO NOT rank the candidates,
vote for more than two candi-
dates or make any other marks
on your ballot.
3. **Insert the ballot** in the
small envelope marked "Offi-
cial Ballot Envelope" and seal
it.
4. **Insert the small "Official
Ballot Envelope" into the pre-
addressed election return en-
velope. CERTIFY** your Teams
vote by completing the **BACK**
of the return envelope with
your Team number, city, state,
number of members participat-
ing, date of choice and two
Team officer signatures.
NOTE: If your Team only has
one officer, please indicate this
on the return envelope so it will
not be disqualified.
5. **Mail your Team's vote.**
Use first class mail or faster
service. **NOTE:** Ballots must
be received by July 18th, 1992
to be counted.

**Your Team's vote
is kept confidential by
the Election Committee.**

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chance to participate in the decision making process, especially if the change will have a major impact on the Teams.

As a board member, I have pushed this concept and will continue to do so. During the past couple of years, the board of directors has been more open and available to the membership. Teams and individuals are being asked for their input. This change can only benefit REACT.

Two major items, restructuring and by-laws changes, will be presented at this year's convention. The restructuring plan reflects the majority opinion of those that responded. After the presentations, both items will be sent to all Teams for their vote. This is an important and much

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needed change.

As a current board member, I listen to all and respond as best as possible. I am open with all members. Membership is now being offered a chance to give suggestions and opinions on major changes that affect them and I will work to insure that this trend will continue. Change does not happen overnight. We are making a slow but steady progress. Remember though, the board can only ask for your opinion, it is up to you to give it.

The changes now happening can only strengthen REACT and help it grow. I will continue to push to allow the Teams to be part of the decision making process. This is the only way that growth can continue. This year is our thirtieth anniversary. If we continue to respect Team rights we will certainly be here for our fortieth. If we chose to ignore Team rights, we may not be here much longer.

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and by recruiting from the thousands interested in CB and emergency radio communications.

I want to expand the scope of our operations to also include training and well-maintained equipment on the GMRS and Ham frequencies.

We value our REACT traditions, but we need to encour-

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age and embrace innovative changes.

I believe we need to be open to new ideas, especially from the younger member. We need changes in the make-up of our board, but, we must move slowly, so changes are for the good of all REACT. I believe our annual conventions need to be restructured to allow more time for everyone to be heard.

I believe in REACT.

REACT is a good volunteer program, and I am qualified to help it improve. I will bring eight years of experience within REACT to the REACT International Board of Directors.

I served as President of Southwestern REACT in San Diego. During my administration, and with the overwhelming support of our team; we became the largest in REACT International.

We developed our talents, kept well-maintained radio equipment, and implemented policies and emergency procedures which are well honed.

My programs put emphasis on training: updated training classes for new members, and refreshers for some veteran members. I also emphasized networking.

In addition to my services to REACT, my personal community service also includes working with youth groups. The youth are our future REACT members.

Principles over personalities should guide us.

Thank you for giving this your thoughtful consideration.

I'd like your support.

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

**Kathleen Coyne
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for the Blind, Inc.
404 W. 30th Street
Austin TX 78705
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Further Details on page 3**

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Group member, Government Affairs Task Group, REACT International Field Director and Secretary on the Board of Directors.

NOMINEE STATEMENT:

It has been my privilege to serve REACT as Team President for two terms, a Sub-Council President for one term, State Council President for two terms, Life Membership Task Group Leader for four terms, Field Director for one term and REACT International Secretary for one year. I have also served my Team and Councils in other elective and appointed positions.

These positions required that I listen to both sides of a question and seek the advice of others before coming to an important conclusion.

The Board of Directors has to make hard, tough decisions. Some of them are as unpopular with the Board members as they are with the membership, but they must be made. The restructuring of REACT International, Inc., will call for more firm decisions. It is necessary for all of the Board members to work together calmly and without discord for the goal of reorganization to be successfully fulfilled. My experience on the Board will be an asset when these decisions are made.

I do feel that the successful completion of the reorganization of REACT is the number one goal at this time and I will work toward this end.

Communications throughout the REACT family play a very important part in our organiza-

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tion. We need open dialogue among Teams, Councils and the International office. Our Councils are a very important part of the communications link. They are the ones that provide the opportunity for Teams to communicate between themselves and also to pass information to and from REACT International. These communication links need to be improved to be of maximum benefit to all levels of REACT.

The successful completion of two knee replacement operations has given me more stamina to help achieve the goals of REACT.

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year, I was an integral part of the leadership that set the goals to be finalized by the REACT membership at our 30th Anniversary Convention in July 1992. Since many portions of these goals will not be complete until after the Indiana Convention, I hope you will allow me to finish this job.

In past years, REACT Directors have spent too much time and energy REACTing to problems. Recently, I hope you have seen that policies and procedures are being followed.

No officer of our organization can make changes all by themselves. I feel that our current Board of Directors have developed a method of working well together and with the Wichita office staff. Our successes are shown by the progress the

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Board and the Task Groups have made and by the improved acceptance of the services provided by Wichita.

I ask for your vote of confidence to serve as your Field Director for another term. I will continue to seek your input and to promptly answer questions in an attempt to stabilize the foundation of REACT, taking us proudly into our 3rd decade of service.

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FROM THE NORTH: I-69 South to Exit 26
I-65 South to I-465 East to I-69 North to Exit 26
I-74 East to I-465 North to I-465 East to I-69 North to Exit 26
FROM THE SOUTH: I-65 North to I-70 East to I-465 North to I-69 North to Exit 26

FOR THOSE FLYING IN AND RENTING CARS:

Ask directions to I-70 East, (it is just beyond the Adam's Mark Hotel) follow it through Indy to I-465 North to I-69 North to Exit 26

NOTE: Watch signs closely through Indy as the roads make a "S" curvature through downtown. It is easy to be looking at the sights and miss your turn.

There is still time to make your plans to attend this year's International Convention being held in Anderson, Indiana, July 20-23, 1992. Make plans to arrive a day or two early to be a part of the pre-convention activities and enjoy the hotel facilities. If you tire quickly talking with your fellow **REACT** members,

there are plenty of things to do close by. Nine movie theaters, bowling, miniature golf, shopping and over 25 restaurants all within waking distance of the



*First Million Dollar Purse Winner - Emerson Fittipaldi - 1989
(or is this a shot of some of the bundles of door prizes at the Convention???)
Photo credit: Indianapolis Motor Speedway, photo by Lorett Young.*

Convention site. There are several activities and places of interest within a few minutes drive that promise to keep all attendees occupied.

directed to the Convention Committee at the address listed in this article.

Registration forms are in the Team Topics mailing being sent to all Teams at the time you are receiving this issue of **the REACTer**. A registration form was also included in the Jan/Feb issue of **the REACTer**. Information requests should be

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A FEW LAST MINUTE REMINDERS:

If you have any items that would help us remember REACT through the last 30 years please bring those items with you for display at our 30th Birthday Party on Sunday evening in the hotel ballroom. All items will be returned to you.

Remember to have your Credential Forms filled out properly by your Team or Council Officers BEFORE you leave for the Convention. This has been a problem in prior years and word is...proper certification rules will be adhered to this year. Don't be disappointed by not having your paperwork in order. Credential Forms for Teams and Councils have been mailed and they should be filled out at a Team or Council meeting and hand carried to the Convention.

See information in this issue for the Newsletter Contest guidelines and Placard Contest instructions.

The Communication Committee reminds all GMRS users to have a copy of their license with them as required by FCC rules. The Madison County REACT repeater is available for your use - Open Carrier, 462/467.675.

If you sent in your registration without ordering a Convention shirt or ticket for the Fun Trip, Life Member Dinner, Amateur Breakfast, Pictures, Ping Pong Tournament, or without complete airline flight information it is suggested that you mail an update immediately. This way your registration packet can be prepared for you before you arrive and you can avoid confusion and possible sellout of items

or activities.

REMEMBER: Make your room reservations as soon as possible. Rooms are going quick and the block is only good for 30 days. Don't be the one that doesn't get to stay at the Con-

vention hotel, reserve your room now.

Indiana REACT Council, Inc.
3036 E. 8th Street
Anderson, Indiana 46012

The Supreme Sacrifice

by Vincent Del Giudice, Unit 73
Hemdon REACT #C332

Twenty years ago the first REACTers to make the supreme sacrifice were killed in the line of duty by a flood that ravaged Rapid City, South Carolina.

Herb and Phyllis Whiting, Marv Pepper and Blake Thornton of Black Hills REACT #C276, and Otis Matthews of Rushmore REACT #2158 were "engaged in emergency volunteer communications" when they died June 9, 1972, according to an account in The National REACTer of May/June 1972.

More than 40 units from the Black Hills and Rushmore teams as well as Northern Hills REACT #C072 responded to a call for volunteers from the sheriff's office. They were given strategic and dangerous assignments, including the establishment of a mobile command post at the Rapid City courthouse.

Most of the REACT casualties were in the Black Hawk section of the city, The National REACTer said. Others came close to dying, including a Black Hills REACTer named Dennis Smith who spent five hours clinging to the top of a tree, the newspaper said.

The flood claimed more than

215 lives and caused \$100 million in property damage, including the loss of 150 businesses and the destruction of thousands of motor vehicles.

"Rapid City citizens are grateful to the many organizations that assisted during and after the disaster," including members of Mile High REACT #2024 from distant Denver, Colorado, The National REACTer said. "Due to their quick action, countless lives were saved."

Editor's note: Even though the above REACT Teams are no longer in existence, we should all remember the sacrifice the members of those Teams made while helping their neighbors during a disaster.

To all REACT Teams and members, please be careful during disaster responses, REACT needs you as do the thousands of individuals you help.

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR 1992 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

July 16 - Thursday	Arrival of Board of Directors / Membership and Executive Meetings - evening
July 17 - Friday	Board of Director Meetings
July 18 - Saturday	Board of Director Meetings / Election Committee Meeting / Registration - TBA
July 19 - Sunday	Board of Directors Meetings / Amateur NO-CODE Class & Testing - afternoon Registration - TBA / Credentials - TBA / Hospitality - TBA *91-92 Committees and Task Groups (as needed) / Welcome/30th Anniversary Birthday Party - evening
July 20 - Monday	Registration 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. / Credentials 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Field Directors meet with non-Council state Teams 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. First Timer Orientation 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. / Commemorative Postal Station - TBA REACT Supply Store Open - TBA / Board & Committee/Task Group Chairmen 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Board & Council Presidents 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. OPENING CEREMONIES 1:30 p.m. Open General Session - following Open Ceremony President's Report, Headquarters Report, Election Committee Report 2:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. Group Picture & Brief Break 2:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. Restructuring Presentation 3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Life Member Dinner 7:00 p.m. / Hospitality - morning & evening Placard Judging - TBA / Newsletter Judging - TBA
July 21 - Tuesday	*91-92 Committee and Task Group meetings 8:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. General Session 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. / Commemorative Postal Station - TBA Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Charter Bus boarding for FUN TRIP 1:15 p.m. / Buses depart 1:30 p.m. / Hospitality Arrival back from Fun Trip 11:30 p.m. (approx)
July 22 - Wednesday	Amateur Breakfast 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. / General Session 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. *92-93 Committee and Task Group meetings 10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Lunch 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Seminars 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. / Commemorative Postal Station - TBA REACT Supply Store - TBA / Hospitality (Optional) Public Relations informational meeting 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
July 23 - Thursday	Committee & Task Group meetings 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. / Seminar 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Open Board Meeting Board Business 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. *93 Convention Presentation 2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Break 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Board Business 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Cocktail Party - TBA / Convention Banquet & Entertainment - TBA Hospitality - TBA / Commemorative Postal Station - TBA
July 24 - Friday	Board of Directors meeting - morning *92-'93 Convention meeting - TBA / Hospitality - TBA



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Life Membership Corner

Once again I am glad to say greetings to a great family of **REACT** Life Members, now (at this time of writing) up to #485. I do hope that everyone is doing well and keeping quite busy with the rest of the family, whether they are Life Members or not, and if they're not, then invite them to join in with us also.

When last I wrote this article the International Board of Directors were hard at work in meetings in Wisconsin. I understand they have plenty for this year's Convention in Indiana. I understand that information was disseminated to each of the State Councils for further dissemination to the Teams and the membership.

Here is the latest list of new Life Members into our family:

LM#483
Bonnie J. Davis
Gratiot County REACT#3693
Alma, Michigan

LM#484
Jack Gottlieb
Broward County REACT#4694
Davie, Florida

LM#485
David M. La Touche
Louisville Metro-REACT#1582
Louisville, Kentucky

Now with reverence I must also enclose at this time a list of those who have gone on to help us all in a far larger realm. Those we shall all miss at our Team meetings, State meetings and yes even at our International Conventions.

LM #C56 Kenneth C. Barninger, Sr.	LM #150 Joyce A. Hogadone	LM #264 George Switzer
LM #255 B.V. (Jim) Bazzell	LM #128 Myron C. Ivins	LM #C50 Julia Teeter
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LM #313 George Hodgins	LM #309 Jack Stotesbury	LM #476 Harold "Hap" Arnold
		LM #155 Donna Beckwith

At this time I would like to remind you that this is **the REACTer** that gives you all information on those that are running for election to the Board of Directors, for the next two year term. Please be sure your Team submits its ballot and that it is implemented per the instructions that come with it. **LET THIS BE THE YEAR OF NO DISQUALIFIED BALLOTS.**

By the time you receive this, you should have received the 1992 edition of the Life Member

Directory. I really want to thank Chuck Thompson down there in the "Lone Star State" for the many hours of work he has put into this new directory and also past Life Member Chairperson, Dick Cooper for the input he had in getting this issue started. Thanks again to both for a job well done. If by chance you have not yet received your copy of the directory, please let us know, as even with the time

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spent on verification of information we regret any incorrect information.

SEE YOU ALL IN ANDERSON, INDIANA, FOR A GOOD TIME!!!

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thing unusual around Indy. Some of the things I seek are travelers' or visitors information stations, usually on 530 or 1610 KHz, and out of the ordinary programming. I am also planning to attend the European DX Convention (EDXC-92) in Finland (cooler there in August), with visits to Brussels and London on the way back, and the Monitoring Times Convention. That one has outgrown Knoxville and will be in Atlanta, Georgia this October.

Listen for the new gospel station WJCR in Upton, Kentucky on 7490 KHz. It may be on by the time you read this. There won't be a KHBN short-

wave station on Guam after all. High Adventures Ministries will build on the island nation of Palau instead. Adventist World Radio has leased transmitters in the former U.S.S.R., at Novosibirsk, Russia, C.I.S. I heard what may have been AWR-Russia in English after 01:00 UTC on 11855 KHz. A fun program on WWCR is "Signals", heard Saturday evenings on 41 meters. WWCR, plans to change to a 49 meter band frequency. Lots of different radio news, features and their own "Signals" QSL card.

73 de RCW and a happy 30th Anniversary to all REACTers.



WORLD BAND RADIO

By R.C. Watts

I am writing this during a good radio week at the end of March/first of April. I listened to the Space Shuttle audio via WA3NAN from the Goddard Amateur Radio Club. I was able to pick up new WAMZ-FM97 bumper stickers from their "Winners' Van" at a local shopping center and toured WFPK/WFPL, the Louisville Free Public Library FM stations. I travelled in February on a trip to Las Vegas, Nevada and got (besides sore feet) some good air check tapes. Of special interest was local programs on KTNN, "The Navajo Nation," 660 KHz in Window Rock, Arizona.

I'll have a portable radio and tape recorder at the REACT Convention, listening for some-



Members of Colleton County REACT #3153, Walterboro, South Carolina members have been busy this past year working over 25 accidents. Team members provided assistance to numerous motorists, finger printed over 500 children and provided "Goblin Patrol" on Halloween to help protect children and property in the county. The Team also helped with the free food give away taking care of 847 families in a three and a half hour period. All

this is in addition to performing 24 hour a day coverage on Channel 9, providing communications and security for the runners in the Low Country Road Run.

At one accident the Team had EMS and the Highway Patrol dispatched within 30 seconds of an accident occurring on Highway I-95. Later members were told that their fast response made the difference between life and death for one of the injured.

Three members of the Team were honored in December by the Fraternal Order of Police for dedicated service. The members honored were from left to right: Chaplain Robert D. Hudson, Chief William R. "Bill" Kofron and Membership Officer Noah H. "Herb" Weese.

High Country REACT Builds Bridges With Exercises

Members of **High Country REACT Team #4817** sharpened their response skills in four exercises during a five week period. Each exercise involved other agencies, helping to build the Team's credibility as disaster responders.

On October 16th, Team members Walter Green and Lindsey Green represented **REACT** in a table top exercise hosted by the Colorado Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (COVOAD) in Estes Park, Colorado. FEMA, Colorado Division of Disaster Emergency Services, Red Cross, Salvation Army, religious service groups, and **REACT** worked a major flood scenario in the southwestern part of the state.

On November 10th, the Team conducted Disaster Emergency Test 91, a test of its ability to recall its people, provide flash flood warning, and then conduct damage assessment in Fountain,

Colorado. The Team tested its pre-plan for the Jimmy Camp drainage, site of three major flash floods this century. New communications procedures using formatted reports proved very effective in handling large amounts of data quickly. The exercise involved El Paso County Disaster Services, the Red Cross and the Fountain Fire and Police Departments. Team members Willie Moore, Grey Lacerte, Lindy Green, Jeff Bosket and Walter Green provided communications.

On the 19th of November the Team participated in a table top disaster exercise with the staff of the Pikes Peak

Chapter of the Red Cross and El Paso County Disaster Services. The scenario was a major two bus accident on a narrow mountain highway in snowy conditions in El Paso County. Team

member Walter Green simulated the Team for the exercise.

On November 23rd, the Team supported the Black Forest Composite Squadron of Civil Air Patrol in a search and rescue training exercise. The field exercise was a search



for a missing aircraft, followed by rescue and evacuation of the plane's occupants. Team members Grey Lacerte, Willie Moore and Walter Green provided communications and an on scene commander.

In only one of these four exercises was **REACT** the host. The key to the Team's involvement in the others was active participation in the hosting organization, in the case of COVOAD, and memorandums of agreement with the hosting agencies (Red Cross and CAP). Team members used the exercises to improve their techniques, give members experience in working with the other agencies, and gain credibility as responders. As a result the Team will be better prepared when the "big one" strikes.

Base units on the Team monitored their radios more than 18,700 hours and handled over 1,100 calls for assistance.

In addition to the emergency communication assistance that **REACT** is known for, the team also provided communication control at events run by Cerebral Palsy, Muscular Dystrophy and the Long Island Association for Aids Care. Assistance was further given to the town of North Hempstead with traffic control at their annual Memorial Day fireworks show at Barr Beach.

Team Events

Reli REACT, Inc., #4552, Levittown, New York is pleased to report that they set new team records in 1991 for both mobile patrol, monitoring CB Radio Channel 9 and the General Mobile Radio Service frequencies from its members home bases.

Their mobile units reported traveling 132,492 miles during 3,965 hours and reporting or assisting in 580 incidents. Calls were handled by members in Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester, New York City and New Jersey.

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