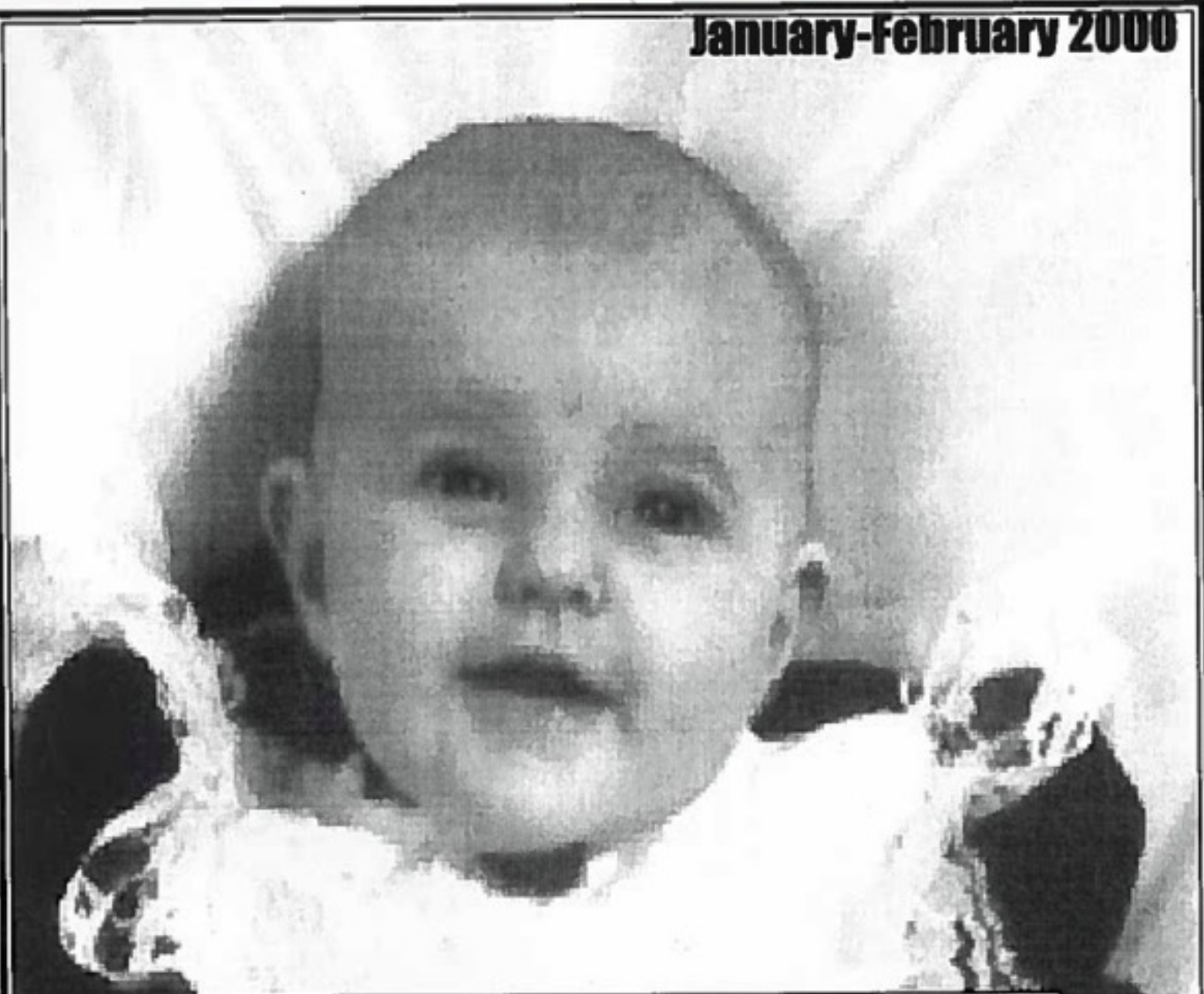




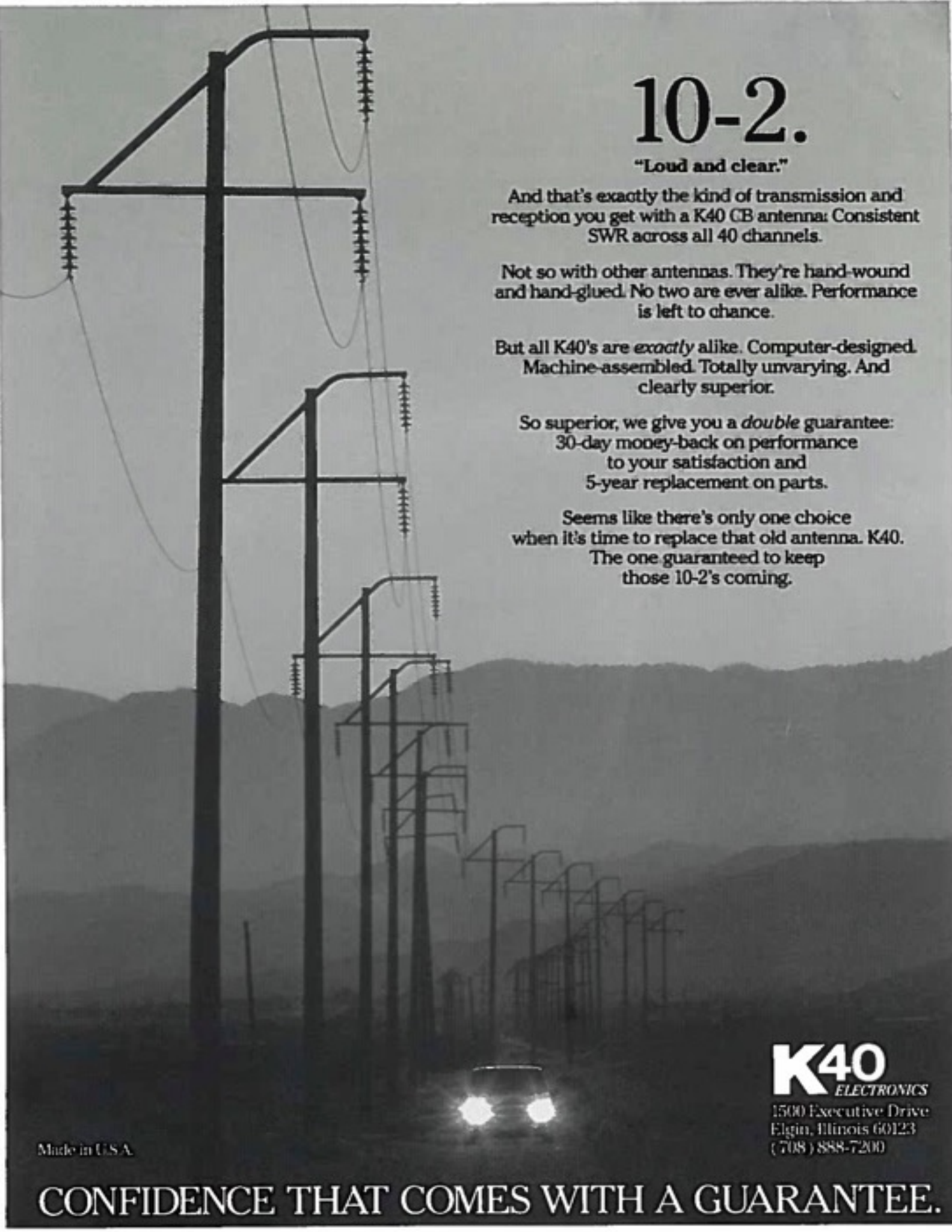
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Board to Convene in February

Midwinter Meeting Set for Feb. 18

by Harry J. Hawkins, President

The Board of Directors of REACT International, Inc., will meet on Friday, Feb. 18, at the REACT Headquarters in Suitland, Md. The meeting will continue until the agenda is completed, but not later than Monday, Feb. 21.

All REACT members are welcome to attend the Board meeting. However, space is limited; if a large number of members wish to attend, we will find a larger meetingplace. Please let us know by Feb. 15 if you wish to attend. For directions or more information, contact the RI office.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

Greetings and Introductions

Officers' Reports

Committee Reports

Regional Directors' Reports

Major Issues:

Review of audit and accountants' fee

Rapid Response Teams

Disaster Notification

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On the Cover...

A New Year...New Century...New Millennium...and a new Future *REACTer*! Meet Cassidy Megan McCoy, daughter of REACT members Ashley and Scott McCoy, and granddaughter of Chief Bill Kofron and Major Linda Kofron, all of Colleton Co. (SC) REACT.

(Photo: Olan Mills)

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Some corrections from the November-December 1999 issue of *the REACTer*:

- The 1999 RI Convention was held in Grand Island, Neb., not Grand Falls. (If I'd been there, I'd have known that.)
- Bob Leef's address contained the wrong ZIP Code; it's 92692.
- "Millennium" has two n's, as we all should know by now.

(If you spot a mistake in the REACTer, please let us know.)

-Stuart DeLuca, Editor



Public Relations Committee

by Bob Leef, Co-Chairman

REACT Makes Suggestions, Tandy Promises Support

REACTION is about to receive a major boost from Tandy Corporation and their 7,000 Radio Shack stores.

In December, Chairman of the Board Frank Jennings, Vice-President Chuck Thompson, and I visited with an executive of Tandy/Radio Shack in Fort Worth. We presented proposals for two new kinds of two-way radios. The reason is that, in spite of major efforts by many of our members, we feel that there won't be significant growth in REACT until a new and very interesting radio service attracts a large number of new buyers, some of whom might join our organization. When details can be revealed without jeopardizing the secrecy necessary to commercial development, we will publish complete information about the proposed new types of radios.

We also discussed ways that REACT and Tandy might cooperate. Chuck Thompson suggested that Radio Shack offer a discount coupon to RI members. We also discussed the need to develop more Teams outside of the U.S. and Canada, to fulfill our goal of being a truly international organization.

Regardless of the outcome of our proposals, Radio Shack has agreed to put the REACT logo and information about RI in their monthly flyer, beginning in April. This is no small exposure: the flyer is mailed to 8 million customers every month!

Beginning next summer, REACT will be mentioned in a flyer packed in every CB radio and scanner that Radio Shack sells. Again, we're talking about big numbers. Radio Shack sells about 40 percent (240,000) of all CBs in the U.S. When scanners are added, the total is more than

a half million per year. (Thanks also to Norm Schrein, publisher of National Communications Magazine, who created the flyer and graciously agreed to let us piggyback.)

REACT and Radio Shack – a potent combination for growth in the New Century!

Reaching Beyond the Two-Way

Team and Council newsletters come to me from all over the country (and I'd like to have yours, too!). In the Waukesha (Wis.) REACTer, Shawn Howe wrote, "Sure is nice to have GMRS, ham, etc., but how can the vast majority of the public call us there? We have to make our presence known. This can attract members, too!"

Bingo! Give the man a seegar!

Since 1962, we have been helping the public through radio communications. At first, that only meant talking on CB. Then came GMRS and amateur radio. Some Teams even monitor VHF and marine frequencies, and have licenses in VHF or UHF commercial bands. All of it is still a direct, person-to-person contact that can help people. But how about indirectly helping a lot more people and "making our presence known"?

Drivers fight increasing traffic congestion every day. Any tips to avoid an area due to accidents or other tie-ups are helpful to the public. We can use our two-way radios to help by making arrangements with traffic broadcasters. We can be their eyes and ears.

In some 85 cities around the U.S., Metro Traffic (a commercial service) provides AM and FM broadcast stations with traffic reports. Air-Watch is a similar company, also operating under the names TotalTraffic or Airborne II; they plan a major expansion beyond the eight cities they currently serve.

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FCC Enforces the Law in Southern California

by Clint Bradford

Southern California GMRS, law enforcement, and other public service frequencies have been subjected to malicious, obscene transmissions during the last quarter of 1999.

A combined effort among the FCC, California Highway Patrol, and local agencies culminated in the arrest of 63-year-old Jack Gerritsen of Bell, Calif., on December 28. California Highway Patrol officers literally caught Gerritsen in the act as he made an illegal transmission in front of his small business.

In his possession was a tape recorder containing a cas-

sette with the recording, "You Rampart pigs are a bunch of a****s," along with other recordings that have plagued many amateur, GMRS, law enforcement, and media radio systems over several months. Several radios also were confiscated.

Gerritsen was arrested and booked at the Bell Police Department for violating California Penal Code Sections 636.5, prohibited interception of police radio communications, and 148(a)(2), interference with police radio communications. Gerritsen illegally interfered by transmitting on police frequencies on more than a hundred occasions. He "hit" 462.675, too, as well as local TV stations' remote pickup frequencies.

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Board Calls for Nominations

*by Charles A. Thompson,
Vice President & General Counsel*

The RI Board of Directors is, according to Chairman B.J. (Frank) Jennings (Region 6), seeking nominations for three Regional Director positions. March 15, 2000, is the deadline for completed nominations to be received at the *REACT* International office in Suitland, Md. Each position is for a three-year term, beginning in July 2000.

The three regions are 1, 4, and 7. Current incumbents are Fred J. Lanshe (Region 1, from Pennsylvania), Jack E. Murrell (Region 4, from Indiana), and Lee W. Besing (Region 7, from Texas).

Region 1 consists of *REACT* Teams in Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, and Pennsylvania.

Region 4 Teams are Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio.

Teams in Region 7 are Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.

The *REACT* International Bylaws require that a Regional Director be a member in good standing of a Team within the region he/she represents. Additional requirements are that a Director must be at least 21 years of age, have been a member of any *REACT* Team for more than three years, and have demonstrated leadership experience at *REACT* Team and/or Council level, other non-profit corporations, or public agencies. (There is no requirement that a Director resign from other *REACT* Team, Council, or corporate offices.) Because of current budget

restrictions, it is expected that corporate officer and directors will continue to pay for most of their own expenses.

Candidates may be nominated by Teams, Councils, or individuals (including the candidate). Nomination forms are available for download from the *REACT* International Web site at <www.reactintl.org> or by mail from the *REACT* International office (must be requested by mail, fax, or telephone).

How To Get Nomination Forms

The simplest and fastest way to obtain the nomination form for the Regional Director election is to visit the *REACT* Web site at <www.reactintl.org>. From the home page, click on the button for "downloads." This takes you to a page of documents that are available for downloading to your computer.

You must have the Adobe Acrobat Reader to read the documents. If you don't have the Reader, click on the button at the left of the screen. This will take you to the Adobe download site. You can download the Reader free.

After installing the Reader, return to the RI site and download the nomination form.



CONVENTION UPDATE

by Walt Young, Chairman,
REACT 2000 Convention
Wyoung@spacecoast-react.org

Here are some Q&A's, covering some questions we've received, that may help everyone.

First, the URL for the Convention has changed. Please change your bookmarks and, if you have a Web site, change the link to the Convention Web Site. The new URLs are:

<http://www.spacecoast-react.org> (for Space Coast REACT Inc Team 4577)

<http://www.spacecoast-react.org/conv2000.htm> (For the 2000 REACT Intl Convention)

Q: Why should I register early instead of waiting until I get to the Convention?

A: Because you might miss out on some very important items. First: if your application is postmarked no later than March 15, 2000, you will be eligible for a drawing to get your \$60 registration fee refunded. (Not the extras, just the basic fee). On May 15th, the registration fee goes up to \$75.00. Another good reason is planning. Most hotels need to know in advance how many will be there for the breakfast or luncheon (they have to know how much food to buy, for instance), to be served in the meeting room. Remember, in Nebraska, the Life Members had to march down the hall to get their luncheon because the majority signed up at the convention! The Medical folks need to know in advance how many will take their medical classes. They need 20 in each to give us the \$15.00 rate for REACT as opposed to regular \$25.00 rate. The mobility scooters/wheelchairs are coming from 70 miles away, and they need to know how many to bring and of which type. The hotel holds the room blocks up to 2 weeks prior to the Convention, then they open them to any and all tourists. Remember, you won't only hurt yourself but you can affect other REACTers.

Q: Do I make reservations to Orlando or Kissimmee?

A: If you are coming by air, then book for the Orlando International Airport. If you are coming by train, then book for the Kissimmee train station. We are still working on solving the expensive bus ride (\$20.) from the airport and train station (a bit cheaper but not sure of the rate since it's only a few miles away). We'll keep you advised.

Q: I filled out an application in Nebraska. The one in the REACTer is different. Do I need to fill out a new one?

A: NO, as long as nothing changes. However, Page 2 (reverse) is new and if you want to sign up for the medical classes, or you need a wheelchair or mobility scooter, then just copy the second page and send that. Be sure to put your name on it!

Q: Do Junior REACTers or children need a separate application?

A: ONLY if they are participating in the Junior REACT/Children's Activities. Please put their age in the children's block. Fill out any blocks that apply to them. If they are not participating, then just include them in the children's block; show the number and ages.

Q: When are the rules for the contests coming out?

A: They will be published in the March-April Convention Special REACTer. In the meantime, get your newsletters, Web sites, scrap books, and brochures all "prettied up". Also get your ideas for a placard contest (one for Councils and Teams, and one for Junior REACTers)! You won't believe the type of awards you can win. There will also be awards for certain categories of REACTers just for showing up!

Q: I have a six-year-old who would like to participate in the Junior REACT activities. Is she old enough and would she have to pay the registration fee?

A: The Junior REACT and Children's activities are combined. Since a few of the activities and the Junior/Children's Banquet have a cost to them, all children must register to participate. The minimum age to participate has not been established yet. We have a volunteer to babysit the young ones during Convention hours for free. After hours, babysitters will be available on a fee basis.

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We'd like to offer something for the spouses who are not REACT members, but don't want to sit around the hotel while you're in all those meetings. The non-REACT Spouse Tour will include the Lake Buena Vista Factory Stores; among the stores are Adidas, Carole Little, Faberware, Gap, Liz Claiborne, Reebok, Samsonite Company Store, VF Factory Outlet, and about 20 others.

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REACTivities

News from Regions/Councils/Teams

Waukesha (Wis.) REACT

Tragedy struck a family that is well-known to **REACTers** in Wisconsin. On Christmas Eve, the daughter of George and Dody Kerrigan was involved in a head-on collision; three of the Kerrigans' grandchildren were killed outright, and their daughter was hospitalized in critical condition.

The Kerrigans, while not **REACT** members themselves, operate Dee's Tees, a T-shirt and logo company that exhibits at most **REACT** and amateur radio events in the area.

-Larry Fry

Champaign Co. (Ohio) REACT

A few weeks back, our president, Rob Daniels, was driving his semi north on State Route 68. He came upon a lady waving her arms, trying to flag down somebody for help. Her car had stalled while she was taking her daughter, who was about to give birth, to the hospital.

Rob ran back to his truck and used his cell phone to call EMS. He stay-

ed with the mother- and grandma-to-be until the paramedics arrived. They delivered the baby on the scene! Rob was beside himself, to think that he had helped bring that new baby into the world.

-Randy Daniels

Colleton Co. (S.C.) REACT

At about 7:45a.m. on Friday, Nov. 26, 1999, Major Linda Kofron, our Team treasurer, was at work in Walterboro, S.C., when she heard one of the other employees call for help.

Linda immediately ran to the woman, a cook, and

found her bleeding from a facial cut; she was not breathing.

Linda told another employee to call EMS, while beginning CPR on the cook. She also asked an employee to call Team Chief Bill Kofron. He and the EMS crew arrived at the same time.

Meanwhile, Linda had gotten a pulse started, but it stopped again and she restarted CPR. The EMS crew asked the Kofrons to accompany them in the ambulance, to continue CPR while the paramedics administered ivs.

The woman was brought back and stabilized at the hospital, but died 28 days later.

-Bill Kofron

Better Late Than Never. The photo below was taken during a Christmas party held by **REACT** Funkhilfe 5038 of Germany. Shown are Juergen Langner; the Team's treasurer, Jutta Hoffman, and daughter Cindy; and LM 508, Alf Fronefield, RI Training Committee chair. The photo actually was taken in 1998, but no doubt the Team had an equally festive party in '99!

(Photo: J. Hoffman, Team President)



Y2K : We Were Ready!

Federal City *REACT*

Federal City *REACT*, Inc., worked with the District of Columbia Emergency Management Agency from noon on Dec. 31, 1999, to two a.m. on Jan. 1, 2000. We had our radio room in the EMA Office up and running. We had a mobile and a foot patrol working on the Mall as eyes and ears looking for trouble and illegal behavior. Our units operated on both GMRS and 800MHz to report incidents. At the D.C. EMA offices in the Reeves Center, our units monitored CB, GMRS, Amateur, MARS, and official channels for radio communications.

If Y2K trouble occurred, the Team would have come out to support additional communications.

-Norman Kaplan

Florida *REACT*

Before: Florida's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will activate to a level two (out of four) beginning at 6:00 a.m. Friday, Dec. 31, 1999. The limited activation of the EOC will allow the state's emergency management team to monitor the change of the millennium all across the world and continue to prepare Florida in the unlikely event of major problems caused by the Y2K

date-code bug.

"Florida is one of the best prepared states in the country," said Steve Seibert, Secretary of the Florida Department of Community Affairs.

Authorities at the Emergency Operation Center plan to update Floridians throughout the day on Dec. 31 and into the early hours of the New Year.

"We are prepared for Y2K in Florida because of the level of cooperation between the private and public sectors in the state," said Joe Myers, Director of the Florida Department of Community Affairs, Division of Emergency Management.

After: The Florida Council of *REACT* Teams entered the Y2K roll-over period on a hot standby. At ten p.m. on Dec. 31, the Florida Council went on level II alert across the state.

Some teams activated special radio nets for stand by. Other had extra CB 9 monitors on stand by. Space Coast *REACT*, along with Orlando Metro, Flagler County Assist, and Pinellas Pasco activated standby GMRS nets, and extra CB 9 monitors. Daytona Beach *REACT* also added monitors to cover CB 9.

Some teams also provided amateur radio support, working directly with ARES/RACES groups. Osceola County *REACT* even worked with hams from Walt Disney World. The two DCAT Teams were also on alert. Everglades DCAT was on level III assisting with EOC back up communica-

tions. Florida State DCAT patched into amateur radio nets in Indian River and St Lucie Counties, and also was on standby for deployment in the state should a need arise.

As midnight rolled through the state, the lights stayed on and communications systems continued to work. All Florida Teams were secured by seven a.m. on Jan. 1, 2000.

-John Knott & Bob Pickering

Nashua (N.H.) *REACT*

Over the last several months, our President, Team Manager, and Assistant Team Manager/Disaster Coordinator have been going to meetings about the city's preparation for Y2K. Nashua feels that they are ready for the turn of the calendar, but has a contingency plan in place just in case anything does happen.

The phone company has assured Nashua that there shouldn't be any problems, but Nashua set up extra fire box stands in case the phone lines do go down. They will be used if the phones go down and a citizen needs police, fire, etc. There will be extra personnel on to respond to these boxes then call back to their dispatch to advise what (Fire, Police or Ambulance,) should respond.

The city is also having a block party on Dec. 31 to celebrate New Year's. Our team will shut down the surrounding streets at three

REACT Teams around the world were prepared to help if predicted disasters occurred at the beginning of the new millennium. Here are excerpts from a few reports from U.S. and Canadian Teams.

p.m. and will provide traffic and crowd control for the event.

Depending on the weather, some members of the Team's bike squad will be out riding through the event ready to provide assistance and communications in case of any problems.

The Team will be prepared to assist with communications and emergency response if problems do occur at midnight. We will have REACT units at the EOC ready to man the radios if the Y2K bug bites. But at this time, we think that any potential problems have been handled.

-Eric Hardy

Hamilton-Mercer (N.J.) REACT

In early December, Hamilton-Mercer REACT Team 4651 of Hamilton Square, N.J., was asked to furnish communications for the Mercer County OEM during the millennium date rollover. Although the OEM Director was assured that there would not be any problems connected with the Y2K computer situation, precautions were taken anyway. Hamilton-Mercer REACT members were scheduled to be on duty at the Mercer County EOC from noon on Friday through noon on Saturday, or longer if necessary. Present at the EOC (Emergency Operating Center), in addition to REACT communications were representatives of local power companies and the Mercer County Rescue Squad communications

director. Other emergency personnel was "on call" and prepared for duty if necessary.

Personnel at the EOC brought in the New Year by watching the ball drop in New York City's Times Square. Then we waited for the (many predicted) Y2K bug to cause problems. Guess what - nothing happened!! This was no surprise to the power companies who stated that they had tested equipment early in the year and found that nothing would happen. When everyone at the EOC made necessary calls and found that Mercer County was quiet (except for the expected noise), the EOC was closed three a.m. Saturday. This scenario was played out in all other counties of New Jersey, and as everyone later discovered, in most of the world.

After the EOC was closed, Team president Kristine Andrejco commented that the Team members performed very well and she was glad that there were no Y2K problems as predicted.

-Dick Cooper

We regret that space limitations do not allow us to publish full reports from all of the Teams that submitted them. We thank all of our contributors.

-Stuart DeLuca



Empire Central (N.Y.) REACT

Empire Central REACT was asked to participate with the Schenectady County Emergency Operations Center (EOC). We were part of an overall plan to provide 911 call-in points, in the event the phone system failed due to a Y2K glitch.

The 12 member team held a directed net on 462.675. Amateur radio services were provided through the repeaters belonging to the Schenectady Amateur Radio Association (SARA).

-Larry Zuravin

Stratford (Ont.) REACT

Stratford REACT was on active standby for any Y2K problems that might occur. They monitored numerous emergency and non-emergency radio frequencies, from inside their mobile command post that was located in the parking lot of the Canadian Red Cross. The day proved to be quiet on the radios.

To add to the test of our emergency abilities, our members gave up their New Years Eve, to provide traffic and crowd control for the New Years Eve fireworks, the command post until three a.m. New Year's Day.

-Ron Faulkner

Reaching Beyond the Two-Way

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Besides helping more of the public, Teams could get some recognition if your local traffic broadcaster agrees to include a few words of on-air acknowledgment, such as, "and REACT reports that.." If this sounds like a worthwhile possibility to increase public relations for REACT in your area and give monitors a little more interest in what they are doing, visit the Web site, < <http://metronetworks.com> >, and click on Metro Networks Markets to see if your Team is in one of the 85 locations. Then call and arrange a meeting to discuss details. Several locations already are working with REACT. We can provide advice if you need it. You may e-mail me at < kb6don@earthlink.net >.

And, Shawn – one of those 85 cities is Milwaukee!

Hundred Percenters

The following Teams had renewed 100 percent of their members, as of January 6:

- 3301 Bay Co. (Mich.)
- 2914 Christmas City (Ind.)
- 3369 Preston Co. (W. Va.)
- C149 Spencer Co. (Ind.)
- 2446 Pulaski Co. (Ind.)
- 6016 Seminole Co. (Fla.)
- 2750 Dodge Co. (Neb.)
- C204 Wayne Co. (Miss.)
- 4812 Kauai (Hawaii)
- 4984 Outback (Calif.)
- C320 Superstition (Ariz.)
- C064 Jay Co. (Ind.)
- C025 Clark Co. (Ohio)
- 4105 Southeast Rockingham Co. (N.H.)
- C241 Riverside Co. (Calif.)
- 6017 Columbiana Co. (Ohio)
- 2833 Cascade (Md.)
- 4752 Edmundston (N.B., Canada)

Letters We Like To Get

(The following letter was received by RI from a lady in Puerto Rico.)

Dear REACT:

...A few weeks ago I was driving with my two sons to...a church in Camuy, P.R....I had been driving for two hours on State Highway 2. All of a sudden, my [truck's] tire blew. It was 7 o'clock at night in the middle of the highway, with no telephone, no light poles, and no one nearby. We stopped and discovered that the parking brake was broken, the front left turn signal had been knocked out of place, and the...fender cover was missing. It was pitch dark. Neither my sons nor I knew how to change the tire....

A car stopped behind us and a man stepped out. In Puerto Rico, people usually don't stop, and when they do it could mean trouble. ...[But] this man told us who he worked for: You! He told us what your organization does and how it helps people. His station was half a mile from the church, so he took us there....To me, you are angels that God puts in our way so that we know that love still exists.... May our Lord bless you abundantly. You will always be in my prayers.

-Sincerely, Maria Toro

Silent Mics

(Please Note: In most cases, the only information we have is that the member is deceased. We would be pleased to publish more information if you will provide it to us.)

- James F. Endicott, Martin Co. (Ky.)
- Harold V. Purviance, Spencer Co. (Ind.)
- Hugh F. Davenport, Outback (Calif.)
- Mike Eckerman, San Angelo (Tex.)
- David Scudler, Pickaway Co. (Ohio)
- Eula Wilson, Barbour Co. (Ala.)
- José Maldonado, South Bronx Radio (N.Y.)
- Ernest H. Dickey, Bristol (Tenn.)
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