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Bell Canada recently donated this cub van to REACT Lake Simcoe #4270 of Ontario, Canada. It will become a mobile communications post for the Team's emergency and public service activities. Regional police have donated a roof-bar light to help equip the new unit plated "REACT 3". In the photo are members of REACT Lake Simcoe #4270 and its new offspring, REACT Don Valley #4866 also of Ontario, Canada.

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Comments

from the Chair

by Gregory J. Seemuth

It is now (by the time you read this) 1994, a new year. During the past six months since the Convention when I was appointed as the Chairman of the Board much has happened.

1. President Clinton secured passage of tax changes that impact every one of us. (By the way if you do not know I am responsible for the Payroll Processing for the company I work for.)

2. We had a full eclipse of the moon (just before the time I sat down to write this article).

3. We all have celebrated several holidays and most likely had some enjoyable memories with our family and friends.

Well, some of the things happened outside of REACT, but while all this was going on things were happening in REACT too. Yes, REACT did have some changes happen that you need to know about.

1. The computer database for REACT was brought in-house and under our control. This was made possible due to some hard work by Ken Green. Now if something is wrong with mailing addresses, membership cards (spelling of names) or listing of teams we have only ourselves to blame.

Speaking for the Board and the Membership a **SPECIAL THANKS TO KEN** for his hard work.

2. The change in Life Membership dues to be actuarial sound was done. REACT was fortunate to receive some

help from Deanne Osgood of Allstate Life Insurance Company in putting together the logic that now is used to compute the Life membership fees.

3. The Life Membership recommended some changes to the way a Life Member's registration is handled when they are no longer members of an active team. The current Life Members will be contacted asking for them to accept the change by signing the revised agreement for Life Membership. This change states that after three years of not belonging to an active team their registration becomes inactive until such a time as they become a member of an active team.

4. The Government Relations Committee continued to secure Statement of Understanding's with 'The Salvation Army', 'Red Cross', and the one signed at the convention with the 'National Weather Service'. Copies of these agreements is contained in this issue of *the REACTer*. This was done by Norman Kaplan and REACT owes a big **THANKS** to him.

Since Norm has done the big job of getting the national organizations to recognize REACT and what we can do by working together it is now your turn. I am not able to tell you how to go about it on a local level, but REACT teams must secure Statement of Understandings with the local organization(s) to make the hard work Norm did pay off.

Any team that has been able to secure agreements with the local organization(s) how about helping your fellow REACT family members by sharing your secrets. REACT Interna-

tional would like to be able to provide some guidance to teams who have not had the fortune to approach Red Cross, The Salvation Army, or the National Weather Service and want to. I have no experience, therefore, this is a call for help from those who have, to those who want to. Send all information to Headquarters and if you would like to work on a group to draft a formal guidance document let us know.

5. Some ideas have been submitted by members of committees that the Board will be discussing at the Winter Meeting.

Now for some general comments from myself (these are my views and not that of the Board). During the years that I served on the Board there has always been concern that REACT was a CB organization. It is now time to look to the future and have REACT thought of as the Radio (CB, Amateur, GMRS, Television [interactive], or any form of two-way communications) Emergency Assistance Communications Teams. REACT must look toward the 21st century when who knows what communication technologies will be out there. When I started with REACT I did not foresee the Amateur No Code Program, nor REACT's use of electronic bulletin board, FAX messages. Now we have all this and then some.

I am looking for a few good people and all teams to work to move REACT forward. In the next month the Membership Committee of the Board will be reviewing the nominations received for

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the open Field Director position that will be available to be filled this year. Once their job is done the big job belongs to each team to evaluate the nominees and make their selection of members to run the organization as members of the Board of Directors. I would like to see every team eligible to vote cast their ballot and have a voice in who they want to sit on the Board as their representative. I issue a challenge to each team to stand up and be counted by voting for the person you feel will best service the organization on the Board.

I challenge each Council to get out to the teams and insure any questions they have are answered about the nominees from individuals that have met them. I feel that many teams feel "why vote", it doesn't matter to us. Your Board members do matter and you have a chance, just like you do for the President of the U.S. and Congress, to express a preference for who represents you. If you as members of REACT really don't care who runs the Board give the non-running Field Directors the authority to appoint who they want (very bad idea). If you don't vote it might be just as meaningful.

During the next six months you will be receiving information in Team Top-

ics about items that will be discussed during the Convention in New Jersey. These topics will be explained fully. You will need to contact your Field Director, Council representative or your Team member who will be at the Convention to express your views. Based on the interaction of each of you with the Board, the Board can make some decisions with your input. However, the final decision must and will rest with the Board for the **GOOD** of REACT not any single member, Team, Council, or area of the country.

Finally, by the time you read this article I have notified the members of the Board that all projects we undertake will be developed using the Tools of Quality. This will insure that what REACT does REACT does it right the first time and not constantly having to go back and fix it. REACT's Board will not be doing things and implementing them to say we did this or that. It is my intent that the Board will do things when all the "T's" are crossed and the "I's" are dotted. This will be a major change from the way some things were done in the past.

In closing, I look forward to seeing many of you in New Jersey in July. Remember, REACT is you and without each of you, REACT is only a name.

New Teams Chartered

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|-------|--|
| #4888 | West Central Coast REACT
Ellenton, Florida (Manatee County)
October 22, 1993 |
| #4889 | Marion County REACT
Knoxville, Iowa (Marion County)
November 01, 1993 |
| #4890 | REACT of Collier County
Naples, Florida (Collier County)
November 01, 1993 |
| #4891 | Indian River REACT
Micco, Florida (Brevard County)
December 03, 1993 |

BBSing For Fun

REACTnet Update

by Ken Green, President
Sedgwick County REACT #4208

There has been a lot going on the last couple of months. First, REACT International has its database in-house. If I have not seemed responsive to anyone out there I apologize, I would also like to clear up other misunderstandings in regards to the proposed REACTnet. In the July/August issue of *the REACTer* an article by Scott Drake proposed a network of REACT BBS's independent of already established networks. As some of you are already aware, there has been a couple of echo conferences already out there. One of them that I know of is the one started by The Volunteer BBS operated by Tom Currie of Louisville METRO-REACT Team South in Kentucky and Pedalers Palace operated by Dan Garnitz of National Capital REACT in Virginia. The REACT International Echo Conference is presently on 48 GT Network Bulletin Boards, in areas including Dallas Texas; Cincinnati and Columbus Ohio, Phoenix Arizona, Louisville and Lexington

Kentucky, Hawaii, Washington D.C., Atlanta Georgia, Nashville Tennessee, Pendleton Oregon and Mocksville and Winston-Salem North Carolina. It is also carried on the FidoNet but there isn't exact data on which EmergNet boards carry the REACT International Echo Conference. However the conference is available to EmergNet and other Fido-compatible boards throughout all of EmergNet's seven regions. The GT Network node list is too large to publish in *the REACTer* but is available on any GT Network board, including The Volunteer BBS at 502-937-5450 or Pedalers Palace at 703-532-3051. Information on EmergNet should be requested via Fido NetMail from Gary Reardon at 1:321/131 (413-967-8101) or John Kihl at 2610/14 (412-834-1128). You can also write to Tom Currie at 7001 Ethan Allen Way, Valley Station, KY 40272-1305 or send a fax to Tom at 502-937-5450. I want to thank Tom for bringing this to my attention.

After receiving the actuarial table from Greg Seemuth, At-Large Director, he requested the Life Membership Committee approve an extension of the current moratorium due to higher than expected rates. The actuarial rate if implemented would result in a reduction or the elimination of members applying for Life Membership. The moratorium is to be continued until the Convention at which time the Life Membership Committee can develop an alternate proposal, review it and present it to the Board for implementation.

R.T. Gamble, LM #226
Life Member Chairperson

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 1, 1994 - Deadline for article and advertising submissions for the March/April issue of *the REACTer*.

February 24-27, 1994 - Disaster '94 15th Annual International Disaster Management Conference to be held in Orlando, Florida. For further details please contact Disaster '94 Registrar, Florida Emergency Medicine Foundation, 3717 S. Conway Rd, Orlando, FL 32812-7607 or call (407)281-7396/(800)766-6335.

March 6, 1994 - Kentucky State REACT Council meeting to be held at the Harrison County RECC Annex building in Cynthiana, Kentucky. For further details please contact a council representative.

April 1, 1994 - Deadline for article and advertising submissions for the May/June issue of *the REACTer*.

June 1, 1994 - Deadline for article and advertising submissions for the July/August issue of *the REACTer*.

July 18 - 21, 1994 - REACT International Convention hosted by the Garden State Council of REACT Teams. Further details in this issue of *the REACTer*.

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!

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Publicizing REACT

by the PR Committee

A Reminder from the Public Relations Committee

At the beginning of each year your team should renew contacts with all the agencies and organizations your team has dealings with.

Remember, the same thing so goes, as your team has elections and people change so does the government agencies and groups you work with. You want to stay in touch with them; not only when there is an event or disaster situation.

Now is the time to start working on getting ready for May is International REACT Month. This will bring attention to the REACT Team's service throughout the year.

Make contact with your connection at all levels of government, (city/township/county/state/provincial), and request a proclamation for "May is REACT Month".

You may request a "House Citation" or "Senate Resolution" from your state level reps. Contact your area's Congress person or Senate person to go after a "House or Senate Certificate of Merit" for your efforts during any of the recent disasters you may have been involved with.

Also request a Governor's Procla-

mation from your state/provincial legislator. You may request a photo op with the official. Depending on time constraints they may oblige.

Use a professional manner when you ask the various officials. They usually ask to see a sample of a previous one. Use the same proclamation from your REACT Month kit from Headquarters.

Be sure to include several events your team/council works, working with (and list them) the other agencies, (March of Dimes, Special Olympics, M.S., etc.) and if your team/council worked the various disasters around the country (earthquakes, fires, weather watch, '93 floods and '93 blizzards) and how your team/council participated.

Also be sure to mention that through the cumulative efforts of the REACT members, in over thirty (30) years, six million lives have been saved. Together with saving over \$490 million dollars in taxpayers money through volunteer efforts.

Another area your team/council will want to prepare for are to stock up on supplies (pamphlets, bumper stickers, team contact directors, REACT flag and the Window Decal stickers [Best Western]), from Headquarters, for your Safety Breaks and mall or ham fest displays.

On setting up a display your team/council will want to have a table top display which is the easiest to work with. This can be showing your people having fun along with some of the events you do.

You would want to show pictures of equipment, vehicles, your safety break setup and maybe the names of

agencies you help. Show your members together and having fun. Use eye catching neon colored paper in your backboard. The materials can be obtained for usually under \$100.00.

You can use your table top display at your Safety Break too. Your "May...Proclamation" can be hung up at your Safety Break.

The Public Relations Committee is pleased to announce a PR table top display contest. The basic breakdown is going to be:

Teams with 0 to 9 members
Teams with 10 to 21 members
Teams with 22 and above members
Councils

More information will be included with the REACT Month kit.

Corporate by day, REACT by...

Ken Knopp of Montgomery County REACT of Maryland works in networking for a very large corporation and has to have a professional appearance. Ken blends his REACT attire and an-

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**REACT
Month
is just a
few short
months away!**

**What is
your Team
planning?**

tennas on his vehicle into a low profile appearance, yet it is very powerful when at events. He keeps a highly polished car that has rubber duck or unity gain antennas mounted inside the back deck alongside a flashing amber halogen light.

There are magnet mount high gain antennas that go on for events. The front has halogen lights that fold down from the visor. There was a professionally installed PA system to complement the radio system to handle all traffic.

Ken being very resourceful, made up reflective signs for on the outside of the vehicle.

This year the Public Relations Committee requests your team/council to not only send a copy of your proclamation to us but to also send us a list of how many cups you go through and pounds of coffee, containers of lemonade you use and your local/regional newspaper name and contact (example: L.A. Times, Editor - Mr. Dave Jones, FAX number 215-434-3235).

We want to expand the National Safety Break promotion and go after donations/rebates/matching/coupons for supplies for the teams engaged in doing them. We want to work to help the membership, help the public.

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Aug. 21, 1987

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Subject: Comparative Gain Testing of Citizen's Band Antennas
Re: Rye Canyon Antenna Lab File #570629

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27.065	1.45	40
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27.165	1.50	41
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STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN



THE SALVATION ARMY AND REACT INTERNATIONAL, INC.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this statement is to state the terms for an understanding between REACT International, Inc., and The Salvation Army that will serve as a broad framework within which volunteer personnel of the local teams affiliated with REACT may coordinate their facilities and equipment with the Salvation Army for communications in disaster relief to victims of natural or man-made disaster.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Since 1962, REACT International, Inc., has provided a program for organizing local Citizen Band (CB) Radio Emergency groups which when affiliated are known as REACT Teams. Besides supplying local CB and other communications in time of disaster, REACT Teams conduct a routine daily monitoring schedule to receive calls on the official emergency CB Radio Channel 9. It is the goal of every REACT Team to maintain a full 24 hour watch on the emergency channel. In addition, they are encouraged to cooperate with all local emergency agencies and to become part of the disaster communications plan for their community.

The Salvation Army since its first chapter on May 12, 1899 (amended April 26, 1957) has provided emergency services to individuals and groups in time of disaster. This service has received public recognition. The Congress of the United States of America enacted the Disaster Relief Act of 1970, which was amended by the Disaster Relief Act of 1974. Public Law 93-288 officially recognized the capabilities of The Salvation Army. Since that time, The Salvation Army has entered into specific agreements with other agencies concerned with public and private emergency and disaster relief services.

RECOGNITION

The Salvation Army recognizes that REACT International, Inc., because of the excellent geographic coverage of the local affiliated REACT Teams, can render valuable aid in maintaining continuity of local communications during disasters and emergencies when normal communications facilities are disrupted or overloaded.

REACT International, Inc., recognizes The Salvation Army as an agency whose corporate charter merits sanction by the Federal Government, through which the American people

voluntarily extend assistance to individuals and families in need as a result of disaster.

ORGANIZATION OF THE SALVATION ARMY

The National Commander of The Salvation Army in the United States is located at the National Headquarters, 615 Slaters Lane, Alexandria, VA. The United States is administratively divided into four territorial areas. There are 39 Divisional Commanders. The Divisional Headquarters are responsible for organizing, directing and coordinating welfare and emergency functions in their assigned areas. Reporting to divisional centers are the local volunteer committees operating in smaller communities.

ORGANIZATION OF REACT INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Established in 1962, REACT is an international association of Citizen Band (CB) and other communications Teams who volunteer their assistance and provide CB radio communications in local emergencies. REACT International, Inc., is an independent non-profit public service organization. REACT Teams accept responsibility to maintain a monitoring station or system guarding the official CB radio emergency channel.

There are 26 State Councils that act to improve communication and coordination between local REACT Teams within their state. Each REACT Team is a wholly independent entity with its own form of administrative control, worked out to suit local needs and conditions. Because CB radio is designed for local communications, there is no limit to the number of REACT Teams chartered within any given geographical area. REACT International, Inc., accumulates information on new emergency techniques from hundreds of communities and develops materials and programs to assist local teams. REACT International, Inc., on behalf of local teams throughout the nation, works effectively with other national emergency groups such as the American National Red Cross, American Radio Relay League, F.C.C., F.E.M.A. and other groups to advise on the proper use of local radio communications.

PRINCIPLES OF COOPERATION

In order that the communication facilities of local radio frequencies may be coordinated and utilized to the fullest

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advantage during disasters and emergencies, The Salvation Army and REACT International, Inc., have agreed to the following:

A. Through its Wichita and/or Government Relations Committee, REACT will maintain liaison with the designated Salvation Army headquarters, so that there may be the closest possible cooperation in emergency communications planning and the coordination of local radio communication facilities for disaster relief operations.

B. The Salvation Army welcomes the cooperation and assistance of REACT International and the many affiliated local REACT Teams to extend emergency communications planning into the jurisdictions of the area office, divisional centers and Service Units.

C. Whenever there is a disaster or an emergency requiring the use of local radio communication facilities, The Salvation Army or its units may request the assistance of the REACT Teams nearest the scene of disaster or emergency. The assistance may include:

1. The alerting and mobilization of volunteer and emergency personnel in accordance to a prearranged plan.
2. The establishment and maintenance of fixed, mobile and portable station emergency communication facilities for local radio coverage and point-to-point contact between The Salvation Army officials and the locations as required.
3. Adequate local area radio communication facilities for the duration of the emergency period of until substantial normal communications are restored.

D. Detailed operating plans for the full utilization of local radio communication facilities should be developed at the area office, divisional centers, and Service Units in cooperation with local REACT Teams.

E. The Salvation Army will furnish, through its area office, copies of this understanding to its administrative officers and field units and REACT International, Inc., will similarly furnish copies to all local REACT Teams.

F. This statement of understanding will not apply in countries or jurisdictions where local laws conflict.

G. REACT International, Inc., and The Salvation Army will make an effort to coordinate REACT communications with The Salvation Army's S.A.T.E.R.N. radio system.

AMENDMENT PROCEDURES

A. Amendments requested by the President and Chairman of the Board of Directors of REACT International, Inc., shall be forwarded to the Director of National Public Affairs, The Salvation Army, National Headquarters for review. Upon approval by the Director, the amendment shall be forwarded to The Salvation Army Headquarters for approval by The Salvation Army National Commander.

B. An amendment by The Salvation Army shall be sent to the REACT International, Inc. Headquarters in Wichita, KS for review. Upon approval, the amendment shall be sent to the REACT chairman of the Board of Directors and President for approval.

C. Once all parties have reached agreement on the proposed amendment, the Statement of Understanding shall be changed and pages of the Statement on which the amendment appears shall be completely replaced.

D. The amendment shall become effective on the last date shown on the amendment when signed by both parties to the Statement of Understanding.

E. If both parties cannot agree to the amendment, an effort shall be made to reach an acceptable compromise. If a compromise cannot be reached, the amendment shall not be made. If an amendment is rejected, by either party, the original Statement of Understanding provisions remain in effect.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Statement of Understanding shall become effective on the last date shown below when executed by both parties. This Statement of Understanding is valid and binding until termination by either party upon 60 days written notice.

SIGNATURE



Commissioner Kenneth L. Hodder
National Commander
The Salvation Army



Gregory Seemuth
Chairman of the Board
REACT International, Inc.

Signed: November, 1993
Alexandria, VA./Wichita, KS.

New Jersey Bound

There are 2 swimming pools where Reactors can enjoy the perennial pool parties. There is a very lounge in the hotel as well. One local radio stations broadcasts the lounge on certain nights. Philadelphia, New York City, Atlantic City State Park and other attractions within 1 hour driving time from the Convention rates before and after the convention are available upon request. Come early and stay late. Camp information available upon request. Campers will be allowed to remain in the parking lot. Side-trips to shopping in Atlantic City and other places planned for spouses and others who do not want to attend the Convention. A Tuesday day trip can be enjoyed by anyone who wishes. There is nothing planned for Tuesday so attendees will not miss out on any of the Convention. The Trip will include a self-guided tour of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis

Then attendees will be taken to the United Nations for a guided tour. The rest of the afternoon will be spent on a guided tour of Manhattan and see sites such as the Empire State Building, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Wall Street, Broadway, Times Square, and

other points of interest. For \$55 per person it is a very good deal. Sign up today.

CALL TODAY TO RESERVE YOUR ROOMS AT THE RADISSON HOTEL. BE SURE TO TELL THEM THAT YOU ARE WITH THE 1994 REACT CONVENTION. IF YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS, PLEASE CONTACT ME AT (609) 291-7065. The hotel's direct phone number is (908) 469-2600 and their fax number is (908) 469-4617.

There is still a little time left to advertise your Team or Council in the Convention Ad Book. Deadline is March 15th so hurry. Call Dick Cooper at (609) 291-7065 if you have any questions. We are planning for a large Convention with the heavy concentration of REACT members on the East Coast. This will also be the closest opportunity that many East Coast REACTors have had to attend an International Convention. **COME TO NEW JERSEY IN JULY!!!**



**Come join in on the fun...
see old friends and make some new!
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International Convention Today!!!**

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Please print or type - one person per form

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 (Last) (First) (MI)

Address: _____

City: _____ St/Province: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____ Life Member #: _____

Team Name: _____ Team #: _____

.675 FCC Call Sign: _____ Unit Designator: _____

(Example: New Jersey 3622, Philadelphia 14, etc.)

.600 FCC Call Sign: _____ Amateur FCC Call Sign: _____

Describe any special medical, dietary or other needs you may have: _____

Prior International Conventions you have attended:

1976 _____ 1977 _____ 1978 _____ 1979 _____ 1980 _____ 1981 _____ 1982 _____ 1983 _____ 1984 _____
 1985 _____ 1986 _____ 1987 _____ 1988 _____ 1989 _____ 1990 _____ 1991 _____ 1992 _____ 1993 _____

There are two discounts for this Convention. The Early Bird (Registration postmarked by May 15, 1994) and a discount for those attendees staying at the Convention Hotel (Radisson Hotel Somerset)

	May 15, 1994 or before	After May 15, 1994
Stay at Convention hotel	\$55.00	\$70.00
Stay off-site	\$90.00	\$105.00

Fill in registration amount \$ _____

Other items and activities: Tuesday all day Fun Trip: Battery Park, Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, (lunch on your own), tour of New York City, Dinner at Doyle and Rafterys (overlooking famous Manhattan skyline).

	NUMBER			TOTAL COST
Fun Trip	_____	@	55.00	_____
Additional Convention Pictures	_____	@	10.00	_____
Life Member Pictures	_____	@	10.00	_____
Amateur Pictures	_____	@	10.00	_____
Life Member Banquet	_____	@	*26.00	_____
Amateur Breakfast	_____	@	*16.50	_____
Additional Banquet Tickets	_____	@	29.50	_____
Convention Shirts Circle size(s)	_____	@	18.50	_____
S M L XL XXL XXXL	_____	@	18.50	_____

* DRAWING TO BE HELD FOR 3 FREE MEALS

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____
 (INCLUDING REGISTRATION)

Make checks payable to: 1994 RI Convention Fund - All prices and payments must be in US dollars
 There will be a charge of \$25.00 for checks returned due to insufficient funds

I will be traveling by: Auto _____ Plane _____ Bus _____ Train _____

I will need transportation from _____ to the Convention Hotel

Arrival time: Date _____ Time: _____ Flight, bus or train #: _____

To insure transportation from these locations we must receive complete and accurate arrival information

Convention Hotel
 Radisson Hotel Somerset
 200 Atrium Drive
 Somerset, NJ 08873
 908-469-2600
 Fax: 908-469-4617

Dorothy DePoe - 908-218-9760
 Dick Cooper - 609-259-7088
 Prodigy CHGM62A
 RI BBS User #141

Room rates: 1 - 2 people - \$60.00
 3 - 4 people - \$62.00
 Please call for reservations:
 1-800-333-3333
 1-908-469-2600

Please mail registrations to:
 Garden State Council of REACT Teams, Inc.
 P. O. Box 9898
 Trenton, NJ 08650

**1994 REACT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION QUESTIONNAIRE
(ALL INFORMATION WILL BE HELD CONFIDENTIAL)**

1. Please list all medical restrictions that you have: (ie, wheelchair, crutches, can't walk more than ___ blocks, diabetes, heart condition, arthritis, high or low blood pressure, other). List any condition you may have even though it is controlled by diet or medication

2. Please list all food allergies: (ie, can't eat mushroom gravy, sweets, spicy foods, excessive salt, fruits, etc.)

3. Please list all special MEDICAL qualifications: (ie, first responder, EMT, Paramedic, etc.) and if certification is current

4. Please list all travel information: (ie, flight information, driving, and vehicle type, bus, train, etc.)

5. Do you wish to assist the 1994 RI Convention Committee and if so in what capacity

6. Please indicate if you wish to share a room with another person. Include smoking, non-smoking or other preferences

7. What radio frequencies and/or tones will you be using either enroute to or at the convention

8. Please list who to contact in case of emergency

NAME: _____

RELATIONSHIP: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY & STATE: _____

TELEPHONE: _____



K40 Achievement Award Winners for 3rd Quarter

INDIVIDUAL - Roy Bottello, San Antonio REACT #3622, San Antonio, Texas has attended 11 out of 11 membership meetings, 6 out of 6 Board Meetings and 1 out of 1 Awards Dinners. He has also attended 1 out of 3 Area V Council meetings this past year.

In addition, Roy's home radios are on continuously while he monitors GMRS and the Red Cross low band radio as well as various police frequencies. If Roy is home, he is monitoring his radios.

Roy currently holds the office of Vice President. He also holds the appointed team position of Liaison to the American Red Cross. Roy coordinates all use of the REACT Comm Center in the Red Cross Headquarters.

Roy has served as Red Cross class instructor for their Communications Course, assisting another member with four classes during the past year. Roy is a member of the Alamo Area Crime Prevention Association.

Roy organized Team #3622's Communications Center at the American Red Cross and coordinates all interaction between the two organizations.

Roy volunteered for 14 public service/charity benefit events ranging from a few thousand participants and attendees up to 425,000. He volunteered over 172 man hours at these type events during the past year as well as working 20 hours at Public Relations activities.

Roy volunteered another 210 man hours for disaster service communications through assisting the American Red Cross. Roy was appointed (by the Red Cross) to the position of DAT Team Communications Coordinator. Roy spends uncounted hours at the Red Cross Headquarters for REACT. He has 24 hour access to the building, and is the person who opens it for every class or event REACT holds in the building.

TEAM - Waukesha Area REACT #4089, Waukesha, Wisconsin has been one of the most active teams on the Wisconsin Council for many years. They continue to be in the top three teams in the annual outstanding team competition. In 1992, they narrowly missed first place after being in that position for two years. In 1993, they tied for first place.

The team competition consists of points for events, projects, reports, newsletters, attendance at council functions, serving on council and international committees, working with other teams and other such items.

Waukesha Area REACT has representation at all council events. When an event is held in Southwestern Wisconsin, team members will often be the majority of those working.

Many team events are done jointly with other teams, thus fostering better relationships among teams.

While activities keep the team quite busy, monitoring does not take a back seat. The team annually monitors about 13,000 hours on CB. In addition, GMRS

is also monitored. This is becoming necessary since three of the four teams in the area are on GMRS and the fourth team has several members with GMRS equipment. Also, the GMRS monitoring assists those REACTers from other areas. In the last two monitoring challenges held by the council, the team took third place.

Waukesha Area REACT #4089 has continued to grow in these years of declining membership. Their latest new member joined as a direct result of being helped by two team members when he had car problems. All new members are being encouraged to take the International training courses on monitoring and GMRS.

Team activities are many and varied. Team members work a variety of events virtually all year long.

This is a very active and growing team. Members are always willing to help and are there when needed. Other state teams know they can ask **Waukesha Area REACT** for help and will normally always get it.

Sky Awareness Week Slated for April 24-30, 1994

Sky Awareness Week is coming again. The Fourth Annual celebration of the sky will be held during the week of April 24-30, 1994. A total of 27 separate state proclamations have been issued in the past 2 years. The National Weather Service, the National Weather Association, The National Science Teachers Association, The Weather Channel, and the Triangle Coalition for Science and Technology all support Sky Awareness Week. The trust of Sky Awareness Week 1994 is four-fold and provides opportunities for teachers, students, parents, nature center staff, television and NWS meteorologists, and others to look toward the sky. In doing so, they can (1) learn how to read the sky (first by learning cloud types and their weather, and then by forecasting from them); (2) understand sky processes (water cycle, sky colors, rainbows); (3) appreciate the sky's natural beauty; and (4) protect the sky as a natural resource.

Editor's Note: Sky Awareness Week would be a great opportunity for your Team or Council to launch your MOU with the National Weather Service.

May as REACT Month

Robert Riechel, Vice President

May 1994 will be here before we know it. As the title of this article indicates, we hope many REACT Teams receive a showing of continual support and publicity during "May as REACT Month". To help start your planning for the requests for proclamations and publicity; this article will remind you of many of the aspects of REACT that you might want to consider. Thanks to Mrs. Chris White, I am able to draw extensively from the written Keynote Address given by then Executive Director Henry B. 'Pete' Kreer at the Third Annual REACT Leadership Conference in 1978. I have forwarded a copy of his full address to Wichita. Any one desiring a copy can send a self-addressed stamped envelope to REACT International, Inc., Attn: "Kreer Article" and one will be supplied.

The Keynote Address stated "The local REACT team has been the cornerstone and greatest single strength of REACT since its inception 16 years ago. As REACT has grown and matured, it has been both necessary and desirable to establish additional REACT structure, such as state councils for the purpose of closer working relationships among contiguous teams ... better methods for communicating ideas expansion of REACT coverage ... and necessary interface with state and local governments."

Pete Kreer reaffirmed the REACT team's cornerstone role and the importance of focusing our collective energy on programs that will help all REACT teams to better perform their basic purpose - public service to the local community. The thoughts he shared had taken him 16 years to fully develop and the ideas and philosophy behind them had been an absolute fundamental cornerstone of REACT since its inception in 1962.

"As REACT grew and matured from

one individual in a snowstorm to over 50,000 equally individuals in tens of thousands of snowstorms - from a few isolated REACT teams to a nationwide ... international ... highly respected organization of autonomous but closely affiliated REACT teams ... every decision made by REACT International management and its Board of Directors - which establishes policy - not rules - has been guided by the profound common sense of those two phrases ... individual team authority and responsibility for its actions at the local level and a maximum amount of our energies applied to our central and vital mission which is public service to our communities."

Pete was sure that those in attendance would "come away knowing that central to our decisions have been the maximum possible focus of our combined energies to do the only job for which we have reason to exist as an association ... the volunteer performance of emergency service for our neighbors."

Pete was concerned about our energy crisis. "Everyone knows, or should know, that whatever other worthwhile or even frivolous activities in which each completely autonomous REACT team may elect to engage ... its only mission as far as REACT is concerned is to monitor the emergency channel 9, hopefully 24 hours a day ... and of course to provide its membership with as much training, local government liaison, publicity and expanded coverage as it can achieve to perform that mission. As far as REACT is concerned, 100% of these team energies related to REACT should be directed towards those objectives. If each of our REACT teams holds even one unnecessary meeting in the name of REACT, related to administrative or political or other subjects not aimed at fulfilling those objectives ... we have

literally wasted hours of our life blood - energy that could have been devoted to direct public service. Similarly, if REACT councils should hold even one single meeting that deals with subjects not related to coordinating team activities with state agencies ... or helping to maintain necessary communications between teams ... or assisting teams to understand and implement available optional REACT programs ... or assisting in the evaluation of new groups to provide greater coverage ... then hours of our precious REACT energy has been dissipated."

In discussing our International office, Pete stated that "Our number one job is to provide intelligent and workable programs that each REACT team may, optionally and autonomously, elect to pursue ... that will directly further the objective of increasing public service in emergencies. Our second major responsibility is to maintain and constantly develop effective and meaningful relationships with Government, and other public service organizations, that will contribute directly to the stature of individual autonomous REACT teams, and result in programs that will make their job easier and more productive. And of course our third major responsibility is to communicate, as effectively as we possibly can, in every direction ... so that the programs we create can be as clearly understood and useful as possible. This communication includes publicizing the enormously important work of REACT teams so that your efforts are appreciated and encouraged and recognized."

In closing his presentation, Mr. Henry 'Pete' Kreer concluded "The fundamental philosophy of REACT for over 15 years has been and will remain geared to the principle that a maximum of our combined energies and resources

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will be devoted to the specifics of assisting the public REACT is a program, offering responsible groups of citizens the opportunity to perform logical and needed emergency services on a local basis ... with materials, programs, experienced guidance, and support ... coordinated on a meaningful national level. That is it - that is what REACT is all about."

Mr. Fred Lanshe, Chairman of our Public Relations Committee offers the following topics for inclusion in your 'May as REACT Month' program:

1. Hours volunteered in your local community; walks, runs parades.
2. Hours volunteered to your local authorities; weather-watches, fire assistance, disaster support.
3. Hours volunteered manning REACT information booths.
4. Hours volunteered manning Rest Area SAFETY Break booths.

As a part of REACT International's overall Safety Break Program report, please forward to Wichita with a copy to the P.R. Committee the following information as soon as you have it:

1. Date(s), time(s), exact location(s) of proposed or scheduled 1994 SAFETY Breaks.
2. Breakdown showing number of travelers served, cups of coffee served, etc.
3. Complete mailing address, with contact name, and fax number for your main local newspaper.

The Public Relations Committee will continue to publicize the dates, times, and locations of all Rest Area SAFETY Breaks, they know about.

If your team or council has followed and continues to follow the principles as spelled out by 'Pete' above and you

collect the type of information suggested by the Public Relations Committee, you should have the information necessary to request and receive recognition for your REACTing during 1993. If you

forward copies of these recognitions to both Wichita and the Public Relations Committee, we will be better able to present a broader picture of REACT's overall team effectiveness.

Letter of Appreciation

October 27, 1993

Dear Friends,

I write to thank the membership most sincerely for the handsome leather attache case I received in the mail recently.

It will serve me well in my "second career" which will begin formally in six months, but I am gradually easing into already. My church Board has invited me to serve in retirement as associate pastor to seniors on a part-time, non-stipendiary basis and I have accepted. This has all come as a complete surprise to me while I have been on leave, but I am enjoying the prospect of serving in my new role as I become accustomed to the idea.

Your beautiful gift accompanied me recently for the first time as I attended a chaplains' meeting at a nearby retirement lodge and a ministerial association meeting later. It will also prove extremely useful as I begin studies in the M. Div. program at Ontario Theological Seminary in Toronto.

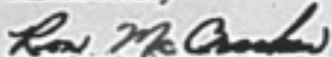
I will fill the case with REACT material next July and bring it to New Jersey so you can see it. I am very sorry I could not attend San Diego but only in the last few weeks have I finally begun to feel 100% once again. Some virus!

Thank you for all the valuable experiences as a Task Group Leader and Board Member that will benefit me in this new challenge. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with you and look forward to being of further service to REACT whenever called upon.

You have an outstanding staff to serve our members. I thank them for the wonderful cooperation and support they have given to Teams and the Board during my association with them. I was pleased to see a tribute to them in a Team or Council newsletter recently. This and other compliments from the field speaks volumes.

Best wishes as you guide REACT through a major shift in focus to assure it a leading place in safety communications into the next century.

REACTively



Ron McCracken

Editors Note: The briefcase Ron speaks of was presented to him as outgoing President.

Ron it was a pleasure working with you these past 4 years. Good luck in your new endeavors. On behalf of the board, membership and staff, we look forward to seeing you in New Jersey this coming July!



**STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
REACT INTERNATIONAL, INC.
AND
THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS**

INTRODUCTION

REACT International, Inc., was begun in 1962 after the advent of Citizens Band Radio Service in 1959. REACT teams provide supplementary, short-range communications on various radio frequencies on an organized, voluntary basis in emergencies or disasters. Local REACT teams working cooperatively with the American Red Cross and amateur radio operators have demonstrated their effectiveness and dedication repeatedly during the past decades.

Recognizing the mutual advantages of cooperative understanding, the American Red Cross and REACT International, Inc., present this expression of their mutual desire for cooperation at all levels in the public interest.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to state the terms for an understanding between REACT International, Inc., and the American National Red Cross. This document will serve as a broad framework for the understanding. Volunteer personnel of the local REACT teams may coordinate their facilities and equipment with the American Red Cross chapters. Agreements for communications support for emergency and disaster relief, inclusive of any disaster except that caused by enemy action will be made at the local level.

DEFINITION OF DISASTER

A disaster is an occurrence, such as hurricane, tornado, storm, flood, high water, wind-driven water, tidal wave, earthquake, drought, blizzard, pestilence, famine, fire, explosion, building collapse, transportation wreck, or other situation that causes human suffering or creates human needs that the victims cannot alleviate without assistance.

AUTHORITY OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

By congressional charter dated January 5, 1905, the American National Red Cross was designated the nationwide agency through which the American people voluntarily extend assistance to individuals and families in need as a result of disaster. In part, the charter provides that the Red Cross shall -

continue and carry on a system of national and international relief in time of peace and apply the same in mitigating the

suffering caused by pestilence, famine, fire, floods, and other great national calamities, and devise and carry on measures for preventing the same.

RECOGNITION

The American Red Cross recognizes that REACT International, Inc., because of the excellent geographical coverage provided by its affiliated REACT teams, can render valuable aid in maintaining the continuity of local communications during disasters and emergencies when normal communication facilities are disrupted or overloaded.

REACT International, Inc., recognizes the American Red Cross as the agency chartered by Congress through which the American people voluntarily extend assistance to individuals and families in need as a result of disasters.

ORGANIZATION OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

The national headquarters of the American Red Cross is located in Washington, D.C. National headquarters is responsible for implementing policies and regulations that govern Red Cross activities, for giving administrative and technical supervision and guidance to chapters and other national sector units within geographical jurisdictions, and for maintaining financial control of the organization.

The chapter is the local unit of the American Red Cross and is responsible for all local Red Cross activities within its jurisdiction, subject to the policies and regulations of the corporation. There are approximately 2,600 chapters across the United States.

Each chapter is responsible for developing a special disaster preparedness and relief organization composed of the best-qualified paid and volunteer staff available. The chapter disaster committee studies the disaster hazards of the locality and surveys local resources for personnel, equipment, supplies, transportation, emergency communications, and facilities.

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ties available for disaster relief. The chapter disaster committee also formulates cooperative plans and procedures with local government agencies and private organizations for carrying on relief operations should a disaster occur. Through its nationwide organization, the Red Cross coordinates its total resources for use in large disasters.

ORGANIZATION OF REACT

Established in 1962, REACT International, Inc., is an international association of local teams whose members volunteer their assistance and provide citizens with two-way radio communications in local emergencies. Each REACT team accepts the responsibility for maintaining a station or system monitoring the Federal Communications Commission designated emergency channel frequencies, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. At a minimum, the REACT teams monitor Citizen Band Radio Channel 9. This makes each team a working, active unit ready to respond to community needs for emergency communications. Each REACT team is a wholly independent entity. Each team has its own form of administration and control designed for local needs and conditions by its membership. Because Citizen Band Radio communication systems are designed for local communications, there is no limit on the number of REACT teams chartered within any given geographical area. In metropolitan areas, in particular, several teams may be needed to give adequate coverage. Although REACT is oriented towards local emergency communications needs, the international organization provides the necessary liaison between local teams and other national and international organizations. REACT International, Inc. accumulates information on new emergency techniques from hundreds of communities and develops materials and programs to help local teams.

REACT International, Inc., on behalf of local teams throughout the nation, works effectively with other national emergency organizations, including the Red Cross, the American Radio Relay League, the F.C.C., and F.E.M.A., to coordinate proper use of local two-way radio communications.

METHODS OF COOPERATION

In order that the communication facilities of local two-way radio service may be coordinated and used to the fullest advantage during disasters and emergencies, the American Red Cross and REACT International, Inc., have agreed to the following:

1. Through either its international office in Wichita, Kansas or its Government Relations Committee in Washington, D.C., REACT International, Inc., will maintain liaison with Disaster Services at American Red Cross national headquarters.

2. REACT International and Red Cross Disaster Services will work together to form the closest possible cooperation in emergency communications planning and the coordination of local radio service communication facilities for disaster relief operations.

3. The Red Cross welcomes the cooperation and assistance of REACT International, Inc., and its affiliated REACT teams to extend emergency communications planning into the jurisdictions of the chapters. The chapters may request one or more members of the local REACT team to volunteer for pre-disaster planning and during disaster emergencies.

4. The placement of REACT equipment on Red Cross chapter property may be done where mutually acceptable terms to both organizations are reached regarding space, security access, and liability. The requisite transmitters, aerials or other equipment or easements requiring public approval licensure, or permission will be addressed in local negotiations between the REACT team and the Red Cross chapter prior to placement.

All equipment placed on Red Cross property remains the property of the REACT team. The REACT equipment shall only be used under direction and authorization of the REACT team.

If clarification is required on any point, the respective national organization will resolve the issues.

5. Whenever there is a disaster or an emergency requiring the use of local radio communication facilities, the American Red Cross may request the assistance of the REACT teams nearest the scene. This assistance may include:

a. The alerting and mobilization of volunteer emergency communications personnel by a prearranged plan.

b. The establishment and maintenance of fixed, mobile, and portable emergency communication facilities for local radio communications coverage and point-to-point contact between Red Cross officials and locations, as required.

c. Provision for adequate local communications for the duration of the emergency or until substantial regular communications is restored.

The Red Cross chapters and REACT teams will be encouraged to work together in pre-disaster planning, exercises and drills.

6. The American Red Cross will furnish copies of this understanding to its chapters. REACT International, Inc., will furnish copies to local REACT teams.

AMENDMENT PROCEDURES

This Statement of Understanding may be amended at any time in the following manner:

A. Amendments requested by the President or Chairman of the Board of Directors, REACT International, Inc., shall be forwarded to the Vice President, Disaster Services, American Red Cross for review. Upon approval, the amendment shall be forwarded to the American Red Cross Headquarters for approval and signature.

B. An amendment by the American Red Cross shall be coordinated through the Voluntary Agencies, Disaster Services and then forwarded to the REACT International, Inc. Headquarters, Wichita, Kansas for review. Upon approval, the amendment shall be forwarded to the Chairman of the Board for approval and signature.

C. Once all parties have reached an agreement on the proposed amendment, the Statement of Understanding shall be changed and pages of the Statement of Understanding on which the amendment appear shall be replaced.

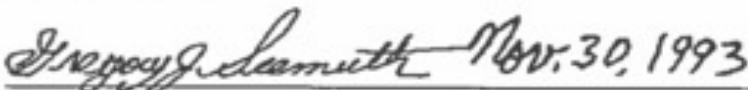
D. The amendment shall become effective on the last day shown on the amendment when signed by both parties.

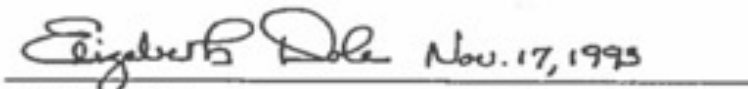
E. If both parties cannot agree to the amendment, an effort shall be made to reach an acceptable compromise. If a compromise cannot be reached, the amendment will not be made. If an amendment is rejected, by either party, the original Statement of Understanding provisions remain in effect.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This statement of Understanding shall become effective on the last date shown below when executed by both parties. This Statement of Understanding is valid and binding until termination by either party upon 60 days written notice.

SIGNATURES


Greg Seemuth Date
Chairman of the Board
REACT International, Inc.


Elizabeth Dole Date
President
The American National Red Cross

Team Events

Congratulations are in order for Vincent Kern, Unit 45 of Prince William REACT, Inc., #C109. Vincent recently received a Silver Dominion Award from the Virginia State Police Association. This award is an engraved plaque bearing the inscription "Presented with deep appreciation for special valor displayed in the support of a Virginia State Police Officer." The award recognizes Vince for the reliable support he renders to the State Police by his consistent monitoring of CB Channel 9, and it is well deserved. It compliments several Team awards Vince received earlier this year. He was selected by the Team as both MEMBER OF THE YEAR, and as MONITOR OF THE YEAR for 1992.

As an example of his dedication to REACT, Vince has monitored Channel 9 over 23,000 hours - the equivalent to 2.6 years of continuous monitoring - since joining REACT only ten years ago. To increase his monitoring capability, he recently obtained his GMRS license and now actively monitors those frequencies, too. But Vince does not limit his efforts to simply monitoring his radios. He is deeply involved in many aspects of REACT. He is the past president of Team C109; the current chairman of the Team Bylaws Committee; a member of the Team's Trailer Committee; the new president of the Commonwealth of Virginia REACT Council (CVRC) and also serves as U.S. Co-Chair of REACT International's Membership Retention and Recruitment Committee. Well done, Vince. Keep up

the good work!

REACT Metro-Dade Team #4881, Miami, Florida received a Certificate of Merit from ARRL. Presenting the award was Emergency Coordinator Mr. Norm Wade. The award is in recognition of the team's contribution as Dade County's only emergency communications/response team. Metro-Dade County RACES officer, Mr. Carl Jagielski also awarded each team member a certificate of appreciation from the Office of Emergency Management for services rendered to the community "above and beyond" all reasonable expectations.



Life Membership Corner

Here we are at the time for the January/February issue of *the REACTer* submission, I have just finished going over and answering a proposal from Mr. Greg Seemuth, Chairman of the Board, in regards to the Life Member dues structure that was brought up at the 1993 Convention in San Diego.

Greg Seemuth, upon securing the Actuarial rates for the Life Membership dues and concerned about the acceptance of the rates, contacted me asking if the Life Membership Committee would like to extend the current moratorium or to implement the actuarial Life rates as agreed to during the 1993 Convention. After contacting various Life Members for their input, the Life Membership Committee has directed the Board to continue the moratorium until such time as the Life Membership

can study and evaluate the actuarial rates and develop an alternative plan. It is the intent of the Life Members to insure the Life Membership program is financially sound and valuable to *REACT*.

There was enclosed with the actuarial table a new "Life Membership Agreement" which touched on the unattached Life Member and the proposal placed to them in regarding this at convention. There are some other items that need clarification.

The proposal was from Greg and not the full Board of Directors and to my knowledge they had not seen it at the time it had been sent to me. I have however, discussed the contents with several Life Members at random and it was also their opinion that the proposal

was out of relationship with reality at this time.

I hope to have better information for you all by the next magazine, but may not have anything concrete until after the next convention.

Please!!! Any input you may have on this please let me know at my new address below.

REACTfully yours;

R.T. Gamble, LM #226
Chairperson
Life Membership Committee
1701 - 121 ST SE, #Q-102
Everett, WA 98208-5953
Voice/Fax (206) 337-4286

100% Renewals for 1994!!!

California

#4573 Frazier Mountain REACT

Illinois

#C164 Joliet Midwest REACT

#4534 Apollo VII REACT

#4794 Sangamon County REACT

Indiana

#C653 Henry County REACT

Kansas

#2800 Manhattan REACT

Maryland

#4650 Annapolis-Arundel REACT

Michigan

#2036 Michigan Emergency REACT

Minnesota

#3844 Ram Rod REACT

New Jersey

#2416 N.J. Inter County REACT

North Carolina

#3032 Vance County REACT

Ohio

#4766 Metropolitan REACT

Rhode Island

#C102 Northern Rhode Island

South Carolina

#C491 Anderson REACT

South Dakota

#4736 Lake County REACT

Tennessee

#2021 Bristol REACT

Texas

#2683 Sweetwater REACT

Wisconsin

#4364 Fond du Lac REACT

Canada

#4664 Samaritan REACT

#4853 Stratford REACT

#4866 Don Valley REACT

#4877 REACT County Line

Congratulations to the REACT Teams listed above. These Teams renewed 100% or better with their first renewal for 1994!

FEMA Publication FEMA-243 Disaster Preparedness Coloring Book

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) now has available a new publication, a children's Disaster Preparedness Coloring Book. Produced by FEMA's Family Protection Program in cooperation with the American Red Cross, this publication has been designed for adults and children to work on together. Children can learn about fire, earthquakes, floods, tornados and other disasters, as well as how to protect themselves -- all while having fun coloring. The coloring book includes teaching points for the adult as well as the illustrations for a child to color while an adult talks to them about the messages contained in the graphics.

The Disaster Preparedness Coloring Book is part of an emphasis the Family Protection Program is placing this year

on family disaster preparedness through a pre-school and elementary school approach. It is part of the program's larger goal of getting families to take, today, the kinds of actions that make them better prepared to cope with disaster.

FEMA is distributing over 50,000 single copies of the Disaster Preparedness Coloring Book to the emergency management and fire services communities, and to national volunteer organizations active in disaster and response. As a FEMA-stocked item, the brochure can be obtained through the FEMA Printing and Publications ordering system. Use a FEMA Form 60-8, or write to FEMA, P.O. Box 70274, Washington, DC 20024, request FEMA-243.

For orders above 250, it is recommended that you have the Disaster Preparedness Coloring Book printed locally using camera-ready masters available on loan from FEMA. This will allow you to add your own logo or insignia, or to credit a local sponsoring organization or business. Space has been provided on the brochure for such information.

Even with the best efforts of FEMA and the American Red Cross, it will be impossible to furnish enough copies of the Disaster Preparedness Coloring Book to meet the needs of all your constituents. Nonetheless, FEMA and the American Red Cross are committed to reaching every American family with the family disaster preparedness message. For that to happen, State and local emergency management offices, the fire prevention community, and volunteer or community-based organizations all need to join the effort to make these publications available to the public. You are therefore urged to take advantage of the camera-ready materials offer.

Besides the Disaster Preparedness Coloring Book, FEMA can also provide

you camera-ready materials for the following publications:

Emergency Preparedness Checklist (L-154)

Your Family Disaster Supplies Kit (L-189)

Your Family Disaster Supplies Kit in Spanish (L-189 S)

Your Family Disaster Plan (L-191)

Your Family Disaster Plan in Spanish (L-191 S)

Helping Children Cope With Disaster (L-196)

Helping Children Cope With Disaster in Spanish (L-196 S)

Wildfire -- Are You Prepared? (L-203)

Emergency Food and Water Supplies (FEMA-215)

There is a great need to find ways to get people to take actions NOW that will increase their disaster preparedness. Because these publications further this goal, you are strongly encouraged to make them widely available. If you wish to use the camera-ready masters, write to the Family Protection Manager, Dr. Wayne Blanchard, in care of FEMA, Room 602, 500 C Street, SW, Washington, DC 20472. Accompanying the camera-ready materials will be a specifications sheet to take to your printer.

Editors Note: International recently received a copy of this excellent publication. The coloring book is not only full of information and activities for children but also contains a section for adults to be used in preparing for a disaster.

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

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



**WORLD BAND
RADIO**
By R.C. Watts

When traveling I've used a Sony portable radio (ICF-SW7600) and the portable reel antenna that came with it. The antenna is like the Radio Shack #278-1374. I replaced the whip clip (which slips on the telescoping antenna of the radio) with a plug to go into the radio directly. I had some good short-wave listening with it but was never quite satisfied. Radio Shack brought out the Realistic Amplified Shortwave Antenna (#20-280) so I bought one. This is a pre-amp and pre-selector in a small package. It souped up the Sony a lot. I removed the telescoping whip from the antenna unit (it was in my way) and still use the reel antenna.

Radio Miami International, 9955 KHz, has a sister station in Honduras. Radio Copan International, 15675 KHz has both Spanish and English programs. Pretty good listening! I have been hearing two new stations in the Turks and Caicos Islands; Radio Vision Christiana, 535 KHz, South Caicos and Caribbean Christian Radio, 1020 KHz, Grand Turk, KWHR in Hawaii should be on the air by now, beamed toward the Far East. Being programmed from South Bend, IN, along with WHRI.

According to Brother Stair, the Evangelist, his radio ship the M/V Fury left Boston Harbor in early November for "Northern South American waters". They apparently have ties to the group that operated Radio New York International from the M/V Sarah and via WWCR.

Hope you all had fine 1993 Holidays and Col. DX wishes the best for you in 1994.

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REACT Decal Sheet (18 logos in 3 sizes)	2 oz.	\$1.80	_____	_____
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REACT Window Decal (4 per decal - 3"x5")	1 oz.	\$1.00	_____	_____
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Letterhead REACT logo/color (25 each)	5 oz.	\$1.30	_____	_____
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Michigan Team Receives Honors From State

Bay County REACT #3301, Inc., was cited by the Michigan State Safety Commission for outstanding contributions to traffic safety during 1992. The award was presented to John Swaton, Jr., President, Bay County REACT, by Richard Austin, Secretary of State and Commission Chair, during a luncheon in Lansing, Michigan. Also attending the luncheon was Sherry Oslund, Treasurer, and Jim Penn, Board Member of Bay County REACT.

"We are pleased to honor Bay County REACT #3301, Inc., for their ongoing support of Operation Care since

its inception; provision of emergency first aid and communications including purchase of citizen band radios for State Police and U.S. Coast Guard; as well as providing transportation for personnel to and from hospitals, fire department, etc.", stated Richard Austin, Secretary of State and Commission Chair.

During his remarks before more than 200 traffic safety advocates, Secretary Austin attributed significant accomplishments during the past year in reducing traffic crashes, fatalities and injuries to the many dedicated volunteers and agencies, such as Bay County REACT.

"This honor recognizes Bay County REACT's commitment to traffic safety and the many hours of hard work involved in their life saving efforts," added Secretary Austin.

Bay County REACT is pleased that our work in Operation Care has proven to cut down on the number of accidents and fatalities during the holiday Operation Care Safety Breaks. The team is very honored to receive the plaque and to be recognized for these accomplishments.



From left to right: Jim Penn, Board Member, Sherry Oslund, Treasurer, John Swaton, Jr., President all members of Bay County REACT #3302, Inc., and Secretary of State, Mr. Richard Austin.