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Greetings to everyone celebrating International REACT Month, sponsored by the dedicated volunteers of REACT International.

Every day, across the country, thousands of radio emergency associated communications teams answer pleas for help. These individuals provide a crucial connection between people in need and often life-saving support. Americans rely on the knowledge and skill of these expert volunteers, who gather information and quickly contact the necessary assistance. All of us owe a debt of gratitude to our nation's network of radio emergency teams for their fierce commitment to serving others. As the first link in a chain that can make the difference between life and death, America's radio emergency teams have earned our lasting respect and heartfelt appreciation.

Best wishes to all for a memorable month.

This Greetings, from the President of the United States, salutes the numerous efforts of all of our REACT members everywhere, giving of their time and talents in assisting their communities.

This includes all the help at community events, the millions of hours spent monitoring the various frequencies for emergencies and roadway assistance, time and effort put in during the natural and man-made disasters.

Keep up your GREAT efforts.

*Fred J. Lanshe,
Public Relations Committee Chair*

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REACT International, Inc.'s 1995 Early Bird Renewal Contest Winners



The following is the list of REACT Teams and the prizes that they have won in the 1995 Early Bird Renewal Contest. We would like to thank the manufacturers who donated the prizes as well as congratulate those Team who have won.

Antenna Specialists Company donated three (3) each M-711 Magnet Mount and MONR-51 Mag Mount Scanner. The REACT Team's winning these prizes were: 4743 in Florida; CO22 and 2833 in Maryland; 4601 in New Jersey; and C322 and 2373 in Ohio.

Firestik Antenna Company donated nine (9) FS-4 White "Firestik" II Antennas. The winning REACT Team's were: 3252 in Maryland; 2036 in Michigan; 2802 and 4675 in North Carolina; 2200 in Northern California; 3410 and 3412 in Pennsylvania; 4452 in Puerto Rico; and 4047 in Texas.

Shakespeare's donated 318-GBT and 5070. The winning REACT Team's were: C081 in Ohio and C015 in Pennsylvania.

K40 Electronics donated Model 7 CB System, K40 White Antenna, K40 Black/Gold Antenna, and K40 Antenna. The winning REACT Team's were: 2101 in Ohio; C445 and 2785 in Pennsylvania; and 4896 in Virginia.

REACT International, Inc., also awarded several REACT materials to the following Teams: 3027 in Canada; 2947 in Illinois; 4298 in Indiana; 4845 in Ohio; 2620 in Oklahoma; 2083 in North Carolina; 4747 in Texas; and C360 in Virginia.

Each REACT Team renewing was eligible to receive up to seven (7) in chances in this years contest. In all, a total of 2877 chances were accumulated between all the renewing REACT Teams. A whopping 111 prizes were awarded for the 1995 Early Bird Renewal Contest. REACT International would like to thank all Teams for their early renewal.

Don't forget Headquarters is already gearing up for the 1996 Early Bird Renewal Contest!

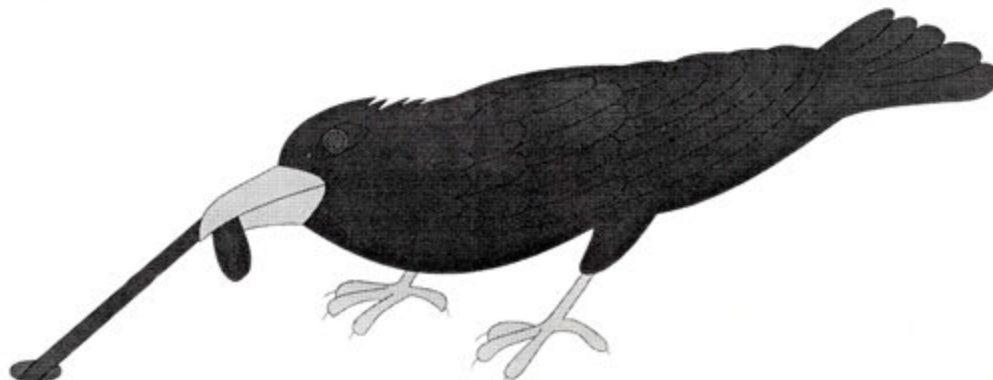


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Calendar of Events

August 1, 1995 - Deadline for article and advertising submission for the September/October issue of the REACTer.

August 4-6, 1995 - Wisconsin Council of REACT Teams Campout in Merrimac, Wisconsin. Contact any Council board member for directions and details.

August 6, 1995 - Ohio REACT Council meeting. For meeting time and location please contact Gerald Jarvis, President at 45651 TR 285, Coshooton, OH 43812 or phone (614) 829-2514.

August 19, 1995 - Arizona State Council meeting. Hosted by Cochise REACT. For further details please call (602) 459-7700.

September 9-10, 1995 - Kentucky State REACT Council meeting and convention to be held at the Walnut Meadow Campground, Berea, Kentucky. Contact your council representative or Tom or Sue Currie at (502) 935-5113 for further details.

October 1, 1995 - Deadline for article and advertising submission for the November/December issue of the REACTer.

October 14, 1995 - Wisconsin Council of REACT Teams meeting. Contact any Council board member for directions and details.

October 21-22, 1995 - Commonwealth of Virginia REACT Council, Inc., meeting - location TBA. For further details contact a council representative.

November 5, 1995 - Ohio REACT Council meeting. For meeting time and location please contact Gerald Jarvis, President at 45651 TR 285, Coshooton, OH 43812 or phone (614) 829-2514.

November 18, 1995 - Arizona State Council meeting. Hosted by Maricopa REACT. For details call (602) 943-4723.

November 24-25, 1995 - Headquarters will be closed in recognition of the Thanksgiving Holiday Season.

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

December 24-25, 1995 - Headquarters will be closed in recognition of the Holiday Season.

Editors Note: Mail your meeting dates to Headquarters for inclusion in this column.

GMRS Radios Really are Affordable

"An 83 year old man has been missing since Friday morning. Can REACT help in the search for him?"

It was now Sunday afternoon. The past two nights in Toronto had been near the freezing point. REACT Lake Simcoe, 50 miles from the scene, received the call. They immediately contacted REACT Don Valley in the east end of Tornoto by using GMRS*.

REACT Don Valley quickly mustered five members to undertake the search. Two of the five members were returning to Tornoto after providing communications for a Red Cross Fund-Raising Car Rally.

A REACT Lake Simcoe member was returning home from a Sunday drive when he heard the messages. Using the repeater, he advised that he would contact the other REACT Lake Simcoe members at the mall. Since, some of the Lake Simcoe REACTers were in the midst of a Children's Safety Display at a mall. He would help dismantle the display so other Team members could head to Tornoto to assist in the search.

GMRS was permitting clear communications over distances of 75 miles through the repeater. Just a year before, with only their CB capabilities, the Teams likely would not have handled this assignment at all. Certainly, they would have been far less efficient then because they did not have the new GMRS radios.

Three REACT Don Valley mobiles were dispatched to three probable locations where the elderly gentleman might have headed. They had a detailed description to work from and recent pictures were on the way via the other REACTers.

As they moved south toward Tornoto with the photos, the REACTers on separate routes each watched for a hitchhiker. Twice, one Don Valley searcher called with possible sightings. Despite the distance, the GMRS radios enabled him to confirm instantly that these were not the man.

One REACTer looked at his watch to determine how many hours of daylight remained for the search. Suddenly, across the radio came the message, "I think I have the gentleman in my car." He fits the description right down to the emblem on his baseball cap. He was stiff and sore, but otherwise little the worse for wear."

In a city of 3 million, REACTers had succeeded in locating the missing man after just one hour of searching. REACT personnel had gone about their task in a trained, disciplined manner.

They had caused no inconvenience or apprehension to anyone through misidentification. It was one extremely professional piece of work. Police were amazed when contacted and advised that the elderly gentleman had been located so quickly.

"We're still in shock ourselves at just how effective the search was," commented Ward Kennedy, President of REACT Don Valley.

"We're proud as punch to think that we helped them form the REACT Don Valley Team, and that we combine forces when the need arises," smiled Bruce Evans, President of REACT Lake Simcoe.

"They helped us get our GMRS radios. Today those radios may well have

helped us save a life. Certainly, they prevented that elderly gentleman from spending another night away from home in that cold. Boy, does that give you a lot of satisfaction as a REACTer!"

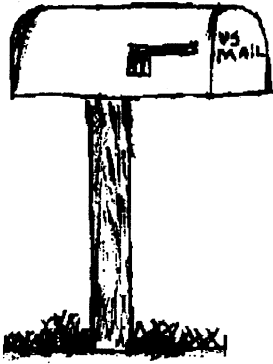
Is your Team still thinking about getting GMRS? Act fast! These two Teams know now. You can't afford to be without GMRS.

You are really convinced that these GMRS radios are affordable; when the missing man was your DAD!

(*GMRS is a U.S. service. Many Canadian REACT Teams utilize a similar service in their work.)



Have you
sent in your
K40 Achievement
Award Nomination
Form?



Keep sending
your articles
in for the
REACTer.

New REACT Teams Chartered

- #4925 REACT Team Cullman County
Vinemont, Alabama (Cullman)
May 1, 1995
- #4926 REACT Butler County
El Dorado, Kansas (Butler)
May 12, 1995
- #4927 West Brighton REACT
Staten Island, New York (West Brighton)
May 16, 1995
- #4928 St. George County REACT
Diego Martin, West Indies
May 31, 1995

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newest REACT Teams listed above!

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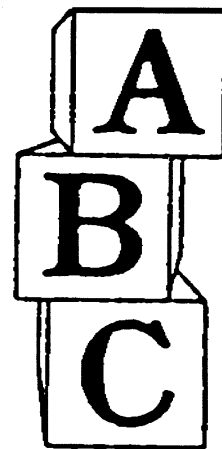
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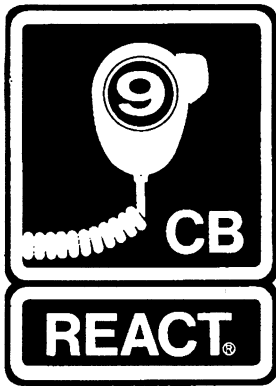
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Early September
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Publicizing REACT

The Year End Report of the Public Relations Committee 1995

NEVER SAY NEVER

Never is the right word to say when it comes to quitting, because never quitting is a personal philosophy winners practice every day. It takes discipline to instill this attitude...but it's worth it. Beat the odds and keep your Team striving for excellence.

NEW ...The volunteers of REACT International, Inc. recently received a greetings, from the President of the United States, for "MAY is International REACT Month," saluting your efforts throughout the year including; monitoring the long hours, service to your communities and assistance given during times of natural and man-made disasters, wherever REACT volunteers have been involved.

NEW ...COBRA Electronics formed a partnership with REACT, promoting Highway Safety Goals. Including an equipment donation and having Mr. Norman Goldberg as one of our At-Large Directors. WELCOME ABOARD!

Roy "Dusty" Rogers, Jr. continues to be our "Official Spokesperson to the World."

K40 continues to be a major supporter of the REACT Program through Ads, Monetary Awards, Equipment donations and PR Clips to all of their distributors and CB Newsletters nationwide.

Popular Communications Magazine continues to run the REACT ad along with articles from members of the PRC, on a regular basis.

NEW ..."POPULAR MECHANICS" Magazine, now runs an ad for REACT.

Mr. Gordon West, WB6NOA and Mr. Gene Hughes continue to include REACT in their 1995 articles and publications put out through RADIO SHACK.

The APCO Bulletin, Convention Issue, carried the "Honorable Mention" Article, "When Seconds Count... REACT Is

There." This was a carry over from the Public Safety Essay Contest sponsored by APCO and Radio Resource Magazines (over 10,000 circulation worldwide).

NEW ...The PRC announced a "Net Increase Membership Contest;" where everyone wins.

NEW ...The PRC working together with the other committees compiled the membership monitoring and activity stats along with the Amateur stats for generating additional outside support. This shows that REACT volunteer members save the U.S. Taxpayers over \$20 Million Dollars a year, through their monitoring and activities efforts.

A PRC member, while on vacation in Florida, set up a REACT display, at an RV Camporee of over 3,000 attendees and gave out highway safety information. This was a successful venture and another golden opportunity.

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The Newsletter, Advertising and Proactive Contests continue to grow. These contests promote the REACT program together with the people who are the Self-Starters, Movers and Shakers and the Go-Getters throughout the program at all levels.

NEW ...Members of the PRC are assisting with dues reduction for the membership.

The PRC works with the REACT Convention Committees annually.

The PRC continues to work with many REACT State Councils to promote membership growth through various media: BBS Networks, Ads in Ham Magazines, Amateur Radio Testing, Articles in magazines, Packet and PR

Displays. The PRC, THANKS the following councils: PENNSYLVANIA, TEXAS, Southern, Central and Northern CALIFORNIA, MARYLAND, KANSAS, VIRGINIA, COLORADO, KENTUCKY, WISCONSIN, ILLINOIS, FLORIDA, WASHINGTON, DISTRICT of COLUMBIA, and CANADA. If your State REACT Council is doing recruiting, please let us know, so we can include your state with the next list.

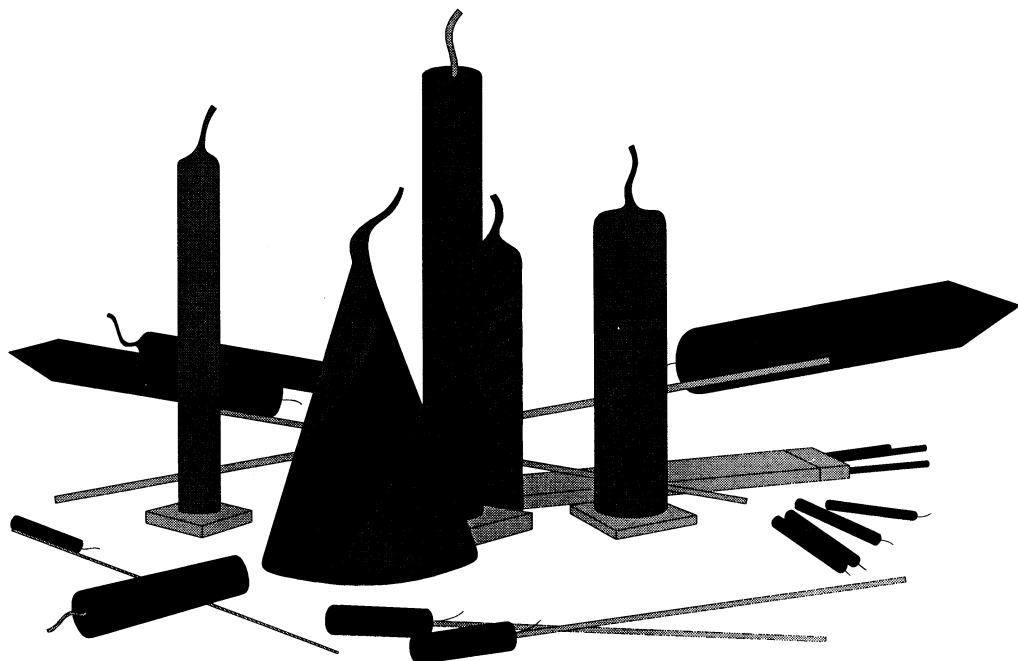
Members of the PRSG and REACT International are working together to be the "Watch Dogs" trying to protect the GMRS, which many of the Teams utilize.

Providing "**cutting edge**" information for the Teams and Councils with a common sense

business approach, through the various articles and "May is..." articles in the REACT'er Magazine.

NEW ... The PRC is working on more corporate sponsors.

Be a Winner. Think Big and your deeds will grow, think small and you'll fall behind. Success begins with a person's will... It's all in the state of mind. If you dare not, you'll never know, you've got to think high to rise; You've got to be sure of yourself before you can win the prize. Life's battles don't always go to the stronger or faster man... But sooner or later the man who wins is the one who thinks "**I CAN.**"





Pearl Harmon
REACT International
Office Manager
Wichita, Kansas

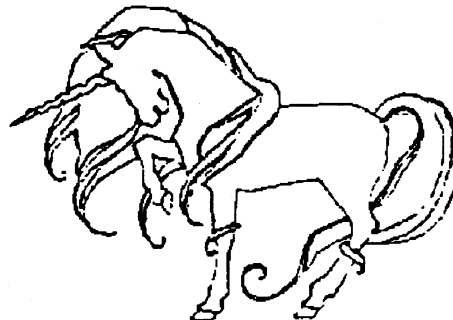


Hi, my name is **Pearl Harmon** and I will be the Office Manager for REACT International after Deanne Earwood leaves on July 28th. I am aware of how Deanne was a real asset to REACT and it will be a challenge filling her position. I am thankful that Lynda Stafford, REACT International Secretary, will be assisting me through this transitional period. I am a different type of person from Deanne, but I will do my utmost in fulfilling the duties of this position.

I originate from a small Kansas town called Leon. My major from Butler County Community College was Executive Secretary. My experience ranges from typesetter for newspapers, program secretary (a secretary for nine different departments), publication coordinator for a junior college, and a marketing assistant for an engineering firm. I am married to a wonderful man, Van, and I have an energetic 11 year old daughter, Sarah. I enjoy cross-stitching and going to the drive-in with my family. If I can be of any assistants to you, please fax, drop a line, call, or come by and see me at the REACT International Office in Wichita.

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REACT Gets It's Second Face Lift

*By Deanne Earwood
Office Manager*

As you may recall, members of Sedgwick County REACT #4208 recently gave International a new face. That is a couple of coats of paint. Well, REACT is in the process of getting it's second face lift with the recent hiring of a New Office Manager.

As most of you that I have met and spoke with are aware, my husband Glenn has worked in the aircraft industry for over 15 years. At the beginning of this year he received the news of a promotion to Satellite Manager of the company's Atlanta shop. This is a great opportunity for him and for our family. Although, with most great opportunities...there have to be a few draw backs! It means that I will be leaving REACT at the end of July.

However, International has hired my replacement, Pearl Harmon. I am confident that you will give Pearl the support that you showed me when I was starting out. For those of you attending the convention this year in Omaha, you'll get the opportunity to meet Pearl. But if you're not at the convention, I know she'll continue with my philosophy..."my door (or phone) is always open, just drop by or call."

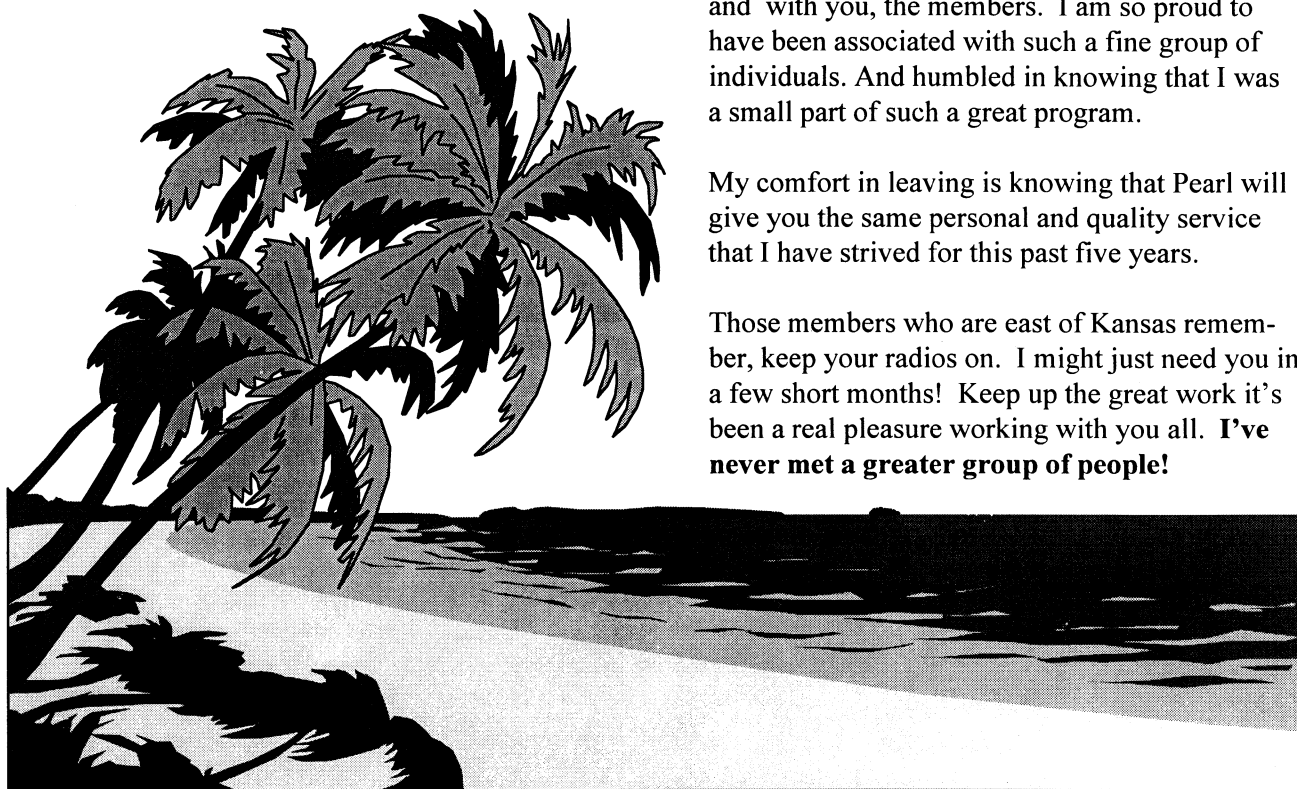
It doesn't seem possible that only five short years ago I was meeting the members for the first time in Spokane. Now, five years later I'll be saying goodbye to the members in Omaha.

I know when I say good-bye, at the end of this month, it will be like saying farewell to family. We've been through a lot together. You've taught me the proper usage of CB and GMRS radios, seen me through the arrival of my youngest child, helped me recover from the loss of my father, and supported my office through thick and thin. For this I'll always be thankful and forever have great memories of my time with REACT

and with you, the members. I am so proud to have been associated with such a fine group of individuals. And humbled in knowing that I was a small part of such a great program.

My comfort in leaving is knowing that Pearl will give you the same personal and quality service that I have strived for this past five years.

Those members who are east of Kansas remember, keep your radios on. I might just need you in a few short months! Keep up the great work it's been a real pleasure working with you all. **I've never met a greater group of people!**





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REACT International Introduces Norman D. Goldberg At-Large Director

Norman D. Goldberg is a resident of Des Plaines, Illinois. He is the National Marketing Communications Manager for Cobra Electronics Corporation for the past two years.

He has been in the Marketing Profession since 1971. He has owned just about every kind of CB and Base Station ever made. "I love to buy them, tweak them up, and resell them to friends," said Mr. Goldberg.

He joined the Chicagoland SSB Group in

1969. "I purchased my first tube type CB radio from Allied Electronics here in Chicago in 1974. It was an EF Johnson Transtar 7 Channel Radio that did not work very well. I have been a CB user every since that first radio. My FCC license number was KCP 2203 and I claimed the handle 'Musky Hunter' as a result of numerous fishing trips with my Dad to Hayward, Lac Du Flambeau, Manitowish Waters, and several other fishing spots. I think my Dad and I fished every lake in Wisconsin, still I know that would have been impossible." said Mr. Goldberg.

The reason he wanted to be an At-Large Director for REACT is to bring REACT and COBRA together. REACT International and COBRA have similar goals, such as:

- Serving the Public
- Common Equipment
- Desire to Improve Products
- Desire to Inform Public about Advantages of CB's
- Desire to make a difference in the everyday lives of people like YOU and ME!



Norman D. Goldberg at the CES Show in Las Vegas proudly displays REACT International, Inc. Yearly Monitoring Report.

It Pays to Monitoring...

K40 Donates Model 8 CB's to REACT

As you are aware, K40 Electronics has been heavily involved in the REACT program for several years. K40 sponsors the K40 Achievement Awards program where members, REACT Teams and Councils are acknowledged for their involvement and support of the REACT program. K40 Electronics just went one step further by donating 50 CB radios and antennas to assist the REACT program.

In January of this year, K40 Electronics contacted Headquarters with the proposal of donating 50 CB radios and antennas to REACT Teams. The stipulation was that K40 Electronics would donate the radios and antennas to teams chosen by REACT International.

The Membership Committee decided that the only possible way to choose 50 REACT Teams out of all teams worldwide would be by the number of monitoring hours teams provide within their communities and for special events and activities.

As you are aware, each year International requests through the renewal cycle, that REACT Teams complete a monitoring form. These were the forms utilized in deciding which REACT Teams were to receive this valuable donation from K40 Electronics.

First International separated the monitoring forms into three separate categories: 3 to 10 members, 11 to 35 members, and 36 and more members. The first two categories were given 22 radios and the 36 and more member category received six of the donated radios. (Note: We only received six monitoring forms from the teams with over 36 members).

Within each of the separate categories the top monitoring hours reported were the recipients of the radios and antennas.

Below is the listing of those REACT Teams who monitored the most hours for 1994 and of course forwarded their monitoring forms to International. Congratulations and keep up the great work!

REACT TEAMS WITH 3 TO 10 MEMBERS

<u>Team Number</u>	<u>Team Name</u>	<u>Hours Monitored</u>						
4416	Ohio	26,508	4027	Puerto Rico	9,210	4878	New York	4,272
C422	Colorado	23,056	C250	Illinois	8,840	3621	Wisconsin	4,250
C053	Virginia	15,374	2189	Maryland	8,736	4907	Washington	4,056
4899	Indiana	12,000	4760	Canada	8,266	2833	Missouri	4,016
4839	Nevada	11,500	4853	Canada	7,885	3202	Maryland	3,889
4845	Ohio	11,177	4902	Indiana	7,380	4886	Connecticut	3,858
3625	Connecticut	10,500	4892	Oklahoma	7,040			
C032	Indiana	9,896	4895	New Jersey	4,453			

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**REACT TEAMS WITH
11 TO 35 MEMBERS**

<u>Team Number</u>	<u>Team Name</u>	<u>Hours Monitored</u>
4891	Florida	115,440
3252	Maryland	81,556
C604	Pennsylvania	56,137
C282	Ohio	29,393
C109	Virginia	28,825
4879	Wisconsin	25,032
4208	Kansas	24,907
4758	California	24,151
4816	Maryland	22,980
2341	Canada	21,000
2037	Virginia	17,788

C336	Missouri	17,540
4848	Michigan	17,520
C320	Arizona	16,952
4748	Iowa	16,790
2804	North Carolina	15,566
2736	Nebraska	14,437
2240	Connecticut	13,254
4397	Oregon	12,392
4776	Florida	12,302
C149	Indiana	11,933
4759	New Jersey	11,904

**REACT TEAMS WITH
OVER 36 MEMBERS**

<u>Team Number</u>	<u>Team Name</u>	<u>Hours Monitored</u>
C575	Ohio	23,159
C373	California	13,254
C446	Texas	9,855
2036	Michigan	6,147
2373	Ohio	4,526
4903	California	1,535



REACT International, Inc. 1995 Amateur Radio Stats

REACT has numerous members serving proudly in the Amateur Radio community which include many in ARRL management positions. Public Service Through Communications. They are as follows:

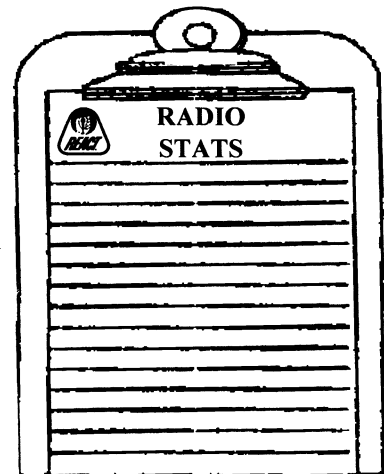
A Vice-Director of the Western Gulf Division in Texas; a Section Manager in Texas; a RACES Officer for the City and County of Dallas, Texas; a World Renown Amateur Author and Spokesperson; County Emergency Coor-

dinators in Texas, Pennsylvania, Maryland, New York, and Hawaii; REACT Teams and a REACT Council that sponsors "Special Service Clubs" and Amateur Radio Clubs in Texas, Pennsylvania, California, and Florida.

18 Extras, 17 Advanced, 21 Generals, 46 Techs+, 183 Techs, 22 Novices, and three Basics in Canada. For a total of 310 people in Amateur Radio in the US and Canada and this is a 95% response to our survey.

126 in ARRL, 103 in ARES, 94 in RACES, seven in MARS, nine in SATERN.

(Compiled by Fred Lanshe for the Public Relations Committee and Amateur Committee.)



REACT Metro-Dade Programs

By Albert J. Egger, P.E.

REACT Metro-Dade Communications/Rescue Team #4881 was conceived in the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew. Members of the civil defense community in Dade County, Florida recognized the need for a highly trained, self-sufficient, and highly mobile "jump team" that could deploy to a disaster site within hours of an event. This Team would established emergency communications for first response and damage assessments of stricken areas.

In the three years since Hurricane Andrew, Team #4881 has conducted almost 100 specific missions: many of which resulted in the saving of life and limb. Cooperating with other agencies (Red Cross, Civil Air Patrol, and local law enforcement agencies), Team #4881 acts as the Metro-Dade County Office of Emergency Management's Disaster Communications Assistance Team (DCAT). The Team is available on a 24-hour basis if called to action by the Director of Emergency Management, Ms. Kate Hale.

With 24 highly trained members, the Team is structured into four elements:



1. Strike Team

This element is available to ground deploy at the direction of the County RACES Officer to an incident area to perform communications and damage assessment duties. This element is highly mobile and is comprised of a convoy strength of eight members in four jeeps.

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Strike Team Commander Roger Guajardo is setting up a camp for a Field Training Exercise somewhere in the Florida Everglades.

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2. Special Service Team

This element provides specialized services including aviation and marine support. All aircrew are also Civil Air Patrol Officers and all boat operators are certified by the Florida Game and Freshwater Fish Commission. Other duties of this six member element include inter-agency liaison and media relations.

3. Support Team

This element provides logistic and communications support for the deployed elements. This six member element provides home-county EOC staffing, HF and packet communications, and reinforcement/resupply duties. Health and welfare messages/status reports are coordinated through this element to team families and loved ones.

4. Emergency Monitoring Team

This four man element provides 24 hour monitoring of Emergency Channel 9 to relay distress messages to appropriate response agencies. During local disasters, this element coordinates 11 meter traffic with freight carriers transporting relief supplies.

Communications capability is extensive with most members holding licenses in one or more radio services including Amateur, GMRS, Business Band, marine, CAP, and Radiotelephone Operator Permits. Because of Dade County's multi-ethnic composition, the Team is fluent in English, Spanish, French, Italian, and Russian.

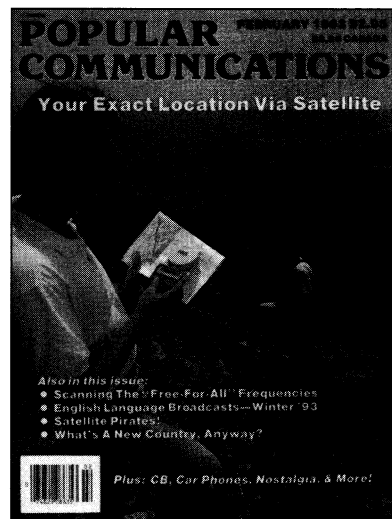
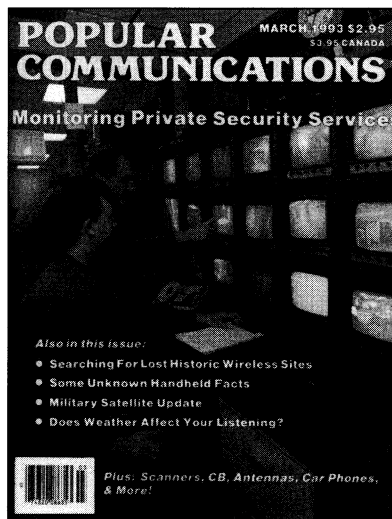
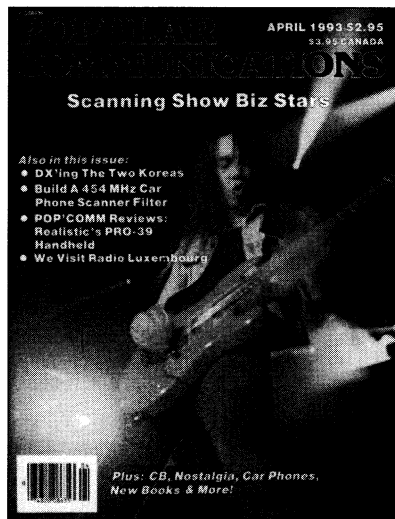
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K40/REACT INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Submission Category is: Individual Team Council (Mark one only)

Nominee's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Day Phone Number (_____) Evening Phone Number (_____)

Team/Council Name _____ Team #

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INDIVIDUAL NOMINATION: (Based upon 12 calendar months prior to nomination.)

Nominee monitored _____ hours, CB _____ hours GMRS, _____ Other (_____)
Nominee attended _____ Team meetings out of _____
Nominee attended _____ State Council meetings out of _____

TEAM NOMINATION: (Based upon past 12 calendar months prior to nomination.)

Team held _____ membership meetings, and averaged _____ members attending per meeting,
out of _____ total members registered (during quarter preceding this nomination).
Team Delegates attended _____ State Council meetings out of _____ held.

Team has has not a scheduled monitoring program for one or more of:
 CB-9 CB GMRS Other (specify) _____

Hours: _____ (during report period)

Team volunteered at _____ Public Service Events (Parades, etc.)
_____ Charitable Benefits (Bike-a-thons, Special Olympics, etc.)
_____ Disaster/Emergency Operations

Please attach itemized list of events, including names, places, dates, man hours, # members working,
and explanation of services provided by the Team. List everything team participated in.

Please read the information on the back of this form before completing. Sign below as required to certify the information submitted with this nomination form is true to the best of your knowledge.

Signature of Officer #1

Signature of Officer #2

Signature of Other Team/Council Officer

Title

Title

Title

Date

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Date

Send completed form to:
Include any/all required
copies and documentation)

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K40/REACT INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

General Rules:

1. Nominations with more than five (5) pages of supporting documentation must include one (1) original and four (4) photo copies when submitted. All copies should accompany this form and contain the nominee's name to identify them.
2. Nominations will be considered in the quarter in which it is received at the address listed on the form. Quarters for judging will be:

<u>Quarter</u>	<u>Deadline for receipt</u>
1st	April 15th
2nd	July 15th
3rd	October 15th
4th	January 15th

3. Failure to follow any of the requirements on this form for the specific category being nominated, will void the nomination.
4. All supporting documentation must have the name of the individual/team/council mentioned in order to be considered by the awards and recognition committee judges. Any documentation not meeting this criteria shall not be forwarded to the judges. The Awards and Recognition Committee Chair has final authority over the suitability of all documentation.
5. **NOTE:** In addition to monitoring, other activities to be considered when making this nomination may include civic endeavors, civic projects, uncommon accomplishments, and public safety assistance.

Individual Nomination:

1. List the accomplishments for which this individual is being nominated in date sequence, including month, day, year.
2. Nomination form must be signed by two (2) Team Officers from the nominee's team, other than the nominee his/herself.
3. List the Nominee's participation history in the team for the previous 12 calendar months.
4. An Individual's nomination may be submitted in any quarter, but may only win ONCE during any award year.

Team/Council Nomination:

1. List the accomplishments for which this tea/council is being nominated in date sequence, including month, day, year.
2. Team Nominations must be signed by two (2) Team Officers from the nominated entity, and by one officer from a Council, Sub Council, or Team (if no council exists). **EXCEPTION:** This requirement is waived if there is no council, sub council, or team in the same state/province as the entity being nominated.
3. Council Nominations must be signed by two (2) Council Officers and by one Team Officer familiar with the council's qualifications for nomination.
4. A Team's nomination may be submitted in any quarter, but may only win ONCE during any award year.
5. A Council's nomination will only be awarded once per year.

Hands Across the Border

*By Gary D. Holliday
Kettle River REACT #4907*

It was one of those times when you could see your breath clearly in the crisp, cold air of the Northeastern Washington night. On Feb. 8, 1995, the Kettle River REACT #4907, a newly organized REACT Group, was deep in the middle of their monthly meeting. Suddenly outside of the Central Base Station, a pickup truck and a small Japanese vehicle ground to a halt in the gravel parking lot of the Orient, Washington store.

REACT members rushed outside to see two young women emerging from the vehicles. They excitedly explained that they had come upon a pickup sitting in the middle of the road just a short distance from the meeting place. There was an elderly gentleman inside the truck having some seizures or muscle spasms. They said they knew REACT was connected with an emergency group, so they brought him to the store.

A couple members opened the pickup door and saw a gentleman in the throws of some type of spasms. As all of the #4907 REACT members are current in CPR and First Aid, a few of them immediately began

administering to the needs of the patient. Upon completion of vital sign checks and medical history questions, it was determined to call a close by Fire Department EMT member. It was discovered that the man's name was Bruce and he was from Grand Forks, Canada. He had been in Spokane, Washington and was on his way home, when he began to experience muscle spasms and could not drive. A suggestion was made by the EMT that Bruce be taken back to Canada where he could get medical attention by his own physician located at Grand Forks Hospital. One of the members volunteered to drive Bruce's pickup back to Canada, while two others would take Bruce back in a car.

As the scene was unfolding outside, inside one of the members was on the telephone with Bruce's wife, Joan, to find out the name of Bruce's doctor at Grand Forks Hospital. Joan thought it would be better if she and her son transported Bruce to the hospital as they were more familiar with the surroundings and could save time. It was decided that they would meet the REACT group on the Canadian side of the border. Although Bruce was already on

his way back to Canada, the member who spoke with Joan relayed the detailed information by utilizing Channel 9 on the CB Radios. The pickup had no CB (Bruce swore to put one in later) so the communication was between the base station and the car that followed the pickup.

The REACT members turned Bruce over to Joan and their son at Christina Lake in Canada, wished her Godspeed, and headed back to the meeting in the U.S. The REACT meeting was again resumed and everyone laughed with relief and commented that this was the longest and most exciting meeting they had ever had.

Later on, a thank you card was sent to Kettle River REACT along with a nice donation by Joan explaining that Bruce had been stabilized at Grand Forks Hospital then transported by Ambulance to Trail, B.C. Hospital. Bruce underwent extensive tests but the doctors are still baffled by the attack he incurred in Orient that night. Bruce has since been released from the hospital and is doing fine.



Members Rally in Time of Disaster

By Bob Kaster, President
Oklahoma County REACT #2620

Writing this is going to be a difficult task. As everyone knows, a truck bomb exploded in front of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in downtown Oklahoma City on the morning of April 19, 1995. When I heard the sound, and the shock wave hit my house, I ran upstairs and turned on my scanner to find out what had happened. The frequencies were jammed with frantic damage reports and calls for emergency equipment of all types, police, ambulance and fire. The best description I can give is "Pandemonium." Most of the Oklahoma County Team members called me within a few minutes to find out if we were going to be activated and, if so, when and where to report.

Shortly thereafter, members from three central Oklahoma REACT Teams were mobilized under the supervision of the City of Moore Emergency Management Department. A general message was sent out to all members who have alphanumeric pagers, advising them where to report. Others, who did not have that equipment, received the information from my wife, if they called my house, or when they contacted

Gayland Kitch, Director of Emergency Management for Moore. We took the Oklahoma County Team's trailer and activated a mobile communications center beside the Oklahoma County Emergency Management (OCEM) Mobile Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Some members remained with the trailer, others of us ended up at the main Command Post at the Southwestern Bell Telephone "Bell One" building. By the time we arrived at Bell One, there were many other agencies set up and operating communications centers, protective and work

clothing disbursement lines, and food serving tables for all those who were involved in the disaster in any manner.

Initially, our assignments were limited. Gayland Kitch maintained a post in the OCEM Mobile EOC and transmitted weather information to the main Command Post for relay to the Oklahoma City Fire Department Mobile Command Post. Subsequently, we decided that our trailer was not needed, and we took it back to its regular storage location. Eventually, we helped construct certain types of search and recovery items.

On Thursday, the second day, a member of the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Department asked if we could take over the manning and control of several exterior perimeter access points and relieve some of their deputies for other duties. We began with five locations, but one of these was eliminated when we decided that we could exercise the same access control with four key intersections. At one point, we were asked to block access to an area where a small building

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had collapsed and a radio tower was in danger of falling. After that danger was minimized, we went back to our basic assignments. We continued working these four intersections around the clock until Sunday, April 23, when we reverted to 16 hour shifts. Eventually, we were able to open up all but two intersections, these being entry points to a sensitive command post/communications center being operated by Federal and State investigative and enforcement agencies. We continued to maintain these positions, working 16 hour shifts, until we were released by the Sheriff's Department at approximately 5:00 p.m. Friday, May 5, 1995.

I guess the thing that moved me the most was the attitude or willingness of people wanting to help. I saw license plates and departmental insignia from all parts of the country. It was hard to imagine how ready they all were to give of themselves or their belongings. All that

was necessary was for the word to go out that certain skills or types of equipment were needed, and one almost had to jump out of the way of volunteers or donors.

People who couldn't do anything else would come by and drop off food, refreshments or almost anything one could imagine if they thought it would help the workers. Some of these were people who looked like they weren't sure where their own next meal was coming from, but they brought what they could - almost apologizing because it wasn't more. These weren't volunteers or workers from organizations such as Red Cross, Salvation Army, etc. - just people who wanted to help or to be part of the activity.

I have read (as I am sure many of you have) letters from workers who came in from other states, amazed at the hospitable way they were treated and taken care of by

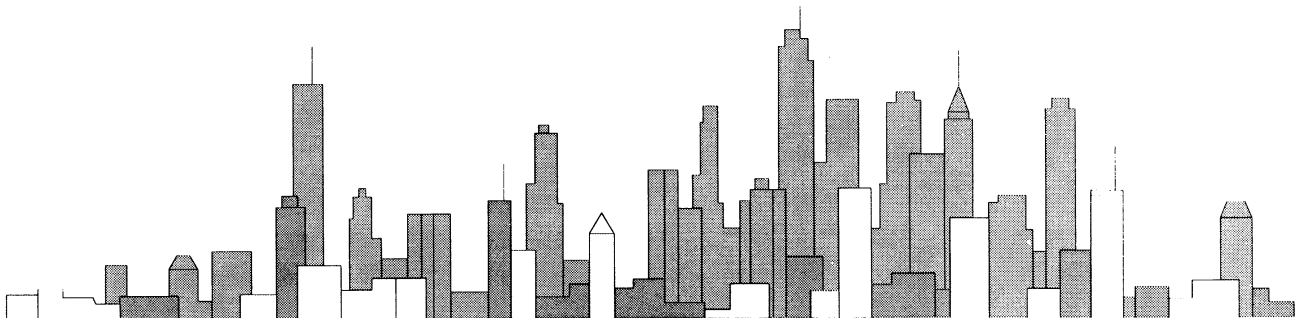
Oklahomans. All in all, it makes me proud that I am an "Okie," even if I am transferred from somewhere else.

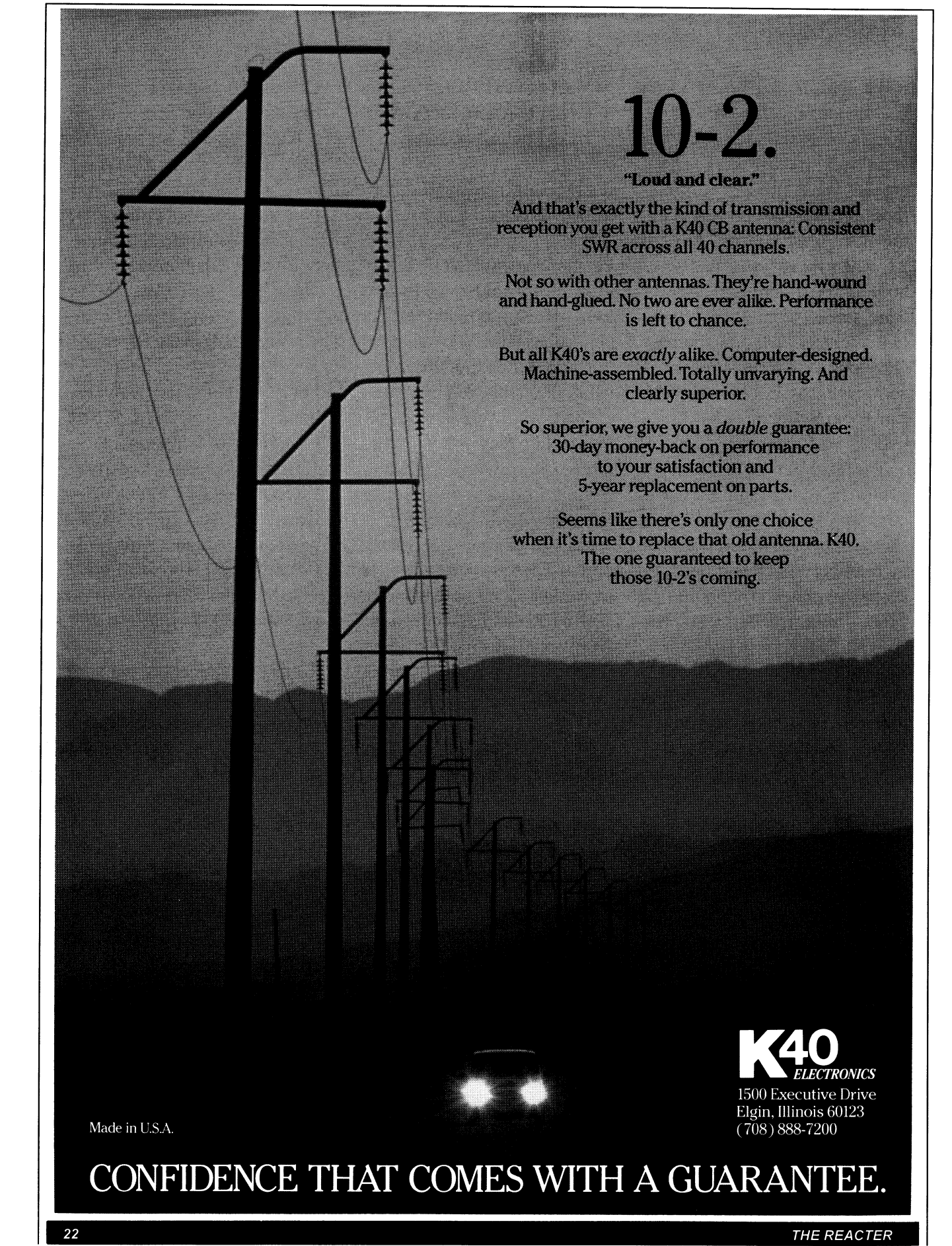
I am sure that it is going to be a long, hard pull to get back to normal, but I am also sure that we will get there. We won't forget for a long time, if ever, but we WILL make it!

Four Oklahoma teams (Oklahoma County REACT #2620, University of Oklahoma REACT #3916, Grady County REACT #4923, Comanche County REACT #3232) and one Kansas Team (Sedgwick County REACT #4208) provided 40 members who worked a total of 2,058 hours.

To those who called, wrote or actually came, we give our deepest thanks and appreciation. We hope it never happens to you, but if it does - you can count on us to return the favors in any way that we can.

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Yearly Monitoring and Activity Report Report for the Year of 1994

- Number of Teams Reporting = 135
- Total Hours Monitored = 2,560,461+ hours
- Total Hours for Community Events = 452,634+ hours
- Total Hours for Training = 145,416+ hours
- Total Hours for Disaster Assistance = 57,987+ hours
- Total Calls Taken = 94,308+
- Savings to Taxpayers per year = \$20,483,688

Road Related Incidents:

- Accidents = 30,798
- Reckless/Impaired/DUI = 8,790
- Stalled/DAVs = 13,785
- Traffic Hazard = 5,217
- Traffic Jams = 1,725
- Request for Road Info. = 17,475
- Vehicle Fire = 1,038

Other Incidents:

- Boating Emergency = 153
- Crime Activity = 2,256
- Flood/High Water = 681
- Medical Emergency = 1,203
- Missing Persons = 324
- Severe Weather = 3,246
- Non-Vehicle Fire = 942
- Relay Personal Call = 1,497
- Other = 3,903



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