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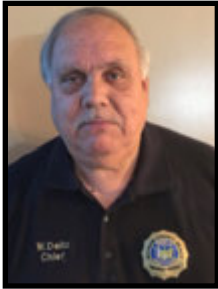
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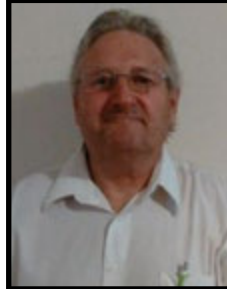


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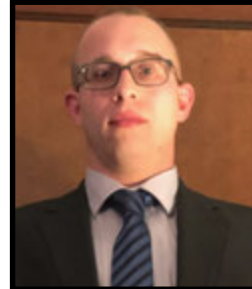


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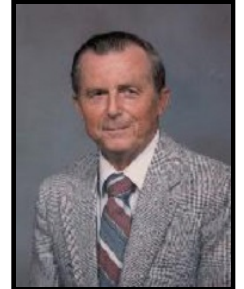
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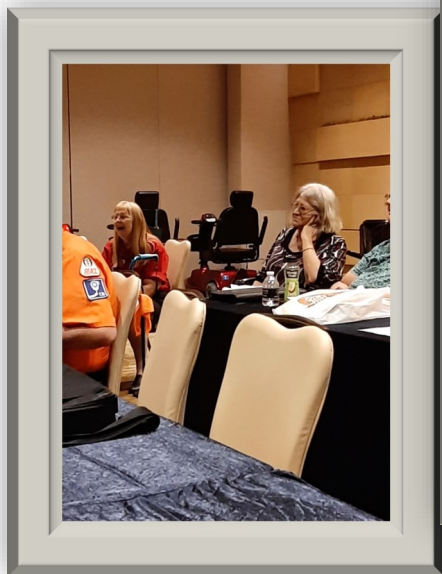
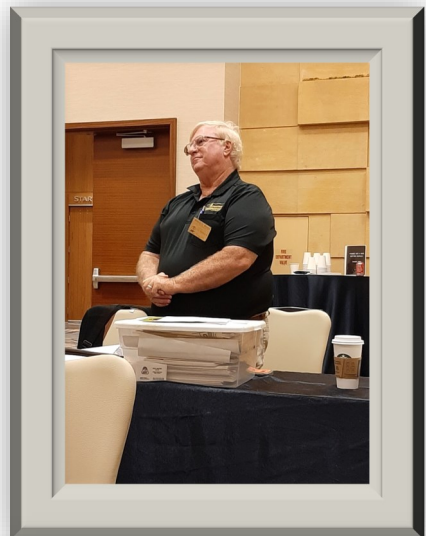
60th LAS VEGAS, NEVADA **REACT** INTERNATIONAL, INC. Celebration

*Photos submitted by
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60th Celebration

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REACT International's 60th Anniversary Celebration
An Attendee's Account

Submitted by: Ravindranath "Robby" Goswami, 9Z4RG/NZ4RG, Region 9 Director

REACT has been around for 60 years!

Referred to as the Diamond Jubilee, 60 years is by no means a short time. In fact, it is a commendable achievement for the organization, one that should not go unrecognized. To this end, *REACT* International, Inc. held a special celebration event on Monday, 8th August 2022. The venue was the Aria in Las Vegas.

The celebration was in the works even before the COVID-19 pandemic began. Uncertainty dominated during the 2020-2021 period. Regrettably, many people worldwide succumbed to the virus, as at writing according to the WHO over 6.5 million, including *REACT*ers, and members of their families. We extend condolences to everyone who has lost loved ones. In addition to the economic and supply chain challenges, the heavy restrictions added to the uncertainty. In the case of Trinidad and Tobago, where the author lives, borders were completely closed for approximately 1½ years. By mid-2021, it appeared that all systems were a go, that the celebration would be possible. However, due to the difficult economic and other prevailing conditions, it was likely that attendance would not be all that great.

Nonetheless, plans were put into motion by the celebration committee chaired by Will Stanley to ensure a successful event. The venue, activities, and logistics were planned and advertised over several issues of the *REACT*er to inform the membership that, barring any unforeseen circumstances, the event was still on.

The rest of this article summarizes the author's experience and is therefore written in the 1st person.

I filled out the registration form around December 2021 and sent the payment to the office. The committee would have wanted to know about commitments as early as possible and also to obtain funds in order to make the usual downpayment to the venue.



60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

August 8, 2022 - ARIA Resort & Casino - Las Vegas, Nevada

Registration Form

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Given the list of speakers, including the very well-known Gordon West, WB6NOA, whose books many-a-ham would have used in studying for their ticket, the event was not to be missed.

I had to apply for leave from my workplace and to make travel arrangements. Flights from Trinidad and Tobago to Las Vegas are expensive, but the earlier that bookings are made, sometimes better fares can be had. Additionally, rates at the Aria are typically high, so I decided to stay off property, as usually done when attending Board Meetings. Speaking of which, members may or may not be aware, but Directors and Officers pay 100% of all expenses (transportation/flights, accommodation, meals, etc.) to attend Board meetings.

I rented a car from Hertz, which makes it easy to walk off the plane, take a shuttle to the rental center, walk to the car and drive off. It is pretty easy to drive to the Aria, park in the garage, and then make your way to the venue. Within the last few years, Aria, as have all MGM facilities, started to charge for parking, but for 1 day, it wasn't too bad.

One of the nice things about visiting Las Vegas as a ham radio operator is that there is a brick-and-mortar Gigaparts store nearby (the AES store close a couple of years ago). So I usually take the opportunity to stop by and pick up a few things. There are many activities to do and things to see in Las Vegas, so there is never a dull moment.

On the day of the celebration, upon arrival, each attendee visited the registration desk to receive their packages, which included a 60th Anniversary laptop bag, pins, patches, and a computer. The celebration was in two parts. Part 1 involved presentations by speakers, all of whom were subject matter experts in their own right. Part 2 was the celebration dinner.

Will Stanley, committee chair, kicked things off to start the event. Ryan Reid was the audio and IT engineer who looked after the audio system and virtual platform. Brian van Meter assisted with many areas of logistics but was also the defacto photographer.



The anthems of the nations in attendance were played. John Capodanno opened by welcoming everyone and thanking all attendees, contributors, and speakers that have made the event possible.

Presenting first was Dan Berc, the Warning Coordination Meteorologist of the National Weather Service, Las Vegas, on the importance of Skywarn, NWS, and Amateur Radio. Up next, live via Zoom, was Gordon West, Author, on radio communications and *REACT* in emergencies and disasters.



After a break for lunch, Anderson Bennett, FCC Field Agent, delivered a presentation on the role of the FCC. Mary Hicks, CERT expert, presented on the importance of CERT. Ron McCracken, a past President, spoke to cap off the presentations with words of encouragement and provided *REACT* promotional materials to all attendees for their teams. All speaker's presentations were nothing short of excellent.



The last part of the event was the celebration dinner. President John Capodanno was the MC for the evening. He welcomed and thanked everyone for attending and making the event a success. A screen with the names to honouring some of the "silent mics" was displayed throughout the evening. Mary Hicks made and designed beautiful centerpieces for all the tables, which became a much sought-after souvenir. The dinner was sumptuous, consisting of salad, a choice of filet mignon or salmon, and dessert. An open bar was available for the evening.



After dinner, members had the opportunity to chat in an informal atmosphere, reminiscing about the past activities and achievements of the organization and discussing the future. The atmosphere was filled with positive vibes.

Indeed, though a relatively small attendance, the celebration was a very worthwhile and fitting event to recognize 60 years of “*Public Service Through Communications*”. It was a tribute to all who toiled over the years in the name of REACT. If you weren’t there, you missed out on a memorable event. Hopefully, we can have a similar celebration for the 65th.

David Perry was the designer of the 60th Anniversary logo, and what a great job he did.

There are a couple of regrets, none of which were within anyone’s control. It was hoped that the wife of REACT’s founder Henry Kreer, Irene Kreer would have made it to the celebration. Unfortunately, she was not able to attend after all. One speaker, due to a last-minute critical work commitment, was not able to travel. Given the effort put into planning and hosting the event, the number of attendees was on the small side but understandable given the economic and other prevailing conditions.

On a somber note, Pat Knight, who attended the celebration, passed away recently. My deepest condolences go out to her husband, another REACT stalwart, Lee Besing, and their family on this great loss.



Lastly, there are many who toiled tirelessly to ensure the 60th Anniversary celebration came off successfully, but I would like to single out one. President John Capodanno, put a lot of time, effort, and resources into ensuring its success, and for that wish to thank him for his generous contributions.

On that note, let's use the 60th Anniversary as a renewal for us all to ask ourselves what we can do to uplift and move the organization forward even further. Yes, many challenges exist, but together, we can meet and overcome any obstacles in our way.

I hope the readers found the brief account to be entertaining, useful, or at least informative.

Here's wishing another 60 years to *REACT*!



***Special CB Radio Net Scheduled To Recognize
Trinidad and Tobago's 60th Anniversary of Independence
And REACT's 60th Anniversary***

Submitted by: Ravindranath "Robby" Goswami, 9Z4RG/NZ4RG, Region 9 Director

In 2022, REACT celebrates 60 years of continuous service, and Trinidad and Tobago observes its 60th Anniversary of Independence.

REACT Teams in Trinidad and Tobago, under the umbrella of the REACT Trinidad and Tobago Council, decided to facilitate activities to recognize and celebrate the Diamond Jubilee. Events held thus far included a webinar, special radio and Zello Nets, amongst other promotional activities.

Once such activity that is still on the cards is a Special CB Radio Net. We are likely aware that REACT as an organization started out using CB radio as the technology to fulfill the motto "*Public Service Through Communications.*" Although the organization has incorporated all forms of communications over the years, including commercial Land Mobile Radio (LMR), Family Radio Service (FRS), General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS), Amateur Radio (ham radio), and Voice over IP (VoIP) such a Zello, CB continues to be used quite effectively by the organization.

In Trinidad and Tobago, CB only became "legal" about 2 years ago as a result of REACT lobby and work with the local telecommunications authority. As a result, we can expect an increase in the number of CB radios imported into the country by citizens. REACT has also developed CB radio guidelines for its membership as well as the public at large. So it is fitting to have a Special CB Radio Net to promote this mode to the public, honour the past and chart the course for the future.

The special CB Radio Net will be held on Sunday 2nd October 2022 at 8:00 pm TT time (UTC-4) and will take place on Channel 20 AM. The net is open to all CB operators.



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On Sept. 24th, 2022. Southern MN Albert Lea REACT Team C-143 provided Safety through Communications for the 4th Annual Out of Darkness Walk for Suicide. The walk is 2 miles round trip



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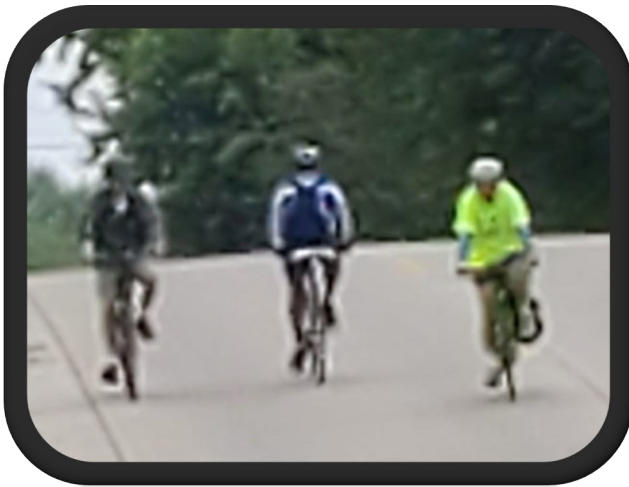


ness Walk for Suicide. Next Big Event is The Big Island Rendzvous and Festival. 5 day event.



So. Mn. Albert Lea REACT, Inc.

Team C-143 helped with Traffic Control at key intersections on August, 13th with the MN Bike Ride in Albert Lea, MN. Had 177 bike riders doing a 10 mile or 30 miles and a 50 miles around Albert Lea and Freeborn Cnty. A good, cool day.



Southern Mn. Albert Lea

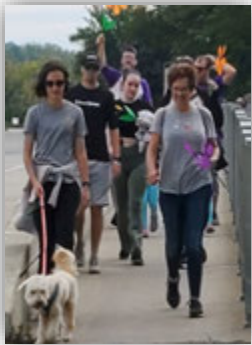
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MINUTES
REACT International Board Meeting
June 30, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. PDT via Zoom teleconference.,
by Chairman Capodanno.

Roll call was taken by Secretary Paxson, Minutes Taken via Recording Secretary Paxson.

Directors:

R1 – Warren Deitz - Present
R2 – Vacant
R3 – Joe Zych - Present
R4 – Matthew Vizzuso - Present
R5 – Larry Fry - Absent
R6 – Thomas Jenkins - Present
R7 – Jerry Jones – Present
R8 – John Capodanno - Present
R9 – Ravindranath Goswami – Late

Officers:

President – John Capodanno - Present
Executive Vice President – Thomas Jenkins – Present
Secretary – Kirk Paxson
Assistant Secretary – Vacant
Treasurer – Russ Dunn - Absent
Assistant Treasurer – Vacant

Guests Present:

William Stanley

It was confirmed that a Quorum was established.

Approval of Agenda

Director Jones moved to accept the agenda, second by Director Zych.
R1-Y R3-Y R4-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y Motion Passed.

Announcements

August 8th 60th Anniversary Las Vegas

Approval of Minutes

Director Jenkins moved to approve the minutes from March 13, 2020, second by Director Capodanno. R1-Y R3-Y R4-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y Motion Passed.

Director Elections

No nominations or ballots for Region 2 and Region 5

Region 8 Director (Exp. Exp 2025) (3yr Term) – Chairman Capodanno opened ballots. 5 votes for John Capodanno. Direction Jones moved to accept ballots, second by Director Zych.

R1-Y R3-Y R4-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y Motion Passed.

Closed Session

Moved by Director Jones R7, to enter to closed session. second by Director Vizzuso R4 6:15 p.m.

R1-Y R3-Y R4-Y R5-Y R6-ABstain R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Went to closed session at 6:15 p.m.

Returned to open session at 6:56 p.m.

Director Goswami Region 9 joined meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Resignation of Region 6 Director Tom Jenkins from all REACT International positions

Director Vizzuso moves to accept Mr. Jenkins resignation. second by Director Jones.

R1-Y R3-Y R4-Y R6-Resigned R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Termination of member Tom Jenkins from REACT International for violation of Section 3.7 of the Bylaws

Discussion referring to REACT International Bylaws

Director Vizzuso moves to terminate Mr. Tom Jenkins from REACT International, Inc., for violation of section 3.7 of the Bylaws, second by Director Zych

R1-Y R3-Y R4-Y R5-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Committee Report 60th Celebration

17 Members are attending, and everything is ready. Waiting for response founder's wife if she will attend.

Adjournment

Director Jones moved to adjourn at 7:40 PM PDT, second by Director Vizzuso.

R1-Y R3-Y R4-Y R5-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Next meeting August 28th

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk Paxson
Secretary



Silent Mics



It is with a heavy heart that we inform the *REACT* Family of the passing of these members

Patricia Knight

1956-2022



Pat was very active in multiple local area Amateur (Ham) Radio Clubs. She held an extra class ham license (AD5BR) since January 2001, coordinated the Volunteer Examiner (VE) Team for the San Antonio Radio Club (SARC), plus frequently helped other VE teams around the area. She was a current Director for SARC. She was the team secretary for Hill Country REACT team. Pat had been a member of the Alamo Area Radio Organization (AARO), San Antonio Repeater Organization (SARO), Radio Operators of South Texas (ROOST) and the Kendall Amateur Radio Society (KARS) She had been an active volunteer with the BikeMS / MS150 rides for Houston and San Antonio since 2003. When the American Diabetes Association sponsored the Tour de Cure rides out of San Antonio, she helped at that event as well.

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