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*What a Day! Shown in the photograph are three members of REACT Don Valley Team #4866, and two members from St. Thomas REACT, Inc. Team #4760. The photograph is courtesy of Maxwells Studio.*

## The Long Weekend

*by Pam Hedden, St. Thomas REACT, #4760*

St. Thomas, Ontario is a city of 30,000 friendly neighbors with an unmatched community spirit which the nine adult members and eight junior members of

St. Thomas REACT Inc., #4760 are proud to call home. For a city the size of St. Thomas, we have found this is a good size Team but occasionally things

can get a little overwhelming. Then we need a little assistance from other Teams. The Labor Day Weekend was just such an occasion.

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# RENEWAL TIME

by Kenneth Green, CEO/President of REACT International, Inc.



There has been a lot going on the last couple of months. First REACT International has its own home web page on the Internet thanks to Lee Besing, Computer Services Committee Chairman. As you all should know, it is once again that time of year when we collect our annual dues. Last year we reduced both the Team Assessment and the Individual Dues; you, the members, responded with the first increase in membership in a long time.

Once again we offer the challenge to the membership. We are reducing the Team Assessment by \$20.00 and leaving the Individual dues at the same rate as last year (Regular Members - \$20.00 and Family Members - \$18.00). In order for this to work, we are all going to have to work together in an effort to increase our membership once again.

We are currently looking at a couple of ideas to help on the International front but when it comes down to reality the greatest gains are made on the Team Level. We all need to look at ways we can get the message about our teams through local means. You can use many of the ideas suggested by the Public Relations Committee.

Due to the efforts of James Bear and Dr. Jerome Bricker our financial picture has improved dramatically; but that alone will not be enough. We need to increase the membership to lighten the load on the rest of us; both financially and when we are responding to emergencies. Teamwork makes any job easier and together we can meet the tasks at hand and overcome them.

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- The Winner – is always part of the answer;  
The Loser – is always part of the problem;
- The Winner – always has a program;  
The Loser – always has an excuse;
- The Winner – says "Let me do it for you;"  
The Loser – says "That's not my job;"
- The Winner – sees an answer to every problem;  
The Loser – sees a problem for every answer;
- The Winner – sees a green near every sand trap;  
The Loser – sees two or three sand traps near every green;
- The Winner – says "It may be difficult but it's possible;"  
The Loser – says "It may be possible but it's too difficult."

Be A Winner

## Orange Light Special

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This offer starts  
November 1, 1995 and ends  
January 31, 1996.

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## Calendar of Events

**November 5, 1995** - Michigan REACT Council Meeting. For meeting time and location please contact Saginaw REACT at (517) 799-3529.

**November 5, 1995** - Ohio REACT Council Meeting. For meeting time and location please contact Gerald Jarvis, President at 45641 TR 285, Coshocton, OH 43812 or telephone (614) 829-2514.

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

**November 18-19, 1995** - Florida Council of REACT Meeting. Hosted by REACT of Hillsborough County. For details call (813) 286-2388.

**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 3, 1995** - Garden State Council of REACT Teams, Inc. Meeting. Hosted by Old Bridge. For details call (908) 774-4391.

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

**January 1, 1996** - Headquarters will be closed in recognition of the Holiday Season.

**March 2-3, 1996** - North Carolina State Council, Inc. Hosted by Alamance County REACT Team. For details call (919) 226-1425.

**June 1-2, 1996** - North Carolina State Council, Inc. Hosted by Four Seasons REACT. For details call (704) 697-0232.

**July 22-25, 1996** - 1996 REACT International Convention in Silverdale, WA.

**September 7-8, 1996** - North Carolina State Council, Inc. Hosted by Johnston County REACT, Inc. For details call (919) 934-4246

**November 2-3, 1996** - North Carolina State Council, Inc. Hosted by REACT of Cleveland County. For details call (704) 937-3542.

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

## Answering the Basics

by Bonnie Zygmunt,  
Secretary of REACT International, Inc.

How do REACT members answer basic questions from the uninformed public?

Is REACT a CB Club?

No! REACT members join a TEAM. It is called a Team because REACT members are organized for a specific purpose, to provide Public Safety Communications using two-way radios (CB, GMRS, VHF, and Amateur).

What does REACT do?

REACT Channel 9 monitors become the link between CB equipped motorists and others who need help and the public safety agencies in their communities who can provide that help.

REACT members use their two-way radios to provide communications during times of disasters. Many Teams work closely with the Red Cross, Salvation Army, Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters - (VOAD), Local Emergency Government, to assist in speedy recovery and aid to those affected by the disaster.

REACT members use their two-way radios to provide communications for community and charity events to keep such events safe for the public. This also helps train the members in better communication operations if the Team is called to help during a disaster.

What does the word REACT stand for?

The word REACT is the first letter from each word in the following statement: **R**adio **E**mergency **A**ssociated **C**ommunications **T**eams. It is a registered trademark. It is to be used with all capital letters, without periods between the letters. The use of the name and logo of REACT is granted to only official REACT Teams and members in good standing. Other individuals or organizations may be granted specific permission by REACT International, Inc. to use the logo.



In the photograph above (left to right) Keith Fronko and Jerry Gaffney, members of Skiatook REACT Team #4892, presents Police Chief Richard Davis a CB radio base station so police officers can monitor Channel 9. Dick Wood, Skiatook REACT Team #4892, installed the base station along with the owner of the Catoosa CB Shop, Meleger (not shown). The photograph is courtesy of the Skiatook Team.

## Skiatook REACT Present Police with Radio

By Keith Fronko, Skiatook REACT Team #4892

Skiatook REACT is active with their law enforcement agencies. Recently, the Team presented the Skiatook Police Department with their own CB radio, so they too may monitor Channel 9. Working together with your local law enforcement can provide a teamwork relationship.

Skiatook REACT has received praise from the Oklahoma Highway Patrol (OHP). One letter written by a Second Lieutenant Larry Jackson #74, Supervisor of the OHP Troop B states:

*"I would like to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude for your organization's Safety Break. The travelers on US 75 had a refreshing opportunity to stop at 126th Street North and 'take-a-break'.*

*We will never know how many injuries or lives were saved. However, your determination to brave the sun, rain, and wind was truly a noble and effective effort."*

These kinds of letters make our jobs as REACT members worthwhile. Helping citizens in Safety Breaks or when they are stranded is a great feeling.

Skiatook REACT does several Safety Breaks during the year. Take for instance the Memorial Day Weekend, over 200 motorists visited our Safety Break. The Labor Day Safety Break was supposed to be a three day event but it turned into a four day event. A total of 368 motorists were served at both the east and west booths on Hwy. 75 and 126th Street North.

One tourist from Hawaii stated he had traveled almost the entire state and had encountered no other Safety Rest Stops. Tourists from Florida, Virginia and many Oklahomans stated they heard about the rest stop on the Radio and Televisions Stations or they saw the signs donated by Garrett Sign, Owasso.

Remember to Thank all the Businesses and Individuals who donate supplies, food, services, and land. Teamwork! That is the key.

# Another International Incident

by Robert Leef, Crest REACT, Team #4252

Four years ago several Southern California teams caused an occurrence with far-reaching consequences. And now, it has happened again! This time just one team - Crest REACT - got involved in the same situation. The effect was even more striking and widespread than before.

It all started with a notice we had published in the Orange County Register. This was quickly picked up on by two local cable companies who did interviews with our officers. A two-meter Amateur repeater also carried the news. We were at it again - soliciting radios for Mexico!

When delivery was made across the border, we worked with Corzaon - an organization that made recommendations about placing radios where they would do the most good. Typical of recipients would be a neighborhood organization or contact person, an emergency service such as ambulance or Red Cross, outlying schools, etc. Most of these places do not have telephones, and a few don't even have electricity (some radios will be operating off a battery). Since cars are scarce in these poor hillside suburbs, the residents will have a safety net by radio, and be able to contact other residents or the police for emergencies.



After picking up radios from one end of the county to the other, we ended up with:

- 1) 40 CB's - several still new in the box
- 2) 25 UHF mobiles
- 3) 17 UHF handhelds
- 4) Four Amateur radios, including two complete HF stations.

The donation of \$2,987 worth of new antennas from an antenna manufacturer was a nice surprise that completed the picture.

Hardly anyone here gets a daily newspaper, so residents also need a means of community awareness that radio can provide. Corazon will give radio recipients instruction and training so that equipment will be used for its useful purposes as well as emergency reasons.

As before, we wonder how much more radio equipment sits unused across the United States that could have a second life somewhere?

*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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## Puerto Rico Teams Donate Services

by Juan M. Santiago, Atlantic REACT Team #4756

FEMA asked REACT Headquarters "How many REACT Teams were donating services to the Virgin Islands Hurricane Relief?" I contacted Mr. Jose Plaza Avila, President of the Puerto Rico Council, who told me that all the teams in Puerto Rico are donating their services to the Hurricane Relief effort.

The participating Teams:

- Escadron Five REACT Team #4468
- Suoeste REACT Team #4527
- Brujos REACT Team #4525
- Patrulleros REACT Team #4539
- Halcones REACT Team #4566
- Atlantic REACT Team 4756
- Aguilas REACT Team #4853

Thanks Mr. Santiago for answering the FEMA question so fast! By dropping REACT International a short note about natural disaster and what Teams donated services, REACT can pass the information along to other organizations.



# Publicizing REACT

## Message from Fred Lanshe, Public Relations Chairman The National Public Relations Campaign is under way

The Public Relations Committee needs everyone's assistance with this massive project. REACT has been in touch with several editors of various magazines and they are requesting stories about the events, rescues, CB Channel 9 calls local and skip, the stories your teams have to tell.

Harold Ort is writing monthly articles and requested ongoing stories. Mr. Ort is currently a contributing editor for several radio related magazines.

Rikki Lee from Radio Resource Magazine is also writing for several radio related magazines, and has requested several articles on everything we get involved with.

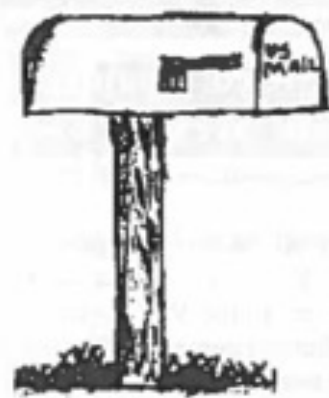
Yuri DE Rocker an editor for "France CB Magazine" has also started requesting articles on a regular basis.

Members of the Public Relations Committee are working with the FCC CB Task Group. They are interested in the stats we have generated, to see where to go next with the new CB service.

We need you to send in articles, photos, either color or black and white, of your team members in action, vehicles, people doing action things, to REACT International's office.

And do not forget your public safety officials at the holiday season. They would be impressed to receive cards or cookies or candy. Let them know that your team supports them even then too.

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season.



Happy

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Season!



## Wanted: Photos, Stories

*by Ron McCracken, Public Relations Committee*

REACT has an opportunity for major coverage in a new CB publication. Two pages per issue. Publicity like never before.

We need your Team's news to use this space wisely. We need photos especially, to catch readers' attention.

Appoint someone to be your Team's official photographer reporter. Make a photo record of all your Team's activities. Send us copies of the best. Got some you didn't send earlier? Send them now.

Good photos include people. Put two or three in your shots for added interest. Mix Team members and the public you serve. Get in close too.

Adopt a habit of sending photos and captions routinely. Often you can get double prints free. Send short stories that add more details. Have someone type them. Help us get everything correct.

Teams have requested national publicity. Here is a golden opportunity. Teams now have to help make it happen.

Get your first batch to HQ fast. We need them yesterday. Pull out all the stops.

Keep fresh photos, captions and stories coming. It's your Team's contributions to safety in your community that people want to read about. Exciting, sad, humorous, happy things involving your Team's members and the public. Awards, appreciation, you name it.

National publicity. How serious are Teams about it? The mail will tell. Get your Team's first package off to us today.

# St. George County REACT Team #4928 Provides Communciation Services at the ACS Summit and CARIFESTA VI

by Lester Wilson, St. George County REACT, Team #4928

St. George County REACT Team #4928 was commended for their dedication and commitment to high standards of operation displayed by its members at the recently concluded Association of Caribbean States - Wide Conference and CARIFESTA VI held in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

The Association of Caribbean States (ACS) summit took place August 11 - 18, 1995. The 25 member ACS grouping comprises the 13 Independent States of the Caribbean Community plus Haiti, the Dominican Republic, the nations of Central America, Mexico, Colombia and Venezuela. The highlight of this historic and path-breaking summit was the attendance by the President of the

Republic of Cuba, His Excellency Dr. Fidel Castro.

CARIFESTA VI, the sixth Caribbean Festival of Arts was hosted by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago from August 19 to Sept. 2, 1995. Thirty countries form CARICOM and Associated States, the Wider Caribbean and Latin America participated in the Festival which showcased the various aspects of their culture.

Ten members provided communication services at the ACS Summit supplying flight information relative to arrivals and departures of delegates from Airport to Hotel and Convention Center and vice versa.

A total of 85 volunteers assisted in establishing the communication network which linked the various CARIFESTA VI venues, Liaison officers were assigned to all contingents and provided information on their movement throughout their stay. During CARIFESTA the communication section operated on a 24 hour basis to support the general services.

Although Team #4928 is but a few months old, they are privileged to have members with a combination of expertise, dedication, and experience and continues to gather their resources and claim their space in the County of St. George in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.



The above photograph is from the ACS-Wide Conference and CARIFESTA VI. Pictured from left to right: Mr. Alfred Aguiton, Director General of CARIFESTA VI and Chairman of the National Carnival Commission, Mr. Lester Anthony Wilson, President of St. George County REACT, Team #4928, and the Minister of Community Development, Culture and Women's Affairs, senator the Honorable Joan Yuille-Williams.

## Life Membership Corner

by Richard T. Gamble, LM #226

In this article, I first want to wish all Life members in particular, but really to all REACT Members a very Happy and gratifying Holiday Season for 1995.

I am again working on a new Life Member Directory. I say again since I had a major computer crash and therefore I have to re-load my Life Member database. I am figuring the new Directory by the first of July 1996, to hand out at the 1996 Convention.

There really is not a lot of news at this time of year that was not covered at Convention. I am sure that everyone has heard all the particulars of the Convention by this time.

Once again anyone with questions concerning Life Membership within REACT, let me know and if I do not have the answer I will try to get it for you.

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LM #502  
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Federal City REACT  
Team #2515  
Washington, DC

## Texas County Fair

by Charles Thompson, Dallas County REACT, Inc. Team #C622

Sunday, August 20 evening, I received a call from a Dallas Police Department officer who was organizing the "Texas County Fair," a cooperative effort of many law enforcement agencies in the North Texas area to recognize the contributions of law enforcement people who assisted in the Oklahoma City Courthouse Bombing Aftermath. The event was held on Saturday, August 26 at the Oklahoma State Fair Grounds in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

We were invited because REACT Teams in Oklahoma (Oklahoma County REACT Team #2620 and University of Oklahoma REACT Team #3916) and Kansas (Sedgwick County REACT, Inc. Team #4208) were invited as "honored guests" for their help. Someone mentioned that there was a REACT Team in Dallas, and so they called us. Although it was "last minute," the Team was enthusiastic about the opportunity. It provided a great training vehicle to

move more than 200 miles and set up. We assisted in the Texas County Fair and received great exposure to a significant number of law enforcement agencies. Both the Oklahoma City Police Department Chief, Sam Gonzalez, a former deputy chief in Dallas, and Ben Click, Dallas Police Department Chief, visited our setup. We were co-located with the Dallas Police Department Command Post and had "high visibility."

We went without a "mission" as most of the jobs had already been taken care of by the various law enforcement agencies, but we were very useful. We offered to provide coffee on Saturday, from 6-7 a.m. for all the law enforcement people who attended the "final briefing". That was so successful that we expanded it to a day-long "REACT Rest Stop" function. We served hundreds of soft drinks, gator-ade, and water. We did

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various odd jobs, loaned radios to the organizers, monitored several frequencies for them, etc. We set up a packet station on two meters and also set up our HF station and made some contacts across country, including Gordon West, W6NOA. Gordon was teaching an amateur class in California, and was demoning HF radio. Turns out that one of our new members, John Talbot, KG6MD, is president of Metro REACT Team #C085 in San Diego and Gordon is a member of John's Team there! So, a bunch of prospective new amateurs were introduced to REACT in a most impressive way!

We had 11 members of Dallas County REACT Team #C622 participate. We left Dallas just after noon on Friday, August 25 and convoyed to Oklahoma City with dozens of other vehicles, including 40 or more police squad cars (yes, with flashing red and blue lights, all the way to Oklahoma City). We took our Mobile Communications Center, including our 32-foot trailer which was towed by our 1-ton Ford pickup, our 25-foot stepvan which was a support

vehicle, and our 50-foot mobile antenna mast which was towed by one of our members. We also had two automobiles. Our MCC trailer and van are all white, with "Dallas County REACT" and both REACT and ARRL logos prominently displayed, as well as Dallas County REACT's motto "Public Service Through Communications". Before we left from Dallas, there was a ceremony with the Mayor Pro-Tem and others making short speeches at City Hall Plaza. As luck would have it, our 32-foot trailer was parked directly in front of Hizzoner's rostrum, and a number of loudspeaker announcements were made for folks to "assemble in front of the Dallas County REACT trailer". Our exposure in Oklahoma was considerable, and we believe we made a big "statement" for Dallas County REACT.

The Texas County Fair was a rousing success. Four to five thousand "honored guests" showed up. It lasted from about noon to about 11 p.m., and included carnival type attractions, a police motorcycle rodeo, a huge barbecue in the evening, and a musical show to end

the day. Our day started at 5 a.m. when we got up to "make the coffee" and ended about 10:30 p.m. with our installation torn down and the vehicles march-ordered for the trip home. We stayed overnight in Oklahoma City for the second night, and then had a convoy home. We were all home and unloaded by about 5 p.m., tired but pleased as heck with ourselves for having gone and done what we did. We visited in Oklahoma City with Kenneth Green and other members from Sedgwick County REACT, Inc. and many members of the Oklahoma City County and University of Oklahoma REACT Teams.

I think Dallas County REACT, and REACT in general, got a lot of exposure here, in addition to the very worthwhile services we performed (the Dallas Police Department policewoman who organized the event was extremely complimentary of what we did, and how we pitched in and "took hold" in helping her get things done).



*The above photograph is showing one of the Dallas County REACT vehicles. The photograph is courtesy of Sandy Hayes, wife of Bill Hayes, Sedgwick County REACT, Inc. Team # 4208.*



*A great time was shared at the Texas County Fair. A few REACT members who were honored at this event was: (from left to right) Bill Hayes, Sedgwick County REACT, Inc. Team #4208, Robert Kaster, Oklahoma County REACT Team #2620, Kenneth Green, Sedgwick County REACT, Inc. Team #4208, and Larry Skinner, Sedgwick County REACT, Inc. Team #4208. The photograph is courtesy of Sandy Hayes, wife of Bill Hayes.*

## New REACT Teams Chartered

#4929	Hancock County REACT	Kiln, MO	July 3, 1995
#4930	Crittenden County REACT	West Memphis, AR	July 5, 1995
#4931	Cape Fear REACT	Wilmington, NC	July 24, 1995
#4932	REACT of Sampson County	Dunn, NC	July 31, 1995
#4933	Topanga-Las Virginess	Calabasas, CA	August 14, 1995
#4934	Echo Squadron REACT	Rockland, Ont. Canada	August 16, 1995
#4935	REACT of Cleveland County	Grover, NC	September 28, 1995
#4936	Kent County REACT	Magnolia, DE	October 20, 1995
#4937	Amherst Area REACT	Amherst, WI	October 19, 1995
#4938	Dutchess County REACT	Holmes, NY	October 6, 1995
#4939	Craven County REACT	Bridgeton, NC	October 9, 1995

**Welcome aboard to the newest REACT Teams listed above!**

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St. Thomas REACT, Inc. has been providing security for a local car dealership three nights a week. This car dealership is one of the Team's sponsors. St. Thomas REACT, Inc. provides security while the car dealership provides financial contributions to the Team. (What a great way to raise Team funds.) St. Thomas REACT Inc. was also asked to provide security, traffic control, parking, crowd control and whatever other safety support services were required for "Canada's Largest Fire Muster" in beautiful Pinafore Park.

Pinafore Park is a popular location year-round with century-old pavilions among towering trees providing an ideal setting for family picnics. The beautiful flower displays created each year are the pride of the Parks Department. Pinafore Park is oriented to the active outdoor enthusiast with its first-class ball stadium (Emslie Field) and tennis courts, as well as hiking and cross-country ski trails. In addition to its beauty and pleasing layout, Pinafore Park boasts a Wildlife Sanctuary, small lake, swimming pool, play equipment, a bandshell and an authentic narrow-gauge railway. Pinafore Park Railway is the shortest commercially operated trainline in Canada on which you can enjoy a ride in the open-air coach which rolls twice around its half-mile track through native woodlands and an assortment of old railway paraphernalia.

Fire Engine Musters have long been a part of the small town scene. They not only serve to give the community a sense of well-being by demonstrating the firefighting skills of their local departments, but also offer a chance for people to get together and celebrate their sense of community. Music, games, and parades have always been a part of the many activities that made this celebration eagerly awaited all year long. This year's Fire Muster marked 135 years since the St. Thomas Fire Company, Beaver Company, #2, competed in the Provincial Firemen's Competitions in London, Ontario. It was September 1860 when the Beaver

Company won second prize for shooting the best water stream from their hand operated fire engine hoses and were presented with a silver fruit basket. Although we have more modern equipment today, the tradition carries on. Events planned for the 1995 Fire Muster include the Fire Apparatus Parade, Antique and craft vendors, police and ambulance displays, the Ronald McDonald Show, barbecues and pancake breakfasts, train rides and fire truck rides, an 1812 battle re-enactment, fire equipment displays and demonstrations, dancers, music, a fire truck rodeo, an Antique Car Show, church services, a dalmation dog show and many more displays. The Firefighters participated in competitions such as tug of war, fast water, team efficiency, bucket race, obstacle course, truck efficiency and tanker race. The proceeds of this weekend go to the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Canada.

How do you provide service to the car dealership, which is a regular weekly watch, and an event as complex as the Fire Muster which is being held in a location that is busy even when there are no events planned? We began calling other Teams for help. Don Valley REACT Team #4866 and Stratford REACT Team #4853 answered our call for help.

Sept. 1 began at midnight with Judy Curtis, Unit 9, and Jamie Satterly, Unit A10, working the night security at the car dealership. Early in the morning President Mary-Ellen Hicknel, Unit 42, and Community Action Coordinator Harold "Hal" Hedden, Unit 1, were supposed to be packing and organizing the supplies and equipment for the command post to be set up at the Fire Muster. An unexpected call from Hal's employer put the job of packing onto Mary-Ellen who did an outstanding job by herself in getting the trailer ready. By noon Hal was free to help tow the trailer to the park and set up the antennas and equipment. Our communications equipment consisted of our team's base

and hand-held FM radios, an FM base radio from the Fire Muster volunteers, a cellular phone loaned to us by Tunes on Tires and a CB radio and power supply. (Note: the CB radio is the one we won recently from K40 Electronics). Hal and Mary-Ellen's main function for the day was security as the Fire Muster volunteers and vendors began setting up their displays.

Sept. 2 at midnight my son Greg Hedden, Unit 15, his girlfriend, Andrea Loughlean, and I relieved Hal and Mary-Ellen at the Fire Muster. Fred Satterly, Unit A7, and Judy Curtis were scheduled for security at the car dealership but Judy was not feeling well. Fortunately her husband, Bill, volunteered to take her place. They had quite an exciting night. The car dealership building doors were not secured properly. When Fred began checking doors the alarm went off. Fred called me by FM radio at the trailer and I called the police and a dealership employee by cellular phone to have the alarm reset and the building locked.

Hal, Mary-Ellen, Shawn Claridge, Unit 46, Tim Hedden, Unit 16, Dan Pearson, Unit A8, Ryan Rose, A13, and I volunteered for the day shift at the Fire Muster. Traffic was heavy all morning, so we were relieved when Don Valley REACT members Ward Kennedy, Jim Fish, Tony Duarte, Roy Wick, Fred Galowitsch, Brian Heath, and Ray Morton arrived. They were quickly put to work parking cars and directing traffic. The Fire Muster Parade reached the park just before lunch. We were run off our feet dealing with the traffic that followed the parade in. Ron and Linda Faulkner and their children, Stratford REACT, stopped by for a visit. Fortunately, they came prepared with uniforms and safety equipment in their car. Ron and Linda were immediately put to work with traffic control until the traffic slowed down a bit. Tim was made "Official REACT Babysitter" while Ron and Linda worked.

Every time a helicopter landed or took

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off (there were three over the course of the day including a US Coast Guard helicopter) volunteers were pulled from parking and traffic control to provide crowd control so no one would be injured by flying debris from the helicopters. Medical emergencies ranging from back injuries to fainting were ably managed by our Teams and St. John Ambulance.

Missing persons were also a frequent problem. The members from Don Valley REACT were scheduled to leave at supper but they were still working at nightfall.

Shawn, Ryan, and I worked the night security at the car dealership while Ron, Linda, and Susanne Cook, Unit 39, worked night security for the Fire Muster. Fortunately, we all had a quiet night.

According to our records of past Fire Musters, we were sure we could count on Sunday, Sept. 3rd as being a quiet but steady day, allowing our volunteers an opportunity to visit the displays and relax a bit. We scheduled several probationary members to handle the routine situations. This would be a training and evaluation day for them. Ron was not so sure that Sunday would be quiet. He arranged for Robert Palmer and Joe Lemo to come from Stratford REACT to help us out. Thank goodness he did!

Judy, Hal, Tim, Mary-Ellen, Dan, Fred, Ryan, and I were scheduled for the day shift. Light duty, right? Wrong! The traffic in the park was unimaginable. Ron and Linda stayed on from working the night shift to help us out until Robert and Joe arrived. With their help we managed the traffic quite well.

About mid-afternoon a baby was stung by a bee. The baby began having trouble breathing and needed to be taken to the hospital immediately. The REACTers jumped into action, directing traffic to the side of the roads until the St. John Ambulance was able to reach the front gate and transfer the baby to a City

Ambulance. We then went back to directing the extremely heavy traffic flow.

Only minutes had passed when there was a knock at our trailer door and an elderly gentleman asked for help. He didn't feel well and his face, neck and arm were numb, he said. We quickly steered him to the bench in our trailer and radioed for St. John Ambulance. Traffic was pulled over again so the City Ambulance would not be impeded. When the man refused treatment he was bundled into the St. John Ambulance for observation and the City Ambulance left empty. Back we went to our assigned positions.

A short time later dark, heavy clouds started rolling in. Mary-Ellen and I watched the clouds with great trepidation, hoping that they would just keep on rolling. (We are both afraid of lightning!) Guess what? The rain began falling, light at first, but soon a steady rainfall. Of course, the rain progressed to a very heavy rain with lightning. And boy, was it lightning! Of course, everyone that was in the park, from vendors to visitors, wanted to leave right away. By a twist of fate, vehicles were also trying to enter the park. (We still don't know why someone would want to come into the park during a thunderstorm.)

It became a grid lock. Mary-Ellen and I made our way out to Elm street to evaluate the situation from the entry and exit area of the park. No vehicle could enter the park and no vehicle could exit the park. Traffic on Elm Street was not moving. Sharp lightning surrounded us, but we knew that the traffic had to start moving. We allowed no vehicles into the park, but directed them to continue down Elm Street. All vehicles exiting the park were directed to turn right onto Elm Street. Though we may have inconvenienced some motorists, we knew we had to get the vehicles moving from the outside of the park before the vehicles inside the park could exit.

The REACTers in the park were directing vehicles in an orderly manner towards the exit area. (Let's not forget that many were probationary members or members who had never worked in this city before.) This was amazing to me. It was an if all the REACTers knew exactly what was supposed to be done. Like they had been doing this for years.

When a police officer arrived at our location at the entrance to the park, she took over my position but requested that Mary-Ellen stay to help her direct the traffic. I went back to the trailer to find out where else I might be needed. I inquired about the gates to Emslie Field. Could the gates be opened? The Fire Muster staff located a key to unlock the gates so the REACTers who were directing traffic from the back of the park could start directing that traffic through Emslie Field to Parkside Drive and away from Elm Street.

When the storm had passed and traffic was finally moving smoothly, the soaked REACTers returned to the trailer. We were jubilant and proud. We had met the challenges of the weekend and mastered them. We enjoyed a hot supper before thanking all our volunteers and sending them home.

Mary-Ellen, Hal and I decided to go home and change into warm dry clothes before returning to the park to take down the antennas, pack away our supplies and tow the trailer out of the park.

Many lessons were learned at this Labor Day Weekend Event:

- 1) Don't rely on past experience when determining staffing for an event. This year's Fire Muster exceeded all expectations and I understand broke previous years' attendance records.

- 2) Cooperate with other Teams in your area. Without the assistance of Don Valley REACT and Stratford REACT

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# Amateur Radio News

By Steven Gobat, Amateur Radio Committee Chairperson

If you haven't already seen it check out October's issue of QST. In the public service column this month written by Jock Elliott, Jr., KB2GOM outlines what every REACT Team that has Ham Operators as members should be doing! As I write this (and usually every night when I am home) the CB radio is on tuned to Channel 9 and my two-meter rig is turned on looking for activity on my favorite repeater. It doesn't take much to keep an ear on this monitoring activity while I go about other things in the house. We all need to try to fulfill our main objective of providing help in those minor disasters.

Need a tip for some cheap Public Relations. Go rent a table at your local Hamfest. Gather up some REACT Material for recruitment, make a display board of your Team in action and get ready for what could become a real

interesting day. My Team has done this many times and while we don't always hook a new member, we always are amazed by the number of Hams who come up and say that they were members 20 years ago. Then when you have them interested, this is the best time for that soft sell to get them back in the fold. This is also a good time to see those ARRL officials that show up at many of the fests. Don't give up with just your first show; go to as many as you can get too. Be sure to have neighboring Teams information with you because it seems people are always looking for that other Team that might be in your area. While it may seem that you are just wasting your time, you are in reality making your presence known. (One neat trick is to give away something! My Team recently gave out some ice scrapers. It doesn't matter what it is; it just has to be FREE.) For those of you who may be

on the more timid side just set up your table and then go walk around the fest. Stopping by every once and awhile to make sure to see if you have to put out more handouts. Some Teams I know, actually say they have better luck when the table is left alone.

I am still very interested in a REACT QSL party and I am still looking for help with the rules. Send me your ideas! My West Coast counter part Ken Collier, K06UX wrote to me recently on an idea about REACT Teams forming REACT Amateur Radio Clubs in order to fulfill the ARRL requirement on being an Affiliated Club. Ken this is a great idea and I might add that some of the State Councils on the East Coast have had them for years. This is a great way to get into the back door (if you will). And by being an Affiliate Club you sometimes get invites to Division Board Meetings to find out how the League works.

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this event would not have gone as well.

3) When the chips are down, REACTers pull together to form ONE Team in assisting citizens.

4) Always carry a spare uniform with you!!

The three teams worked a total of 321 hours at Canada's Largest Fire Must. St. Thomas Police Staff Sergeant Jeff Driedger was very complimentary on our handling of the events of the long weekend and the Fire Muster chairman Dave Rock was also pleased and told us our performance was above and beyond the call of duty.

St. Thomas REACT, Inc. wanted to share this experience with other REACT Teams. We also want to express our sincere gratitude to Don Valley REACT and Stratford REACT. Thank you so much! We couldn't have done it without you!

## Team News



Jim Toege, Unit #244 of Kettle Moraine REACT #3866, helps walkers cross a road at the March of Dimes Walk America Walk-A-Thon in Hartford, Wisconsin April 30, 1995. This was the first year Kettle Moraine REACT members helped with this particular route. The walk coordinator was thankful for the radio communications when her regional director paid a visit to the start/finish line and the coordinator could key the radio and get instant information from anywhere on the course. Over 200 walkers participated and raised over \$12,000 for March of Dimes. Other members working the event were, Leo Trost, Unit #278, Larry Zygmunt, Unit #203 and Bonnie Zygmunt, Unit #201.

# REACT Packet Net News

By Joseph Fehrenbacher, NOPME Sedgwick County REACT, Inc. Team #4208, Unit 137

I would like to introduce you to the REACT Packet Net. The REACT Net started on Sept. 1, 1995, and since that day I have received quite a number of responses to this thing called the REACT Net. I have receive responses from Leesville, Louisiana; Salt Lake City, Utah; Langcaster, Pennsylvania; and Keswick Ontario Canada. Plus a lot from individuals who did not give their city and/or state. I have heard from three REACTers James Bear WB3FQY, LM #009; Peter VE3WBZ who was a relay for Ron McCracken, LM052; and Ken Collier KO6UX in Corona, California with Crest REACT #4252. A lot of the comments were good and some were not so good from the non-REACTers. But for the most part it seems to be working well. Ken at Crest REACT has contributed quite a bit so far. He has sent the Net items of interest about his team i.e. what kinds of events they have been doing and are going to do. He has sent out a list of the hams and packateers on his team so everyone on

the Net can correspond with someone if they wish. He is spreading the word to the Southern California REACTers about the Net. And this has been within the last 30 days. So your probably wondering how you can get on this net.

First, you have to be a licensed Amateur Radio Operator or know someone who is licensed. Second, you or someone you know must have packet capabilities. Third, when sending a message you must address it to REACT @ALLUS. This way everyone can read it.

You can talk about almost anything. But keep it clean. You may have items FOR SALE. Please do not haggle over the price on the net, that is what the Telephone or the Postal Services is for. By all means mention your team. Tell us what your team does for events, how it handles emergencies etc.

If you don't see any REACT messages on your local packet bbs just wait one

will come along soon. If you still don't see anything contact me at NOPME@WFOA.#SCKS.KS.USA.NOAM and we will try to help.

Finally when you end your messages - end them with the following format: 73 From NOPME de Joe (use your own call and name) Wichita Kansas; (your city and state) 15:35 CST 10/04/95; (the time you sent the message, the time zone and the date you sent the message Sedgwick County REACT #4208 (your team name and number) Unit 137 (the unit number of the member sending the message.

This should help you get started. I hope this helps get REACTers communicating among themselves. For if we can build a network among ourselves, we will be able to serve in a time of need. Communicate with your fellow REACTers and Teams for communication is in our name.

## Team News

### Orange County REACT is Growing

by John Soto, Orange County REACT Team #4914

Orange County REACT Team #4914 is expanding. Since receiving our Charter on November 14, 1994 with only five members, (now 18 members and growing) our Team is becoming known in our community. We upgraded our 10 Watt UHF Repeater System to a 50 Watt Repeater System mounted on a communications tower on top of a mountain with a sea level of 1,400 feet. We have established a working relationship with the New York State Police and have a civilian mobile patrol on the road. We received Community First Aid and CPR Training and Disaster Response Training from the American Red Cross. We are involved with the Orange County ARES/RACES Amateur organization and the National Weather Service (SKYWARN).

We have been called out for the following:

1. Severe weather (SKYWARNNETS)
2. Office of Emergency Management simulated emergency plane and flooding conditions
3. American Red Cross Disaster Response
4. Mutual Aid for several local REACT Teams on community events
5. Traffic and Parking Control for the Sullivan County International Airport Aeromania 1995 Air Show.

About half of our members are Amateur Radio Operators and 3/4 are GMRS users. All are monitoring CB Channel 9.

### 3,000 Cups Served

by Unknown Author, Travis County REACT, Inc. Team #3022

Travis County REACT, Inc. Team #3022 members served coffee, cold drinks, and other refreshments to an estimated 3,000 plus visitors during the Labor Day Weekend.

The Safety Break was held at the Chandler Road Rest Area on I11-35.

KEYE-TV, Channel 42, gave extensive coverage to the event on Saturday, including a live report on the station's 5:00 p.m. newscast. KLBK radio also broadcast a report on the event.



# That "C" in REACT...

by Lee W. Besing, N5NTG, Computer Services Chairman, Internet: [react@texas.net](mailto:react@texas.net)



The Computer Committee has been very busy since the last issue of the REACTer. Nearly 100 REACT members have been contacted or located via e-mail since we started this mission of expanding that "C" in REACT to really mean communications above and beyond the radios.

However, even after that claim, the computer committee sees itself as a service committee to support the other committees and REACT International's efforts thru the teams and councils.

REACT International now has a WEB PAGE up and running on the Internet (<http://www.fn.net/~react>) to publicize REACT. A Web Page is sometimes called a "Home Page" It is a file written with "HTML" language so that the reader using a browser like Netscape® sees the file like you read the REACTer.

RI's web page is now listed with all the major search organizations so that anyone searching for such key words as "REACT", "Radio", "CB", "Amateur", "GMRS", "Disaster", "Emergency", or "Volunteer" will be pointed back to the REACT home page.

When you visit the home page for RI, you will find some general information about REACT, how to contact the office, the three field directors whom have e-mail addresses (Kenneth Green, Richard Pratz, and Bonnie Zygmunt), and a listing of all the committee chairs. If the committee chair has an e-mail ad-

dress, the reader can link over to that person to send mail.

There are links to articles written about REACT International, such as our history from 1962-1995, 1995 Convention Summary, How to Start a New Team, How to Conduct A Safety Break, links to other known REACT Teams and Council web sites, links to other disaster or emergency related sites, links to Amateur and CB Radio sites, and some miscellaneous sites of general interest (in my opinion).

Some of the committees now have their own web pages running (tied in to the REACT International main page). The CB Committee was first, with Jack Murrell's active support in writing the text. Life Membership should be up before you read this article, and the other chairpersons have been invited to write text for their own page as well.

As of the end of September, the following Teams and Councils were known to have Home Pages on the Internet:

#### Bell County REACT

<http://www.vvm.com/~react>

#### Houston Metro Emergency

<http://www.cityscope.net/~cdww>

#### Rose City REACT

<http://www.wincom.net/~smantha/REACT>

#### Santiago Communications

<http://www.deltanet.com/users/hllerith/react.html>

#### San Antonio REACT Team

<http://www.texas.net/~react>

#### Texas State REACT Council

<http://www.1mg.com/react/index.html>

We have located a "free" source for web page sites for other REACT Teams, but this source may or may not have "dried up" by the time this article reaches you. This information has been freely distributed via e-mail and many other teams and councils have contacted me

about starting their own web pages there also.

The IRC chat sessions on the Internet, America On Line (AOL), and coming soon even to CompuServe, are continuing.

The America On Line session is the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 9:00 p.m. EST, in the HAM RADIO CONFERENCE ROOM, for one half hour only. On the Internet, we run two weekly sessions, on two different IRC nets. On Sunday night we meet at 9:00 p.m. EST on "us.undernet.org" and port number "6667". On Thursday nights, we use the "Effnet" which is connected thru other servers like the "irc.texas.net". The IRC port number is the same for all nets.

Some REACT Affiliate members have applied for a REACT FORUM on CompuServe. They have completed the paperwork and submitted their request. We hope this will be approved soon.

There are about 20 participating members on the Computer Committee, and lots of active work being done to promote REACT and come up with ideas for supporting the needs of the other committees and our teams.

To this end, we have offered sources for free or shareware HTML software, examples of home pages for REACT, copies of graphic files, and other tools and help in developing your own web site for your team or council.

We have successfully gotten REACT's page linked to many major disaster and emergency communications web sites, and even some of the Amateur Radio sites. It is amazing when you apply Fred Lanshe's saying "If you don't ask, they can't say yes!" to the situation. (Thanks, Fred!)

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## News from Convention Site Selection Committee

by Dorothy DePoe, Convention Site Selection Committee Chairman

All bids for the 1998 REACT International, Inc. Convention should be submitted by April 30, 1996. Bids should be for the central part of the country. Send your bids to: Dorothy DePoe, 100 N. Richards Ave., Somerville, NJ 08876-2725.

## Dedication to Florence ("Mom") Wright

by Bob Stewart, Superstition REACT, Inc Team C320

The Board and Membership of Superstition REACT, Inc. Team #C320 would like to take this opportunity to inform REACT International, Inc. and its membership of the passing of one of our most dedicated and valuable members: Florence M. ("Mom") Wright.

Florence Wright passed away of congestive heart failure on Wednesday, August 2, at the age of 94, in Phoenix, Arizona. She was an active charter member of Superstition REACT, Inc. from its formation in 1964, under the original National REACT. Florence had been a tireless worker in all of the functions of Superstition REACT, not the least of them being monitoring.

After many years of active, "on site" service, Florence was obliged to give up her active service in favor of "home-bound" monitoring only, due to her failing health. In response to her faithful service, the members of Superstition REACT voted to grant to her the status of "Life Member" in the team.

As a last "Thank You", the members of Superstition REACT conveyed to her family (two daughters, seven grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren) a laminated, parchment certificate of her many years of service to Superstition REACT, Inc. and to the Public Good that it Serves.

## Greetings from the Pacific Northwest

by Dawn Humphrey, 1996 Convention, Public Relations

The summer is behind us. Convention 1995 is history. We are now turning our thoughts toward settling into our day-to-day routine of making plans for the upcoming holidays.

Some of you more forward thinkers may even be planning next year's vacation. It is to you, well organized, pragmatic people, that we present a special invitation. Please consider the 21st International REACT Convention 1996 in Silverdale. Silverdale is on the Olympic Peninsula in western Washington State.

Western Oregon and all Washington State Teams are joining in to invite our REACT friends from past conventions and those who have never attended a REACT Convention before, to plan your July 1996 vacation around exploring our beautiful temperate Pacific Northwest.

It is not too early to decide to make your Christmas gift to yourself and/or significant other, a REACT Convention registration. You can also open an account with the Washington/Oregon 1996 Convention committee to make payments towards your entire stay.

Our team "Come Early - Stay Late" is what we really hope you consider, when coming to our corner of the country.

### REACT

#### Memorial Plaque Additions

Vincent J. Kern

Prince William REACT, Inc. #C109  
Manassas, Virginia

(Contribution made by the Team)

James "Jim" Foden

Santiago Comm. Team, Inc. #C075  
Santa Ana, California

(Contribution made by the Team)

The REACT Memorial Plaque is displayed at REACT International, Inc., Wichita, Kansas. A \$50.00 minimum donation to this fund is required to have a name placed on the plaque. Names added to the Memorial Plaque will be mentioned in the REACTer.

There is so much to see and do, that the few days of convention cannot begin to be enough time to partake of all the enjoyment available to young and old alike.

Driving across country to get here is okay, if you have plenty of time, and will not be too tired out from your travels to explore once you arrive. We really do recommend the train or plane and a rental vehicle to do further adventuring.

To those of you on our opposite coast, who say "It's way to far away!". We say, we are as close as your airport, train, or bus station. And you gain three hours as you chase the sun West!

RV's will be able to be parked at the hotel, although there are no hookup facilities. For hookup facilities, you can set up with the Kitsap Fairgrounds. The Kitsap Fairgrounds is approximately five miles from the hotel. The hotel has only 30 smoking rooms, so smokers will need to reserve their rooms early.

Remember we have an "Early Bird Contest" for anyone that registers prior to April 1, 1996. These entries will be entered into a drawing for some nice prizes. Last but not least, registration will increase May 15, 1996, so register early.

## Correction

I need to apologize to Ms. Zygmunt about her article in the last REACTer (September/October Issue). I made a mistake in typing one of her survey questions.

The correct question and answer:

3) **Would more members go to the Annual Convention if it was held over a weekend?**

3) **Yes = 77, No = 31.**

**1996 REACT International Convention**  
**Silverdale Washington**  
**July 22 THROUGH 25, 1996**

Send to: Washington/Oregon REACT Council, 1996 Convention Committee  
 PO BOX 1786 MARYSVILLE WA 98270-1786 PHONE (360) 659-8885

**SECTION I NAME/ADDRESS**

Please print or type:

Please complete all information possible on this form.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE/PROVINCE: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTRY: \_\_\_\_\_

POSTAL/ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY, CONTACT: NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Life Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Council Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Charter #: \_\_\_\_\_ Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Forsake of coordination, number of persons in party:* \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION II CONVENTION REGISTRATION**

Convention Registration is \$55.00 (\$90.00 IF OFF SITE) per person. (JR. MEMBER \$30.00)  
 After May 15 1996, Registration is \$70.00(\$105.00 IF OFF SITE) per person. (JR. MEMBER \$40.00)

Number REGISTERING: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NW Hors d' Ocuvs (Get Acquainted Mixer) (NO HOST BAR)

NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

Opening Breakfast [sit-down] \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 3.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Convention Pictures \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Amateur Member's Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Amateur Member's Pictures \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Convention Shirts S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ XXL \_\_\_\_\_ XXXL \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL SHIRTS \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Life Member's Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$21.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Life Member's Pictures \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Banquet Tickets \_\_\_\_\_

(for non-registered) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE PAID (INCLUDING TRIPS on back)** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**BALANCE DUE** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Requests or Requirements: VEGETARIAN \_\_\_\_\_ DIABETIC \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Disabilities/Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION III TRAVEL INFORMATION**

I/we will arrive by: Personal Vehicle: YES / NO Rental Vehicle: YES / NO

Air Line: \_\_\_\_\_ Bus Line: \_\_\_\_\_ Train: \_\_\_\_\_

Flight, or Route Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Terminal: SEA-TAC (or other) ? \_\_\_\_\_

ARRIVE: DATE \_\_\_\_\_ TIME \_\_\_\_\_ AM / PM

DEPART: DATE \_\_\_\_\_ TIME \_\_\_\_\_ AM / PM

TRANSPORTATION REQUIRED TO & FROM TERMINAL: YES / NO

## SECTION IV CONVENTION COMMUNICATIONS

Service	AMATEUR	OPERATORS	CB	GMRS
Frequencies	146.82 ( 103.5 )	KC4ZPQ / N7QHC	9 & 12	462.675 / 467.675 ( 141.3 )
FCC Call Signs:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Unit Designators:	_____	_____	_____	_____

## SECTION V ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

*Prior International Conventions you have attended:*

1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982
1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	

## SECTION VI HOTEL INFORMATION

### Silverdale

on the Bay  
**RESORT HOTEL**  
*A West Coast Hotel*

3073 Bucklin Hill Road, Silverdale, Washington 98383  
(360) 698-1000 Fax (360) 692-0932  
For Reservations: Call (800) 426-0670

Room Rates: 1-4 persons \$70.00 per night + tax

## SECTION VII TOURS

**TOUR NUMBER 1:** To leave convention site at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, take ferry across Puget Sound, go to BOEING Plant for tour of the 777 Division, continue down to Seattle to the Ballard Locks, then to the Space Needle & Seattle Center, and completing the tour on the Seattle water front where you will have some free time to eat and take in the stores. Then at a time to be specified all will load up for scenic ride back to convention site at about 9:00 or 9:30 p.m. Tour cost of \$25.00 per person.

**TOUR NUMBER 2:** To leave convention site at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday for boat ride to Blake Island and Tillicom Village for an interesting show of Indian Culture and a Indian Style Salmon Baked Dinner along with Indian Dancing. Again we should be back to convention site about 10:00 p.m.  
Tour cost of \$45.00 per person.

## SECTION VIII OTHER

LICENSED CHILD CARE SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED. PLEASE LIST NUMBER AND AGES OF ANY CHILDREN THAT ARE COMING WITH YOU: \_\_\_\_\_

List any questions you have of the convention committee? \_\_\_\_\_

REMEMBER "COME EARLY OR STAY LATE" SPEND YOUR VACATION IN THE PACIFIC NORTH WEST THIS YEAR AND ENJOY A RELAXING TIME.

**Registrations Postmarked Prior to April 1, 1996 will be placed in a Special Drawing, for the Early Bird. ( This is NOT an April Fool's Joke! )**



**TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

# Training Winners

by Larry Zygmunt, Training & Development Committee Chairman



Darling	Alfred	HI	101
Burggraff	Patti	HI	101
Kano	Michael	HI	101
Kitabayaski	Ray	HI	101
Burggraff	Kurt	HI	101
Coy	Myron	IN	101
Morin	Ginger	MN	101
Ryan	Richard	NE	101
Wilson	Robert	SC	101
Jackson, Jr.	Charles	SC	101
Lopp	Joel	SC	101
Miller	Sandy	SC	101
Miller	Gary	SC	101
Thompkins	Cheri	SC	101
Litchfield II	William	SC	101
Layton	Hope	SC	101
Schaffer	Craig	SC	101
Hance III	Arthur	SC	101
Webber	Hope	SC	101
Slesinger	Harriet	SC	101
Hance	P. Maxine	SC	101

Blaton	Vicki	SC	101
Blaton, Jr.	Mitchell	SC	101
Trzebiatowski	Roger	WI	101
Mosby	Jon	CA	201
Darling	Alfred	HI	201
Burggraff	Patti	HI	201
Kano	Michael	HI	201
Burggraff	Kurt	HI	201
Ruiz	Jose	PR	201
Trzebiatowski	Roger	WI	201

Darling	Alfred	HI	301
Burggraff	Patti	HI	301
Kano	Michael	HI	301
Burggraff	Kurt	HI	301
Kitabayaski	Ray	HI	301
Medlen, Sr.	Matthew	IL	301
Shiemke	Randall	MI	301
Carroll	Bobbie	MO	301
Ryan	Richard	NE	301
Kline	Lois	PA	301
Lopp	Joel	SC	301
Miller	Sandy	SC	301
Miller	Gary	SC	301
Thompkins	Cheri	SC	301

Schaffer	Craig	SC	301
Hance III	Arthur	SC	301
Webber	Hope	SC	301
Slesinger	Harriet	SC	301
Blaton	Vicki	SC	301
Blaton, Jr.	Mitchell	SC	301
Wilson	Robert	SC	301
Jackson, Jr.	Charles	SC	301
Helton, Jr.	Johnny	VA	301
Trzebiatowski	Roger	WI	301

Morelli	Thomas	CT	401
Richardson	Billy	HI	401
Darling	Alfred	HI	401
Burggraff	Patti	HI	401
Kano	Michael	HI	401
Burggraff	Kurt	HI	401
Medlen, Sr.	Matthew	IL	401
Talanian	Bruce	MA	401
Gibson	Ralph	NJ	401
Scherlacher	Robert	NJ	401
Kline	Lois	PA	401
Jackson, Jr.	Charles	SC	401
Gehring	Herbert	TX	401
Fry	Larry	WI	401
Simpson	William	WI	401
Trzebiatowski	Roger	WI	401

## Training Registration Form

Subject  102 Monitoring  201 GMRS (Includes FCC Rules)

301 Search Teams  401 Money Matters

GMRS FCC Rules - Part 95 A (ONLY)

Fill in your full name and address, your REACT Team Name, REACT Team Number and REACT Member ID Number (as found on your REACT Membership Card). Enclose \$7.00 for each Training Module, \$2.50 for each GMRS FCC Rules Part 95 A, and \$3.50 for 102 Monitoring for Members who have purchased the 101 Monitoring.

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Initial Last

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_ Team # \_\_\_\_\_

Team ID# \_\_\_\_\_

- Monitoring Module (\$7.00)
- GMRS Module (\$7.00)
- Search Teams Module (\$7.00)
- Money Matters Module (\$7.00)
- GMRS FCC Rules Only (\$2.50)

**TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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**P.O. Box 998**  
**Wichita, KS 67201**

As a Field Director, I have been assigned a section of the states to help guide the Teams there. These are the states: Arkansas, Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, Nebraska, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

The year end membership statistics have been tallied at REACT headquarters. I'm pleased to report that in these central states we have accepted 10 new Teams in 1995. We have also seen 19 Teams increase their membership over the 1994 totals and 7 Teams whose membership totals stayed the same. I want all these Teams to know that we appreciate the time and efforts they have shown to serve their communities using two-way radio communications.

I would like to highlight one particular Team in Illinois. A longtime member of this Team paid his dues every year, but realized that something was not right. He found that the Team officers decided they didn't want to continue and they didn't send in the dues that had been collected. The Team Charter was dropped by REACT Headquarters after the renewal period passed. Once the member heard of this, he contacted the REACT Headquarters and inquired about reinstating the Team Charter. He gathered seven other people to restore the REACT Team in his community. They paid all late fees and dues that were required and got the blessings of the Illinois Council and myself as Field Director. Now you may ask why someone would go to all that hassle to reinstate a Team when they could just charter a new Team? As it turns out, this Team happens to be **#C001**, Danville REACT. Thanks go to the Danville REACT members for preserving a piece of REACT history.

I'd like to extend REACT's thanks to the following Teams who kept their Team membership steady or increased it over the past year.

**Iowa**

Cedar-Loo REACT #4748  
Hawkeye REACT #3038

**Illinois**

Joliet Midwest REACT #C164  
Lincoln-Railsplitter REACT Inc. #C733  
Unity REACT Inc. #2947  
Apollo VII REACT Inc. #4534  
Great River REACT #2125  
Sangamon County REACT #4794

**Kansas**

Phillips County REACT #3135  
Sedgwick County REACT, Inc. #4208  
Manhattan REACT #2800

**Minnesota**

Southern MN Albert Lea REACT #C143  
Ramsey County REACT #2538,  
St. Cloud REACT #3791

**Missouri**

Mark Twain REACT Organization #C336  
Gateway Area REACT #2001

**Nebraska**

Dodge County REACT #2750  
Gage County REACT #2983  
Lincoln County REACT Inc. #4605

**Oklahoma**

Comanche County REACT #3232  
Garvin County REACT Inc. #2829

**South Dakota**

Lake County REACT #4736

**Wisconsin**

Fond Du Lac County REACT #4364  
Door County REACT #4755  
Madison Metro REACT #4843  
Richland County REACT #3621

Also, welcome these new REACT Teams and wish them many successful years of communications service.

Crittenden County REACT #4930, AR  
Crowley County REACT #4900, KS  
REACT of Butler County #4926, KS  
Cass County REACT #4919, ND  
Ogallala REACT #4894, NE  
Skiatook REACT #4892, OK  
Grady County REACT #4923, OK

Portage Area REACT #4879, WI  
Stevens Point-Plover REACT #4908, WI  
Oncida County REACT #4912, WI

For those Teams who may be struggling to attract new members or don't know what to try to recruit more members, here are some ideas. This is reprinted from a document titled "Membership Pro-Tention" that came out in 1989. Here is a section from it:

**"NEW MEMBERS - WHERE TO SEARCH FOR THEM**

*Regardless of the size of your community, new members are not hard to come by. The matter simply requires attention - more not less, constantly!*

*The best ways to find new members are:*

1. Personal contact by present members to their friends, relatives, neighbors, fellow workers, and groups they belong to.
2. Exposure to those who FIT your Team's activities.

*A. Post notices and leave the REACT pamphlets wherever they sell or service CB, GMRS, Amateur radios and even pagers or cellular telephones. These are the people who are into radio communications and would come into your Team with their own equipment to use.*

*B. Make group presentations to: CB Clubs, other emergency organizations (CD, rescue squad, etc.), professional/official agency personnel (police, fire), truckers/drivers and businesses using CB radios. Offer to show the REACT video or get the REACT Speaker's Package and make a presentation about REACT and your local Team.*

*Through affiliations with any of the above, many of your members may already be acquainted with persons who don't really know what REACT is*

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*or does – or maybe they do – and who might be interested, but never pursued the matter. They'll probably never join – unless you INVITE THEM!*

*Many Teams have welcomed the membership of handicapped people who find great fulfillment in monitoring. Their ability to handle Channel 9 calls is often unimpaired, and like some housewives and retired persons, they tend to be available to monitor during those hard-to-fill times in the schedule – regular business hours.*

*Those are starters. You will certainly be able to come up with other ideas. The membership committee should "brainstorm" a list of the most likely new membership sources in your locality."*

I hope the reprinted information helps some Teams find new members. If your Team is still bewildered or feel that you've tried everything and still can't get more members, write me and I'll see if we can come up with other ideas you can try.

Many thanks to all the members of all the Teams for the time they give as REACT members.

## Team News

Hi!

I want to thank all the Teams who send in articles. I have to mention that when you send in articles from newspapers, I cannot reprint these articles unless I have permission from the writer of the article. Some newspapers do not allow articles to be reprinted. So, please get written consent from the writers. And remember, not all newspaper articles will go into the REACTer. It all depends on space availability.

Pearl Harmon  
Office Manager

## REACT Report

by Eric Price, writer for "Daily Guide" published August 3, 1995

Shouts of "On Rappel" may not be what most people expect to hear from the REACT team, but on Saturday, July 22 the words were ringing through the hills.

The weekend of July 22, was the first in awhile, that the Mark Twain REACT team was not busy helping a local Law Enforcement Agency with some event or other and the team took advantage of it to get in some training on their other primary function, Search and Rescue.

In addition to answering calls for emergency assistance on CB Channel 9, the REACT team also has a trained and ready Search and Rescue team. The team is capable of conducting operations in the woods, caves and mountainous terrain as well as water rescue operations.

The team spent the morning of the 22nd training for land rescue operations and then the afternoon honing their water rescue skills. With a Mountaineering Instructor, a Certified Mountain/Cave and Water Rescue specialist, two Divemasters, and underwater investigator, rescue divers, support personnel, two boats and all the necessary equipment to go along, the team is highly capable of responding at a moment's notice to any Search and Rescue mission on land, underground or in the water.

With all of their training, equipment and capabilities, the REACT team is a highly versatile Search and Rescue asset to the local area and is available to any Law Enforcement, Fire Department or other emergency service organization at any time as well as assisting anyone on CB Channel 9.

Plans are being made to conduct joint Search and Rescue training with the Ft. Leonard Wood Military Police and Fire

Dept. and the Hazelgreen Fire Dept. It is hoped that other agencies will be willing to participate as well.

During the past month Mark Twain REACT has assisted with the following:

June 20 - Conducted a safety survey and were on standby for a college class conducting a tour of an undeveloped cave on Ft. Leonard Wood.

June 30-July 4 - Assisted the Ft. Leonard Wood Military Police with parking and traffic control for the Red, White and Blue festivities.

July 16 - State Council Meeting and tour of Meramac Caverns.

July 22 - Search and Rescue Training.

July 29 - Assisted the Waynesville Police Dept., controlling parking at the Waynesville Old Settlers Day.

CB calls for assistance in the past month:

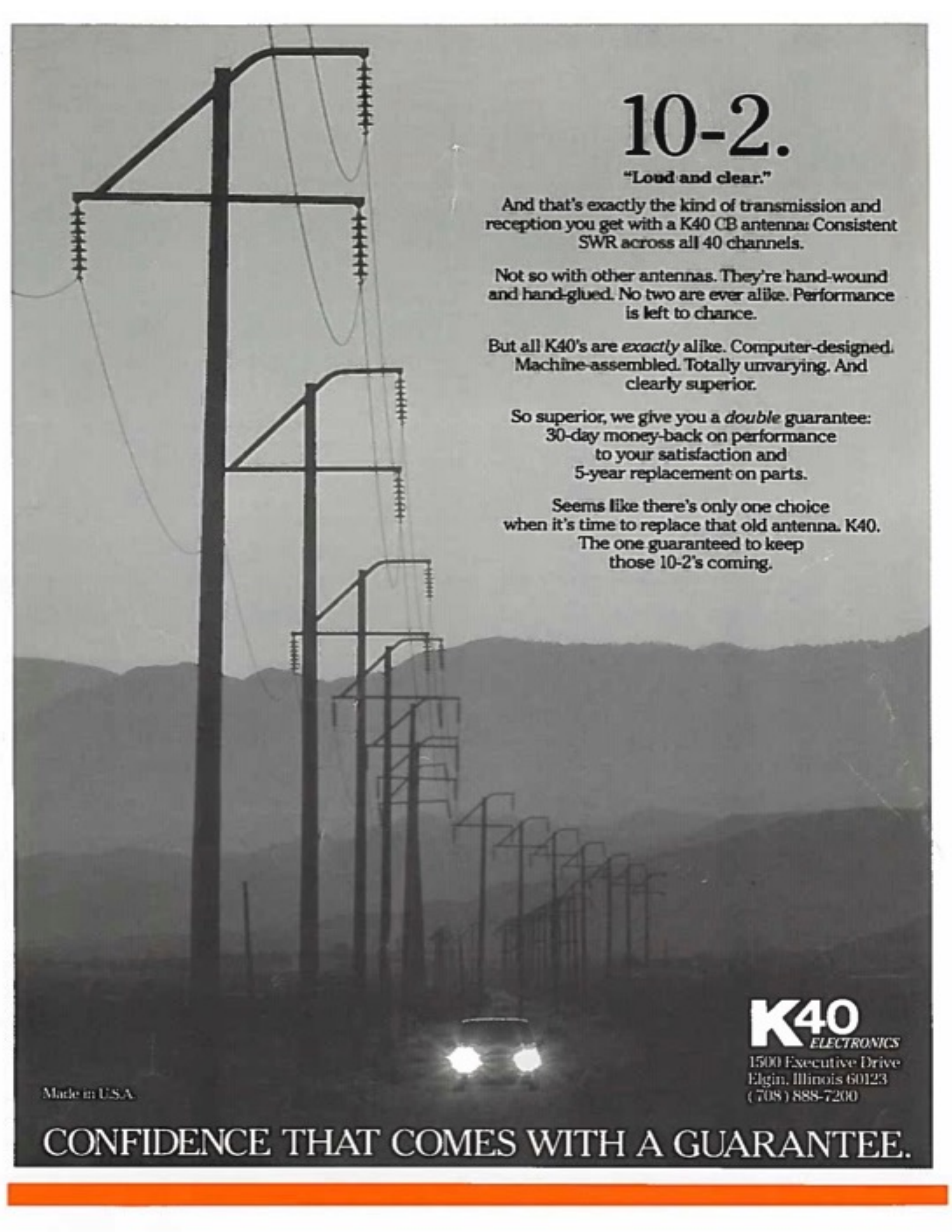
Stranded/Disabled motorist - 8; Motor Vehicle Accident, 10; Vehicle on Fire, 2; House Fire, 1; Calls for Emergency Assistance (Police), 5.

Mark Twain REACT not only offers their skills free of charge to assist any agency or individual, but is available to provide briefings and instruction as well. All members of the team are volunteers who just have a desire to share their special skills in helping the community be a safer place to live and welcomes any request for their services as well as new members at any time.

Remember, when you see a REACT member parking cars or directing traffic at an event, they are volunteers, donating their time to try and make the event more enjoyable for everyone. So don't sit there and argue with them because you want to park 20 feet closer than they want you to. There is a reason for them telling you where to park, so just park there and help them make the event more fun for everyone.

CB Channel 9 is for Emergency Use Only!

*This article was sent in by Dixie Lee Banks, Mark Twain REACT Organization Team C336.*



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