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Ramsey County REACT #2538, Minnesota just finished the busiest year ever in their 23 (+) years of service to the community. Members participated in various classes, drills, safety breaks, membership drives and interviews. The highlight was the above photo taken during a recent appearance by Steve Smith, star of PBS television's "The New Red Green Show". Pictured from left to right is Gene Hess - Team Vice President, Steve Smith - Red Green Show, Mike Braun - Team Member, Paul Oby - Team President and Phil McDonald - Team Member.

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Government Relations Committee Report

February, 1998

By Allen B. Hanger, Chairperson

In a congressional election year, Congress is more interested in what generates votes, makes favorable press for them, and will increase donations toward their election campaign. In addition, they agree to schedule their work so that more time is available to campaign in their home towns and states. This means much shorter work sessions are scheduled in Washington. In summary, there has been much press, more proposed bills and less real work. This, and the "Down Sizing of Government" begun last year, has government offices experiencing a larger work load, with fewer people, and newly defined work responsibilities. Bills remaining from last year are either returned for rewrite or not resubmitted. Big telecommunications organizations are suggesting NEW government rules allowing a larger share in wireless frequencies and microwave and rate changes allowing them to charge by the minute of use of air or wire time instead of by connection rates. This could result in some big changes in E-Mail and computer surfing!!!

In my meeting with Mr. William Cross, Deputy Chief of the Wireless and Public Safety Division of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on February 2, 1998 we discussed the above, some new frequency actions being considered, and some changes the commission is considering, such as combining systems. As you probably have read, many wireless systems are being swept up into one package. So far

GMRS has not been included.

In November, four new Commissioners were seated. The largest change at one time in history.

The Ken Collier request, which was given a file number RM 9107 last year, is still on the table with many, many others. This happens when Congress sends many priority requests to the FCC (remember the FCC staff was cut 45% last year by government downsizing). This recommendation and the comments by others that have been received will be reviewed sometime and either disapproved or included in a proposed rule change. Many are concerned that if thousands of 501(c)(3) entities were allowed to license on the system it would be less usable than CB was. The District of Columbia area can tell you what happened when nine Goodwill Industries pick-up trucks were on .675 during the six work days. I suggest ALL REACTERS look at a 501(c)(3) list!!! Do any of you know how many people work for the American Red Cross; FEMA; churches; Scouts; blind associations; citizen and auxiliary groups; flower clubs; etc.? The Red Cross are authorized to use 10 government frequencies. In Virginia, REACT can use Search & Rescue frequencies when on training or search missions. (If you have your own radios). The Family Radio Service (FRS), rules PROHIBIT (DO NOT ALLOW) use of GMRS frequencies except the interstitial.

I suggest REACT members make good use of GMRS. If they do not they might lose it.

The Feingold Bill S.2025 to amend the Federal Communications Act of 1934, as Amended, to authorize the States to regulate Citizens Band radio interference is not being accepted by state and local government. They believe that only communications companies have any experience in this area and that they are under Federal control and licensing. This Bill might be reconsidered.

H.R. 2369, to strengthen and clarify prohibitions on electronic eavesdropping, and for other purposes, has also been delayed.

You know we in REACT must work together if we want to accomplish something! If I go to the FCC and speak my piece, they ask for my references and written authority. They also request that I ask you also to provide your written request or comments. The reason for this is to show that many need the same thing. Majority influence. The reason that the REACT Washington representative is invited in anytime is because the FCC expects that he/she is prepared and has good reason to be there. The FCC has made as much material available as possible on request and have always been most helpful. In general, this is true of all government. We usually get what we ask for, if we are correct and justified. Let's keep it that way!

Last October, I met with State Police Commanders from North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania at a press confer-

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ence to publicize the Interstate Road Watch Program. REACT was asked to be there to help with this major highway and rest area safety program which is supported by the American Trucking Association and interstate trucking in the East. Virginia State Police train trucking company supervisors in watching for and reporting unsafe driving, any lawless behavior, hazards, etc., and reporting by company radio, CB Channel 9, or cell phone to the state police. This program is expected to be extended to cover from Maine to Florida by the end of this year, covering at least all of I-81, I-64, I-95 and as many others as possible. The training program is very much like the REACT Training film.

Here is another reason for REACT members to get back together.

More can be done if we stop wasting time with "King of the Mountain", and start helping with good positive highway safety communications using all radio systems we have available. We will not exist if we keep playing; pull the organization down, and if its not my way we will not allow it to be. Let's think of how we can help, let's help other members to do more for the organization.

- Think Monitoring.
- Think Skywarn.
- Think Help your Local Police and Government.
- Think Of What Others Must Be Thinking When They Are Looking At You.

Is it good or bad!!!

New Life Members

LM #525
George A. Barrios
Brooklyn, New York

LM #526
Martin L. Grillo
Howard Beach, New York

Calendar of Events

- | | |
|------------------|--|
| July 20-23, 1998 | REACT International Convention in Janesville, Wisconsin. Details in this issue of <i>the REACTer</i> . |
| August 1, 1998 | Deadline for article and advertising submission for <i>the REACTer</i> . |
| October 1, 1998 | Deadline for article and advertising submission for <i>the REACTer</i> . |
| December 1, 1998 | Deadline for article and advertising submission for <i>the REACTer</i> . |

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Board of Director Nominations



Frederick J. (Fred) Lanshe
L.E.M.A. REACT, Inc. #C546
Allentown, Pennsylvania

OCCUPATION:

Mainframe Computer Systems Operator

PERSONAL DATA:

Age 44, single

EDUCATION:

Electronics Degree

REACT HISTORY:

Joined LEMA REACT in 1974. Team offices held include Secretary, Vice President and currently as President. Pennsylvania REACT Council offices held include Area Coordinator, Eastern Vice President and currently as President. Currently Chairperson of the Public Relations Committee, past Co-Chair of the Public Relations Task Group and Site Selection Committee member. Has served as delegate/alternate at six REACT Conventions. Besides monitoring Citizens Band, Fred holds a GMRS license and is an Amateur radio operator.

NOMINEE STATEMENT:

When elected, I will further advance and strengthen REACT's role in the new millennium. I will bring 24 years of experience, leadership and people skills to the position. In the area of Public Relations, I will help generate membership growth and search for additional financial resources that will benefit international, state and local levels.

There are numerous community needs to expand community awareness and team involvement: Food Bank, Community Events, Boy Scouts, Blood Bank Transfer Service, Amateur Activities, Sky Warn,

Lanshe Statement (Continued on page 6)



Jack E. Murrell
Circle City REACT, Inc. #C261
Indianapolis, Indiana

OCCUPATION:

Retired

PERSONAL DATA:

Age 69, married
6 sons and 3 daughters

EDUCATION:

High School Diploma
2 years Computer Technology IUPUI

REACT HISTORY:

Joined Circle City REACT in September, 1976. Served as Monitoring Officer, Vice President, President of Team and delegate to Indiana State Council. Served as Vice President of and am currently President of the Indiana REACT Council, Inc. Have been delegate to the REACT International annual convention as team delegate, alternate council delegate, and council delegate. Have served on several committees first on the REACT Forum, then on committees of REACT International, currently serving as Chair of the CB Committee under Communications. During the February, 1998 REACT International Board of Directors winter meeting was appointed by the board to fill one of two vacancies created by resignations of two Field Directors. Currently serving as Vice President of REACT International, Inc.

NOMINEE STATEMENT:

I am firmly committed to the fundamental reason for REACT's existence: building a network of dedicated CB Channel 9 Monitors. The general public will find help when they need it and call for it on CB

Murrell Statement (Continued on page 6)

Board of Director Nominations

**No
Pictured
Submitted**

Charles A. (Chuck) Thompson
Dallas County REACT, Inc. #C622
University Park, Texas

OCCUPATION:
Bingo Hall Manager
Retired Attorney (32 years)

PERSONAL DATA:
Age 63, married
5 children

EDUCATION:
Associate in Science
Bachelor of Arts in Journalism
Juris Doctor

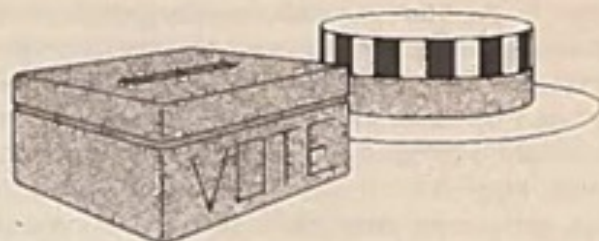
REACT HISTORY:
Joined Dallas County REACT in April, 1976. Has held Team offices of Secretary, Membership Director, Treasurer, Chairman of the Board and past and current President. Has served as Executive Vice President for the Texas State REACT Council. Is currently Field Director and Secretary to REACT International, Inc., and has attended nine conventions from 1982 through present. Besides monitoring Citizens Band, Chuck holds a GMRS license and is an Amateur radio operator.

NOMINEE STATEMENT:
REACT International faces a difficult future, with falling membership and revenues. A significant reorganization of the Board of Directors has been proposed. The Field Directors elected in 1998 will play a significant, even crucial, part in developing the future of REACT.

It is my belief that the strength of REACT lies not in the national organization, but in the local

Thompson Statement (Continued on page 7)

**Don't forget
to vote...**



Field Director ballots are in the mail!

At your next Team meeting, review the nominations and read the instructions on voting which are included with the ballot. Make sure you follow the instructions - so your Teams ballot won't be counted as spoiled.

Make your voice heard and vote for the two candidates of your Teams choice.

The Nominations Committee, with the help of REACT Headquarters, verified the status of all teams and persons signing the nomination forms and found all to be Teams and/or members in good standing.

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Adopt a Senior Citizen, Underprivileged Children, Missing Children, Highway Safety Coffee Breaks to name just a few.

In the past, I have received recognition from the White House in two areas: one from the President and the other for increasing donations on a national level. REACT won an award for an article I wrote and submitted to a national public safety publication.

I have always been open to member's concerns and ideas, soliciting input whenever possible. During my term as Public Relations Chair, I set into motion actions to acquire accident insurance for our members over age 70. I have also started several incentive programs that have helped advance the recognition of our proactive members from across the country and internationally. In addition, I was a member of the Stone Committee that helped save REACT. I am currently working to complete an updated REACT promotional video and consult with the International Convention Committee on an as needed basis.

My technical background includes a degree in electronics from Lincoln Technical Institute; a certificate in metallurgy from Penn State University; a certificate in artificial intelligence from A.T. & T. Bell Labs and a certificate in nuclear inspection from Krautkramer Branson.

I have also received a certificate from ACCO in business management and a certificate in leadership and people skills from Dale Carnegie Institute.

I have utilized the positive aspects from the various other community service organizations I have belonged to: SERTOMA, Lions, A.P.C.O. (Association of Public Safety Communications Officials, Inc.) and the W3OK Amateur Radio Club and applied those along with my common sense business approach, honesty and integrity to my efforts in REACT.

REACT Teams need to continue to monitor emergency CB Channel 9, as well as, GMRS frequencies, amateur radio frequencies and the new family radio service to maintain the interest in the program.

I look forward to serving on the REACT Board of Directors.

Murrell Statement (Continued from page 4)

Channel 9 only when there are monitors listening to CB Channel 9. I have licenses to operate in GMRS as well as on the Amateur bands and use these in support of our Team's activities including our Channel 9 monitoring. The experience I have gained at the Team and Council level have taught me to look for solutions whenever there seem to be only problems. I am convinced that a team working together can accomplish more than any single individual or group

of people working at cross-purposes ever will. To do this we must have free and open discussion of all questions measuring the answers against the standard of how it may help our organization and our members to better serve their communities.

As things begin settling down from the relocation of our Headquarters to Suitland, there is much work to be done by the board during the next term. I would very much appreciate the opportunity to serve on the board during this exciting time. I need your support to be able to do this. Thank you.

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Teams. REACT International should provide a well-recognized name and logo, and a national presence. International can be of considerable assistance to Teams, but I do not believe that it has any business attempting to manage local Team affairs. Regardless of whether the proposed reorganization goes through, I will work to limit REACT International's involvement in the management of local Teams and I will make every effort to strengthen REACT International's ability to carry out its appropriate functions.

I was honored by being appointed as a Field Director, and as Secretary of the Corporation, by the Board in February after two Directors resigned. I believe that my background, education, and training make me uniquely qualified to continue to serve as one of your Field Directors. I graduated from the University of Montana (journalism), and served eight years as a guided missile officer in the U.S. Army. After attending law school, I served as assistant professor and Assistant Dean of the SMU Law School, and then went into private practice, specializing in corporate law and taxation. I also maintain proficiency as an Army officer, serving in both the US Army Reserve and the Texas Army National Guard, holding several positions including Operations Officer of an Army Reserve School and Inspector General of the Texas 49th Armored Division. I retired

from the Army in 1994 as a colonel, field artillery, and retired as an attorney in 1990.

For the past eight years, I have managed the affairs of a charity bingo hall. I got into this when Dallas County REACT started sponsoring bingo in 1988, and within a couple of years, was managing the place. We have 20 employees, operate seven days a week, and gross more than \$5 million a year, and it involves me in every aspect of small corporation management on a daily basis.

But most importantly, I am a REACTer. During my 22 years as a REACTer, I have always played the game! I had more than 150 months of consecutive operation at our REACT Central Base Station, have participated in every Team special event for the past 16 years, worked for 12 years in our fund-raising booth at the Dallas Cowboys' Texas Stadium, and haven't missed a Team meeting since 1978. I've served in some capacity as an officer or director of Dallas County REACT since 1978, and as president since January 1986. DCR is the third largest REACT Team and is one of the best equipped. I'm personally equipped with CB radio, GMRS (KAD4253), and amateur (N51AG).

I won't promise you anything - except that I believe in honest dealings with Members and an open organization where the Members know what's going on. I will do my best to help make REACT survive and prosper.

New REACT Teams

#4989 Kittanning Area REACT Team
Butler, Pennsylvania
(Butler County)
March 27, 1998

#4990 Barbour County REACT
Eufaula, Alabama
(Barbour County)
March 14, 1998

#4991 REACT Decatur County
Davis City, Iowa
(Decatur County)
April 14, 1998

#4992 REACT Helping Hands
Hutchinson, Kansas
(Reno County)
April 14, 1998

#4993 Emerald Valley REACT
Springfield, Oregon
(Lane County)
April 14, 1998

Name Change...

#4208 Air Capital REACT
(Formerly Sedgwick County
REACT)
Wichita, Kansas
(Sedgwick County)
April 7, 1998

Celebrate in '98!!!

By Bill Simpson, Committee Chairperson

**Step Right Up Ladies and Gentlemen! That's Right...
Step Up To The Greatest Show On Earth!
Get Your Reservation In Now...There's No Time To Waste!**

Well, the REACT International Convention may not be the Ringling Brothers/Barnum & Bailey Circus, but we sure have a show for you! If you don't have your reservation, run, don't walk to your desk and complete that application for the greatest show in REACT in 1998! The Wisconsin Council of REACT Teams has worked hard to provide an affordable convention filled with memorable experiences, and perhaps give you the opportunity to learn new ways to help your team.

Earlier, we promised you a chance to ride a duck...now, we're even going to give you the opportunity to watch Messrs. Stone, Thompson, Besing, Murrell and Bear ride ducks. Nope, sorry...you do not get extra points for pushing them off. Penalties will be assessed. You'll also get the chance to leave some funds with the local economy, as well as enjoy some of the fine food available in Wisconsin...then off to the ski and light show. One price covers the entire trip...unless you feel the urge to purchase those moccasins, or some of that wonderful fudge.

But, I'm getting ahead of myself...plan to arrive on Sunday. We're having a party! The State of Wisconsin is celebrating the sesquicentennial anniversary of the state; the Wisconsin Council is twenty years old; George and

Jackie MacDonald are celebrating an anniversary...and several members of the International REACT



family are watching another year disappear into the sunset. Seems like a good excuse for a party, doesn't it?

How about a chance to throw a pie at an attendee? On Thursday, we will have an auction, the winner gets to pick the recipient and throw the pie both! Team bidding is encouraged, north against the south, east against the west, almost any combination will be allowed. ALL funds will be collected, and given to some worthy cause, maybe even to your favorite charity!

The IRS has decided that we can't have fun at an event such as the Convention if we wish to take

advantage of some of the charitable deductions, so we felt compelled, in some interest of remaining within the law, to provide some seminars designed to help the individual teams grow and prosper. These seminars are being conducted by professionals: "Marketing for Nonprofits"; "Crisis Intervention"; "Weather Spotting"; "Increasing Effective Power Legally"; "Membership Campaigns", and more.

We're also going to transport you to a nearby house, let you go inside, and set it on fire! That should really be a hot show...(sorry, I couldn't resist the chance for that bad joke). Actually, it is a training house designed to show people how tough it is to get out of a burning house, and the best methods to get out and save your life, or perhaps that of a family member.

We've built in the usual time for the Life Member banquet, and the amateur breakfast, and we have a unique program planned for the Thursday night closing banquet. For those who attended the '89 Convention, the cheesehead tuxedo is back...and promises to be in fine form. For others who were not here in '89, you'll have to see for yourself!

Finally, and the most important aspect of the Convention, is the time we have set aside to consider the restructuring of RE-

ACT. We have fumbled along for the past few years, just marking time, with each team doing its' own thing, and no one really looking at how we can fit into the overall scheme.

Some teams monitor exclusively, while others work directly with the local police and/or fire departments, some work with the local Red Cross, Salvation Army, ARRL, or RACES. Some teams work with the REACT State Council, other states don't have a council. Teams simply do not have an overall focus, a goal that can be used by all teams.

This is your chance to state your opinions and receive suggestions from other attendees. Maybe your idea will be incorporated into the policy which will take REACT into the new millennium.

We will be making some decisions concerning the overall method of governance for the International organization. REACT President Bob Stone has stated that the emphasis of the Board will be service toward the teams. Teams will control their own destiny, by electing directors who would be responsible to the teams in their areas. Teams therefore will need to elect qualified directors, who are willing and able to expend time and resources within their areas. Other ideas are invited, and encouraged. Your voice also can make a difference. Bring your ideas or presentation(s). Time will be available on Tuesday morning for presentations (not to exceed thirty minutes), with discussion in smaller groups on Wednesday evening, and discussions again on Thursday. Conclusions will be presented to the Board for their recommendation on

Thursday afternoon at the open board meeting.

We will have some exhibits, thus far...Dee's Tees will let you custom order your own 'special' shirt, maybe with your call letters, or unit number on the pocket. Operation Lifesaver will be on the scene - with emphasis on having a great deal of respect for trains at the crossing gates. We'll also have a couple of radio dealers, and are working to have battery dealers and antenna dealers. If you feel the need for a table in the exhibit area, please notify the Wisconsin Council.

There will also be amateur testing available. If you plan to test for any upgrades, please let us know ASAP!

Oh, yes...I almost forgot - raffles, raffles, and more raffles - with some pretty nice prizes, too! Several radios, antennas, along with many more smaller prizes.

So, come on folks! Join the rush into the new millennium, and attend the REACT Convention. Let's hear YOUR proposals to help our organization. This is definitely NOT the time to sit back and let someone else do it! We need you! We need at least one representative from every team at THIS convention. Do you want someone else to speak for you, when they might not know what you want to say? This is your chance! Sign up now!

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1998 REACT International Convention

Tentative Schedule

Saturday

10:00 a.m. - Noon Board Meeting(s) as Required
 Noon - Midnight Field Director Ballots Picked Up and Counted
 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration and Credentials
 Hospitality Room Open
 Registration and Credentials

Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Noon Board Meeting(s) as Required
 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration and Credentials
 '97-98 REACT Committees Meet as Required
 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Exhibits Open
 1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration and Credentials
 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Sunday Night Birthday Party
 Hospitality Room Open (24 hours)

Monday

8:00 a.m. - Noon Board Meeting(s) as Required
 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Registration and Credentials
 States without Councils Meeting(s)
 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. First Timers Meeting
 9:00 a.m. - Noon Exhibits Open
 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Board Meeting with Council Presidents
 11:00 a.m. - Noon Board Meeting with Committee Chairpersons
 Noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunch On Your Own
 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Opening Session
 3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pictures
 4:00 p.m. Raffle Drawing
 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Exhibits Open
 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Life Member Banquet
 Hospitality Room Open (Midnight - 1:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to Midnight)

Tuesday

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Board Meeting(s) as Required
 General Meeting - Restructuring (each presenter is allowed 30 minutes to present concepts)
 Exhibits Open
 Raffle Drawing
 Lunch on Your Own
 Attendees Meet for Trip
 Trip Attendees Depart Hotel
 Hospitality Room Open (24 hours)

Wednesday

7:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Board Meeting(s) as Required
 8:30 a.m. Amateur Breakfast
 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Survival House Trip Departure
 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Exhibits Open
 Seminar: Boris Frank - "Marketing for Non Profits"
 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Committees Meet as Required
 10:30 a.m. Survival House Trip Departure
 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Seminar: Bruce Kaufman - "PR and Marketing"
 12:15 p.m. Raffle Drawing
 12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lunch On Your Own
 1:30 p.m. Survival House Trip Departure
 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Seminar: "Weather"
 2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. Seminar: Alice Gray - "Crisis Intervention:
 3:30 p.m. Survival House Trip Departure
 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Seminar: Gill Pilz, K91QP - "Now You Are Talking and Now We Can Hear You!"
 5:00 p.m. Raffle Drawing
 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Amateur Testing
 7:00 p.m. - Small Group Discussions of Restructuring
 Hospitality Room Open (24 hours)

Thursday

8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Board Meeting(s) as Required
 General Session
 Discussion of Restructuring Concepts
 11:30 a.m. Raffle Drawing
 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch On Your Own
 1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. 1999 REACT Convention Presentation
 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Open Board Meeting
 4:00 p.m. Raffle Drawing
 4:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Pie Throw
 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Cash Bar
 7:00 p.m. - Midnight Closing Banquet
 Hospitality Room Open (Midnight to 1:00 p.m.)

Friday

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Board Meeting(s) as Required
 10:15 a.m.-11:15 a.m. 1998 Convention Critique
 '98-99 Convention Committees Meet
 Hospitality Room Open (Closes at Noon)



1998 REACT International Convention
Janesville, Wisconsin
July 20 - 23, 1998



Name _____

Address _____ City _____

State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Country _____ (Area) Phone # _____

Emergency Contact _____ (Area) Phone # _____

Team Number _____ Team Name _____

If you have been selected as Team or Council delegate or alternate, check the appropriate box below.

Team Delegate Alternate Council Delegate Alternate

Dietary Restrictions? Allergies Vegetarian Other: _____

Children # _____ Ages: _____

Registration and Extras

	Number			Total
Convention Shirt (S - XXXL)	_____	size _____	@ \$18.00	_____
Fun Trip	_____		@ \$50.00	_____
Extra Convention Picture	_____		@ \$ 7.00	_____
Life Picture	_____		@ \$ 7.00	_____
Amateur Picture	_____		@ \$ 7.00	_____
Extra Banquet Ticket	_____		@ \$25.00	_____
Life Dinner	_____		@ \$20.00	_____
Amateur Breakfast	_____		@ Cost	XXX
Registration		before 5/15/98 \$55.00 after 5/15/98 \$70.00		_____

One Registration Form Per Member

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Mid-Air Plane Crash Over Crestland

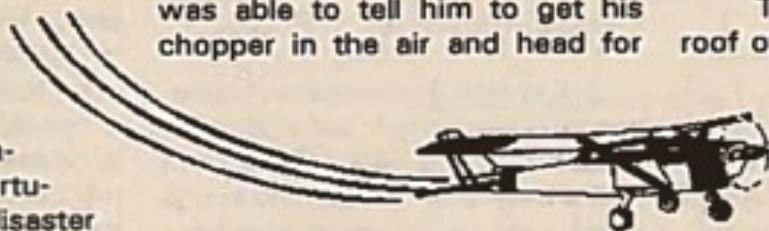
By Ed Greany
Crest REACT #4252, California

At 4:55 p.m., Thursday, April 17th, I was working at my computer at home when a loud boom occurred overhead. This was the loudest, most deafening explosion I have ever heard. Much louder than some war bombs heard in the W.W. II movies. Louder than any firecracker or gunfire I ever heard. Unfortunately, it was a mid-air disaster sending debris and two crippled aircraft to the ground in the southwestern residential area of Corona. My son, Michael (Crest 210) and I immediately went into action jumping into my car to gain access to the area before police or fire established a perimeter.

At the moment I did not realize it involved two planes or was a mid-air crash. I thought it was a single plane down, scattering debris after hitting the ground. Not so! The single engine plane came down to the west of me about two blocks away. On the way there, I passed a landing gear with a wheel in the middle of the road. I couldn't understand how it could have exploded debris that far away. Soon afterward, I realized that there was two different airplanes involved.

I actually arrived at the home to the rear of the home that the plane came down on. Michael jumped the backyard brick wall to affect any possible rescue or medical aid but was unable to get close due to the large fire to the single family home it came down on. Miraculously, the wife was inside the home but was able to get out without injury.

I attempted a couple times to alert Crest 7 (KABC-TV Channel 7). Jay was notified by Industry Hills 1 (David Leeper) to get on the GMRS radio. He called me and I was able to tell him to get his chopper in the air and head for



Corona for coverage. He asked me to get to a neighbor's phone and call him. I borrowed a phone two houses away but could not hear Jay due to the crash scene noise, spectators, helicopters hovering above, and sirens blaring all around me. I went inside and the TV happened to be on Channel 7. At this time Jay patched me into the 5 o'clock news with Harold Greene and I was able to report on the status of the sites one at a time. I later learned Channel 7 had the news story first, 7 or 8 minutes ahead of rival Channel 4 although Channel 4 had it's helicopter overhead first.

As a Red Cross Disaster Action Team leader in Corona, I had my uniform and equipment in the car with me. I changed into my uniform right in the middle of the street and Michael and I were able to obtain access to the scene for Red Cross D.A.T. functions.

Upon completing our services at site one, we went to the second site to assist with further D.A.T. duties. This site was worse. The twin engine plane came down right in front of my wife's car on Border Avenue as she was driving home

from work. She had no idea at the time what it was and first thoughts were it was a section of a plane falling. She didn't realize it was THE plane itself.

This aircraft crashed into the roof of a two-story building containing 8 condos. It exited out the back side of the upstairs condo and after cutting through Eucalyptus trees ended up between the first building it went through and the rear building. This is a space of about twelve feet between buildings. Both buildings immediately caught fire. The impact and the trees sent window shards of glass flying into the residences which were occupied. Again, miraculously, no one was injured or killed other than the personnel in the aircraft.

We continued Red Cross D.A.T. duties until 1:00 a.m. and came back the next two days to continue case work. Crest members REACTing were Ed-25, Chuck-30, Jeff-66, Monika-166 and Michael-210. The ONLY Red Cross disaster communications radio system used the entire time was GMRS, and most was on .675 simplex. To all RUG members observing good radio protocol by their modified silence, I appreciate it and thank you. To all the personnel involved, congratulations.

Editors Note: The organization got a valuable PR plus as Ed started the report on KABC-TV by mentioning he was a REACT-and-Red Cross member. The audience numbered approximately 250,000 at the time.



Publicizing REACT

By the Public Relations Committee

A Tip o' the Hat to...

The College Park REACT Team of Georgia is an important part of the "STARS Seftrek Amateur RADIO Station". "The REACT members help train the new amateur club members in many areas of public safety and emergency radio communications,

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computers, boy scout merit badges and assist in the manning of the amateur station which includes a GMRS and CB radio," says Team President, Thornton Williams.

Kay Neil, Treasurer and member of Southwest Iowa REACT writes; "Our Team publishes a newsletter for the Team and sends it not only to the team members but to the local Law Enforcement Advisory Committee, the Area Police Departments, the Fire Departments and to area Radio Shack stores. This Team has now added four major entities in the Omaha area."

As a result, their Team has gained contact with a Civil Air Patrol Unit located in their area and more contacts on both sides of the river running through the area.

Thanks Kay, for the HOT NEWS FLASH FAX on this infol

The Essence of Leadership

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In the end, leaders are much like eagles...they don't flock, you find them one at a time."

Articles and Newsletters Needed

Attention all REACT Teams and Councils. Don't forget to forward your articles and newsletters to REACT International, Inc., Attention: Editor, 5210 Auth Road, #403, Suitland, MD 20746-4330.

Contests Announced....

- The 1998 REACT Convention will be the site of three contests for REACT Teams;
- A Placard Contest - Theme is 'Celebrate', size is 8" x 12", with no other rules.
- A Web Page contest - Send In your URL. The Wisconsin Council will have on-line capabilities.
- Newsletter Contest - Submit the last three copies of your newsletter. Contest will have four categories: Council, Teams over thirty members, Teams between twelve and twenty-nine members, and Teams under twelve members.

While you don't have to be present to win,
it sure is nice to be recognized!

Independent Auditor's Report

The Board of Directors
REACT INTERNATIONAL, INC.:

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of REACT INTERNATIONAL, INC. as of December 31, 1997 and 1996, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of REACT INTERNATIONAL, INC. as of December 31, 1997 and 1996, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was conducted

for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The statement of activities - actual vs budget, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the

basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

February 13, 1998
Lee Cropp & Associates, CPA's, P.A.

REACT INTERNATIONAL, INC. STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997 AND 1996

	Unrestricted 1997	Unrestricted 1996
REVENUES FROM MEMBERS:		
Dues	\$ 90,876	\$ 102,563
Team charters	400	1,500
Life membership (Note 1)	4,389	4,231
International dues	970	1,395
Affiliate dues	<u>1,906</u>	<u>2,566</u>
Total revenues from members	<u>98,541</u>	<u>113,255</u>
OTHER REVENUE AND SUPPORT:		
REACTer advertising income	875	694
REACTer subscriptions	75	46
Gross profit on sale of REACT I.D. material (Note 6)	1,169	2,441
Training income less expenses	188	474
Contributions	4,037	4,008
Interest income	4,597	4,926
Dividend income	5,817	2,709
Realized loss on investments (Note 1)	(271)	1,349
Unrealized gain on investments (Note 1)	1,731	891
Miscellaneous income	1,768	1,012
Promotional income less expenses	<u>-</u>	<u>(70)</u>
Total other revenue and support	<u>19,986</u>	<u>18,480</u>
Total revenues	<u>118,527</u>	<u>131,735</u>
EXPENSES:		
Membership services and communications - direct membership benefits	11,512	24,836
Membership services and communications - indirect membership benefits	<u>9,062</u>	<u>26,237</u>
Total membership services and communications expenses	20,574	51,073
General and administrative expenses	<u>59,449</u>	<u>69,972</u>
Total expenses	<u>80,023</u>	<u>121,045</u>
Change in net assets	38,504	10,690
Net assets as of beginning of year	<u>54,059</u>	<u>43,369</u>
Net assets as of end of year	<u>\$ 92,563</u>	<u>\$ 54,059</u>

See accompanying notes and accountants' report.

REACT INTERNATIONAL, INC.
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - ACTUAL VS BUDGET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997

REACT INTERNATIONAL, INC.
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997 AND 1996

	Actual	Budget	Variance*
Revenue:			
Dues	\$ 93,752	\$ 86,095	\$ (7,657)
Team charters	400	1,232	832
Gross profit on sales	1,189	2,600	1,431
Contributions	4,037	4,000	(37)
Training income less expenses	188	500	312
REACTor subscriptions	75	50	(25)
Advertising income	875	600	(275)
Investment income	11,874	1,300	(10,574)
Miscellaneous income	1,768	1,000	(768)
Life members earned	4,382	4,060	(322)
Total revenue	118,527	101,437	(17,090)
Expenses:			
REACTor	12,881	18,000	5,119
Membership kits and materials	1,457	500	(957)
Team charters	-	50	50
Team topics	500	-	(500)
Board of directors expense	2,560	1,000	(1,560)
Postage & freight	5,454	7,400	1,936
Telephone - long distance	876	1,400	524
Salaries	19,403	28,000	8,597
Rent and utilities	9,545	9,300	(45)
Audit and accounting	5,008	5,300	492
Legal	2,512	2,300	(212)
Office supplies	2,528	3,000	472
Insurance	1,911	270	(1,641)
Headquarters travel	171	200	29
Maintenance and repairs	78	130	44
Dues and subscriptions	1,068	-	(1,068)
Contract Labor	3,389	1,500	(3,889)
Payroll taxes	1,593	2,300	607
Depreciation	1,812	2,300	688
Board elections	106	-	(106)
Telephone	1,711	1,600	(111)
Team insurance	(3,826)	(468)	3,358
Corporate committee	56	100	44
Miscellaneous	693	1,000	305
Life membership materials	500	25	(475)
Lease Expense	6,007	5,200	(807)
Total expenses	80,023	90,897	10,874
Change in net assets	\$ 38,504	\$ 10,540	\$ 27,964

	1997	1996
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Change in net assets	\$ 38,504	\$ 10,690
Adjustments to reconcile:		
Change in net assets to cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	1,812	2,464
Earned life membership dues	(4,389)	(4,231)
(Increase) decrease in:		
Inventories	4,073	4,551
Prepaid expenses	42	305
(Decrease) increase in:		
Payables	344	627
Payroll liabilities	942	-
Accrued expenses	506	(1,073)
Compensated absences	(1,424)	950
Deferred income	12,921	(12,594)
Unearned life memberships	3,150	2,300
REACT memorial payments	50	100
Net cash provided by operating activities	56,431	3,867
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchases of investments	(56,877)	(7,321)
Net cash used in investing activities	(56,877)	(7,321)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Net cash provided/used in financing activities	-	-
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	19,554	(3,454)
Cash and cash equivalents as of beginning of year	11,512	14,966
Cash and cash equivalents as of end of year	\$ 31,066	\$ 11,512

See accompanying notes and accountants' report.

*NOTE: Revenue amounts in parentheses in the Variance column represent income in excess of budgeted revenue. Expense amounts in parentheses represent amounts actually spent in excess of amounts budgeted.

REACT INTERNATIONAL, INC.
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 1997 AND 1996

ASSETS	1997	1996
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash (Note 1)	\$ 31,066	\$ 11,512
Investments (Note 1)	124,850	87,973
Inventory (Note 1)	8,776	12,849
Prepaid expenses	367	409
Total current assets	165,059	112,743
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, (Note 1):		
Computer equipment	15,927	15,927
Furniture and equipment	6,468	6,468
Total	22,395	22,395
Less-accumulated depreciation	17,931	16,119
Property and equipment, net	4,464	6,276
OTHER ASSETS:		
Security deposits	775	775
Total assets	\$ 170,298	\$ 119,794

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	1997	1996
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Accounts payable	\$ 2,382	\$ 2,138
Deferred income - dues (Note 1)	29,581	16,660
Payroll liabilities	942	-
Accrued payroll taxes	1,045	539
Compensated absences (Note 3)	146	1,570
Total current liabilities	34,096	20,907
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES:		
REACT memorial payments	1,661	1,611
Life members donations	129	129
Unearned life membership dues (Note 1)	87,779	84,629
Earned life membership dues (Note 1)	(47,736)	(43,341)
Total long-term liabilities	41,833	43,028
Total liabilities	75,929	63,935
NET ASSETS:		
Unrestricted:		
Donated equity	1,800	1,800
Fund balance	92,563	54,059
Total net assets	94,363	55,859
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 170,298	\$ 119,794

See accompanying notes and accountants' report.

REACT International, Inc.

Notes To Financial Statements

1. Description of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

The Corporation is a nonprofit organization formed to develop and promote the use of the Citizens Radio Service and other personal radio services as an additional source of communication for emergencies, disasters, and other forms of aid to citizens. REACT is exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3).

a. Cash consists of the following as of December 31:

	1997	1996
Checking	\$ 22,177	\$ 8,690
Savings	8,789	2,722
Petty Cash	100	100
	<u>\$ 31,066</u>	<u>\$ 11,512</u>

b. Investments

Investments are carried at market value. Investments consist of the following as of December 31:

	1997	1996
Stocks:		
400 shares Commercial Net Lease Realty	\$ 7,150	\$ 6,350
425 shares Commercial Net Lease Realty	-	6,747
475 shares Mid Atlantic Realty Trust	6,977	5,344
350 shares Saul Centers	6,366	-
Corporate Bonds:		
General Electric Capital Corp Note	-	15,025
RJR Nabisco Inc. Notes	10,258	10,225
Paramount Communications	10,189	8,823
Occidental Petroleum Corp	-	8,950
U.S. Government and Federal Agency Bonds:		
U.S. Treasury Notes-Ser T 1989	7,217	7,260
Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp	-	10,088
Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp	5,033	-
Cash:		
Money Funds	4,815	1,890
Mutual Funds:		
Vanguard-Money Market Reserves	7,727	4,350
Vanguard-Money Market Reserves	22,281	721
Smith Barney High Inc	14,829	-
Templeton Emerging	5,651	-
Mainstay High Yield	18,249	-
	<u>\$ 124,850</u>	<u>\$ 87,973</u>

The amount reported as realized loss on investments for 1997 consist of the following:

	Purchased	Sold	Gain (Loss)
Fed Home Ln Mtg Corp	\$ 10,087	\$ 10,000	\$ (87)
Commercial Net Lease	8,747	8,328	(419)
Gen'l Elec Capital	15,025	15,000	(25)
Occidental Petro	8,950	10,000	50
LT Cap Gain SB Mainstay	-	-	250
High Yield	-	-	\$ (271)

The following details the amount reported as unrealized gain on investments at December 31, 1997:

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REACT INTERNATIONAL, INC. STATEMENTS OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997 AND 1996

	Unaudited 1997	Unaudited 1996
EXPENSES:		
Membership services and communications - direct membership benefits:		
REACTor	\$ 12,881	\$ 30,600
Membership kits and materials	1,437	483
Life membership materials	300	6
Teens topics	300	-
Traffic insurance (Note 4)	(1,826)	3,287
	<u>11,512</u>	<u>34,376</u>
Membership services and communications - indirect membership benefits:		
Reimbursement of state revenues	-	1,039
Council incentive	-	65
Board of Directors expense (Note 3)	1,300	18,080
Corporate consultant	56	75
Postage and freight	1,464	7,407
Telephone - long distance to local and members	876	1,590
Board election	106	-
	<u>3,062</u>	<u>26,221</u>
Total membership services and communications expense	<u>20,474</u>	<u>60,602</u>
General and administrative expenses:		
Contract labor	5,389	5,554
Salaries	19,403	26,742
Rent and utilities	9,545	9,479
Audit and accounting	1,008	5,473
Legal	2,512	2,250
Office supplies and expense	2,538	4,209
Insurance	1,911	1,640
Headquarters travel	171	201
Maintenance and repairs	76	111
Dues and subscriptions	1,088	782
Payroll taxes	1,290	2,086
Depreciation expense	1,812	2,464
Telephone	1,711	1,679
Miscellaneous expense	695	1,309
Advertising	-	44
Lease expense (Note 3)	4,007	3,541
	<u>59,442</u>	<u>69,572</u>
Total general and administrative expense	<u>59,442</u>	<u>69,572</u>
Total expense	<u>\$ 80,016</u>	<u>\$ 130,174</u>

See accompanying notes and accountants' report.



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	Mkt Value at 12-31-96 or Cost	Mkt Value at 12-31-97	Unrealized Gain/(Loss)
Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp	\$ 6,029	\$ 6,033	\$ 4
U.S. Treasury Notes	7,260	7,216	(44)
400 Shares Commercial Net Lease Realty	6,350	7,150	800
RJR Nabisco	10,225	10,258	31
Paramount Communications	9,923	10,199	276
Mid-Atlantic Realty	5,344	6,977	1,633
350 Shares Saul Centers	6,048	6,386	320
Smith Barney High Inc	15,000	14,829	(171)
Templeton Emerging	5,985	5,651	(314)
Mainstay High Yield	17,053	16,249	(804)
	<u>\$ 88,196</u>	<u>\$ 89,928</u>	<u>\$ 1,731</u>

c. Inventory

Inventory is valued at the lower of actual cost or market using the first-in, first-out basis of cost accumulation.

d. Property and Equipment

Property and equipment is recorded at cost with the exception that donated equipment is recorded at its estimated fair market value at the time of donation. Depreciation is provided over the estimated useful lives of the related assets, generally three to five years, and is calculated using the straight-line method.

e. Deferred Income - Dues

Income from dues is being recognized in the year in which it relates. Income received, which pertains to the subsequent year, is credited to the liability account Deferred Income - Dues.

f. Unearned/Earned Life Membership Dues

Since the inception of the life membership program, in 1980, \$87,779 has been received. The life membership dues are amortized over 20 years and allows an individual to be a member for his or her life without further dues. The amount amortized to date is \$47,730. The current amortization is \$4,389. There is no obligation on REACT INTERNATIONAL, INC. to refund this money upon termination of the organization.

REACT is investing the amount not amortized on life members, and will use the earnings to cover the costs associated with maintaining life members. The amount of \$40,049 (\$87,779-\$47,730) has been invested.

2. LEASE COMMITMENTS:

Lease Agreements for Office Space

On April 1, 1997, the Corporation renewed the existing lease agreement with respect to its Wichita, Kansas office for an additional year. The term calls for the Company to pay monthly installments of \$597.

Lease Agreement for Copier

On August 29, 1995, The Corporation entered into a lease agreement with respect to its copier for 5 years. The terms call for the company to pay monthly installments of \$432 starting in December 1995 and an initial security deposit of \$432 at inception.

3. BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXPENSES:

Board of Directors expenses include telephone conferences, expenses incurred in electing board members, travel and expenses for directors to attend Board of Directors meetings and the annual convention.

4. INSURANCE:

During 1996, REACT did not collect enough team insurance fees to cover the insurance premium for the liability and bonding. REACT paid \$3,747 to cover the teams. During 1997, REACT did collect enough team insurance fees to cover the premium for the liability insurance. The bonding was canceled. The excess of \$3,826 is in a savings account specifically set aside to pay the liability insurance.

	1997	1996
Premium paid by REACT	\$ 10,814	\$ 13,363
Collected from Teams	(14,640)	(9,608)
	<u>\$ (3,826)</u>	<u>\$ 3,747</u>

5. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Employees accumulate vacation leave benefits at the rate of one week for the first year and two weeks thereafter. Accumulated earned vacation leave at December 31, 1997 and 1996, amounted to \$146 and \$1,570, respectively. The liability for compensated absences has been recorded as an accrued liability in accordance with FASB Statement 43.

6. GROSS PROFIT ON SALE

The following is the detail of gross profit on sale of REACT I.D. material:

	1997	1996
Sales	\$ 7,372	\$ 11,890
Cost of goods Sold	(6,203)	(9,648)
Gross Profit	<u>\$ 1,169</u>	<u>\$ 2,441</u>

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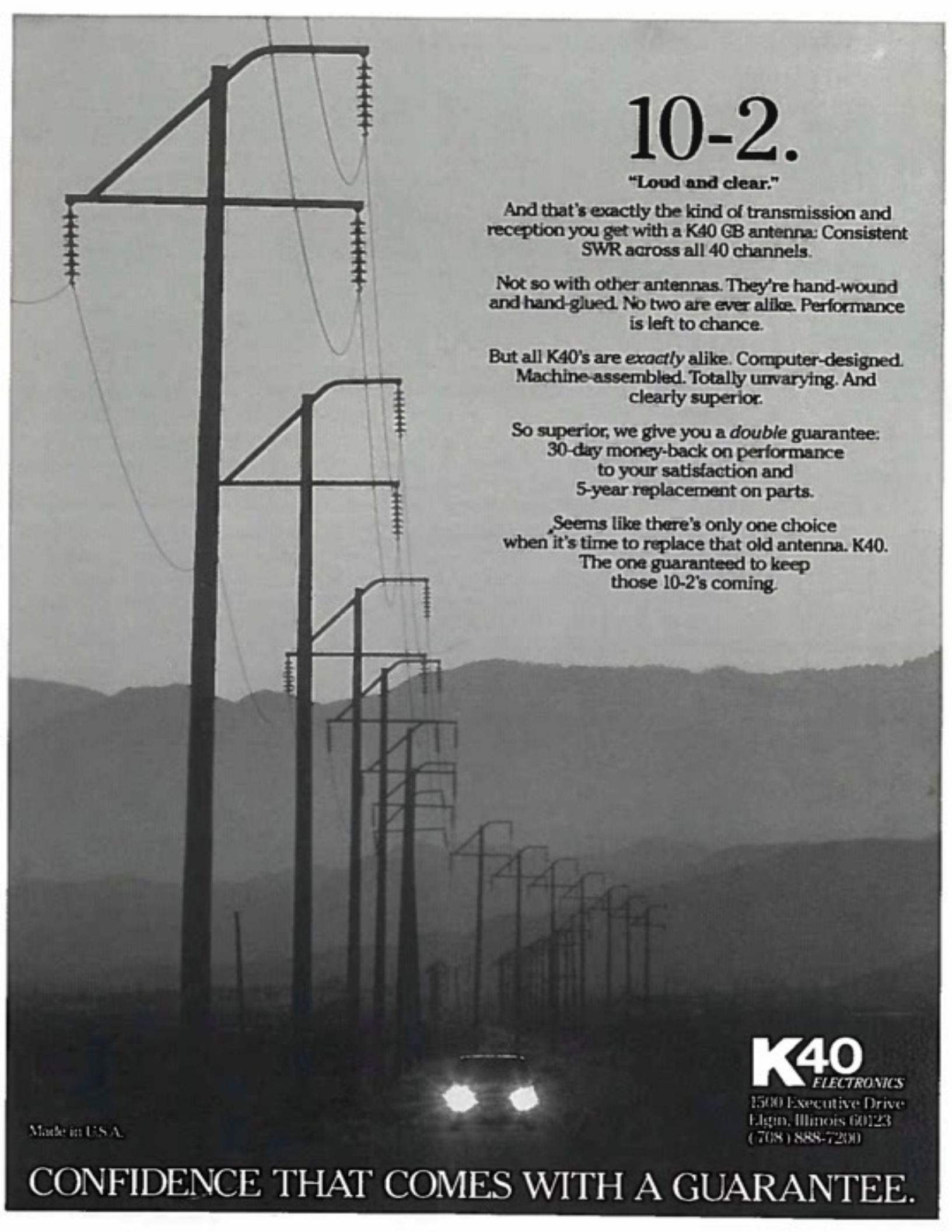
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