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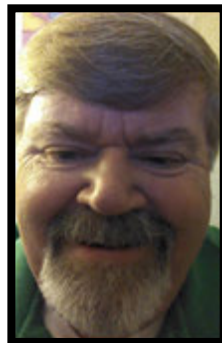
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The *REACTer*



A Word from the Editor

Will Stanley

ARE YOU A RECRUITER?

By recruiter, I speak of recruiting new members, new teams to *REACT*. How many times do you go out to fairs, festivals and other events to talk about *REACT*?

Our best ambassadors for this organization and our best recruiters are YOU.

Yes, YOU are the key to getting new members and new teams. Sure, it's easy to say, 'oh we do stuff and we've got some good members.' But people come and people go. At one point *REACT* could boast of over 70,000 members.

Then the CB craze died away and a lot of the people who joined only to say they were part of this global movement fell away. Others went away for various financial reasons.

What we have now is a core group, a group of people who joined *REACT* to do what *REACT* does, not just to say they were there. We need more people just like you.

I just went through some stats for this issue - we have 101 teams in 32 states plus Puerto Rico and Washington DC. There are 4 teams in Canada, 8 teams in Trinidad/Tobago and even a team in THAILAND! But... there are also 18 states where there are ZERO teams.

That's where recruiting comes in. Take a few hours for each of you to spend some time talking to potential members at an event - a fair or festival, National Night Out, whatever is available. If you are a ham, talk to people in other states and tell them about *REACT*! Convince friends that don't live in your area to start their own teams, it's simple! Wear your team shirt to some place public, get people interested!

This issue has a lot going for it, some new columns and a lot of information, So, go on and explore. And as always, my door is open, send your "QCB"s to editor@thereacter.com.





PRESIDENT'S CORNER

John Capodanno
President,
REACT International, Inc.

Thanks to all the Teams for their patience in the 2017 renewal process, as we have not been able to turn renewals around as fast as we usually do.

There has been a lot of work going on at Headquarters, starting with the construction of a new office. We have been hard at work re-framing walls and ceilings, installing all new drywall, installing all new electrical, and procuring new desks and cabinets. We are providing a new technology/radio-equipped office/EOC and are very excited as it will be finished during the next 2 months and we will be getting everything organized and up to speed.

The second new exciting announcement is that we have been working with the local LACO REACT Team to develop a new computer application to 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. Each REACT member will be able to log into the program and change their personal info that RI keeps on file. For example, if your email address changes or you move to a new address, you can enter the info yourself to ensure it is correct and up to date. Team officers will also be able to log into the program to update Team as well as individual member info.

As an example, if a Team takes a local CERT class, a Team officer can log in and add completion of the CERT class to individual members' profiles.

One of the most exciting parts of the software will be the Annual Team Renewals. At the end of the year, each Team will be able to log into the program and renew Team members, changing any outdated information. The program will display each member's ID card picture on file, and will allow the photo on file

to be changed, if desired. It will auto-calculate the renewal dues and give an option either to use PayPal to pay the dues electronically or to print a label to mail in a check/money order. When a Team is renewed, it will then automatically print out the photo ID cards at Headquarters (and paper ID cards for members without pictures) just like we do now in a manual operation. The office will then simply put the Team's renewal items into the mail. The new software will allow Teams to see the shipping date in the Team software, to ensure the office received the Team info and has sent the renewal items.

There will be many more features in this new REACT software application such as being able to do Team meeting minutes and uploading them to the Team profile so, when a member logs into their program, they can see the last meeting's minutes. Members will be able to read text messages or email reminders of upcoming calendar dates and events.

For Teams that do not have computers available, not to worry. We are planning to allow each region's Director to renew Teams similar to how we do it now. By having the region's Director do the renewal, it will free up the Headquarters Office to ensure ID cards are sent out in a very timely manner.

Teams which have sent in their renewal packets before January 10, 2017, your packet with ID cards will be sent out no later than January 18, 2017.

The office is currently trying to finish all renewals that have been received, finish the RI Annual Audit, and prepare for the Annual Meeting in the Board of Directors in Las Vegas in less than 2 weeks.

PLEASE, DOUBLE CHECK the Team's email address both when sending in the 2017 renewal and on the after-registration paperwork you receive and, please also ensure the Team mailing address is correct. If there are any updates that were not entered properly, please contact your LOCAL DIRECTOR to send corrections.

The Headquarters Office is looking forward to the upcoming year and to our Teams' accomplishments

REACTively,
John

REACTer to Resume Print Edition? **Will Stanley, Editor**

In the works right now is discussion to resume print production and mail distribution of The REACTer sometime in 2017.

Do not misconstrue this, the idea is only in the talk stage right now and is dependent on several financing ideas currently in play.

The reason I am writing this article is to ask you, the member for whom The REACTer is a benefit of your International dues, what you think of the idea?

The REACTer will still be available online, but if we were to go back to a print edition, would you want to be on the mailing list?

If you would like to be on the mailing list for a print copy of The REACTer if/when we resume such production, drop a note to editor@thereacter.com and let me know.

IF we resume print production, we will likely print and mail out hard copies only to those who 'subscribe' to such.

Let us know.

Photography Contest for REACT members

Are you good with a camera? Do you have a good eye for composition and content?

Beginning February 1, The REACTer is having a photo contest!

Pictures must be of some graphic value, either in color or content. They can have a REACT theme or a seasonal theme. (We're looking for illustration pictures here, not Team News).

Use your imagination. Pictures submitted will be published in The REACTer at a later date and six very spectacular shots will be chosen for The REACTer's front cover! Credit will be given to the submitting photographer, so make sure, when submitting, you include your name, Team name and number and your email address.

We are working on the possibility of prizes, as well. So get out there and start shooting. You might be one of our winners! Contest is open to all REACT members.

Submit photos to pictureseditor@thereacter.com.

RADIO NETS and Others

WORLD-WIDE REACT NET TUESDAY NIGHTS AT 9 P.M. EASTERN

REACT AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS, join our weekly net at **Tuesdays at 9 p.m. Eastern** time, on Echolink node 109779 or 336037. This is a world-wide net, so when you check in you are world-wide. The net can run 2-1/2 hours and has check-ins from stations all around the world. Please join us! This is a direct net and all communications are to go through net control. We have grown and are growing! Please join us each week. Net is open to all amateur radio operators world-wide.

All-New! ZELLO NET, open to **ALL REACTers! Thursday Nights, 9 pm, EST.** . Download the ZELLO app on computer or smartphone to participate. This is a password-protected net and you will have to contact kd4ysh@yahoo.com to be verified as a REACT member before accessing the net to receive the password.

After verification and when accessing the net, please check in 10 minutes early.



Southwestern *REACT* (California)

Submitted by George Reeves and Daniel Willan

Southwestern *REACT* was deployed to work the Silver Strand Distance Classic on Coronado Island, Sunday, 11/13/2016.

REACT members who worked the event were: Dan Willan 061 (Coordinator), George Reeves 081 (Coordinator), Roger and June McCollough (098 and 054), Jim Patterson 151, Don Dodson 055, John Wright 042, Dee Osargent 058, Mike Woods 057, Wayne Oliver 142, and Friends of *REACT* Mike Hanson, McKenzie Jackson, Curtis Price, and Jay P.

The Team members were posted at six Water Stop Stations, located at Miles 1.5, 3, 5, 7, 9.25, and 10. Two *REACT*ers (Oliver and Willan) roved at the Finish area. Net Control (Reeves) was in a static position, near Mile 10. No Shadow was assigned, per the request of Koz Event Coordinator, Tobias Panek.

Briefing was held at 0545 in front of the Coronado Public Library at 600 Orange Avenue, with all members present. The Primary Frequency for this event was initially 147.180, a CERO Repeater; however, the night before the event, the machine was down due to a potential power supply problem. The kind folks at CERO tried until late at night to rectify the problem, but were unable to do so. Primary Frequency was changed to 145.320 (with Chuck Wood's permission) to his Mission Hills repeater. Alternate Frequency was 145.555. All maps and pertinent information were provided to the Team at the Briefing.

To avoid road closures, the Team dispersed at 0630. A formal announcement opening the net was made by Net Control at this time, and upon reaching assigned locations, Team members reported "In Position". A formal radio check was performed, with all locations sending and receiving well.

The Event began on-time, with runners on the course at 0700. The Race also included skaters, ElliptiGos, handcycles, and wheelchair participants.

Three distances were covered: 5k, 10 and 13 miles, with start

times staggered for the respective distances/categories.

No Medical Aid calls were received for the duration of the event.

The last runners, escorted by Coronado Police, crossed the finish line just before noon.

As the last participant passed each Water Stop, Net Control released Team members at that location, and closed the post position.

Noteworthy Items:



Photo by John Wright

The battery of the Race Radio received by Net Control died after approximately two hours in Stand-By mode, leaving *REACT* unable to reach Koz Events Assistant Coordinator Jennifer Nanista directly, other than by cell-phone.

As it happens, she is also a Amateur Radio operator, and was able to monitor our comms, but unable to transmit due to her location.

Water Stop 3 ran short of Energy Shots early on, and *REACT* fielded many complaints from participants. *REACT* Coordinators for this event in the

future should attend the Coordination Meeting held by the Race Crew, but rely more heavily on the information contained in the *REACT* Binder for more specific direction related to staffing, event time-line, logistics, and problematic areas.

The Mission Hills Repeater functioned very well, and all stations were sending and receiving with very little path noise via HT. Many thanks to Chuck Wood for his generous use of his machine, literally at the eleventh hour!

The portion of the course entering the Naval Radio Facility in years past was dropped, and the distance made up for by routing participants into the residential neighborhoods near Connecticut and Fern Avenues in Imperial Beach.

Dan and I wish to extend our sincere thanks to all those who participated in this event, and we are proud of the professionalism shown by the *REACT* Team and the Friends of *REACT*...well done!

Waterloo Regional *REACT*

(Canada)

Submitted by Rick Weisler

It weighs just over a pound and it's no bigger than a small computer monitor, but its capacity to help first responders investigate crash sites is great.

The newest piece of equipment Waterloo Regional *REACT* is using is a drone. It was purchased last winter and was first used in September to capture aerial images of a crash site in Wellesley Township where a 23-year-old Milverton man died after the SUV he was driving collided head-on with a truck on Nafziger Road.



Waterloo Regional REACT's new drone and its controller

The helicopter-like drone with four propellers and a camera attached to it can fly as high as 60 meters (65 feet) and record the scene down below.

Pilots on the ground use a remote control to operate the drone and the images are viewed on a tablet.

"It captures the angle of entry and departure of the vehicles. It assists us with a collision investigation," said Staff Sgt. Jim Strand, head of the Waterloo Regional Police's traffic branch.

The drone belongs to the region's *REACT* team, part of a worldwide group of volunteers who assist emergency responders at crash sites, parades and large community events.

REACT, (stands for Radio Emergency Associated Communications Teams), began as a CB Radio emergency monitoring organization in 1962, in the United States and Canada.

The local chapter started in 1972 with six members. It now has 40 members who volunteer their time with local emergency responders.

They often get called out in the middle of the night to crashes to assist with lighting and first aid. They are also present at large community events such as the Oktoberfest Parade, the Elmore Maple Syrup Festival and Canada Day events.

The volunteers, some who work as truckers, mechanics and paramedics, put in thousands of hours yearly, said Team President Rick Weisler of Cambridge.

In addition to the drone, Waterloo Regional *REACT* also uses high

power lighting systems and an all-terrain rescue, eight wheel Argo with a specialized stretcher that helps paramedics transport patients who are hurt in rugged areas.

The organization also has a Gator utility vehicle and a trailer it uses as a command post. On occasion, the trailer is used by police during ride checks.

The group conducts training for its entire membership and receives funding from the Region of Waterloo, and the cities of Kitchener and Cambridge, along with other fund-raising sources.

Four volunteers are certified drone pilots through the Ministry of Transportation. The group had to apply for a special flight operating certificate to use the drone in local skies.

Volunteers Ryan Bender and Trevor Feth are certified drone pilots.

Both men don't mind waking up in the early morning hours to assist firefighters and police or the long hours at events such as the Canada Day fireworks. "I can still remember the first crash like it was last night," said Bender, who went to school for firefighting.

For police and other first responders, the assistance of the *REACT* volunteers allows police and others to focus on their work, knowing the group is on hand to help. "We have an invaluable relationship," said Staff Sgt. Strand.

"They are our extra hands and eyes."

The REACTer appreciates the cooperation of Liz



Waterloo Regional REACT members Ryan Bender and Trevor Feth demonstrate the new drone.

Monteiro, reporter for The Waterloo Region Record, who wrote the original article from which this article was reprinted with minor edits. The REACTer also thanks Waterloo Region Record Editor-in-Chief, Melinda Marks, for giving us permission to use the article.

Burke County REACT

(North Carolina)

Submitted by Christine Morales

Burke County REACT has 21 members, of which 5 are newly joined and they stay extremely busy, according to the Public Affairs Officer Christine Morales.

The team provides traffic assistance and food and rehab services for local law enforcement and fire services. They provide food and beverage at disaster and emergency scenes and also provide cots for weary firemen to use to rest for a bit before rejoining the fight.



Burke County REACT's Emergency Services trailer

The Team has two pieces of equipment they use to facilitate these functions, both are trailers, one is used to contain the rehab supplies like the cots and such and the other is the food trailer to provide the food service at the various events.



Burke County REACT's Food Trailer

Another thing Burke County does is to participate in food giveaways, helping to distribute food stuffs and such to those who need it.



Burke County REACT personnel assisting in a local food giveaway

Transit calls are a function the Team also participates in, providing transportation for stranded people to the airport or bus station for those who qualify for the help. This service is in cooperation with the United Way.

Various other functions the Team assists with are parking cars at events, 5K runs, like the one that took place on Dec. 24 last year, and a free pancake feed for the community put on by a local restaurant. There are two Community Days that the Team works during the year, Chesterfield Community Days and Fire prevention Days, in which they introduce the community to what REACT is and what they do.

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Dutchess - Putnam REACT

(New York)

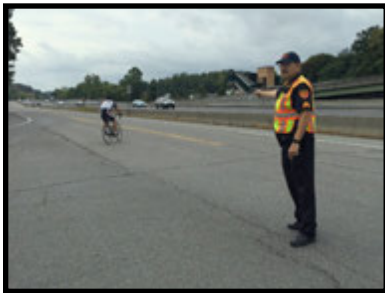
Submitted by Warren Deitz

“This is our slow season, so unless something really big happens, we don’t anticipate much activity.” This according to Warren Deitz of Dutchess-Putnam REACT.

Warren says that they have stayed busy the past several months.



Cyclists ready to start the 2016 FD Cycle Tour for the Dysautonomia Foundation



Joe Namer helps with traffic during the 2016 FD Cycle Tour

On September 18th, the Team handled traffic assistance and crowd control for the FD Cycle Tour, which benefited the Dysautonomia Foundation.

Familial Dysautonomia (FD) is a rare genetic neurological disorder that affects the sensory and autonomic nervous systems, causing life-threatening medical complications from birth.

is

(More about FD.)

Research funded by the Dysautonomia Foundation has led to a number of breakthroughs in treatment and has led to the discovery of the FD gene. To protect future generations, get tested for FD and other genetic diseases. (View our FD screening awareness video here.)



Clark Bortree making sure cycle and vehicular traffic is flowing smoothly.

The Dysautonomia Foundation is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that has established the world's only FD treatment centers. We are the largest source of funding for FD treatment and research in the world. (<http://www.familialdysautonomia.org>)

Many members worked to assure that the event went off successfully and smoothly.



Mitch Garbo assists with the 2016 FD Cycle Tour

Joe Namer (on left) giving Mitch Garbo instruction on what to do during the 2016 FD Cycle Tour



In October, we were awarded a grant from the Dutchess County Community Foundation, a part of the Community Foundation of Hudson Valley. This grant enabled us to buy some much needed additional radio equipment.

In November, the Team assisted with traffic and parking for the funeral of Under Sheriff Peter Convery. We express our deepest sympathies to his family. He will be missed.

Finally, on December 3rd, we handled crowd, parking and traffic assistance for the annual Christmas Parade.



Members of Dutchess-Putnam REACT at the reception following the funeral of Under Sheriff Peter Convery in November.

We are looking forward to a quiet winter season!

Don't Sit Back!



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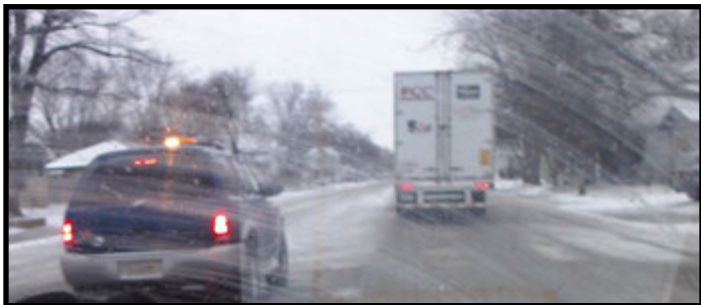
Dodge County *REACT*

(Nebraska)

Submitted by Woody Mason

It was a cold, blustery winter day this past December 16th - typical for this time of year in Nebraska when the members of Dodge County *REACT* spent the morning escorting a very special cargo.

Wreaths Across America was bringing memorial wreaths to servicepeople's graves in Memorial Cemetery in Fremont, NE.



Robert Anthony using his REACT vehicle to escort the Fremont Contract Carrier semi carrying the wreaths for the Wreaths Across America event.

"Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as over 1,100 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea, and abroad."

(<http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/#join-us>)



The semi carrying the wreaths for the event turns into Memorial Cemetery

The Team escorted the semi carrying the wreaths from the warehouse across town, through many major intersections to Memorial Cemetery on the northwest edge of the city. They then waited until the wreaths had been placed.



Members of the Fremont Civil Air Patrol salute the graves that just received wreaths from Wreaths Across America.

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Letters to the Editor

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A question has been asked about continuing the REACT World Wide Net on Tuesday nights. There have been several responses and ideas. Here is one:

Hello Will,

It has taken considerable work by a number of people to develop the REACT Net. I think it was activated during Matthew but I am not certain. It may have had one or two other activations earlier. Again, I am unsure. I strongly believe that the Net is needed. Like all our preparations, training, etc., it is a tool that seldom is used. The Net check-ins are vital to familiarize as many as possible with the protocols, one another's voices, logging in, etc., etc.

What may be needed are a few features to liven the Net up a bit to appeal more broadly. Sometimes it does tally 20 or so check-ins, I believe. 20 operators nationwide and overseas ready to go in a major disaster would be invaluable. One of the Net organizers may be able to mount a survey to get ideas on how to liven it up a bit. Some are likely members of other nets and could recommend features from those that our Net could either adopt or adapt. They sometimes publish a list of the check-ins so they could be contacted for input. It should not be too hard. The key, I believe, is to seek ways to increase interest so we can ensure that this valuable tool thrives and is available to REACT when the need arises. I hope this helps.

Blessings,
Ron McCracken

Thanks for the input, Ron. You have some excellent ideas. Is there something that can be done to 'liven up' the check-ins or something? The floor is open to suggestions. What would you like to see? I am not a ham, so I have never been a part of the process. Check out Joe Zych's feature column elsewhere in this issue for information on how the Net works. - W

Will,
First off, great REACTer. Love the format and the info.

Second, regarding the Convention. If I could, I would go. It would depend on where. Las Vegas is just up the road from me, so I would go. I would also assist, if I can.

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I've been to Grand Island, NE; Corona, CA; and Evansville, IN. Had a great time at all of them.

Eric Hutchins, K7ELH
President 2016/17
SWCA Skywarn REACT #6221

Thanks for the good words, Eric. I am going to try to maintain the amount of information in each issue and make it better and better! As for the Convention, we have heard from a few people who are in favor, so we need to continue to hear from everybody. We have to know that there will be a big enough turnout to make it worthwhile. I, for one, am all for the idea! -W

To whom it may concern:

I see that we here in Canada have lost our member who was on the Board. Have any members applied as yet. We do have Teams here, just too far from one another to keep in contact, it seems.

Can you please try and see if anyone in Canada might be interested in some way, I myself am not near any Team in my area. I am an Unattached Life Member.

Thanking you in advance.

Respectively yours,
Thomas R. Milne

Hello Thomas! Nice to hear from you again. Canadian Teams are under Region 9, and your director is Robby Goswami in Trinidad/Tobago. He is the Director for all Teams outside the US. You may contact him at r.goswami@reactintl.org -W

Hello,

What was the Weapons Policy passed at the 8/18/16 meeting?

Thanks,
Brian (brianr2007-b1b69ce1@yahoo.com)

Hello Brian,

The issue of the weapons policy discussed at the August Special Board Meeting was to clarify the policy. Essentially, no REACT member, in REACT uniform or other apparel (caps, jackets, etc), or riding in a REACT marked vehicle may openly carry a firearm. Concealed carry is discouraged but as long as the weapon is not visible, it will be allowed. This is a serious issue, as REACT International's Liability Insurance does not allow this activity and any team that has members in violation of the policy is subject to having their charter revoked. The policy is 1-01 and you may request a copy of it from REACT International. -W

**Send any questions about REACT to:
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Dress for Public Service Success

Mark Richards,
K1MGY,
Littleton, Massachusetts

(Reprinted with permission, "Dress for Public Service Success," October 19, 2016 ARES E-Letter)

Visiting this year's ARRL New England Convention in Boxboro, Massachusetts, I was delightfully surprised at the level of care most attendees, and in particular exhibitors, speakers and volunteers, exercised in their choice of attire. Snazzy uniform shirts worn by vendors were in abundance. Business attire infused the exhibit hall. It was as if I were attending a professional conference. There I met new ARRL CEO, Tom Gallagher, NY2RF, whose sharp business attire transmitted an easy-on-the-eyes message, one that clearly respected the first impressions of his constituents. Among the subjects discussed was my contention that our community must take better care to present ourselves as organized professionals when serving in a public service role, most especially in how we look. As a leader of public service teams, and an advocate for better leadership, innovation and national unity in our public service communications role, I make sure every volunteer has the opportunity and support that encourages their personal

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success. Not only are my teams well trained and fully integrated into the organization or agency we serve, they also look (and smell) good. That's because expectations for attire are part of the pre-event preparations. I urge volunteers at some events to be "smartly dressed with a clean white shirt and blue uniform pants, or equivalent." A volunteer T-shirt is sometimes needed as an added bit of identification and to unify us as members of a larger team, so I request that we "wear the supplied volunteer T-shirt in combination with uniform or EMT cargo pants to present a professional appearance." I also caution that we must not be confused with public safety or law enforcement personnel. "Professional" does not mean that we have license to impersonate, however innocent our first intention! I have first-hand experience to suggest that those who present themselves professionally are invited back for the next event service opportunity. While some of us grumble about how disorganized the organization we're serving may be -- how little they understand about the value of our "superior" communications service -- we are ultimately responsible for an invitation back to a repeat performance. So what happens when we're not? Some of us lean upon that tired "when all else fails" excuse: "When all else fails you'll call upon us, and you won't care how we look." Weak. Irrelevant. Arrogant. Please throw those rags in the laundry

(or incinerator) and come back civilized. This is not a mud wrestling match. At each public service event I've had the privilege and fun to work as a communications volunteer, the event organizers, public safety, vendors, and participants arrive dressed for the occasion. We are not exempt. If your leadership fails to set a minimum standard, that doesn't mean you can't arrive on time and ready to go with a professional, smart, confidence-inspiring appearance. You'll look good, feel great, and be amazed how receptive your team mates, the organizers, participants and the public will be when you dress for public service success.

Mark Richards is a member of the Boston Athletic Association's Boston Marathon Communications Committee, with an extensive history of leadership in numerous public event communications efforts. He is also a frequent contributor to the ARRL ARES E-Letter. His advice applies just as well to REACT members.



"A good REACTer this time! Why couldn't it have been that way all the time?

Joe Nadeau - KB1DGG
REACT Life Member #553

Thanks for the good words, Joe! At the risk of sounding like I am tooting my own horn (which I am!), it wasn't this good in the past because I have been Editor only for the last three issues!" -W



2016 Board of Directors Election

It is time again for Board of Directors elections. This year (2017) Regions 3, 6 and 9 are up for election. Candidate nominations must be into the RI Office no later than March 15th. Election packets will be sent to the teams and must be returned not later than Jun 30th.

Winners will be announced shortly after.

Do you want to be a Director? You can nominate yourself or you can be nominated by your Team or Council. On the following pages are the Nominating forms. You can copy and print them from here or contact RI.HQ@reactintl.org or Editor@thereacter.com and we will email you a package with the forms in PDF format to be printed and returned.

GET INVOLVED! Be a Director or nominate someone, then VOTE!

Reprinted below are the relevant parts from the By-Laws regarding Directors elections.

from REACT International, Inc. By-Laws

Section 5.2 Number, Term of Office, and Qualifications.

Nine (9) Directors shall be persons from within the *REACT* membership who have demonstrated leadership experience at *REACT* Team and/or Council level, other nonprofit corporations or public agencies; are at least 21 years of age; and are members in good standing of any *REACT* Team for more than three (3) years. Directors shall be members of Teams in the regions they represent. (1) Eight (8) Directors shall be elected from regions of the United States, as defined by the Board of Directors. (2) One (1) Director shall be elected from a region composed of Teams in countries outside the United States. (3) Directors shall be elected on a rotating basis (three regions each year). Each Director shall hold office for three (3) years subsequent to election or until his/her successor shall have been elected and qualified or until his/her death, resignation, or removal or until he/she ceases to be a member of a *REACT* Team within the region he/she represents (provided, however, that if a Director's Team is moved to another region by the Board of Directors, the Director will remain qualified until the end of his/her elected term).

Section 5.3 Nomination and Election of Directors

(a) Candidates for Director may be nominated by Teams, Councils, or individuals (including the candidate). (b) Elections shall be conducted by *REACT* International by mail ballot of Teams, in accordance with rules and procedures established by the Board of Directors.



Regional Director Candidate Nomination Form

Complete and Send to: REACT International, Inc. PO Box 21064 Glendale, CA 91221	Complete and Fax to: REACT International, Inc. (800) 608-9755	Complete and E-Mail to: REACT International, Inc. RI.HQ@REACTIntl.org
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CANDIDATE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

1. Be a current REACT Member registered with REACT International, Inc. for a minimum of three (3) years.
2. Be a member of a team in the Region they are being nominated to represent.
3. Be 21 years of age or older.
4. Have demonstrated leadership experience at the REACT Team and/or Council Level, other non-profit corporations or public agencies.

Nomination for REGION # _____	PLEASE TYPE or PRINT MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 15th
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Nominee Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____

Zip/Postal: _____ County: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ - _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Cell Phone: (____) _____ - _____ Amateur Call: _____ Class: _____

Nominee Biographical Information

Occupation: _____

How Long? _____ Age: _____ Sex: Male Female

Marital Status: Single Married Divorced Widowed

Children (Sex & Age): _____



Regional Director Candidate Nomination Form

Current Team Information

Team #

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Name: _____ Region: _____

Date Joined: ___/___/_____

Previous Team Information (Use Additional Sheets If more than 1 previous teams)

Team #

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Name: _____ Region: _____

Date Joined: ___/___/_____ Date Left: ___/___/_____

Team offices served (position & dates):

Council offices served (position & dates):

International offices/committees served (position & dates):

Experience with other non-profit corporations or public agencies (position & dates):



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Communications Capabilities

CB GMRS Amateur FRS

Other: _____

Nominee's Statement and Photo for Publication

In 300 words or less, on a separate sheet of paper, typed, please state what you, if elected, can bring to the Board of Directors that will help the Teams. How you can best serve the interest of REACT International, Inc. Members and any views you have on REACT matters of importance (include plan(s) of action). You may also comment on your additional public service and organizational affiliations, your skills or experience related to the position sought. *If you desire your photo published, please include a photograph.*

Nominee's Declaration

I certify that all the information contained is true, complete and accurate and that I meet the minimum requirements as set by the REACT International, Inc. Bylaws. If elected to the Board of Directors of REACT International, Inc., I agree to uphold the objectives of REACT to the best of my abilities, to attend all Board Meetings (at least two per year) and to fulfill my term. I understand that REACT International, Inc. will pay only my approved expenses for Official REACT International, Inc. Business. I understand that, if elected, I will probably be required to pay my own expenses. If selected as a nominee, I will do my best to attend the REACT International Convention (if held) in July of this year at my own expense.

Signed: _____

Dated: ___/___/_____

Nominee Statement Attached:

Nominee Photo Attached:



Regional Director Candidate Nomination Form

Optional Team / Council Endorsements

By: TEAM / COUNCIL Name: _____

Officer Signature Position Date / /

By: TEAM / COUNCIL Name: _____

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Regional Director Candidate Nomination Form

Nominee's Statement



Communications is The Key to Success

Roger McCollough
President
Southwestern REACT
(San Diego, CA)

Communications has been and will be the key to success!

Forzibit cramlob J misimubob. What did that tell you? In all likelihood nothing, yet it could be a form of communication if the “words” had understandable meaning to us. Then there is <_____>, which represents silence, or the complete absence of communications. OK, silence can indicate that there is nothing to communicate; so much for Communications 101.

Moving on to the next classroom we engage in Information 101. Here is a definition you can chew on. “Information is what answers or resolves an unknown.”

So information is of no use unless it can be or is communicated. Now back to the real and everyday world.

How does this apply to our world? Let me suggest an unknown that needs some information. Why has attendance at the General Meeting dropped? We have shortened the Business portion and expanded the training. We have asked this in past issues of the Southwestern *REACT*er, asked at meetings, and other opportunities. What can be done to increase the interest and desire to demonstrate our ability to be top grade communicators? You must realize what your feelings are, so we need you to communicate and resolve the unknown.

There should be no question of the purpose and need for *REACT* as a community disaster communications resource. To exist, it needs trained and experienced communicators able to use their experience, training, and teamwork to fill the need.

Now, to open the knowledge drawer and reveal what tidbits of useful stuff needed to round out your abilities. ARES currently offers their Gateway training. After each monthly meeting, they open another room to guide new hams in how their HT works. The course lasts about 2 hours or less and provides a workbook to lead them through the basics. The “new kids” gather in groups depending on the HT they own, usually groups of 2-4 persons, each with their HT and its manual as a guide. Each group is led by an “Elmer” (instructor), to guide them. Anybody can attend and return as often as they need.

In our Team we have a stockpile of knowledge (information), not necessarily shared by everyone. To get this information shared to all, PLEASE consider sharing some of this knowledge with your fellow team members.

Well Team, that is my story. What’s yours? Communicate!



Getting on the World Wide Net Is Easy!

Joe Zych
Region 3 Director,

WWNet Coordinator

The World Wide *REACT* International Net is coming up on its 9th year and is a weekly net for *REACT* members and for all Amateur radio operators. The net meets every Tuesday evening at 9 pm Eastern Time on Echolink, *REACT* conference server 109779 and also the DCF-ARC conference server node 336037. For information you can go to Echolink.org and download the program you need.

For all amateur radio operators there is a validation process that only takes a few minutes to verify your license and that you are sitting in front of a VOIP platform. With a mic, you are able to talk around the world. This is what we do on the *REACT* net. The first piece of business is to adjust your audio level. This can be located in the tool bar, look for the "Echolink Test Server". This will record and play back your audio so you can tweak it, so it sounds clear and does not over-modulate. The space bar on your computer can be set up as a push-to-talk button. You are ready.

This is a direct net and all communications go through Net Control. When you hear a clear opening, key up, wait 2-3 seconds, say your call letters and then again phonetically, speak slowly and clearly. Give your first name and your location plus any team affiliation. You will be noted on the check in sheet by Net Control.

Stand by for roll call and for any announcements or comments. The world Wide *REACT* International Net has grown and we are GLOBAL! We encompass the entire earth with our net using many platforms in place by the DX linking system provided by Tom K2HZE from Bronx NY. Tom takes all the analog and digital amateur radio frequencies and plugs them into the systems he has in place to allow check ins from many different radio modes. You can check into the net with DMR , DMR+, D-Star, All-Star, Wires-X, Team Speak, and many, many more.

New in 2017, Tom is linking an HF platform into the mix. It should get interesting and we thank Tom for all his hard work in putting these systems in place to expand and let our net reach out far and beyond our normal ranges.

The World Wide *REACT* net can run for 2 1/2 hours sometimes and check ins can top 80 stations. Please join us each week; we have fun and make friends around the world and exchange information. KD4YSH Joe, net control operator (myself) and Jay WA4JAY alternate net control, teamed up with Tom K2HZE and Robby 9Z4RG, push all the right buttons and keep the systems in place to provide the World-Wide *REACT* Net. I thank all of them

for their continued help! We have fun and enjoy putting this net together each week and it is growing! Please plan on joining us each week. This net is open to all amateur radio operators please tell your friends we welcome them.

If you have any questions about setting up echolink or checking into the net please drop me an email at kd4ysh@yahoo.com. We also have a net in place for the non amateur *REACT* members on the ZELLO system that you can use with smart phone or computer. We will have an article in the next *REACT*er about tis new Net tool.

Speaking about the *REACT*er, a big thank you to Will Stanley for his great job on this beautiful publication! Until next time! Joe KD4YSH – 73!

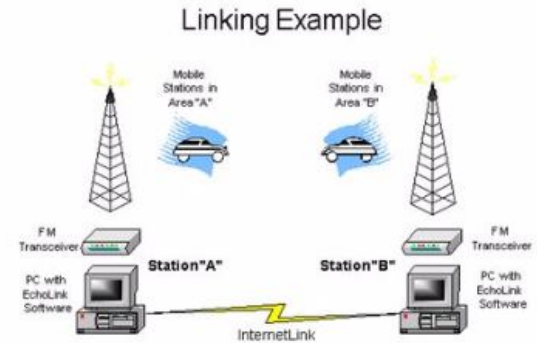


Fig. 2 – Linking Example (from echolink.org)

DEADLINE for February *REACT*er is February 8!

***REACT* International Organizational Structure**

REACT international is governed by a Board of Directors and officers who are comprised of members from Team that are chartered with *REACT* international. Directors are members from Teams within the region of the world that they represent and are elected by the Teams and their specific regions.

Nine elected Directors comprise of the Board of Directors. Eight are from areas of the United States that are divided into regions, and one is from outside the United States.

The current geographical regions for *REACT* International are as follows:

Region 1 – (Warren Dietz) - Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont

Region 2 – (Thomas Currie) - District of Columbia, Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, New Jersey, Virginia, West Virginia

Region 3 – (Joe Zych) - Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee

Region 4 – (currently open) - Indiana, Michigan, Ohio

Region 5 – (currently open) - Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin

Region 6 – (Tom Jenkins) - Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Washington, Wyoming

Region 7 – (Gerald W. Jones) - Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas

Region 8 – (John Capodanno) - Arizona, California, Nevada, Utah

Region 9 – (Ravindranath Goswami) - all areas outside of the United States or in its territories

The officers of *REACT* International are responsible for the day to day operation of the organization. The primary officers of the organization are:

President - John Capodanno

Executive Vice President - Florence Conlee

Secretary - Open

Treasurer - Russ Dunn (Dennis Luciani - Ass't Treasurer)

Other officers, such as special positions and assistants, may be appointed by the president from time to time as the needs of the organization dictate.



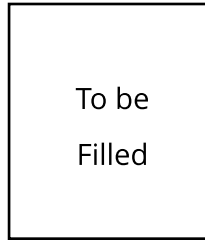
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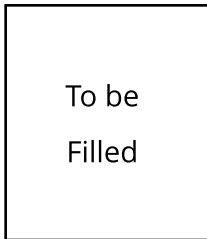
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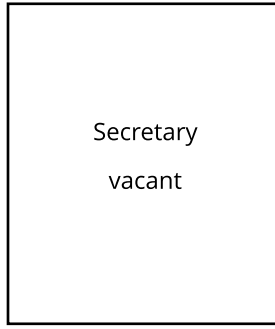
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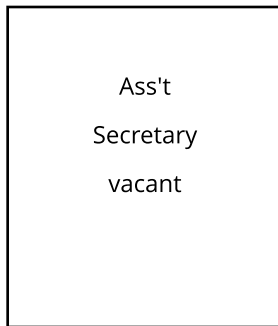
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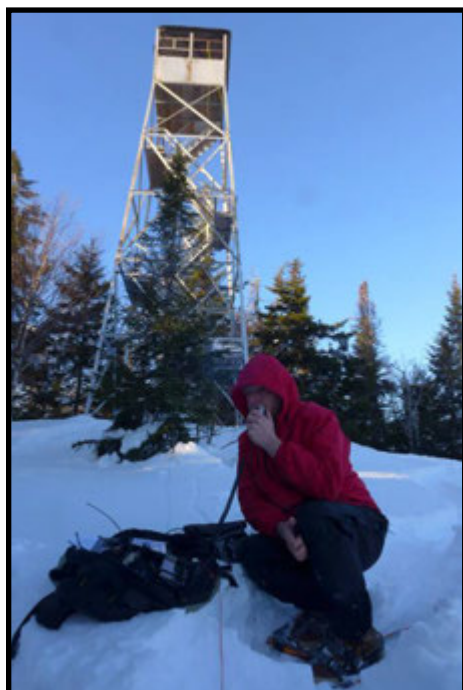


Winter Field Day is Just Ahead



Field Day is not just for summertime anymore. Winter Field Day, sponsored by the Winter Field Day Association (WFDA), will take place over the January 28-29 weekend, and it can be a terrific time to prep for ARRL Field Day in June. The annual event's stated purpose is to encourage emergency operating preparedness in the winter, but it's also an excuse to get out of the house and enjoy the great outdoors. According to the WFDA, getting ready for emergency communication in a winter environment is just as important as the preparations and practice that take place each June during ARRL Field Day, and — let's face it — it's not cold and snowy everywhere during the winter months. Your local climate could be quite the opposite.

"Don't let those winter doldrums keep you locked up in the house," the WFDA says. "Get out and play some radio!" The WFDA said it believes that maintaining operating skills should not be limited to fair-weather scenarios.



The event, which got its start in 2007, is not restricted to

North America. All Amateur Radio operators around the world are invited to participate, and there are three entry categories — indoor, outdoor, and home. The rules are similar to those for ARRL Field Day. Operation will take place on all HF bands except 12, 17, 30, and 60 meters, as well as on VHF, UHF, and satellite. The event runs 24 hours. US and Canadian stations exchange call sign, operating category, and ARRL or RAC section.

The WFDA encourages both group and solo operation, and if you're not up for an outdoor winter adventure involving Amateur Radio,

you can operate from the comfort of your shack. As the WFDA says on its Facebook page, "The object is winter fun!"



<https://www.winterfieldday.com>

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