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The February Surprise

The trees are still asleep today

And do not seem to know

A storm came by last night and heaped

Their branches full of snow.

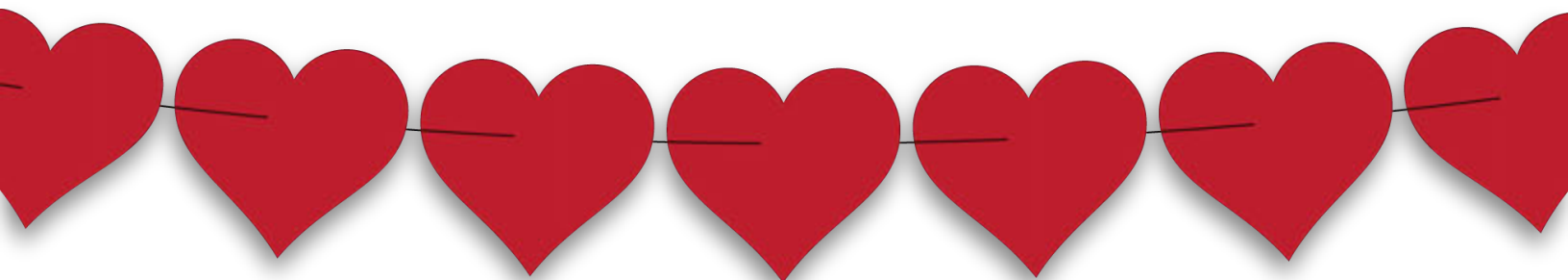
See how they start up with surprise

As one by one they wake.

"Why, gracious me!" they seem to say,

And give themselves a shake.

-Ralph Marcellino



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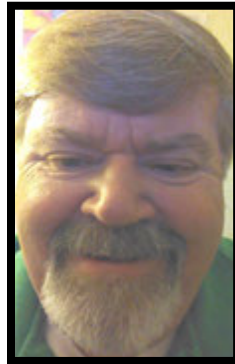
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A Word from the Editor Will Stanley

Well, I'm not sure how our members feel about poetry, but I could not have written anything more relevant for February... and late winter snowstorms.

Late February snow, as mentioned in the poem, is something that all *REACT*ers in mountainous areas and in the Midwest have to sometimes deal with and so, being a part of the *REACT* life, they find themselves prepared.

Preparedness. That's a word we are all familiar with. *REACT*ers, like Boy Scouts, must always be prepared, for one never knows what skill might be needed the next time that call comes for help!

So, we train and we study and we practice. Some would say that all *REACT* has to be is bodies on a corner with a radio or simply just a voice on a radio. Not True! See my article later in this issue about training. If we want to be taken seriously, we have to act seriously.

What goes around, comes around.

As always, my door is open to everybody. Contact me at editor@thereacter.com and don't forget to send in that TEAM NEWS!





Southern Minnesota Albert Lea REACT

(Minnesota)

Submitted by Leland Johnson, Sec'y

Southern Minnesota Albert Lea REACT stays very busy during the year! With 16 members, the Team does many civic events and promotional events,

The second weekend of February, the Team has a promotional table at the Black Powder and Historical Fair.

During the July 4th Weekend, the Team puts on a Safety Break! (How many of you remember that?) The Team serves coffee, cookies, and soft drinks to the motoring public at Rest Stop Area 1 on I-35 south of the city all weekend. Leland Johns, Team secretary, says "We try to get people off the road for a little bit, get them to rest up some. If we save one life that weekend, that's what we strive for! The DOT puts signs up for us letting people know that the service is available. We get lots of new friends that stop by!"



Kids learning to pan for gold

In October, the Team helps with the Big Island Rendezvous. This is an event where vendors all dress up like it's the 1850's and display and sell various items relating to that time period. The event is held on



Abe Lincoln greets a child at the Annual Big Island Rendezvous

a hill and the Team provides traffic assistance by controlling alternating traffic on the hill, where a member at the top sends traffic down and then holds traffic while the member at the bottom send traffic up. They also have a promotional table at the event.



Benjamin Franklin was there, also!



The first weekend of December, at the Northbridge Mall, the Team helps with the annual Train Show. They also have a promotional table at the event and usually try to have an engineer from Operation:Lifesaver™ to talk about rail crossing safety.



*Attendees at the Train Show setting up displays
Additional photos of the Big Island event courtesy of Michael Huerkamp, Otisco, Minn published at:
<http://www.bigislandfestivalandbbq.org/Rendezvous/rendezvous.htm>*

Cleveland County REACT

(North Carolina)

Submitted by Jay Flora, Chief

On 11/11/2016 Cleveland County *REACT* was called to help Shelby Police with the 2016 Veterans Day Parade. Jay Flora R-1 and Sam Richardson R-5 assisted with traffic and blocking roads to keep traffic off the Parade route. The parade went from 8:30 a.m. until 11:45 a.m.

Cleveland County *REACT* was invited to the Shelby Police Annual Christmas Party on December 8th. The Team was represented by CCR Chief Jay Flora.

The Shelby Police Department presented Chief Jay with a Certificate of Appreciation for the



assistance he provides to the department by releasing local officers from traffic assistance during vehicle incidents.

The Team stayed busy with accidents and incidents in December and January. Four people were injured late Friday afternoon in a crash on College Avenue, around 4 p.m. A tractor-trailer and sport utility vehicle collided at the corner of Charles Road and College Avenue, according to Shelby Police Chief Jeff Ledford. The people in the SUV were transported to a local hospital with unknown injuries. The driver of the tractor-trailer was uninjured, but was shaken up by the accident.

The semi-truck sustained some front end damage and ended up in the front yard of a home facing west on College Avenue.

"I tried to stop and dodge, but I hit him and spun him around. He hit that pole," the driver said.

At 5:55 a.m. on 2/07/2017 the Team went to Help Shelby Police with Traffic Control following an accident with Injuries and people trapped in the vehicle on Highway 74. Jay Flora blocked traffic on NC Hwy 74. It was a bad time for something like



this; Morning Rush Hour Traffic.

The highway was reopened to traffic by about 7 a.m.

Trinidad/Tobago

Submitted by Ravindranath "Robby" Goswami

REACT International, Inc. is now in its 55th year of existence. This is quite an achievement for any organization.

It has been several years since we have had a Convention. Such an undertaking requires planning and a committee of dedicated volunteers from a Team to take care of every aspect of hosting the event.

The process starts with making a bid to host the convention by the interested Team, and includes the submission of a proposal inclusive of a program of events and a budget. Information on the location, convention fees, activities estimates of hotel rates are presented. There are many persons familiar with the process, including our Assistant Director for Region 9, Kenny Jagdeosingh, who was responsible for bidding for the 2001 Convention held in Trinidad and Tobago.

Once approved to proceed, the Team then sets about making the necessary preparations. Obtaining sponsors, displays, vendors, guest



speakers, preparation of a convention package, inclusive of a booklet, group photos, dinners, and outings are part of the responsibilities of the host Team. Training is usually incorporated as well, and even amateur testing has been included in the past. The event is advertised in *The REACTer* and advanced registration is encouraged to get an idea of the participation. Membership attendance is critical, and is a



Participants in the 2001 REACT International Convention held in Trinidad/Tobago

main determinant of success. A *REACT* International, Inc., Board Meeting is also usually held during the event.

The Convention can last an average of three (3) days, or shorter, or longer, depending on the plans and what makes sense. In the past, many *REACTers* would utilize this as their vacation,

and incorporate a longer stay in the area where the

Convention is being held, and include their families in the trip.

REACT International, Inc., also provides US\$1,000 "seed money" to the host Team, to get things going to take care of up-front expenses. It is returned upon completion for the next Team to host a Convention.

Of course, to host a Convention is no small undertaking and is a serious responsibility, but it is doable and can be very rewarding. So, is your Team up to the task? Think about it and talk it over with your Team towards making a proposal for hosting one. Submit your interest to ri.hq@reactintl.org.

Let's have a Convention!



Speaking of Conventions...

Thirty Years ago, nearly 200 *REACTers* gathered in San Antonio, Texas, to celebrate *REACT's* 25th Anniversary.

Many of *REACT's* movers and shakers are in this shot. People like Chuck Thompson, Jim Bear, Christine White, Robert Riechel, Ron McCracken, , Richard Pratz, and more (not to mention your Editor, who was a lot younger and a lot darker of hair and beard then).

In 1987, *REACT* was 25 years old, going strong and picking up speed! This year, we are 30 years older and still going strong!

An Open Letter to All **REACT** Teams and Members



This is your Editor speaking.

When I took over this publication, I did so with the full knowledge that past Editors and past Boards had created a rift, if you will, between the members and the magazine.

I have heard stories from most everybody I have talked to about Teams sending in Team News or other articles and then never seeing it in print. That was an unfortunate method of doing business.

Now I cannot speak for the others in the past who have been on the Board or who have been Editors, because I do not know them and so I cannot say for sure what their reasoning might have been in not publishing something.

I can tell you this; my policy is if you send it in, I will publish it. It might not be the very next issue, but it will be in by the one after.

This magazine is about YOU. What YOU do, how YOU do it, when and where YOU do it. We publish the Team News section so you can brag about your activities, your innovations, and your accomplishments. We publish that section so other Teams can read something and say, "Hey! WE can do that!" That is how **REACT** grew from an idea in one man's head to an organization that was at one point 70,000 plus members strong and is this year in its 55th year of operation!

The point I am making here is **SEND ME TEAM NEWS!** It doesn't matter if you think it's 'nothing special.' Send it in! If you can't write, send me the pictures and the details and I WILL write if for you! Send in your news even if you don't have pictures!

As a gentleman of my acquaintance was fond of saying, "I need your Hep!" I need **YOUR HEP** to return this magazine to the top quality publication it once was.

Only YOU can do it!



REACT International, Inc.

Minutes of the Annual Board of Directors Meeting

January 23, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. Pacific Time at the ARIA Hotel, Las Vegas, Nev., by Chairman Capodanno. A moment of silence was observed for all members who passed on in the last year.

Roll call was taken by acting secretary Ryan Reid:

Directors:

R1 – Warren Deitz - Absent

R2 – Thomas Currie – Present

R3 – Joseph Zych - Present

R4 – Vacant

R5 – Vacant

R6 – Tom Jenkins – Present

R7 – Jerry Jones - Present

R8 – John Capodanno – Present

R9 – Ravindranath Goswami – Present

Officers:

President – John Capodanno - Present

Executive Vice President – Florence Conlee - Absent

Secretary – Vacant

Treasurer – Russ Dunn - Absent

Ass't Secretary – Vacant

Ass't Treasurer - Vacant

Guests Present:

Terry Houston – Burke County REACT

Beverly Roland – Burke County REACT

Tom Blandford – Star Mountain REACT

Matt Boudreaux – Overlook Heights REACT

Ashley Boudreaux – Overlook Heights REACT

Matt Misetich – LacoREACT

Brian Van Meter – Office Volunteer

Ryan Reid – Audio and Video

Larry Fry – TriCity REACT 10:35 a.m.

Will Stanley – Un-Attached Life Member 11:00 a.m.

It was confirmed that a Quorum has been established.

Appointment of Secretary **(Item 1)**

Ryan Reid was appointed as secretary for this meeting only.

Announcements **(Item 2)**

Received notice of Director Vizzuso resigned as a member of *REACT*.

Agenda **(Item 3)**

Director Jenkins moved to accept the agenda, second by Director Jones.

R2-Y R3-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Meeting minutes **(Item 4)**

Director Jenkins moved to approve the minutes from November 10, 2016, second by Director Zych.

R2-Y R3-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Officer Report **(Item 5)**

President – We are at 30% renewal rate.

Director Report **(Item 6)**

Director Zych gave report, Director Jenkins gave report, Director Jones gave report, Director Capodanno gave report, Director Goswami submitted report.

Committies of the Board **(Item 7)**

Director Jenkins gave report on the office review.

Director Jenkins moved to table bylaw additions, seconded by Director Currie.

R2-Y R3-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Committees Report **(Item 8)**

ITC – Will Richards submitted a report on the proposed online renewal system.

LIFE – Life Chair reported no new life members reported for 2016.

BREAK 10:15 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.

CPA Review **(Item 9)**

Director Capodanno moved to table CPA report until next meeting, second by Director Jenkins.

R2-Y R3-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

2017 Budget **(Item 10)**

Director Jones moved to accept the 2017 Budget, second by Director Currie.

R2-Y R3-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Policy Weapon (Item 11)

Director Jones moved that Director Currie make one change to policy 1.01 for next meeting second by Director Jenkins.

R2-Y R3-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Logo Update (Item 12)



Director Jones moved to accept the new updated *REACT* Logo second by Director Currie.

R2-Y R3-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Trademark new logo (Item 13)

Director Jenkins moved to trademark our new logo, second by Director Goswami.

R2-Y R3-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

B.F. Jennings Award (Item 14)

Director Capodanno moved to use a paper award for the B.F. Jennings Award, second by Director Jones.

R2-Y R3-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

JR REACT Program (Item 15)

Director Jenkins moved to table JR *REACT* program until release forms are done second by Director Jones.

R2-Y R3-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

55 Year Logo (Item 16)

Director Currie moved to use the 55yr logo digitally second by Director Zych.

R2-Y R3-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

LUNCH 12:09 pm – 1:30 p.m.

Close Session (Item 17)

Director Jenkins moved to close session at 1:30 p.m., second by Director Jones.

R2-Y R3-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Open Session (Item 18)

Director Jenkins moved to open session at 2:00 p.m., second by Director Zych.

R2-Y R3-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

No action taken in closed session.

Vacant seat in region 4 (Item 19)

Director Jones moved to table until notices are sent out to region 4 , seconded by Director Currie.

R2-Y R3-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Vacant seat in region 5 **(Item 20)**

Director Jones moved to appoint Larry Fry to the unexpired term in Region 5, seconded by Director Zych.

R2-Y R3-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Election of officers **(Item 21)**

The Chairman opened the floor for executive vice President. Director Jones, Director Jenkins, EVP Conlee were nominated. Ballot vote was taken, Mr. Jones was elected.

The Chairman opened the floor for nominations for secretary. Director Jenkins nominated Mr. Misetich of Los Angeles County *REACT*. There were no further nominations and Mr. Misetich was elected unanimously.

The Chairman opened the floor for nominations for treasurer. Director Jenkins nominated Mr. Dunn. There were no further nominations and Mr. Dunn was reelected unanimously.

The Chairman opened the floor for nominations for assistant secretary. Director Jenkins nominated Ms. Boudreaux. There were no further nominations and Ms. Boudreaux was elected unanimously.

Assistant Treasurer **(Item 22)**

Director Jones moved to table assistant treasurer until next meeting, seconded by Director Currie.

R2-Y R3-Y R5-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y Motion passed.

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman **(Item 23)**

The Chairman opened the floor for nominations for chairman. Director Jenkins nominated Mr. Capodanno. There were no further nominations and Mr. Capodanno was reelected unanimously.

The Chairman opened the floor for nominations for vice chairman. Director Jones nominated Mr. Jenkins. There were no further nominations and Mr. Jenkins was elected unanimously.

Next Meeting **(Item 24)**

Wednesday February 15, 2017, at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

Adjournment **(Item 25)**

Director Jenkins moved to adjourn, second by Director Currie.

R2-Y R3-Y R5-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Submitted by

Ryan Reid

REACT International 2017 Annual Board Meeting in Las Vegas



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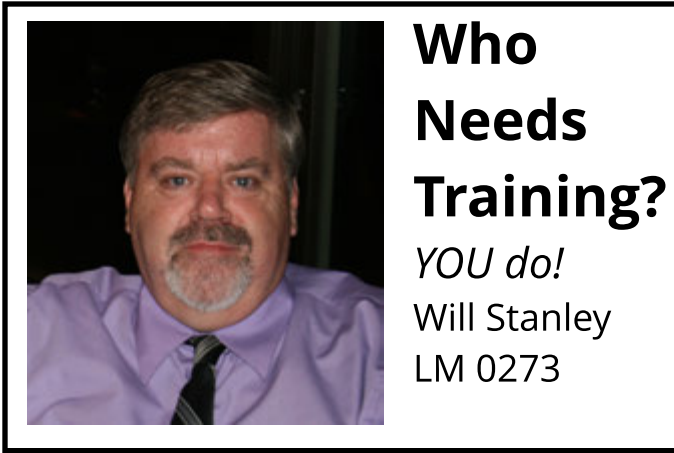


REACT's new logo for our 55th Anniversary was approved at the ABM in Las Vegas in January. This logo is approved for Teams to use through the end of 2017.

Watch the REACTer for news of a contest for the 60th Anniversary logo.

REACT PARTNERS





Who Needs Training?

YOU do!
 Will Stanley
 LM 0273

There has been recently some pretty intense discussion on training. Why do we need it? Where do we get it? Why is it important?

The following is a brief history of the Team that I became associated with *REACT* from... Team 2750, Dodge County *REACT*, Fremont, Neb. I am certain if any of the original members of the Team, particularly the founding members, read this, they may want to correct some of what I have written here and to be honest, I hope they will. I want this information to be as true as I can get it.

Back in 1976, when I first joined *REACT*, the Team was involved in a few things, such as providing additional crowd and traffic control for things like parades and such. We participated in storm watching and all that but were still considered that bunch of crazy CBers by the authorities. After all, was it not true that only Amateur Radio operators were serious about serving their communities while people who played with the new-fangled Citizens Band radio were a bunch of nuts. The very name - Citizens Band - indicated a less than serious approach to things. A license was required, at first. Even that was waived later.

Oh, sure, some fella named Henry B. Kreer up in Chicago had helped save the life of a sick child using his new CB but that was fluke, right?

Back to Fremont. The Team worked on becoming more professional but it seemed that all the work and focus on professionalism wasn't helping. So, we began concentrating on training. First we increased our knowledge of weather, working

closer with the National Weather Service, so when in spotting operations, our reports would contain more of what the Police Department needed for accurate decisions to be made.

Then we decided on crowd control and traffic control. We surprised the police department by approaching them and asking for training. This opened some eyes at the higher levels. The training we received helped us to be able to perform those duties more like a police officer would.

This use of the training to act more professionally also helped alert some of the higher levels of city government that, maybe, these people aren't so crazy...

We then made the decision to move into GMRS - General Mobile Radio Service. This allowed us to learn to communicate more professionally and as we started to use our new system, we decided to follow the examples of the Police and Sheriff's Departments and how they communicated.

About this time, a retirement at the top level of the Police Department moved a different man into the top slot and while he was not exactly a supporter of what *REACT* was, he wasn't as dead set against it as his predecessor had been.

Sometime after that, the Team proposed setting up a patrol operation for Halloween evening, a time when malicious mischief and outright harm to kids and buildings had been growing. We set up patrols, using *REACT* as an operation central, we put a dozen cars, consisting of *REACT* people, and volunteer firemen on the streets in unmarked cars on Halloween night. We reported a number of incidents that enabled police to stop or apprehend people who were intent on doing damage.

The next year, the police chief rode with one of our members and they encountered three young men spray painting something onto a wall at the high school. Needless to say the chief was impressed in what unmarked vehicles could do!

We were beginning to be taken seriously.

Shortly after that, we had three of our senior members who joined the Sheriff's Auxiliary. Now there was a move that made an impact! Those three brought to the Team the training they had received, which in turn bolstered the training we were already doing. Then we became associated with Civil Defense. We were added to the rosters of Region 5/6 Civil Defense for Dodge County. We were now eligible for FEMA training at government expense. We had many of our members who took advantage of that training and finally we were making head-way and being included in operations of city government that 10 years before had been only a fantasy.

A step back... as GMRS radios became more and more capable, it became obvious that we would be able to buy radios both for the Team and personally that would allow us to listen and broadcast on the police and sheriff frequencies. Many of us had those radios, but used them only to listen.

The day we were told that we had permission to


broadcast to the police department on their frequency, if we had something that would require their intervention meant **We Had Arrived.** They now saw us as a serious resource to be utilized where needed.

That was a day for the books.

Today, the members of that Team tell me the current Police Chief says they are an invaluable resource for him, saving the city upwards of \$75,000 a year in overtime and other costs.

So I say to Teams who say they can't get training or they don't need training, all they need is bodies, go after the training - you can get! It will help you in the long run. Professional aid agencies (Police, Fire, Sheriff, and Highway Patrol) all train extensively for what they do. If you show your local agencies that you are as serious about what you do as they are about what they do, the recognition will come.

But you have to be willing to put in the work. Just being a body on a corner with a radio somewhere is the equivalent of being a 'crazy CBer.'



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Some rare *REACT* memorabilia has become available for anyone interested in *REACT* History.

Ed Greany, Life Member 555, has three rare *REACT* PSA records recorded for RI by Pat Buttram, western comic actor, and Mr. Haney of TVs Green Acres.

There are 3 records, containing 25 PSAs on all subjects that *REACT* covered back then and in many cases still do today.

The records are of the small (45 rpm size) but are 33.3 rpm. They have been contained in their sleeves for their entire life.



If you are interested in this piece of *REACT* History, you may contact Ed Greany at crest25@verizon.net for more details.

GUEST OPINION



Whatever Happened to CB Radio?

Jay Flora
Cleveland County *REACT*, N.C.

As I was assisting with traffic on Highway 74 in Shelby, N.C., due to a broken down 18 wheeler, I was on the CB radio (channel-19) telling people to get into the left lane to avoid the blocked road.

I ID'd as *REACT* on CB 19 and I heard someone say "did he say he is *REACT*? I haven't heard of a *REACT* in 30 years! They used to be all over the US."

I replied, "Yes, *REACT*. We are still around; in fact Jan 23rd will be *REACT*'s 55th anniversary." He asked, "are you the only *REACT* Team in the US? I never hear or see *REACT* anymore as I travel the US."

I said, "No, there are Teams all over the US and the world but Amateur Radio and other services became more popular among *REACT* members, so they got away from CB radio. That's why you don't hear or see *REACT* any more."

REACT has lost all the good PUBLIC RELATIONS we started with by not using continuing to use CB radio.

Some suggestions:

#1 - *REACT* needs to get back to CB radio to get the PR like it used to have. Get on CB 19 and give out traffic reports in your local area to help people on the highway and also to give out local info and directions.

#2 - CB radio will be where people will go to in times of emergency and where is *REACT*? They are on Amateur Radio, not CB, helping people.

Yes, CB radio is still a good tool for *REACT*, so *REACT* needs to understand that it is bad when people think your Team is the only Team in the US, due to the lack of PUBLIC RELATIONS.

#3 - Using CB radio, you can get new members and maybe save a life. If *REACT* just wants to use Amateur then *REACT* is just another amateur radio club and not what it was started for! There used to be a time that *REACT* had signs on the highways to let people know there was a *REACT* Team in the city, but not anymore.

I can go on and on about the benefits of CB radio and *REACT* but I fear it will just go in one ear and out the other. We at Cleveland County still monitor CB radio channel 9 on a base and channel 19 on mobile to help the truckers with traffic info and maybe to find an address or to give out weather info.

CB radio channel 9 gets busy in times of bad weather, like ice and snow; people calling and

asking for storm and road info. Here in Shelby, N.C., people know *REACT* will be on the CB radio channels 9 and 19 to help them.

We monitor CB radio, amateur radio and our VHF business band frequency.

In my opinion, *REACT* needs to re-embrace our founding ideals and bring CB radio back into our toolbox!

(Jay Flora is the Chief of Cleveland County REACT in Shelby, N.C. Opinions expressed in Guest Opinions, are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect those of REACT International, Inc.)

New Zello Net for Saturday Nights

All *REACT* members and Non *REACT* members: You are welcome to check-In to the World Wide Zello *REACT* Net sponsored by Trinidad and Tobago *REACT*. The net is on Zello *REACT* members channel beginning Saturday 1/21/2017 at 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time (9 p.m. Trinidad and Tobago Time) and every Saturday thereafter.

This net is open to all; you don't have to be a *REACT* member to check in. The *REACT* members channel is open, no password to get on.

Robby 9Z4RG told me it was OK to post this Information. Zello is a free app to download on computer or smart phone. When checking In, give Team name and Team number, call sign, and location.

Non *REACT* members give name and location.

This net is in addition to the Thursday night Zello net operated by Star Mountain *REACT* and the original World Wide Net for amateurs.

The Zello program can be located at <https://zello.com>



John Nixon (1945-2017)

Dodge County *REACT* (Nebraska) and the family of John Nixon are saddened to notify *REACT* of John's passing.

John was an early member of the former Douglas County *REACT* (C-663), devoting many years to that Team and then transferring to Dodge County *REACT* several years ago.

John was active both in his Teams and on the Nebraska State Council. He served many years as the printer of the Nebraska State *REACT* Council newsletter, The Cornhusker Monitor.

John is survived by a sister, Janet Kirkendall and three daughters, Jill, Tara and Cindi, plus many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Betty Witherwax (1941-2017)

Betty Witherwax, long time member of Grand Island *REACT* (Nebraska) passed away on Monday, Jan 23rd, 2017. For almost 40 years, Betty and

Ron were members of the Grand Island *REACT*. During many storms and disasters, Betty would keep morale up and the chili warm. Extending a helping hand was natural for Betty. She was very active on her Team as well as on the Nebraska State Council, holding many offices on each one.

Betty was instrumental in starting the craft shows that the Team used to raise funds. She was also active during winter storms to dispatch 4-wheel drive vehicles to get police officers and other emergency and medical personnel to work.

She adored her four-legged friends, Gordy and Morgan.



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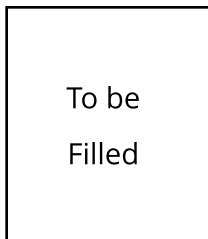
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One of the reasons *REACT* was chosen was its part in the Air Florida crash in Washington, D.C., in January of that year. A *REACT* monitor on CB Channel 9 took a call from a motorist on the 14th Street bridge that a plane had just hit the bridge and crashed into the Potomac River.

REACT's response in getting the information to the authorities enabled disaster services to respond more quickly than they normally would have. Only 5 people survived the crash but those 5 surely would have died as well, had the response to the crash not been made faster by *REACT*.

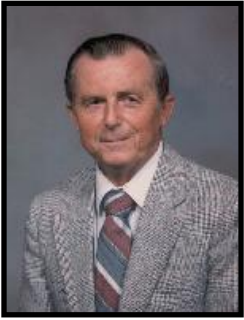
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Larry Fry appointed Region 5 Director



Larry Fry from TriCity REACT Team #4363 in Janesville, Wis., was appointed to the vacant Region Five Directorship, replacing Jeremy Barrett, who had resigned earlier this year.

Larry has an extensive background in *REACT*, having first joined in 1971 for a year and then joining again in 1978 and has been a member since. He has held Team and Council offices as well as having served as a Regional Director and Chairman of the Board in the past.

Larry will oversee Teams in North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Illinois.

New *REACT* Logo Altered and Approved

At the Annual Board Meeting of *REACT* International, Inc., the 'new' *REACT* logo that was introduced three years ago was reintroduced, using the proper type characteristics as outlined in *REACT* International's Style Guide (The "Bible" for this publication and guideline for all other promotional items for our organization).



It was brought up at the November special meeting that the word *REACT* in the new logo was not in compliance with the style guide as the letters were not italicized.



The new 'new' logo has the word *REACT*

replaced with an approved version and this version is now the official version for all Teams to use. Any copies of the incorrect logo should be discarded.

Board Approves logo for 55th year

At the Annual Board Meeting held in Las Vegas on January 23, 2017, the Board accepted and approved a design to commemorate our 55th Anniversary.



This image can be used starting now and until a new one is issued, probably for year 60.

The Board will likely announce, in year 58 or 59, a contest for the design of the 60th Anniversary logo. Watch for news of the contest here in *The REACTer*!

New Software for R.I. Will Modernize and Streamline Renewals

In conjunction with LAcO *REACT*, headquarters is developing a new, updated computer program which will modernize renewals for the Teams.

John Capodanno, President of *REACT* International, said the new computer application will ensure accuracy and speed up the annual renewal process. "We have been testing small segments of the new application, and within a few months, this program will be finalized and released to each Team and member for download on their personal computers." said Capodanno. For more information, see January's President's Column.

TEAMS: Use this PSA to promote your team and gain new members! Simply copy or print this page in HIGH quality on good paper (Preferably photo paper), then take it to your local paper(s) and have them replace the International info with your team info. Most newspapers are happy to run these items for Teams.

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