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Prince William REACTers, recent graduates from the County's Citizens Police Academy are (left to right) Jim Morris, Edgar McConnell, Rikki Hill, Bob McCalley, and Keith Kestner. A sixth member graduate, Dick Lee, was not available for the photo.

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Changes at International

by Kenneth I. Green, CEO/President

The last month has been busy at REACT International. Renewals are coming in and we just finished our Winter Board Meeting.

Pearl Harmon turned in her resignation as Office Manager. After a review of the office work load and a discussion with Lynda Stafford, we are going to try running the office with 1 full time person for a while to see how things go. Lynda has accepted the position of Manager and is assuming the task. We may need to see about a part time person to help out when needed. To help with some of the current work load we looked at what jobs could be contracted outside of the office. The one job that came to mind was *the REACTer*. After contacting some of the local companies that could do the job, the lowest bid we received was from Artemis Creative Solutions. For those who don't know, this is Deanne Earwood's company.

Lynda is continuing to take computer classes to learn the skills she doesn't know well to improve her value to not only herself but to REACT International as well. To that end we wish her much success in her new challenging position.

The other major change was the resignation of Norm Goldberg as both Vice President and At-Large Director. Norm has told me, he still supports the principles of REACT and will continue to help out when he is able. Replacing Norm as Vice President is Pam Hedden, our International Director. I am sure Pam will do an excellent job for REACT in her new position as she has in her many other positions in the past. Pam has taken on the assignment of working with the Junior REACT Program and at the Winter Board Meeting had a lot of good ideas on that subject.

The main round of renewals are over, but that doesn't mean we can stop looking for new members. This is a continuing job that all REACT members should be working toward.

May is coming soon and as we all know that is REACT Month. It is also a good time to get the work out about REACT and to work on community awareness. We all need to work at promoting the REACT ideals and making more people aware of what we do.

Good luck to all of us in the months to come and I look forward to seeing you all in Washington at the 1996 REACT International Convention.



Every year Grand Island REACT #2736, Nebraska, has two craft shows to raise money for operations and projects. This year \$1,500.00 was donated to the Hooked on Fishing not Drugs Fishing Derby of Grand Island (a non-tax sponsored event). This project was started by members of the Grand Island City Council. It is estimated 300 to 400 5th and 6th graders attended. Grand Island REACT is proud to help with man power as well as financially. Pictured is Grand Island REACT President, Ron Witherman handing over a \$1,500.00 check to the Grand Island City Councilman, Larry Sieffert, to be used for funding the fishing derby.

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REACTers attend Citizens Police Academy

by Frank San Pietro,
Prince William REACT, Inc., Team #C109

On December 14, 1995, Edgar McConnell (Unit 54) and Rikki Hill (Unit 66) of Prince William REACT, Inc., (Virginia) graduated from the Prince William County Police Department's Citizens Police Academy. They are the fifth and sixth members of Team #C109 to complete this special training course since 1993. Earlier graduates of the academy include Bob McCalley (Unit 59), Dick Lee (Unit 58), Jim Morris (Unit 46), and Keith Kestner (Unit 56).

The Citizen Police Academy was founded in 1993 to familiarize county citizens with police policies, procedures, and operations. The instruction is similar to that of a traditional police academy but is not designed to train the students as police officers. Nonetheless, criterion for attendance is somewhat restrictive.

Applicants must be at least 21 years old; live or work within the county; have no prior felony convictions; and have no misdemeanor arrests within two years of application. In individual cases this criteria may be waived by the Chief of Police. A limited enrollment of 25 students per semiannual class helps ensure meaningful instructor/student communication, and eager student participation.

During the course, instructors provide students with up-to-date information about the organization and structure of the Police Department; police ethics; pursuit policy; communications; firearms safety and use; the role of Internal Affairs; critical incident stress;

juvenile operations; crime prevention; and special operations. One of the highlights of the course is the opportunity for students to "ride-along" with motor patrol officers and observe them performing the myriad duties required in the course of a patrol shift. Another is the opportunity to fire selected police weapons on the firing range.

Each Academy session is conducted over a twelve week period, with classes meeting one weekday evening each week, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Upon completion of the course, a formal graduation ceremony - open to family and friends of the students - is conducted at the training facility. To commemorate their accomplishment, graduates receive a handsomely framed diploma with an embroidered police shoulder patch affixed thereto. A very nice memento, indeed.

With their new, more detailed knowledge of the local police department's operation each graduate feels they can better provide the information needed to ensure effective communication when reporting incidents to police dispatchers and/or patrols, or when working with police during emergencies or civic events. In addition, the graduates - as our representatives - have established increased credibility and closer rapport with the local police for Team #C109. In view of these obvious benefits Prince William REACT, Inc., heartily encourages all REACTers to attend similar training courses, when and where available.



The

Cultivate Membership Veggies

Grassroots

by Bonnie Zygmunt, REACT Field Director

Every organization has a few members who "vegetate" on the Team, preferring inaction to effectiveness.

Such organizational dead wood can be identified with plant metaphors, says Maurice Villere of the University of New Orleans:

Tomatoes blush with unassertiveness. They are too timid to go after the office they desire, and often aren't heard when it counts most in the Team meetings.

Cauliflowers go off in many directions, unable to focus on one or two important projects or a primary goal. They become jacks of many trades and masters of none.

Mushrooms are up to their armpits in organizational manure and constantly kept in the dark. They never learn the ropes.

Horseradishes are bitter members who fulfill their leader's poor image of them as inadequate performers. They're afraid they'll fail, and they often do.

Sweet potatoes think apple polishing is the only way to the top. Because they fail to polish their skills as well, their buttering up doesn't pay off.

Turnips are procrastinators who turn up unprepared for meetings and at deadlines. Often they're capable members who lack time management skills.

To grow a blue-ribbon garden of organizational vegetables, Team leaders must learn how to fertilize, prune, hoe and water. Here are some guides for the Team gardener:

1. Develop and nurture supportive and trusting relationships up and down the chain of command.

Make members feel they're all members of the same Team, regardless of how long they've been with the Team or if they have held an office. A caring and positive climate - presented through praise and new responsibilities - gives courage and a positive outlook to horseradishes and tomatoes.

2. Replace vague goals with specific, measurable ones.

To charge up turnips and mushrooms, define success by *results*, not *activities*. Develop techniques for:

- setting realistic and specific plans and goals;
- setting immediate, intermediate and long-range goals;
- setting target dates; and
- updating and revising goals and plans.

3. Overcome vegetational inertia and resistance to change.

Some members stick their heads in the sand like a root vegetable, hoping change will somehow ignore them. They resist change for many reasons, including:

- strong attachment to present methods and strategies;
- dominance by the past: the "if we have done it this way for a hundred years, let's continue to do so" syndrome;
- unwillingness to admit ignorance or blame;
- protection of their own interest or job turf;
- misunderstanding of the implications and cost of change;
- low tolerance for change because of insecurity.

Team leaders can show change as positive through education and communication programs, their own participation in the change process, listening and emotional support and offering rewards and incentives.

Teams taking the time and thought needed to nurture members find themselves growing a healthy garden of increased productivity.



May is REACT Month for 1996



May was chosen to be REACT Month because it is the start of summer travel which means increased activities for many REACT Teams. Thus, many more people in your community will be made aware of your Team's volunteer public service efforts through REACT Month and then will see your Team in action over the summer. The first major summer holiday, Memorial Day Weekend, is in REACT Month to emphasize this point.

To increase awareness about REACT, specifically your Team, in your community, International suggests you prepare and carry out the following media attention-getters. These are provided by the REACT International Committee on Public Relations, headed by Fred Lanshe, Chairperson.

Press Release(s) detailing your Team's recognition of May as REACT Month, proclamation(s) received, and Memorial Day activities; separate releases may be created. Be sure to mention the previous press release or later releases. Send these to print/newspaper, radio and television media. For more information about press releases refer to the Public Relations Kit from REACT International or the REACTer article(s) on "Publicizing REACT".

Public Service Announcements (PSA) Radio - The sample radio PSA script shown in this issue can be shortened or lengthened, and personalized for your Team. Send

this to the radio station along with your press release and cover letter. Request one of the stations better known personalities or D.J.'s to make the PSA for their exclusive use. This way the listening audience will recognize the voice and give more attention (and credibility) to your spot. Another hint is to mention a Team officer/spokesperson is available for an on-the-air interview for the station.

Public Service Announcements (PSA) Television - Local stations and cable systems. Contact the station and let them know your Team can provide a 30 second PSA on REACT done by Bobby Sherman (refer to a REACT price list and order form). The station can add your Team name and contact number to the PSA with their by-line

generating equipment while it's running. Or you can order the PSA personalized from REACT Headquarters. Here is an idea: In your press release and other media, provide the public a free REACT pamphlet, "Getting Help by CB Radio". Provide pamphlets to interested persons who send the Team a self-addressed, stamped #10 envelope. The pamphlets are available from REACT International. Stamp your Team name on the front and/or inside. Also include information about your Team and membership opportunities. Be sure total piece weight is one ounce or less. This idea benefits your Team in several ways. The pamphlet educates recipient(s) on how to make a call on CB Channel 9; and your Team has a promotional tool directed to interested person(s); you may get a new member.

Fred Lanshe writes...

"Have you ever noticed some Teams get a lot of publicity? Would your Team like to?"

"There is a member in your Team who either has connections with the media or would be a colorful news-source for a reporter, either has an advantage. If the Public Relations Committee provides a media kit of information which tells you what to say and you have someone to act as your spokesperson you're halfway there."

"Press Releases, Public Service Announcement scripts, etc., may be terribly creative, witty or profound. The media has to be persuaded to read AND act upon them. Even though REACT is important, stations, due to manpower or priorities, CANNOT cover everybody's everything. They consider most everything REACT does as 'Human Interest' - NOT hard news. Requests for consideration of your PSA or Proclaiming May as REACT Month must be made well in advance."

**Request for
"May is REACT Month"
Proclamation**

WHEREAS, through REACT (Radio Emergency Associated Communications Teams) over 6,500 people participate as volunteers to provide highway safety and emergency communications using their own two-way radios in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the _____ (your city/town) area is fortunate in having a local unit known as

_____ (your Team name), which has served well in many civic endeavors; or (list a few big local events) and (if your Team is involved) sponsor "Highway Safety Coffee Breaks", and

WHEREAS, REACT's cumulative efforts, result in the saving of many lives annually, through the greater speed with which medical aid is reached to an accident scene, and better communications provided in time of natural disasters. (Providing refreshments to wary drivers, if your Team has Safety Breaks).

NOW, THEREFORE, I _____ (Mayor's/Governor's name), do hereby designate the month of MAY, 1996 as

INTERNATIONAL REACT MONTH in _____ (City/State/Province) during which all citizens shall take notice and be aware of the significant contribution every local REACT Team makes to the welfare of their local community, as time to honor and recognize these local groups and their members.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the

_____ (City/State/Province),

_____ (State/City/Country)

to be hereto this 1st day of May, 1996.

_____ (Mayor/Governor/Premier)

(Retype with your Teams information included)

**American Red Cross
sends their thanks**

December 15, 1995

Dear REACT,

During 1995, the American Red Cross responded to more than 60,000 disasters. They included the second busiest hurricane season in 125 years - with 19 hurricanes and tropical storms, most notably Hurricane Marilyn which ravaged the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Hurricane Opal which struck the Florida Panhandle and Alabama. It was also a year marked by the tragic bombing of the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City and by major floods in California and Louisiana.

Reflecting on the needs and demands that accompanied these disasters, and the value of a cooperative and coordinated response in effectively meeting them, continues to validate our appreciation of what it means to have to have truly good partners. And we count your organization among this "special" group.

Your readiness to help in such times of disaster has clearly earmarked you as a valued ally of the American Red Cross. Without organizations such as yours, the Red Cross could not have been there for the more than 124,000 families who turned to us during this long season of disasters. We want to take this occasion to thank you, not only on our behalf, but more importantly, on behalf of the tens of thousands of disaster victims you had a hand in assisting this year.

Bobby Baines	Ceil Rostosky
Mary Ginnan	Woody Woodson
Jerry Collins	Keith Harris

Editors Note: REACT International currently has a Memorandum of Understanding with the American Red Cross. If you have not contacted your local chapter, do so today!

**Because
You
Cared!**



In recognition of the many agencies and individuals who gave so much, USA Industries of Oklahoma, Inc. has produced an anniversary commemorative patch. Proceeds from the sale of this patch will continue the financial support through the Governor's Victim and Family Relief Fund.

This five inch 100% embroidered patch is available for the purchase price of \$7.00. This price includes tax and postage. To order your patch, please make your check payable to USA Industries of Oklahoma, Inc. or order by phone using your Visa or MasterCard. The number is 1-405-840-5577. Please allow seven days for delivery.

Editors Note: Bob Kaster of Oklahoma County REACT #2620 (Unit 101), Oklahoma presented Lynda Stafford of REACT International, Inc. with the commemorative patch to place in the REACT showcase at Headquarters. A special thank you goes to Bob and all REACTers who supported the citizens of Oklahoma.



Radio Public Service Announcement

**Don't Drive Alone
Have A Traveling Companion**

A CB radio in your car or boat is an ideal communications link in case of accidents, need for road directions, or an encounter with an impaired driver.

REACT Team,

(insert your Team name)

affiliated with REACT International, Inc., monitors CB EMERGENCY Channel 9 for calls requesting assistance. Today's REACT Teams also provide communications for various local community events, using a variety of authorized frequencies. Many REACT Teams sponsor Highway Coffee Safety Breaks, during the summary holiday months.

If you're interested in public service and want the satisfaction of knowing your efforts make a difference in your community...

Contact

REACT at _____
(insert your Team name) (insert your telephone number)

or send a self addressed stamped envelope to

_____ at _____
(insert your Team name) (insert your Team address)

(Repeat contact information for 60 seconds)



Get Ready for Safety Break '96 In REACT Month

Life Membership Corner

by R. T. Gamble, Chairperson

The following is a report of Life Membership as of this date;

1. Active	=	255
2. Deceased	=	55
3. Unattached	=	188
4. Removed for Cause	=	<u>6</u>
		504

The 1996 Life Membership Directory will be going to press shortly after headquarters has completed the end of the renewal period in January. This way the directory will be as up to date as possible. It will be out in time for the 1996 Convention at Silverdale, Washington.

The following Life members will be missed in the years to come as they have gone on to greater duties within

this universe than these meager ones here on earth.

Please remember the life members listed below. Even though their mics may be silent, their memories shall always be with us.

I hope to see a lot of you at the 1996 Convention!

REACTfully;

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Life Member Chairperson
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Everett, WA 98204-7076
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E-Mail rt_gamble@msn.com

LM #	NAME	TEAM
256	Martha W. Jernigan	3968 Richmond Metro REACT
279	John S. Patton	C025 REACT of Clark County
310	Rex Randall	4096 Las Vegas United REACT
323	Marlene Brandon	C040 Antelope Valley REACT
386	Dorothy V. DePoe	4259 Somerset County REACT

REACT COUNCIL/STATE
Commonwealth of Virginia
Ohio REACT Council
Nevada
Southern California REACT Council
Garden State Council of REACT Teams



Ohio River REACT Team #4874 had a fund-raiser held in Tracy Park in Portsmouth. The event, held on November 26th, benefited both the team and the local Salvation Army. Refreshments were offered for a donation and a DJ was present to play seasonal tunes. The big attraction, however, was Santa and everyone had a great time. The community learned more about REACT and what we do. It was a great success. Pictures is directors of Ohio River REACT Team #4874 (from left to right) John Ingles, Steven Lane and Ed Swanner, with a Salvation Army volunteer.

REACT Team conducts extensive Search and Rescue efforts

by Albert J. Egger, P.E.
REACT Metro-Dade #4881

Continuing in their effort to provide immediate and efficient communications support to those in need, the members of REACT Metro-Dade Team #4881 took an active leadership role in what was perhaps the largest volunteer search and rescue activity conducted in Florida.

Over 600 members of the South Dade community gathered for the ground search of Jimmy Ryce, a nine year old missing since September 9th.

Cooperating with law enforcement officials of the FBI, the City of Homestead Emergency Network, and the Metro-Dade Police Department, REACT members led search teams through undeveloped areas adjacent to the Everglades, known locally as the Redlands. Operations in the search area, which covered several hundred

square miles, were conducted from September 11th through September 23rd and included the utilization of REACT aircraft and air boats.

During this time REACT members were assigned to each search element to provide communications and to act as guides. The wilderness areas presented no problem to Team #4881 members as most are experienced woodsmen. Many members have received training from the Florida Game



and Fresh Water Fish Commission in field survival techniques.

Although Jimmy Ryce is still missing [as of November, 1995] and was the subject for an episode of America's Most Wanted television show, the Team's activities were not in vain. Team #4881 proved once again that they could coordinate large scale missions on a

moment's notice with an extensive communications capability including CB, amateur, GMRS, and business bands.

Early into the operation, DEVIL 55, the REACT search and rescue aircraft, piloted by Captain Pat Wallis and Lieutenant Al Egger, both of whom are Civil Air Patrol Enterprise Squadron Officers of Group 10, Florida Wing USAF, spotted and directed Metro-Dade Police to a suspicious automobile concealed in a stand of vegetation. Police recovered the vehicle which turned out to have been just recently stolen.

Since Hurricane Andrew in August of 1992, REACT Metro-Dade Team #4881 has conducted over 100 missions in support of the South Florida Community. Many of these missions resulted in the saving of life or limb.

Attention REACT Teams ...

Samuel James (Jimmy) Ryce is 9 years old, weighs 70 lbs., is 4'8" tall and has brown hair and blue eyes. Jimmy was last seen on September 11th, wearing blue jean shorts, a white t-shirt with letters and black/white hightop sneakers.

If you know the where about of Jimmy or have any information, please call:

*Claudine or Don Ryce
Home - (305) 245-7335
Office - (305) 245-7361*

"96" Convention Report

by D.S. Humphrey, WORC PR Person

Ahhh! Spring! Can it REALLY be? Are we really past record setting cold, snows and floods?

With many REACTers being activated during the above mentioned events, we all deserve a break this summer!

"Where?" you might ask. Well, you've come to the right spot, for the answer to that question!

The beautiful Pacific Northwest on the Kitsap Peninsula in Washington State is your answer! We call it, God's special corner of the country.

Now if you've delayed getting your registration in before April 1st,

and you've already celebrated Easter/Passover, you still have until May 15th to get the price break.

Congratulations, if you got it in BEFORE April 1st!

Hopefully though, you've at least booked your mode of travel BEFORE THE "super saver" fares disappear.

Please be sure to notify the Convention Committee of the particulars, especially if you will need transportation to the hotel. You may fax information to (206) 514-8124, or you may call (360) 659-8885. One other item that we are doing this year is to have all Convention participants join together

for a beginning breakfast on Monday morning. The cost of the breakfast will be only \$3.00 per person, and we do not believe you can beat that at any restaurant in the area for a full meal. So, don't forget to check that item on your registration when you make it out.

Keep in mind our theme, "Come Early Stay Late!"

You won't be disappointed if you plan extra time to explore. If you read the list, in the January/February issue of the REACTer, of things to do in a days time, you know many are at very little or no cost other, than the gas to get there.

Training Registration Form

Subject 102 Monitoring 201 GMRS (Includes FCC Rules)
 301 Search Teams 401 Money Matters
 GMRS FCC Rules - Part 95 A (ONLY)

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

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

Name _____
First Initial Last

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip Code _____

Team Name _____ Team # Team ID #

MAIL TO:

REACT International, Inc.
P.O. Box 998
Wichita, KS 67201

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

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

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

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

SECTION I NAME/ADDRESS

Please print or type:

Please complete all information possible on this form.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE/PROVINCE: _____ COUNTRY: _____

POSTAL/ZIP CODE: _____ PHONE: (____) _____

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY, CONTACT: NAME: _____ PHONE: (____) _____

Life Member Number: _____ Council Affiliation: _____

Team Charter #: _____ Team Name: _____

Forsake of coordination, number of persons in party:

SECTION II CONVENTION REGISTRATION

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

Number REGISTERING: _____ @ \$ _____ = \$ _____

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

	NUMBER	@	\$	=	\$
Opening Breakfast [sit-down]	_____	@	\$ 3.00		\$ _____
Additional Convention Pictures	_____	@	\$12.00		\$ _____
Amateur Member's Breakfast	_____	@	\$15.00		\$ _____
Amateur Member's Pictures	_____	@	\$12.00		\$ _____
Convention Shirts	S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ XXXL _____				
TOTAL SHIRTS	_____	@	\$20.00		\$ _____
Life Member's Dinner	_____	@	\$21.00		\$ _____
Life Member's Pictures	_____	@	\$12.00		\$ _____
Additional Banquet Tickets (for non-registered)	_____	@	\$30.00		\$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE PAID (INCLUDING TRIPS on back)					\$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED					\$ _____
BALANCE DUE					\$ _____

Dietary Requests or Requirements: VEGETARIAN _____ DIABETIC _____ OTHER _____

Medical Disabilities/Restrictions: _____

SECTION III TRAVEL INFORMATION

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

Air Line: _____ Bus Line: _____ Train: _____

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

ARRIVE: DATE _____ TIME _____ AM / PM

DEPART: DATE _____ TIME _____ AM / PM

TRANSPORTATION REQUIRED TO & FROM TERMINAL: YES / NO

SECTION IV CONVENTION COMMUNICATIONS

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

SECTION V ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Prior International Conventions you have attended:

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

SECTION VI HOTEL INFORMATION

Silverdale

on the Bay

RESORT HOTEL

A West Coast Hotel

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

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

SECTION VII TOURS

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

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

SECTION VIII OTHER

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

List any questions you have of the convention committee? _____

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

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



K40/REACT INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATION FORM



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

Nominee's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

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

Team/Council Name _____ Team #

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

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

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

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

Team Delegates attended _____ State Council meetings out of _____ held.

Team has has not a scheduled monitoring program for one or more of:

CB-9 CB GMRS Other (specify) _____

Hours: _____ (during report period)

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

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

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

Signature of Officer #1

Signature of Officer #2

Signature of Other Team/Council Officer

Title

Title

Title

Date

Date

Date

Send completed form to:
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K40/REACT INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

General Rules:

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

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

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

Individual Nomination:

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

Team/Council Nomination:

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



Achievement Award Winners for 1995

1st Quarter

INDIVIDUAL

Arthur Swanner member of
Ohio River REACT #4874
of Kentucky

Headquarters apologizes to Mr. Swanner as no bio was available to print.

TEAM

Cedar Loo REACT #4748
of Iowa

Headquarters apologizes to the members of Team #4748 as no bio was available to print.

2nd Quarter

INDIVIDUAL

Larry Skinner member of
Sedgwick County
REACT, Inc. #4208
of Wichita, Kansas

Fellow members report that Larry is a great asset to the team. He goes out of his way to help when the team has an event. Larry spends a good deal of time working with the handicap - at work - and on the team level.

Sedgwick County REACT #4208 provides communications for the Kansas Special Olympic Summer Games and Larry is the first one there on Thursday and the last one to leave on Sunday evening.

When there is something to do, Larry is usually the first one to volunteer to help. Besides the Kansas Special Olympics, Larry has helped with the Susan B. Koen Breast Cancer Race for a Cure, the Kansas Special Olympics 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament and the Arthritis Foundation Jingle Bell Run.

Larry's spirit for volunteering doesn't stop there. When the Red Cross building wanted to install an antenna - Larry was there to help. When the REACT Headquarters office needed painted - Larry was there. When the antenna was damaged due to a storm, at Headquarters - Larry was there to repair it.

Larry is also instrumental on the Team and State level in helping members obtain their Amateur radio licenses.

As well as helping others, Larry spends several hours a day monitoring the CB Channel 9, Amateur radio repeaters, and the GMRS 462.675.

Fellow members of Sedgwick County REACT are very proud to have someone like Larry on the Team. Larry has shown fellow members great leadership through Presidency of the team as well as past presidency and other offices on both the local and state level.

TEAM

Oklahoma County REACT #2620
of Oklahoma

Oklahoma County REACT #2620 was formed in 1974. Members monitor CB Channel 9, GMRS, cellular telephone and multi-band scanners.

Besides monitoring members of Team #2620 operate safety breaks at local interstate rest stops on holiday weekend, and provide communications and logistics support for a myriad of community events in and around Oklahoma City. The team also serves as the emergency management (civil defense) volunteers for the City of Moore, just south of Oklahoma City. In this capacity, members are responsible for providing observation and warning of Oklahoma's severe weather, and for traffic/crowd control, damage assessment, and communications support during local emergencies.

The team also participates in emergency exercises with local response agencies, providing site security and life/safety exercises.

The combination of this extensive planning, training, and experience were to prove of utmost value on April 19, 1995 - the day the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building was bombed and the days following.

Upon learning of the event from local news media, President of Team #2620, Bob Kaster, prepared his members for a possible emergency response.

Radio contact was established with the Oklahoma County Emergency Management Department, who requested the trained REACT members respond to assist their activities. REACT members worked under the auspices of the Oklahoma County Emergency Management Department for the first two days of the incident, and performed a variety of tasks.

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Team #2620's primary responsibility was providing traffic and crowd control function on the outside perimeter of the bombing site. From approximately 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 20th, through 5:00 p.m. on May 5th - 16 days - members manned several intersections on the outside perimeter.

Over the span of 17 days, a force of 40 REACT members provided over 3,000 hours of community assistance during a time of dire need.

Editors Note: REACT pulled together during this tragic event. Assisting Team #2620 were members from the University of Oklahoma REACT Team #3916, Grady County REACT Team #4923 [Oklahoma] and Sedgwick County REACT Team, Inc., #4208 [Kansas].

3rd Quarter

INDIVIDUAL

**Tom Murphy member of
Sedgwick County
REACT, Inc. #4208
of Wichita, Kansas**

Tom is an active team and council member. Besides monitoring CB Channel 9, Tom monitors GMRS frequencies as well and provides support for team sponsored events. As a member of Team #4208, Tom provides support for the Kansas Special Olympics Summer Games, the Kansas Special Olympics 3 on 3 Basketball, the Race for the Cure and is REACT/ARES Assistant Red Cross Coordinator. Tom also helped out when members of Sedgwick County REACT assisted fellow REACTers during the Oklahoma City bombing in April of 1995.

One member reported that Tom goes out of his way on personal assistance calls. One such incident was

during a snow storm when Tom took a call on his 2 meter from a gentleman who had been in a wreck. During the course of the call, the gentleman informed Tom he was beginning to have pains. At 1:00 a.m., Tom went out in the snow storm to pick the man up and took him 15 miles one way to the nearest hospital. While the man was being checked Tom waited and then returned the gentleman back to his hotel.

Of course, Tom is also available for more non-emergency related tasks. He regularly helps REACT Headquarters in maintaining the radio equipment and the appearance. Tom with fellow REACTer, Larry Skinner recently gave Headquarters a face lift through a new paint job.

**TEAM
Prince William
REACT, Inc., #C109
of Virginia**

The team average 15 members at

12 meetings and had representation at both state council meetings. Team #C109 members monitored a total of 22,569.75 hours on CB Channel 9, 2,665 hours on GMRS, volunteered for 8 public service events and 2 charitable events.

Team members are kept busy all year long with civic and social events. Prince William REACT members participate in the March of Dimes Walk-A-Thon, providing communications support and traffic control. Other events members provided support for included the exercise Hurrex '94, safety breaks, the Dominion Emergency Services Exposition and parades, just to name a few.

Members of Prince William REACT actively work with local law enforcement agencies and actively participate in the Commonwealth of Virginia Council functions including hosting council meetings.

K40 Achievement Award Nominations Received

1st Quarter Nominees

Individuals

Arthur Swanner -
Ohio River REACT
Harold Hedden -
St. Thomas REACT #4760
Dave Price -
St. Thomas REACT #4760

Teams

Cedar Loo REACT #4748 - Iowa
Reli REACT #4552 - New York
St. Thomas REACT #4760 - Canada

2nd Quarter Nominees

Individuals

Full Listing Not Available

Teams

Full Listing Not Available

3rd Quarter Nominees

Individuals

Tom Murphy,
Sedgwick County
REACT, Inc. #4208
Bonnie Zygmunt,
Kettle Moraine REACT #3866

Teams

Prince William REACT, Inc. #C109
- Virginia
REACT of Butler County #4923 -
Kansas
REACT Services Diversified #4813
- Wisconsin

Convention Site Selection Committee

The committee members have chosen a new chairman after Dorothy DePoe's untimely passing. The REACT International Board is pleased to announce that Jesse Mauk is the new chairman.

Any Team or Council bidding on the 1998 REACT International, Inc. Convention should submit the bid by April 30, 1996.

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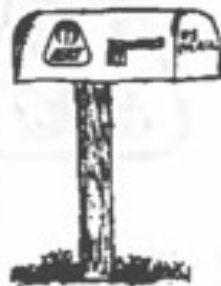
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Letters we like to get...



December 7, 1995

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Wichita, KS 67214

Dear Sirs:

Last night at approximately 9:15 p.m., I ran out of gasoline on I-70 West. Luckily, or so I thought, I was right by a "call box". I had never used one of these before, but discovered that it rang into the police department. The dispatcher said she would call a service station for me and have a wrecker come out.

Fifteen minutes later, just happening to see me sitting on the side of the freeway, a police officer stopped on his way to a wreck. I told him that a wrecker was on the way. He assured me that after he had finished clearing the wreck, he would drive by and see if I still needed help.

About fifteen minutes later (30 minutes total), John Henderson, Jr., stopped by in a REACT van. Again, I told him that a wrecker was on his way. He told me that he was on his way to another situation, and that he would drive by when he was finished, if I was still sitting there he would try to help me.

After another 30 minutes (one hour total) I got back on the call box, only to discover that the first dispatcher hadn't recorded my call, or called anyone to help me. This dispatcher apologized and said she would have someone come out. Only five minutes later, Mr. Henderson stopped again. Not only was he there to help me -- he had already purchased the gasoline.

I'm positive that if it were not for Mr. Henderson, I'd still be sitting there waiting for the police to send someone to help me. Mr. Henderson was very courteous and professional. These days people are afraid to get out of their cars and to allow anyone to help them. I'm grateful for your organization, but most importantly for Mr. John Henderson, Jr., and the manner in which he helped me.

If there is anything that I can do to help your organization or Mr. Henderson, I hope you will let me know.

Thanks again!

Best regards,

*Julie T. Wiggernhorn
Bexley, Ohio*

Editors Note: You've already helped Ms. Wiggernhorn! A special 'at a boy' to John for his help when Julie needed it!



REACT Teams

Renewing 100%

California
C085
C125
4873

Florida
2194

Georgia
C222

Illinois
C310
4794

Indiana
C261
4859
Kentucky
2369

Maryland
3252
4816

New York
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North Carolina
3032
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Ohio
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C602
3521
3920

Tennessee
2197

Virginia
2356
4679
4751
Washington
C583
3366

West Virginia
2209
4051

United Kingdom
5011

Calendar of Events

April 13, 1996 - Wisconsin Council of REACT Teams Meeting held in Fond du Lac. For further details please contact a council representative.

April 14, 1996 - Minnesota REACT Team Council Meeting and Spring Workshop. For further details please contact a council representative.

April 21, 1996 - Missouri State REACT Council Meeting. For further details please contact a council representative.

May, 1996 - May is REACT Month.

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

July 13, 1996 - Wisconsin Council of REACT Teams Meeting held in Milwaukee. For further details please contact a council representative.

July 21, 1996 - Missouri State REACT Council Meeting. For further details please contact a council representative.

July 22-25, 1996 - 1996 REACT International Convention held in Silverdale, Washington. Further details in this issue of the magazine.

August 2-4, 1996 - Wisconsin Council of REACT Teams Campout and 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.

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.

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

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Training for the unexpected...

Recently the Pennsylvania Emergency Communications Council, Inc., dba Pennsylvania Council of REACT Teams, Inc., held an Emergency Services Seminar in conjunction with their annual meeting.

It was a two day and two night, intense preparation class for First Aid, CPR and to get an Amateur License, along with a public relations demonstration from the regional MedEVac Rescue Helicopter.

REACT members from across the state convened at the Days Inn in Shillington, Pennsylvania.

Publicizing REACT

by the Public Relations Committee

The Pennsylvania Council officers had compiled three inch thick study guides, covering the subjects of Multimedia First Aid, CPR, Amateur Radio - Technician Class, writing instruments, First Aid instructors, Capt. Bob, the senior pilot from MedEVac with an excellent presentation and the actual helicopter landing and on display, at the Gauglersville Fire Station landing site.

The mobile communications command center from the Harrisburg Area REACT Team, "Unit 8", was fully setup and open for display all weekend. This vehicle covers everything from "DC to Blue Light". There was also a REACT Mini Outlet Store setup to have supplies on hand for the Team members there. And we had a representative of REACT International, Mr. Jim Bear, Field Director and Board Member at the Council meeting.

The sessions started Friday evening at 8:00 p.m. Those people

who arrived Friday, had the opportunity to go over their books by themselves or together along with individual assistance, if needed. On Saturday, when the remainder of the people arrived, the sessions started nonstop till Sunday morning. The Council furnished light food and soda and coffee to keep the attendees alert. On Sunday morning, there was the Amateur test, with the cooperation of local Reading Amateur VEs. The annual Council meeting was held in the early afternoon, so the attendees had enough time to still drive home in the light and relax.

The Pennsylvania Council wishes to thank all those who helped, and their families, that attended this successful Emergency Services Training Seminar.

Our heartfelt thanks for outstanding help and support goes to: Mr. Paul Southworth, Mr. Steve Gobat, Mr. Jim Green and Mr. Jim Bear.

International News?

Teams worldwide take note. News items from your Team are welcome, indeed sought, for both *the REACTer* and the new *CB Radio* magazine. Send them fast, and often.

Use the "News Report" form in your October, 1995 Team Topics. Copy it to make a supply. Send photos, too! Typed reports are much appreciated. They help tremendously to ensure accuracy.

Let's hear from you. We want to

New REACT Teams Chartered

- | | |
|-------|---|
| #4946 | Pluggers REACT of Calhoun County
Weaver, Alabama (Calhoun)
February 1, 1996 |
| #4947 | Maywood REACT
Los Angeles, California (Los Angeles)
February 8, 1996 |

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share your Team's contributions to travel safety and your community as widely as possible. U.S. Teams, every word of this applies to you too.

Council Histories Needed

Has your REACT Council been featured yet in the new *CB Radio* magazine? If not, please appoint someone to rush a history to Headquarters. We need it, with photos of Council (or its' Teams') projects too. Thanks to Councils that have already responded so enthusiastically.

Honor Them

Outstanding REACTers are on every Team. Now you have opportunities to publicize their dedication and contribution to safety. Send their stories to Headquarters. Include photos of them in action, preferably in uniform.

Send us several! This is not a contest. *CB Radio* magazine wants to honor frontline REACTers for their efforts to benefit others. It's your Team's opportunity to help pay tribute to its best. Be sure you do.

Wasted Work?

Check you latest Teams' news release. Does it carry your Team mailing address? Does it give a Team contact for further information? Does it give a telephone number with area code?

These are all essential. The most exciting news release is wasted work without these vital details.

Beware. We recently saw one with only a phone number, and no area code. Ouch!

Congratulations

The REACT International Board of Directors have started a new recognition program. Starting in 1996 each Team who has been chartered for five, ten, fifteen, twenty, twenty-five, or thirty years will receive a commemorative certificate.

For 1996 these are the Teams who have received their anniversary certificates.

5 Years

#2496	Trinidad & Tobago REACT Ltd.	West Indies
#4798	Diablo Valley REACT	CA
#4800	Flagler County Assist	FL
#4801	Shawnee County REACT	KS
#4802	Golden West REACT	CA
#4804	Canyon Lake REACT	TX
#4805	Staten Island REACT	NY
#4811	Dresden REACT	OH
#4812	Kauai REACT, Inc.	HI
#4813	REACT Services Diversified	WI
#4815	Chicago Metro REACT	IL
#4816	Frostburg REACT	MD
#4817	High Country REACT	CO
#4819	REACT Halifax	Canada
#4823	Berry-Cynthiana REACT	KY
#4824	Siuslaw Area REACT	OR
#4832	Concord NH REACT	NH

Ten Years

#4643	Maricopa County REACT	AZ
#4650	Annapolis-Arundel REACT	MD
#4651	Hamilton-Mercer REACT	NJ
#4656	Charles County REACT	MD
#4664	Samaritan REACT	Canada

Fifteen Years

#4468	Escadron 5 REACT CB Club	PR
#4474	PET REACT	CA

Twenty Years

#2750	Dodge County REACT	NE
#3490	West Putnam REACT, Inc.	FL
#3462	Greater Anchorage REACT, Inc.	AK

Thirty Years

#C610	Lower Penellas REACT	FL
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Watch Out

REACT Month is sneaking up fast! How are your supplies of REACT materials you'll need? Stock up now.

How is your planning going? Have you a schedule of events prepared? Mall displays? Speakers? Safety Break approvals?

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CB Signals

Where The Assistance Calls Are Yours!!

Blizzard Rescue Central New York REACT #4834

Saturday, February 20, was the Blizzard of '93 in Upstate New York as well as for most of the Northeast. The Sheriff, Ron Cary, closed all roads in Madison County at 4:00 p.m., but not everyone got the word. Four men in a pickup went off Irish Ridge Road up above the hills of the Town of Fenner about 8:00 p.m. After an unsuccessful attempt to dig the truck out they called for help on CB Channel 9. Their call was answered by two monitors from Central New York REACT; Jim Gooley, Unit 85 and Hal Grunenwald, Unit 400. These bases were able to maintain contact with the victims throughout what was to become a more than three hour ordeal.

After the first call at 8:30 p.m., Madison County Dispatch was informed of the situation and a list of available towing companies was obtained. Many companies had shut down due to the storm and the road emergency. Most of the others were unable to go that far or were too busy. One company thought that they might make it with their 4-wheel drive plow. We advised the guys in the pickup to wait it out for a while, use their heat sparingly and help would get there. After an hour the tow company called back and said that they would not be able to get them out. At this point we re-advised County Dispatch and asked them to try to reach the truck. A local fire department team was sent out in a

4-wheel drive unit. However, they got stuck halfway to the scene and had to abort. The Dispatcher called back to tell us that they couldn't try again unless it was a life or death situation.

The pickup had less than 1/4 tank of fuel left, no other shelter was in sight, two of the men were soaking wet from trying to dig the truck out and wind chills were predicted to 30 degrees below zero. The dispatcher agreed that if this wasn't a deadly situation, we needed a new definition! The Town of Fenner Highway Superintendent was called and through him a town plow was directed to go back on the road to get them out. The plow crew extracted them at 11:35 p.m. This was almost 4 hours after they went off the road and over three hours after their first call for help. All weathered the ordeal well.

This incident illustrates the importance of monitoring Channel 9. Snow plows did not get onto these roads until late Sunday or early Monday. If these men would have had to wait that long, the results would probably have been tragic.

I would also like to pay tribute to the road crews who risk their lives to keep the roads open and go out to rescue fools and the helpless. They seldom get the thanks they deserve. Finally, a word of appreciation to the dispatchers whose professionalism and willingness to work with volunteer monitors makes what we do possible.

Hal Grunenwald, President

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

Training Winners

by Larry Zygmunt, Training and Development Committee

MONITORING				BUDGET & FINANCE			
Carroll	Bobbie	MO	101	Smith	Lawson	MO	301
Nelson	Michael	VA	102	Nelson	Michael	VA	301
				Dieck	Michael	WI	301
				VanHorn Jr	Richard	WI	301
				VanHorn	Barbara	WI	301
GMRS BASICS							
Coy	Myron	IN	201				
Dieck	Michael	WI	201				
VanHorn, Jr	Richard	WI	201				
VanHorn	Barbara	WI	201				
SEARCH TEAMS							
Williams	Thornton	GA	301	Corwin II	Monroe	AR	401
Coy	Myron	IN	301	Coy	Myron	IN	401
				Ruiz	Jose	PR	401
				VanHorn Jr	Richard	WI	401
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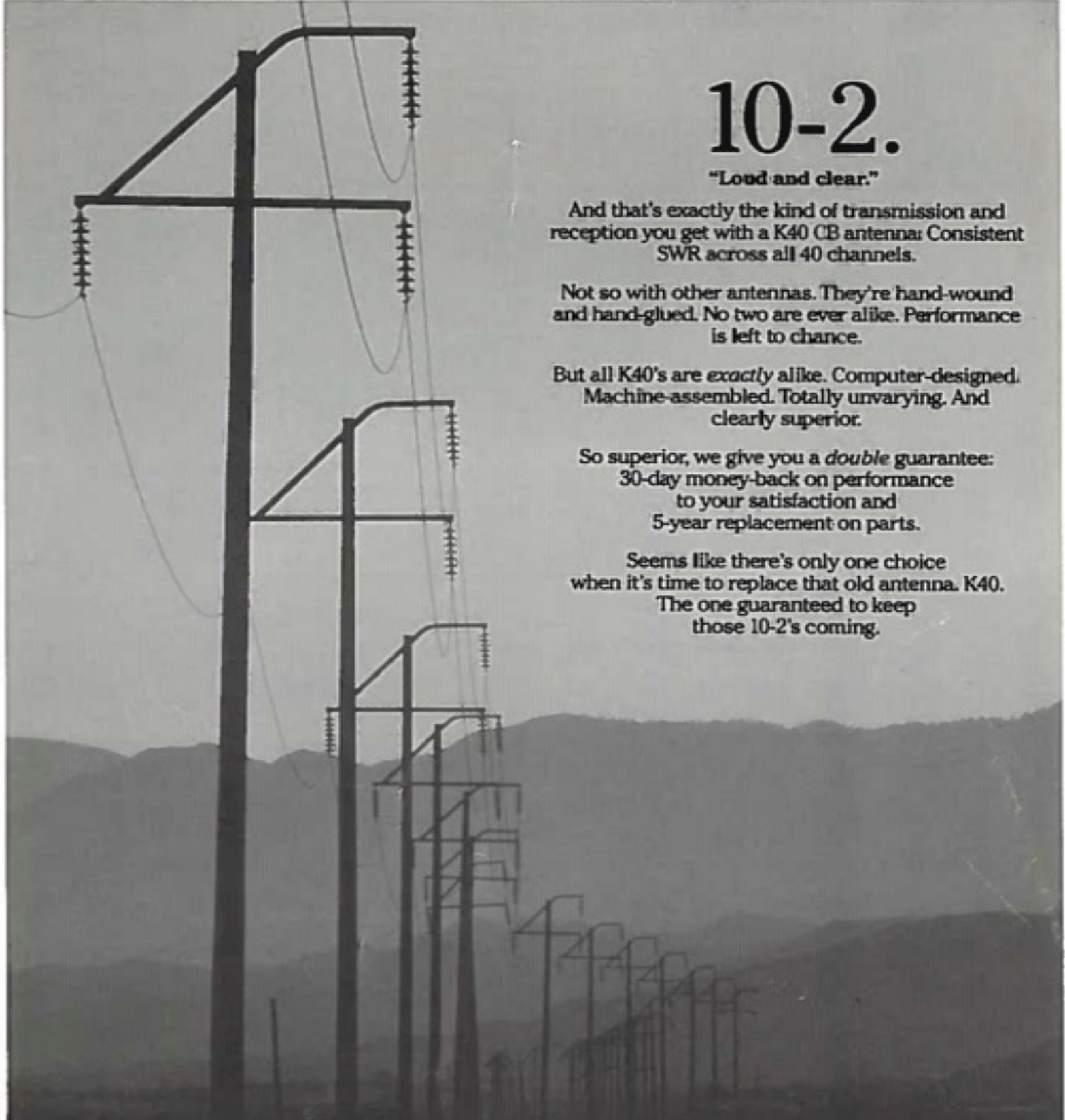
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