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# A Word from the Editor

Will Stanley, Editor, The *REACTer*

## Merry Christmas! Happy Hanukkah!

I know that there are probably a dozen ways to say Merry Christmas or to express the best wishes of whichever observance you use but I think these two say it most completely.

Even within the use of Merry Christmas, there are those who use that term to celebrate the birth of Our Savior, Jesus Christ and still others who celebrate the coming of Santa Claus. Whichever one you use, The *REACTer* wishes you the best of the season.

And speaking of The Season, for a lot of the Teams out there, it's a time to reflect, celebrate the end of another successful year and most of all to use the added time to train. Yes, there's that word again. But it's necessary.

*REACT* will soon be 60 years old and the only reason we have not gone the way of many of our contemporaries is that we ARE trained, educated and ready to respond. And if it wasn't for YOU, the member, being educated, trained and ready, I wouldn't be writing this column because we wouldn't exist.

So Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah... and **KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!**



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*From Your Board of Directors*

## **Merry Christmas from your Board of Directors!**

2019 has been an exciting year for *REACT*. Many new Teams and lots of changes. In 2022, *REACT* will be 60 years old and we are working toward that to be a banner year for our organization.

Regions 2 and 4 do not currently have directors for them and we need people in those Teams to step up and be willing to take control and be able to help *REACT* grow and thrive.

*The Directors wish each and every one of you and yours a Merry Christmas!*

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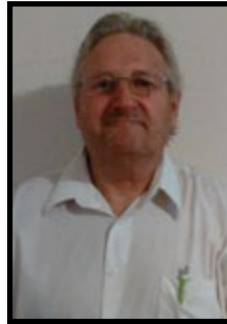
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Is EASY!

Just follow this guideline...

**NAME** of Person Reporting— **TEAM NUMBER**— **TEAM LOCATION**  
**DESCRIPTION** of **ACTIVITIES** (Who, What, Where, When, Why, and How)

Provide this info for each event in your report

**INCLUDE PICTURES**—attach them to your email—don't send .PDFs

(Caption: **WHO, WHAT** and **WHERE** each picture shows)

**NAME** of Photographer

**SEND** the entire report (with pictures attached) to:

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## SEE HOW EASY THAT WAS?

So Easy, even a caveman could do it! (sorry, Geico, I couldn't resist)



**ATTENTION:**  
**ALL REACT MEMBERS**  
and  
**ALL HAM OPERATORS**



**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US**  
**ON THE**  
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Contact **nets@REACTIntl.org**  
for information on how  
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TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE  
**EARLY BIRD  
SPECIAL**

**RENEW BEFORE**

**DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Dues are \$20 plus Insurance fee of \$7**

**RENEW AFTER JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup>**

**DUES WILL BE**

**\$25 plus insurance of \$7**



## County Caroni *REACT*

(Trinidad-Tobago)

Submitted by Rohan Rampersad

*(Editor's Note: This correction came in after it was too late to make changes to the Team's article. We are printing the corrected info here - sans pictures).*

Team - *REACT* County Caroni 6005

Team Location - Chaguanas, Trinidad.

Event- JOTA JOTI 2019 hosted by the Chaguanas District Scouts.

Location of event- Presentation College, Chaguanas, Trinidad.

*REACT* County Caroni 6005 (9Z4RCC) assisted Scouts at Presentation College Chaguanas for Jamboree on the Air (JOTA/JOTI)2019.

*REACT* County Caroni 6005 has an Amateur Radio Club Licence with call sign 9Z4RCC, the members who assisted with the JOTA JOTI Station JID Code 6TT83W at this location on Saturday 19th October, 2019 were R507/9Z4DAA, R510/9Z4BT, R511/9Z4FR, R556/9Z3SSB, R538 and R558.

The setup process started at 6.00am with the installation of a ZS6BKW HF antenna and HF Radio for radio communications on HF. UHF and VHF radios and antennas were also installed for radio communications.

*REACT* started the introduction of Radio Com-

munications to the 59 Scouts who participated at the exercise which started at 9.30am ended at 2.00pm.

Contacts were made locally with other Scouts via VHF Radio on Amateur frequencies.

The C4FM Digital Ham Radio system was used via Amateur UHF frequency to connect to chat rooms, the Scouts were allowed to make international contacts using this system via a UHF Radio.

Members also assisted the Scouts with communications using the internet with the Zello app and the Peanut Ham Radio app.

The Zello is a push to talk application that can be installed on androids, using the internet allows communications to your contacts who have also installed the Zello app, virtually configuring androids as Walkie Talkies. The Scouts were allowed to communicate using the Zello app.

The Peanut for Ham app allows HAM amateurs to talk around the world via an Android device or network radio using the internet. With this client you can connect to the Peanut server. The Peanut server is a reflector where you can meet people. Some rooms are connected to DSTAR/Fusion and DMR reflectors/talkgroup. You only need an Android device to use DSTAR or DMR. The Scouts were allowed to communicate to international contacts using the Peanut for Ham app.

Thanks to all Hams who facilitated the contacts for this event.



## Dallas County *REACT*

(Texas)

Submitted by Drake Robinson

Dallas County *REACT* was invited to participate in a new event this November called the "Trinity River Run". Dallas County *REACT* has worked with Tri-Now for several years as an event producer to provide event communications for all of their 5k's, 10k's, half-marathons, and triathlons.

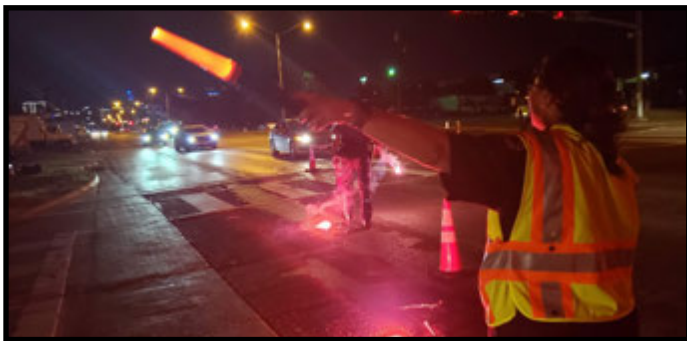
The Trinity River Run benefits an organization called "Music Is Our Weapon". They work with care providers and neuroscientists to discover ways that music can physically, mentally and emotionally have a positive impact on those that struggle with physical decline, tragic hardships and cognitive development.

Dallas County *REACT* assembled on Saturday afternoon 11/9 and provided multiple team members for operator shadows of important event staff, and some stationed along the course at aid stations.



*Dallas County REACT Command trailer*

We even had two of our team members on motorcycles patrolling the course. We also worked closely with the Dallas Police and Dallas Fire Rescue to ensure the participants safety throughout the entirety of the event.



*An un-named Dallas Police officer directs traffic at the event*

We operated on our MotoTRBO digital radio system located in downtown Dallas, provided full coverage of the course. We also utilized our



*Dallas County REACT member Vaigh McCauley helps with traffic*

backup GMRS 462.675 repeater under our club callsign KAB4622 for a short time.

Upon conclusion, our team reassembled at the Command Trailer at 10:00 pm for a quick debrief before we returned our trailer to it's storage lot. We all then went out for a late night Team dinner to finish the night and pat ourselves on the back for a job well done.

## Alert *REACT* Response Team

(Ohio)

Submitted by the Team by email

Alert *REACT* Response Team assisted with the 65th Annual Massillon City Christmas parade on November 23rd, 2019. We had 5 members in the parade, 3 units on the trailer and 2 in the truck pulling the trailer. The parade lasted around 25 minutes and the Team worked about an hour and a half.



The Massillon City Christmas Parade corresponds with the lighting of the Christmas lights in the City's downtown area.





Last Year, our members worked thousands of hours for

**NO PAY**

And this year are well on their way to doing

**EVEN MORE!**

### WHY?

**Because they are giving back to their communities! They are helping with civic events, motorist assistance AND MORE, *yes even emergencies and disasters, if needed!***

**FIND  
OUT  
WHY  
WE  
DO  
THIS!**

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Rooms Soon!**

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## DECEMBER 2019

1.....REACTer Published  
3.....REACT World Wide Net (9 p.m ET)  
4.....REACT Traffic System Net (9:15 p.m. ET)  
4...REACT Monthly Message Run (9:25 p.m. ET)  
7 .....Zello World Wide Net (9 p.m. ET)  
7 .....Pearl Harbor Day (US)  
10.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)  
11 .....REACT Traffic Systems Net (9:15 p.m. ET)  
14.....Zello World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)  
15 .....Deadline for January REACTer  
17 .....REACT World Wide Net ((:00 p.m. ET)  
18 .....REACT Traffic System Net (9:15 p.m. ET)  
21 .....Zello World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)  
24 .....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)  
24.....Christmas Eve  
25.....Christmas Day  
26 .....REACT Traffic Systems Net (9:15 p.m. ET)  
28 .....Zello World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)  
31.....New Years Eve  
31.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)

## JANUARY 2020

1.....New Years Day  
1.....REACTer Published  
4.....Zello World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)  
7.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)  
11.....Zello World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)  
14.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)  
15.....Deadline for February REACTer  
18.....Zello World Wide Net ((:00 p.m. ET)  
21.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)  
25.....Zello World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)  
27.....REACT Int'l Annual Board Mtg, Las Vegas  
28.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)

## FEBRUARY 2020 (LEAP Month)

1.....REACTer Published  
4.....REACT World Wide Net (9 p.m. ET)  
8.....Zello World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)  
11.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)  
15.....Zello World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)  
15.....Deadline for February REACTer  
18.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)  
22.....Zello World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)  
25.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)  
29.....Zello World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)

## MARCH 2020

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7 .....Zello World Wide Net (9 p.m. ET)  
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14.....Zello World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)  
15 .....Deadline for April REACTer  
17 .....REACT World Wide Net ((:00 p.m. ET)  
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28 .....Zello World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)  
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## APRIL 2020

1.....New Years Day  
1.....REACTer Published  
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7.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)  
11.....Zello World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)  
14.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)  
15.....Deadline for May REACTer  
18.....Zello World Wide Net ((:00 p.m. ET)  
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28.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)



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**Any questions ... contact the person in charge of the event**  
**Most National/International Holidays are now in the calendar. They are in CAPITAL PRINT**

# Are YOU an Artist or Designer?

REACT International Inc. announces the

## 60th Anniversary Logo

Contest is now

**OPEN FOR ENTRIES!!!**

# \$100 Prize to the Winner!!

**SUBMIT  
Your  
design  
Today!**

**CONTEST ENDS  
THIS MONTH!!**

The logo for REACT International Inc. is a yellow shield-shaped emblem with a stylized sunburst at the top and the word "REACT" in a bold, sans-serif font at the bottom.

**SUBMIT  
Your  
design  
Today!**

**WHO Will WIN the 60th  
Anniversary Logo Contest??**

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### RULES FOR PARTICIPATION

- 1.) Entrant must be a *REACT* Member in good standing (Team, Life or Unattached)
- 2.) Entries must be received by December 31, 2019 to be considered. No Exceptions.
- 3.) Logo must include some variation of 60, Diamond Jubilee or other reference to *REACT's* 60th Birthday.
- 4.) The decision of the judges is final.
- 5.) Winner will receive \$100 and their logo will be placed in use for the entire 60th Year and will be featured prominently in The *REACTer* and all public and press releases and/or merchandise.
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