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Prince William REACT, Inc. Team C109 members man Command Post Trailer at recent Good Ole Days Car Show during National Night Out activities.

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Team Supports National Night Out

By Richard Lee

Prince William REACT, Inc. #C109, Virginia

During a July 5th coordination meeting between First Sergeant Barton, Prince William County Police Department Crime Prevention Bureau, and our Communications Officer, Dick Lee, it was agreed Team C109 could effectively participate in three activities associated with the Department's "National Night Out to Combat Drugs/Crime" program. These were the "Good Ole Days Car Show" scheduled for the 27th of July at the McCoart County Complex, and two motorcades scheduled for Eastern and Western Districts of the county on August 5th and 6th, respectively. A commitment was made - subject to approval at the Team's July 10th meeting. Despite this short notice, participation in these events was unanimously approved.

The "Good Ole Days Car Show", conducted by the Prince William Cruisers from 0900 to 1400 hours on July 27th had 140 participants and drew a steady crowd throughout the day. Team C109 complemented the show by exhibiting Command Post 1 in an independent operation mode, with CB base

station, base antenna, and power generator. REACT and safety literature were available, and five members were on hand to answer questions: Bill Watson (36), Matt Clarke (39), Jim Morris (46), Dick Lee (58), and Bob McCalley (59).

The DJ for the event was very supportive of the Team in that he mentioned our display - which was allocated a very generous space -nearly every ten minutes during the day.

The weather was great and everything went well until the generator malfunctioned by overriding its governor and sending excessive AC voltage to the radio - which then also became inoperable. Despite these problems the event was successful in that it provided an excellent opportunity to meet members of participating law enforcement agencies and the general public, and introduce them to REACT. At the close of the event Team C109 was presented a Certificate of Appreciation by the Prince William Cruisers.

On Monday, August 5th, four members of Prince William REACT

participated in two motorcades in Eastern Prince William, from 1700-2130 hours. These motorcades included McGruff, the anti-crime "dog", and his attendants, county supervisors and dignitaries, Police Chief Dean with several of his officers, Sheriff Stoffregen with several deputies, and two REACT vehicles per motorcade. REACT participants were: Frank San Pietro (26), Bill Watson (36), Jim Morris (46), and Dick Lee (58). The two motorcades visited 27 neighborhoods in the Eastern District where Neighborhood Watch Teams hosted "Block Parties". Each REACT vehicle was prominently marked with magnetic REACT signs and Fleet Watch bumper stickers. Because no REACT handouts or mementos were available for distribution, other agencies generously provided our members some of theirs so we could get in on the "action". The event proved an excellent opportunity to reinforce our Team's relationship with county law enforcement agencies and county officials, and for introducing Prince William REACT to many of the county's citizens.

The motorcade on Tuesday, August 6th, was generally the same as the motorcade described above, but was routed through 13 neighborhoods in the Western District of the county. Team members participating were: Matt Clarke (39), Jean Clarke (43), Jim Morris (46), David Sandridge (47) - with son David, Judy McConnell (53), and Edgar McConnell (54).

In all, ten Team members participated in these three events for a total of 90 hours, 80 of which were on-site. All commented favorably on their experience, and the overall consensus of opinion is that Team C109 should participate in all future National Night Out activities.



Prince William REACT, Inc., C109 depicts what a typical team personal vehicle might show up with for an emergency response at the Good Ole Days Car Show.

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Life Member Corner

By Richard T. Gamble,
Life Membership Committee Chairperson

Here we are in another new year "1997". Where does the time go?

Many of our Teams have pre-registered for 1997. Some have not yet done so and as usual I am sure that some will not renew.

I am reminding all Life Members that are Unattached to a Team, that they are supposed to try to re-sign up with another Team or possibly start a new Team within the area they live in.

It seems that there has been much criticism, of late, of different types of Communications Systems within our Organization. I hope that we all keep an open mind on this subject as each type of Communications that is available for us, gives us another route to get the message through.

No one system will be able to get the messages through in an emergency situation the size of an earthquake, large flood or blizzard. Each system has advantages and disadvantages. It is up to us to develop the advantages of as many systems as we possibly can so that we may show our expertise as Professional Communicators.

New Life Members

LM #512
Ron Faulkner
Stratford REACT #4853
Stratford, Ontario

New Life Members (Continued)

LM #513
Rolland I. Hopkins, Jr.
REACT of Greater Long Beach
Long Beach, California

LM #516
Catherine L. Hopkins
REACT of Greater Long Beach
Long Beach, California

Silent Mic Life Members

LM #68
Reid Jones, Jr.

LM #114
Alan F. Marks

LM #189
W.R. Kurz

LM #253
Fred A. Bennett

LM #260
Roberta Sloop

LM #401
A. Kelton Bonham

Send your articles and photos to
REACT Headquarters for inclusion
in the REACTer!

*A request from
William K. O'Connor & Co.*

*The REACT Special Accident
insurance company*

As most of you know, our office has administered REACT's Special Accident Policy for many years. It was originally designed for members under 70 years of age; however for several years coverage was offered to those over 70 years at an increased premium, (the basic premium has never been increased), but due to poor participation, it was decided to just offer coverage to those under 70 years of age as was originally provided.

William K. O'Connor & Co. and REACT would love to offer this special accident insurance and write coverage for ALL MEMBERS. However, the company underwriters would like some assurance for full participation, and we therefore request that you take a few minutes to complete the very short survey found below and return it with your dues.

Thank you very much.

**By now
all REACT
Teams should
have received
their renewal
packets...**

**So, send your members
dues and insurance fees
in now to qualify for
some great prizes in the
1997 REACT Renewal
Lottery! And don't
forget to include the
survey below!**

REACT MEMBER SURVEY

Are you currently enrolled in the Special Accident Policy?

YES

NO

If NO, why not? _____

What is your present age? _____

If over 70 years of age would you be willing to pay \$15.00 per year for this Limited Special Accident Coverage?

YES

NO

If the premium could be REDUCED to \$4.00 per member and offered to ALL MEMBERS, would you be likely to participate?

YES

NO

Would you like \$4.00 added to your dues statement for insurance?

YES

NO

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Publicizing REACT

By Ron McCracken, Ontario

PR from Friends

A tip o' the PR hat to REACT Oklahoma County. The Team scored a nice photo and tribute in the "World Aerobatics Championships Newsletter" recently.

REACT provided traffic control for the two-week competition, helping Oklahoma City Police. The daily WAC Newsletter updated contestants and spectators. REACT got wide exposure thanks to the good coverage. Be alert for "PR perks" when your Team works an event. It pays.

Use Every Chance

Writing to a REACT friend, or another Team? Make REACT the first word in the envelope address: REACT, John Doe, 123 Any Street, Ourtown, USA. Let the USPS help your PR efforts. It's free!

Hit the Library

Does the public library have your Team in its "Community Information File"? Is it listed under "REACT", if REACT is not the first word in your Team name? Check it out.

Be sure you're in there. Be sure you're easy to find so groups seeking your Team's assistance can locate you. REACTers visiting in your area can

contact you, perhaps attend your Team meeting.

Update your listing regularly. List 2 or 3 phone numbers in case a contact is at work, on vacation, etc. Make your library and your Team look good. It's free!

New Tool: REACT Note Cards

Do you have a supply of the new REACT all-purpose cards on hand? A large REACT logo appears on the front. The rest of the card is blank.

Use them for a variety of purposes: thank you, get well, invitation, etc. One simple, elegant design serves all your Team's needs. Order fast from REACT Headquarters. Cost is \$2.50 for a bundle of 10.

Practical, and a bargain to boot! Your PR Committee at work for you.

Safety Break Supplement

Between your Team's Safety Break use other means to inform the public about correct emergency CB use. To do it, your Team needs to keep on hand a good supply of "Getting Help by CB Radio".

Contact one or more of the restaurant chains located near major highways in your town. Ask permission to place the REACT safety leaflet on vehicles in their parking lots on a given day.

Often several chains are side by side. One pair of REACTers can visit all the lots. By the time you finish, the

first lot will have a fresh supply of vehicles. Begin the circuit again. Great for REACT Month and year-round.

K-Mart, Wal-Mart...

These and other chains sell CB radios. Offer them a supply of the REACT safety leaflet for their customers.

Talk to the department manager. Ask if he has a holder to display them neatly. (Remember, he's responsible

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for the appearance of his area.) If not, offer the loan of one. (See the REACT Supplies Order Form.) Check regularly when in the store to re-stock the holder with leaflets.

Make the same offer to Radio Shack, and independent radio shops. Treat everyone equally. They will appreciate it.

Update Decals?

Did your Team post the REACT "Emergency" decals at gas stations, bars, restaurants, convenience stores, etc., in your area? What kind of shape

are they in now?

Check the businesses that helped with that safety project. Thank them, and provide a fresh decal to replace a faded or damaged one.

Approach new businesses with the offer of your safety decal too. Again, it's important to treat all potential Team supporters fairly.

Say "Cheese"

Are you snapping lots of photos at Team events? Do you have an "official" (or "unofficial") Team photographer? Do you get double prints? Do you send *the REACTer* a copy? Have you a Team photo album to display?

Calendar of Events

April 1, 1997 - Deadline for article and advertising submission for *the REACTer* magazine.

May, 1997 - REACT Month. Mark your calendars and start now planning your events!

May 16-18, 1997 - California's 7th Annual Western Regional Roundup, Laughlin/Bullhead City. For further details please contact a California REACT Council or Team representative.

May 17-18, 1997 - Florida Council of REACT Teams, Inc. meeting hosted by Orlando Metro REACT Team #4778. For reservations contact the Holiday Inn at 1-800-519-5917. For further details please contact a council representative or E-mail O.M.R.4778@juno.com.

June 1, 1997 - Deadline for article and advertising submission for *the REACTer* magazine.

July 14-18, 1997 - 1997 REACT International Convention, Toronto, Ontario. Further details in *the REACTer* and Team Topics.

August 1, 1997 - Deadline for article and advertising submission for *the REACTer* magazine.

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

Get action photos (explaining radio controls, giving a child safety material, etc.). Get in close. Good photos have many uses. They tell your Team's story in a fun way.

Graphic Grabbers

A tip o' the PR hat to REACT Don Valley, Ontario. Several Team members' vehicles sport the word "REACT" in highly reflective 4" orange lettering. Most show their unit numbers, too. The graphics is located along the upper edge of the rear window. Great idea.

The REACT graphic gives the vehicles high visibility at night for increased safety. All the while it also publicizes their REACT affiliation.

They tell us it's inexpensive too. Check out local graphics shops. Talk with fellow Team or Council members. Multiple orders will reduce the cost to everyone.

Send an SSAE

Put your Team mailbox to work. Prepare a news release. Offer a free copy of "Getting Help..." to readers who send a \$.32 SSAE to your Team box.

Your Team may get some donations if you mention your volunteer, 501(c)(3) status. You may get a new Team monitor or three. You may get a speaking engagement. The possibilities are endless. Give it a try.

What Works?

Drop us a note. We will share what PR ideas has worked for your Team with other Teams worldwide. That's one of the reasons we all joined REACT. To help. To share. To learn.

Send that PR tip today....and thanks!



Flaunt Your Team Audit!



"When you've got it, flaunt it" the saying goes. REACT Teams can do just that with the annual financial audio Headquarters requires.

Be proud of your audit. It is one more valuable item in your "PR toolbox". Put it to work for your Team throughout the year.

Accountability

Your audit is your Team's badge of financial responsibility. Wear it with distinction. It tells your "publics" that your Team holds itself accountable to all those with whom it associates.

Who are your "publics"? They include the various agencies and organizations with which your Team works (e.g. police, EMS, Salvation Army, VOAD, Red Cross, etc.). Your annual audit is further proof to your partners in emergency preparedness that your Team is highly reputable. It reinforces your own Team's fiscal integrity and that helps strengthen the integrity of the entire group.

Family Matters

Your REACT colleagues are another very important "public". Every Team is accountable to its own REACTers, other REACTers in its Council, and through Headquarters to REACTers worldwide.

Publish your annual audit proudly in your Team newsletter. It will boost the morale of your Team members and impress all others who receive your newsletter. Most Teams include regu-

lar financial reports in their newsletters. The audit is an annual summary of those monthly reports. It launches your Team into a new year on a sound footing.

Your Team audit pays tribute to a year's work by your Treasurer, too. A wise Treasurer will decline to serve for another year until the Team first audits the past year's work.

Think about it. An annual audit is standard practice in any respected organization you know. Your REACT Team owes its Treasurer that consideration each year.

Remember Them

Your Team's supporters are its most important "public". Those who contributed to your donation bottle at Safety Breaks, Team safety displays, etc., are entitled to the assurance that

their gifts have been used responsibly. They won't likely see your Team audit, but word of it will get around town. That will encourage them to help your Team again in the future.

The Lions or Optimist club that made a grant to your Team should receive a copy of your annual audit, along with another thank you note. Every organization and business that supports your Team in any way deserves this courtesy. A copy of your Team audit should automatically accompany any new requests for grants, too.

PR Pay-Offs

That annual audit can generate lots of positive PR results for your Team. Use it to your advantage. You've got it. Now, flaunt it. And reap the benefits.

New REACT Teams Chartered

#4969

Collective REACT
Modesto, California (Stanislaus County)
November 4, 1996

#4970

REACT Southwestern New Jersey
Berlin, New Jersey (Camden County)
November 11, 1996

*REACT International wishes to extend a warm welcome
to all new REACT Teams chartered in 1996!*



Stop Thief!

By Henry Sahler, Chairperson
Amateur Committee

How many of you out there have a great deal, or at least, a sizable investment in your VHF and UHF equipment, whether it be a handheld, mobile, or a base station? How would you like it, when you get up tomorrow morning, for it all to be a large pile of junk? Worth about 30 cents a pound or whatever scrap metal is going for where you live? Because if, we the Amateur community, don't sit up and take note, and do what ever we legally can to stop it, that is exactly what is going to happen.

How is this to take place you ask? Well, the rumbles are out there on the horizon now. The FCC made 20 billion dollars just selling segments of the radio spectrum to commercial interests

for the purpose of paging and other digital personal communications and broadcasting services. The government and its politicians, in its quest for a balanced budget are going to let it happen again, to our VHF and UHF frequencies. Without any thought as to how they are used by many of the clubs and other service organizations around the USA.

This equipment is used for public service events such as marathons, bike-a-thon's, walks, and other events too numerous to list. A service that has and can save many lives, such as the runner in a marathon who had a heart attack. An amateur operator radioed the need for an ambulance, which was on the scene and the paramedics were treating the victim within a little more than three minutes after he collapsed on the road. Had they not been called to the scene that quickly, he most assuredly would have died.

The commercial interests are looking to exploit commercial usage of

our slice of the spectrum by using our 2 meter frequencies through LEO (low earth orbit) satellites, which were pioneered by amateur radio operators.

The ARRL states that the issue has been discussed during planning for the next ITU World Radio Communications Conference (WRC-97). So the ARRL is beginning to form a fund for the legal defense of our portion of the bands. I know, this is a difficult thing to ask of you, by even if you are not a member of the ARRL, which I am not, please think about possibly sending them a small donation for the battle that is about to start. They even have some gifts for you if you are able to donate \$50 or \$100. You can send your donation to the Fund for the Defense of Amateur Radio Frequencies, ARRL Administrative Headquarters, Newington, CT 06111-1494. Or contact them for more information at (860) 594-0200, fax (860) 594-0259 and on the internet at hq@arrl.org - [WWW:http://www.arrl.org/](http://www.arrl.org/).

So, help stop the theft of our hard earned money and the use of the equipment that we have and enjoy. I know the value of having the radios along for the ride, as I personally have not had a telephone for almost six years.

For example, I was out with a friend driving along in my truck one day, and was asked why I didn't have a phone. I answered that I used the radios instead. Just as I said that, someone called for me over the radio, I excused myself and answered, after a short QSO, I signed off. But before I could restart my conversation with my friend, another call came in for me. This continued for the next 10 minutes or so. A total of 6 more calls were answered. My friend said that it was plain that I did not really need a phone.

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Publicity and Letters Used in Organizational Promotion

*Submitted by James E. Bear, WB3FQY
REACT International Director*

YES, REACT

*[Excerpted from the
November, 1996 issue of QST]*

In "The Doctor is In" column for August 1996, the doctor answered a request from a new ham who wanted to know what sort of ham club to look for. Of all the options given, the Doctor failed to mention that some of the most active ham clubs are local REACT teams.

That's right, REACT. Many REACT teams are now composed primarily of hams. About two-thirds of the members of our team here in Austin are Amateur Radio operators.

Some veteran hams may look down their noses at us because of our CB origins, but they're living in the past. Monitoring the CB emergency channel is still an important part of the REACT program, but we've gone way beyond that. Most teams use CB, ham, GMRS, business band and other radio services - whatever is appropriate.

Besides emergency-channel monitoring, REACT teams are heavily involved in disaster-relief communication and support for community events. Our team works more than a dozen events a year, ranging from the Veteran's Day parade to the Texas Special Olympics Summer Games. We could do more if we had more members.

Hams, new or old, who are looking for ways to use their communication skills will find a warm welcome in

most REACT teams. If there's no REACT team nearby, starting one is only slightly more challenging than taking a Technician exam. Information is available from REACT International, P.O. Box 998, Wichita, KS 67201.

Stuart DeLuca, KC5CFQ - President
Travis County REACT, Texas

A Cooperative REACTiOn

*[Reprinted from the Field Forum -
published by the
American Radio Relay League]*

Recently the ARRL received a club affiliation application from what some might consider an unexpected source - Corona, California's Crest REACT Amateur Radio Club, the Amateur Radio arm of Crest REACT.

You might remember Radio Emergency Associated Communication Teams as the organization that provides assistance via CB Channel 9, but, today, REACTers have expanded their scope far beyond CB. Crest REACT epitomizes this expansion.

The team has grown from a meager 15 members to nearly 100, due to active membership drives and a high public profile. These new members are serious about emergency communications, and the vast majority of them are hams - many General class and above. Considering the influx of amateurs, the

creation of Crest REACT ARC was only natural.

By affiliating with the League, Crest has created a number of opportunities for itself. Most importantly, Crest REACT hopes to work toward increased cooperation with ARES, RACES, and other local amateur radio organizations. In the past many of these groups have looked upon REACT with, at best, neutrality, and, at worst, disdain. Crest hopes that its affiliation will change that.

The club is very active in emergency preparedness and assistance on several different communications services, including Amateur, CB, and the General Mobile Radio Service.

Two Crest ARC members operate 222 MHz repeaters in Corona, and the club and its members currently maintain two FM repeaters on the GMRS, with two more on the way. The existing repeaters are in Corona and on Crestline in the San Bernadino Mountains, and they soon hope to have machines serving the Banning and Temecula areas.

These machines are part of a backbone of repeaters that serve Southern California's REACT community. REACTers, including members of other teams, use these machines to provide daily emergency communications and motorist assistance to those in need. In addition, Crest uses its GMRS system to provide communications for the

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Norco Citizens Patrol, a Neighborhood Watch type organization that operates in a few miles up the road in Norco, California.

Further, Crest has a written MOU with Riverside Red Cross, and Red Cross is allowed to use Crest's GMRS system. Since they operate under Crest's group license, Red Cross officers do not require an individual GMRS or Amateur Radio license, or a shadow,

in order to have communications. In emergencies, this frees up the limited number of communications volunteers available for assignment, and helps the communications network run more smoothly, since messages are required to go through fewer middlemen.

The club is also helping the League to disseminate information of importance to local hams and other communication hobbyists. Former Crest President, Clint Bradford, KE6LCS, is an official bulletin station

of the ARRL, distributing news via his landline BBS, "Attention to Details".

The Orange Section Manager, Joe Brown, W6UBQ, recently appeared at a Crest meeting, to present the club's affiliation certification to the membership. He sees Crest joining the ARRL as the beginning of something special, ushering in an era of increased cooperation between different amateur organizations. "Cooperation is especially important now, with the current threat to our 2-Meter and 440 MHz bands," he said at the meeting.

Members of Crest agree. The vice-president, Bob Leef, KB6DON, sees the affiliation as the beginning of something special. "Too many groups have been bickering for far too long," he admits. "We need to put this 'us versus them' philosophy behind us. With a spirit of cooperation, who knows what can be accomplished."

Many members of Crest have dreamed of an emergency assistance network comprising all types of personal communications services, including CB, GMRS, Amateur, the new Family Radio Service, and more. Perhaps this is the beginning of just that.

Ken Collier, KO6UX
Crest REACT, California

***Special Notice
from Christine White,
CEO-President of
REACT International, Inc.***

***Due to past financial restraints,
and to limit upcoming expenses,
no Team Topics have been
produced - nor will be in the near future.***

***The Board of Directors thanks
the members for their support.***



*Florida Council members
pose for a recent photograph.
Seated from left to right is:
Past President - Jerry
Rowton, First Vice President -
John Knott, President - Mike
Chruen, Second Vice
President - Bob Pickering,
and Secretary - Paul Jones.
Standing is Sam Butler -
Sergeant-at-Arms. Not
pictured is Bill Rice,
Treasurer.*



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:
Include any/all required
copies and documentation)

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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.

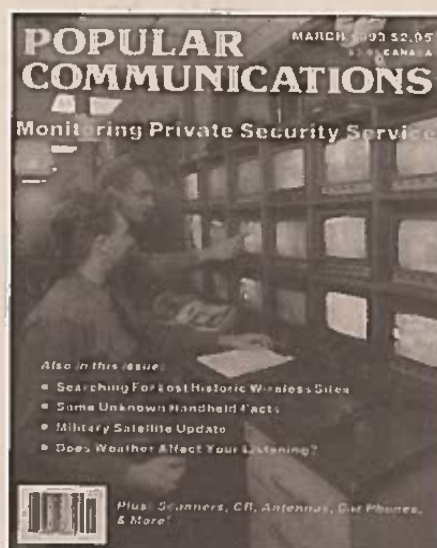
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Michael Lacutz Reli REACT, New York

Reli REACT #4552, with deep regrets, wishes to inform the REACT community of the death of its Vice President, Michael Lacutz, on October 23rd, 1996. Michael, who lived in Williston Park, New York, succumbed to diabetic complications after a recent extended illness.

Michael joined the Team in 1988 and was elected Vice President in the Spring of 1996. Previously he served as Communications Supervisor and Mobile Operations Supervisor.



Michael, Reli Unit #71, played a major role in the Team's entry into GMRS. His calm voice in emergencies, wry sense of humor and superior technical expertise will be greatly missed by all members, and, we are sure, the other Teams on Long Island.

Sherwood Rosen Ramsey County REACT, Minnesota

On Tuesday, November 5, Ramsey County REACT lost a long time supporter. Sherwood Rosen, at the age of 68, died from a sudden heart attack in his sleep.

For 16 years Sherwood helped with our events by transporting supplies and members to various events. Most recently he pulled a couple of shifts at a Safety Break when the team was short handed.

Sherwood drove a cab for a living and was doing all this when he should have been home sleeping or out driving.

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REACTer makes a difference on-line

*By Robert Frost, President
REACT Greater New Haven #4886*

On December 8, 1996, Kristy Frost, REACT Team #4886, signed onto America On-line for a chat with some friends. She never thought that she would be called on to help a 14 year old boy contemplating suicide.

Once she signed on to AOL, with her home computer, she went to Rosie's chat room. This is one of her favorite chat rooms. People here are talking about television star and talk show host, Rosie O'Donnell. With over 43 people in the room, the screen was moving along at a pretty fast rate. Then there came a line from someone that just said, "I want to commit suicide."

At first no one seemed to be paying any attention to this person's statement. Then a couple of people wrote back and asked this person if he was serious. The reply was, "Yes". The individual stated that he was having trouble at home and no one in the chat room cared about him either. Now of course the first response was that this person is only after attention. Yet he continued to sound serious. Kristy tried to send him a personal message asking if perhaps she could help him, yet, there was no reply.

After looking into his member profile, she found out that he was a young man living in Washington, Pennsylvania.

Her first thought was to try to get this young man some help, in today's world we hear so much about teen pressures that have led to many deaths among young people.

She tried to contact the authorities in the town he lived in yet was unable to get their phone number through the long distance operator. So now what?

Next, she tried to contact her local state police barracks, as she lives in Connecticut. The hopes were that,

perhaps, they could give her the number, or contact his local police station and request their response. Their response was to tell her to call the long distance operator, then hung up on her. Needless to say, she wasn't about to give up. After all, there was a life hanging on the hopes of her help. So next she called her local police department. Finally, someone seemed to have the same concerns about this young man as she did.

The investigating officer came by her house and picked up the information that she had printed out on this young man, he also took her statement on what she witnessed in the chat room. He was unable to get in touch with AOL to get this boys address, she was told when she called back to give him

some more information she found. After looking into a program called Directory USA, she had found ONE person listed in the town the boy lived in. Maybe this could be his parents. The officer then told her that he had already been in contact with the police department in the town and would relay this new finding to them.

Although being a REACT member has its rewards, often we wonder on the final outcome. Yet, here is a new form of communications that may prove to have helped save one more life. With all that we do as people in giving our time to the community, it's nice to find new ways that REACTers "Make a Difference".

A big hand to Kristy from her fellow team members.

Want to be a part of history? Mark your calendars for Mother's Day 1997

*By Michael J. McQueen
Honolulu REACT, Hawaii*

A once in a lifetime experience is going to happen in Hawaii! And Honolulu REACT is putting out the word for all REACTers to come and participate in the H-3 TransKoolau Run. The run will take place on the new freeway that has taken over 25 years to build that runs from one side of the island of Oahu through the mountains with innovative tunnels and connects the rest of the island with a third highway/federal freeway.

Members are meeting with organizers to work on communications co-

ordination for an expected 50,000 runners. This could well be the largest running event in history. And when its done, the freeway will be open to cars, never to be shut down again just for a running event.

Amateurs, GMRS, cellular and CB will all be necessary for the safety of the participants.

So, come join us in beautiful Hawaii for a run and some fun. Aloha!

Traveling through hurricane aftermath provides food for thought...



By Dan Cooper Clark, KE4DJZ
Louisville Metro REACT East Team #1582, Kentucky

While on vacation, I drove out to Bailey, North Carolina to visit family. Bailey is located approximately 110 miles west of the coast.

I was surprised to see the damage done by the hurricane that hit. As a result I also learned a few things we all might be aware of in regards to the power of nature.

First of all, the amount of damage done by trees that were blown down is hard to imagine. We are not talking just one or two trees here-and-there. We are talking a lot of trees!

Some as old as one hundred years! My cousin and his neighbor lost around twenty-five trees on their properties. Damages to houses was common place. Granted, North Carolina's soil is somewhat sandy, but these things had significant roots! Of course, when trees come down so do power lines. This was the thing that really started me thinking.

My cousin was without electricity for about ten days. Some folks longer than that. Since there were so many trees down across roadways, many residents were completely isolated. A few had generators but when a generator only runs a couple of hours on a tank of gas - well, one can see the limitations even with a generator. And like I said, only a few had them. Those who did have generators had a limited supply of gasoline on hand with no way

of getting more. For many, extra fuel was one of those things you didn't think about until it was needed. Of all the people I talked to, no one guessed the storm was going to last as long as it did - throughout a whole night! I have seen the damage done by tornadoes but this was so widespread, it's hard to imagine!

I began thinking about my radio setups at home. I have four deep cycle marine batteries available, should I need them, to run my rigs. My Washington CB base station is 12 volt capable along with the mobile Yeasu dual band. I only have these batteries because of my boat as I do a lot of fishing. But even with this setup, I doubt if I would last long on a ten-day power outage! I have a pretty

good idea as to what my other team members have and, to be honest, in a severe emergency with a lengthy major power outage, our radio communications wouldn't last long.

It is obvious that generators is an absolute in such a situation but I am wondering how many teams own or have generators available to them. It might be a good idea for teams to check their membership to find out if generators could be provided should such a power outage occur. I know many folks with RV's have them. The second question would be; would they (your members) be willing to sacrifice their generator for the good of radio

communications and the public at large? With a generator and a couple of marine batteries, a station or command post could run as long as needed (or until the gas ran out). A reminder to keep extra fuel on hand would be part of the disaster plan.

These are just some thoughts from my North Carolina experience of a major mess. I would be curious as to what other teams might have planned for such an event. I would also be curious if teams have something written out on how they would handle a major disaster, (e.g. what tools, equipment, etc.), would be available to them. I suppose in having a disaster plan written out, the person or persons in charge would need to frequently update it. I don't know about other areas, but our city and county have tons of paper work written out in regards to disaster plans when something happens, it seems more like organized chaos! A little practice on occasion wouldn't hurt.

There was one last thing I learned from talking to folks who went through the hurricane. CB radio is still very, very important! I'm a ham operator and so often we hear about ham operators providing communications in major disasters. Such individuals and organizations (e.g. RACES) are to be commended. However, the common folks have CB's! The truck drivers have CB's! I learned that more people received critical help via CB radio than any other communication device during and after the storm. Something for us to keep in mind!



1997 REACT International Convention Highlights

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NOTE....

Convention Date Change

We made an error on the registration form for the 1997 REACT International Convention. The actual dates are July 14th through July 18th, 1997.

The Convention Committee would like to apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused for your summer holiday.

The members of REACT in Ontario hope to see as many of our fellow REACTers as possible in July, 1997.

Please pass this correction along to your fellow team mates and in your Council area.

Toronto at a glance...

As the capital of Ontario, Toronto is the largest city in Canada. A multi

cultural mecca, a total 2.3 million residents reside in metro Toronto, with more than 80 ethnic groups speaking approximately 100 languages.

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By Ron Faulkner
1997 Convention Chairperson

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REACT Lake Simcoe, Ontario, monitor Art Heath combats summer heat with a cool drink. Dehydration poses a risk to REACTers in hot weather at events like this Demolition Derby in Newmarket, On. RLS and REACT Don Valley provided security and safety comms for the event.





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Alzheimer's: The REACT Connection

By Ron McCracken
REACT Lake Simcoe, Canada

Does your REACT Team exist to serve its community with radio in as many ways as it can? It better, or it soon won't exist at all.

"The times, they are a-changing". We have to change with them, or go the way of the dinosaur.

REACT Teams have an important mandate to monitor CB Emergency Channel 9. It is the #1 priority. Our reputation was built on that pledge to the public. Millions of travelers continue to rely on REACT. Increasingly, REACT is their only CB link to help in emergencies. Is your CB on?

No one ever said monitoring CB 9 was going to be a picnic. Yet, Channel 9 is far better to monitor today than it has been in a decade or more. We have no excuse. If your REACT Team is not monitoring CB 9 it is misrepresenting itself to the public.

First Things First

I agreed to monitor CB 9 as close to 24 hours as possible when Headquarters chartered it. Nothing has changed. That is still every REACT Team's first obligation, to the public and to other Teams. Is your Team meeting its obligation?

That said, Teams also need to look at the 21st century. They must prepare to serve in a world where CB will someday be history. Sooner rather than later, too, as the age of the "wrist radio" nears.

CB will vanish, but technology will replace it with something far superior. It is only a tool to do our job today. Few of us use the same tools at work that we used in 1960. CB will soon be 40 years old.

That is "ancient" in today's world.

Look Ahead

Smart Teams are easing themselves into the future. They are adding GMRS, amateur, E-mail, etc., to their CB communication capabilities. GMRS is already available to the public. Many Teams monitor both it and CB 9 to their great credit.

The radio tools will change. What matters is not the tool we use, but the radio skills we have developed. REACT is an army of experienced radio communicators. Our radio expertise is transferable to any other type of radio that technology or the FCC sends our way.

New Roles

Some day 462.675 may supersede CB 9 as the major public emergency access to help. We simply don't

know. What we do know is that we must keep our options open. We must also be vigilant for new ways REACT can serve the needs of its communities.

Alzheimer's disease is a growing problem as our population ages. REACT Teams can help ease the anguish of patients's families with their established radio expertise.

Advanced Alzheimer's often causes patients to wander from home or hospital. The consequences can be fatal. Winter cold or summer heat will quickly drain the strength of victims. The public can devote few resources to searches for missing Alzheimer's patients.

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dedicated solely to an Alzheimers search can often locate a patient in short order. The mobiles can search with CB or GMRS, while Team base stations continue to monitor Channel 9 for other emergencies.

Proven Record

REACT already has at least one Alzheimer success to its credit. The Ontario REACT Teams, Lake Simcoe and Don Valley, quickly located an Alzheimer patient. He wandered for 3 days in Toronto, a city of 2,500,000.

From call-out to recovery, it took the REACT Teams only 2 1/2 hours to restore the missing man to his family. Your REACT Team can do the same for Alzheimer victims and their families in your area.

Alzheimer patients behave in ways that will help your Team with its

search. First, they often return to familiar territory where they lived in the past. Second, they often have favorite clothes they tend to wear regularly.

These two key traits will assist your Team in its search. The Ontario man returned to the neighborhood where he had lived as a youngster. He also wore a favorite jacket and cap. That enabled the REACT mobile to narrow the search area and to make a positive identification before approaching the patient. Other "possibles" were eliminated by radio without alarming them.

REACTers knew where to look, and what to watch for, based on detailed information the family provided. As the number of Alzheimer patients rises, the opportunities for REACT Teams to provide another valuable public service increase.

Contact your local Alzheimer

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GMRS...Rx

By Bill Simpson, Chairperson
GMRS Committee

Check it out, ladies and gentleman...it's ALMOST spring, again. Time to check all the radios, replace questionable antennas, purchase new batteries, and schedule the weather spotting classes. No, I don't mean climb on the roof and replace coax or antenna for the big radios during a driving blizzard, although some schools of thought maintain that a radio will not function correctly unless installed during wildly inclement weather.

This is the time to correct problems with the handheld radios that we will all be using during the summer for the projects which we enjoy. Take them to your favorite tech now, and avoid the rush that will inevitably occur in two months, when the rest of the world suddenly realizes that they need radios fixed. If you are fortunate enough to be technically skilled in electronics, now is the time to offer those skills for the other members of the Team.

There are a number of articles available which address the issue of Ni-Cad batteries, so I won't bore you with another, other than suggesting that you consider the condition of the current batteries, and decide to purchase new, or to try to get another season on those. As with everything else, batteries DO wear out after a number of recharges.

Even though spring is almost here, we MUST remember the original purpose of REACT...the emergency channels are being used again, and we're the only CBer's who monitor on a somewhat consistent basis. Yep, this IS a column about GMRS...but it's also a column for REACTers, and emer-

gency communications is what we're all about! If you subscribe to "Pop Com", you've read articles by Jock Elliott, advocating more monitoring on Channel 9, GMRS 462.675, Marine channel 16, and other emergency channels, and the need to "CLEAN THEM UP!" REACT needs to be at the forefront in this effort. We have the mechanism in place...monitors are available. We simply need to turn the radios on and listen. Use the GMRS, the VHF, and the Amateur frequencies! They are wonderful tools that are available to us, and should be used as needed for projects, or for the longer ranges. Don't ignore CB!!!

I have often preached that a major catastrophe will overload the communications capabilities of every police, fire and rescue band in the community, as well as the ham bands...yet, none of these will allow Joe Citizen to get help. Talk to the REACTers in Oklahoma City, or in Florida. I will bet that the CB was in constant use after the bombing, or after the hurricane, even though both areas have GMRS and Ham available. The most available, least expensive, method of communication is the CB radio. The cell phones cost a large bundle...ham and GMRS bands require a license...the new FRS is limited in range. CB is still around...still costs nothing...and requires no knowledge.

If we, as REACT members, take the lead in monitoring the emergency frequencies, we can be effective...can gain new recruits...and can make a true difference! From the letters that Mr. Elliott has been receiving, the interest in CB is nationwide. Statistics tell us

that CB sales are on the rise...emergency calls on Channel 9 are increasing. It is time that we increase our time on Channel 9.

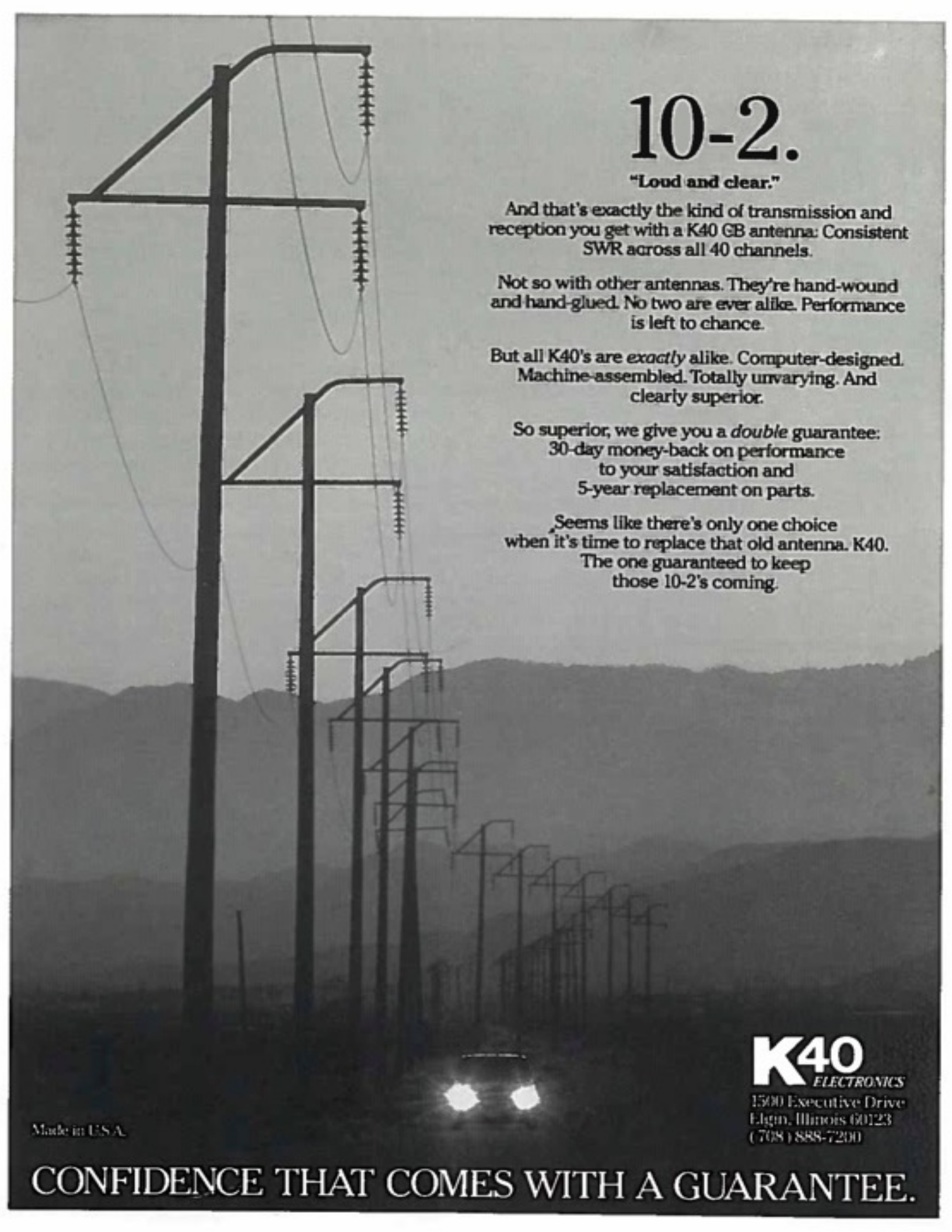
We're into a new year...and I challenge each REACT member to increase monitoring time by ten percent per week during the next quarter...and again during the following quarter. Teams...offer some new incentive for the member with the greatest percentage increase. And, let's get back to the basics of REACT!

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