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Getting It There...

By Stuart De Luca, Editor

You've heard the old saying, "Getting there is half the fun." But for *REACT* and its publication—*The REACTer*—getting there has been a real hassle.

Until now.

With the approval of the RI Board of Directors, we have made an important change in the way your *REACTer* is delivered. In the past, it has been mailed to most U.S. Teams by Non-profit Standard Rate mail (formerly known as "bulk mail"). But since that class of mail can't be sent outside of the U.S., copies were bundled and sent by First Class to Teams in Canada and overseas. And since Standard Rate mail is the slowest to be delivered, copies were bundled and sent by First Class to the Teams in Alaska and Hawaii.

All of which meant delays in getting the magazine to our members, and the extra cost of handling and remailing copies.

Beginning with this issue, we are using Periodicals Rate mailing, the same way most magazines and newspapers are mailed. Periodicals Rate mail is handled by the Postal Service the same way as First Class mail, so it should get to everyone much more quickly. Better yet, all copies can be mailed directly to our members in Canada, United Kingdom, Germany, and Trinidad & Tobago—at the same time, without bundling.

Best of all, the nonprofit Periodicals Rate is actually lower than what we have been spending on mailing *The REACTer*. So we will save your dues money, too.

You're a Subscriber

Speaking of dues: One requirement for the Periodicals Rate permit is that the publication must be sent to people who have asked for it. For a membership organization like *REACT*, usually this means that members subscribe to the publication when they pay their dues.

Because we have several classes of membership, and we have members in five countries, things get a little complicated. Here's how it works:

U.S. Members – All Regular, Junior, and Affiliate members will receive *The REACTer* as part of their membership, and \$4 of their annual dues will be considered their subscription fee. If a member does not wish to receive the publication, he or she can notify the RI office in writing; however, that will not change the member's annual dues.

Canadian Members – As with U.S. members, all Canadian Regular, Junior, and Affiliate members will receive *The REACTer*; because of the extra postage required, \$5 (U.S.) of their dues will be considered the subscription fee. And they, too, may choose to "unsubscribe" by notifying the RI office, but their dues will remain the same.

Life Members – All Life Members everywhere will receive *The REACTer*; each year, \$4 per Life Member will be transferred from the Life Member Fund to the General Fund to cover the cost of the subscription. Life Members also may choose to "unsubscribe" by notifying the RI office.

Overseas Members – Because of the extra postage cost, the subscription price for members outside of the U.S. and Canada will be \$6 per year. And because those members pay only \$15 in dues, they must pay the additional fee in order to receive *The REACTer*. Since this is already the second issue this year, the subscription for this year will be just \$5 U.S. We ask that members pay their Team and let the Team treasurer send a single check or money order for all members, along with their names and addresses. The subscriptions and check or money order should go to the RI office in Suitland. (This issue of *The REACTer* is being sent directly to every overseas member at the home address listed in our membership records. If the address is incorrect or incomplete, please let us know!)



From the Chairman

*by Frank Jennings,
Chairman, Board of Directors*

The winter Board meeting at headquarters in Suitland last month was a very successful event. Seven of the eleven Directors and Officers were present. It was encouraging to hear that we had ended the millennium below budgeted expenditures, thanks to the efforts of many people.

The committee reports revealed that we have numerous members working for the betterment of our organization. I will not mention any names, because one always fails to recognize everyone, and besides I do not have enough room to mention all. Clearly, it takes each and every one of us working together in the recovery process of *REACT*.

The Committee reports provided for the Winter Board meeting indicate things are beginning to happen in many committees. At the *REACT* Convention in Grand Island, Neb., last July the emphasis was on *growth*. We discussed how we can go about gaining new Teams and members in *REACT*.

You and your new Board agreed on the need to improve our public relations. We have been aggressively trying to do this in many areas. The new Publications Committee was assigned and authorized to improve the *REACT*'s design, contents, distribution, and advertising. The Public Relations Committee was asked to increase their efforts; the Board now has included some funding for this as part of this year's *REACT* budget. The Junior *REACT* Committee and the Rapid Response Committee were assigned specific goals, and they are developing strategies to reach those goals. We have established the Membership Committee that is required by our Bylaws, and established a separate Membership Development Committee with specific duties in creating and implementing a plan for growth in Teams and membership.

Committee members and Board members

have met with representatives of radio manufacturers and other communications-related companies; National Voluntary Organization Active in a Disaster (NVOAD); American Red Cross; Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA); and many State, County and City Departments of Emergency Management.

Your Board has vowed to make it as easy as possible for you to obtain information, forms, training materials, and any other data using the completely redesigned *REACT* International web site. Take a look at it! If you do not have a computer, ask a friend that has one to call it up and let you see it.

These past five months have resulted in so many members becoming involved, it takes me back to the pre-1985 "Task Group" era of *REACT*. I am more convinced than ever that *Involvement means Growth*. If each of you recruit one new member, and each State / Council creates one new Team, we could double our membership.

The Florida Council is going all out in developing a "End of the Century Blowout"! It promises to be a spectacular event! So pack up the kids, Grandpa and Grandma too, and we will see you there!

Until then, keep monitoring Channel 9 and any other emergency frequencies active in your area. Keep doing what we do best, *helping others in time of need*, and in doing so, we can help prevent an injury or save a life. After all, isn't that what *REACT* is all about?

—Frank Jennings, Chairman

Official Notices

NOTICE OF BYLAWS CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of *REACT* International, Inc., at its regular meeting on Saturday, February 19, 2000, amended Section 3.2 (a) of the Bylaws of *REACT* International, Inc., to permit the formation of Junior *REACT* Teams, so long as at least one member thereof is an adult over the age of 18 years. The affected provision is set out below with the new matter underlined.

.....
Section 3.2 **Team Membership.** All Radio Emergency Associated Communications Teams shall be qualified by the Board of Directors as follows:

(a) A local group consisting of three or more public service two-way radio operators, at least one of which must be at least 18 years of age, serving their community through the fulfillment of *REACT* purposes and ideals, may apply for a *REACT* Team charter.

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In accordance with provisions of Section 9.12 of the Bylaws pertaining to amendments, these changes will automatically take effect sixty (60) days after this issue of *the REACTer* is mailed, unless written objections by at least twenty percent (20%) of *REACT* Teams are received in the office of *REACT* International, Inc., in Suitland, Maryland, within the sixty (60) day period.

Lee W. Besing, Secretary
REACT International, Inc.

Junior *REACT* Committee

The Junior *REACT* Committee is working on a Junior *REACT* program and is requesting help from Teams that have Junior *REACT* bylaws. If your Team has a Junior Team, please send a copy of the bylaws to Linda Faulkner, chairperson for the Junior *REACT* Committee. She is reviewing the bylaws of the Junior *REACT* program and bringing it up-to-date. Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Please mail to: Linda Faulkner, 189 Sydenham Street, Woodstock, ON N4S 7B8, Canada.

The Committee is also working on a Web page on the Internet and any suggestions will be most welcome. This will help to develop the Junior *REACT* Program.

Larry Fry, Director, Region 6

Summary of Minutes

Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors, *REACT* International, Inc.
18-20 February 2000 * Sultland, Maryland

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of *REACT* International, Inc., was held in the Corporation's offices in Sultland, Maryland, on February 18-20, 2000.

Directors Present: Chairman Frank Jennings, Region 6; President Harry Hawkins, *ex officio*; Secretary Lee Besing, Region 7; Dick Cooper, Region 2; George Holmes, Region 3; Jack Murrell, Region 4; Jesse Mauk, Region 8; Ron Faulkner, Region 9 **Directors Absent:** Treasurer Fred Lanshe, Region 1; Larry Fry, Region 5; W. Robert Stone, Outside Director

Officer Absent: Vice President & General Counsel Charles A. Thompson. **Guests Present:** J. H. Barr, New Jersey; Linda Faulkner, Ontario; Lynn Jennings, Washington

Called to order by Chairman Jennings at 8:40 a.m. Roll call taken, quorum present.

A Point of Order raised about whether the President is a voting member of the board. Bylaws state that the President is automatically an "ex officio member" of the board if the person holding that office is not already a director. Mr. Murrell read from *Robert's Rules of Order* covering this issue. Mr. Thompson, General Counsel and VP, had previously advised that the RI President is always a director, with a vote.

1. Officer Reports. Mr. Hawkins proposed sending full monthly financial reports to board, in addition to officers. Approved to send monthly summary report to directors, with comparisons to budget and previous periods. Mr. Lanshe is still at home due to team member/friend having heart attack last night. Faxed financial reports, will arrive ASAP. Discussion about officers/directors submitting expense reports, and then donating reimbursements back to RI. This will assist RI in applying for grants and donations by demonstrating officer/director support.

2. Committee Reports. Directors must take initiative to contact chairs of committees for which they are responsible, and set goals and objectives.

3. Awards and Recognition. No report.

4. Life Member. Report was e-mailed to directors and officers.

5. Bylaws, Policies, and Procedures. There are recommended changes to discuss later in this meeting.

6. Communications: CB, GMRS, and Amateur. No formal reports.

7. Computer Services. Web site is up and running. Discussion on committee members and problems handled. Committee is providing online database support to office and other computer support. Charter application forms on web site will include requirement to submit application through councils.

8. Convention Site Selection. One preliminary bid for year 2001 received from Iowa State Council. Northern California Council plans to submit bid for 2002. Team in Trinidad and Tobago has requested bid packet, year to host unknown. Mr. Faulkner to contact team and suggest submitting bid for 2001.

9. Convention 2000: Florida Council has sent e-mail to the

board regarding schedule and planning. Discussion on how much convention micro-managing the board wants to perform. Host wants to keep vendor area open during convention. Consensus to allow convention host to conduct the convention within the minimum guidelines and structure already provided. Convention board Meetings will start at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, 25 July, and be held daily through Saturday as needed. Officers and directors will pay their own registrations and hotel.

10. Government Relations. No report.

11. Highway Safety. No report.

12. Junior REACT. Linda Faulkner presented written report consisting of a preliminary "Junior REACT Program Guide" prepared by two junior members of her team.

13. Life Membership. Report submitted by Dick Gamble, statistics for life membership.

14. Membership Development Committee. Bylaws create board "Membership Committee" consisting of directors. In July 1998 the board created a standing committee for "membership development" that is now erroneously called "Membership Committee." The standing committee is "Membership Development Committee" and it is to focus on ideas to build REACT.

15. Membership Committee. The Chairman appointed Messrs. Cooper (chair), Besing, Faulkner, and Murrell as the committee members. Tom Currie, chairman of the Membership Development Committee, will be contacted by Mr. Cooper and invited to serve as a non-board member.

16. FCC Database. RI should look into obtaining names and addresses of new amateur radio and GMRS licensees from the FCC and mail membership information just like the ARRL and PRSG do. Referred to the Membership Development Committee for investigation and report.

17. Public Relations Committee. Submitted report has 16 points of summarized info and recommendations.

18. E-mail Addresses. Approved PR Committee recommendation to establish goal for 2000 to have an e-mail address for every team. Assigned to Computer Services and Membership Development Committees for action.

19. REACT Logo Change. PR Committee proposal to eliminate "CB" from the black and white REACT logo was not clear. Referred back to committee for clarification.

20. Fortieth Anniversary. USPS postage cancellation and official anniversary patch are current projects. Assigned to PR Committee. Patch must be "international" in nature.

21. Speakers Bureau. Proposal to establish a national/international speakers bureau to provide REACT members as guests on radio/TV programs referred to PR Committee for investigation and possible funding.

22. New REACT Video. New REACT video and field comments discussed. Consensus that this was big improvement over older video, but still needs much improvement before being released. All PR materials should be submitted to the Board prior to being distributed to the public.

Lunch recess. Upon reconvening, no change in attendance, quorum present.

23. Publications Review Committee. Report read. Manuals being replaced will be distributed free at the 2000 Convention.

24. Training Committee. No report. Committee chairman has been updating various training manuals and sending them to Bob Leef and Stuart DeLuca for critique. Mr. Faulkner asked to be included in that loop.

25. Voluntary Agencies Committee. Report read.

26. Ways and Means Committee. Sally Ann Knott has been working for the 2000 convention on ways and means ideas. Chairman reassigned Ways and Means Committee to himself as responsible director.

27. Rapid Response Team Committee. Report from Bob Lumpkin. Directors need to study this report before making any decisions. Concern about funding, cost of ongoing expenses. Obtaining possible FEMA support with logistics suggested by the committee. Committee encouraged to continue working with the DCAT Team in Region 3 / Florida.

28. Convention 2000. Ideas to improve attendance discussed.

29. Jim D. Haynie, ARRL President. Resolution commending Jim Haynie W5JBP, a member of Dallas County REACT, on his election as president of ARRL.

30. Office Procedures. Policy established that original of records be kept in the RI office and that only photocopies or duplicates of records may be removed.

31. Regional Director Reports. Each director present described his recent activities.

32. RI Database Reports. Several problems with the new RI database referred to Johnny Stowers.

33. Accountants. 1997 and 1998 audit reports distributed. Current accountants Singleton & Bardowski bid \$3000 per year for two years to conduct full audit and tax returns for 1999 and 2000. Approved.

34. Junior REACT Team In Ohio. REACT Team in Ohio has no adult members, but is a very active, thriving team that Ohio Council wants to keep. An adult is generally needed to sign legal agreements and should have been required for the charter. Adult counselors will be asked to join as "regular" members.

35. Bylaws Amendment. Section 3.2(a) of the bylaws amended to require that a team must have a minimum of one member aged 18 or older.

36. Mini-conference In Minnesota. Mini-conference in Minnesota proposed by Paul Oby. Regional conference recommended.

37. Long Distance Telephone Service. Various long distance arrangements for RI office referred to President Hawkins. Fax line to be set up as 800 number.

Meeting recessed at 7 p.m. Meeting reconvened at 8 a.m., 19

February 2000. No changes in attendance, quorum present.

38. Trinidad and Tobago Conflict. Team and council problems discussed. Matter referred to the Membership Committee for consideration and recommendation.

Meeting recessed from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. for Membership Committee meeting.

39. Report from Membership Committee. Committee recommendations on how to handle the situation were approved.

40. Publications Review Committee. There has been a noticeable improvement in content and appearance of *The REACTer* since Stuart DeLuca (Texas) has been editing. He has analyzed the factors involving the costs of producing and mailing *The REACTer* in addition to editing it. Written report distributed.

41. REACTer Budget. 2000 Budget proposal by Publications Review Committee for *The REACTer* approved at \$15,957 for editorial services, mailing via periodical rate, printing, and miscellaneous expenses.

42. REACTer Subscription Rates. Part of membership dues designated as REACTer subscription to comply with USPS requirements (no increase in total dues). Board adopted resolution authorizing application for a Periodicals Rate Permit, specifying that REACTer subscription is part of annual dues, specifying that US and Canadian memberships include REACTer subscriptions, specifying that non-US/Canadian subscriptions are voluntary (and additional to dues), and providing for necessary internal procedures.

43. Periodical Rate Permit Fees. Publications Review Committee authorized to apply for Periodical Rate permit for the "initial point of entry" and additional point of entry in Wichita.

44. Demographic Survey. Publications Review Committee request for \$300 to conduct a demographic survey of the membership for the purposes of attracting additional advertisers and to solicit new advertisers approved. Additional funds to solicit advertisers are in *The REACTer* budget.

45. QuickBooks Account Structure. 1999 budget compared with actual income, expenses. Account structure to be revised. *Meeting recessed for lunch at 12:45 p.m. Reconvened at 1:45 p.m. Mr. Lanshe present, Mr. Mauk absent, quorum present.*

46. Web Site: On-line purchasing. Implementation of on-line store approved, automatic credit card processing disapproved for now. Customers will be required to contact Suitland office for payment arrangements.

47. Web Site: Hosting. Website and software will continue to be provided free of charge by Mr. Besing's company, E-Commercial.com. Designated officer or employee will be trained on how to update and maintain the inventory items.

48. Web Site: Survey : Request that a survey form be included on the Web site for visitors to give opinions on subjects such as the on-line web store referred to Computer Services Committee.

49. Web Site: Advertising. Banner advertising acceptable on the web site. Public Relations Committee to set competitive rates and allow selective advertisers with limitations. Computer Services Committee may set additional guidelines.

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CONVENTION 2000



By Walt Young, Convention Chairman

Welcome to the 2000 REACT International Convention! We plan to have the "End of the Century Blowout" as REACT goes "Transmitting Into the 21st Century," our theme for the Convention.

The Convention will run three days: Wednesday, July 26, through Friday, July 28. We have many exciting programs planned, including an FCC Seminar, a guest speaker for the banquet, workshops, contests, and entertainment. Special Events will include medical certifications, a Time Capsule ceremony, special awards to many REACTers, an Amateur special event, and Junior REACT and children's activities. Details on these are listed elsewhere.

Parts of the Convention will be "Live on the Internet"; however, the exact schedule and length are not finalized.

Committee chairmen, if they wish to hold committee meetings, are encouraged to have their people come in early. They will have four full hours available on Tuesday afternoon and one hour on Wednesday. We do need to know in advance to schedule a meeting room.

Your Convention registration will include the Welcome

Party, the group picture, the banquet and free transportation from the hotel to all major attractions. You will be furnished a bus schedule upon check in.

If your Junior REACTer or your children plan to participate in the children's activities, please fill out a separate Registration Form for them. Their registration fee is \$25.00. A babysitter will be available during the convention for children 5 and under.

Getting Started

Monday will be "set-up" day for Hospitality, Communications, Computer, and any others depending on the number of arrivals.

Tuesday folks will be arriving and getting settled in their rooms and milling around. Registration and Credentials will open from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. so every-

one can get settled in.

The Hospitality Room will be open twenty-four hours so you won't have to be desperate for a 90¢ cup of coffee! We are also inviting the exhibitors and vendors to come in Tuesday so they'll have a day to show you their exhibits without having to shut down for meetings, as they will have to do on Wednesday and Thursday.

The "Country Store" will open Tuesday and have many REACT items from the international Headquarters. They will also provide space for REACT Teams or Councils who wish to sell their items (patches, cups, key chains, whatever) at the Convention. Let us know in advance if you have items to sell.

The CPR Medical Class will begin at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday for those who want or need to be certified. For more details see the

descriptions elsewhere.

Tuesday Evening will be the Welcome Party (free) where you can get reacquainted with old friends and meet a lot of new ones, and have a bite to eat.

Opening Day: Wednesday

Most of the first day will be much as before, with the First Timers' meeting, various groups meeting with the Board, the Opening Session, then committee meetings.

The official Convention photos will be taken early Wednesday morning to avoid the afternoon heat and likely thunderstorms. This is Florida, after all! This also will give the photographer more time to process the photos before the end of the convention.

The First Aid Medical Class will begin at 6:00 p.m. for those who want or need to be certified, or obtain an upgrade or update of their certifications. See details elsewhere.

Thursday

Thursday morning starts early with the Amateur Breakfast at 7:00 a.m., then the Life Luncheon at 11:30. These times were set in consultation with the two Chairmen to allow extra time to have their meetings. The Juniors/Children's Activities and the General Session start at 8:30 a.m. and continue through the morning. The Non-REACT Spouse Tour will begin at 10 a.m. (See "Special Events" for details).

After lunch there will be some fabulous workshops. We are

getting some top-notch professionals to provide information that will benefit all REACTers, regardless of



Entrance to the Ramada Plaza Gateway Inn, site of the REACT International 2000 Convention.

what types of disasters you deal with in your area.

At 1 p.m. we have CERT (Community Emergency Response Team), a group working in the Central Florida area with affiliates nationwide, and a workshop on obtaining grants. At 2 p.m. we will have an update on the Rapid Response Team project and the Florida DCAT (Disaster Communications Assistance Team). Also at 2 p.m., we will have a workshop on developing a Junior REACT Team.

After the workshops, there will be time to visit and examine the disaster communications vans that will be on display. Among them will be the Florida REACT Disaster Communications Assistance Team's mobile communications unit, which includes a communications van, a trailer with a complete communications setup including GPAR, ATV and

weather satellite monitoring, and much more. Other Teams are invited to bring their communications vehicles and show them off, too. Please let us know *in advance* so we can plan the parking. Cobra Radio also plans to bring their brand-new van.

We have a special program at 8 p.m. Thursday evening, the REACT International Time Capsule. We invite all REACT Teams and Councils to bring items for this Capsule. (See "Special Events"). Along with the Capsule ceremony, we will be giving Special Awards to many REACTers... you don't want to miss this!

Friday

Friday we open with the Juniors/Children's Activities. They will go to Watermania, then have their own banquet at the same time as the regular members.

The FCC Seminar will begin at 8:30 a.m. Guest Speaker is Mr. Riley Hollingsworth, FCC Special Counsel, Amateur Radio, Enforcement Bureau, Washington DC. Mr. Hollingsworth's topic will be GMRS Trustees and their responsibilities. A Q & A session will follow on that topic or other topics of interest to REACTers.

The General Session will be from 10:30 to 11:30.

After lunch, if there is a 2001 host presentation it will begin at 1 p.m.; if none, then the Open Board will run from 1 p.m. through 4 p.m.

Cocktails will be available at 6 with a cash bar, and the banquet will start at 7 p.m. The guest speaker will be Mr. Joseph Myers, Director, Division of Florida Emergency Management, in Tallahassee. Winners of the various contests will be announced and other special presentations will be made.

Post-Convention Events

On Saturday morning there will be Amateur license testing and the Convention Critique. After the Convention you are on your own to visit all the attractions. There are plenty: Disney World, Universal Studios, Sea World, Gatorland, and many, many more. Free transportation is available to these attractions from the hotel.

Come Early, Stay Late!

Remember, you have five days before Wednesday and after Friday (the Convention days) to enjoy the same room rate.

We sincerely hope you enjoy the Convention and have a safe trip home!

SPECIAL EVENTS

There are Six Special Events that have been planned for the Convention.

Amateur Special Event

We will have a Special Event for one or two days of the

Convention. The idea is to get as many stations as possible, worldwide, to call our Convention Station. Once they have made contact, if they send us a QSL card we will send them a Commemorative 2000 REACT International Convention Certificate.

We invite all REACT Amateurs to man the station for a short shift. If we get enough Amateurs to run it, we will be able to operate the station for two days. This



The pool at the Ramada Plaza will be a great place for *ad hoc* meetings during the Convention!

event will be publicized in *QST Magazine*, *Popular Communications*, and perhaps others, prior to the Convention.

Medical Training

We think this will be a "first" (as far as we know) by providing you the opportunity to get special training in two classes. These classes will give you

certification, renewed certification, or an upgrade. The courses are certified by the American Heart Association and the American Health and Safety Institute.

First is the CPR (Heartsaver, Heartsaver Plus, Heartsaver AED, and Pediatric) Class, which will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2:00.

The second course is First Aid Class, Pediatric, Adult, and Universal; it is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Wednesday. This schedule allows those who wish to attend both classes.

The cost is normally \$25 each, but for REACT they will only charge \$15 each provided they get 20 people to sign up in advance. We ask you to look on the reverse side of the Convention Registration Form for the Medical Training item and check your preference. If you've already sent in a registration form, send in just the second page and mark it

"Addendum."

Note: If you wait until you arrive to sign up, there is no guarantee that any classes will be held. Advance registration is essential if you want to attend either of these classes!



REACT International Time Capsule

We will create a *REACT* International Time Capsule at the Convention. The Time Capsule ceremony will be Thursday evening.

We hope all Teams and Councils will participate by contributing a brief history of your Team or Council, logos, photos (include a caption sheet identifying members), copies of documents, brochures, millennium souvenirs, etc. Certificates will be awarded for the best and most unusual items. If no one from your Team is attending the Convention, you can still contribute to the Time Capsule!

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REACT International will maintain possession of this unique keepsake, ready to be opened at some future date. It will be interesting, as well as fun, to see what *REACT* was like at the turn of the century. Perhaps at the Convention we can vote on a date for the Time Capsule to be opened—and a new one started!

If you are not planning to attend the Convention, please send some items of interest so that your Team or Council may be included. Send your items to: Orlando Metro *REACT* Team #4778, P.O. Box 540233, Orlando FL 32854-0233.

Special Awards to *REACT*ers

Thursday evening after the Time Capsule Ceremony, awards will be given by the Convention Committee to *REACT*ers for various categories, which you won't know about until you are here. (Note: These are *not* the K-40 Awards, which will be presented later during the Convention.) Who knows, you might win something just for showing up!

Non-*REACT* Spouse One-Day Shopping Trip

Even though some spouses are not members of *REACT*, we recognize that they are part of the *REACT* family, so we have something special for them!

On Thursday, they are to meet in the hotel lobby for departure at 10 a.m. They will

be taken by bus to Lake Buena Vista Factory Stores, a mall with many famous brand-name factory outlet stores. Lunch will be on their own, and they will be given a coupon book valued at \$300. We will *not* be responsible for the use of their charge cards!
☺ Bus Transportation is free.

CONTEST RULES

The following contests will be held during the Convention:

***REACT* Team & Council Web Site Contest**

1. Judging shall be done by two persons from the local community involved in Web site development and one *REACT* member whose Team or Council does not have a Web site submitted.
2. The Web site shall be judged on: (a) Content (b) Appearance (c) Readability, (d) Apparent Usefulness to Viewers (e) Originality (f) Time it Takes To Load (g) Useful Links (h) Spelling
3. The completed entry form will accompany each Team's or Council's submissions during judging.
4. There are two categories: Teams and Councils

***REACT* Team & Council Newsletter Contest**

1. Judging shall be done by two persons from the local community involved in the news media and one *REACT* member whose Team or Council does not have a publication submitted. If only

one news media person is available, two REACT members, not from the same Team or Council, will serve as judges.

2. Each Newsletter shall be judged on (a) Content (b) Appearance (c) Readability, and (d) Apparent Usefulness to Readers.

3. Only the latest four issues will be judged. These, and *only* these issues may be submitted unless a letter, stating the circumstances that did not allow four issues to be published since the previous convention, is received by the Contest Committee no later than noon on July 26, 2000. The Contest Committee will determine whether an entry of less than four issues will be accepted.

4. The completed entry form must accompany each Team's or Council's submission during judging. REACT International will supply the committee a current printout of the membership of all Teams. This list will be used to check the accuracy of a Team's category. Inconsistencies or errors will be evaluated by the Judges and the decisions of the Judges will be final.

5. There are three categories:

A- Teams with 25 members or less
B- Teams with 26 or more members

C- Councils

7. After the awards presentation, the copies submitted will be available for public view. They *shall not be removed*.

8. All submissions become the property of REACT International and *will not be returned*.

REACT Team Scrapbook Contest

1. Judging shall be done by two persons from the local community involved in the news media and one REACT member whose Team does not have a publication submitted. (If only one news media person is available, then two REACT members, not from the same Team, will be used.

2. The Scrapbook shall be judged on (a) Content (b) Appearance (c) Readability (d) Apparent Usefulness to Readers (e) Originality.

3. The completed entry form will accompany each Team's submission during judging. Errors will be evaluated by the Judges and the decisions of the Judges will be final.

4. There is one category, for Teams; there will be first, second, and third place awards. After the awards presentation, the copies submitted will be available for public view. They *shall not be removed*.

Brochure Contest

Brochures shall be judged on (a) Content (b) Appearance (c) Apparent Usefulness to Readers (d) Originality (e) How well they convey the message of REACT.

The completed entry form will accompany each Team's submissions during judging. Errors will be evaluated by the Judges and the decisions of the Judges will be final.

There is one category, for Teams, with first, second, and third place awards. All submissions become the property of REACT International and *will not be returned*.

Placard Contest for Teams and Councils

Theme: REACT Transmitting into the 21st Century
Size 10" x 24" Poster Board
Only 1 side will be judged.

The Team's name and number, or the Council's name, must be included. Separate first, second, and third place awards will be given for Teams and Councils. The size of the lettering should be appropriate to the length of the Team's name, but all Team numbers must be in 4" letters.

Junior REACT Placard Contest

Theme: REACT Transmitting into the 21st Century
Size 10" x 24" Poster Board

Only 1 side will be judged. Entrant's name, age, and Team name must be written on the back.

Entrant must be 17 or younger. Separate prizes will



The patio of the Ramada Plaza is another great place to meet and greet fellow REACTers.

be awarded for entrants 5 to 8 years old, 9 to 13 years old, and 14 to 17 years old.

JUNIOR REACT & CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

We decided to combine the Junior REACT and Children's activities. This will give the non-REACT children a chance to see the Junior REACTers in action, and may lead to more Junior REACTers. After all, the Junior REACTers eventually grow up to be Regular REACTers, so this is a good place to start.

We hope to enlist the Juniors to assist with some functions during the Convention. Maybe they would like to work on a mini-newsletter for each day of the Convention. Other suggestions from the Junior REACTers would be welcome.

Plans for Wednesday's activities are not complete at press time, but there will be a Junior REACT Committee meeting in the afternoon.

Thursday morning begins with skating. The youngsters will return to the hotel at 2 p.m. for the Junior REACTer Workshop. We will have a program geared for them. Then they can join everyone in the tour of the various vans outside.

Friday will be a day at Watermania water park, so bring the kids' bathing suits and lots of sunscreen.. This will last most of the day. In the evening there will be a Junior REACT Banquet at the same time as the adults' banquet.

Transportation

First, we are sorry that we

are unable to provide any transportation from the airport or train station to the hotel. We have discount coupons for use on the MEARS Transportation System. If you send us your arrival information *in advance* we will mail you the coupons.

If you have already sent in your Registration form, you can advise us of your arrival via e-mail or regular mail.

Which city do I book my transportation to?

If you are coming by plane, book for the Orlando (Fla.) International Airport. The bus to the hotel costs \$27 per person round trip. We have coupons for \$4 off the round trip fare. The coupon can be used for up to four persons. Again, if you notify us you are flying in, we will mail you the coupon.

If you are coming by train: Some Amtrak routes end in Kissimmee (in particular, those that originate in Chicago or New York); others end in Orlando (the Sunset Limited from Los Angeles). If your train ends in Orlando, you will need to take Amtrak's bus service to the Kissimmee train station.

If you can, book for the Kissimmee train station. The station is approximately five miles from the hotel. From there you take a bus or taxi to the hotel. (We will have more information, including rates, in the May-

June REACTer.)

If you are coming by auto or motorhome/camper, we will have directions and maps in the next issue of *The REACTer*.

HOT NEWS FOR CAMPERS

Good news. We have reduced the off-site Registration Fee by \$20, making it \$70 before May 15 and \$85 after May 15. We want to encourage more attendance, but still need to have a little bit to compensate for the loss of hotel credits.

For campers, the hotel has restrictions on camping in the parking lot, and no hookups. Thus you must rent a room. However, we have two campgrounds within five miles of the convention hotel, and both are offering a REACT discount. So be sure to tell them you are attending the REACT Convention. Maps and directions will be in the May-June REACTer.

The Paradise RV Resort near Kissimmee is



offering a Super Special *REACT* rate of \$10 per night, all during the Convention week. Owner Phil Keidaish is familiar with *REACT* and offered this special rate, which includes *full hookups*. The park has paved roads and concrete slabs—no parking on dirt or sand. In short, it's a first-class facility at a terrific bargain price!

For reservations, call Paradise RV Resort, 408-396-7711 or 888-396-1893, or e-mail to < snowfresh@aaainet.net > or write to Paradise RV Resort, 725 S. Old Lake Wilson Rd., Kissimmee, FL 34747. You might also want to visit their Web site, < www.snowfresh.com/page26.html >.

Another Campground, to give you a choice, is approximately five miles east of the hotel on US 192: KOA Campground, 4771 W. Irlo Bronson Memorial Hwy (which is also US192, the highway that the hotel is on), Kissimmee, FL 34746. For reservations, call 407-396-2400 or 1-800-562-7791. Their Web site: < www.koa.com/campgrounds.com/where/fl/09161.htm >. Their rate for *REACT* members is \$25.00 per night, including full hookups, good from the 22nd through the 31st.

THE CONVENTION HOTEL

The *REACT* International 2000 Convention is being held at the Ramada Plaza Gateway Inn, Kissimmee, Florida.

Special room rates are available for the convention: \$61 plus the 12 per cent tax, making the

total \$68.32/per night, for up to four people. The room rate in the Plaza Tower (somewhat larger rooms, with fancier furnishings) is \$71 plus tax, total of \$79.52. These rates apply for up to five days before and after the Convention.

All rooms have a small refrigerator and the telephones have data ports. The rooms in the Plaza Tower include a microwave.

When you make your reservations, be sure to tell them you are attending the *REACT* Convention. Both smoking and non-smoking rooms are available. Phone: 1-800-327-9170 (direct to hotel, not a central number) or Fax: 1-407-396-4320.

SPECIAL NEEDS

When registering with the Ramada Plaza Hotel, be sure to tell them you are attending the *REACT* Convention. If you are partially handicapped, if you use a

cane, walker, wheelchair, or mobility scooter, tell them of your needs. The hotel gives top priority for first-floor rooms to those who need them.

If you are fully handicapped and need a handicapped-accessible room, tell them. These rooms are in the Plaza Tower part of the hotel. However, you will be charged the regular *REACT* room rate, not the higher Plaza rate.

If you need a wheelchair or a mobility scooter while at the Convention, let us know in advance and we will have one for you. We must know in advance, including your arrival time, since the equipment will be coming from Melbourne, seventy miles away. See the back page of the Registration Form for rental rates.

This year we will handle your personal medical information a bit differently from previous years. We all know it's necessary for a doctor or EMT to know your medical condition, should an emergency arise. However, you don't want everyone else to know your personal information. We will have a special form at the Convention and it will be sealed with your signature for security, and opened *only* by authorized medical personnel if needed.



You probably won't be spending much time in it, but this is how your room will look at the Ramada Plaza.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

The registration form is in two parts. Be sure to fill out both sides. There also have been a few changes to the form, such as the Web Site address, a line for Special Diets, a reduction in the off-site rate, and the second page (reverse) for added programs. You may send in another copy to add anything you wish, just mark the copy as "addendum" and we'll put it with your original copy.

Remember, the off-site registration fee has been reduced. Line through the \$90 & \$105 and put \$70 & \$85. Should any discrepancy arise, we will straighten it out when you arrive.

You can obtain a copy of the Convention Registration Form from the previous *REACTers*, or from the Convention Web Site, <<http://www.spacecoast-react.org/conv2000.htm>>, or from the RI office.

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Advertise in the *REACT* Convention 2000 Booklet!

Advertise your *REACT* Team or Council, or your business in the 2000 *REACT* International Convention Booklet. Being the first Convention Booklet of the 21st Century, you won't want to miss being a part of this Souvenir Edition. The rates for *REACT* ads are very reasonable.

If you own a business or if you know businesses in your area that would like to be a part of this booklet, we'd be glad to have them. The rates for businesses are a little higher, to help offset the discount to *REACT* Teams and Councils. The more ads we sell....the *better* the Booklet!

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Please COPY this page, complete the form, and send it to the address below. Use a separate form for each contest your Team or Council wishes to enter.

Deadlines: Web site contest deadline is midnight, July 1, 2000. All other contests, the deadline is midnight, July 26, 2000; entries may be delivered to the Contest Committee when you arrive at the Convention, or may be mailed in advance.

Check the contest you are entering with this form:

Web site URL: _____

Webmaster's Name: _____ Title: _____

Submitted by: _____ Title: _____

Newsletter Title: _____

Editor's Name: _____ # Issues Published Annually: _____

Brochure Title: _____

Scrapbook: Title (if any): _____

Team or Council

Placard: Title or Heading: _____

Junior Placard: Title or Heading: _____

Team or Council Name _____ Team No. _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Prov _____ ZIP/Postal Code _____

Mail Entry to: Michael Cauley, Contest Chairman, PO Box 540233, Orlando FL 32854



REACTivities

News from Regions/Councils/Teams

Region 9

I am putting out a call to all members for the training materials used by their Teams. We would like to compile a training manual that will be relevant and useful to all Teams, and up-to-date in its contents. Please send a copy of all training materials used by your Team to: Ron Faulkner, Region 9 Director, 189 Sydenham St., Woodstock, ONT N4S 7B8 Canada.

-Ron Faulkner

Coshocton Co. (Ohio)

Coshocton Co. REACT Team President Jim McCurdy keeps his Team on alert throughout the winter months for the bad weather and ice jams on the county's rivers. On the evening of January 13, 2000, that policy paid off.

Just before 6 p.m., a major accident with injuries on State Hwy 36East shut down that major highway. The county sheriff called REACT for help; Pres. McCurdy and five other units responded. The collision

involved one fatality and several serious injuries.

About an hour later, a second collision occurred, also on Hwy 36East, involving a van containing the Kenyon College women's swim team. This accident also involved a fatality and numerous injuries. Once again, REACT's help was needed.

Meanwhile, the sheriff and REACT were kept busy with two minor collisions and two fires. All of Coshocton's law enforcement, fire, and EMS units, plus some from adjacent counties, were involved.

If all the agencies, and REACT, had not been well trained and prepared, that night could have been a major disaster for Coshocton County.

-Gerald E. Jarvis

Heartland (Neb.)

Our Team is getting ahead of the spring severe storm season with the help of guest speaker Dr. Ken Dewey.

Dr. Dewey is a research climatologist at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, and also a

stormchaser with his students. He is a leader in tornado research in the Midwest, working with NOAA and the National Severe Weather Center in Norman, Okla.

Dr. Dewey told us that Nebraska has never had a reported tornado in the month of February. There have been tornadoes in every other month but not February! In 1998 there were 102 tornadoes in the state but no fatalities.

Each year, Heartland REACT, along with other Teams, works with the National Weather Service office to continue our training on severe weather. Each year is the same but different, just as the storms and tornadoes are unpredictable; that's why we never feel that we have "enough" training.

-Rich Ryan

Tornado expert Dr. Ken Dewey trains Heartland REACT members,

(Photo: Rich Ryan)



Butte County (Calif.)

Last August, wildfire swept over the hills of Butte County. That wasn't unusual; Butte Co. REACT has assisted the Red Cross and local Office of Emergency Services for many years in battling wildfires.

This time, we were one of the victims.

A sudden wind shift sent the flames toward the home of our Vice President. The house was saved, but our comm trailer and a shed full of Team equipment were destroyed.

At the time, the Team was on standby but not fully involved. Nevertheless, the County OES Office promised to help. Last February, the County Supervisors agreed; they allocated \$3,500 in FEMA disaster relief funds to the Team for a new trailer, plus more money for generators, radios, and other comm gear. With generous donations from individuals and local service clubs to replace our Safety Break equipment, we will soon be back in business – and ready for the next wildfire.

-Fred Walther



REACT Services Diversified Pleasant Prairie (Wis.)

It started as a typical winter afternoon in the Midwest. In a few short hours, it turned into a disaster and an emergency response effort for members of RSD.

A midair collision involved two light aircraft, one of which was piloted by one of Chicago's leading radio personalities. One plane plummeted into the Midwestern Regional Medical Center in Zion, IL. The other narrowly missed a nursing home four blocks away.

RSD member Mary Ramsey saw the planes go down and attempted to locate the exact crash sites. She found the first plane on the roof of MRMC, engulfed in flames. She set up a perimeter around the hospital and called for help.

Team members Jim Rissell, Lynessa Perazzolo, Jon Hiltibran, Sandra Diliberti, Mary Lou Hiltibran, Renee Turner, Darren Leffler, David Blickie, Henry Sahler, Karen Blickie, Jeff Parrish, Wayne Spencer, and Shayne Seger helped the Zion Emergency Service Disaster Agency (ESDA) control auto and pedestrian traffic around both sites. Henry also assisted at the ESDA Center; Karen and David made and delivered food and drinks to the emergency site workers. Darren and Shayne served as control operators so other

members could remain at the scene.

The report that Bob Collins, Chicago radio personality, had died in the crash brought national attention and a swarm of news media.

Zion ESDA Coordinator Jack Diliberti expressed his thanks to all of the RSD members who gave so unsparingly of their time and skills.

-Shayne Seger

Ramsey Co. (Minn.)

Members of Southern Minn. Albert Lea REACT and Ramsey Co. REACT worked together last October to help Twin Cities public television station KTCA with its first annual Food Show.

REACT members handled various duties, including taking tickets and general crowd management. The three-day show consisted of local and nationally-known chefs demonstrating their skills, answering questions, and signing autographs. There were displays from many local grocery stores and restaurants.

In December, our Team worked with South East Metro Amateur Radio Club (SEMARC) to provide communications if there were any Y2K-related problems.

These two events were both "firsts" for Ramsey County – the first time we had worked with Albert Lea or SEMARC. No doubt we will do it again!



REACT Member Jim Haynie Picked To Head ARRL

by Charles A. Thompson

Jim D. Haynie, W5J8P, a longtime member of Dallas County *REACT*, was elected as the thirteenth president of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) by the ARRL Board of Directors on January 21 in Memphis, Tenn. Haynie, 56, was previously the ARRL West Gulf Division Director. He is also a member and past president of the Dallas Amateur Radio Club, founded in 1914 and one of the original affiliated clubs of the ARRL.

Calling the recently announced FCC restructuring plan "a positive thing," Haynie said his presidency will focus on the future of amateur radio, and he suggested amateurs take the opportunity to regroup. "Now that restructuring is behind us, I think it's time for all amateurs—League members and non-members alike—to pull together to see what we can do to make our hobby a thriving and vibrant hobby." He has also indicated an interest in working with non-amateur personal radio users in the continuing effort to protect all forms of personal radio service.

After having participated in support of several major disaster situations, Haynie developed a special interest in disaster and emergency communications, and has spent hundreds of hours preparing for and conducting these types of operations.

A ham for 27 years and an ARRL Board member for 12 years, Haynie is an Advanced class licensee. He has been a

manufacturer's representative in the metals business for 30 years and runs his own firm in Dallas. At the time of his election, he chaired the ARRL Board Audit and Finance Committee.

"Jim joined Dallas County *REACT* in 1989," according to *REACT* International Vice President and General Counsel Charles A.(Chuck) Thompson, former President of Dallas County *REACT*. "I asked him to participate in our program when the no-code Technician license became available, as our Team had decided to emphasize qualifying Team members as amateur radio operators." Over the years since, Haynie has visited the Team during ARRL Field Day, spoken to the Team about ARRL and amateur matters, and taught a four-hour block of instruction at four DCR Amateur Technician classes. He was instrumental in assisting DCR to become affiliated with ARRL in 1989 and in becoming an ARRL Special Service Club in 1990.

BOARD MINUTES (Continued from Page 6)

50. Term Limitations. No term limitations for directors or committee chairpersons at this time.

51. Membership Inquiries. Sources include PopCom and Web site. New-member inquiry form on Web site to ask for needed info, rather than use free form e-mail. Computer Services Committee to create.

52. REACT Investments. RI's investment account with Solomon Smith Barney and Treasurer Fred Lanshe's Investment practices discussed. Current investment program will be continued.

53. Insurance. Several alternatives/additions to current General Liability policy discussed. Restoration of bonding insurance discussed. Several proposals accepted, pending further clarifications. (Note: Later discussions with insurance company revealed unacceptable provisions – insurance will remain the same as in 1999.)

54. Certificate of Coverage Request. Form needed to request a certificate of coverage will be available on the Web site as well as from RI office by request. Policy exclusions and provisions will also be available both places. Computer Services Committee will implement.

55. Reimbursement of Director and Officer expenses. Procedures discussed. Expense reimbursement form and policy proposals will be developed. President Hawkins will receive reimbursement requests in the meantime.

56. Regular Office Reports. Maximum use of e-mail to be used by office staff to keep directors informed. President and Chairman to develop report content and preparation schedule.

57. Office Procedures Manual. President Hawkins directed to update office procedures manual.

58. Database Restructuring. Johnny Stowers has converted the database and is supporting the office via on-line dialup.

59. Awards and Recognition. Plaques awarded to Johnny Stowers (redesign of membership database), Stuart DeLuca (REACTer redesign), Wayne Barringer (redesign of Web site).

60. Life Membership Request from Florida. Board will not fund request that "free" life membership be awarded to someone at the 2000 convention.

61. Publishing Team Topics. Discussion on publishing all policies, forms, and other "public" documents on the Web site, including International bylaws, sample team and council bylaws. Publications Review Committee to review online documents to ensure they are current.

62. Reinstatement of REACT Charter. Request approved for former Metro Dade REACT#4881 members to reactivate charter (partially because they have equipment and uniforms with the old team name). Team must pay accumulated late fees (\$20/year) plus current registration fees.

63. New Team Charters. Office procedure and policy for new Team charter applications discussed. Tabled until Sunday.

Meeting recessed at 7:30 p.m. Meeting reconvened at 8:30am, 20 February 2000. No change in attendees, quorum present.

64. Life Membership Fund. Discussed concerns regarding Jerome Bricker's comments on the board's handling of inves-

ments. He resigned from the Life Membership Fund overview committee. Mr. Cooper was appointed to replace him and will monitor investments with Solomon Smith Barney.

65. Wisconsin REACT Council. Council plans to apply for IRC Section 501(c)(3) status and encourages Teams to do likewise.

66. Publication of Printed Materials. Computer-generated material (excluding financial reports or materials restricted to board use) routinely distributed from the RI Office will be made available on the RI Web site. Computer Services Committee to purchase Adobe Acrobat Writer software (included in year 2000 budget) to create these items in PDF format after review by the Publications Review Committee.

67. American Red Cross. ARC requests use of network of REACT members and repeaters in disaster areas. ARC wants list and location of REACT affiliated GMRS and other repeaters for planning. ARC will be provided with copies of Team/Council Contact directory plus list of regional directors.

68. Registration of Trademark in Canada. REACT's trademark in Canada expired in 1995, and cannot be renewed, but a new application can be filed. Cost may be as low as \$300 (Canadian) if Mr. Faulkner performs the work. New trademark registration authorized, treasurer to pay the Canadian Government fees. Mr. Faulkner to be registered as corporation's agent for this purpose.

59. Registration of Trademark in U.K. REACT trademark was renewed in the U.K. in November 1999. Cost was \$684 (US). Board approved this action and expenditure.

70. Registration of Trademark in Germany, Trinidad and Tobago, Philippines, and Australia. Mr. Faulkner will determine status in each country.

71. 2000 Budget Proposal. Budget of \$121,500 (balanced) adopted for fiscal year 2000.

72. NDCAT Proposal. Will be operating under the FEMA umbrella; some equipment is being made available as a result.

73. New supplier for REACT Flags New design (white flag, orange and black logo) approved, to be acquired in Canada. Officers to determine pricing and initial order quantities.

74. Canadian Supplier. Board approved selling selected items available in the Canadian Supplies Catalog through the REACT Web Store. RI will not stock inventory. President to begin trial program by listing items from the Canadian Supplies Catalog on the web, making them available to the membership with a small handling charge markup. If trial program is successful, other suppliers (e.g., team/councils, etc.) can be considered

75. Contract for REACTer Editor Services. Written contract with Stuart DeLuca to edit REACTer for 2000 approved.

76. Policies and procedures. Policies and Procedures will be reviewed and revised by directors using e-mail. Considered for approval 2000 RI Convention.

Meeting adjourned 5:40 p.m., 20 February 2000, sine die.

(This summary was prepared by Vice President and General Counsel Charles A. Thompson from the minutes submitted by Secretary Lee W. Besing. Copies of the complete minutes are available electronically by addressing e-mail to <lbesing@reactintl.org>. Printed copies may be obtained by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope with 77 cents postage to REACT International, Inc., 5210 Auth Road, Suite 403, Sultland, MD 20746-4330.)



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