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Waukesha Area REACT #4089, Waukesha, Wisconsin demonstrates how to properly monitor Citizens Band Channel 9. Pictured standing from left to right is Jim Maleug, County Emergency Government Coordinator and Captain Mike Babe, Waukesha Police Department. Pictured seated from left to right is Team #4089 members Fred Bennett, Past President and Mark Maile, Communications Officer.

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Future, Here We Come!

by Ron McCracken

Many of you have obviously been considering the future roles of *REACT*, too.

Even before the last issue of *the REACTer* reached members, letters arrived from two REACTers. Each dealt with preparations for the *REACT* of the 21st century. It's less than 7 years away.

The letters came from REACTers serving communities 1,000 miles apart. The ideas in each were excellent. They were practical measures that point us toward the year 2000 and ensure a viable future for *REACT*.

One writer underscored the growing importance of GMRS to U.S. Teams and the need to develop effective GMRS repeater networks nationwide. In other countries this translates to acquiring UHF or VHF radio capabilities as author-

ized, and appropriate repeater networks.

Teams with GMRS* and amateur stations to supplement their CB capabilities will be the emergency communications providers officials rely on increasingly in days to come. Many Teams already utilize these additional radio bands; others are joining them each month. They want to set the trend.

Councils are demonstrating leadership in helping Teams to secure these new radio capabilities.

They are also encouraging and facilitating the development of repeater networks, much to their credit. How advanced is your Team and your Council in preparations for our new roles?

The other writer emphasized the need for *REACT* to interface much more directly with government agencies from local to federal levels. Many Teams interact closely with local emergency officials now. Police, fire, disaster officials, and Red Cross and Salvation Army leaders need to know your Team well - long before an emergency arises. When did your Team last meet with each of these key local personnel? When do you plan to meet next with them?

Councils need to forge similar links

with state agencies and VOAD members. Does your Council send a delegate to each state VOAD meeting? Does it invite state emergency personnel to speak at Council meetings? Does it do likewise with state VOAD members?

Does your Council provide a roster of all its member Teams to all its emergency partners annually? Does your Council provide its emergency partners and its member Teams with a comprehensive directory of *REACT* equipment and resources state-wide that it can muster to meet an emergency?

Has your Council developed a mutual aid agreement with its neighboring Council(s)? Has your Council conducted a SET (Simulated Emergency Test) exercise with its Teams? Has it tested its mutual aid procedures?

Clearly, we all have our work cut out for us as *REACT* prepares to function professionally in modified roles for a new century. Every Team and Council are at a different stage in its advance toward 2001. Share tactics. Encourage one another.

Councils will have major responsibilities in assisting and enabling their Teams to ready themselves to meet the new needs of their communities.

These are tremendous opportunities: *REACT* has both the required experience and the expertise. Emergency officials need REACTers in these days of shortages as they have never needed us before. Realize just how vital your Team and Council are.

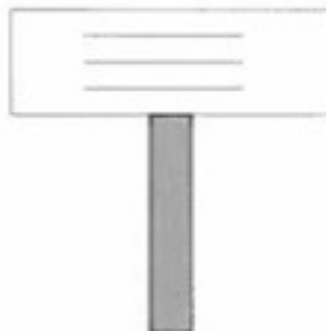
Our task is to prepare. We must be able to provide the communications support emergency officials need. Remember the mighty dinosaur's fate.

Whatever stage your Team and Council are at, determine now to be closer to your goal by year end. Set a target date by which you intend to be fully ready for your new roles. The future can be *REACT*'s.

* read UHF and/or VHF internationally

Placard Contest Criteria 1993 REACT International Convention

- Theme:** Communications
- Size:** 10" x 20"
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 available in the Operations Room at the hotel.

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Field Director Comments

by Jacki MacDonald, Vice President

With spring in full swing, many Teams will be increasing their community activities. While doing that and also monitoring, please do not fail to read *Team Topics* and other mail from International.

In the last *Team Topics*, there was a ballot for Teams to vote on whether or not to keep the bonding insurance. It is important for your Team to discuss the issue and decide what you would like to do. If you have any questions about the bonding insurance, reread the insurance article in the January/February issue of *the REACTer* or contact a board member or International. The ballots are due back to International by June 15. This will give the board the information needed when working on the budget for next year. Be sure your Team votes on this vital issue. Don't let a handful of Teams decide for you.

Also, information for *REACT Month* was included in the *Team Topics*. The Public Relations Task Group helps with the preparation of this information. Use it to get proclamations signed by your community leaders, be it a mayor, town chairperson, or village president. Don't forget to ask your state governor to sign a proclamation. Also, help Deanne with the magazine, don't forget to take pictures and send them to her for *the REACTer*.

Some Teams have been very successful in receiving grants. Others have not. There was a notice in *Team Topics* about a grant writing work shop which

will be given at this year's convention. Make sure your Team talks about this. If you are interested, send your registration as soon as possible. A form has been provided in the *Team Topics* as well as on page 4 of this issue. The work shop will be limited to one person per Team and to 25 people. This will be a working program led by a professional grant writer. There is a cost involved, but your grant proposal will be reviewed by a professional. For more information about this, contact Headquarters. This opportunity may help your Team to receive grants worth far more than the small cost of taking the course.

Watch your mail for your Team ballot for voting for Field Directors. The people who have been nominated and their statements are included in this issue of the paper. Have your Team discuss the nominees and vote. You can vote for one or two people. Remember, that this year the highest finisher will serve for three years and the second highest finisher will serve for two years. Beginning, next year all elected Field Directors will serve for three years.

Wake break season is starting. I hope many of you are planning to do a wake break over the holiday weekends. Be sure to try for local publicity if you are doing one.

I hope to see many of you at the San Diego Convention. Have a happy spring and a good summer. Keep on monitoring along with all you other activities.

THE
HEADQUARTERS REPORT
WILL RETURN NEXT ISSUE!

SO YOU WANT TO HOST AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION...

A Little Insight Into The Site Selection Committee

As we approach another International Convention, thoughts for the Site Selection Task Group (SSTG) turn to 1995 and beyond. The Task Group works to find the best value for the **REACT** members money.

Through the use of the "Bid Package" and the "Convention Planning Booklet," prospective bidders find the answers for the foundation into what a week in your neighborhood will cost.

Once the Bid Package has been completed by the bidder, the completed forms and helpful items about the hotel and the area (anything that could aid in the information on your bid), are mailed to six task group members plus the task group chairman. The bids must be received by June 15th, two years prior to the year that the bidder would be hosting. Those members are determined from the three regions that conventions are held. This is to provide comments and to critique the bid by the cross selection of the group. It also keeps bidders mailing

costs at a minimum as the task group, as a whole this year has 17 members.

The bid process is not an easy one for anyone involved. It involves a lot of leg work and phone calls on the bidders part. On the task groups end, while the group is not as busy during the year as some task groups, come convention, we meet for hours each day to discuss one or all bids received. Every consideration is made to make the convention site an International one. The economy is also foremost on the task groups mind. As costs continue to climb, we work to squeeze every penny for the lowest cost to the member. Every attempt is made to bring the best of everything to the convention attendees in the way of site selection.

While the bid package and the planning booklet answer many questions here are a few points to consider prior to you bid...

To gain the experience of a convention, attend at least two prior to your bid.

Three or more will help even more to give you the background on the entire event.

If your bid was not accepted for the particular year, **APPLY AGAIN!**

APPLY EARLY!!! Deadline is June 15th, two years prior to the year you are applying to host. It gives the task group more time to consider the bid and saves lots of questions that you may not know the answers to later.

Work to make sure your bid figures are "firm numbers." It will be that much easier for the task group to work with.

Put in a bid in the future - '95 is Central, '96 is west, '97 is east, '98 is central, '99 is west and the year 2000 will be in the East Region.

**ASK QUESTIONS -
GET ANSWERS!
SUBMIT YOUR BID SOON.**

For the Site Selection Committee,
Jim Taeye, Chairman



REACT INTERNATIONAL, INC. GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP TO BE HELD DURING THE 1993 REACT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Team # Team Name _____

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|--------------------------|--|--------------|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes, I would like to register for the "Grant Writing Workshop" during the 1993 REACT International Convention. | Workshop | \$10.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes, I would like Mr. Daum to critique my grant after the workshop. | Critique | \$15.00 |
| | Enclosed is my check/money order payable to: REACT International, Inc. | TOTAL | \$ _____ |

PLEASE RETURN YOUR APPLICATION
AND FEES NO LATER THAN JUNE 15, 1993 TO:
REACT INTERNATIONAL, INC.
P.O. BOX 998
WICHITA, KS 67201

Life Membership Corner

A heartfelt welcome to our newest Life Member...

LM #492
Clifford R. Davis
Road Runner REACT #4703
North Palm Springs, California

I am asking all of you that will be at the 1993 Convention to be ready for some heavy work. I would like to see all life members at this year's convention, but I know that is an impossible task.

When you became a life member the dues you paid were 20 times the amount of regular membership dues. For accounting purposes the life membership dues are amortized over a 20 year period.

The fact is that as the years go on for a life member, and the costs for running REACT International keep going up, there comes a point where it is no longer equitable for International.

For that reason, the REACT International, Inc., Board of Directors has put a temporary cap on life memberships.

NOTE: This does not affect those

members who are currently making monthly payments on a life membership.

The reasons for this cap will be discussed at length during the 1993 REACT International Convention. The International Treasurer, Russ Willis, has asked for time at the Life Member Meeting to make a presentation on this matter.

There are several ways in which this can be approached and made more fair for International and show that as Life Members, we are dedicated to REACT and not to a concept of discounted membership.

We may want to look at different classes of life members. Some suggestions are a bronze, silver, gold and platinum membership. We might even look at the "family" life member status or several other concepts.

The underlying fact is we need to do something to revise the Life Membership fees. We need to make them more realistic in the concept of paying our way. Not as a way of discounting membership over a long membership span.

The bottom line is that we have to do some real soul searching between now and convention time. To those Life Members that are unable to attend the convention, if you have any ideas on this matter please put them down in writing and send them to me so that they can also be looked at. Those of us who will be attending the convention should be thinking this over between now and then as we will have to act on this at that time.

Until convention time!

REACTfully yours;

R.T. Gamble LM #226
Chairperson
Life Membership Committee
P.O. Box 63
Kirkland, WA 98083-0063
(206)823-8129

New Teams Chartered

- | | |
|-------|---|
| #4869 | Tiffin REACT
Tiffin, Ohio (Seneca County)
February 26, 1993 |
| #4870 | Southeastern Colorado REACT
Lamar, Colorado (Prowers County)
March 11, 1993 |
| #4871 | Hearts of America REACT
Overland Park, Kansas (Johnson County)
March 22, 1993 |
| #4872 | Greater Des Moines REACT
Des Moines, Iowa (Polk County)
March 30, 1993 |

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R.T. Gamble
 Lake Washington REACT #4784
 Kirkland, Washington

OCCUPATION:
 Aircraft Electrician

PERSONAL DATA:
 Age 58, Married, 3 daughters, 2 sons

EDUCATION:
 High School Graduate

REACT HISTORY:
 Joined REACT in 1980. Prior to joining Lake Washington REACT was a member of Seattle REACT. Served Team offices as President and First Vice President. Held Council office of President. International offices held include GMRS Task Group member, Life Member Committee Chairman.

OTHER AFFILIATIONS:
 I was in Civil Air Patrol as a Cadet and as a Senior Member, on Group Staff as Communications Officer. I have also been in Boy Scouts, PTA, American Red Cross (First Aid Instructor), 4 years Air Force and 9 years Air National Guard as a communications technician.

NOMINEE STATEMENT:
 I have been a member of REACT since June 1980. Since that time, I have served as Team Vice President (1 yr.), Team President (2 yrs.), Council President (4 yrs.) and several other Committees. In February, 1990, I was one of five that started up a new Team, which I have served as President to this date. I have served on the GMRS Committee at the International Convention, and Site Selection Committee as an alternate for two years, along with being a member of two sub-committees of the Life Membership Committees and have now been the Chairperson of the Life Member Committee for two terms and a Life Member since 1984. I have been to (9) nine International Conventions and have

Gamble Nomination Statement (Continued on page 10)



Kenneth I. Green
 Sedgwick County REACT Inc. #4208
 Wichita, Kansas

OCCUPATION:
 Director of Computer Data Center

PERSONAL DATA:
 Age 39, Single

EDUCATION:
 BS, Computer Information Systems Valedictorian
 AS, Computer Information Systems
 DeVry Institute of Technology KCMO

REACT HISTORY:
 Originally joined REACT in 1979 until moving to Kansas City. Rejoined REACT in 1988, Served Team Offices of Secretary and President. Council office held, President. International offices held; member of the Computer Services Committee and Co-Chairman Computer Services Committee.

OTHER AFFILIATIONS:
 Red Cross Disaster Services, Boy Scouts of America - held various leadership positions. Exempt Organizations & Exempt Plans Supervisor and Union Representative for the IRS Service Center of Kansas City. Event management for Kansas Special Olympics Summer Games for the last 3 years.

NOMINEE STATEMENT:
 The Board and Organization still lacks significant progress in preparing REACT for the future. This is especially true with the ever changing needs of communications, public service, and volunteerism. REACT teams and members have different challenges today than in the past. Cellular phones are replacing CB Radio in highway safety. There is a need for better coordinated volunteer efforts in disaster response, public service, and community activities. REACT International must focus on these changes and help REACT teams

Green Nomination Statement (Continued on page 10)



Paul W. Jones
Citrus Center REACT #3720
Lakeland, Florida

OCCUPATION:
Retired

PERSONAL DATA:
Age 68, Married, 2 daughters, 1 son

EDUCATION:
High School Graduate

REACT HISTORY:
Joined REACT in 1976. Prior to joining Citrus Center REACT was a member of Orange County REACT. Served Teams offices of President and Vice President. Council office held as President. International offices held include By-Laws Committee, GMRS Task Group and Convention Site Selection Committee.

NOMINEE STATEMENT:
I became a serious REACTer at the Irving, Texas Convention in July of 1977. The first good working convention. I believe that in many of the following conventions we have had too many vendettas and made too many wrong turns and down the wrong paths. I believe to know where we are going we need to know where we have been. I feel good about the direction we are moving in and would like to help us move in that direction. I see more COUNCILS and more Teams with more input throughout the years to come. There has to be a turn around point to losing members and Teams, I don't have the answer but I believe someone out there does and want to listen and act.

We have the GREATEST REACT TEAM with MEMBERS, COUNCILS, FIELD DIRECTORS directed by REACT INTERNATIONAL we will not fail.

I covet your support in becoming a member of the Directors Team.

Thank you.



John D. Leist
Pickaway County REACT, Inc., #C199
Circleville, Ohio

OCCUPATION:
Retired

PERSONAL DATA:
Age 71, widowed

EDUCATION:
High School Graduate
One Year Of College

REACT HISTORY:
Joined REACT in 1965. Held Team office of President. Held Council office of President. International offices include Credentials and REACT International Field Director.

NOMINEE STATEMENT:
To start off, I am asking for our support to put me back into office as a Field Director. I feel that in the past two years, I have accomplished some good.

I feel that the Board has accomplished a lot in the past several years, but I feel so much more needs to be addressed. I promise if elected as a Field Director for another two years I will deal with some of these problems.

For example, Councils and Teams must be allowed to vote on more projects that concern them. In the past year you have been allowed the opportunity to voice your opinions on matters that concern both the Team and Council.

If elected, I promise that this will not stop...but only increase. This is your association. You have a right in how it is operated.

With over 27 years experience in REACT, I have experience on the Team level. The Council level and now the International level. I helped structure REACT in the state of Ohio from its early beginning.

Reforms are due...too often the Teams and Councils are overlooked on matters that concern them. I believe that

Leist Nomination Statement (Continued on page 10)



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

OCCUPATION:
Retired US Navy

PERSONAL DATA:
Age 55, married

EDUCATION:
High School Graduate

REACT HISTORY:
Joined REACT in 1984. Served Team offices as President and Director. Council offices held include District Director and Sergeant At-Arms. International offices include Site Selection Committee member.

NOMINEE STATEMENT:
Ladies and gentlemen of REACT, another year has slipped by and again we have the opportunity to elect our leaders for the coming months ahead.

I feel that I am well qualified to help this organization, as we endeavor to serve and help our respective communities.

First of all we must be well trained, with good working equipment and know what each of us as a volunteer and as a TEAM have to offer. With the shortage of funds throughout our nation for law enforcement, communications, other public agencies and charitable organizations, our REACT program can be a big plus for the communities we are now serving. It is up to each of us to promote and show what REACT can do. When an emergency happens we need to be ready.

We are in a changing world and we must be willing to embrace and encourage changes, but not forgetting our REACT traditions.

I believe our annual conventions should be restructured to allow more time for everyone to be heard on the floor of the general meeting. The exchange of ideas begin to flow and it makes for a stronger REACT program.

A few years ago, with the overwhelming support of TEAM
Mauk Nomination Statement (Continued on page 10)



Robert 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 REACT in 1975. Served Team offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, Public Relations Officer and Membership Officer. Held Treasurer position on the Council. International positions include Chairman of Rules & Procedures under the Forum, Chairman of Public Relations Task Group, Field Director and Vice President on the International Board.

NOMINEE STATEMENT:
REACT International is a non-profit organization governed by a number of federal regulations. REACT must be run as a business; a business that must have specific duties and responsibilities of each of their officers. Over the past few years a few officers/directors have tried to refine the manner in which the officers and officer personnel meet these requirements while still attempting to respond to the requests of our membership. Unless each and every officer, director, and officer personnel work together, follow the same rules, do their own jobs and tasks, and do not take actions that are the responsibility of another, our organization will continue to flounder; not make a dedicated movement forward. All officers/directors must be kept up-to-date on all actions taken by others.

While I was a Field Director and your Vice President, I started to help formalize these duties and responsibilities. In review of work since the July 1992 Convention, it doesn't appear that any further work has been done. This is just one example of how we are losing continuity.

Riechel Nomination Statement (Continued on page 10)



Russell Willis
Madison County REACT, Inc., #C697
Anderson, Indiana

OCCUPATION:
Assembly Technician

PERSONAL DATA:
Age 40; married, 2 daughters

EDUCATION:
Associate Degree of Science; Mid-America
College of Funeral Service

REACT HISTORY:
Joined REACT in 1974. Served Team offices as Board Member and Communications Director. Council offices held include President, Sub-Council President, Monitoring Committee Chairman, GMRS Committee Chairman, Board Member and Chairman, International Convention Chairman. International offices held are Council Development Task Group Chairman, Community Services Task Group Chairman, Monitoring Task Group, Leadership & Training Task Group, Field Director and Treasurer.

ADDITIONAL SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE:
Served on the Board of Directors of Liberty Christian School, 1978-1985, and as Comptroller in charge of finance, purchases, payroll and budgets.

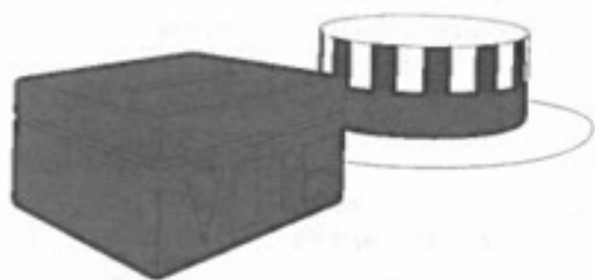
Through my work as a licensed Funeral Director which affords me the opportunity to deal with many types of people in varied circumstances and levels of stress and my experience as Council President, 1981-1988, and dealing with REACTers from all walks of life, I feel I can work with people to resolve problems, develop ideas and move the REACT program forward.

NOMINEE STATEMENT:
Field Directors are your representative voice on the Board of Directors of REACT International. I believe it is important to build the REACT program with input from the grassroots membership. As your Field Director, I will continue to be

Willis Nomination Statement (Continued on page 10)

How to Vote

1. At your next Team meeting (regular or special) review the Board candidates qualifications 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 candidates or make any other marks on your ballot.
3. Insert the ballot in the small envelope marked "**Official Ballot Envelope**" and seal it.
4. Insert the small "**Official Ballot Envelope**" into the pre-addressed election return envelope. **CERTIFY** your Teams vote by completing the **BACK** of the return envelope with your Team number, city, state, number of members participating, 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 noon on July 17th, 1993 to be counted.



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

Gamble Nomination Statement (Continued from page 6)

worked in the background on whatever I could do to help out, and have listened to different ones with varied problems over the past 11 years, and would consider this challenge as an opportunity to be able to get both sides of the different problems and try to work out a common goal for both sides of a question to work together and come up with some solutions through a consensus that can be workable for all.

Really, to sum this up, I would do whatever I can possibly do to get people working together and supporting the goal of supporting the public in times of emergencies of any type.

Green Nomination Statement (Continued from page 6)

and members in preparing for changes with new programs.

REACT needs to work at publicizing our team's efforts on a local level. Visibility of our members to their community can only enhance our image which will help to draw more members. The Field Directors need to make this happen with direct contact with teams under them. Learning what each team does in their area. Then giving suggestions as to how they can use that knowledge to publicize it in their community. This will require a greater flow of information to and from REACT International. I can provide for these needs with my computer information skills, management skills and most of all REACT Experience. Living in Wichita gives International a more frequent use of my skills with hands on experience. As an example, I was the driving force in seeing that you the members received the newly designed membership cards.

REACT needs to envision the future and its role in the community. The Field Director's role is to take that vision and apply it to the organization. Taking what works for one team and advising other teams we can rebuild our organization. We all want to help! This is my motivation in seeking to be your elected Field Director.

Leist Nomination Statement (Continued from page 7)

Teams and Councils should band together. Step forward and demand acknowledgment. I believe in letting Teams and Councils speak for themselves. Through the REACT Board of Directors. As your Field Director. I promise to listen to what you are saying. I promise to listen to your concerns. I promise to take those concerns to the rest of the Board. I promise that you won't be overlooked and forgotten.

Remember. You are REACT. Let me be your voice.

Mauk Nomination Statement (Continued from page 8)

effort, I served as President of the largest Team in REACT International, "Southwestern REACT of San Diego," site of the 1993 REACT Convention. I will forever be grateful for this honor and privilege. I believe the 'board of directors' should take directions and listen to YOU the REACT mem-

Mauk Nomination Statement (Continued on next column)

Mauk Nomination Statement (Continued from previous column)

bers. This is YOUR organization.

My personal community service includes working with youth groups and serving as 'block captain' of our neighborhood.

Principals over personalities should guide us, along with common sense.

For the Board of Directors of REACT International, I respectfully ask for your TEAM's vote for 1993.

Riechel Nomination Statement (Continued from page 8)

Our Treasurer must be consulted on each and every question regarding the expenditure of funds. If our cash position changes, the decision to purchase requires re-evaluation and re-approval. This is just an example of good business practice.

If the actions taken this past year are unacceptable to you and you are tired of seeing the operation of our organization change with each change of the Board of Directors, I ask for your help. That help comes in the form of your vote. A vote for standardization so we may move forward instead of spending our time re-inventing the wheel.

Willis Nomination Statement (Continued from page 9)

a representative of all the members. A Field Director must be able to listen to and represent ALL REACT members, even at times, setting aside their own personal desires.

During my service to you on the Board these past two years, we have moved from operating by 'crisis management' to functioning more like a business entity. This has been good as decisions are based more on factual information and research than on favoritism and personal agendas.

Your Board has taken bold new steps to involve the total membership in the decision making process. Team ballots on restructuring and term length of Directors sent to each Team encourage participation of all REACT members in Board decisions. The candid discussion of each line item of our budget at the '92 Convention is an example of my continued commitment to providing information to the membership.

We are working steadfastly to provide you with useful programs, materials and coordination with emergency and governmental agencies at the national level. Continuing to put our sights on the positive and action based on "what is best for REACT as a whole, will be what is best for me," will see our organization move forward to greater heights and accomplishments.

As your representative on the Board of Directors, I will continue to bring a stabilizing, common sense approach to the decisions that come before the Board. I will continue to welcome your comments, make decisions with a fair, informed and open mind and pledge to work WITH you to build our organization into a leader of public service communications.

Multiband Monitoring: Time For This Idea?

by Stuart M. DeLuca
Travis County REACT #3022

As everybody knows, CB is dead. Or if not dead, at least in a coma, getting by on life support. Monitoring Channel 9 these days has all the glamour and excitement of hunting for the bonus prize stamps in those magazine sweepstakes deals.

All right, I'm exaggerating. However, the fact is that it's hard to motivate volunteers to monitor the channel when they may not take a call for hours on end. That's why many Teams have all but abandoned monitoring in favor of using their communications expertise for other purposes.

What some people may be overlooking is the fact that CB Channel 9 isn't the only designated emergency radio frequency. In fact, there are emergency or "distress" frequencies in just about every radio service. Some of them, including certain marine and aviation distress channels, are monitored by government agencies such as the FAA and the Coast Guard. Others, including emergency frequencies in certain amateur radio services, are not monitored on an organized basis by anyone.

Furthermore, by FCC rule and international treaty, emergency messages on any radio frequency take priority over all other traffic.

We know how to monitor CB Channel 9. We know how to handle emergency communications. We know how to report emergencies, and how to provide information and assistance to travelers. Why do we limit our expertise to one radio service? Why not monitor all the emergency frequencies?

One reason, of course, is that operating on any frequency without the appropriate license is likely to get you in big trouble with Uncle Charlie. Even with CB being license-free, getting licensed on GMRS and amateur radio is a hassle, and it can get expensive real fast. How many *REACT*ers would know

how to get licensed in the marine, aviation, business, and other radio services? And how many could afford to hold licenses in all those services?

Multiband monitoring could be an immensely valuable service. With appropriate equipment, including wide-band scanners, a single *REACT*er could monitor dozens of emergency and non-emergency channels at once. That surely would be more appealing to volunteers, and a more valuable service to the public, than spending endless hours listening to Venezuelan skip. Even where the emergency or disaster frequencies are monitored by official agencies, there are bound to be gaps in coverage. I feel certain that the official agencies would welcome the help of qualified, competent volunteers, as local law enforcement agencies have come to rely on *REACT*.

Perhaps the FCC could establish a new kind of radio license, an "Emer-

gency Radio Operator" (ERO) license, available only by passing a comprehensive examination on FCC rules and emergency monitoring procedures. A person holding an ERO license would then be authorized to operate in any radio service (except, of course, government and military services), but only for the purpose of handling emergency traffic and providing information and assistance to travelers.

This is just the nub of an idea, and it may not appeal to everyone. What qualifications should be required for an ERO license? What should it cost, if anything? What kind of questions should be on the test? Should individuals be licensed, or should licenses only be issued to organizations (such as local *REACT* Teams) that possess certain equipment and have demonstrated the ability to monitor on an organized, consistent basis?

What do you think?

TEAM TOPICS TEASER

During March each *REACT* Team was mailed a Team Topics. Below is the information which was included in this mailing. If your Team officers have not shared this information with you and your fellow members already, please ask them to do so at your next Team meeting.

May is REACT Month Material
1993 REACT International Convention Update
Grant Writing Workshop Conducted During
1993 REACT International Convention
Unpaid "Members": Dead Weight
Anheuser-Busch Theme Park
Discount Membership Card
REACT Bonding Insurance Ballot

Tentative Schedule For The 1993 REACT International Convention

Friday - July 16	1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Registration	Wednesday - July 21	8:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Young Person Center Tour of Balboa Park Museums 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. REACT International Operations Seminar #2 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. '93-'94 Task Groups Announced 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Exhibits Open - REACT Store 9:35 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Grant Writing Seminar 10:35 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. International Field Directors Meet with Attendees From Their Areas 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. General Session 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Grant Writing Work Shop (2 of 3) 2:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. Emergency Management Seminar 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. '93-'94 Task Groups Meet 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Emergency/Disaster Communications Display/Videos 6:00 p.m. Amateur Radio Testing (Tentative) 6:00 p.m. to ? Evening Mixer 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Search and Rescue Work Shop - R.U.G. Presentation
Saturday - July 17	Election Committee Meeting Noon to 6:00 p.m. Registration & Credentials 24 Hours Hospitality Room	Thursday - July 22	7:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Young Person Center Open 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Federal Emergency Management Agency Work Shop 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection Volunteers In Prevention (V.I.P.) Seminar 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Grant Writing Work Shop (3 of 3) 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Exhibits Open - REACT Store 9:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Open Forum with Field Directors 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. '93-'94 Task Groups Meet 12:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Young Person Center Open 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Open Board Meeting 4:30 p.m. Deadline For Pickup Of All Door Prizes 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. No Host Cocktail Hour 7:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. General Membership Banquet
Sunday - July 18	7:00 a.m. Tours Available (check with Operations) 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Registration & Credentials 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Repeater Users Group (R.U.G.) Meeting 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Welcome Aboard Party	Friday - July 23	9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. '93 and '94 Host Meeting
Monday - July 19	7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Registration & Credentials - Tour Registration 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Young Person Center Open 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. First Timers Orientation - Board Meets with Task Group Leaders 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Exhibits Open - REACT Store 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Board Meets with States without Councils 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Board Meets with State Council Presidents 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Opening Session 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Young Person Center Open 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. 1994 Convention Presentation 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Group Photo Session (Attendees, Life and Young Person Center) 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. '92-'93 Task Groups Meetings 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Final Tour Registration For All Tours 5:00 p.m. Newsletter Contest Deadline 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Field Directors Meet with Their Area Delegates in Round Robins 6:00 p.m. Placard Contest Deadline 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Social Hour 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Life Member Dinner 7:00 p.m. to ? 'Ya All Come' Square Dancing	Tuesday - July 20	7:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Young Person Center Open 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Amateur Breakfast 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. REACT International Operations Seminar #1 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Registration Open 8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Public Relations Work Shop 8:45 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. '92-'93 Task Groups Meet 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Grant Writing Workshop (1 of 3) 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Exhibits Open - REACT Store 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Reports From '92-'93 Task Groups & Committees 11:30 a.m. to ? Tours Available - Day Care Provided For Young Person Center 2:00 p.m. to ? Afternoon and Evening Mixer



Help From Our Friends

The **REACT** name is getting lots of publicity, thanks to some good friends.

Police Call 1993, edited by Gene Hughes, carries a **REACT** citation in its 30th anniversary edition as we continue to celebrate our 30th anniversary. Congratulations and best wishes.

Mobile 2-Way Radio Communications, a new book by Gordon West, also cites **REACT** for both its CB and GMRS monitoring.

Popular Communications, Feb., 1993, p. 65 in an article on GMRS by Gordon West cites **REACT** for its emergency monitoring.

AAA, in its "*Road Atlas*" cites **REACT** as a source of help in emergencies.

All of these new publications are now available at your favorite radio shop or book store.

Best Western, for the fourth consecutive year, carries a **REACT** safety message in its "Road Atlas and Travel Guide."

Radio Shack in its 1993 catalog, p. 25, also has a **REACT** safety message to benefit its customers.

APCO recognizes **REACT**'s contributions in its "Public Safety Communications Standard Operating Procedure Manual."

Does your Team have copies of these? Does it use them in displays and speaking engagements? They add to your Team's credibility and reputation in the public's eyes. When you use them, you also acknowledge some of **REACT**'s friends for their support.

Team Events

Alerta **REACT** De Bayamon #4754, Bayamon, Puerto Rico participated in a car show to raise funds to help Lzmaria Negrón. Members provided communications and first aid at the Coliseum Ruben Rodrigiz in Bayamon. Members

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by PR Task Group

Specialty PR

You probably have heard about many of the different forms of Amateur Radio. Things like HF, VHF, UHF, RTTY and maybe even a little about Packet. However, for the enterprising **REACT** Team that is fortunate enough to have an Amateur operator on their roster there is ATV (Amateur Television).

With a little investment, you can bring a new dimension to your Team's public service activities. Picture this, you are at your command post and the person in charge of the event comes to you and asks about a situation. You have been monitoring this situation and have responded your ATV equipped unit to the area.

On GMRS (which has the same simplex range as ATV) you contact your unit to find out that he/she has arrived on the scene and will start transmitting. You then reach over to your regular TV set equipped with a converter (some Watchman sets don't even need it) turn it on and in comes a picture of the situations (in color if you have a color camera and TV).

Want a record of what is happening? Use a camcorder for the camera or a VCR at the command post and you have a record of what the camera sees.

How about that for improving public relations? In some areas there are ATV repeaters that can be accessed in the same way our GMRS repeaters are used.

As you can see in the above example,

Publicizing REACT

there are many ways this tool can be used to your Team's advantage.

A special mention earned to Steve Gobat, KA3PDQ, of Harrisburg **REACT**, Pennsylvania.

This year the East Coast Mid-Winter A.P.C.O. Conference was held in Gettysburg and the PRTG was there. The attendees took all the material, the last of the Team Contact Directories and other **REACT** literature placed on the table. Again, the PRTG wishes to thank Stu Meyer, Director and the members of the Pennsylvania Council for their assistance. There were representatives from the six state region.

A special mentioned earned to the **REACT** Team of Golden Gate Area of San Francisco in California. They included the **REACT** logo on the thousands of sign-up sheets for the "17th Annual San Francisco Zoo Run."

A correction should be noted on the telephone number of Bob Riechel for the PRTG and Special Projects Committee. The correct number is (415)756-3503.

Newsletter Contest

It is getting close to convention time again. It's time to remind everyone of the upcoming Newsletter Contest held at the **REACT** International Convention. This is a good opportunity to not only win status but to have it critiqued by professionals. This year the entries will be listed in *the REACTer* along with the winners. Don't be bashful, every Team and Council that puts out the effort of doing a newsletter should enter this contest. You put a lot of time and effort into your newsletters be **PROUD** of them and toot your horn about them.

The next Team Topics will have full details on how your Team or Council

can enter the newsletter contest.

A correction, the editor of the **Triple "C" REACT #4054** newsletter is Bob Gromm not Jack O'Keeffee.

Reducing News Release Costs

To reduce the cost of news releases, consider some of these suggestions:

Keep your names and addresses up-to-date. Some news organizations may have gone out of business. Some editors may have left. Some editors may have assumed responsibility for several weekly newspapers.

Try to save an extra page by reducing the length of your releases. You'll save in collating, paper and sometimes postage costs.

Consider using a 8 1/2" x 14" sheet of paper rather than 8 1/2" x 11" for those releases that run a bit longer than the standard paper length.

Don't equate fancy letterheads with successful news releases. Editors are interested in what's on the paper not how impressive the paper is.

If you think it can work, include a second release in the envelope. This could save postage and preparation costs. **CAUTION:** Don't save all the releases for once-a-week or once-a-month mailings. This communicates there's time value associated with the material.

Consider printing on both sides of the paper. Why? The practice saves money and is good for the environment. However, check first with your reporters and editors to see if this is acceptable.

Source: *How to Get Results with Publicity*, by the editors of Communications Briefings, 700 Black Horse Pike, Ste. 110, Blackwood, NJ 08012.



GMRS...rx

by Bill Simpson

At present, fellow **REACT**ers, it looks like this will be my last column. Cutbacks in budget have forced downsizing of *the REACTer*. Therefore, something has to go. Perhaps 'Tech Tips' will be a successor. In any case, I think I'm about burned out. I'm beginning to repeat myself...repeat myself...repeat... Thanks to all who have responded to the column over the years. A Bronx cheer to those who don't like it! Hugs and kisses to Deanne for putting up with my scratches!

One last thought, I'm going to present two scenarios with no names or locations, and with no personal judgements. I'd sure like your opinion of these two GMRS situations.

1. A **REACT** Team works very closely with the local police department. This particular department is having trouble with 'bad guys' who use scanners to warn them of police presence while committing various felonies: burglary, breaking and entering, and auto theft. The local **REACT** Team supplies the police department with GMRS radios for use as a 'tactical' frequency. None of the officers are licensed as GMRS users; none are members of the **REACT** Team so a Team license is not effective. None of

the officers identify; and many of the officers spend their duty hours babbling on the frequency, with no thought of users of other repeaters on the same frequency.

Question: Is this legal and what should be done?

2. Many State Councils act as tone coordinators for repeaters and Teams in their state. Should an individual, who has "reserved" most of the CTCSS tones in his area - for use on 'his' repeater - be allowed, by the Council, to arbitrarily deny access to **REACT** Teams, and/or individuals, simply on personal grounds? Remember, the FCC does NOT control tone usage, merely saying that users must work out problems.

Granted that an individual owns the repeater...aren't we all in the same organization. While the repeater owner/licensee's actions may be legal, are they ethical, and within the philosophy of **REACT**?

C'mon everyone, let's stop the squabbles and the politics. We, profess to be concerned about our communities and the motorists. We claim to be professional. What about our brothers and sisters of **REACT**? We've got enough problems without strife within ourselves!

KAD7146, 10-7, QRT and goodnight!

Team Events

Reli **REACT**, Inc., #4552, Levittown, New York reports members traveled 123,791 miles during 4,157 hours of service and assisted in 387 incidents in 1992. Base units reported monitoring their radios a total of 16,246 hours and handled 564 calls for assistance. Although many of these calls were from members on mobiles, their bases also handled calls from other **REACT** Teams and from concerned citizens calling in on CB Channel 9 or GMRS.

In addition to the emergency communications assistance that **REACT** is

known for, Reli **REACT** also provided communication control at events run by Cerebral Palsy, Muscular Dystrophy and the Long Island Association for Aids Care. Members also assisted the Town of North Hempstead with traffic control and security at its annual Memorial Day fireworks show at Barr Beach and at the Halloween event at Clark Gardens.

The Team goal for 1993 will be to continue to include increased service through even greater patrol and monitoring as well as making their communication abilities available to organizations that are in need of these skills.

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Repeaters And CB?

by Walter G. Green III
Member, CB Task Group

Amateur and GMRS radio users have long been able to use repeaters to extend the range of their communications. A traditional repeater works by receiving a transmission on one frequency and then simultaneously automatically re-broadcasting that transmission to another. Amateur and GMRS radios are designed to have frequency pairs (one transmit and one receive) that allow them to access the repeater. Repeater antennas are placed to get the greatest possible height advantage (on top of buildings, tall towers, or mountains) because height translates into increased range. As a result a GMRS station on one side of a large city can talk clearly to another station 20-30 miles away. The amateur repeater on top of Pikes Peak in Colorado covers from Raton Pass in New Mexico to Cheyenne, Wyoming and well into Kansas.

Citizens Band has not had the capability to use repeaters, largely because CB radios cannot transmit and receive automatically on separate frequencies. However, a different type of repeater allows you to use repeaters to extend your range in emergency operations. A simplex repeater offers some significant advantages that are well worth exploring.

Simplex repeaters work by recording your transmission and then re-broadcasting it on the same frequency with a time delay. You hear your message come back to you - but other stations will also hear the message. This requires considerable self-discipline and very good radio technique - transmissions have to be short and to the point with no rambling discussions. Record time for your message may be only 15 to 30 seconds. Surprisingly enough 15 to 30 seconds is a lot of time (aren't emergency transmissions always supposed to be brief and focussed on the business at hand?). And operators have

to be trained to allow for the extra delays in replying to a transmission because the sequence is now:

- ...you transmit,
- ...the repeater transmits your message (which you hear),
- ...the other station talks (which you don't hear), and
- ...the repeater transmits his message (which you hear).

How could you use this capability? Putting a radio operator with a repeater on top of a building to serve as an automatic relay to extend the coverage of your severe weather spotters is one example. We have the repeater attended at all times during emergency operations to keep equipment from disappearing and because the way Part 95 is worded could be interpreted to require an operator at the radio. Even though you have to tie up an operator watching the equipment, the repeater is faster than relay operations and much less prone to error. In my Team's operating area we have a number of tall ridges that effectively block radio transmissions - a repeater on top of the ridge allows easy coordination of activities only a mile apart. If you think about it, there are any number of uses for such a portable emergency repeater.

What sort of equipment do you need? We use the Radio Shack TRC-226 as our basic radio, because it uses a two prong microphone jack with push to talk and speaker circuits and because it can accept an external antenna with an adaptor. The repeater we use is a DVR501-A

which is battery powered and a pocket sized portable. Manufactured by US Digital Co Direct, 380 Rougeau Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada R2C 4A2, it costs \$166.00 (US), plus shipping and handling. With the TRC-226 the DVR501-A requires no adapters - its stereo plugs fit directly into the two microphone jacks and you are in operation. This unit can also record and rebroadcast a standard announcement on set time intervals. One hint, bring plenty of 9 volt batteries - the unit eats them rapidly in actual operations.

The one limitation of the TRC-226 is its antenna system. You can use the radio with the existing antenna (the familiar collapsing metal rod pattern) if your operating position gives you the height (and range) you need. If you need to use a vehicle antenna or are putting up a vertical or longwire, you can unscrew the rod - you are then faced with a TNC connector. Radio Shack does make a TNC-PL259 adapter (stock number 278-118) that will make the connection for you.

When we started looking into using a repeater for CB we got a lot of negative comments on simplex repeaters. Experts told us the time would be too short,

it isn't like a real repeater because you have to listen to your own message, the equipment doesn't work well, etc. We have been very pleased. It is a different way to extend your coverage and requires you to think carefully about how you communicate. If you use the equipment the way it was designed to work, I think you will find it gives you a significant increase in your ability to do emergency communications.





Play Fair: Audit Your Treasurer

Does your Team play fair with your treasurer? Does it routinely conduct an audit of its finances?

If you are the Team treasurer, do you insist upon a regular annual audit of your records? Do you insist upon giving a financial report at each Team meeting? Do you insist upon a co-signor for checks the Team issues?

Do you pay most debts by check so you will get the canceled check back from your bank for your records? Do you insist upon cash register slips or invoices in return for petty cash payments to Team members?

A new treasurer should insist upon an audit before he/she assumes the position. No Team should expect a new

treasurer to begin his/her duties until it has conducted an audit.

Every Team should perform a routine financial audit annually. An audit should also occur routinely when treasurers change between annual audits.

Team officers and members share with the treasurer responsibilities for safe-guarding Team funds, and doing so on an on-going basis. If rumors start flying about the Team's finances, obviously the Team has not been playing fair with its treasurer.

Routine annual audits spare your treasurer this embarrassment. So do routine audits each time a new treasurer enters office.

An audit can be performed by a qualified Team member elected by the Team. A friend of the Team in the community (i.e., bank employee, accountant, book-

keeper, etc.) may also be willing to do the audit. It is a simple task if your Team keeps good records - and it should insist upon that.

When audits are routine, there is no danger of hurting a treasurer's feelings and perhaps costing the Team a valuable member. When financial reports are routine at each Team meeting, members can discuss them and be confident that the Team funds are in capable hands.

Team officers, copy the material from the Team Management Notebook that will help a new treasurer do the job well. Treasurers, ask for this material and any other help you need if it is not offered to you. Team members, insist upon a financial report at each Team meeting.

Play fair. Audit your treasurer. Do it routinely. Do it regularly. Do everyone a favor.

Team Events

Dodge County **REACT** #2750, Fremont, Nebraska will soon be replacing their present repeater. This replacement is just in time for the Nebraska spring weather right around the corner. Members are now gearing up for the severe

storm season.

Team members have been busy assisting with several events including the Fremont Track Club's TADBITNIPPY RUN (members report it really was)!

Team #2750 received commendations from the Fremont Police Department for its professionalism during last years John C. Fremont Days, a local

festival. Team members utilized their radio communications and security expertise for numerous other events held within their community.

REACT Windsor Team #4840, Windsor, N.S. Canada furthered the Team's association with the RCMP in October. The residents of Windsor are now seeing the distinctive **REACT** orange colored hats mixed with the "officers in red." This is a converged effort in the prevention of crime in the Town of Windsor. Although associated with the RCMP, members have reported in the local papers that they are not police officers.

This Team knows how to truly promote their Team. Not only is the Team providing the above mentioned support, but several articles on the Teams activities from the local journal have flooded Headquarters recently. Keep up the great work!



K40 Achievement Awards

The 4th Quarter and Annual Winners
of the K40 Achievement Awards Program
will be announced in the July/August issue of *the REACTer*.

A special thank you goes to **K40 Electronics**
for their continued support of this valuable **REACT** program.



BBSing For Fun



Networking

By Ken Green President
Sedgwick County REACT #4208

When I first got into being a sysop of a BBS was 1981 in Kansas City, MO. My system consisted of a Commodore 64, two 1541 disk drives, a TV for a monitor, and a 300 baud modem. Since it was a message base only BBS the two drives were up to the task of handling the 200 messages on the system. There were a few other boards around running at the blazing speed of 1200 baud but most of the users of their system were running the 300 baud like myself. Sedgwick County REACT BBS is running on a 286, 40 mb hard drive, and a 2400 baud modem. When compared to some of the other systems here in Wichita that makes it one of the more limited BBS's around. Today's BBS's are running on 386 or better machines, 100+ mb hard drives and 9600 to 19200 baud modems, but these aren't the most notable improvement to the casual BBS system. The most notable improvement is the extensive networks with which these BBSs are involved. Shared message bases are echoed across the country and in some cases around the world. A message posted locally here could be responded to by someone in NY and then commented on from someone in LA. all in the matter of a few days and without the user having to make a long distance phone call. Don't be fooled there are plenty of long distance calls being made. Every BBS along the network has its own unique address commonly called a node. At a given moment of time all messages are packaged up and sent over the phone lines to the other boards along the net. If message bases are carried by that board they are captured and added to that board. Then messages from that board are added to the package and sent to the next board.

The cost of the long distance calls are paid for by the BBS's of the net. This may vary depending on the policies of the area coordinators of the network. Some charge annual for BBS's accesses to the net where others charge based upon the actual time needed for the long

distance calls. In an effort to help pay for the access charges some boards will charge the users an access fee.

I would like to take this time to acknowledge a few of the REACT SYSOP'S that have taken that step into the bigger world of the Networks.

1. The Tri State Emergency Radio Network BBS Dedicated to Emergency Services, Home of the International REACT Conference, 1994 International REACT Convention & Events Echo, New Jersey REACT Forum, and New Jersey REACT Events. Member of: Virtual NET, Fido NET, Jersey NET & Flirt NET. Also Carrying The Law Enforcement Net, NJ & National Firefighter Discussions, NJ & National EMS Discussions, Code blue [EMS Talk] and Fire net. SYSOP Scott Drake -201-399-4772

2. Space Coast REACT BBS Home Of The REACT BULLETIN BOARD, BREVARD COUNTY, and BBS LIST, A Member of Florida Sysops Inc., Supports Commodore Coco TRS80 IBM, 300-1200-2400-9600-14.4, Sponsored by Space Coast REACT Team 4577 Melbourne Florida, EMERGNET, FIDONET, POLICE EXPLORERS CONFERENCE Your Sysop is Walt Young - 407-255-9948

3. Volunteer BBS Louisville, KY SYSOP Tom Currie (502) 937-5450.

I am sure there are others out there as well. Scott Drake would like all of us to try to get together and form our own REACT Network.

REACT Memorial Plaque Additions

Ed Frazier
Space Coast REACT #4577
Melbourne, Florida

Claude Heise
Michigan Emergency Patrol, Inc. #2036
Detroit, Michigan

Joyce Hogadone
Peter W. Hulem
South Gate REACT #3897
South Gate, California

Independent Auditor's Report

The Board of Directors
REACT International, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets of REACT INTERNATIONAL, INC. as of December 31, 1992 and 1991, 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 of 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 REACT INTERNATIONAL, INC. at December 31, 1992 and 1991, and the results of its operations 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 on page 7 and 8, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. 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

REACT INTERNATIONAL, INC.
STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITY
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1992 AND 1991

	1992	1991
REVENUES FROM MEMBERS:		
Dues	\$ 124,597	\$ 128,771
Team charters	2,685	1,620
Life membership (Note 1)	3,889	3,719
International dues	1,246	2,515
Affiliate dues	2,800	2,019
Total revenues from members	<u>135,217</u>	<u>139,644</u>
OTHER REVENUE AND SUPPORT:		
REACTer advertising income	9,686	17,793
REACTer subscriptions	150	318
Gross profit on sale of REACT I.D. material (Note 8)	5,006	4,616
Training income less expenses	650	121
Contributions	1,146	723
Commissions	97	1,359
Interest income	3,305	5,096
Miscellaneous income	1,782	1,260
Total other revenue and support	<u>21,822</u>	<u>31,386</u>
Total revenues	<u>157,039</u>	<u>171,030</u>
EXPENSES:		
Membership services and communications - direct membership benefits:		
REACTer	32,760	35,988
Data processing (Note 3)	5,295	5,004
Membership kits and materials	1,763	2,619
Team charters	752	507
Life membership materials	39	436
Team topics	3,018	2,325
Membership advertising	666	468
Affiliate expenses	1,310	-
Team insurance (Note 5)	8,012	-
	<u>52,618</u>	<u>47,347</u>
Membership services and communications - indirect membership benefits:		
Reimbursement of state councils	\$ 1,131	\$ 1,304
Board of Directors expense (Note 4)	12,500	18,213
Convention expenses	518	1,394
Postage and freight	7,446	10,255
Telephone - long distance to team and members	1,751	2,553
Board elections	867	-
	<u>24,213</u>	<u>33,719</u>
Total membership services and communications expenses	<u>77,831</u>	<u>81,066</u>
General and administrative expenses:		
Salaries	37,039	37,249
Rent and utilities	8,670	10,305
Audit and accounting	4,285	4,255
Legal	641	429
Office supplies	2,520	4,221
Insurance	1,207	5,810
Headquarters travel	375	384
Maintenance and repairs	1,562	1,342
Dues and subscriptions	252	380
Payroll taxes	2,935	2,775
Depreciation expense	3,376	2,797
Interest and penalties	-	244
Telephone	1,389	1,346
Loss due to obsolete inventory (Note 6)	-	720
Miscellaneous expense	1,224	1,424
Total general and administrative expenses	<u>66,155</u>	<u>73,751</u>
Total expenses	<u>143,986</u>	<u>154,817</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses for the year	<u>\$ 13,053</u>	<u>\$ 16,213</u>

REACT INTERNATIONAL, INC.
BALANCE SHEETS
DECEMBER 31, 1992 AND 1991

REACT INTERNATIONAL, INC.
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY - ACTUAL VS BUDGET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1992

A S S E T S

	1992	1991
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash	\$ 7,966	\$ 17,714
Investments (Note 1)	82,104	56,299
Accounts receivable	242	2,962
Inventory (Note 1)	23,979	20,644
Prepaid expenses	988	60
Total current assets	119,279	97,629
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, (Note 1):		
Computer equipment	8,712	5,822
Furniture and equipment	12,971	12,724
Total	21,283	18,546
Less-accumulated depreciation	9,260	7,244
Property and equipment, net	11,923	11,302
OTHER ASSETS:		
Security deposits	1,100	1,100
Total assets	\$ 128,302	\$ 110,081
LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY:		
	1992	1991
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Accounts payable	\$ 1,129	\$ 497
Deferred income - dues (Note 1)	40,992	15,726
Accrued salaries	440	-
Accrued payroll taxes	974	775
Compensated absences (Note 7)	657	976
Total current liabilities	44,192	38,174
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES:		
REACT memorial payments	1,011	611
Insurance excess (Note 5)	-	805
Unearned life membership dues (Note 1)	77,890	74,453
Earned life membership dues (Note 1)	(27,092)	(22,206)
Total long-term liabilities	51,809	52,663
MEMBERS' EQUITY:		
Donated equity	1,800	1,800
Fund balance -		
Balance, beginning of year	17,444	1,231
Excess of revenues over expenses for the year	13,060	16,213
Balance, end of year	30,504	17,444
Total members' equity	32,304	19,244
Total liabilities and members' equity	\$ 128,302	\$ 110,081

	Actual	Budget	(Over) Under Budget
Revenue:			
Dues	\$128,643	\$154,100	\$25,457
Team charters	2,685	1,800	(885)
Gross profit on sales	5,006	7,100	2,094
Contributions	1,146	100	(1,046)
Commissions	97	100	3
Training income less expenses	650	-	(650)
REACTOR subscriptions	150	450	300
Advertising income	9,686	7,600	(2,086)
Interest income	3,305	3,300	(5)
Miscellaneous income	1,789	1,800	11
Life members earned	2,882	-	(2,882)
Total revenue	157,946	176,350	19,304
Expenses:			
REACTOR	32,760	40,000	7,240
Data processing	5,295	9,000	3,705
Membership kits and materials	1,763	5,200	3,437
Team charters	752	3,000	2,248
Team topics	3,018	3,000	(18)
Membership advertising	666	2,000	1,334
Council reimbursements	1,131	2,000	869
Team insurance	8,015	-	(8,015)
Board of directors expense	12,500	21,500	9,000
Convention expenses	518	2,100	1,582
Postage & freight	7,446	13,500	6,054
Telephone - long distance	1,751	2,300	549
Salaries	37,039	40,000	2,961
Rent and utilities	8,670	10,500	1,830
Audit and accounting	4,285	4,500	215
Legal	641	2,000	1,359
Office supplies	2,520	3,650	1,130
Insurance	1,207	7,050	5,843
Headquarters travel	375	1,200	825
Maintenance and repairs	1,562	2,200	638
Dues and subscriptions	252	350	(92)
Payroll taxes	2,935	4,000	1,065
Depreciation	3,376	1,100	(2,276)
Board elections	867	-	(867)
Telephone	1,389	1,300	(89)
Task group	-	500	500
Gobel award	-	100	100
Miscellaneous	1,904	-	(1,904)
Affiliate expense	1,310	-	(1,310)
Affinity cost	29	-	(29)
Total expenses	142,986	181,950	37,964
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses for the year	\$ 13,060	\$ (5,600)	\$ 18,660

REACT INTERNATIONAL, INC.
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1992 AND 1991

	1992	1991		1992	1991
SOURCES OF WORKING CAPITAL:			CHANGES IN COMPONENTS OF WORKING CAPITAL:		
Operations:			Increase (decrease) in current assets:		
Excess of revenues over expenses for the year	\$ 13,060	\$ 16,213	Cash and investments	\$ 16,057	\$ (5,710)
Items not affecting working capital:			Accounts receivable	(2,720)	1,873
Depreciation expense	3,376	2,797	Inventory	3,335	7,782
Earned life membership dues	(2,882)	(2,719)	Prepaid expense	928	6
Total provided by operations	12,547	15,291		17,600	3,951
Increase in unearned life memberships	3,437	3,774	(Increase) decrease in current liabilities:		
Increase in REACT memorial payments	420	150	Deferred income - dues	(5,266)	3,537
	16,384	19,215	Accounts payable	(432)	1,975
USES OF WORKING CAPITAL:			Accrued payroll taxes	(199)	113
Additions to property and equipment	3,997	1,390	Accrued salaries	(440)	-
Decrease in insurance excess	805	5,307	Obligation under capital lease	-	3,657
Decrease in life membership directory	-	261	Compensated absences	319	(974)
	4,802	6,958		(6,018)	8,306
INCREASE IN WORKING CAPITAL	\$ 11,582	\$ 12,257	INCREASE IN WORKING CAPITAL	\$ 11,582	\$ 12,257

REACT INTERNATIONAL, INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 1992 and 1991

1. Description of Operations and Summary of Significance 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 consist of the following:

	12/31/92	12/31/91
Money Maximizer	\$52,165	\$ 6,299
U.S. Treasury Bonds	29,939	-
Certificate of Deposit	-	50,000
	\$82,104	\$56,299

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 account Deferred income-dues.

e. Unearned/Earned Life Membership Dues

Since the inception of the life membership program, in 1980, \$77,890 has been received. The life membership dues are amortized over 20 years and allows an individual to be a member for his or her life without further dues. The amount amortized to date is \$27,095. There is no obligation on REACT INTERNATIONAL, INC. to refund this money upon termination of the organization.

REACT is investing the amount not amortized on life members, and will use the earnings to cover the costs associated with maintaining life members. The amount of \$50,795 (\$77,890-\$27,095) has been invested as follows; \$29,939 in U.S. Treasury Bonds, \$10,000 in a Fannie Mae (purchased in February, 1993) and the remaining amount of approximately \$10,000 in the Money Market Account.

2. Lease Commitments:

Lease agreements for office space

On October 1, 1991, the Corporation renewed the existing lease agreement with respect to its Wichita, Kansas of-

fice 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 Expenses:

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 and bonding insurance which REACT INTERNATIONAL, INC. has collected. During 1992, REACT did not collect enough team insurance fee to cover the insurance premium for the liability and bonding. REACT paid \$8,015 to cover the teams, and will not recover the amount from the teams.

6. 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.

7. 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, 1992 and 1991, amounted to \$657 and \$976, respectively. The liability for compensated absences has been recorded as an accrued liability in accordance with FASB Statement 43.

8. Gross Profit On Sale:

The following is the detail of gross profit on sale of REACT I.D. material:

	1992	1991
Sales	\$21,136	\$22,240
Cost of goods sold	(16,120)	(17,624)
Gross profit	\$ 5,006	\$ 4,616

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Team Events

Central Arizona REACT Team #4767, Phoenix, Arizona member Richard Baldwin was presented a Certificate of Special Recognition by Governor Fife Symington of Arizona for being "An Outstanding REACTer". The certificate was presented to Richard by the Team's member Patricia Pendergast on behalf of the Governor's office.

In the summer of 1991, Richard was returning to Phoenix, when he came upon an accident, and like the **REACTer** Richard is, he stopped and saved two young girls lives.

The Team and Arizona are very proud of Richard and other **REACTer's** like him.

Hancock County REACT #4820, Findlay, Ohio honored Norman Meine, President of the **Ohio State REACT Council** at a special dinner meeting on March 13, 1993.

Team members voted Norm "man of the year" and presented him with a trophy and a gravel as well as a decorated cake depicting "Man of the Year".

A surprised Norm noted to the members, "this is the first time any Team ever did this for me."

All members presented were dressed in their new Team uniforms and were praised for their professional look by Norm.

Kauai REACT, Inc., #4812, Lihue, Hawaii members are well and safe and keeping quite busy. The Team's headquarters was destroyed during the recent hurricane which hit the Hawaiian Islands, but Team members continue to provide communications and service to their community in spite of it.

Team members helped during the hurricane by furnishing assistance to the Red Cross and the Kauai ham club. **Honolulu REACT #C010** also provided communications for the Red Cross on Kauai.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May, 1993 - REACT Month. Plan your activities early. Publicize your REACT Team to the fullest and don't forget to send your REACT Month reports to Headquarters.

May 2, 1993 - Southern California State REACT Council meeting. For further details contact a Council representative.

May 2, 1993 - Ohio State REACT Council Meeting. For further details please contact Norm Meine, President at P.O. Box 726, Antwerp, OH 45813 or phone (419)258-3011.

May 16, 1993 - Upstate New York REACT Council meeting. The meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m. in Kofc Hall, Minor Street, Canton, New York. For further details please contact Reginald Hanson, Secretary of the USNYRC at (315)328-4309.

May 16, 1993 - Kentucky State REACT Council meeting. Hosted by Louisville METRO-REACT Team East. For further details please contact the host Team or a Council representative.

May 16, 1993 - Northern California REACT Council meeting. Hosted by Ripon REACT, Box 872, Ripon, CA 95366-0872. For further details please contact the Team or a Council representative.

May 23, 1993 - North Carolina REACT Council meeting. Hosted by Wake County REACT. For further details please contact the host Team or a Council representative.

May 31, 1993 - Memorial Day. Headquarters will be closed in recognition of the holiday.

June 1, 1993 - Submission deadline for magazine articles and advertising.

June 5 - 6, 1993 - Nebraska State REACT Conference Camp Out and Meeting. To be held at Mormon Island Recreation area south of Grand Island. For further details please contact a Council representative.

June 26 - 27, 1993 - Texas State REACT Council meeting & Field Day Activities. For further details please contact a Council representative.

June 26 - 27, 1993 - Cuyama Valley REACT Get Together. Everyone one is invited to this fun filled weekend. For further details please contact Ruth or Bud Parker at P.O. Box 38, New Cuyama, CA 93254 or phone (805)766-2450.

July 10, 1993 - Wisconsin Council of REACT Teams meeting. For further details please contact a Council representative.

July 11, 1993 - Ohio State REACT Council Meeting. For further details please contact Norm Meine, President at P.O. Box 726, Antwerp, OH 45813 or phone (419)258-3011.

July 19 - 23, 1993 - REACT International Convention hosted by Southwestern REACT of San Diego County, Inc., #C475. Further details in this and upcoming issues of the magazine.

Editor's Note: Councils please provide notice of your meetings and conferences to the **REACTer** for inclusion under this column. Submit meeting date(s), place, time, particulars and a FMI contact. Please provide this information as far in advance as possible. It's your opportunity to announce your meetings!

Radio Operations

Sample For The Year 1992

Statistics As Of March 29, 1993

Teams in Sample: 136 Total Calls: 55,813 CB Emergency Channel 9 Hours Monitored: 774,623

Road Related Calls

Accidents:	13,027	Disabled Vehicles:	13,938
Road Hazards:	3,149	Traffic Jams:	1,072
Traffic Controls:	1,154	Reckless/Drunk:	4,736
Info Reports:	6,072	Vehicle Fires:	598

Total Road Related Calls: 43,746

Non-Road Related Calls

Boating Emergencies:	151	Crime Reports:	849
Floods:	151	Medical Emergencies:	558
Missing Persons:	125	Severe Weather:	546
Non-Vehicle Fires:	367	Relay Calls:	1,930
Vandalism:	236	Other:	7,154

Total Non-Road Related Calls: 12,067

Safety Communications for local events: 52,560 hours

TOTAL HOURS: 827,183

NOTE:

The statistics listed above is an indication from approximately 24% of the *REACT* Teams, who responded to the 1992 Monitoring Report.

The information listed has been provided to you to help promote *REACT* within your community. The statistics are compiled from information received off your Team 1992 Monitoring Reports mailed to Headquarters. These reports are of great importance to both International and individual Teams and Councils. Remember, to let your Team be counted in the next statistical listing and mail your report in.

A special thank you goes out to Al Hangar, Robert Durie and fellow REACTers who helped in collecting this information.