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St. Cloud REACT #3791 members helped raise over \$74,000 to purchase ballistic vests for SERT. Pictured from left to right is: Lia Nistler, Connie Rechenberger, Meredith Lindrud, John Hengle. Vice President: Don Miles, Charles Reichenberger, President; Andy Hilger, WJON - surrounded by members of the SERT Team wearing vests.

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Fund-raiser goal reached by St. Cloud REACT, Inc. #3791

By Connie Reichensperger, Secretary
St. Cloud REACT, Inc., #3791, Minnesota

In July 1995, St. Cloud REACT, Inc. #3791, President Charles Reichensperger approached the St. Cloud Police Chief, Dennis O'Keefe and Stearns County Sheriff, Jim Kostreba with a proposal to raise enough funds to purchase special ballistic vests for the highly-trained officers of the two agencies Special Emergency Response Teams (SERT). The special teams are called into action in highly volatile, dangerous situations such as a major drug bust, potentially deadly domestic disputes, hostage taking or other life threatening situations. Reichensperger was aware of the need for the vests from conversations with the Sheriff. When both the Sheriff and Police Chief gave their support to the fund-raiser, Reichensperger ap-

proached Andy Hilger, owner of WJON Broadcasting, for his help and expertise.

By August of 1995 the BACK THE BADGE campaign was started. Public service announcements, interviews with SERT Team members, personal appeals to service groups by Reichensperger, Hilger, policemen and sheriff deputies, mailings to local businesses, and word of mouth publicity sparked a successful campaign which ended at the end of December.

Thanks to the generous contributions of area businesses, service clubs, schools and individuals, the original goal of \$50,000 was topped. The incredible outpouring of support also boosted the officer morale by demonstrating a no-tolerance attitude toward

crime and violence and genuine community concern for officer safety. In the end, over \$74,000 was raised.

In January 1996, the bids for the vests were submitted to St. Cloud REACT, Inc., 23 vests were purchased for the officers and two vests for the police paramedics. Because of the success of the fund-raiser, extra equipment was included and a van for the SERT Team was purchased.

On March 31, 1996, a presentation ceremony was held at the St. Cloud Civic Center. Short addresses were made by the Mayor, Chairman of the County Board, Sheriff, and the Police Chief. With the assistance of the members of St. Cloud REACT, President Charles Reichensperger and Andy Hilger of WJON presented the vests to the SERT Team Members, wives and their families.

"The Back the Badge campaign has made it possible to purchase tactical bulletproof vests....I have no doubt that the effort of WJON, REACT and the community will save the life of an officer or an innocent person. It is necessary that officers engaged in emergency response feel confident that the community has provided the best safety equipment possible for their protection. This confidence allows officers to concentrate all their effort on the job to be done," stated Chief O'Keefe.

Sheriff Kostreba and Chief O'Keefe presented a plaque to St. Cloud REACT President Charles Reichensperger and the Team, commending them on their concern for their law enforcement officers.



Andy Hilger, WJON; President Charles Reichensperger, St. Cloud REACT, presenting the symbolic check to Sheriff Jim Kostreba and Police Chief Dennis O'Keefe.

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REACT International, Inc's 1996 Early Bird Renewal Contest Winners

Each year, renewing REACT Teams are eligible to receive chances in the Early Bird Renewal Contest. During the 1996 contest, each Team was eligible for up to seven (7) in chances for prizes donated through the generosity of those companies indicated below.

The following is the list of REACT Teams and the prizes that they have won in the 1996 Early Bird Renewal Contest. We would like to thank the manufacturers who donated the prizes as well as congratulate those Teams who have won.



Antenna Specialists Company donated three (3) each M710 Formula 1 Roof/Truck Mount, M710 Formula 1 Roof Truck/Mount and Mon-64 Scanner Base Stations. The REACT Team's winning these prizes were: 2083-NC, 4573-CA, 3111-CA, 2718-NC, 2106-MD, C085-CA, C248-MS, 4912-WI and 4758-CA.

Firestick Antenna Company donated one (1) FS3-64A8A-W SMK DLX 3' and one (1) RP3-SMK-B 3' Single Mirror Kit. The winning REACT Team's were: C422-CO and C604-PA.

Hustler, Inc., donated six (6) TLA-27LS's. Ten winning REACT Teams were: 4813-IL, C692-IN, 3973-CA, 3897-CA, 2021-TN and 2829-OK.

K40 Electronics donated four (4) K40 antennas and one (1) SPCB CB System. The winning REACT Teams were: 2647-PA, 3387-TX, 4843-WI, C241-CA and C336-MO.

REACT International, Inc., awarded nineteen (19) 8-sheet REACT Billboards. The winning REACT Teams were: 3679-MT, 3301-MI, 4583-NJ, 4656-MD, 4812-HI, 4675-NC, 4755-WI, 4900-KS, 4834-NY, 4862-CA, 4896-VA, 4935-NC, 3429-CA, 2517-CA, C053-VA, C128-CA, C296-IN, C373-CA and C345-IL.

REACT Membership Mid-Year Dues

Regular Membership	\$15.00
Family Membership	\$13.00
Junior Membership	\$13.00

Missing the Boat?

By Ron McCracken

REACT Lake Simcoe #4270, Ontario

"REACT needs more publicity." Does that statement have a familiar ring?

Certainly it's true. In the past five or six years the REACT Public Relations Committee has worked hard to help. It has placed articles about your good work as REACTers in a number of national and regional publications. The most recent one appeared in *Family Motor Coaching* magazine, one of the largest circulation RV publications.

These articles have led to re-

quests from other publications for REACT expertise in their treatment of CB radios, GMRS, etc. REACT has been featured in several *Popular Communications Directories* by invitation. When Radio Shack launched its new magazine *Radio!*, again REACT was invited to contribute articles.

PR Bonanza

When the new *CB Radio* magazine was still a glint in its editor's eye,

REACT once more was consulted. First, *CB Radio* wanted to feature news items concerning REACT Teams. That led to interest in highlighting a REACT Council in each edition. Another call asked about a monthly salute to individual REACTers. If you've seen the early issues of *CB Radio*, you know that all three REACT features have become reality.

To capitalize on this bonanza of potential publicity, we must supply *CB Radio* with a dependable pool of material. For that, we rely upon Teams and Councils wherever REACT serves.

News items have been coming in well. They've made interesting reading. Teams or Councils submitting them have been well rewarded for their cooperation.

Reports that could not be squeezed into the limited space available in the REACTer can now reach print in *CB Radio*. Some stories have received coverage in both publications. We are doing our very best to give you the publicity your Team's work deserves.

In Your Court

Now it's your turn. You must get involved. We need your help. Several calls for Council histories have gone unheeded. Similarly, not one profile for "REACTer of the Month" has reached us.

You're too modest, folks.

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to toot your own horn. We hope it's modesty. In any event, you are robbing yourself and your fellow REACTers of the kind of publicity that can help to swell our ranks.

Public relations is all about tooting your own horn. You do it nicely, but you do it. How can you help?

You can send to Headquarters a profile of a REACTer you admire. It can be someone on your own Team, or another. Work alone or with others. Involve the honoree if you wish, or surprise him. Here is a fine opportunity to honor a Teammate for contributions to your Team. There are many deserving REACTers out there. Why are we not hearing of them?

You can volunteer to write, or update, the history of your Council. Send the history to Headquarters. It can be used in the *CB Radio* feature and also kept on file for reference. When disaster strikes, the media often contacts Headquarters for background information. If it isn't available, Headquarters can't promote your Council as it would like to. Check with your Council officers to ensure that your Council's history is on file, and current.

Get your camera out. Take photos of each Team project. Send copies of the best ones to Headquarters. Explain the photos on a separate sheet of paper, or even better, on a "REACT News Report" form.

You have a big stake in REACT publicity efforts. The Public Relations Committee simply coordinates things. Every item you send Headquarters makes us all winners. You know now what we need. Can we count on you?

Help make sure we don't miss the boat.

**Send us your
articles for
the REACTer
today!**

Hats off to...

The Florida Council of REACT Teams and the Wisconsin State REACT Council for submitting articles and being featured in recent issues of the new *CB Radio* magazine.

Make your Council a star...and send your article to Headquarters today!

Also, don't forget to send us your article(s) for "the REACTer of the Month".

Calendar of Events

August 4, 1996 - Southern California REACT Council Meeting. Hosted by South Gate REACT #3897.

August 2-4, 1996 - Wisconsin Council of REACT Teams Campout and Meeting. For further details please contact a council representative.

August 17, 1996 - Arizona State Council Meeting. For further details please contact a council representative.

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

September 28, 1996 - Ontario REACT Council Meeting. Contact a council representative for further details.

October, 1996 - Illinois REACT Council meeting. Location and date pending. For further details please contact a council representative.

October 20, 1996 - Missouri State REACT Council Meeting. For further details please contact a council representative.

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

November 3, 1996 - Southern California REACT Council Meeting. Hosted by REACT of Orange County #C399.

November 16, 1996 - Arizona State Council Meeting. For further details please contact a council representative.

November 23, 1996 - Ontario REACT Council Meeting. Contact a council representative for further details.

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

Living up to the "C"

By Ken Collier, President
Crest REACT #4252, California

A while back, during a conversation with a friend of mine on a local 2 Meter repeater, I mentioned I was affiliated with REACT. "Oh, REACT," he said. "Don't you guys use everything up to, and including, tin cans and strings?"

An interesting way of putting it, but a completely true statement. Unlike some other organizations, REACT doesn't just use one communications service, we combine them all into a complete public service package. This interfacing of services is easily our greatest strength, and was the whole point of changing the C in REACT from *Citizens* to *Communications*.

But is your Team living up to the new C? If you're not using all of the services at your disposal, you aren't living up to your potential. Each of the many services we use has its own, unique benefits, and each brings something special to a Team. Individually, CB, GMRS, and Ham, can all be used to provide solid public service, but, when used together, their potential is enormous.

New REACT Net on 2 Meters!

Crest REACT #4252 is now sponsoring a net for Southern California REACTers with Amateur radio licenses. The net is held Friday nights (except holidays) on the Amateur 2 Meter band using the Baldwin Hills Amateur Radio Club's Santiago Peak Repeater on 146.925 (down 600, with a PL of 114.8). The net is open to all Amateurs with a Technician class license or higher, and accepts bulletins of interest to REACT and amateurs in general. The members of Crest REACT and other Southern California REACT Teams feel that this is the first step in educating Hams in Southern California about today's REACT, and in eventually establishing a program of emergency monitoring by REACTers on 2 Meters. The support of all REACTers in the Southern California area is essential to the net, and it is hoped that this will serve as a blueprint to show REACT Teams and Councils in other areas how to put Amateur Radio to use.

our primary responsibility, and what we are best known for. Millions of people have CBs in their cars for the sole, express purpose of obtaining help in an emergency, and that burden falls on us.

With the decline in the quality of CB, it's easy to give up on the band, especially for those of us who have access to GMRS or Amateur frequencies, but to do so is a serious mistake. Channel 9 is the only emergency frequency that everyone in the United States is authorized to use; it provides us with our only real, direct line to the public, and we ought to respect that.

The rise of cellular phones and freeway call boxes has reduced the need for Channel 9 monitoring somewhat, but it is still very much alive, especially during emergencies and inclement weather (there was a surprisingly high number of calls on Channel 9 here in California following the Northridge Earthquake).

And there is evidence that CB is rising again: sales are booming, activity is up, and, it appears, many new people are becoming involved. This gives REACT another clear job: education.

We can improve the state of 11 Meters by educating the next generation of CBers. A strong relationship with the local CB club can accomplish much. REACTers can give new CBers a strong, professional example of radio etiquette, and, by making our hams available to give technical advice, we can eliminate some of the terrible practices that have flourished on 27 MHz. (Too much mic gain, etc.)

Oh, did I mention members? Such a relationship can also help bring in new members for the Team, and return to non-members a healthy respect for Channel 9 and the 11 Meter Citizens Band.

GMRS

In recent years, the General Mobile Radio Service has become the backbone of many REACT Teams, challenging CB as our "work band", and why not? It's reliable, you don't have to take a test to get a license (law school might help with the application, though!), and it has excellent range, thanks to our repeaters. For Teams fed up with the poor quality of CB, GMRS was a Godsend.

All the positive qualities of GMRS combine to make it a great band for unit-to-unit calling, public service events,

Citizens Band

CB gave birth to REACT, and we still have strong ties to it. Monitoring Channel 9 is

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message passing, and traffic reporting.

But, there are fewer users of GMRS than other services, which is both a blessing and a curse. Because there are fewer people, GMRS frequencies are fairly low traffic. Clear channels enable quicker communications, and minimize the number of "incidents" that take place.

However, many GMRS users are unable to use 462.675 MHz. They may not be licensed for it, or may just be unable to access it due to the limitations of their radio. This may change somewhat as more user-programmable radios (like the Maxon 210+3) become available, but, for now at least, it limits the potential of GMRS, as far as handling calls directly from the public goes.

We're still able to handle calls made by other REACTers, though, and in some ways our GMRS operators have become a sort of "freeway safety patrol". Teams utilizing GMRS in addition to CB are effective, indeed.

Amateur

Another resource at the hands of most REACT Teams are the ham bands. Today it's fairly easy to get an amateur license. The license costs nothing and there is no longer a Morse Code requirement for beginning licensees. Further, all of the test questions and answers are published. You can know exactly what's on the test before you take it.

Plus, the capabilities of ham radios are endless. What other service offers so large a variety of bands and modes? Hams have access to literally millions of frequencies between 1.5 and 300,000,000 MHz, and some bands propagate for literally thousands of miles. Hams can also use many different methods of communication, such as FM (like GMRS), AM and Single Sideband (like on CB), and other modes such as Morse Code, Packet Radio (which literally puts your computer on the air), and Fast-Scan Television (yes, Television!). What other service offers so wide a variety of choices? And all of them can be easily applied to public service.

Like CB, ham radio is experiencing major growth, fueled by the codeless license. There are a lot of new hams (mostly former CB operators) receiving licenses everyday, and this is a major source of potential members for REACT Teams. It doesn't take much to make REACT a little more high profile as far as the ham bands are concerned. Steve Gobat, KA3PDQ, has suggested that Teams set up informational booths at hamfests and swap meets in their areas. This is one excellent way to attract attention, and there are a few others.

My own Team has organized a weekly informational



net on a local 2 Meter (144 MHz) repeater. It would be pretty easy for other Teams to do the same. Many repeater owners would be willing to allow a solid public service organization to hold a net on their machines. Or, a net could even be held on 2 Meter simplex (over a smaller area, of course).

With just a little effort, REACT can easily establish itself on the ham bands, draw in a lot of new members, and increase its capabilities beyond those offered simply by CB and GMRS.

Other Services

CB, GMRS, and Ham are a start, but even they are not the last word on communications. Teams can expand even beyond those services, where appropriate, through the use of the Marine Radio Service, the Military Auxiliary Radio Service, Civil Air Patrol, the VHF and 47 MHz business bands, and the strategic use of Cellular Phones and other services. Even 49 MHz "kiddie talkies" and headsets can provide excellent short-distance coverage for events. There's no reason to limit what we use - every resource has its place.

Of course, the internet is beginning to emerge as another communications provider, and those Teams that utilize it can have much quicker, more effective mail contact with Wichita and each other, and real time keyboard-to-keyboard sessions with REACTers from around the country.

And, what about FRS? None of us (GMRS users) are thrilled with the content of Tandy's proposal, but when it finally goes into effect who is going to provide emergency communications for its users? REACT is the natural choice (both Tandy and the FCC realize this...several versions of the proposal included the possibility of giving FRS users 462.675 MHz simplex for emergency use). The FRS might provide yet another opportunity for REACT to provide communications.

If your Team isn't using all of these services, why not? A Team with wide capabilities is better able to provide communications support, and is more likely to attract members. Strive to live up to the C by providing *Complete* public service through *Communications* of all types.



Publicizing REACT

By Fred Lanshe, PR Committee Chair

1995 - 1996 Year End Report

New... "CB Radio" Magazine is working with us to help promote REACT at all levels. Included are a "REACTer of the Month", "REACT Council of the Month", and several articles on REACT and by several REACTers. We wish to thank Mr. Harold Ort for his outstanding support to our program. Their circulation is around 400,000 in the United States and Canada. Hey, the PRC still needs your articles and pictures for this project. "Let's Go, It Pays".

New...Ron McCracken and Bob Leef wrote several articles for "Trailer Life Magazine", which included GMRS and CB Channel 9. This had a flurry of inquires on GMRS and REACT. We wish to thank the members of the Southern California Council for their assistance with this project.

New...Jim Koritzky of the Highway Safety Break Task Group, is working with the PR Committee to expand this most important program into states where it is not in existence. Also to try to get supply donations, coupons, etc., to help the Teams. And also helping with the Early Bird Drawings.

New...Web Page on the Internet (react@wichita.fn.net), which reaches over 20 million. Thanks to the 1995 Convention attendees for their donations to get this new recruiting tool started.

New...The Public Relations Committee supported Techumsa REACT of Ohio and members of the Ohio REACT Council, with handout materials.

This Team had a booth and a PR display at this year's Dayton Hamfest. There were 30,000 in attendance.

New...Cobra Electronics sponsored new membership brochures. This combined with a holder from REACT International, Inc., gives the Teams and Councils an updated recruiting tool.

New...An attempt to get a MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) between REACT and the ARRL. Thanks goes out to all those involved, the Texas State REACT Council, the Southern California REACT Council, Pennsylvania REACT Council members, Mr. Gordon West, and all the individual members. This was a second attempt at this and it was defeated only by a narrow margin, this time.

New...The PRC and the GMRS and Amateur Committees are working together to update the site locations.

New...The PR Committee supplied the REACT Monitoring and Activity Stats and Volunteer Man-Hours and Amateur Stats, which saves our taxpayers an average of \$20 million dollars every year, to the FCC CB Task Group. This Task Group has the major input for the "New Family Radio Service", which helped lean this new radio

service in our favor.

New...Supported the Headquarters Office Staff with letters and information on the influx of requests on GMRS, REACT and for soliciting ads for the REACTer Magazine.

K 4 0 continues to be a major support of the REACT Program with in-

clusion in their ads to their CB equipment distributors, monetary awards, equipment donations and PR clips to CB newsletters worldwide. Thousands of dollars in support; WE ALL THANK YOU for your continuing support.

"Popular Communications Magazine" continues to run the REACT ad along with articles from members of the PRC, on a regular basis. Over 300,000 circulation in the United States alone!

Mr. Gordon West, WB6NOA and Mr. Gene Hughes continues to include REACT in their 1996 articles and publications put out through Radio Shack. Over 400,000 circulation in the United States and Canada.

Members of REACT and the

We don't look for people who never fail. We look for people who never give up.

**Keep our:
Teams/Councils/Board
Level, striving for excellence.**

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PRSG continue to be the "Watch Dogs" with the developing Family Radio Service.

The PRC works with and supports the annual REACT Convention Committee.

The PRC continues to expand our horizons for more corporate sponsors.

The PRC continues to work with many REACT State Councils to promote membership growth through the various media: the Internet, ads in ham magazines, Amateur radio testing, articles in magazines, packet, Safety Breaks and PR displays. The PRC, thanks the following Councils: Pennsylvania, Texas, Ohio, Southern - Central -Northern California, Maryland, Kansas, Oklahoma, Illinois, Virginia, Colorado, Kentucky, Wisconsin, Iowa, Maine, Florida, Washington, the District of Columbia and Canada.

The PRC provides "cutting edge" information for the Teams and Councils, to help them get their best exposure, with a common sense business approach, through the various articles and "May is REACT Month" information, in the REACTer Magazine and Team Topics.

A Commemorative Letter was requested from the President of the United States this year. [President Clinton's letter can be found on page 11]

Give to the world the best you have, and the best will come back to you.

CB Signals

Where The Assistance Calls Are Yours!!

Da Plane Da Plane

Mark Twaine REACT #C336, Unit #15, Eric Price of Missouri, handles a lot of calls for help on CB Channel 9, but one call in particular was a bit unusual.

A little before noon on Saturday, October 7, 1995, Unit #15 was monitoring the radio when a trucker started calling for help. At first Unit 15 didn't believe what he was hearing. "A plane just hit my truck out here on the interstate" the trucker said. Unit 15 answered back "A what?" The trucker again stated that a plane had hit his truck but went on to say that the plane had managed to land safely on the interstate in front of him and no one was injured.

Much relieved, Unit 15 notified

the Missouri Highway patrol dispatcher, who, of course, had the same response as Unit 15 "A what?"

The Highway Patrol dispatched a patrol to the scene who along with REACT Unit's 15, 17 (Billy Miller) and 32 (Lawson Smith) controlled traffic around the plane while trying to figure out how to get the plane off of the highway.

Finally, it was decided to load the plane (a small, single engine Cessna) onto a flat bed wrecker and drive it off the highway at the next off ramp.

With the Highway Patrol leading and REACT units following, a moving road block was established and the highway safely cleared.



Members of Team #C336 help the Highway Patrol prepare the downed Cessna to be towed via moving road block.

*This will become an ongoing series.
We need your reports of Channel 9 assistance calls.*

*Be there
for them...*
MONITOR
CB 9

Members respond quickly to train derailment

By Ken Knopp

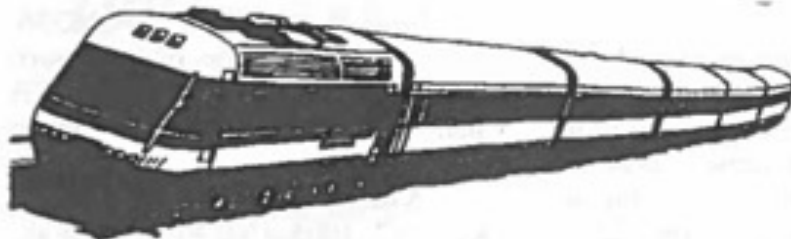
Montgomery County REACT #2388, Maryland

While eating dinner Friday night, February 16th around 1730 hours, in the midst of an area wide snow storm, our Fire Department pager went off, indicating a house fire in the area.

As my wife and I and a visiting friend were all Volunteer Firefighters/EMTs, we were listening for the first units to arrive and give a radio report. While listening the pre-alert was sounded (3 long beeps) "beeeep beeeep beeeep" BOX 19 being sounded for a report of a train derailment with fire behind the 1900 block of Littonsville Road. This was followed by 45 seconds of data bursts and quick call pager tones to alert individual units. The initial dispatch sent several fire engines, truck companies, rescue squads, basic life ambulances and advanced life support ambulances (paramedics) towards the scene. The first arriving engine company reported a confirmed train derailment, many injured and two fires at opposite ends of the train.

On-scene command was established and Hazmat equipment was also dispatched as part of the second alarm. Several minutes later a third alarm was requested. The incident command structure was established and alternate channels put into service. Fire ground operations was moved to its own channel as was EMS operations. Logistics and staging were moved to yet another channel. The second and third alarm utilized heavy mutual aid units from neighboring counties.

The Montgomery County Department of Fire and Rescue Services, a division of Emergency Management, activated Montgomery County REACT to assist the American Red Cross in establishing shelter operations and com-



munications at a pre-designated public high school. Montgomery County REACT Communications Officer Mike Harvey, Unit 273 and Karl Kaufmann, Unit 266 headed to the local Red Cross chapter house while Sue Harvey, Unit 205 stood by the home base station and telephone. Montgomery County REACT Vice President Jim Gerondakis, Unit 240 and Debbie Gerondakis, Unit 239 came up on the NCRI UHF Repeater System (.675) from their home base and began operation as a dedicated emergency dispatch station. Estelle Riemer, Unit 285 remained on the air to provide an additional UHF/Citizens Band base information distribution station. Montgomery County REACT Secretary Allan Moonbloode, Unit 228 and a member of the Red Cross disaster team, headed to the designated shelter site. Junior REACTer, Steven Hagberg, Unit 295, and Kevin Hagberg, Unit 290 were asked to head to the Montgomery County Emergency Operations Center. They were to activate the Montgomery County REACT position (Radio Designation Unit #201) in the Emergency Management Groups Radio Room. While en-route to this assignment they experienced mechanical trouble and were out of service for the duration of the evening. Patrick Brown, Unit 275 and Bob Goley, Unit 264 were quickly identified as an alternate solution and completed the as-

signment.

Unit 201 operated on several UHF channels with field units to provide a coordination point with the

Montgomery County Emergency Operations Center. Junior REACTer Jim Peterson, Unit 237 and his father an Associated Press news photographer provided on scene situation reports and train passenger logistics information to other units as the shelter was being established. Additional Montgomery County REACT units, Don Premo, Gordon Leimbach, Jim Spinks, Alan Fields and Team President Ken Knopp checked in and were put on standby to be dispatched if needed as a relief crew.

Neighboring REACT Teams from Virginia, the District of Columbia and Maryland checked on the NCRI UHF Repeater System (.675) and stood by to provide assistance if required.

Montgomery County REACT Communications Officer Mike Harvey, Unit 273 gathered additional information and assisted with operations at the shelter. County buses soon dropped off the passengers of the MARC commuter train. The teenage group was noticeably saddened at the smaller number of people now in their group. Eight members of their group were fatally injured in the accident. An addition 3 MARC commuter train conductors and engineers were also killed.

Montgomery County REACT

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provided communications and logistics support to the American Red Cross and various county agencies at the shelter from 1900 to 2400 hours, prior to the termination of the shelter operation. The school was then used as an off-site Critical Incident Stress Debriefing station for the crews of the first arriving emergency apparatus.

Current NTSB reports fault the engineer of the MARC train with failing to remember a yellow signal (half speed = 30 mph) that was displayed before reaching the drop off station. It appears after stopping, the engineer accelerated to normal speed (60 mph) from the station. It is speculated that he saw the red (stop) signal and the approaching AMTRAK train crossing over the switch area. Realizing a collision was imminent he activated the emergency brake and ran through the train yelling for people to get down on the floor. Twenty seconds later, upon impact, the MARC train had slowed to 40 mph. The AMTRAK locomotive sliced into the passenger car (lead car) of the MARC train. The diesel tank of the AMTRAK train was torn open and its fuel ignited. The MARC train was quickly filled with intense heat, smoke and fire.

An Open Thank You

I would like to thank the surrounding REACT Teams in the Baltimore-Washington metropolitan area for the support we received as this incident unfolded. Thank you for standing ready to provide mutual-aid at a moments notice. The ability to provide additional relief staffing was a valuable resource that is all too often overlooked during the height of an incident. As Montgomery County REACT Team President, I extend my personal thanks to all members of Montgomery County REACT for your professionalism and dedication to achieving high standards of reliability to the citizens and visitors of Montgomery County, Maryland.

*Ken Knopp, President
Montgomery County REACT Team #2388*

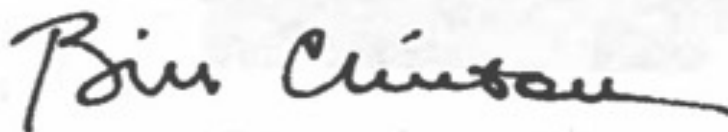
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May 21, 1996

It gives me great pleasure to commend the volunteers of REACT International.

You have worked with energy and dedication to provide solutions to the many problems that government alone cannot fix. With your active involvement, you have brought hope and help to countless people in need. I commend each of you for your commitment to the American ideal of service. Your work is going a long way toward healing and renewing your community, inspiring all who seek to improve our world.

Best wishes for every future success.



Canyon Lake REACT #4804 responds to missing persons

Reprinted from "Splash" [the Team Newsletter]

On Monday, April 15th, Bob Loper received a call on a missing person. The missing person was a fifteen year old who suffers from fetal alcohol syndrome. He had last been seen at a local pizza shop where two of his friends had dropped him off. The Heidi Search Center and the parents of the young man asked if members of #4804's search team could help. Omer and K9-1 (Sassy) began the search at the pizza shop. Sassy picked up the young man's trail at the pizza shop and followed it down 281 south heading towards San Antonio. Sassy continued to follow the trail as it went down the southbound side of the highway. She followed it to the back door of a restaurant where the owner was asked if he had seen the young man. And he indicated he had seen him and even asked him what he was doing. The boy responded to the owner that he was looking for food, he was hungry. So the proprietor gave him a couple of dollars and the young man walked off.

Sassy followed his trail again to a filling station about a 1/4 mile from the restaurant. There, the boy went inside

and came back out. He then continued down the southbound side of 281 where Sassy ended searching at a construction site due to the lateness of the day.

The next day the Comal Sheriff Department went to the site and spoke with two employees who indicated they had given a young man fitting the description a ride into San Antonio to the Salvation Army building. At the Salvation Army building, the young man had been picked up by a bag lady who thought he was her son.

The young man was found the next day and is doing fine. Thanks to Omer and Sassy, who once again has proven her abilities. This search gave our Team it's first television coverage. Omer and Sassy were shown on San Antonio's channel 5, a local CBS affiliate.

Omer and Sassy came through again! Saturday, March 9, the Heidi Search Center at the direction of Vickie Cabaniss, Director of Business Affairs requested the use of Omer's blood hound Sassy.

Sassy was given a scent article from a missing child. She picked up two weak trails that lead down to the neighborhood mail boxes, but never got really excited about them. She did pick up a strong scent which lead from the back of a house going west to a path which lead to a gravel area and then to a cul-de-sac where the scent stopped at the pavement. Sassy was re-scented and again did the same tracking.

The girl was found on Sunday, March 10 in Austin. Hays County Sheriff Department learned that the girl had a car waiting for her in the cul-de-sac and that she walked this trail to meet them. The case at first was thought to have been an injury type case where she might have tried to hurt herself. This information was obtained from the girls mother.

Ms. Cabaniss of the Heidi Search Center stated, "Our request in using Sassy was to help determine if she was a runaway or a child at risk. Sassy showed excellent abilities in her tracking." She continued, "Sassy hit accurately and the proper determination was made. The girl was indeed a runaway."



K9-1 (Sassy) is a valuable part of Canyon Lake REACT #4804's search team.



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1996**

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Signed _____ Date _____

APPROVAL OF THIS APPLICATION IS RECOMMENDED BY APPLICANT'S TEAM:

(Requires signature of two Team officers other than applicant).

Signature _____ Signature _____

Title _____ Title _____

Date _____ Date _____

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

1. The Life Member must meet all Team membership requirements (duties) to remain an active member of his or her local **REACT** Team or when transferring to another Team. The Life Member must pay local Team dues (if such are required) but is granted free membership in **REACT** International for life.

2. The individual's recognition as a Life Member in no way is in conflict or contradiction of the concept that **REACT** membership is primarily through membership in a local **REACT** Team.

3. A Life Member is supportive of all concepts of the **REACT** program including the desirability of membership only through affiliation with a local **REACT** Team.

4. In those situations where an individual Life Member is located where a Team is not active, or becomes geographically separated from his or her **REACT** Team for whatever reason, in keeping with the goals and ideals embodied in Life Membership, he or she is to try to become affiliated with the appropriate local Team. Or where no local Team exists, to organize a new Team in fulfillment of his or her dedication to the ideals of **REACT**.

5. Life Membership in **REACT** International shall not prohibit the individual from participating as a member in more than one **REACT** Team should such membership be acceptable to the Teams concerned. Payment of additional **REACT** International dues should not be required for

this purpose. However, the computer record and membership card for Life Membership shall be issued through only one **REACT** Team. Furthermore, multiple membership in more than one **REACT** Team shall not be utilized to give an individual more than one Team vote at **REACT** Team Council meetings or meetings of **REACT** International, Inc. No individual regardless of their multiple affiliation shall be entitled to more than one vote at any **REACT** meeting.

6. A Life Member who, for whatever reason, is not a member of a **REACT** Team may monitor the Emergency Channel as a **REACT** monitor. However, a Life Member must not interfere in any way with the operations or activities of officially chartered **REACT** Teams. The Life Member must realize that the local **REACT** Team is the basic entity in the **REACT** organization. The Life Membership should also realize that **REACT** was founded on the Team concept and that its strength lies in adhering to the principle of local Team's meeting local needs.

7. Life Members may participate in Council activities only as official Delegates of their Team or under conditions that Councils of Teams may decide.

8. Life Members will be issued Life Member Numbers in ascending order according to the date of receipt of Life Membership application and dues.

9. Even though an individual has been recognized and identified as a Life Member of **REACT**, that membership may be revoked for cause should that individual bring discredit upon the **REACT** name.

10. One objective of Life Membership is to develop a form of obtainable recognition for all **REACT** members who have the dedication and devotion to the **REACT** objectives and ideals. Life Membership functions at **REACT** International Conventions, State Council meetings and other broad gatherings of **REACT** membership shall bring credit upon this group and a recognition of their achievement.

11. The use of Life Memberships as Council or Team awards for long and dedicated service is encouraged. The presentation of Life Membership to Past Presidents or key leaders who are moving out of the area would recognize their past efforts on behalf of the Team and would also serve to encourage continued participation in the **REACT** program by the new Life Member wherever he or she may go.



K40 Achievement Awards - 1996

1st Quarter

INDIVIDUAL

Harold "Hal" Hedden of St. Thomas REACT #4760, Ontario Canada monitored a total of 2559.75 hours and attended all of the past last 11 team meetings. Besides being actively involved on the Team level, Harold participated in the formation of the new Ontario Council and attended 2 of the last 3 meetings.

Hal is married with two sons and works at Elgin Pure Water and manages an apartment building. Hal is the Community Action Coordinator and was instrumental with the renovation of the Team's Command Center (trailer). He is the Treasurer of the Ontario REACT Council and volunteers his time coaching minor baseball. He is also the security chairman for the Holiday Fantasy of Lights.

Besides his basic monitoring hours, Hal finds time to participate and work in several community events annually. Search and rescue, traffic control, motorist assistance, safety breaks, traffic control, storm watch, and security for parades is just of few of the many events you'll find Hal at.

Hal is a charter member of REACT Team #4760 and has received the Team's distinguished REACTer of the Month award as well as REACTer of the Year award. Team members state that Hal is an outstanding member of the Team who always gives 100%+.

TEAM

Rainier REACT Radio Watch #3366, Washington held 6 membership meetings and had an average attendance of 5 out of 7 members. Team delegates participated and attended the last 3 council meetings as well.

This Team has been actively involved in planning and helping host the 1996 REACT International Convention. Besides the long hard hours involved in the convention planning, Team members attended Weather Warn - a training seminar on storms and how to report them, have raised funds for the convention committee and worked a council sponsored Safety Break. Two Team members participated in a 12-week course at the Citizen's Academy in conjunction with the local police department.

NOMINATIONS RECEIVED

Individual

Mary-Ellen Hicknell
St. Thomas REACT #4760
Ontario, Canada

Fred Satterly
St. Thomas REACT #4760
Ontario, Canada

Harold Hedden
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Team

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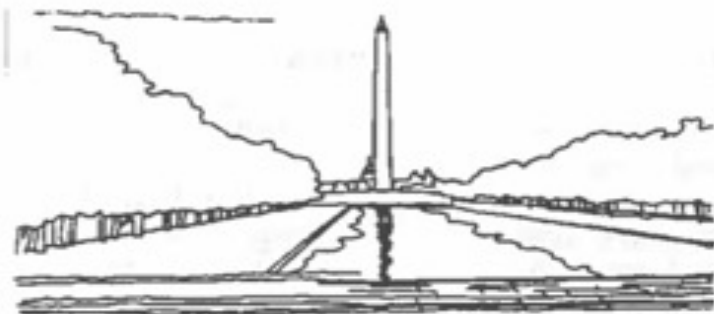
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REACT and ARES in the nation's capital

By Allan Bosch, Fairfax REACT #C360



Volunteers from two REACT Teams (Federal City and Fairfax) worked with members of the amateurs' DC ARES organization to provide communications for two parades this spring: St. Patrick's Day and the Cherry Blossom Festival.

In the past, the two groups had worked in parallel, but independently, on parades and fund-raising walks. But

this was the first time they had coordinated their communications support for a common event. Together, the cadre totaled well over a dozen operators.

REACT used the 462.675 GMRS repeater belonging to National Capital REACT. ARES operated on two 440 simplex frequencies, because the high level of intermod in the mall area compromised available 2 meter repeaters. The control stations were co-located near the Washington Monument, about halfway along the parade route.

As things developed, ARES

handled the marshalling and dispatch of units - over 100 in each parade. And REACT dealt with control along the route. Attention was paid to keeping track of the order of units so the media had accurate notice of what would pass the TV and reviewing stands next, and to keeping the floats and bands moving steadily along the 12-block route down Constitution Avenue. After a bit of debugging, information and response flowed quite smoothly.

Two of the REACTers were hams themselves. And as a result of the experience others expressed interest in the no-code Tech license, while at least one ARES member is now on the way to getting equipped and licensed for GMRS.

What fun it would be

When the Olympic Games begin in Atlanta, Georgia this month, communications will be state-of-the-art. They will need to be. They are critical to the success of modern Games.

Although centered in Atlanta, these Olympic Games will actually be scattered over thousands of square miles in the southeast. Nearly one-third of the events will occur beyond the Atlanta area, with some in distant cities like Jacksonville, Florida. Yet the results will be instantly available to Olympics fans at all locations, thanks to two-way radio links and other technology.

What an undertaking! Motorola

has the assignment once again. Mark Moon is Motorola's man in charge of the massive project. He likens it in *Mobile Radio Technology* to "staging 12 Super Bowls, in the same city, on the same day - for 17 days." Read that again. Try to let it really sink in.

Back to Square One

Work began on this four years ago. Motorola had done the job for the Los Angeles Games in 1984. It should be a cinch, right? Wrong!

All the LA Games were located

within a 100-mile radius of the Olympic Stadium. The Atlanta Games cover several states. Radio frequencies that were in good supply in 1984 are now a scarce commodity. Meanwhile, double the number of radio users will be involved this time around.

That translates into 10,000 two-way radios, 6,000 pagers, 1,500 cellular phones and 1,500 modems needed for this task. To get the job done, Moon will use new FM digital radios. REACT Teams will no doubt benefit from

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this new technology down the road.

Radio will fill vital roles in transportation, security and event management. The system will also inter-link with public safety agencies. It will operate from 9 transmitter sites.

Six are scattered at venues in the greater Atlanta area. Two are at the stadium, and another is at the Olympic Village. More distant sites will have their own radio systems and be linked to Atlanta.

Three towers will handle the traffic, employing 250 repeaters. Construction began last September and final on-site testing of the entire system was completed in April. Motorola was able to develop and test the system at its Schaumburg, Illinois facility before delivery. This eliminated any 'bugs' from the system in half the time it would have taken on-site and ensured the system was ready to go on delivery.

Now Hear This

Since April, training those who will operate the 10,000 radios has been the priority. REACTers will know from experience that the most advanced radio system is useless unless its operators are skilled in using it.

The system will operate around the clock throughout the Games. It will handle everything from medical emergencies to food services. One hundred Motorola technicians will be on hand with a comprehensive parts supply to deal with equipment problems.

Over 10,000 athletes from 197 nations will compete in the Atlanta Games. Two million spectators will gather to cheer them. REACTers will have no difficulty understanding how vital radio is to the success of these games. What fun it would be to have a part in this radio network to beat all.

Next time your REACT Team has a large event to manage, just think back to these 1996 Olympics and heave a big sigh of relief.

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Boise, Idaho (Ada County)
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| #4957 | Bay Bridge REACT
Long Beach, Mississippi (Harrison County)
May 20, 1996 |
| #4958 | Los Banos REACT
Los Banos, California (Merced County)
May 23, 1996 |
| #4959 | Kissimmee Valley REACT
Kissimmee, Florida (Osceola County)
May 31, 1996 |

Member kept busy on roadway

By D. Cooper Clark
Louisville Metro REACT East #1582, Kentucky



Our Team was there again! Yesterday afternoon, station 234 took a call from a vehicle pulled to the side of the road on I-65. The family had an elderly heart patient, whom they were attempting to get to the hospital, and he had quit breathing. The family requested an ambulance. Mobile 293 heard the call and was in the immediate area and proceeded to go to the location to render assistance until the ambulance and police arrived. Station 293 was first on the scene and began monitoring the patient, attempting to calm him down. The patient was on oxygen and was having difficulty breathing. His heart rate was very rapid. After five minutes had passed, 293 requested an ambulance (stat) using the cellular phone. Within another four minutes, Louisville's EMS arrived along with a police officer. The patient was transported to the closest hospital.

After the police officer, family, and city ambulance had left the scene, station 293 noticed another stranded vehicle (out of gas) about 1/4 mile up the interstate. Station 293 stopped to render assistance when the county ambulance arrived in response to the previous call made by 234. [This had to have been at least thirteen minutes after the initial request!]

Station 293 was able to take the driver (from Tennessee) to get gas. He learned that the family, including children, had been stranded on I-65 over night with very cold temperatures. They were quite pleased to receive the assis-

tance.

It was very comforting to know that 234 was standing by in the event that 293 needed additional assistance. There is no doubt that the family was in a panic. Station 234 was very cool in taking the information and relaying it to county dispatch. The only thing that went wrong was the slow response from the county EMS. It is also worth noting that our CPR class was well worth the time!

Lesson from this call

It became obvious during the call that our Team may need to use the same procedure in calling for EMS as we do for calling police. The ETA of the ambulances was note worthy! A follow up report from Station 234 showed that the call placed requesting an ambulance was made to 911, and EMS was requested. Station 293 mobile used the cellular phone and 911 for the second request. Perhaps the second dispatcher realized that this call was city rather than county. The Team is following up to assure this problem never occurs again.



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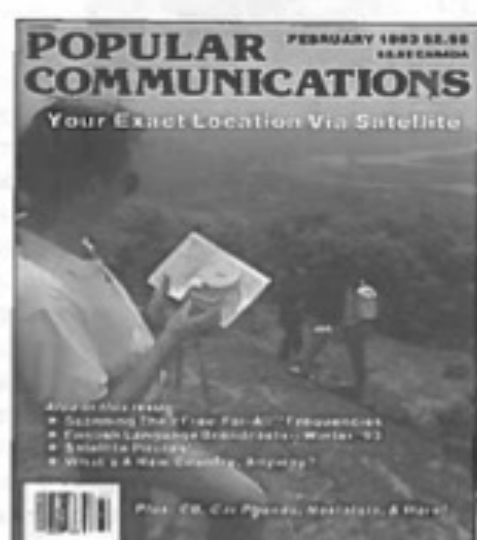
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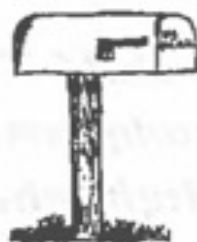
At the end of February, my wife and I participated in an antique show in New Bern, North Carolina. On Sunday night, we completed the show and packed our jeep and trailer for the trip home.

It was after eight p.m. by the time we got started, and both of us were hungry and tired - more than relieved to get started on the five-hour trip. We were on the bridge leading out of New Bern when we heard a sickening sound. One of our trailer tires had gone flat!

Fortunately there was a convenience store close to the bridge, and we

pulled in there to fix the tire. Although I am in generally good health, at sixty-four and a heart-attack survivor, I did not relish the arduous task. The trailer was an old one, and the lugs had not been touched in many years. The salt air from our island home had also helped tighten the lugs, making it a SUPER tough job.

We had not been working long before two members of the Craven County REACT Team #3939 offered their help. The two young men, Robert Turnage and Sam Reed, were WONDERFUL. They helped remove the tire, checked the air in the spare, and helped get us back on the road in a short



time.

When we expressed our appreciation and offered to pay them for their time, the REACT members made it clear that they would not accept money. We are enclosing a small donation with our HUGE THANKS for their wonderful efforts. Robert and Sam were helpful, polite and kind marvelous representatives of your excellent organization!

With Appreciation
Carl & Joyce Bornfriend
Frisco, North Carolina

Grand Island REACT Donates Radio System

The Grand Island chapter of the Salvation Army was presented a UHF radio system by the local REACT Team. Ron Witherwax of Team #2736 presented Captain Vogler with one mobile radio and three portables.

Grand Island REACT #2736 after updating radios in the communications bus and being given radios from the old New Holland radio system; decided they could provide assistance to another organization. With the purchase of another radio, REACT has enabled the Salvation Army to be able to be on their own system as well as the capabilities of using REACT's system if necessary. Also contributing to the system is the use of a repeater of the Hall County Civil Defense.

Grand Island REACT has been the recipient of many gifts and donations over the years. Team #2736 was able to return back to Grand Island not just manpower for storm spotting, snow transportation, support communications, but by helping others get their

projects going. Just recently the Grand Island Fishing Derby for kids has been pledged \$1500 per year. Along with continuing support of the Salvation

Army radio system, REACT worked a bicycle rodeo on June 2nd of this year and a 40 mile ride for the kids and families.



Ron Witherwax, President of Team #2736 presents radios to Captain Mike Vogler of the Grand Island chapter Salvation Army. Pictured from left to right is: Joan Bouse, David Bouse, Ron Witherwax, Captain Michael Vogler and Jay Gagle.

REACT Headquarters Highlights

20 Year Anniversaries...

**West Suburbs REACT #3310
Oak Park, Illinois**

**Bay County REACT #3301
Bay City, Michigan**

100% Team Renewals...

**REACT of Harrison
County #4899
New Middleton, Indiana**

REACTers demonstrate ATV and Packet Radio

La Habra REACT Team #C128, California had a busy and active February.

First, was the La Habra Street Fair where REACT members demonstrated ATV and Packet Radio to hundreds of fair-go'ers during the two-day event.

Second, was the annual La Habra Heights Arts Festival, also a two-day affair. Members, for the 19th year, had the responsibility for controlling traffic and parking in a very large complex area. La Habra REACT was assisted in this endeavor by members from

Santiago REACT #C075. According to festival officials, REACT traffic and parking control is an "absolute essential and vital part of the festival." Rain did not hamper the crowd, nor the REACT members in carrying out their duties.

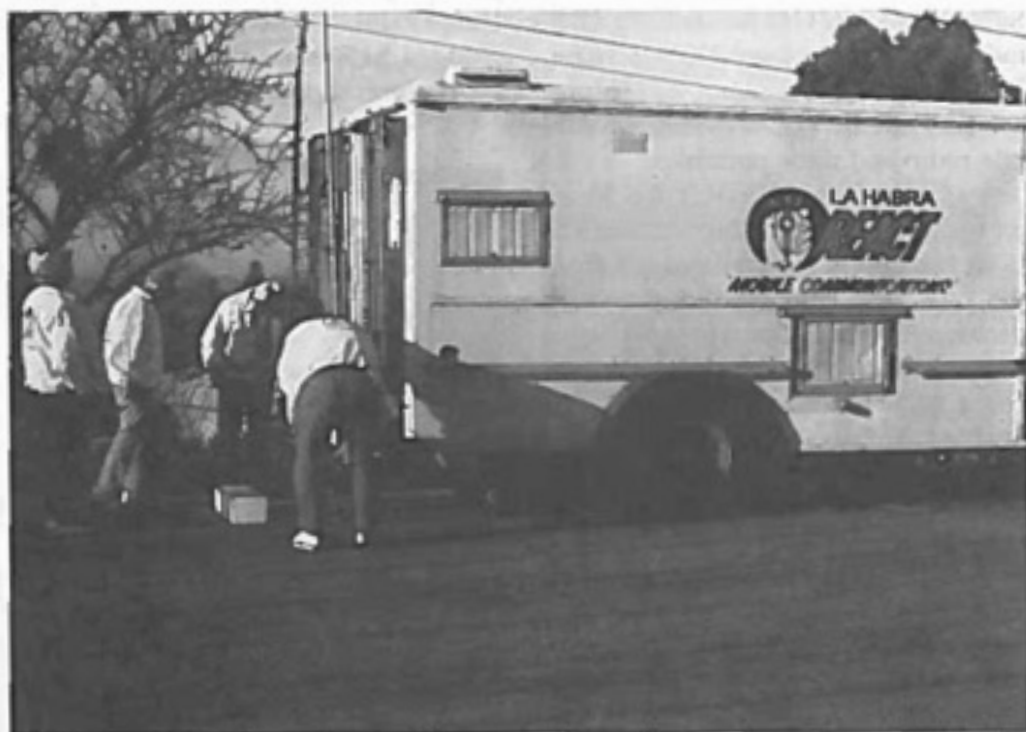
Last year La Habra REACT participated in 13 events in La Habra and neighboring cities. Those included festivals, parades, marathons, triathalons, and truck shows. Responsibilities embodied traffic and parking control, surveillance, and crowd control. In addition, the group is an important part of La Habra's disaster plan, and members are on standby for duty during emergencies.

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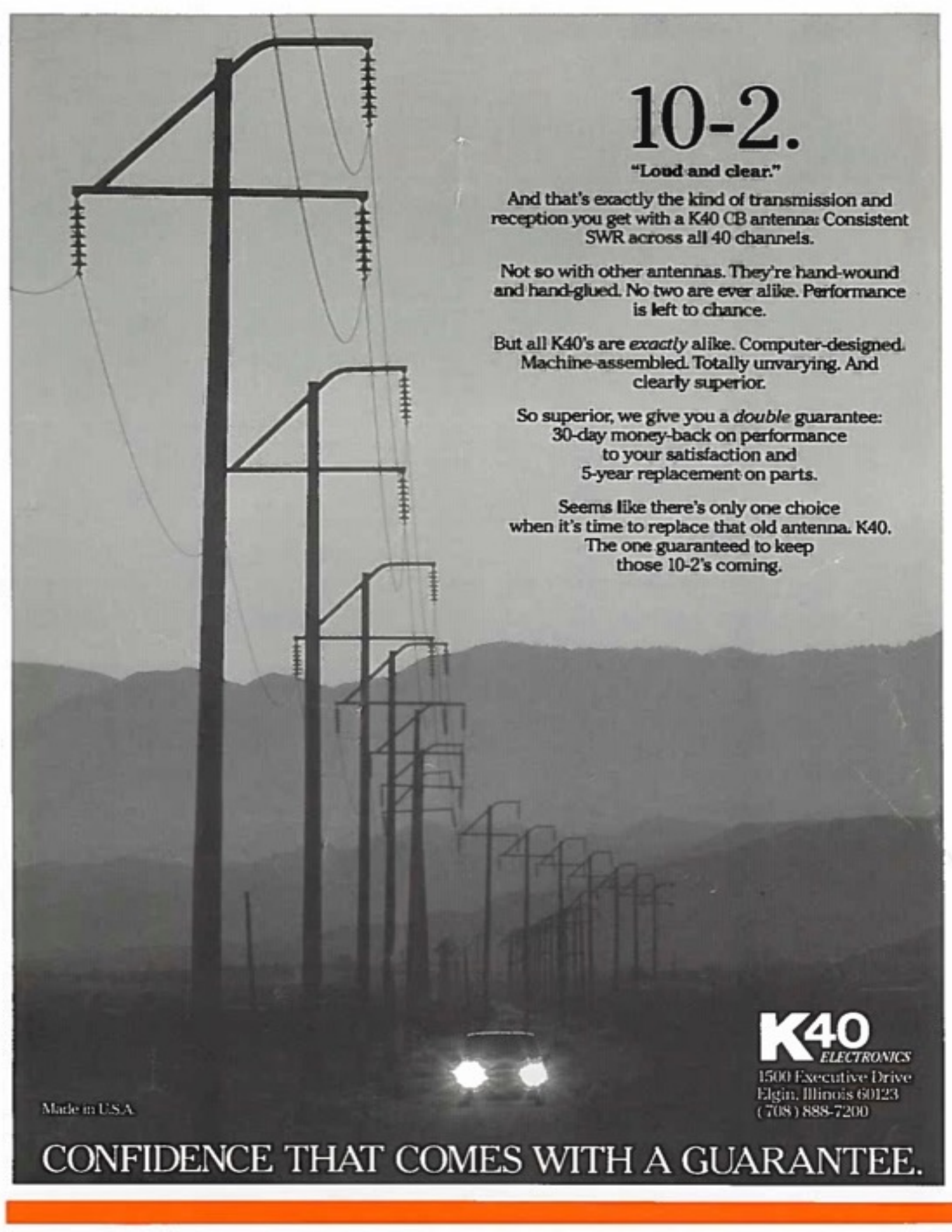
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