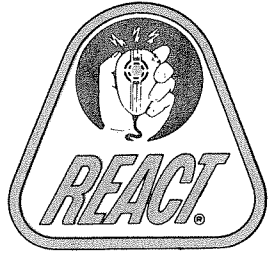


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From the President by Charles A. "Chuck" Thompson

Keeping Things Straight

Recently, Paul Oby of Ramsey County *REACT* reported a credit card offer his Team had received, apparently an offer sponsored by "*REACT*International." Paul sent me the paperwork and, after studying it, I realized this was another case where an outside organization thought that the Team name was "*REACT* International." This arises because the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) addresses all *REACT* Teams covered by our Section 501(c)(3) group exemption as "*REACT* International," followed by the Team charter number, followed on the next line by the Team name.

If your Team needs and wants a credit card, and you get one of these offers, by all means consider it – but please, if you sign up, use your Team's name and not "*REACT*International" on the account. Despite the IRS usage, "*REACT* International" is not a part of any Team or Council name.

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February 2002 is the end of four years of significant change in *REACT* International. It was February 1998, in Wichita, when Jack Murrell (Indiana) and I were appointed to the Board, to join Lee Besing (Texas) and Bob Stone (Arkansas) who had been added in October 1997, and Jim Bear (Pennsylvania) who rejoined the Board in July 1997. Jim would resign in July 1998, to be replaced by the newly elected Fred Lanshe (Pennsylvania).

Adding to the numerous differences of opinion then rampant among *REACT*ers was the decision by the Board to move *REACT*'s office from

Wichita to Suitland, Maryland. So, we were essentially starting over, with a new office, new Board of Directors, new officers, new office staff.

Since then, we've revised the Bylaws, modified the committee system, separated officer duties from director duties, created the "regional director" system, established a smoothly-functioning office, established an excellent Web site, entered into a long-sought Memorandum of Understanding with the ARRL, and, most importantly, virtually stopped the decline in our numbers. Our financial situation is stable, due both to good management and to the contributions of the Directors and officers, who have paid their own expenses.

I'm at the end of my one-year term as president, and by the time you read this, the Board will have conducted its Annual Meeting in Suitland, and will have chosen a president for the coming year – it might or might not be me. Either way, I thank all those great *REACT*ers who have supported *REACT*International so well – all of the Directors, the officers, committee chairs and members, our office manager, our Teams and Councils, and many individuals. Working together, we have accomplished a lot. There is still much to do, and I'm confident that, continuing to work together, we can grow a revitalized, larger, vibrant *REACT*.

-Charles A. "Chuck" Thompson



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FCC Update

FCC Begins 'Audit' of Licensees

The Federal Communications Commission, not generally known for its watchdog intensity in the realm of private radio services, has begun sending out notices of an audit of licensees.

Failure to respond to the notice could mean that the license will be cancelled.

So far, apparently the audit is concentrating on VHF and UHF commercial-band licenses. In essence, the audit asks whether in fact the licensee is still operating, and if so what facilities (base stations, mobiles, repeaters, etc.) are currently in use.

As of early February, we know of nine *REACT* Teams that have received the audit letter. The Teams, and their response to date, are:

Augusta (Ga.) *REACT* Inc. -- no response; FCC may have the Team's address wrong.

CBA Potter Co. (Tex.) *REACT* -- no response.

Colleton Co. (S.C.) *REACT* -- has responded.

Garden State (N.J.) *REACT* -- FCC may have the Team's address wrong.

Grupo Halcones (P.R.) *REACT* -- has responded.

Martin Co. (Ky.) *REACT* & Rescue Squad -- no response.

Pulaski Co. (Ind.) Emergency *REACT* & Rescue -- FCC says re-

sponse "invalid sent to PWD," whatever that means!

Wabash Valley (Ind.) *REACT* -- has responded.

Florida State DCAT (chartered as *REACT* 6000) -- no response.

There may be other Teams that have received audit letters; this list was obtained by searching at the FCC's Web site, and if a Team's name doesn't include the word, *REACT*, we would have missed them.

Again, the audit essentially is intended simply to verify that the licensee is still operating and using the equipment specified in the license. *Failing to answer the letter is likely to result in cancellation of the license.*

-Tom Currie
(Matt Anderson also contributed to this article)

Update on FCC Petitions

On December 7, 2001, the Dixon-Leef proposal to establish FRS channel 1 as a Common Call Channel, without tone, was denied by the Federal Communications Commission.

It is interesting to note that a reason for denial was a misunderstanding on the part of the FCC

that radios would have to be redesigned. It should also be noted that no comments could be found at the FCC Web site for or against the petition, indicating a possible problem in the system. While the decision by Kathleen O'Brien Ham, who is the Deputy Chief of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, is unfortunate, the petitioners believe that FRS users will continue to consider channel 1 as a Common Call Channel and promote it as such unofficially because it is in the public interest.

REACT's position in the Fall of 2000 when the proposal was made public was, "In view of recent news stories, *REACT* has recommended that all members should monitor FRS channel 1 whenever possible to provide assistance. We suggest that this is another public service that members can be involved in." Of course monitoring is optional and actually a step beyond the concept of having a call channel.

The other petition of interest has not been finally acted on as of this date. RM-10312 is the Dixon-Leef proposal to extend the GMRS license term from five to ten years at no increase in the \$75 fee, or keep the five year license but reduce the fee to \$25. Latest word from the FCC is that a decision is expected in a few weeks.

-R. K. Leef

REACT Teams Help with the Olympic Torch Run

[Editor's Note: The Eternal Flame of the Olympic Spirit is maintained in a cauldron at the International Olympic headquarters in Athens, Greece. Before each Games, a torch is lit from the cauldron, and runners carry the flame to the Games' venue. This year the Olympic Winter Games were held in Salt Lake City, Utah, and the torch was carried across much of the United States. Several REACT Teams helped carry the torch through their communities. Here are the reports from two Teams.]



Four Oklahoma County REACT members, in three vehicles, satisfactorily completed the assignment of escorting a convoy of Olympic Torch Run support vehicles from Oklahoma City, Okla., to the Texas state line on IH40. We had two OHP Troopers part of the way. From that point, only one led the way. We had the primary responsibility for relaying information between the Olympic "Pace Car" and the various OHP Troopers.

We also answered queries from many eastbound truckers about what was happening on the westbound side of IH40. Some of their comments were hilarious.

Interestingly enough, when we arrived at the Texas/Oklahoma state line, the Texas DPS Trooper with whom we had been in radio contact seemed to assume that we were going to continue with the escort. It would have been fun, but, unfortunately, we had to get back to Oklahoma City.

All in all, a good time was had by all. I encourage any Team along the route to try to participate.

-Bob Kaster

As the Olympic Torch passed through Boise, Ida., Valley Wide REACT was there.

Sgt Rich Furman of the Boise Police Department contacted the Team to assist during the Torch passing through Boise. On Friday, January 25, the Team closed a parking lot

at 6 a.m. that was to be used by the vendors and part of the Torch procession.

At eleven o'clock, the street was closed off and the Team released until four o'clock when we were to operate three "lost child" booths in the same area. These booths were to be kept open until nine o'clock that evening. We had a few "lost children," but the most exciting thing was that some of us would be as close as fifteen feet from the Torch as it came into the Center on the Grove.



The Olympic Committee expected a large crowd and were not disappointed. It was estimated that this was the largest crowd to view the Torch on its way to Salt Lake City.

Saturday at 4 a.m. the Team manned a drive-through at Timberline High School that was to be used by the Torch as it made its way out of Boise and on to Mountain Home, Ida., and points East.

The Team used CB and ham radio and had public safety radios to contact the Police Department in the event of an emergency. The Team was given special passes by the Police Department to allow us to move our vehicles in and out of the Center on the Grove, and gave us special parking in one of the local parking garages.

-Roger Byrd

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The all-time most successful movie was 'Gone With the Wind,' followed by 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs' – In fact, of the 50 most successful movies of all time today, those two were the only ones that had been made!

Teletype was the fastest electronic text message system

The following devices did not yet exist (as consumer products): videocassette recorders, compact disks, video games, home computers, microwave ovens, cellular telephones

John F. Kennedy was President of the United States, and would be for another year and a half

AT&T was the only phone company in town, in most of the United States, and would be for another 20 years

A young advertising executive in Chicago had an idea: to organize local groups of Citizens Band radio operators, to encourage them to monitor a designated CB channel, and to train them to relay accurate emergency information to the proper agency. He called this

organization ***REACT.***

...and Yes, we're still around!

The May-June issue of *The REACTer* will contain special articles about the history of *REACT*. If you or your Team have something special to contribute, please send it by e-mail or post not later than March 31, 2002.

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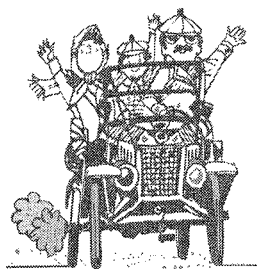
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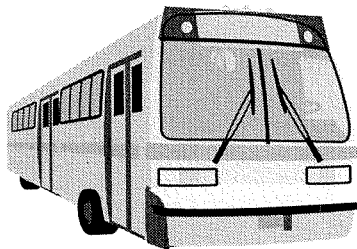
On July 15, 2002 you will come to Des Moines, Iowa for the "premier showing" of the 40th REACT International Convention. Let us fill you in on what to expect.

Iowa is known as the Hawkeye State and its slogan is, "A Field of Dreams." Several famous movies were filmed in Iowa, such as, "Bridges of Madison County" (not very far from our hotel, but more about that later), "Twister," and "Field of Dreams." There's more to come on movies and famous people.

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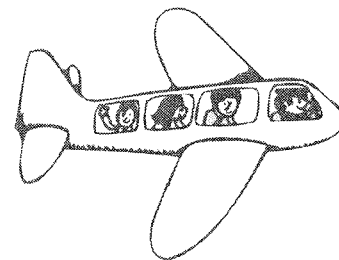


If you're driving, the interstate is the easiest way to get here (IH35 from the north or south, IH80 from the east or west). As you send your registration in, request the printed instructions to the hotel. It will be much easier than trying to give instructions here for people coming from various directions.



If you're coming by bus, let us know. We can advise you on transportation.

If you're flying, you're really lucky! After you land at our airport, just walk across the street!



HOTEL

The hotel is the Holiday Inn Conference Center, 6111 Fleur Drive. Within the hotel are two restaurants – the Sidewalk Café for breakfast, lunch and dinner and the Crystal Tree Dining Room for the "special" dinner. (It's a bit more expensive, but *great food!*) There are a number of great restaurants within a few blocks of the hotel featuring Iowa favorites. The rooms are \$75 plus tax up to 4 occupants. To quote Executive Vice President Dick Cooper, "I was concerned about the hotel price until I saw the rooms. They are well worth the price." The staff is easy to work with so if you have a problem or need help, feel free to contact them. You can always contact the Convention staff, as well. Reservations number 1-800-248-4013.

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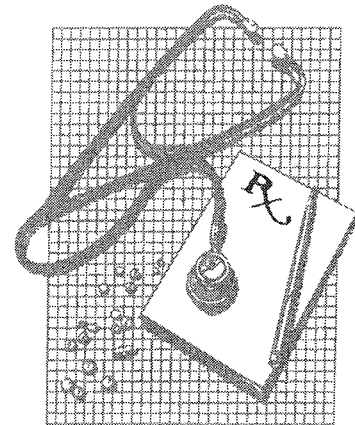
If you need a special diet or would prefer vegetarian meals, *please* notify us on your registration form. We'll see that the catering staff knows in advance. But let us know early or we might not be able to accommodate your request successfully.

There will be a Junior *REACT*er banquet during the closing banquet and we will be serving pizza and pop, but until we know how many juniors will be attending, we can't give you a cost. So register early.

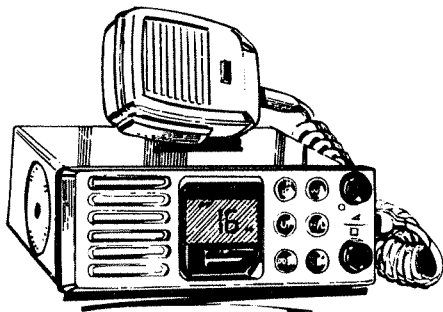
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The weather is hot and humid in Iowa during the summer so if it's a problem for you, be sure you tell us. If you need medical devices or prescriptions that you forgot, advise us as well. We'll see what we can work out.

The BOTTOM LINE — COMMUNICATE WITH US!



COMMUNICATIONS



Please turn your radios off while in the hotel unless you are involved in a convention function. They might interfere with other transmissions within the hotel. Communications will be provided by one of our Team's communications vehicles, located in the rear parking lot. Feel free to drop in. The frequencies we will be using are: Ham 146.34/39; GMRS 462.625 no tone, 462.675 Tone 141.3; CB channel 19.

AMATEUR RADIO SPECIAL EVENT STATION

Amateur Radio Station K0CFI has been issued a special event 1x1 call to commemorate the 40th anniversary of *REACT*. This special event call will be effective from the 14th through the 20th of July 2002. The call will be K0I; it will be in operation at the convention. We are looking for other amateur radio operators within *REACT* to help staff the station during the convention. A special event certificate will be awarded to those stations contacting the convention station K0I during the convention. If you are interested in assisting with this operation, please contact the Iowa State *REACT* Council President at k0cfi@cfu.net.

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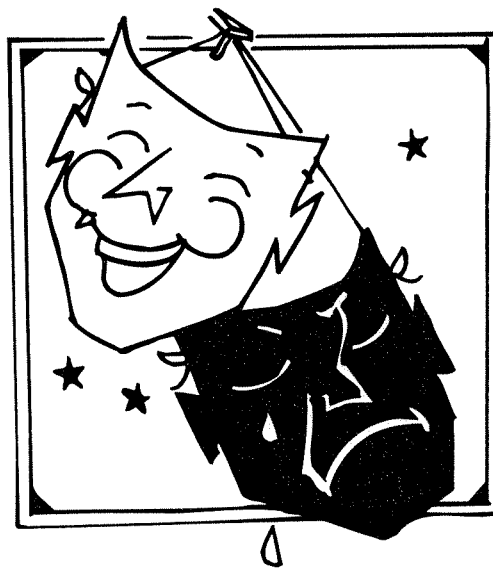


The form is included in this issue. You will note that there are some items "To Be Announced." Our photographer is negotiating the photo price; we're working to get the best price for you. As for the t-shirts, we have a couple of opportunities to get them free, but it's not definite yet. We'll keep you advised on both issues. Remember, Dee with Dees Tees will be there and she will have shirts available as well. Send in your registration (complete with payment) **before March 31, 2002.** and you'll be eligible for a drawing for **one free room at the convention.**

ENTERTAINMENT

What is there to do in the area? Here are some of the highlights. We'll have brochures available at the convention.

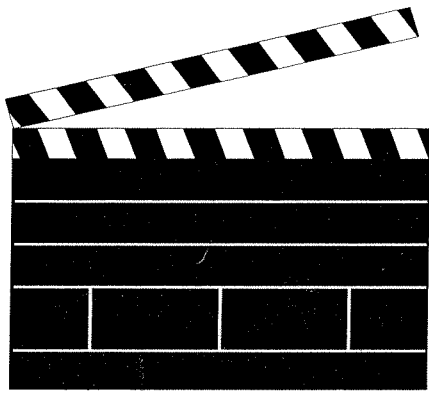
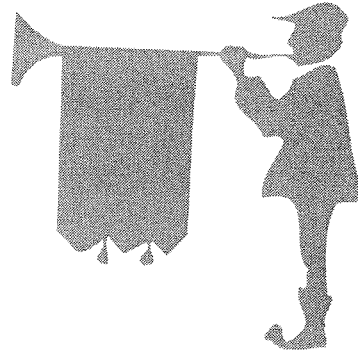
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- More to come!



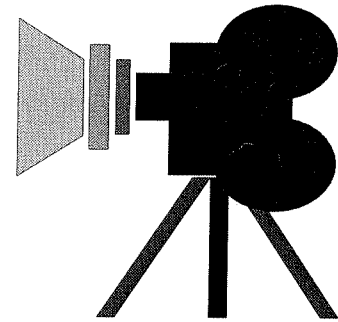
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Iowa has had many famous people born and raised in the state. Here are just a few :

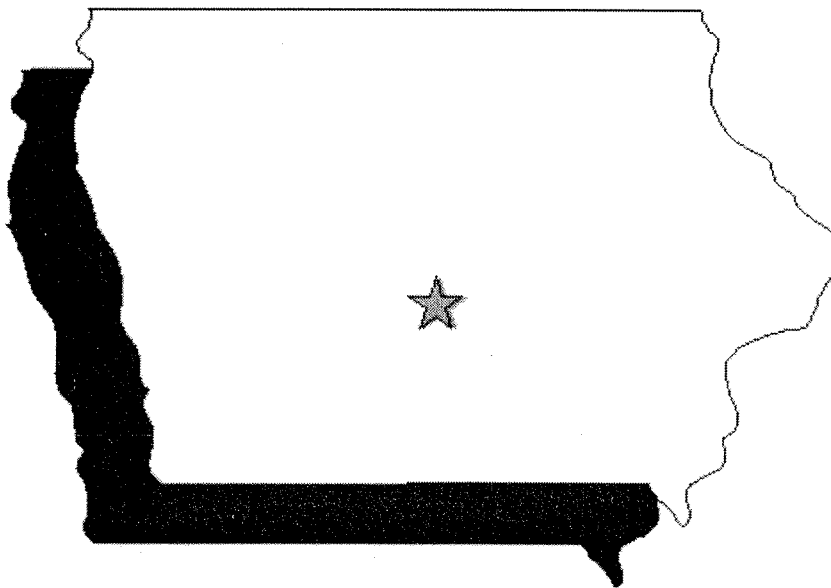
John Wayne – Western actor
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REACTivities.....Team,

Pinellas/Pasco Co. (Fla) REACT

Pinellas/Pasco County REACT has had a busy month with water rescues.

Tim Pendry, our acting President, rescued two boats out in the Gulf of Mexico that had mechanical problems. He was operating our 23-foot boat, which is decked out with REACT RESCUE on the sides. The people he rescued were very grateful; if they had had to call a private tow-in service, it would have cost them hundreds of dollars. We provide the service for free.

During the last week in October, Tim was patrolling in the Gulf when he came upon a sunken boat. He called me and I attempted to contact the Coast Guard, but got no answer at their emergency number. I called the Sheriff's Office and they sent out their Marine Unit, who apparently then notified the Coast Guard. Tim spent some two and a half hours searching for survivors. When the Coast Guard finally showed up, they told him that they had received a call about forty-five minutes earlier from the boat owner, who was taking on water and planned to leave the boat. Tim was upset at having wasted his time when they could have let him know earlier.

People in Florida do take these situations very seriously. You can have a beautiful day, not a cloud in the sky, nothing on radar, and the sea can be as calm as can be, but an hour later a storm can come up and put you in jeopardy. This happened to Tim and me about three months ago; we were fishing in shark waters when a storm hit us and we began taking on water. We were lucky to make it back to shore with only a few bruises.

When our Team started the rescue boat service, I thought it would be used mainly during floods such as those caused by hurricanes. Instead, we have found our services needed for many serious situations, and that has been very rewarding for us.

-Gary Thomas

Flagler Co. (Fla.) REACT

The leadership of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES), Flagler County Assist REACT, and Skywarn storm spotter organizations met together on Tuesday November 27th in their first joint planning meeting ever to be held between the organizations. All three groups use volunteer radio operators as communicators for emergencies and public service

events in Flagler County.

In the past all of the groups have worked well together during events such as Tropical Storm Gabrielle, Hurricanes Floyd and Irene of 1999, and the 1998 wildfires. During these operations, radio volunteers from these organizations worked together as one Team assisting with communications and logistics.

The meeting discussed several different issues including the different types of radio systems that each group uses. ARES uses amateur radio and REACT uses General Mobile Radio Service. Plans were discussed on how the two systems can interlink with members who are licensed in both services. Other discussions included cooperation during searches, severe weather, emergency radio nets, plus training of volunteers, and expansion of existing volunteer communications networks as well as planning a future training exercise. The leadership will meet again in January to further organize their efforts.

-Bob Pickering



Council, & Region News

Oklahoma County REACT

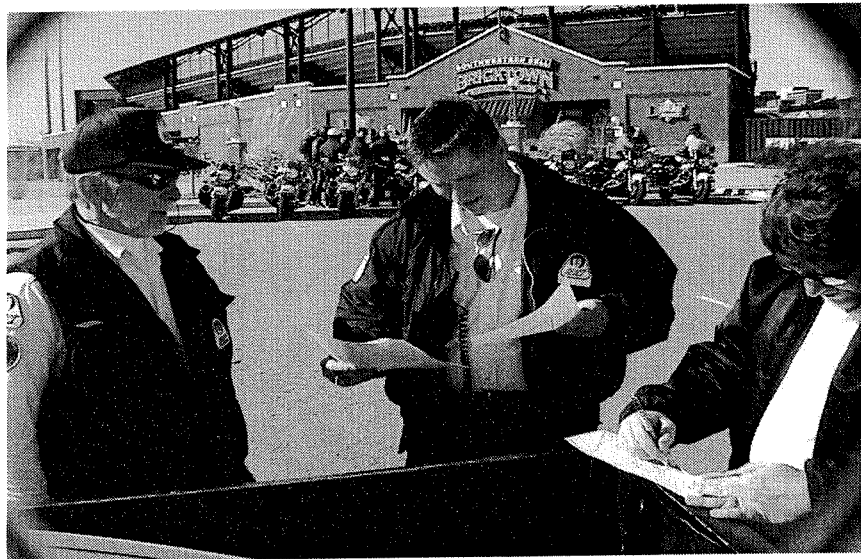
One of *REACT's* busiest Teams was even busier than usual this past Fall. Oklahoma County (Okla.) *REACT* was called on to help with the Olympic Torch Run (see page 4) and two other special events.

On October 30, the Team escorted the National Flag Run, a cross-country procession designed to promote patriotism after the September terrorist attacks.

Team members began at 8 a.m. in Lexington, Okla., escorting the runners, providing vehicle escort and communications support. OCR provided a radio to the runners' command post and relayed communications as needed to the local police departments along the route. At various points, county sheriff's deputies and local police officers joined the procession, but OCR has been the primary escort across this part of Oklahoma.

Even in the early hours of the day, people lined the roads in the middle of nowhere to watch the Flag Run go by.

On December 1, the Team was called out again to provide vehicle escort and communications, this time for the New York City Firefighters, who rode bicycles across the country on a "Thank You, America!" tour. The



Bob Kaster, Paul Wood, and Dale Ellis of Oklahoma Co. *REACT* go over the Team assignments for the MLK Day parade. (Photo by Gayland Kitch)

tour began at Ground Zero in Manhattan and will end in Pasadena, Calif., at the Old Firehouse. From Oklahoma City, the itinerary includes Amarillo, Tex.; Albuquerque, N.M.; Tempe, Ariz.; Tonopah, Nev.; and Palm Springs, Calif., as well as all the towns and cities along the way.

While the firefighters were in Oklahoma City, they visited the Oklahoma City Memorial at the site of the Murrah Federal Building bombing.

Again, several county sheriff's officers and local police officers provided additional escort and traffic control.

The new year brought yet another opportunity for OCR to help with a community event, this time in observance of Martin

Luther King, Jr.'s birthday on January 21. Once again, we provided traffic control and communications for the MLK Day parade in downtown Oklahoma City.

-Dale Ellis

Tioga Co. (N.Y.) REACT

Tioga County *REACT*, formerly Southern Tier New York *REACT*, is back in operation serving all of Tioga County and surrounding areas. The reorganized Team plans to begin a Skywarn storm spotting program in February and a Search & Rescue Team by this summer.

-Patrick Cartwright, Jr.

REACT ivities...Team, Council, and

Champaign Co. (Ohio) REACT

Monitoring CB Channel 9 is the original *REACT* function and the one best known to the world, but *REACT* members can perform a valuable service by monitoring other radios as well. Some Teams monitor GMRS or the new FRS. Paul Jackson of Champaign Co. and his son, Philip Jackson of Pickaway Co. (both in Ohio), monitor the emergency channel on Marine Band radio during the peak months of April through November.

Paul and Philip use two Marine Band base stations, a base-mobile, and a 60-channel portable. The radios have enough range to cover the two large bodies of water near their homes.

In many cases, the Jacksons can relay calls directly to the parks police water patrol before calling 911, saving precious seconds in getting help to boaters and swimmers.

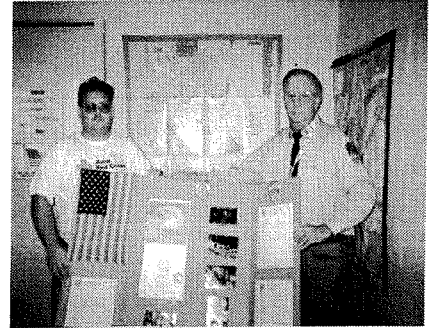
But not all the calls they handle on the Marine Band radios involve waterborne emergencies. One call involved a structure fire, and another caller reported a car on fire. In both cases, the people who needed help grabbed the nearest communications device, which happened to be a Marine Band radio.

-Paul Jackson

Henry Co. (Ohio) REACT

Keith Hosman, vice president of Henry Co. (Ohio) *REACT* and District Coordinator for the Ohio State *REACT* Council, continues to work at the Red Cross disaster relief center in New York City.

While he is in New York, Keith keeps in touch with events back home in Ohio. Thus when the Napoleon City, Ohio, Fire Department wanted to send an expression of sympathy and solidarity to the New York City Fire



Keith Hosman presents a memorial to the New York firefighters who died in the World Trade Center attack. The memorial was sent by firefighters in the Napoleon City, Ohio, fire department.

(Photo by a captain of the Red Cross Disaster Assistance Response Team)

Department, they asked Keith to make the presentation.

Illinois REACT Council

Illinois *REACT* Council has gone to its first Hamfest this year and the first hamfest in the past ten years. It was a success with people coming up and asking about *REACT*. Some thought *REACT* had folded, others talked about the time they were in *REACT*. Others just wanted to know what *REACT* was all about. I also got to meet some Team members from Wisconsin.

Even though the turnout of people at our table was not overwhelming, I was able to show others that *REACT* is alive and well, if not all over the place.

One of the biggest questions was, "Why can't I hear your

teams on Channel 9 anymore?" It's sad but many still look for *REACT* to be out there. I explained that many Teams are doing other worthwhile things for their community by using other means of radio communications, such as working closer with their local police and fire departments. I also let them know that you will find more Teams monitoring in areas farther away from the major cities.

Illinois *REACT* Council's next hamfest will be in the Sterling - Rock Falls area on March 17th. If you get a chance to stop by, please do so.

-Archie L. Hawley

Region News Continued

100%ers

As of the end of January, the following Teams had renewed for 2002 with 100 percent of their members:

C250 - Champaign Co., Ill.
6042 - Fairfax, W.Va.
2148 - Clinch Valley, Va.
2125 - Great River, Ill.
4605 - Lincoln, Neb.
4748 - Lake Washington, Wash.
3232 - Comanche, Okla.
4270 - Lake Simcoe, Ont.
C128 - La Habra, Calif.
3522 - Punxsutawney, Penn.
2627 - City (Calgary, Alta.)
4573 - Frazier Mountain, Calif.
C025 - Clark Co., Ohio
3920 - Armstrong Co. Area, Penn.
4956 - Valley Wide, Ida.
C610 - Dixie, Fla.
2871 - Shenandoah Valley, Va.
6024 - E.R.C. Monroe Co., N.Y.
4987 - Tri-City, Ill.
4924 - Industry Hills, Calif.
C241 - Riverside Co., Calif.
2632 - McDowell Co., N.Car.
4105 - Ossipee Valley, N. H.
C422 - Colorado West, Col.
3038 - Hawkeye, Iowa
2802 - Forsyth Co., N. Car.
C101 - Stephens Co., Tex.
C057 - Blackberry, Calif.
2114 - Waterloo Regional, Ont.
4577 - Space Coast, Fla.
C345 - Chillicothe Twin City, Ill.
4823 - Berry-Cynthiana, Ky.
C697 - Madison Co., Ind.
4812 - Kauai, Haw.
C705 - Front Royal, Va.
C576 - Eldred Interstate, N. Y.
C069 - Compupac, Calif.
2141 - United Valley, Penn.
3310 - West Suburbs, Ill.
2785 - Abington, Penn.
6036 - Rio Grande Valley, N.M.
6033 - Howard Co., Md.
C264 - Lansing, Mich.
C320 - Superstition, Ariz.
C260 - Massillon-Stark Co., Ohio
4583 - Bayshore, N.J.
4778 - Orlando Metro, Fla.
3679 - Butte, Mont.
C282 - Wayne Co., Ohio

New Teams

Welcome these new members of the REACT family!

6049 - Pioneer Valley, Westfield, Mass.
6050 - Central Palm Beach Co., Fla.
6051 - Hudson Co., Nutley, N.J.

Silent Mics

We have been informed of the following Silent Mics but have no further details:

Kaye H. Lemons, Cleveland Co., N.Car.
G. P. "Goody" Warren, Crest REACT, Calif.
Arthur A. Jacobs, Coshocton Co., Ohio.
Henry Schmidling, Centinela South Bay, Calif.
Chuck Waureschen, Waterloo Regional, Ont.
Mary Alice McCoy, Vanderburgh Co., Ind.
James Powers, Spencer Co., Ind.

Guy Gaston, Spencer Co., Ind
Carol Knight, South Gate, Calif.
Jean-Louis Morin, Edmonston, N.B.
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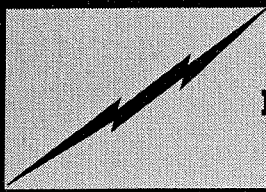
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by Stuart M. DeLuca, Editor

Getting the Picture

In the last *REACTer*, I talked about getting articles about your Team into the magazine. This time, I want to offer some advice on getting your pictures published.

The most frequent complaint I've gotten over the past two years has been, "Why are the pictures so bad?" And I've had to agree: too often, the photos *have* been dark, fuzzy, and dull.

I'm taking steps to correct the problem, but a big part of the solution requires your help.

First, I've found someone who knows how to improve the quality of photos and other graphic images in *The REACTer*, and she has volunteered to help. She is Pat Knight (aka Mrs. Lee Besing), and she is now the Art Editor for the magazine. She's a talented and experienced computer graphics artist and designer. This is the first issue she has helped put together; I'm sure you will see major improvements in future issues.

But even Pat can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear, as the saying goes.

When you send us a picture, it goes through several processes before it reaches the printed page, and each step involves some loss of quality. If the picture wasn't very clear in the first place, by the time it gets to your eyeballs there may not be much "quality" left.

So here are my tips on getting the picture *published* for every-

one to enjoy:

- * Start by *taking* a good picture with a decent camera on high-quality film. Please -- Don't send us Polaroid snapshots (unless you used a professional-quality Polaroid camera) or pictures taken with a "throwaway" camera.

- * Black-and-white film is all but extinct, but there is a wide range of color films. Use the lowest-speed (ASA number) film that will produce a good, clear image under the lighting conditions you expect to face.

- * Take pictures of *people doing something*. Pictures of a row of people standing against a wall aren't very informative or interesting. Why are they there? Show them doing what they came to do!

- * Send photos electronically if you can, especially if they were made with a digital camera. Send them by e-mail in JPEG or TIFF file format. If you send a print, we have to scan it into a digital file anyway.

- * Don't *mutilate* your own pictures! Don't write on the back (*or the front!*) of a print. Don't use paper clips or staples. Attach a slip of paper containing the caption and credit; tape the slip to the *back* of the photo.

- * Don't forget to tell us *who* the people in the photo are, and who took the picture.

- * We can't reproduce photos from newspapers or other magazines, even with permission.

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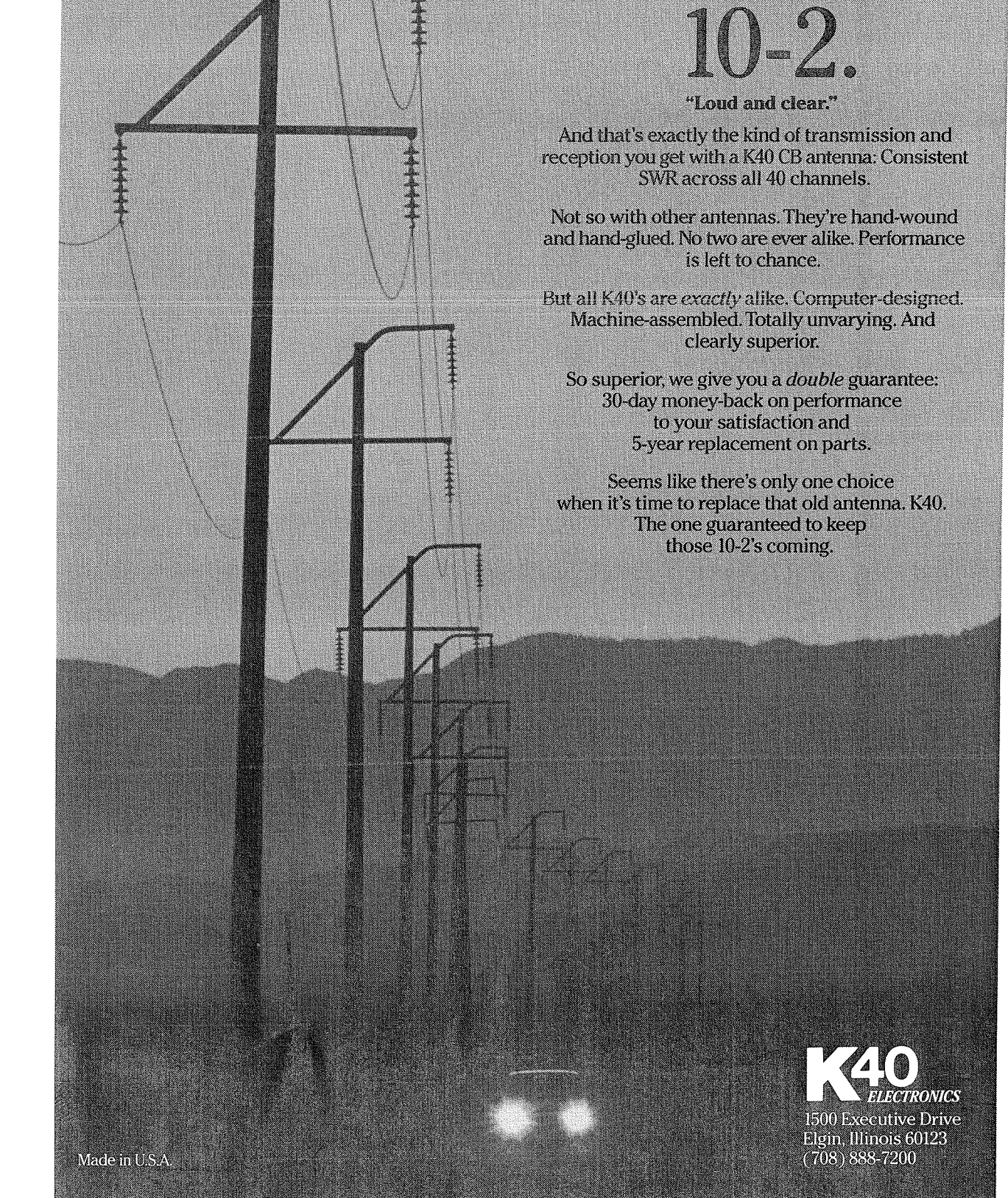
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