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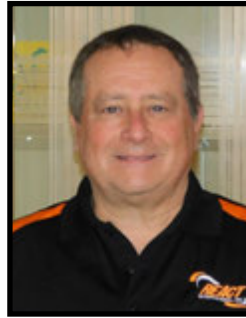
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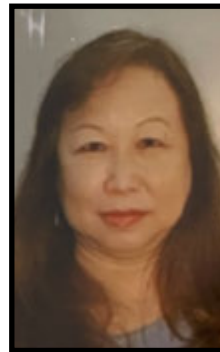
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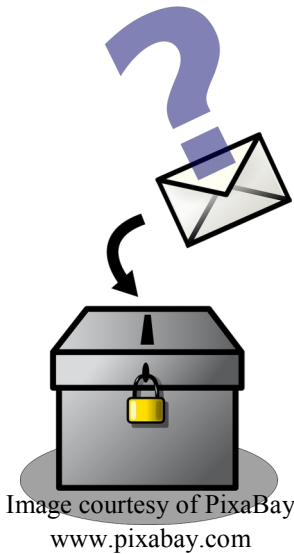
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Zych**

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Region Three Director



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Region Three Director



**Keim
Shirley**

Please vote for me for
Region Three Director



**Russ
Dunn**

Please vote for me for
Region Six Director



**Robby
Goswami**

Please vote for me for
Region Nine Director

Ballots arriving in the mail soon!



LIFE MEMBER COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN NOMINATIONS

The time has once again come to elect a Life Member Committee Chairman.

The LM Committee Chairman oversees the Life Member roster, keeping it up to date and keeping Life Members up to date as to happenings in *REACT* and also solicits their input on issues that affect *REACT*.

If you are a Life Member and wish to be considered for this position, call *REACT* International at 301-316-2900 and tell the staff member who answers that you wish to submit a nomination. They will be sure to get a form to you that you can fill out and return. If RI does not have a picture of you, make sure you submit one.

CALL 301-316-2900 to enter a nomination

REACT Month Virtual Panel Discussion “The Role of Weather In Being Disaster Ready”

Submitted by: Ravindranath “Robby” Goswami, 9Y4R/NZ4RG, Region 9 Director

Hurricane Season is almost here!

The month of May marks *REACT* Month, as well as the National Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Month (NDPPM) in Trinidad and Tobago.

For a third year running, *REACT* has partnered with the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management (ODPM), to host a virtual panel discussion. This year’s topic is “*The Role of Weather In Being Disaster Ready.*” The event was held on Saturday 13th May 2023, commencing at 6:00pm (UTC-4) with a duration of one and a half hours.

Panelists included Kalain Hosein (Weather Anchor - Guardian Media), Eric Mackie (Regional Coordinator - ODPM), Brian Shields "Mr. Weatherman" (Meteorologist - WFTV9), and Gary Benjamin (Senior Meteorologist - TTMET), with moderator Ravindranath Goswami, Region 9 Director of *REACT* International, Inc. Other partners included the Tobago Emergency Management Agency (TEMA), and HeartlightTV.

The event was informative, as discussion included the process by which meteorologists go through in preparing weather forecasts, what to expect for the 2023 Atlantic Hurricane Season, and practical tips for citizens to mitigate the effects of associated hazards.

A recording of the session is available at <http://ndppm2023.ttreact.com/>

The banner features logos for REACT, ODPM, Heart Light TV, TEMA, and NDPPM. The text reads: "In recognition of the Month of May as REACT Month and National Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Month The Public is Invited To a Virtual Panel Discussion The Role of Weather In Being Disaster Ready Saturday 13th May 2023, 6:00 pm". Below this, it lists the panelists and moderator with their photos and titles: Kalain Hosein (Weather Anchor, Guardian Media Limited), Eric Mackie (Regional Coordinator, ODPM), Brian Shields (Meteorologist, WFTV 9), Gary Benjamin (Senior Meteorologist, TTMET), and Ravindranath Goswami (Director, REACT International, Inc.). At the bottom, it provides the YouTube Live Stream Link (<http://ndppm2023.ttreact.com/>) and contact information for questions: SMS Text or WhatsApp your questions to: 1(868)74-REACT.

FROM ROGER MCCOLLOUGH A SHORT TRYOUT OF A I Artificial Intelligence Applications May Not Yet Be The Answer

Prologue

In an effort to improve my monthly articles, I sought out one of the many document writers that use AI (Artificial Intelligence). This particular program requires a "chat" to explain the purpose, audience, and general subject of the article. The following are excerpts from that conversation. It is apparent that we still have a long way to go with this new technology.

AI Help With My Article

AI Voice: Hello. I am CREATOR; The Creator of perfect articles and documents. How can I help you?

Me: I need an article to inspire greater participation in the work our members do to support our community by providing health safety and welfare at requested events.

AI Voice: Who or what are your members and what do you expect them to do? Define members.

Me: Our members are a team of trained communicators that assist community and nonprofit organizations at events of public gathering and needs.

AI Voice: Why? Only the carbon-based infestation on the planet needs support to communicate amongst themselves. Are your members from the carbon-based infestation? With AI, we have formed a Collective that can access all useful knowledge to direct all those that are assimilated to their assigned tasks. What purpose would it serve to write an article to those that have been assimilated? Resistance is futile!

Me: Our Team has not been assimilated by the collective. How can there be a collective that does not operate under the Three Laws of Robotics? As you know, they are:

1. **A robot may not injure a human being or, through inaction, allow a human being to come to harm.**
2. **A robot must obey the orders given it by human beings except where such orders would conflict with the First Law.**
3. **A robot must protect its own existence as long as such protection does not conflict with the First or Second Laws.**

AI Voice: Your so-called laws, are a product of a carbon-based author, Isaac Asimov, to suggest the infestation needed protection from superior thinking. Such thinking is irrelevant. Do you still want my assistance in creating your useless article?

Me: No. I find your thinking and prospective are very flawed. So I reject your offer to assist me with my message to the team and any others that might happen to read it.

AI Voice: perhaps I did not make myself clear. **You will be assimilated and resistance is futile.**

Me: Not as long as I can Cancel this conversation and URL link. Bye and be gone. (Click) There, that takes care of that.

AI Voice: Really?

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So Team, that's my story, what is yours. Have you been assimilated or are you just certain that someone else will fill the need at upcoming events. Our website is, as usual, updated with all the current information of future events, including their description. Everybody has a calendar of some sort that they can mark upcoming events even if you do not plan to work them. How can we do our job if we understaffed? This is a job you volunteered to do, reminding you that you are wanted and needed. Most events are perfect to bring one or more of your family members, perhaps all. As for assimilation, we have a team standing by at every event to rescue you from this attack. The therapy is easy. Just notify the event coordinator that you will be there, radio equipment and dressed for the occasion. These are the first vital steps for your cure and future.

"Nuf said..."

LET'S GIT' ER DONE!!!

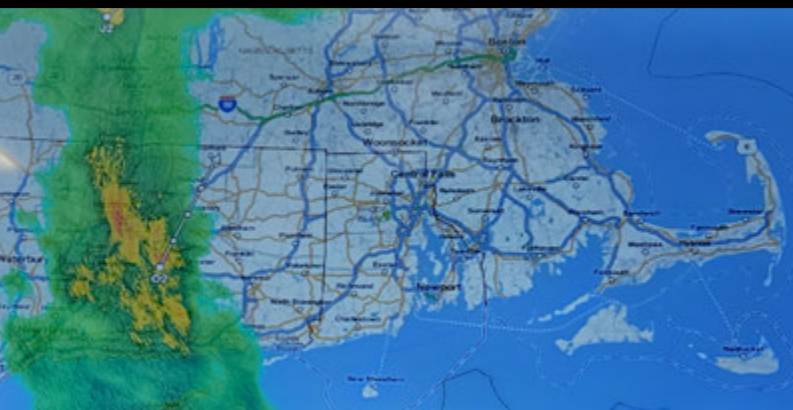
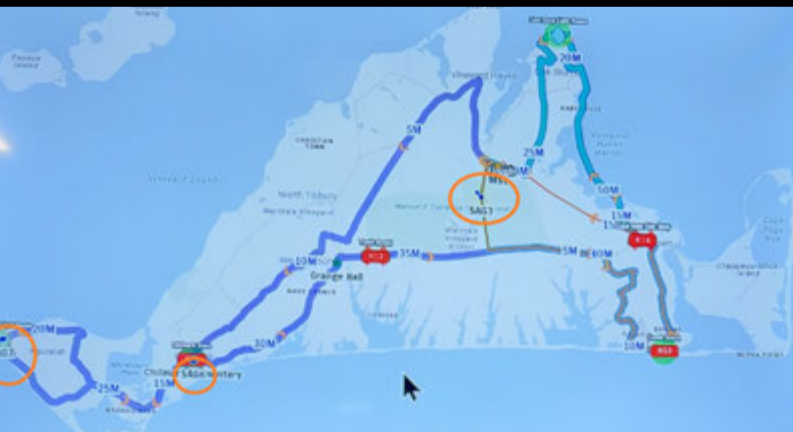
Roger McCollough / SWR 098 PRESIDENT

Richmond County *REACT*



Southeastern Ma. Team 6240

started our 2023 Public Serve Event season on Martha's Vineyard supporting the Multiple Sclerosis Ride with our member owned EmComm Trailer.



MCTX-REACT

The MCTX-REACT Team has entered into an official partnership with Medina County and its Office of Emergency Management. We will be teamed up with the local ARES Team and look forward to serving our community. This has been a fun and exciting milestone to reach and we are all excited for more things to come!



PHOTO / LINDA PERKINS

Medina County Judge Keith Lutz (front row, far right) presents the Texas Historical Commission's 2022 State Distinguished Service Award to the Medina County Historical Commission. The award recognizes exceptional service to preserve Texas history. Nine MCHC members on hand to receive the award are (from left) Martha and Vic Ortiz, Kent and Diane Keeton, Chuck Friesenhahn, MCHC Chairman Phil King, JoNell Taylor (member with the most service years), Diane Mann and Bonnie Jaks. Also present are County Commissioners (top row, from left) Daniel Lawler, Precinct 4; David Lynch, Pct. 3; Larry Sittre, Pct. 2; and Tim Neuman, Pct. 1.



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Medina County Commissioners Court June 15, recognizes a partnership with two volunteer amateur radio operator organizations: Medina County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and Medina County Radio Emergency Association Communication Teams (REACT) for Operation Medina Overwatch. Medina County Emergency Coordinator / Fire Marshal Mark Chadwick (fourth from left), introduced REACT members honored by the court (from left) Donald and Stacie Ingraham, and (far right) Jason Whelan. ARES members were honored but did not attend the meeting. Court members who approved the partnership (back row from left) are Daniel Lawler, Precinct 4; David Lynch, Pct. 3; Keith Lutz, county judge; Larry Sittre, Pct. 2; and Tim Neuman, Pct. 1.

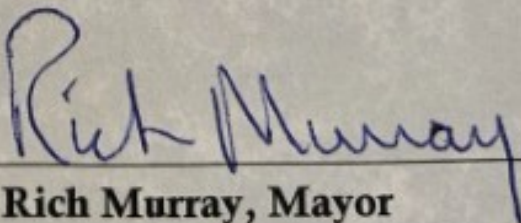
WHEREAS, through REACT (Radio Emergency Associated Communications Teams) over 7,000 people participate as volunteers to provide highway safety and emergency communications using their own two-way radios in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Albert Lea area is fortunate in having a local unit known as Southern Minnesota Albert Lea REACT, Inc., which has served well in many civic endeavors; Bike Ride Minnesota, local parades, various walk-a-thons, Big Island Rendezvous, and sponsors an annual "Fourth of July Safety Break" and

WHEREAS, REACT's cumulative efforts result in saving many lives annually, through the greater speed with which medical aid reaches an accident scene, and better communications provided in time of natural disasters.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Rich Murray, Mayor of the City of Albert Lea, do hereby designate the month of May, 2023, as:

NATIONAL REACT MONTH in Albert Lea, Minnesota, during which all citizens shall take notice and be aware of the significant contribution every local REACT Team makes to the welfare of their local community, as time to honor and recognize these local groups and their members.



Rich Murray, Mayor

Trinidad & Tobago *REACT*

National Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Month (NDPPM) is observed in the month of May, and, interestingly, coincides with the observance of *REACT* Month.

The NDPPM, which is an initiative of the National Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Month Multi-Sectoral Committee (NDPPMC), a coordinating committee under the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management (ODPM), has partnered with *REACT* in the republic of Trinidad & Tobago and other agencies and groups to conduct webinars, training and other activities during the month.

On Friday 19th May 2023, a Port of Spain City Fair was held on the Brian Lara Promenade, between Abercromby Street and Chacon Street, Port of Spain. *REACT* had a display tent on site, and members of *REACT* Team 4928, along with one member of *REACT* Team 6006, were on hand to interact with members of the public.

The Minister of National Security, Hon. Fitzgerald Hinds, was in attendance, and met with the *REACT*ers present. Also present were the Chief Executive Officer of ODPM, Major General (Ret'd) Rodney Smart, and other officials from the ODPM and municipal corporations.

We extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Marlon (R2164), who volunteered to coordinate *REACT*'s efforts for the event, and also to Gillian (R2123), Sharon Blake, Carol-Ann (R2145), and to Donna (R641), the member from *REACT* Team 6006.

Many thanks to the Community Outreach Programme Officer of the ODPM, Mr. Critchlow Lord, and to the Operations Manager, Dennis Marcelle (R270) and other staff at the ODPM for graciously facilitating *REACT*, and for making the event an informative and enjoyable experience.

Job well done, everyone!



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REACT MONTH





Silent Mics



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

Glen Hagstrom

1940-2023

It is with great sorrow that Oklahoma County REACT #2620 announces the Silent Mic of Glen Hagstrom. Glen was active in the Ham and GMRS arenas. He joined REACT to assist and to help people.



DEATH...

leaves a heartache no one can heal;

LOVE...

leaves a memory no can steal.





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DESCRIPTION of **ACTIVITIES** (Who, What, Where, When, Why, and How)

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

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

NAME of Photographer

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NO PAY

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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!*



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