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THE FUTURE OF REACT

by Kenneth Green, CEO/President

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Once again we must focus on the direction that REACT must travel. In doing so, we must not lose sight of the reason REACT was founded which was the need to help our fellowman through radio communication. As we continue to add other forms of communication to our resources, we must not overlook CB as it is still the main form of communication used by the public who we wish to assist. Amateur, GMRS, Cellular, and the Computer are means in which we use to transmit messages. Amateur operators are becoming more and more common. Teams should consider the opportunities that Amateur capabilities can bring to their Team.

Membership is another concern, we must work at increasing our membership again this year as we did last year. The best form of gaining members is through publicity. If you sponsor or work an event, write up an article on that event and send it to your Local Newspaper, Television Station, and Radio Station. When submitting an article to the media include a contact number or address.

Another way to gain membership is to contact the larger companies in your area. Some companies encourage their employees to join organizations that help their community. REACT International is currently working on a couple of projects to increase the membership on the National level, but we all need to do our part.

Good Luck to all REACT members. Together, we can improve this organization.

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In updating the Council database, REACT International would like the members to answer a question?

What information would be valuable to Teams?

Send your comments to:
REACT International
Box 998
Wichita, KS 67201

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Mid-Year Dues

\$15 - Regular Members

\$13 - Family Members

\$13 - Junior Members

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Calendar of Events

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

October 1-6, 1995 - National Seminar for Search and Rescue Dog Team. For more information contact Don Abney (504) 892-6778.

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

October 15, 1995 - Upstate New York REACT Council Meeting. Hosted by Schenectady, New York Empire Central REACT. For details call (518) 370-4119.

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

October 22, 1995 - Garden State Council of REACT Teams, Inc. Meeting. Hosted by Metro. For details call (908) 774-4391.

October 28-29, 1995 - CVRC Convention Front Royal. For more information contact Prince William REACT Team #C109 (703) 368-6353.

October 31, 1995 - Pumpkin Patrol - REACT Units aid in observing NYS Thruway overpasses to prevent tossing of pumpkins or other dangerous missiles onto the roadway. For more information contact Empire Central REACT Team #3030 (518) 370-4119.

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

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

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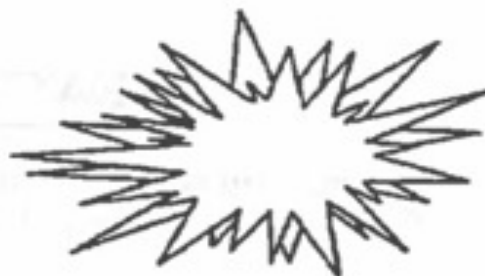
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Publicizing REACT

Message from Fred Lanshe Public Relations Chairman

I was sorry to miss seeing everyone at this year's International Convention and having so much fun as we always do. This year I had to stay at home and take care of my father with his decline health problems.

I really appreciate your inquiring and remarks and letters such as from Paul Obey and Jim Koritzky.

I was taken by surprise when I received this huge box in the

mail one day and there to my amazement was a box full of REACT items from the convention. A big thanks to Kay Neal and her convention committee. They made me feel like I was there with all of you; especially when I admire the group picture. Seeing the faces of so many friends brought back a lot of great memories of the fun we had.

Thanks to Lee Besing and Ron McCracken for filling in for me

with the contests, and to everyone for your continuing efforts.

Also a note of thanks to my friends on the west coast and Canada for sending various articles and information on various topics. I have been successful in making an arrangement with my superiors at Day-Timers, Inc. to be able to take a Dale Carnegie course for self improvement. Thanks for your support.

Jingle Contest

The Public Relations Committee is pleased to announce a Jingle Contest. This contest is open to everyone in our program. We are interested in getting a "sound bite" to be used to catch the eyes and ears of the various media available; such

as, the AP UPI Wire service, other publications, etc. for a national public relations campaign.

We are seeking input from the experts in the field. YOU the membership. This will be utilized by Geltzer &

Company, Inc., which is one of the top three advertisers in the country and together with Norman Goldberg of Cobra and the Public Relations Committee, we want to maximize our efforts, "to make the horses thirsty, to drink the water".

REACT Jingle Contest Judging Rules

1. Judging shall be done by Ms. Allison Kirstein and her staff along with input from Norman Goldberg and the Chair of the Public Relations Chair.

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2. The catchy phrase or jingle will be judged on: (a) sensory awareness, (b) appeal, (c) grabbing your attention, (d) useful message.
3. Send in as many as you want. These must be received by October 30, 1995. Submit these to: REACT International, Inc., P.O. Box 998, Wichita, Kansas, USA, 67201.
4. There are five categories:
 - A - Team Member
 - B - Affiliate Member
 - C - Life Member Unattached
 - D - At-Large Board Member, including Advisory Group
 - E - Office Staff
5. The decisions of the judges will be final.
6. The winning jingles will be listed in the REACTer Magazine. And a top prize of a COBRA 210 mobile CB radio will be awarded to the top winner.
7. All submissions become the property of REACT International, Inc.

GOOD LUCK!

CATEGORY

- _____ A - Team Member
- _____ B - Affiliate Member
- _____ C - Life Member Unattached
- _____ D - At-Large Board Member, including Advisory Group
- _____ E - Office Staff

Your Entry:

(Sample - "See the USA in your Chevrolet")

Catchy phrase entry: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: () _____ Team Name: _____

Team Number: _____ Life Member Number: _____

Life Membership Corner

by Richard T. Gamble
LM #226

Greetings, "I'm Ba-a-ack".

Yes, I am back again as your **LIFE MEMBER CHAIRPERSON**. After the Board of Directors election, I was asked if I would accept a nomination as your Chairperson once again and I said that I would.

Before the election, in the annual Life Member meeting, there were some items brought up for action of Life Membership Committee to either investigate or resolve:

1. A motion to define what constitutes "cause" in the case of an expulsion from Life Membership.

This is covered on the Life Membership application under item #9, where it states that a membership may be revoked for cause should that individual bring discredit upon the **REACT** name.

2. A motion to research and find a copy of the policy that was enacted several years back regarding procedure for the removal of a life member. A copy of this procedure will be mailed to all Life Members of record.

This I am planning to include in a new Life Member Directory to come out around the end of this year.

3. The forming of a committee with regard to an investigation of a Life Member.

This has been done but the names of the investigating committee are not for publication at this time.

Last year the Life Member Committee voted on a new due's structure for life members based on 25 times the current regular member

dues at time of application. Because of the number of applications submitted from the time of convention until the Winter Board of Directors Meeting (there were only two{2}), the Board of Directors felt that with this structure the Life Membership ranks would not increase at a satisfactory rate. It was at that time the Board of Directors passed a permanent due's structure of \$300 with no reductions to any member (since the Board meeting to the 1995 Convention there were six (6) additional Life Members added). It looks as if this may bring us more Life Members this year.

**Questions/Concerns/
Comments on Life
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LM #226
Chairperson**

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From the Grassroots

by Bonnie Zygmunt, Secretary

First let me thank the 77 teams who placed their confidence in me with their vote. I will do my utmost to fulfill that trust.

Part of what I want to bring to the Board is honest and straight forward communications. Teams and members cannot operate in a vacuum. Everyone needs to know where the organization stands and in what direction it is headed. But the Board of Directors cannot do it alone. We are directors and that implies that we will lead in a certain direction. We get that direction from the opinions of the membership. And that places some of the burden on you, the members. If the only opinions we, the directors, hear are the same voices that have been heard in the past, the organization will continue to head in the same direction as in the past. We need to hear from all the members. The ones who have never written, the ones who think no one cares about their opinions. Well, someone on the Board is asking for your input now.

I tried to get back some of that Team based wisdom when I sent out material during the election campaign. I included a survey to the teams asking five (5) questions to get their responses. Because of low budget I could only send this survey to those Teams who

had voted in the past couple of years, plus the newest teams. The questions were:

- 1) What are the top three benefits the members want from REACT International?
- 2) When the Board considers major changes to REACT, such as: the dues; the Life Member Program; the REACT International By-Laws; etc. should all the Teams be allowed to vote by mail for or against the proposed change?
- 3) Would more members go to the Annual Convention if it was held over a weekend?
- 4) Rank the following items that you feel the REACT Board should be working hardest on. (Increased membership - National publicity for REACT - Discounts for members - Grants or donations to REACT International - Controlling teams and members - Training for members - Other).
- 5) Does your Team feel that REACT International keeps them adequately informed on what's happening?

I've shared the answers with the other Board of Directors before departing from this years Convention. I think it's important that the results are shared with all the members too. Here's the answers I've received so far:

- 1) The opinions expressed here were enlightening, though varied. The most popular answers were:

nationalwide (all nations) promotion and Public Relations; more information/better communications at all levels; membership incentives and recruitment; insurance for emergency vehicles and radio equipment; and new product reviews.

- 2) Yes - 105; No = 6; Only Board should vote = 1; only delegates should vote = 14.
- 3) Yes = 7; No = 31.
- 4) The items were ranked: #1 - Increased membership. #2 - National publicity for REACT. #3 - Grants or donations to REACT. #4 - Training for members. #5 - Discounts for members. #6 - Other (Instruction Manuals and Videos, Train Councils, Get information via Team Topics, New Product Reviews, Better Communications to Teams, More Corporate Sponsors, Improved Insurance, More MOU's, 800 Number). #7 - Controlling teams and members.
- 5) Yes = 23; No = 89.

Some steps have been taken at this years Convention.

Now you know what's been done so far, what does your team think? If you didn't get a copy of the survey to fill out and want one, send me a self-addressed envelope: 5925 Donegal Road, Hubertus, WI 53033. Or send me a message through the Internet at the following address: BSZ3866@aol.com. There is no deadline for sharing your ideas.

1995 Field Director Election

by Richard Pratz, Treasurer

The candidates for the 1995 election were Mike Chuvén, Craig Hoephner, Richard Gamble, and Bonnie Zygmunt. The ballots were retrieved from the Omaha Post Office on Saturday, July 15, and stored in the hotel safe until time to count them on Sunday, July 16.

About 1:00 p.m., the Membership Committee consisting of Kenneth Green and Richard Pratz met with observers Mike McQueen, Team #C-10; Zelma Dassa, Team #4552; Pearl Harmon, Office Manager; and the candidates to tally the votes.

There were 166 envelopes counted. Of these eleven (11) ballots were disqualified because the information on the back of the envelope was not complete. There were 156 envelopes opened and 155 inner envelopes were removed. One Team had enclosed their ballot in the outer envelope which meant that this vote was disqualified.

After counting the 155 ballots Bonnie Zygmunt was declared the new Field Director.

The Membership Committee wants to thank all candidates for their participation in this years election. We also wish to thank the observers and the Office Manager for their assistance in counting the ballots.

The Field Director election is the one chance each year that teams have an opportunity to help determine who will lead REACT. If you Team does not participate, other Teams will make the choice for you.

Alaska	3973	4694	3310	Kansas	Minnesota
3629	4111	4763	4534	4208	C143
	4252	4778	4714	4801	2538
Arizona	4873	4800	4794		
C176		4891	4815	Kentucky	Mississippi
C320	Canada	4909		1582	C204
C514	2627		Indiana	1583	
	4270	Georgia	C100		Nebraska
California	4760	4623	C149	Maine	C652
C040	4853	4882	C261	4094	C663
C057	4864	4920	C653		2736
C059	4866	4921	C692	Maryland	2750
C071			2314	C022	2983
C125	Connecticut	Hawaii	2446	2106	
C128	3625	C010	2468	2515	New
C267			4298	3202	Hampshire
C373	Florida	Illinois		4673	3265
C412	C610	C164	Iowa		4105
2517	2194	C250	3038	Michigan	
2609	2591	C310	4748	C238	New Jersey
2642	3490	2125		C256	4259
3425	4577	2947		4848	4651

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New York	Rhode Island	Wisconsin
2371	C102	3621
3030		3866
3609	South	4089
4552	Carolina	4365
4805	C614	4712
4834		4813
	Texas	4879
North	C622	
Carolina	3022	Spoiled Ballots
2457	3622	C098
2804	4047	C867
3032	4098	2202
3420	4747	2785
		3781
Ohio	Utah	4468
C025	C505	4925
C199		4752
C260	Virginia	Nebraska State Council
C282	C053	New Jersey State Council
C480	C109	Ohio State Council
2102	C142	
2413	C332	
4811	C490	
4913	2037	
	2356	
Oklahoma	2871	
4892	3968	
	4746	
Oregon	4751	
4397		
4824	Vermont	
	2424	
Pennsylvania		
C161	Washington	
C445	2869	
C546	2904	
2141	4700	
3522	4784	
3850	4907	
Puerto Rico	West Indies	
4027	4928	
4566		
4756		



**VOTE!
VOTE!

YOUR
BALLOT
COUNTS!**

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CB Task Force Study

Mr. Trenton Williams from FCC in Maine is involved with a task force to study the problems with CB. If REACT members would like to comment on this study please contact:

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1995 Convention Photographs



*Members at the Banquet
Courtesy Photo by
Jim Koritzky
Bangor, Maine*

*Deanne Earwood
receiving farewell
plaque for dedicated
service to
REACT International.
Courtesy Photo by
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*Treynor Volunteer Fire
Department Seminar.
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1995 Convention Photographs



Board of Directors and attendees at the Meetings.

Attendees at the Meetings.



Where the Action Is!

**1995
REACT International
20th Annual Convention**

Omaha, Nebraska



Deanne Earwood receiving roses from Antelope Valley REACT, Team #C-40.

1995 K40 Achievement Awards

The K40 Electronics Achievement Awards Program is open to all Members, Teams, and Councils. Please submit that special Member, Team, or Council who you feel qualifies for this special award. K40 Electronics winners receive a Plaque of Recognition and a check in the amount of \$100.

1994 Second Quarter Awards

Individual Achievement Award

George MacDonald, Waukesha Area REACT #4089

Team Achievement Award

Kettle Moraine REACT #3866

Annual Council Award

Wisconsin Council of REACT Teams



The above photograph is Jacki MacDonald, Team #4089, accepting K40 Third Quarter Team Achievement Award from Mr. John Boyer of K40 Electronics.



The above photograph is Dean Enos, Team #4208, accepting the K40 Fourth Quarter Individual Achievement Award from Mr. John Boyer of K40 Electronics.

1994 Third Quarter Awards

Individual Achievement Award

Harold Hedden, St. Thomas REACT #4760

Team Achievement Award

Waukesha Area REACT Team #4089

1994 Fourth Quarter Awards

Individual Achievement Award

Dean Enos, Sedgwick County REACT Inc., #4208

Team Achievement Award

Sedgwick County REACT Inc., #4208



The above photograph is Mark Kelter, Team #4712, accepting the K40 Annual Council Achievement Award from Mr. John Boyer of K40 Electronics.

1995 Eugene Goebel Award



The Eugene Goebel Award is the highest tribute REACT's Board of Director's bestows upon recipients. This years award was presented to Dr. Jerome Bricker.

The photograph to the left is James Bear, Field Director presenting the Goebel Award on behalf of the Board of Directors to Dr. Bricker. Dr. Bricker received this award at the Maryland State REACT Council.

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Message from the International Director

by Pam Hedden, International Director

The position of International Director is a challenge. I am looking forward to this challenge but to do a good job of serving the International Teams I will require a great deal of input from these Teams.

What issues are you most concerned about? Do you have any ideas which you feel will improve our organization?

What services do you provide in your community? Do you have regulations or laws in your country which differ from the US and effect the way your Team operates?

Many Field Directors say they only hear about problems and bad news. While I do hope you will share this information with me in case I can be of help, I also would like to hear your good news. What is the best thing to happen to your Team so far this year?

Congratulations to Ron Faulkner and his committee. Their convention bid was selected at the 1995 Convention in Omaha, Nebraska. They look forward to welcoming the members of this great organization to the 1997 REACT International Convention in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Now the hard work begins. Ron is arranging for all interested Teams to meet at the International Plaza Hotel in Toronto during September to get down to work on making the 1997 Convention the best. The hotel has offered convention rates for anyone who needs to stay overnight before or after this meeting.

Congratulations to Linda Faulkner, President of the newly formed Ontario REACT Council. Linda is a member of Stratford REACT #4853. The other Council Executive members are Vice-President - Mary-Ellen Hicknell, St. Thomas REACT Inc. #4760; Treasurer - Harold Hedden, St. Thomas REACT Inc.

#4760; and Sgt.-At-Arms - Ward Kennedy, Don Valley REACT, Inc. #4866. The position of Secretary is vacant but hopefully not for long.

I have truly enjoyed cochairing the Membership Recruitment and Retention Committee for the last couple of years but it is time to pass the job to someone else. If you would be interested in this committee position and have lots of good ideas to share, please contact me or REACT International Office to volunteer for this position. I can assure you that you will enjoy the challenge.

I hope to find my mailbox full over the next few weeks as we all get to know each other. Send your correspondence (written or faxed) to:

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That "C" in REACT Just Got Larger!

by Lee W. Besing, Computer Services Chairman

During the 1995 REACT International Convention, the motion was made by this committee for REACT International to subscribe to a local Internet Service and obtain our own e-mail (electronic mail) address. Following one objection concerning funding, the members, led by Frank Jennings, Team #4700, passed the hat to collect nearly \$250 within a matter of

minutes! The object was withdrawn in light of this strong show of support by the members and the motion was passed.

Two days later, this task was accomplished. On the way to San Antonio, I spent a couple of days in Wichita. REACT International CEO/President Kenneth Green obliged me with a tour of the REACT International Office on

Friday. The next day, we visited a local computer retailer. I convinced the retailer that being a computer dealer from Texas, he should let me buy at wholesale pricing. Rather than to loose the sale, he agreed, and REACT International had a new 28.8kb V.34 modem for the office. By 5:00 p.m., this modem and Internet Software was installed and Kenneth Green had arranged for REACT International's account

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with the local Internet Service Provider (ISP). On Monday, Kenneth Green demonstrated the new software to the office staff.

REACT International is now on the Internet, using the address of "react@wichita.fn.net". So far, over fifty REACT members have contacted me with their e-mail addresses. If you have not been receiving e-mail from me, send a message to me at "react@texas.net" with your address and team or council affiliation, and you will be added to the list for future sendings.

The first week of REACT International being "live", we held two sessions on the Internet Relay Chat (IRC) channel of "#REACT". These have been established as regular weekly sessions on Sunday and Thursday nights. Jack Murrell of Circle City REACT, Team #C261(Indianapolis) is the host of the Sunday session, held at 10:00 p.m. CDT. Larry Skinner of Sedgwick County REACT, Team #4208 (Wichita) is the host of the Thursday sessions, held at 8:00 p.m. CDT. The IRC channel is always "#REACT". If you need help in finding how to access this, send me an e-mail.

Three of our Board of Director members, Kenneth Green, CEO/President; Bonnie Zygmunt, Secretary; and Richard Pratz, Treasurer have Internet e-mail addresses, and have been participating in the weekly IRC Chat sessions. It is common to receive responses from them or the REACT International Office Manager, Pearl Harmon, within 24

hours and sometimes within a matter of minutes, depending upon when they next access their e-mail.

About half of the (so far known) REACT members are running on American On Line (AOL.COM), with a few on Prodigy or Compuserve. Unfortunately, unless they have the latest 2.50 version software from AOL and the new WINSOCK.DLL software, those members will not be able to access much of the Internet, including the IRC channels and the FTP file transfers. They also cannot receive mail messages with files attached, if originated from outside of AOL.

Two weeks after the convention, after conversation with Frank Jennings Team #4700, we sent e-mail messages to 17 Internet Providers in that state. Within 25 minutes we had received six (6) replies, including one telling us about a new provider that wasn't in the directories yet. By the next day, we had located three (3) providers in that area capable of supplying ISP for the REACT Convention next July. Of course, they were also interested in recruiting the local members as new customers in the meantime.

Rose City (Windsor) REACT has the distinction of having the first REACT Home Page on the Web. It became active during the week of August 14, 1995. You can see Stewart Mantha and John Richardson's efforts by using Netscape (or other compatible web browser) to access it at the address of "http://

www.wincom.net/REACT/". Shannon Blackburn of San Antonio REACT was asked to author a web page about Outdoor Recreation in the area. When you click on the spot for information about the author, you get a plug about REACT! That's sneaky, Shannon! Keep up the good work. Check it out using Netscape to access "http://www.cains.com/outdoors/shan.htm". Cobra Radio is also up on the Internet, at "http://www.digimall.com/cobra/i.html".

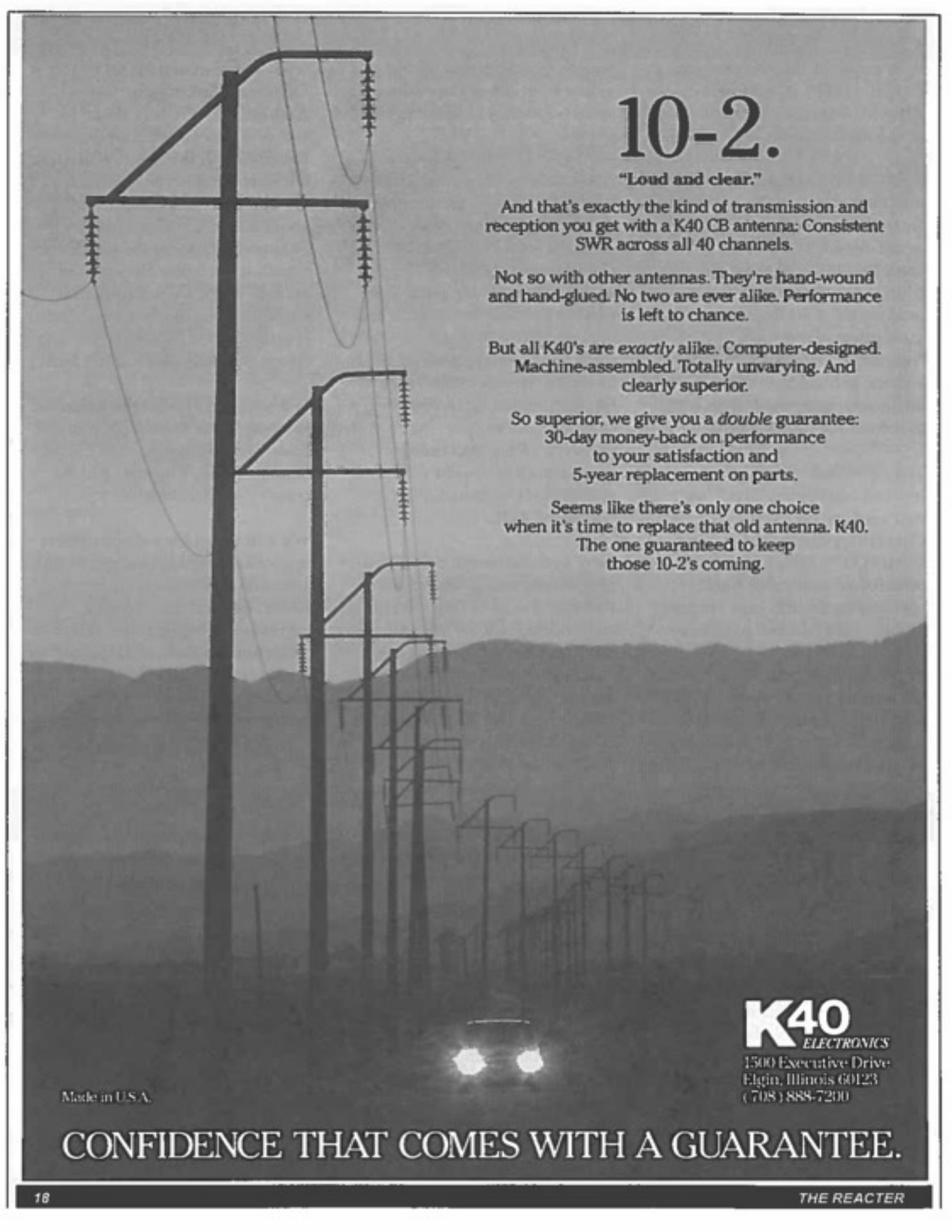
We have received inquiries on the Internet about membership in the State of Washington, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and the country of Denmark!

We will try to keep the members updated on the happenings of this committee as space in the REACTer permits. To stay current with happenings, send e-mail to me at "react@texas.net" or contact me at (210) 656-7657 or fax (210) 637-6611.

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1995 REACT International Convention

by Ed and Kay Neil

*Members of the 1995 Convention Planning Committee
Douglas County REACT, Team #C663*

"WHERE THE ACTION IS!" was the theme for the 1995 International Convention held in Omaha, Nebraska on July 17 - 20.

A Welcome Party was held on Sunday night which provided the opportunity for old friends and new friends (attendees) to get acquainted. Food was served from a fountain centered table and a disc jockey from a local radio station provided background music.

Beach Party anyone? That was the theme for the luncheon on Monday. Each table had fish net overly with small goldfish bowls with two tiny gold fish. Waiters and waitresses wore beach attire and attendees received a pair of sunglasses as a souvenir. The guest speaker was Shirley Lueth, Nebraska's Erma Bombeck.

Tuesday was tour day. One tour was to the SAC and Offutt Air Force Base along with lunch at the NCO Club. Another adventurous tour was to

the Nebraska's Zoo. Attractions at the Zoo were the Lied Jungle and the newly opened Kingdom of the Seas. As fun seeking attendees returned to the hotel, an old fashioned bar-be-que was about to begin. Entertainment was provided by the Merry Mixers Square Dance Club with the caller from a local country radio station. After a couple of elegant moves from the Merry Mixers, attendees were brought to the floor to square dance and line dance.

Orville and Billie Simpson, Evergreen REACT Team #2869 granddaughter, Candace, might have found a career as a square dance caller. She joined the caller on stage and was quite the caller.

Workshops throughout the day on Wednesday were informative and unique. The Lewis Township Underwater Rescue Team gave a demonstration in the hotel's outdoor pool. Another demonstration

was presented by the Omaha Fire and Rescue.

Thursday night's banquet was "light's out". The theme from "2001" began playing while sparks, smoke came from the cherries jubilee dessert. The climax for the last meal at the convention.

A welcome was given by the President of the Omaha City Council. The Nebraska State Governor Ben Nelson was also present. Attendees were given straw hats while Roger Welsch, "Postcards from Nebraska" on CBS Sunday Morning was introduced. He kept guests laughing throughout the evening.

"We hope all who attended the 1995 Convention had a great time. We sure had fun preparing for it." said Kay Neil.

By the way, there are five (5) video tapes (\$10 each) of various workshops. If you are interested, call (402) 342-5731.

Come Early and Stay Late to the 1996 International REACT Convention in Silverdale, Washington July 22-25, 1996

by B.F. "Frank" Jennings, Washington State REACT Council

The Washington Oregon Council extends to all REACT members our cordial invitation to take advantage of a truly Northwest Experience and the 21st REACT International Convention. We are offering the payment plan of your choice such as past Conventions offered (example: New Jersey and Nebraska Conventions). There will be a drawing for a Free Native American Salmon Dinner and presentation from all registrants prior to April 1, 1996 (no this is not an April Fools joke). More prizes will be added in ratio to the total registrants (the more attendees, the more prizes). Who knows, one prize might be a free room at the convention hotel.

We intend to make the convention an outstanding learning experience. We won't begin to claim it will be the best that you have ever attended. But by golly, we are going to try to make it one of the best. Preliminary seminar subjects are: Membership Drive; REACT Business; Ham Refresher; Ve Testing; Internet for the Novice, Intermediate, and Advanced; the Junior REACTer; and Round Table by popular demand.

We will have two official outings:

Tuesday events consist of a bus tour of WA ST Ferry; Boeing's 777 Plant; The Locks; Seattle Center; Science Center; Space Needle and Waterfront.

Wednesday events consist of an evening Boat Ride to Blake Island; Tillicum Village; Salmon Dinner; Native American Program; and the Boat Ride Return to Silverdale.

So why not start planning to save your vacation time, your money, and start packing your bags. If you attend, we promise that you will enjoy a very nice Northwest Experience. Besides a very informative Convention.



1995 Contest Information

by Lee Besing

Lee Besing, Contest Chairman and Ron McCracken, Assistant Chairman were wondering who they could get on such short notice to be judges for the 1995 REACT International Competition Contests. The original judges from the local newspaper had to cancel on the morning of the competition. Lee and Ron already had one judge, Wayne Stanley, Douglas County REACT, Team #C663 who represented the Host. Now for the remaining two judges. Who could they get on such short notice?

Darla Tanner and Pamela Berger, Human Resource Specialists employees for the Marriott Hotel, were volunteered to be judges by the Hotel Management. After

instructing the judges on what criteria to use, as printed on the reverse side of the application forms, Lee left the room due to his team and council being entered into the contest.

The Newsletter Competition had a total of two (2) councils and ten (10) teams represented. Four (4) of the entries were mailed to the Marriott Hotel, while the other entries were had delivered .

The Advertising Competition was a bit slim during this second year of competition. The entries were from two (2) Teams and one (1) State Council. Both teams were in the same size category and were judged exclusively by the two outside judges. The judges were asked to view these exhibits as to

attractiveness, delivery of information, contact information, and clear image of what the organization was accomplishing.

The Placard Competition this year had almost no participation. There was some initial confusion by attendees over where they were to deliver the placards for judging. Only two (2) placards were submitted the first day. So, the Contest Chair extended the deadline for one more day.

Several questions and suggestions were discussed at this years Convention concerning the Placard Competition. There could be a change for next years competition. More information will be released closer to the 1996 Convention.

Newsletter Competition

Class A Teams (3-21 members)

First Place - Houston REACT "Metro Media"

Second Place - Travis County "Team Log"

Third Place - Kettle Moraine "Kettle Report"

Class B Teams (22-31 members)

First Place - Waukesha REACT "REACTer"

Second Place - Seattle REACT "REACTer"

Third Place - Bell County "Actions From Bell County"

Class C Teams (32+ members)

First Place - San Antonio REACT "San Antonio Reflections"

Second Place - Southwestern REACT of San Diego County

Class D Councils

Wisconsin Council of REACT Teams "Wisconsin REACTer"

Second Place - Texas State REACT Council "Break-9"

Entries received for Class A

Houston Metro REACT #4098

Travis County REACT #3022

Kettle Moraine REACT #3866

Entries received for Class B

Bell County REACT #4047

Waukesha Area REACT #4089

Seattle REACT #2503

REACT of Allen County

San Fernando Valley REACT

Entries received for Class C

San Antonio REACT #3622

Southwestern REACT of San Diego

County, Inc. #C475

Entries received for Class D

Wisconsin Council of REACT Teams

Texas State REACT Council

Advertising Competition

Class A Teams (3-21 members)

No Entries

Class B Teams (22-31 members)

First Place - Waukesha Area

REACT #4089

Second Place - Bell County

REACT #4047

Class C Teams (32+ members)

No Entries

Class D Councils

First Place - Wisconsin Council of REACT Teams

Placard Competition

Class A Teams (3-21 members)

First Place - Salem County

REACT #4397

Class B Teams (22-31 members)

First Place - Bell County REACT

#4047

Class C Teams (32+ members)

No Entries

Class D Councils

First Place - Texas State

REACT Council

Financial Investment Update

by James Bear, Field Director

Effective July 12, 1995, REACT International has purchased \$10,250 worth of Paramount Communications Corporate Bonds maturing in 2002 at 7.2%, BA-2 Grade at \$102.5 with an annual yield of 7.137%, with \$4.17 prepaid interest and a \$4 service charge. Total purchase cost was \$10,258.17.

We now have the following investment portfolio: *

Corporate Bonds	\$51,534
US Govt. Bonds	\$17,722
Mort. & Assets	\$ 5,977**
Money Fund	\$ 2,851***
Total Investments	\$78,084

* Rounded to even dollars

** Depending on rise/ lowering interest rates may be able to dissolve quicker.

*** Balance in investment fund available since we invest

in increments of no less than \$5,000.

The present rate of income from these investments will be \$6,000 per year. Our goal is to have a minimum of \$100,000 invested prior to year end. If we can attain that goal our interest income will average \$7,500 per year. Our overall goal is to have \$200,000 invested in our investment ladder by the year end of 1996.

Amateur Radio News

by Steven Gobat, Amateur Radio Committee Chairperson

As I write this I have recently returned from the International Convention in Omaha, Nebraska. The Host Teams did an excellent job! One of the many suggestions that I received was having some kind of operating event. I think we should look into having some kind of QSO Party. It wouldn't be too hard to come up with a QSL card that participating Teams could fill in the blanks. Any ideas out there? We will need to come up with a format and rules. How about some help? On the CB and GMRS side could we include these services locally by passing a message from Team to Team across the America?

At the Convention the long awaited Amateur Radio Patch made its appearance with

many compliments on its design. There is a limited number left from the convention. Later on, I will be reordering the patches. If you would like to purchase a patch now, please send \$3 to me, along with your name and address. Also, at the convention I was reappointed to be the chairperson of this committee for another year. If Ken Collier, KE6JOD is agreeable to assist on the west coast, there should be some exciting things in the upcoming year.

Some of you have written to me in regards to an MOU with the ARRL. At the convention, I was told that the REACT Board of Directors were working on this with the league. When more information becomes

available, I will let you know. For those of us who are truly interested in such an agreement, it is time to write to your local Section Manager and Division Director to let them know how you feel. Their names and addresses can be found every month on page 8 in QST.

The REACT Amateur Radio Club is still open for membership. Just drop me a line or QSL card with all the usual information and I will put you on the roster.

I think this will be an exciting time for REACT members. But we all need to do our part to make it happen.

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The photograph above is the Life Member attendees at the 1995 REACT International Convention hosted by the Nebraska State Council and Iowa State REACT Council. The photograph below is the Amateur Member attendees at the 1995 REACT International Convention which was held at Omaha, Nebraska.

