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The Future of REACT

by Ken Green, President

As we look to the future of **REACT** we must keep an open mind. It is also important to know from where we came. One of the problems that faces us in the next few years is the ever shrinking membership. To me this is the greatest problem facing us today. Most of us have stood by and waited for International to do something to fix the membership problem. All of our teams are too different in their service to their communities for a general publicity from International. This is where the field director can be the best source of aid to the Teams under his direction.

Most Teams know their own strengths in their communities but may lack the ability to know how to go about selling themselves in their area. This is where the field director can be of help in teaching and showing the teams how to advertise themselves locally. We all can benefit from the knowledge gained from this by sharing what works for one team with the other teams. To accomplish this the field director must be in close contact with all the teams under this direction. All too often we leave the task of getting new members to word of mouth. This has not been enough in the past and will not be enough

for us to grow in the future. Last year our team took a simple idea of a brochure and placed them in the local Radio Shacks. We have been able to bring 8 new members into our team. That is a 25% increase in our membership. If all of our teams could do this, we would not have required the last dues increase. CB's will always be an important tool in our approach to selling ourselves. There are those that say that CB is a dying form of communications. As long as there are those out there that are using CB, we will be there to help them. We must also realize that we as teams can not sit back and ignore the every growing presence of Cellular phones. Cellular can be a way we can add another tool to use. Not just the use of Cellular but the training of the use of this new form to communicate the this needs. 911 with a cellular has its own set of problems. We have experts in every form of wireless communications on our membership. We need to make sure this information gets to the teams that don't have the experts close at hand.

I am sure that I alone can't solve the problems we face, but I am certain that with the help of all of you we can turn our declining membership and bring our organization back to the status we once had.

SPECIAL NOTICE...

THE LIFE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM HAS BEEN RE-OPENED FOR THOSE MEMBERS INTERESTED IN BECOMING LIFE MEMBERS OF REACT.

AN APPLICATION THE AND RULES AND OBJECTIVES GOVERNING THE LIFE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM ARE PRINTED ON PAGES 13 AND 14 OF THIS ISSUE. SIGN UP NOW!



New Teams Chartered

#4909

REACT of Hillsborough County
Tampa, Florida (Hillsborough County)

#4910

Barstow REACT
Barstow, California (San Bernardino County)

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In Memory of

Vincent J. Kern

(REACT International #C109-00019)
(b. 6 Feb. 1934 d. 2 Sept. 1994)

Vincent J. Kern, a resident of Woodbridge, Virginia for 14 years and a member of Prince William REACT, Inc. for over 11 years, died while doing what he loved - being a REACTer. While seating up for his Team's Labor Day Coffee Safety Break on September 2, 1994, Vince suffered a fatal heart attack.

Vince served in the United States Marines Corps for 30 years, retiring as a Master Gunnery Sergeant. During the course of his military service, he was awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Letter of Appreciation Meritorious Mast (2); Viet Nam Service Medal; Good Conduct Medal; Navy Unit Citation; Republic of Viet Nam Meritorious Unit Commendation Medal; Meritorious Service Medal; and Sharp Shooter Pistol Badge. He was then employed with GANT Travel Management in Washington, D.C., Quantico Marine Base, in Downey, California. Retiring a second time, he became a REACTer for 24 hours a day, instead of his usual 16 hours a day.

He was dedicated and energetic in public service, working at local, state, and national levels to provide communications services and aid through CB and other emergency radio systems. He was a Member of Prince William REACT, Inc. #C109 and REACT International since 1983, President of Prince William REACT from 1984 - 1989. He

served the Commonwealth of Virginia REACT Council, Inc. as a Board of Directors member for 6 years: Northern Virginia District Director, Treasurer, Vice President, and President. Recently, he was elected to REACT International's Board of Directors as Secretary/Treasurer. Vince devoted literally tens of thousands of hours to his Channel 9 emergency monitoring, and directly helped thousands of the motoring public, members of the local communities and members of REACT worldwide.

Vince is survived by his wife, Peggy, a son, 2 stepsons, 6 sisters and 2 brothers.

His loss will be long felt by all Members of REACT, most particularly by Prince William REACT and the Commonwealth of Virginia REACT Council.

Editors Note: I spoke with Vince on Thursday, September 1st, while he was preparing for Team #C109's Labor Day Coffee Break. Vince displayed great excitement in working this event, as all REACT events with his fellow members and in helping travellers. And since the Convention, Vince had shown great enthusiasm in his new role as a Field Director. I for one, know he would have made an exceptional director, if he was only given the opportunity. Vince, you will be missed by all.

OOPS...

100% Team Renewal Missed...

During the renewal cycle for 1994, International listed in the magazine, those REACT Teams which renewed 100% of their members. Our apologies to Michigan Emergency Patrol, Inc. #2036, Michigan for not including them in the magazine.

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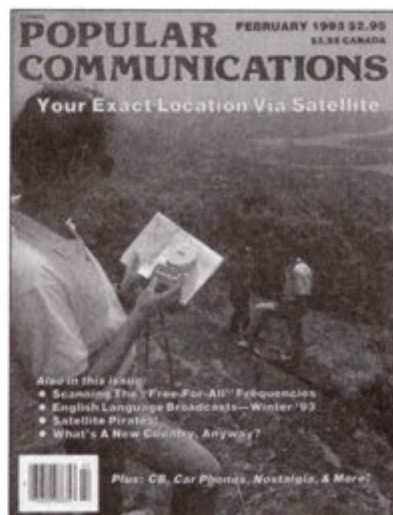
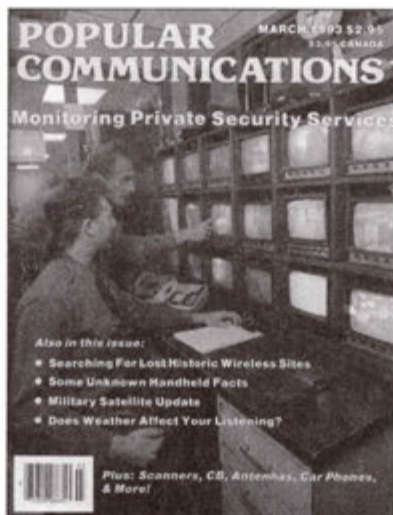
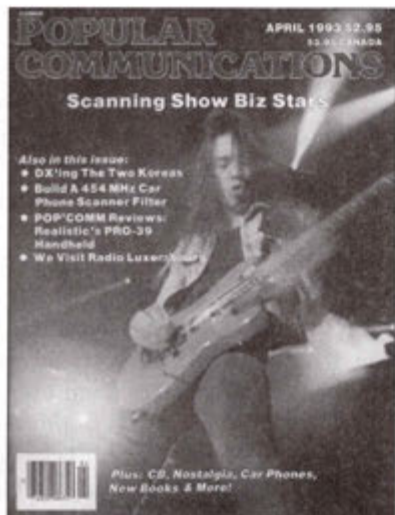
*Note with the unexpected loss of Mr. Kern, all REACT members, teams and councils within his district should mail all correspondence to REACT International, Inc., directly. The office personnel will forward the information on to the remaining Field Directors.

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History on Safety Breaks Needed...

Jim Koritzky, P.O. Box 2272, Bangor, ME 04401-2272 is gathering information on Safety Breaks. Jim is requesting that Teams or Councils who have performed Safety Breaks in the past, or are currently doing so, to please send him, at the above address, your experiences. Let's keep it to 25 words or less, preferably type written.

Calendar of Events

November 5, 1994 - Texas State Council Meeting. For further details please contact a council representative.

November 12, 1994 - Maryland State Council of REACT Teams, Inc. annual meeting. For further details please contact a council representative.

November 24-25, 1994 - REACT International, Inc. Headquarters will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

December 1, 1994 - Deadline for article and advertising submission for the January/February issue of the REACTer.

December 23, 1994 - REACT International, Inc. Headquarters will be closed for the Christmas Holiday.

December 30, 1994 - REACT International, Inc. Headquarters will be closed for the New Year's Holiday.

February 1, 1995 - Deadline for article and advertising submission of the March/April issue of the REACTer.

February 24-27, 1995 - Disaster '95 - The 16th Annual International Disaster Management Conference to be held at the Hyatt Orlando, in Kissimmee, Florida. For further details please contact the Disaster '95 Registrar - Florida Emergency Medicine Foundation at 3717 S. Conway Rd., Orlando, FL 32812-7607 or call (407)281-7396 or (800)766-6335.

July, 1995 - Mark your calendar now for the 1995 REACT International Convention to be held in Omaha, Nebraska. Further details will be provided in upcoming issues of *the REACTer* as well as Team Topics.

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!

The REACT Reward

by Jeanne Stewart
Augusta REACT Team #C222

SACRIFICE

There is nothing in this world more uplifting than watching people help one another and better still, doing it yourself. For every person who looks for reasons not to support a civic/health organization, there are millions who do so at great sacrifice. Volunteering is a legacy people can leave to their children. It not only gets people's minds off themselves, but it makes them aware there are two factions in this world: the givers and the takers. It doesn't always take an emergency or a disaster to bring out the best in people, but some of the better stories come out of the experience. REACT volunteers are privileged to be rewarded by looking into the eyes of the human spirit and helping out when needed.

FIRST AID STATIONS

So far this year, the team has served in the St. Patrick's Day Festival at the Augusta Riverwalk, the International Rowing Regatta, the Day in the Country Concert, the Alzheimer Walk and the Red Cross Beach Bash, and in October we will participate in the Red Cross National Disaster Drill. Members served at First Aid stations at the Bluegrass Festival, Lock and Dam Jam, Riverwalk 4th of July Celebration and even the Hephzibah, Georgia Country Fair and Parade. This team owns a 22 ft. recreational vehicle, completely equipped for local and minor First Aid Emergencies.

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HISTORY

Augusta REACT, Inc. was started in November of 1969, with just six members. The land at the present location of the headquarters building was purchased in March of 1975. The building was built by volunteers and donations from CBers and local supporters. In June of 1976, the building on Mack Lane, in South Augusta was dedicated. The REACT Team headquarters building is used for many events including a weekly public auction to help raise money to support the team expenses.



REACT delegates tentatively listen during the Open Board Meeting at the 1994 REACT International Convention held in Somerset, New Jersey.

Training Registration Form

Subject 101 Monitoring 201 GMRS (Includes FCC Rules)
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Fill in your full name and address, your REACT Team number and REACT member ID number (as found on your REACT membership card). Enclose \$7.00 for each training module you request and \$2.50 for each GMRS FCC Rules Part 95A you request.

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

Name _____
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Address _____

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Team #

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Field Director Nomination and Election

by Jacki MacDonald, Chairman

The 1994 Election Committee met on July 16th for the purpose of counting the ballots for Field Director. Those counting the ballots were Jacki MacDonald, Field Director, Greg Seemuth, At-Large Director, Al Hanger from Virginia, Don Perry from Oregon, Azella Tingler from Virginia and Ned Smith from Pennsylvania. The four

candidates, Jim Bear, Dick Gamble, Ken Green and Vince Kern were invited to witness the counting of the ballots.

There were 186 ballots received at the time the ballots were picked up on the morning of July 16th. Of these there were nine spoiled ballots. All spoiled ballots had incorrect information on the ballot envelope. Three ballots were

received late and were not counted.

The results of the election were 96 votes for Ken Green, 91 votes for Jim Bear, 81 votes for Vince Kern and 71 votes for Dick Gamble. There was also one abstention. The vote count and results were posted at the hotel immediately following the ballot counting. The ballots received are listed in their entirety on page 9.

The Great Nipple Peak Range Fire

by Jerry Jennison
San Angelo REACT, Inc. #3387

San Angelo REACT, Inc. #3387, San Angelo, Texas received a call on GMRS from a station located in Coke County at the fire scene that the REACT command post was needed for communications. The call came at 5:00 p.m. and the come center, manned by four REACTers went 10-8 at 5:30 p.m. This is not the first time that we had been called to help on this type of disaster and usually its a few hours or one day maximum. This was not to be the case this time. We went into the field on June 28th and worked the fire communications until July 3rd at approximately 10:00 p.m., when the comm center returned to our building. During this disaster we had 15 members of SARI working, with a total of 225 man hours expended.

Now as to what we did...

1. Provided the command post for the Texas Forrest Service.
2. Handled all communications for fire, TFS, U.S. Customs (air to ground) Coke County Sheriff Office (fire scene).
3. Worked partial communication for Salvation Army.
4. Handled some amateur traffic.
5. Provided cellular phone for reporting and resource gathering.
6. Provided lights for staging area and electricity for several other uses.
7. Provided mobile generator.
8. Helped with fueling of several pieces of equipment.



Board Election Ballot Results

Alaska	Illinois	Minnesota	Ohio	Utah	Canada
3462	C164	C143	C199	C505	2060
3629	C250	2538	C282		2627
	C310	3844	C322	Virginia	4270
Arizona	2947		C480	C053	4853
C176	3310	Missouri	2102	C109	4866
C320	4534	C336	2601	C142	4877
C514	4714		4869	C332	
	4794	Mississippi		C360	United Kingdom
California	4815	C204	Oklahoma	C490	5005
C040			2620	C705	5036
C071	Indiana	North Carolina	3916	2037	
C075	C100	2457	4892	2356	Spoiled Ballots
C125	C149	2632		2871	C256
C128	C261	2802	Oregon	3968	2240
C373	C653	3032	4824	4746	2314
C475	C692	4634		4751	2718
2517	C697		Pennsylvania	4896	3412
2609	2446	Nebraska	C445		3625
2642	2468	C663	C546	Vermont	4493
3253	3329	2467	C604	2424	4820
3425	4298	2750	2141		4862
3429		2983	2647	Washington	
3431	Kansas	4894	3410	C582	Late Ballots
3973	4208		3850	2869	C057
4111	4801	New Hampshire	3920	3366	4577
4573		3265	4221	4677	4729
4873	Kentucky	4105		4700	
	1583		Puerto Rico	4784	
Colorado	4775	New Jersey	4027		
2648	4874	4259	4539	Wisconsin	
4817		4601	4566	3866	
	Maryland	4651	4863	4089	
Connecticut	C022	4895		4365	
4886	2106		Rhode Island	4730	
	2388	Nevada	C102	4813	
Florida	2515	4096		4879	
C610	2833		South Carolina		
2194	3203	New York	C614		
3720	3252	2202	3153		
4778	3781	2215			
4891	4650	2371	Texas		
	4673	3250	C101		
Georgia	4816	3609	C446		
4882		4552	C622		
	Maine	4834	2988		
Iowa	4094	4878	3022		
3038			3622		
4748	Michigan		4047		
	C256		4098		
	3653		4747		
	4848				

The ballots received late were post-marked July 16th or July 17th. The ballots had to be received by July 16th.

It was nice to see so few spoiled ballots. It would have been nicer though to have no spoiled ballots and to have all teams vote. These are your representatives to the Board. It is important for all teams to vote. Let's have a much larger number of votes in 1995.

1994-1995

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REACT Speaker's Packet

by Bonnie Zygmunt, Chairperson
Training and Development Committee

Does everyone in your area know what REACT is or what your Team does? Do you have someone from your Team attending the meetings of your local clubs and public service groups and giving presentations? Are most of your members willing to become the Team's public speaker? Is the Community you service throwing unlimited funds your way?

If you answered No to any of those questions, it's now been made a little easier to do that needed REACT presentation.

The Training & Development Committee has produced overhead slides that explain just what REACT does. You will get a script that does with the slides, informing the speaker when to change the slide and giving helpful hints to customize the talk to your circumstances. There is also a short booklet describing the best ways to set up the room for the talk and methods to make it interesting for your audience.

There are two styles that are available. If you wish to have the transparencies made locally, but the "paper slide packet". This packet is less expensive, but involves more preparation before it is ready for a presentation. The paper slides are to be used to copy onto overhead transparency film. Take the paper slides to an office supply store or print shop and ask to have them made into transparencies. This packet costs \$5.00 with shipping.

The second style is the "transparency packet". Here the REACT office staff will print the slides on transparency film, with an eye-catching color border, and you will be ready to do your first presentation as soon as the package arrives in the mail. You only need to write into your speech facts that pertain specifically to your Team or Council. This packet costs \$10.00 with shipping.

You will receive 8 slides, 10 pages of script and a 6 page booklet of helpful

speaking tips. The slides cover subjects such as the 501(c)(3) IRS status - REACT's voluntary, non-profit, public service objectives - association with VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters) - REACT's President's Volunteer Award - and the valuable community resource REACT is and the many worthy programs REACT Teams initiate.

This presentation can be used for all kinds of talks, from public awareness, to membership recruitment, to fund raising. You only need to modify what you say while the last slide is being shown on the screen. Want to add some extra pizzazz? Take snapshots of your Team in action and have them enlarged and copied onto transparency film too.

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Now, if only we could come up with a cure for "Stage Fright"!!!



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The Winners of the K40



Achievement Awards

Photo: **Roy Botello** (right) of San Antonio REACT #3622, Texas accepts the 1993 K40 Achievement Annual Individual Award from Mr. John Boyer (left) of K40 Electronics.



Photo: George MacDonald (left) accepting the 1993 K40 Achievement Annual Team Award on behalf of **REACT Services Diversified #4813**, Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin from Mr. John Boyer (right) of K40 Electronics.

NOTE:

The K40 Achievement Awards Program is open to all Members, Teams and Councils. Please submit that special member, Team or Council who you feel has deserves this special award.



REACT International, Inc.
Application For
LIFE MEMBERSHIP
1994

Date _____ Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip _____

Phone (home) _____ (_____) (Work optional) _____ (_____)

Team # Team Name _____

Date Joined Team (day/month/year) _____ / _____ / _____ **NOTE: If the two year requirement is fulfilled through membership in more than one REACT Team, please attach a letter of explanation stating which Team(s) and reason for change. (Example, moved, etc.)**

Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____ (Minimum age 18 years)

Method of Payment

Check Money Order Payment Plan Visa MasterCard

Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Name on Credit Card _____

Dues Enclosed

Full Life Membership Dues - \$525.00
 Minimum First Payment - \$ 52.50

I give my permission to publish my address _____ (_____) and my phone number _____ (_____) in the Life Membership Directory and other official REACT publications. **(Please initial each area).**

I understand that acceptance as a Life Member of REACT International, Inc. does not release me from my financial or other obligations of membership in my local team. I shall be entitled to all privileges of Life Membership in REACT International wherever as long as I live and my conduct is consistent with the purposes and ideals of the REACT organization.

Signed _____ Date _____

APPROVAL OF THIS IS RECOMMENDED BY APPLICANTS TEAM
(Requires signatures of two Team officers other than applicant)

Signature _____ Signature _____

Title _____ Title _____

Date _____ Date _____

Payments made are considered as a DONATION until the Life Membership is paid in full within prescribed period There are no refunds of partial payments.

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REACT INTERNATIONAL, INC. APPLICATION FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Life Membership

Here are the requirements for membership in this prestigious REACT group.

REACT Team members who after a minimum of two (2) years of participation and service wish to demonstrate their dedication and support for the ideals and objectives of the *REACT* program have the opportunity to become Life Members in *REACT* International. Life Membership has been established as a special class of membership in *REACT* International, Inc. An applicant for Life Membership must have been an active *REACT* Team Member for two (2) years or more. The applicant must be recommended by his Team and must submit Life Member Dues equal to twenty-five (25) times the current Regular Membership dues that apply at the time of application. Life Members will have all the rights and privileges granted to the Regular Membership category.

Several key policy interpretations should be noted with regard to Life Membership in *REACT*.

1. The Life Member must meet all Team membership requirements (duties) to remain an active member of his or her local *REACT* Team or when transferring to another Team. The Life Member must pay local Team dues (if such are required) but is granted free membership in *REACT* International for life.
2. The individual's recognition as a Life Member in no way is in conflict or contradiction of the concept that *REACT* Membership is primarily through membership in a local *REACT* Team.
3. A Life Member is supportive of all concepts of the *REACT* program including the desirability of membership only through affiliation with a local *REACT* Team.
4. In those situations where an individual Life Member is located where a Team is not active, or becomes geographically separated from his or her *REACT* Team for whatever reason, in keeping with the goals and ideals embodied in Life Membership, he or she is to try to become affiliated with the appropriate local Team. Or where no local Team exists, to organize a new Team in fulfillment of his or her dedication to the ideals of *REACT*.
5. Life Membership in *REACT* International shall not prohibit the individual from participating as a member in more than one *REACT* Team should such membership be acceptable to the Teams concerned. Payment of additional *REACT* International dues should not be required for this purpose. However, the computer record and membership card for the Life Member shall be issued through only one *REACT* Team. Furthermore, multiple membership in more than one *REACT* Team shall not be utilized to give more than one Team vote at *REACT* Team Council meetings or meetings of *REACT* International, Inc. No individual regardless of their multiple affiliation shall be entitled to more than one vote at any *REACT* meeting.
6. A Life Member, who, for whatever reason, is not a member of a *REACT* Team may monitor the Emergency Channel as a *REACT* monitor. However, a Life Member must not interfere in any way with the operations or activities of officially chartered *REACT* Teams. The Life Member must realize that the local *REACT* Team is the basic entity in the *REACT* organization. The Life Membership should also realize that *REACT* was founded on the Team concept and that its strength lies in adhering to the principle of local Teams meeting local needs.
7. Life Members may participate in Council activities only as official Delegates of their Team or under conditions that Councils of Teams may decide.
8. Life Members will be issued Life Member numbers in ascending order according to the date of receipt of Life Member application and dues.
9. Even though an individual has been recognized and identified as a Life Member of *REACT*, that membership may be revoked for cause should that individual bring discredit upon the *REACT* name.
10. One objective of Life Membership is to develop a form of obtainable recognition for all *REACT* members who have the dedication and devotion to the *REACT* objectives and ideals. Life Membership functions at *REACT* International Conventions, State Council meetings and other broad gatherings of *REACT* membership shall bring credit upon this group and a recognition of their achievement.
11. The use of Life Memberships as Council or Team awards for long and dedicated service is encouraged. The presentation of Life Membership to Past Presidents or key leaders who are moving out of the area would recognize their past efforts on behalf of the Team and would also serve to encourage continued participation in the *REACT* program by the new Life Member wherever he or she may go.

Sunspot Cycle 23



No Contact

by William M. Riley, N3SNU
Prince Georges County
REACT #2106

According to an article on page 23 of the QST magazine, July 1994, we are nearing the end of Sunspot Cycle 22, and Cycle 23 may begin in early 1996. This is "good news and bad news" for legitimate CB users.

The end of a sunspot cycle and beginning of a new one, as measured by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Space Environmental Service Center, is the low point in sunspot activity. This low activity is bad news for amateur radio operators, who depend on sunspots to increase ionization of the upper atmosphere and promote long-distance skywave communications. Licensed amateurs look forward to the increased DX communications possible during the peak of the next sunspot cycle, while griping about the current poor conditions.

The current poor conditions for hams are good conditions for legal CB operators. Less skip on our 11-meter band means less interference with legitimate local communications. Reading the QST article in that context, we have until about 1997 to enjoy the current low levels of skip before the next wave of really bad interference rolls in. For those of you who haven't been around long enough to remember, the last peak (actually more like a mesa) was from about 1989 to 1992. The average cycle is about 11 years.

Enjoy the lull!

Break Channel 9!

There's a wreck on I-95...
A mugging outside Potomac Mills...
There's a deer struck - it's still alive!
There's a child lost in Dale City hills...

Break for REACT!

There's a fire off Davis Ford Road...
We need more ice at Coffee Break!
A trucker's lost about half his load...
Come to Council Meeting - there's much at stake...

Break for Unit 45!

How do you make By-Laws?
Should you "10-7" when you pause?
Who can write the F.C.C.?
Can a Team be just three?
Should the Secretary take full notes?
Just how should we count these votes?
Why is International in a flap?
Who wants to next wear this cap?

Come in REACT!

Try again - he's always on.
I can't believe he's really gone...
I know I heard him way out there,
I'm sure I heard him on the air,
I've got to get him - I know he cares...

Break Channel 9...

Break Channel ...
Break...

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In memory of Vincent J. Kern, Sr.
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REACT International, Inc. Member #C109-00019
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Bay County REACT #3301, Bay City, Michigan participated in the Area 9 Special Olympics Summer Games on May 14th, 1994. The 225 athletes, from Bay and Arenac counties, participated in 17 different sports. Michigan Special Olympics are celebrating their 25th year in both summer and winter games.

Bay County REACT #3301 provided communications between the medical teams and each event. If there was a need for medical attention the medical team was sent to the athlete instead of taking the athlete to the medical team. Bay County REACT has been involved in both summer and winter games for the past eight years.

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Subject: Comparative Gain Testing of Citizen's Band Antennas
Ref: Rye Canyon Antenna Lab File #870529

We have completed relative gain measurements of your model 1000 antenna using the K40 antenna as the reference. The test was conducted with the antennas mounted on a 16' ground plane with a separation of greater than 300' between the transmit and test antennas. The antennas were tuned by the standard VSWR method. The results of the test are tabulated below:

FREQUENCY (MHZ)	RELATIVE GAIN (dB)	RELATIVE POWER GAIN (%)
26.965	1.30	35
27.015	1.30	35
27.065	1.45	40
27.115	1.60	45
27.165	1.50	41
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27.265	1.75	50
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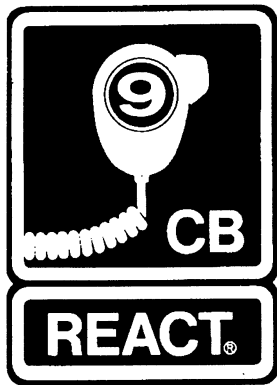
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The Public Relations Committee wishes to thank the Convention Committee and all the contestants for their superb entries. And we also wish to thank Mr. Ron McCracken, Canada and our judges, Mr. Ronald Schendorf of Union-Middlesex REACT, New Jer-

sey, Ms. Patricia Klimkewica, a first timer from Saginaw REACT, Michigan and Ms. Michele Schendorf, another first timer of Union-Middlesex REACT, New Jersey for their difficult task, in some instances, of picking out the winners.

The Newsletter Contest

Category A - Teams with 3 to 10 members

1st Place Kettle Moraine REACT #3866, Wisconsin

Category B - Teams with 11 to 35 members

1st Place Seattle REACT #2503, Washington
 2nd Place San Fernando Valley REACT #C183, California
 3rd Place Waukesha Area REACT #4089, Wisconsin

Category C - Teams with 36 and more members

1st Place San Antonio REACT #3622, Texas
 2nd Place Greater Philadelphia Emergency Radio Team #2647, Pennsylvania

Category D - Councils

1st Place Southern California REACT Council
 2nd Place Wisconsin Council of REACT Teams
 3rd Place Illinois REACT Council

Entries received for Category A

Kettle Moraine REACT #3866, Wisconsin

Entries received for Category B

Waukesha Area REACT #4089, Wisconsin
 Seattle REACT #2503, Washington
 San Fernando Valley REACT #C183, California
 Space Coast REACT #4577, Florida
 Brazoria County REACT #2988, Texas

Entries received for Category C

Greater Philadelphia Emergency Radio Team #2647, Pennsylvania
 San Antonio REACT #3622, Texas

Entries received for Category D

Southern California REACT Council
 Illinois REACT Council
 Wisconsin Council of REACT Teams

Advertising Contest

Category A - Teams with 3 to 11 members

No entries received

Category B - Teams with 12 to 25 members

1st Place Harrisburg Area REACT #C445, Pennsylvania

Category C - Teams with 26 or more members

1st Place San Antonio REACT #3622, Texas

Category D - Councils

1st Place Wisconsin Council of REACT Teams

Entries received in all Categories listed above were

Harrisburg Area REACT #C445, Pennsylvania
 San Antonio REACT #3622, Texas
 Wisconsin Council of REACT Teams

Placard Contest

The top three winners were:

Saginaw REACT, Inc. #3653, Michigan

Southwestern REACT of San Diego County, Inc. #C475, California

Commonwealth of Virginia REACT Council, Inc.



Eugene Goebel Award's Presented at the 1994 REACT International Convention

The Eugene Goebel Award is the highest tribute REACT's Board of Director's bestows upon recipients. Two such awards were presented at this years convention.

Past At-Large Director, Hall Duncan, Ph.D. is shown receiving the Eugene Goebel Award. Presenting the award on behalf of the Board of Directors is Greg Seemuth, Retired At-Large Director and Chairman of the Board.

The inscription reads as follows:

In recognition of his unselfish contribution of time, skills, and efforts to Guide the effort of REACT while serving as an At-Large Director and as the Boards representative on the Public Relations Committee. His dedicated efforts and devotion to REACT has resulted in the Board of REACT International, Inc. awarding its highest commendation.

THE EUGENE GOEBEL AWARD

Presented July, 1994



Past President and Chairman of the Board, Ronald W. McCracken is shown receiving the Eugene Goebel Award. Presenting the award on behalf of the Board of Directors is Greg Seemuth, Retired At-Large Director and Chairman of the Board.

The inscription reads as follows:

Ronald W. McCracken

In recognition of his unselfish contribution of time, skills, and effort to lead REACT through changing and challenging times while serving as President and Chairman of the International board, International Director and leader at all other levels of the REACT organization. This dedicated volunteers service has benefitted all REACT members and is therefore worthy of the highest commendation.

THE EUGENE GOEBEL AWARD

Presented July, 1994



Rights and Responsibilities of a Volunteer

by Pam Hedden, Co-Chairperson
Membership Recruitment and Retention

Volunteers have the RIGHT...

To be treated as a co-worker, not just free help. To a suitable assignment with consideration for personal preference, temperament, education and skills. To a well-planned program of training and supervision. To a continuing education on the job and the follow-up to initial training...training for a greater responsibility. To sound guidance and direction. To promotion and a variety of experience through advancement to assignments of more responsibility. To be heard, to have a part in planning, to feel free to make suggestions, to have respect shown for an honest opinion. To recognition in the form of promotion and rewards, and through day-to-day experience of appreciation.

Volunteers have the RESPONSIBILITIES...

To be sincere in the offer of service and believe in the value of the job to be done. To be loyal to the organization and the people with which they work. To maintain the dignity and integrity of the organization with the public. To understand the job they undertake. To carry out duties promptly and reliably to the best of their ability. To be willing to learn and participate in orientation, training programs, and to continue to learn on the job. To accept the guidance and decisions of the coordinators of volunteers. To maintain a smooth working relationship with others and stay within the bounds of the volunteer placement description. To contribute to

supervision by self-evaluation and a willingness to ask.

The rights of the volunteer may be seen as the responsibility of the organization and the responsibility of the volunteer as the rights of the organization.

The organization is responsible for making sure that volunteers are treated well. And the organization benefits by getting extra effort and good quality work from the volunteer.

NEXT...

RECOGNITION

-- WHO NEEDS IT?



The REACT International, Inc. Board of Directors taken during the 1994 REACT International Convention. From left to right is Al Hansel - At-Large Director, Jim Bear - Field Director and Chairman, Dick Gamble - Field Director and Vice President, Ken Green - Field Director and President and Vince Kern - Field Director and Secretary/Treasurer.

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

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REACT International Again Listed In The CFC

REACT International, Inc. is listed in the 1994-1995 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), for the second year in a row.

For those members who are federal employees, or know of one who is looking to contribute to the CFC this year...REACT is now on the list.

REACT International, Inc. is listed in the National Unaffiliated Organizations (International) Section under identification number 1324.

Though International is listed, if you or a friend, as a federal employee, are already giving to a local REACT Team or Council, please continue to do so. In no way does International want to place any unwanted burdens on those Teams or Councils who are receiving funds.

However, if you're looking to contribute to a worthy cause this upcoming year, remember REACT. The monies received from contributions will go into programs and services geared with you, the members in mind.

So, when the drive starts later this year...remember **REACT #1324!**



Pictured is George MacDonald (left) receiving a Special Recognition from Greg Seemuth, Chairman of the Board Retired (right). George has been instrumental over the years in developing the REACT program, participating in behind the scenes convention database(s) and more specifically, in bringing REACT International Headquarters into the 21st century through his vast knowledge of computer programming.

The inscription reads as follows:

REACT International, Inc.

gives

Special Recognition

to

George MacDonald

for his outstanding years of service.

Such service has greatly enhanced

REACT's ability to serve its members and hence the public.

Therefore, it is with great pride and pleasure that this Distinguished Recognition is awarded.

Presented July, 1994

Donations Deserve Recognition

Wayne Magill - PageMaker 5.0 Upgrade

Donated the desktop publishing program upgrade PageMaker 5.0 to REACT International, Inc. This program is utilized in producing the magazine, Team Topics mailings and all the forms REACT utilizes.

Washington State REACT Council - \$78.50

Donated their Council Reimbursement for 1993 back to REACT International, Inc. This donation will be put to good use.

REACT International sends a special thank you to those listed above in receipt of their valuable donations.



Dick Cooper, Chairman of the 1994 REACT International Convention hosted by Garden State REACT Council, Inc. addressed the convention attendees during the banquet on Thursday evening. REACT Teams and Councils were well represented by the looks of the banners on display.



WORLD BAND RADIO

By R.C. Watts

If the REACTer gets to you in time next issue, tune 11, 092.5 KHz on October 14, 20:00 - 23:00 UTC. Radio St. Helena, 1548 KHz, will be relayed by Cable 8 Wireless. I missed it the last couple of years, but heard it during the first shortwave relay while at the 1990 Monitoring Times Convention in Knoxville, Tennessee. I'll be at the Monitoring Times Convention in Atlanta this year, October 21 through 23rd. The main attractions that I will enjoy will be the door prizes and the tours of the Delta Airlines facilities.

The HCJB-ANDEX address in the U.S.A. is now P.O. Box 39800, Colo-

rado Springs, CO 80949-9800. Membership in the Andes DXers (ANDEX) is now \$6.50 U.S., which includes a one year of "ANDEX International" newsletter (6 issues annually) and return postage on QSL cards.

Clandestine radio stations don't usually broadcast in English. The breakaway Trans-Driest region of Moldova, which used to be the Moldavian S.S.R. of the former U.S.S.R., does have an English program. Try for it on 15,290 KHz at 20:30 UTC. Radio Moscow World Service follows at 21:00.

KCBI, Dallas, Texas has changed call letters to KAIJ. On 9,815 or 15,725 KHz most of the time with Dr. Gene Scott, the Evangelist. I heard Wings of Hope, 9,960 KHz, from South Lebanon near the Israel border, broadcasting Dr. Scott at 02:05 UTC. Radio New Zealand International has been booming - in on 6,100 KHz at 11:00 UTC. Also Radio Australia on 9,580.

Col. DX sez 73 and gud DX!

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Letters to the Editor...

Dear REACT:

I would like to inform REACT International of the recent passing of Mr. Bert Jones, International Life Member #327. He will be sadly missed by Woodstock District REACT, Inc. Team #2341, as he was the last charter member of the team which formed in 1972.

Bert served as Chief Communications Officer and as a Board of Director for more than 20 years, and, in fact, was directing the team's operations until a few days prior to his death. He was known to many police and civic organizations in the southern Ontario region for his thoroughness in coordinating our team's activities, and his reliability as a quality service provider.

In recognition of Bert's leadership and dedication, his unit number is being honorably retired, and the Bert Jones Commemorative Award will be established. This annual award will be open to any Canadian REACT member who emulates Bert's positive qualities. Contact our team for more information regarding the criteria for this award.

An indication of the level of Bert's contribution to our team is illustrated by the fact that it will now require four individuals to execute Bert's former duties.

REACTively,

Charles Vince, President
Woodstock District REACT, Inc. #2341
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Woodstock, Ontario Canada N4S 8X8



Dear Gentleman:

I am 88 years old and severely disabled by asthma and arthritis and live on a small social security income.

Last winter, February 8th, I had a very severe attack of asthma and the two inhalers and the nebular I use did not help and my portable oxygen bottle went dry. I have a 23 channel Lafayette Telset 1023 base in my bedroom. Having no phone, in desperation I managed to get to the base and turned it on and began calling for help on both Channel 9 and 19. In only about 2 minutes I had someone answer and between gasps I was able to give them directions to my house. In approximately 5 minutes the Wallhill Volunteer Ambulance Corp. arrived, got me on oxygen and transported me to the hospital where I was diagnosed as having pneumonia and spent 3 weeks there.

I was never able to find out who saved my life by answer my CB call for help. I surely would have died that night without that call being answered. The only activity I am able to engage in is in using and listening to my CB. About 2 weeks ago my CB gave up the ghost. I have no knowledge of electronics but have a continuity tester and a Micronte 22-201V test meter. I checked everything possible that I could and the result was that I knew as much about what was wrong with it now as before I started. I have tried to find someone locally who might be able to repair it if possible, but have been unsuccessful and I do not have the means to buy another one. Do you by any chance know of someone who is a member of REACT who might be able to tell me what is wrong with it...or repair it for me? I would mean a great deal to me. As it operates on both 100 or 12 volts. I was able to take it with me in my pickup when I went to the doctor or after groceries because I am afraid of needing help on the road and would not be able to get any without the CB.

I would also like information on how to become a REACT member as I enjoy listening to the CB radio and have been able to get help to several people at various times because of accidents and illnesses. I know what it means to need help and be able to get it.

Very truly yours,

Clifford Burgett
Wallhill, New York

Editors Note: If any REACTer out there knows what might be the problem with Mr. Burgett's radio, please contact International. And a "special thanks" to that REACTer who was monitoring the night that Mr. Burgett needed help.

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**Due to changes in
several councils on
contact names and
addresses, Head-
quarters is re-
printing an up-to-
date listing of
REACT Council
contacts.**



Pictured is the **REACT** Life Members in attendance during the **1994 REACT International Convention** hosted by **Garden State REACT Council, Inc.**

These Life Members really have something to smile about!

The Board of Directors, after considering the recommendation of the Life Membership Committee, has re-opened the Life Membership Program to those wishing to become **REACT** Life Members. An application form for Life Membership is printed on page 13 of this issue of *the REACTer*. Please read the requirements for this program on page 14.