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All REACT Teams Share Presidential Award



This is the President's volunteer Action Award presented to REACT International, Inc. on April 15, 1982. Read about the presentation on page 1 of this Issue of the REACTer.

All REACT teams share in this highest honor ever to be received by the REACT organization. It is probably the most distinguished award that REACT could possibly receive in the United States.

Certificates are being prepared for every Team to share in the honor of this award. Additional certificates to honor your local supporters and their contribution in helping to achieve the award, plus identification items for individual REACT members are now being produced for availability through the Official REACT Supply Company. Watch for news of these items.

They Survived California Blast



A relaxed Gary Peterson, his wife, Lynn, and little Ann, 3, seen in the comfort and security of their California home. It is hard to visualize that just a few hours earlier they were among the last to get out of the lil-fated Caldecott Tunnel in Oakland alive. Peterson's involvement in the Caldecott blast led to his joining the team that helped him - REACT team of the Golden Gate. (See story on page 1).

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REACT Wins President's Volunteer Action Award

REACT Responds Here's Full Story of REACT Involvement in Two California Disasters

It's not often that a REACT Team becomes involved in a disaster of the first megnitude, such as the recent horrendous rains and flooding which hit the San Francisco Bay area, but that is precisely what happened to REACT of the Golden Gate Area Team C-373. Not only was the team and other REACT Teams in the Bay area called on for assistance in the flood disaster, but thanks to Gary Peterson and REACT, word of the Caldecott Tunnel disaster was flashed to the outside world. The full details for REACT's involvement in both of these disasters is told in the personal accounts below which were submitted by Vince Gagliardo and Jonathan Tufts, both members of the Golden Gate REACT Team, to whom we are greatly indebted. we are greatly indebted.

On Monday January 4, REACT of the Golden Gate Area, Inc. was tested to their limits by the toughest and most stubborn storm to hit Nor-thern California in over 35 years. thern California in over 30 years. Before this storm was over, it dumped up to 10 inches of rain on Marin County, to the north, and closed the northern highways leading to the Golden Gate Bridge stopping traffic across the span for only the second time in the history of the bridge.

Golden Gate REACT had not handled anything quite this vicious before. Gales and hurricanes that are common in other parts of the country are almost unheard of in the San Francisco Bay Area. Crisis situations for the Team are

usually of a more expected nature such as the heavy rains that make the highways slick and cause numerous accidents or rainstorms that knock out power and backup the sewer drains, but never had the area experienced anything quite this

Houses slid from their foundations, ravines gushed, flooding mobile home parks with waist deep mobile nome parks with waist deep mud and knocking out phone and power lines. Entire highways were washed away or closed indefinitely by logs and debris. Police Depart-ments were closed by flooding and normally placid hamlets throughout the San Francisco Bay Area were turned into lakes by overflowing

creeks.
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Terror gripped Lynn's voice. A wall of thick, black, acrid, deadly smoke-was advancing at a very high rate of speed toward their car coming from deep within the tunnel.
"Daddy, daddy, the smoke,"
screamed 3-year-old Ann as her
father, Gary Peterson sought to
back their car out of the Caldecott Tunnel.

Tunnel.

Gary Peterson did not know it but he and his family would be the last persons to get out of the Caldecott Tunnel explosion and fire alive. In front of him were seven people trapped in the cloud. Before he was able to back out of the tunnel, they would be dead, overcome by the boiling cloud caused by the collision and subsequent burning of a fully-loaded gasoline tanker truck and an AC Transit bus.

Gary did not learn what happened inside the tunnel until much later. what occupied his mind at the time were recent tragedies of a wider magnitude, the MGM fire, the Alpine Meadows avalanche, and the smell of jet fighters that had crashed while he was in the service. In a sense he knew what was happening.

What happened is still under investigation by the California Highway Patrol and the National Transportation Safety Board, but sketchy details are known. A Honda Civic stalled in the fast lane of the western bore of the Caldecott Tunnel around 12:15 AM on April 7. An AC Transit bus on its way home after the last run of the day, was following

(Continued on page 8 - Caldecott Tunnel)



SAN FBANCISCO, CA — Members of Golden Gate REACT Team C-373 at their central monitoring base station on top of San Bruno Mountain. Seated at microphone is Robert Riechel, while Bruce Higgins is on the phone, and assisting is Carol Andreacchi.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — REACT was one of 18 individuals, organizations, and corporations honored with Volunteer Action Awards at a special luncheon and ceremonies held at the White House April 15. Although President Reagan was unable to attend, his place was more than capably taken by Mrs. Reagan, who presented the awards given for outstanding volunteer achievement.

Accepting for REACT International were Henry "Pete" Kreer, former executive director of REACT and founder, and Mrs. Evelyne White, of Fairfax REACT Team C-380, whose cool action in connection with the January airport disaster at Washington's National Airport was a key factor in flashing news of the disaster to the authorities (see March - April, 1982 REACTer).

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Surrounded by White House artifacts, Henry "Pete" Kreer, former executive director of REACT international, accepts congratulations of Mrs. Nancy Reagan, at ceremonies held at the White House April 15 in connection with the President's Volunteer Action Awards. REACT was one of 18 organizations, individuals, and corporations honored.

The awards are a unique cooperative effort between the private sector and government. They are co-sponsored by ACTION, the national volunteer agency, and by VOLUNTEER, the National Center for Citizen Involvement.

Recipients of the President's Volunteer Action Awards, offered for the first time this year, were selected from seven categories: jobs, health, material resources, education, recreation and the environ-ment, public safety, the arts and humanities.

In commenting on the awards program, the President was quoted as saying: "Throughout our history, Americans have always extended their hands to neighbors assistance. The energy expended by our-citizens in problem-solving is absolutely imperative to maintain and improve the quality of life for all Americans. I believe this program of recognition is vital to call attention both to what is being done by American volunteers and to what can be done through voluntary ac-

ACTION is the federal agency that stimulates voluntarism and demonstrates the effectiveness of volunteers in addressing social pro-blems. Its programs include: the Foster Grandparent, Retired Senior Volunteer and Senior Companion programs; Young Volunteers in AC-TION, the Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program, the ACTION Drug Prevention Program, National Center for Service Learning, and VISTA (Volunteers in Service to

VOLUNTEER is the primary national organization supporting greater citizen involvement in



Evelyne White

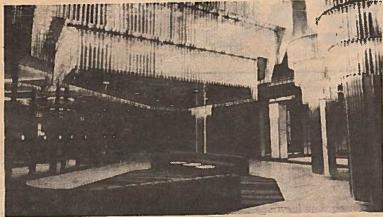
problem-solving. It provides a broad range of technical assistance services to volunteer-involving organizations, public agencies, unions and corporations. It works unions and corporations. It works closely with a network of approx-imately 300 associated Voluntary Action Centers and more than 1,000 other local, state and national organizations.

Recipients were selected from some 2,300 nominees submitted to the White House from every state, Puerto Rico, and the District of Col-

According to Mr. Kreer, although Mr. Reagan was out of town, he did have a chance to meet Mrs. Reagan, Mr. and Mrs. Bush and about half of cabinet members at ceremonies.

Said Evelyne White: "It was a marvélous three-days. Everything was just delightful and the hospitality of the host committee couldn't have been better and Vice President Bush and his wife were excellent hosts -- they made everyone feel at ease. It was worth every minute to he there.

Las Vegas — Next Stop





When conventioners arrive in Las Vegas, show biz capital of the world, here are some of the sights they will see. Top—the gleaming and impressive lobby of the Riviera Hotel. Bottom - Banquet Hall at Convention Center at the Riviera; and Inset—Paul Anka, who will be appearing at the Versailles Theater at the Riviera.

1982 REACT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION PROGRAM

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THE VIEW FROM WOODHEAD DRIVE

By Gerald H. Reese, Executive Director

Convention Update:

You will enjoy the facilities at the Riviera Hotel. This include largest swimming pool I have ever seen, tennis courts, plu other attractions you would expect in Las Vegas.

We have attempted to minimize the evening meetings, althou accommodated those who wish to have special meetings. Meetings are voluntary participation sessions.

What will the President's Volunteer Action Award Mean for This is first a very significant form of recognition of which we proud. REACT was one of eighteen award recipients out of 2, tions. If anybody asks you why REACT received the award, them it is because we deserve it!

We believe this recognition will be highly beneficial in planni for REACT and in building fund-raising opportunities.

The culmination of The Presidential Award and our 20th A will help us to create a more effective National REACT Month

Among the advantages this provides for our publicity, is our ever to have a Presidential Proclamation in behalf of Natio Month. Even though we received The Presidential Award, it tion by both Houses of Congress to request the Presidential. We have had Congressman John Porter of Illinois introbill into the House of Representatives. This is Bill No. I Senator Percy of Illinois is also introducing a similar bill into

Please contact your Congressman and Senators concerning tion to ask them to be co-sponsors and to contact the respect of the bill. Fifty percent of each of the House and Senate sponsors of the bill before it can go forward. This is going t process and we hope that every REACT Team in the U.S. can

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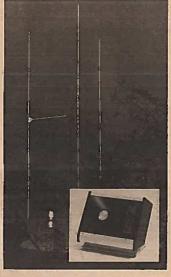
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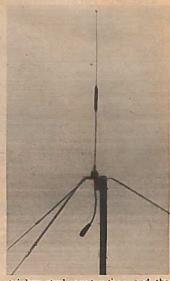
Super Scanner—the Ideal Base Antenna for Sophisticated Emergency Operations

For isolating and pinpointing the origin of emergency or commercial CB communications, there's nothing to compare with The Antenna Specialists' MS119 Super Scanner. This unique antenna is both a superb omnidirectional antenna with tremendous 5.75 dB gain and, with the twist of a knob, a high performance beam exhibiting 8.75 dB gain-like increasing your power seven times. It lets you search with the omni mode, then zero in for maximum range and clarity with the beam modeall done instantaneously and electronically. The Super Scanner weighs just 17 pounds, is quite simple to assemble and is complete except for standard 50 ohm coax cable. Suggested retail price is \$183 50



A/S Tri-Band Antenna Helps Get the Most Out of Your Scanner

Many scanner operators, especially those who have a serious purpose for their equipment, have discovered that the built-in whip antenna furnished with the radio simply cannot provide the range necessary to cover all the land mobile stations in their area that might be vitally important to their network. This is especially true in suburban and rural areas, or where portable radios are widely used. The Antenna Specialists Co. offers a wide selection of special antennas for monitor use, both base and mobile. Although some professionals and hobbyists prefer to install separate antennas for VHF and UHF coverage, most find the MONR31 triband model entirely satisfactory and very easy to handle and install. This unit is a high performance professional grade antenna that covers not only low band, high band and UHF but the "T" band as well, through 512MHz. Both the whip and 65" radials are finest



stainless steel construction, and the slim, durable phasing coil is weatherproof. It comes complete with SO-239 receptacle (coax cable not furnished). The suggested retail price is \$38.95.

A/S Professional Antennas Just the Ticket for GMRS Applications

If you're into GMRS, you'll be interested in two models from The Antenna Specialists Company's extensive line of professional land mobile antennas that are especially suitable for typical



GMRS applications. The ASP-705 Super Base Commander* is a high performance UHF collinear fiber glass unit exhibiting a minimum of 10 dB gain (RS329) and accomodating 250 Watts RF power (500 Watts with optional pigtail). Bandwith is 20 MHz (450-470 MHz). The antenna is wind rated at 128 MPH with a safety factor of 1.65. For mobile applications series ASPR660 is recommended for high performance, low profile configuration and lots of mounting options including roof, trunk lip, magnetic and cowl. Two precisely phased 1/8 wavelength collinear radiators provide 5 dB gain at the horizon.

For complete specifications on these and other GRMS antennas, and the name of your nearest A/S Professional Dealer, write to: The Antenna Specialists Co., 12435 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH. 44106.



Chicago Team's Marathon Support Called Outstanding - Draws Praise



CHICAGO — Project Coordinatory Larry Shrigley, West Suburbs REACT Team 3310, REACT Coordinator for America's Marathon — Chicago, presents certificate and corsage to Mary Goodwin McCell, chairman of the Marathon Steering Committee. The award represents special recognition for the Steering Committee's support of REACT participation in providing emergency radio communications for the event. The presentation was made at a dimner held last March honoring members of the steering committee for their work in connection with the Marathon.

CHICAGO, IL. — Any way you looked at it--it was an outstanding job well done. That about sums up the participation of 180 Chicago area REACTers representing 14 teams in the third annual America's Marathon--Chicago. The 26-mile run, which annually attracts several thousand runners from all over the nation, relied on REACT for communications backup and support.

According to Larry Shrigley, of West Suburbs REACT Team 3310, the 180 REACTers were spotted throughout the length of the run in half-mile increments to provide com-munications backup. There was also a GMRS communications team to handle medical communications

from the team to the main medical tent and a helicopter which REACT provided to handle overall surveillance, and three base stations--one at the finish line and

southern turning points.

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According to Shrigley, th was undertaken three years ago for the first time partially on a dare: "That CB couldn't handle the project, let alone improve and expand

With an increasing number of REACTers participating every year, and such additions as a helicopter and GMRS communication, it's difficult to see what REACT will be able to do next year to top that, said Shrigley, but "we intend to try."

San Diego Team in Triple Bill For Extra Honors in March

SAN DIEGO, CA — Members of Southwestern REACT Team C-475 worked only one day in March as a team, but on that day, they worked three different events: the Bus Rodeo in Imperial Beach with Elaine Smith and Ezra Lancaster coor-dinating, and the American Cancer "Lifecycle," a bike-a-thon in El Ca-jon, with Wayne Edmonds coordinating, and in Coronado with Bob

Kurz coordinating. The Special Events Honor Roll contains the names of all team members who assisted. While CB- was used in handling the Bud Rodeo and the Lifecycle event in El Cajon, GMRS was used in connection with the Lifecycle event in El Cajon. Communications was instantiana. munications were just satisfactory after a clear CB channel was found.

L.A. Team Honors Councilwoman for REACT Support

HOLLYWOOD, CA—
Don Derby, president of
Los Angeles REACT
Teem 2478, is shown with
Councilwoman Peggy
Stevenson, 13th Los
Angeles Councilmento
District, as Mrs. Stevenson displays proclamation signed by Los
Angeles Mayor TomBradley designating
November as REACT
month. In response to
her efforts in obtaining
the proclamation, Mrs.
Stevenson was
presented with a cortificate of appreciation
(displayed by Don Derby). In addition, Teem
member Glen Roy
Wattes, a long-time
REACT member, received a 1,500 hour pin for
the dedication he has
shown. Another
member, Gary Wong,
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Penna Team Blazes Trail of Achievement in Supporting Special Olympics

field" communications for the Special Olympics, and encourages other REACT Teams to get involved in this worthwhile project.

In 1977 the Carlisle Team began its national control of the Carlisle Team began its national control of the Carlisle Team began its national carlisles.

participation in the event by proving they could cut the time of the local meet by approximately two hours through "on field" communications. In 1978 the local director of the Special Olympics was so impressed that the Team was asked to assist with local, area and state meets. As the Special Olympics grew, so did the need for additional radio units, and Harrisburg REACT was invited to assist. The Teams have worked harmoniously since. This year the harmoniously since. This year the Team finds more units are necessary and it has invited Blue Mountain REACT to join it. For the past three years Daniel Baron, president of the Carlisle Team, has served as Com-munications Chairperson for Area M of the Special Olympics in Penn-sylvania, and Coordinator of Communications for the State Special Olympics.

Mike Higgins, Assistant Director of the Pennsylvania Special Olym-pics, who moved to Pennsylvania from Michigan, first observed the REACT teams in action at the 1981 State Special Olympics and ever since has been saying: "I don't know how we ever ran a Meet without REACT. They're great!"

Baron invites all REACT teams to at involved in Special Olympics. get involved in Special Olympics. For detailed information on how to run "on field" communications, write to: Daniel Baron, President, Greater Carlisle Area REACT Team, Woods Drive, R. D. #5, Mechanicshurg, PA-17055. Teams which have been involved are urged to exchange ideas as the Team continues to learn new techniques continues to learn new techniques. tinues to learn new techniques each year and believes it is vital to have REACT provide communications at the International Special Olympics at Baton Rouge, La., in 1984.

Carlisle REACT believes strongly that the first duty of every team is to monitor Channel 9 and to try to have 24-hour coverage. Baron reports that two members have a CB in every strategic place in their home so that no matter where they are, they can hear one of the sets; to the extent of even having one in their bedroom amp for use with which is on all night. During bad REACT and pay mo weather the two get very litle sleep.

CARLISLE, PA — The Greater During storms and other emergen-Carlisle Area REACT Team No. cies, other team members voluntari-2859 is starting its sixth year of "on ly assume additional monitoring

The Team recently purchased a used Ford step-van together with their fully equipped Winnebago trailer, the team can cope with

almost any emergency.

In other projects, the Team sponsors holiday Safety Coffee Breaks on I-81, manning both north and southbound sides. During 1981 they served a total of over 14,000 persons. They assist the Kiwanis Club with their "Stash-the Trash" day; provide communications for the Lung Association Appalachian Trek; Association Appalachian Trek; CROP Walk; March of Dimes Walk America; the YMCA Bike-a-thon; provide communications for the opening of trout season at a nearby lake with no other form of everyday communication; and handle communications for local parades, etc.

A CB set was purchased several years ago for the use of the Police Department and members are responsible for its maintenance and repair. With the police the team has also a registration for electronic also a registration for electronic equipment and records. Recently the Team held a town meeting at which members of the Pennsylvania Crime Commission explained the "Crime Watch" program. As a result, the local police department sent three of its members to a workshop, and a "Crime Watch" program is being established. established.

established.

An Awards Banquet is held each year at which members are guests and are recognized for their work. To keep members in a position to monitor, REACTers may loan funds from the Team to purchase new equipment with repayment on a monthly basis without interest.

An active Ways and Means Committee promotes such projects of bake sales, food sales, garage sales, etc. This year a concessions stand to be set up at the three Car Flea

be set up at the three Car Flea Markets in Carlisle, will attract hun-dreds of thousands of people. Carlisle REACT has rapport with the Emergency Preparedness Officer

of the Borough and is a part of the emergency plans. The Chief-of-Police is always cooperative and the Team knows its limitations and does not obstruct police work.

The Team owns three GMRS

radios and have purchased a pre-amp for use with Harrisburg REACT and pay monthly rental for

Coshocton REACT Boosts Fire Dept.



COSHOCTON, OH — Shown at the Rescue Ram presentation are (left to right) Sharon No-ble, Sleve Bordenkircher, Mark Andrews, West Lafayette squad; Jack Carpenter, Russ Grudler, Jim McCurdy, REACT members and directors; Chief Don Billings, South Tuscarawas Fire Department; Jeff Britt, sales representative, Sutphen Inc; Jim McCor-mick, Tim Wise, president, Choshocton County REACT; Larry Sherrets, Emie Norris, War-saw Fire Department.

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S.C. Team's Quick Response Helps Nab Burglars

LINCOLNTON, N.C. — Quick thinking on the part of several members of Lincoln County REACT proved a decisive factor in the arrest of two burglary suspects after they tried to break into a television sales and repair shop. According to police, Larry Drum, owner of a restaurant next door to the shop heard the store's burglary alarm ringing about 7:40 p.m. last January 14 and saw two men running away. He chased the suspects in his car maintaining contact with three REACT members including Lincoln County REACT's Barry and Melba Finley and Clarence Drum, a cousin of Drum's who contacted authorities in Lincoln and Catawba counties. in Lincoln and Catawba counties.
According to Larry Drum: "I don't know what would have happened without their help." Thanks to Drum and REACT, police were able to capture the suspects about 39



LAWTON, OK — Police Chief Robert Gillian presents an outstanding volunteer award to Joseph F. Wazolek, Sr., during a ceremony January 28, 1982. Wszolek, President of Comanche County REACT 3222 received the award for the leam for its parade traffic control and Halloween and Fourth of July watch assistance. Wszolek was also honored as Lawton's Citizen of the year.

Here's Idea for Expanding REACT Horizons

ST. PETERS, MO. — Many REACTers may not take the opportunity to visit with fellow REACT Teams during their travels to distant areas of the country. The time spent could be most rewarding for all. It was just that for Gary for all. It was just that for Gary Schuchardt, Team Leader and Founder of the Mid-Rivers REACT Team 4455, St. Peters, Missouri. During a recent business trip to San Francisco, California, he spent a delightful evening with members of two local REACT Teams and Ralston Eng, the President of the Northern California REACT Council. After consulting Gerald Reese at REACT International for contacts, Schuchardt called Eng, who was most accommodating to arrange a mutually convenient evening. mutually convenient evening.

Thanks to the wonderful hospitality of Eng, a member of the Blackberry REACT Team C-57, Schuchardt was given a grand tour of San Francisco and a visit at the REACT of the Golden Gate Team C-373 Central Base Stationon San Bruno Mountain. Mr. Schuchardt talks of his visit as follows:
"At about 7:30 P.M., I met Mr. Eng who offered to drive us to a very charming Mexican restaurant where we had a most enjoyable authentic Thanks to the wonderful hospitali-

we had a most enjoyable authentic Mexican dinner. Afterwards, we drove by a scenic route to San Bruno Mountain. During the drive, I could hear the responses of the Golden Gate REACT Central Base Station helping various motorists on Chan-nel 9. At night, I was told that one could hear their base up to 40 miles due to its elevation of almost 1,000 feet above the San Francisco bay area. While driving up the mountain entrance road, I viewed a large chunk of road which had washed out during their recent heavy rains and flash floods."

"Once atop the San Bruno Moun-

tain, one could see for miles, especially on a clear night. The lights of the entire San Francisco bay area were breathtaking sparkl-ing far below. Upon entering the REACT headquarters, I was warmly REACT headquarters, I was warmly greeted by various members of the Golden Gate REACT Team, including: Robert Anderson, Carol Andreacchi, Vincent Gagliardo, Bena Garcia, Bruce Higgins, Robert Riechel and Bill Salter. They were very delightful, friendly and interesting to meet."

"I was very nlessed to observe

"I was very pleased to observe first-hand emergency calls being taken at their radio console. Their equipment and procedures were first class. The teamwork was superb. At class. The teamwork was superb. At the time, Robert Riechel was taking a call and simultaneously Bruce Higgins was calling the CHP (California Highway Patrol) regarding a multi-car expressway accident. Help was on the scene in very short order! They handled radio traffic on Channel 9 very effectively. Their radio console consisted of two senarata CB radio base stations. separate CB radio base stations, a primary and a backup, with emergency power. Other equipment included dual telephones, automatic dialing, scanner and area maps. This is truly a REACTer's dream!"

Schucnardt said it was rewarding

to exchange concepts, ideas and in-formation with Ralston Eng. Bruce Higgins and Robert Riechel. They discussed team structures, public relations, fund raising, disaster preparedness, relations with local law enforcement, plus many other topics. According to Gary Schuchardt REACT of the Golden Gate Team was chartered in 1964 and the Blackberry REACT Team was chartered in 1966. Golden Gate REACT has about four classes of membership which included: Active (who monitor at the central base),

associate (who monitor from their home bases), supporting, and explorers. They have a unique working relationship with the U.S. Coast Guard, California Highway Patrol, A.A.A. and the Red Cross. The Northern California REACT Council consists of some 866 members comprising 68 REACT Teams. They cover a vast territory, from the Oregon border to just north of Fresno and the width of the state. These are three REACT Councils within California: the Northern, Central and Southern. associate (who monitor from their

within California: the Northern, Central and Southern.

"During the recent heavy rains and deadly landslides," said Gary, "Radio equipment was loaned to set up emergency CB base station coverage at Santa Cruz as a result of the telephone failures. One member rescued several persons with his boat. Unfortunately, a member of the Santa Cruz County REACT Team was killed while operating heavy equipment in a desperate attempt to clear debris. Local Teams coordinated with the Highway Patrol and had members on standby, Patrol and had members on standby, including 4-wheel drive equipment, to assist wherever possible. Several years ago during the severe gasoline and diesel fuel shortages, the Golden Gate REACT Team set up a "Hot Line" for people to call for fuel availability information," said Schuchardt.

"It was a most enjoyable and interesting visit with the members of the Golden Gate REACT Team and I really appreciated their hospitality. After leaving the central base station, Ralston Eng, knowing my stay in California was short, gave me a grand tour of the most scenic spots in San Francisco. I will always remember the warm welcome of these two Northern California REACT Teams with the fondest regards," Gary concluded.

Arlington, Texas Looks Back on Great Year of Achievement; Service



Proud as can be of their teem are new officers of Arlington REACT Central Teem shown with Police Capitain Pryor. Left to right are: Capitain Pryor, Charles Sprinkle, President; Boobble Markum, Vice President; Charles Markum, Chairman of the Board; Mayor Stovall of Arlington, Ken Nalley, Sergeant at Arms, and seated at the base, Mrs. Mildred Sprinkle, base monitor of the day. Not shown are Bill Rooker, Treasurer and Dean Schelske, Secretary.

ARLINGTON, TX - It has taken a lot of hard work, but things are beginning to jell for Arlington REACT Central Team. In February, the team was able to obtain a private business to sponsor its base station operation, and it has been featured in news stories twice since the first in news stories twice since the first of the year. It has a good working relationship with the Arlington Police Department as it does with other city departments, and furnishings for the base station were obtained from local businesses.

This year, Arlington REACT is planning three offse store for the

planning three coffee stops for the three long holiday weekends, as well

as continued participation and sup-port for the police department in connection with New Year's Eve and Halloween surveillance.

N.Y. Team Offers Clothing to Fire Victims

GREENE, NY — Greene Valley REACT Team 4015 has established a clothing bank to clothe fire victims at the scene or to provide emergency clothing for victims referred by various organizations. According to various organizations. According to Hazel Reppard, team secretary, the team is ready and willing to aid anytime when the need arises.

Team on The Spot-Muncie REACT in Snow Emergency

MUNCIE, IN — When a snow emergency was declared by Muncie Mayor Alan Wilson last January 3-31, the EOC room was opened and Munceetown REACT Team 3229 went to work helping the needy of the community by delivering food and medicine to people stuck in their homes. In addition, members drove residents to and from jobs at nursing homes and hospitals.

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Then Red Cross opened up a shelter at Muncie Central High School for stranded motorists. Two days later, on Feb. 3, the EOC room was reopened and again Munceetown REACT responded.

working with the amateur radio operators, 4 x 4's and police agencies. Members picked up stranded motorists on Highway I-69 logging approximately 700 calls, not counting regular calls received on channel 9

Altogether, according to team P.R. Secretary Kay Howard, the disaster plan worked to perfection so much so that Mayor Wilson-subsequently proclaimed the week of March 15-21 as REACT Week partly in recognition of REACT's outstan-ding work during the disaster and partly in tribute to its fine record of year-round community service.



KEWSWICK, ON — New road signs alerting travelers to emergency CB monitoring by Lake Simcoe REACT Team and other citizens groups have been erected at various points local-ily. Seen at one of the road indicators are Ron McCrackon, center, president of take Sim-coe REACT, and other interested residents — Frank, Geraldine, and Jeson Roughton and

NEWS OF FORUM ACTIVITIES

From the REACT Forum President

There is currently a radio commercial which starts off as follows:

Questioner: "Answer Lady, what is the difference between ignorance and apathy?"

Answer Lady: "I don't know, and I don't care."

Could you have the same attitude as the Answer Lady when it comes to improvements in REACT? Do you have that opinion when it comes to finding things that you and your Team do that can be shared with others?

Several hundred fellow REACT members in the past two years do not have that attitude. Many of them never attended a REACT Convention, or perhaps even a state council meeting. They read about the REACT Forum in the REACTER, or they heard about it in their Team meeting. And they began participating in the program and policy development work of the Forum by mail.

All of our fellow REACT members at the Convention in Las Vegas will be working in Forum sessions. They will be completing some tasks, beginning others, and starting off new agendas for 1982-83. You can help in that process too, even if you don't make the Convention. Here's how to help:

- 1. Think of the things you would like to see started or improved in REACT, or of something you have been involved in that you think is unique and should be shared.
 - 2. Jot down your question, suggestion, offer to participate.
- Send your "jotting" to the appropriate Forum Task Group or Committee (you can send it in care of Headquarters and they will forward it).

It's as easy as 1-2-3. Your participation will benefit all of us. You don't have to be an officer or senior member. Any background, plus interest in helping (which all REACTers have) will do. (Oh, yes, and the willingness to eschew ignorance and apathy.) You don't have to bother with the Answer Lady, you are a part of the answer! Share.

Nat Maryn, National Capital REACT C490 President of the REACT Forum

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT-ADMINISTRATION

By Rick Munton

As I was going through some old correspondence, I came across a comment concerning the attitude of the members of the FORUM Executive Committee at the convention at Indianapolis. The comment seemed to in-Committee at the convention at indianapons. The comment seemed to indicate that we were stuck-up or cliquish towards the remaining members of REACT in attendance. I would like to apologize to anyone who thought that any of us would try to alienate any members by being unfriendly in any way. I'm sure that if any of us didn't seem too jovial or overly friendly, it was due to severe fatigue or rushing to get to another meeting

Perhaps some insight on what FORUM officers and committee members go through from arrival to departure might shed some light on what I'm talking about. From the moment you arrive, you're expected to attend meetings, either scheduled or at the drop of a hat. Your days normally begin no later than 7 a.m. and if you're lucky, you'll be in bed by 2 or 3 the next morning and then it's back to work. Smoke-filled rooms, hurried meals, if any, lengthy discussions and an occasional hello from either or 3 the next morning and then it's back to work. Smoke-filled rooms, hurried meals, if any, lengthy discussions and an occasional hello from either your spouse or the people who brought you or with whom you're sharing a room are the norm. Don't expect to see much of the outside world for at Indianapolis most of us didn't leave the hotel for three days. This should change somewhat in Las Vegas since we will be meeting for a longer period of time.

The FORUM is a demanding job which requires dedication, time and a desire to help formulate the programs and plans of REACT, but that isn't much more than most dedicated REACT members are doing now. The FORUM works with and for you, the members of REACT. If it weren't for the dedication and labors of those involved in the FORUM, there wouldn't be a FORUM. Your help is needed in all areas of the FORUM if it is to continue.

So when you arrive in Las Vegas remember, we're there not just for the celebration of 20 years of service to our communities, but to exchange ideas, learn, and yet to take time to socialize. This is the one time each year that we can all get together and formulate the plans, programs and ideas that are needed to make REACT operate. The time spent at our conventions in these meetings are crucial to the success of the next year's operation. operation.

This isn't a note of complaint; just one of information to those to whom this will be their first convention. We need working volunteers to help with the committees and task areas of the FORUM as well as individuals who are willing and able to serve as officers of the FORUM. I have enjoyed working for you and with many of you for the benefit of REACT. There is still much to be done to secure the future of REACT for the next 20 years. For those who will be attending. I look forward to meeting the new ones and seeing old friends that have been at the last four conventions of which I have been in attendance. For those who can't make it, we still need support and help for the committees and task areas; if you're not here, you'll be missing something important and special.

Disaster Preparedness Task Group

What is NVOAD?

What is NVOAD? is a six-part article, adapted from the NVOAD National Directory, intended to educate and inform the REACT membership about the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster. Its members include the American National Red Cross, religious organizations, and other social service agencies on a national level.

Part 1 in this series investigates the Structure and Purpose of NVOAD. Future installments will discuss the involvement of other NVOAD members.

members.

For a free copy (as long as supply lasts) of the NVOAD National Directory, contact REACT International.

Structure of the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

To bring together national voluntary organizations active in disaster service to foster more effective service to people affected by disaster through

Function: to create a climate for cooperation at the grassroots and all levels and to provide information. Cooperation

Coordination
 Function: to coordinate policy among member organizations and to serve as a liaison, advocate, and national voice.

Function: to disseminate information through the newsletter, the directory, research and demonstration, case study, and critique.

Function: to provide training and to increase awareness and preparedness in each organization.

Convening mechanisms
 Function: to put on seminars, meetings, board meetings, regional conferences, training programs, and local conferences.

Mitigation
 Function: to support appropriate legislation.

Principles of Membership

National: Organizations national in scope and purpose

Organizations with voluntary memberships and constituencies and not-for-profit structure, that is, those qualified under Internal Revenue Service regulation 501 (c) (3)

Active in Disaster:
Organizations with a stated policy of commitment of resources (i.e., personnel, funds, and equipment) to meet the needs of people affected by disaster, without discrimination

Principles of Structure

• Chairperson (may serve two consecutive 1-year terms)

Function: presides at meetings, acts as spokesperson and representative, delegates tasks, convenes the annual meeting, and provides leadership.

• Executive committee (elected annually by the membership)

Function: confirms policy and overall direction.

Membership:
The membership is composed of one designated voting representative from each member organization. However, broader participation is encouraged at annual meetings.

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The membership meets three times a year at the call of the chairperson, the Executive Committee, or two thirds of the membership. The annual meeting will be held within the first 60 days of any year.

Each organization shall have one vote and unlimited representation at each meeting.

Executive Committee:

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The Executive Committee consists of nine persons elected from the membership by the membership for 3-year terms; one third of the committee is elected annually. The Executive Committee shall have the power to fill vacancies that may occur between annual meetings.

The Executive Committee elects a chairperson and/or other officers from its own roster to preside at meetings of the Executive Committee and the NVOAD organization.

Executive Committee meetings are open to all NVOAD members.

Edward W. N. Smith, Chairman Disaster Preparedness Task Group 1418 E. Willow Grove Ave. Wyndmoor, PA. 19118

Board Nominees for 1982

Election Procedure

VOTING: Each REACT Team will receive an Official Ballot listing all candidates nominated. The Team should review qualifications of those candidates and cast a ballot as directed by vote at a full Team Membership meeting, or a Board meeting.

The belief must be marked in a preferential manner, ranking all candidates. Write the number "1" in the box next to your first choice. "2" for second choice, and so on until all candidates are ranked.

After completing the beliot, seal it in the small Official envelope provided, and clearly print or type your Team name and number on the envelope in the space provided. Two authorized officers must sign the envelope in the space for their respective signatures, insert the Official Ballot envelope in the pre-addressed mailling envelope and mall it. This ballot must be received no later than Friday July 17, 1982. It is recommended that you mail no later than July 10, 1982.



Summit View REACT 4501 Toutle, Washington

OCCUPATION Feed Store Manager

PERSONAL DATA

REACTHISTORY:
Team President (4 times), Vice President;
Vice President, SW District Council; ist Vice
President, Washington REACT Council;
Coordinator, West Division REACT/Near
Program. Emergency Services, Cowlitz
County.

PUBLIC SAFETY RELATED ACTIVITIES
Founder, Cowiltz County River Watch. Instructor, Gun Safety Program in cooperation with Washington State Fish and Game Department. Member, Cowiltz County Citizens on Patrol and active in U.S. Weether information-gathering and reporting. Awards from Cowiltz County Sheriff's Office for devotion to country during Mt. St. Helen's Eruption and from State Fisheries Department for execusion, security of personnel and radio contact base during Mt. St. Helen's eruption. Life Membership Award from Four Rivers REACT for dedication to REACT

NOMINEE'S COMMENTS:

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In serving and working with various REACT
teams, the Washington StateREACT Council, District councils, Individuals and other
public service organizations, I have gained
experience and knowledge in how councils
and teams operate and conduct their
business with their members and with the
middle in congress.

I consider the proper public image of REACT to be of as great a necessity as are the proper responsible actions and functions of the elected officers of State Councils, District Councils and Individual teams. One must work hand in hand with others, sharing knowledge and experience, for the good of all, if we are to meet and obtain the goals we have set before us. As responsible and mature REACTers, it behooves us to help others to meet this intention either within REACT or in the public domain.

In conclusion, I respectfully request your consideration and vote for the office of Field Representative of REACT. If elected, I will serve and conduct myself as a REACTer first and foremost at all times and do what is necessary to fulfill the duties and obligations as yourrepresentative to REACT.

Barbara Chuven



Carl Berg



Barbara Chuven



Ed N. Pessink



OCCUPATION: Registered Nurse; instructor, Daytona Beach Community College

EDUCATION:

Association in Science degree in nursing, Daytona Beach Community College; working toward a degree in business administra-tion/criminal justice

REACT HISTORY:
REACT member- 7 years; Life Member 17.
REACT Forum, vice president, programs;
Past Chairman, Forum PR Task Group; 1981
Floride Council of REACT Teams Nominating
Committee, chairman; Member's joint Nom.
Com. both Florida Councils, 1980. Also past
president, advisor, secretary, emergency
coordinator, special events coordinator, special events coordinator, special events coordinator to the sem.

PUBLIC SAFETY RELATED ACTIVITIES:

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American Red Cross, instructor. Member of
Safety Services Committee, American Heart
Association, instructor; instituted CPR &
First Ald Update Briefings for Law Enforcement Agencies with County Crime Prevention Office; Developed and instituted CPR
training for visually impaired and deal;
Florida State Nursing Ethics Committee
Awards: Daytons Beach REACT 1981 Member
of the year; 1981 third quarter REACT international Achievement Awards

national Achievement Awards

**MOMINEE'S GOMMENTS:
Since joining REACT, I have been of the firm
belief that the strength of our vitally needed
organizations lies in the vest, often untapped
talents of its team members. I have worked
on team, council, and Forum levels to try to
motivate all REACT members to actively
work in harmony not only as monitors, but in
contributing toward policy and guidelines for
the future. While cheirmen of the Forum PR
Task Group, we developed the PR Manual for
all teams and councils, the CLIP card, 1980
REACT month publicity and implemented the
1st annual Newsletter competition. I have
helped formulate guidelines for operations
within the Forum and through the REACTer
have kept the membership appraised of Task
Group progress.

I feel I have the background, ideas and will-ingness to serve effectively on the REACT Board of Directors white keeping my mind open to the needs of grass roots members. I do not just talk a good game - I play as part of

Ed N. Pessink

Lake Palestine REACT Team 3129 Tyler, Texas

OCCUPATION:

ager, East Texas Fastener

PERSONAL DATA: Age: 55. Married. 8 children (all grown)

EDUCATION: Degree in business management

REACT HISTORY:

Member - 6 years. Team Offices: President, Vice President, Treasurer Team Coordinator.

PUBLIC SAFETY RELATED ACTIVITIES: Red Cross First Ald Instructor, Red Cross Shelter Manager, Licensed Emergency Medical Technician

NOMINEE'S COMMENTS:

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It will be my desire to bring to the Board the opinions and attitudes expressed by REACT Teams and members in the South and Southwestern perts of the United States. The "Civic" image of REACT and its recognition as such by all civic-minded people and organizations is of the utmost importance to

Having been Executive Vice President of the Texas State REACT Council for the last three, going on four, years, and a Team Of-ficer for almost seven years plus being Texas

State delegate for the last two conventions, the experiences gained should have even further value.

To do what I have done and am doing can leave no doubt that I do believe that every member of every Team is an individual and individually important. She/he has a voice to be heard and I do listen. I have also been accused of arguing a point now and then.

James B. Southworth

Fairfax REACT Team 360 Fairfax County, Virginia

OCCUPATION:
Vice President of Technical Operations,
Commerce Ltd.

PERSONAL DATA: Age: 33. Married, two daughters, 10 and 12.

Attended U.S. Air Force Academy, Penn-sylvenia State University. Albright College, York College of Pa, and major computer training schools.

REACT HISTORY:

REACT member for 18 years. Team Officers: President, Vice President, Systems Engineer, Board Members, and Committee Officer. Attendance at REACT International

KEY CIVIC AFFILIATIONS: Part Time Volunteer, YMCA; Member of Men-

NOMINEE'S COMMENTS:

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In the past seven years, the REACT organization has evolved from a loosely knit program
of diverse local teams into a structured
natinal organization. The local, regional,
state and now national levels are in place and

However with the cooling off of the CB boom so has the Influx of new members. New members are critical to the survival and future growth of REACT. While existing members are the heart and soul of REACT, they are also a resource that is exhaustable and one which must be renewed with new blood and ideas. It is my intention, should I be so honored as to be elected to the Board to push primarily two major areas. New member recruiting must come first. With this will come solutions to the financial and leadership problems REACT now faces. But second the Board must focus on strengthening the structure and efficiency of the local teams. The ability to train and use the talents of new members in conjunction with existing membership and to avoid the usual frustrations and personality conlicts are some of the marks of a mature and strong REACT team. We need strong mature local teams to fulfill the commitment we have made to the public we serve.

Report of Nominating Committee

The "Field" members of the Board of Directors met as a Nominating Committee on 24 April 1982 to select the final nominees for the two field positions on the Board of Directors which will become vacant in July 1982. All "Field" Directors were present. They are: Lance L. Luedtke, Waukeaba Area REACT 4089; William Shafer, SE Rockingham REACT 4108; Susan Stewart, Tehachapi REACT 3600, and John Tracy. Lancaster County REACT 2467. There were nine (9) nominations received from Teams, however, one of these was late. Most of the nominees appeared to be well qualified to represent the membership on the Board and all should be commended for their interest and for selection by their teams. From those aubmitted, the Nominating Committee selected four finalists. These are: Carl Berg, Washington; Barbara Chuven, Florida; Ed Pessink, Texas; Jim Southworth, Virginia. The nominating Committee also addressed two other subjects: Nominating Committee procedures and Nominee criteria. It is recommended that the Board establish these procedures and criteria as policy.

A. Nominee Criteria

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(I) Nominees shall have demonstrated leadership qualities and capabilities within the REACT organization through acceptance and successful accomplishment of Team or Council or FORUM management responsibilities.

Rationale: This indicates involvement, capability and a sense of responsibility. Nominees shall have been a member of REACT for a minimum of three years. Rationale: It was felt this was the minimum time needed to gain a full understanding of REACT principles and concepts. It is also indicative of a long-term commitment.

Nominees shall be willing and able to devote time and energy to Board re-

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nating Chmmittee Procedures

The nominating committee must meet in person annually to carry out the nominating function.

Rationale: Attempts to carry out the duties over the telephone have been less than satisfactory. Head-to-head discussion is essential to the process.

Incumbent "Field" Board members who have been nominated by their team for a second term shall not be members of the nominating committee.

A minimum of three "Field Board" members are required to function as a nominating committee. If for any reason three Field Directors are not available (such as both Directors whose terms are expiring are nominated), then Past Field Directors who are still active in REACT should be asked to fill in.

A not later than postmark date shall be established for submission of Nominations. Late nominations shall be disallowed unless the nominating team submits a request for waiver due to overriding extenuating circumstances. In such a case the Nominating Committee shall make a determination.

Rationale: This will insure that an adequate number of new faces are offered to the membership each year.

In selecting final nominees, the Nominating Committee shall consider all (but not limited to) the following areas (not necessarily in any priority order) (a) REACT leadership positions held (b) Outside expertise of value to REACT (Job, other volunteer activity, military experience, etc)

(c) Education and Training (d) Maturity

(e) Involvement and participation in REACT Regional, State or National activities

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(d) Maturity
(e) Involvement and participation in REACT Regional, State or National activities such as conferences or conventions.
(f) The need to fill vacancies occurring on the Board in such a manner that the "Field" Director membership is representative of the entire country.

The 1982 Nominating Committee used the recommended procedures (see B above) in selecting finalists for the 1982 election. We recommend that these be published so that the membership knows what criteria and procedures were used.

Respectfully submitted JOHN W. TRACY, Chairman

Daytona Beach REACT Inc. Team 2194 Ormond Beach, Florida

Caldwell Tunnel....(Continued from page 1)

behind. Next to the bus was the gasoline tanker truck. Suddenly, the Honda appeared ahead. The bus driver tried to change lanes to avoid the collision. In doing so he rammed the rear end of the tanker truck, which flipped over rupturing its con-tents. The bus careened out of control through the tunnel finally impal-ing itself on an overpass support at the western end of the tunnel. The driver was thrown from the bus as a result of the collision and killed almost instantly. The truck driver jumped from his as yet undamaged tractor and ran for the western en-

Within fifteen seconds fire had erupted and the cool wind combined with the fire setting off the first of many explosions and sending a cloud racing toward the eastern entrance of the tunnel. It was during that fifteen seconds that the Peterson family had entered the eastern end of the tunnel, stopped and jammed their car in reverse to escape the disaster within.

As Gary raced backward, he remembered the CB radio that had come with the stationwagon. He had never bothered to get a license for it; he hadn't even ordered it on the vehicle. The microphone had been jammed into the glove box, hidden from the inquiring hands of curious youngsters. But in an instant he knew he had to get help immediate-ly. He sensed that it was a major

Finally out of the tunnel, be first tried to help a young girl who had been in the tunnel behind him. She was in shock and could only stare at the cloud, unable to comprehend what had happened. As he got back into the car he grabbed the microphone of the CB radio and called for belo. There was no answer on channel nine the emergency channel, so he flipped the channels. The radio had always been finicky and he had very little confidence in the unit. But when he finally got back to channel nine, REACT of the Golden Gate Area monitor Jonathan Tufts came right back to him. Jon had just opened the Marsala Station located on San Bruno Mountain. He had not heard the first call but he heard the second from his mobile unit and ran to the radio.

"Station calling for assistance,

you've got KPA 1897-REACT of the Golden Gate. How can I help you?"
"I'm at the east end of the Caldecott Tunnel. There has just been an accident and explosion in

the tunnel. Can you send help?"
"Check. You've got an accident
and explosion within the Caldecott
Tunnel. Which direction?"

Jon had already started to dial the number to the Oakland Office of the Highway Patrol as he gathered more information. The dispatcher answered immediately. They did have an idea that something had happened. When the explosion occured, the blast had melted the emergency call boxes in the tunnel and had set off the first alarm, but this was the first word of just what had happened.
"We were beading west-bound,"

replied Gary.

"Do you have any call letters?" asked the monitor. "No, but please get help quick," came the answer.

Bay Area Mudslides....(Continued from page 1)

water, roads were impassable. Tom Mullarkey, Unit 101, belped to rescue residents of a mobile home park in South San Francisco by towing his boat over to the edge of a new

ing his boat over to the edge of a new lake and ferrying victims from their homes to safety.

The Santa Cruz Office of the California State Automobile Association was without power and phone service due to the storm. Golden Gate REACT, at the request of the San Francisco Office, provided the AAA with a C.B. radio and a freestanding base station antenna so freestanding base station antenna so they could monitor channels 9 and 17, in addition to continuing to pro-vide their members with Emergency Road Service through an emergency base station setup during the storm. Public Relations Officer Vince Gagliardo, Unit 19, and Treasurer Al Wiel, Unit 45, provided their own equipment and time to insure that the AAA would be able to monitor

the AAA would be able to monitor and offer assistance to those persons using the CB channels.

Board Members Jon Tufts, Unit 38, and David Reade, Unit 32, with the help of Al Wiel, were the first members to reach the San Bruno Mountain site of Marsala Station.

The wind was whistling across the ridge road at approximately 80 mph causing the cars and vans to sway precariously as they approached the station. The rain was coming down so hard on the roofs of the vehicles that it sounded more like nails hit-ting the roof than the water.

Power to the station was out, but the backup generator system quick-ly restored it and Golden Gate REACT was on the air at 0500 hours. The members knew that this was not going to be just another storm. The rain had been growing steadier and steadier ever since the first drops had started to fall the Thursday

Calls were coming in from all over

the Bay Area. Water had flooded the San Antonio Creek Bridge on Highway 101 in Marin. Wind on the bridges and in the bay had brought commuter traffic to a virtual stand-still. Mud from San Bruno Mountain was cascading down the hill into the surrounding houses and trailer parks. Water pipes gave way under houses and trailer the tremendous pressure of the flooding waters causing numerous intersections to cave in. One such cave-in caught Ed McDonald, Unit 11, on his way to work and closed a major downtown off ramp from Southern San Mateo County. From 0500 hours til late that night,

monitors stayed at the station taking calls and relaying information only leaving when the phone system was wiped out by one of the many mudslides on the mountain.

Volunteers did not let the phone problem end their commitment. Golden Gate REACT served as a collection center for areas that had no phones. Information was then relayed on alternate channels to those monitors still having phone service and still able to operate.

For the team, the experience was a lesson. Unprepared as the members were, they used the ingenuity and common sense gained from years of experience in the best way they

experience in the Jest way they could to serve their country.

SANTA MARIA, CA — The support of Santa Maria REACT 2345 proved a big factor in the success of the American Diabetic Association Bike-a-thon last January. Members of the team worked registration and checkpoints along the length of the course together with traffic control. According to team secretary Modena Thrall, besides setting up a fund for Michael Gerletti, a six-year-old youngster seriously burned when playing with gasoline, the team is planning a bar-be-que with proceeds to go to the fund.

Jon talked to the dispatcher for forty seconds. In the background of the conversation and on the REACT scanner he could hear the units responding to an unknown accident and explosion in the Caldecott Tunnel. The dispatcher came back on the line and asked, "Was this person a

By this time Gary had gotten back to his family to provide comfort and support until the authorities arrived. Most of the vehicles had already ed. Most of the venicles had already left. Only the young girl in shock and Gary's family were left as the authorities responded from both Alameda and Contra Costa County. Unable to give the Highway Patrol

any more information, the monitor cut off the line and finished filling cut off the line and lines out the report forms. An hour later Jon found out what really happened and Caldecott Tunnel. Robert in the Caldecott Tunnel. Robert Anderson, who had been monitoring the call and the scanners at home, called the station and told Jon of the total scope of the disaster. Together, they listened to the report of the disaster on KCBS radio.

When the Petersons were finally able to leave the scene, having talked to the Contra Costa Authorities that had responded to the eastern end of the tunnel, he slowly made his way over the hill along Fish Ranch Road, exercising care because slides from the tremendous rains earlier this year had made the road barely passable at points. As he went over the hill though, he worried about the possibilty of a fine from the FCC for using a radio without proper authorization. Golden Gate REACT members who met with him later that week, reassured him that not only would he not receive a ticket, but that they would be more than happy to help him get his call letters and would welcome him into the team as a member. this year had made the road barely

the team as a member.
But that was just the beginning of the story. Stations in the East Bay had not heard the first calls for help, but word spread rapidly. All three tunnels of the bore had been closed by the fire and traffic was rerouted through highway 80. But the traffic

Little C and Big R. nicknames for two East Bay CB monitors; were broadcasting as early as 4 a.m. to the early morning commuters on the local commuter channel, 17. Lenny local commuter channel, 17. Lenny Larson, nickname Roomy, heard around 5:30 AM and chipped in a band. Al Singletary, Diable REACT President also came on at 5:30 and monitored channels 9 and 17 simultaneously, and for hours throughout the morning assisting on 17 when none of the other resistance. 17 when none of the other monitors could get through and handling the accidents and stalls of the Wednesday Commute compounded by the worst traffic tie-up to hit the county

in years.

The tunnel remained closed until almost 7:30 a.m. before the last of the fire and emergency equipment cleared out of the two undamaged bores. Even then the going was very slow and the full impact of the disaster was only just being realized.

Al Singletary stayed on the air most of the day assisting Lenny and most of the day assisting Lenny and relaying information on both channels 9 and 17. The local radio and television stations did everything they could to tell people about alternate routes but back-ups still occurred and kept Bay Area monitors busy for days to come.

The tunnel was finally reopened April 12. The scars and damage were all still there. The tunnel is only open during commute hours to alleviate the crush. CalTrans estimates the cost to repair the tunnel at about \$2 million and that the

nel at about \$2 million and that the job will take three months. The blast of the fire popped the tiles off the wall and burned away the concrete exposing the reinforcing rods in the tunnel walls and ceiling.

or 20th Anniversary

Washington State Charters Two New Teams

TOLEDO, WA — In recognition of the 20th anniversary of REACT In-ternational, two new team charters have been presented to groups in this area: one to Castle Rock REACT Team 4505 and the other to Tatoosh REACT Team 4496, of Winlock.

According to Carl Berg, first vice president of the state council and president of Toledo Emergency REACT Team 4453: "This means we will now be able to give the public even better coverage than we have in

the past." To prove this point Berg pointed to the rescue of a man stuck in the mud at Castle Rock by three REACT teams working together.
"Dick Whitman, president of the Tatoosh team picked up the call on his CB radio but was unable to respond," said Berg. "He phoned me, but I too was not able to respond, so I in turn contacted Walter Clines." I in turn contacted Walter Glines, president of the Castle Rock Team. He immediately organized help and rescued the man."

A First For New England



ST. JOHNSBURY, VT — Lenne Ranney, of Caledonia County REACT, accepts congratua-tions and an achievement award from REACT's Field Director, the Rev. Bill Shafer, of Woodsville, N. H. Lenne was selected as 2nd quarter 1982 individual winner in the REACT Achievement Awards Programs sponsored by the American Antenna Company, (makers of K-40) in recognition of outstanding performance in fulfilling the ideals and objectives of REACT. Shafer said as far as he knew it's the first time the award has been given in New England and he was proud to be part of this special ceremony.

REACT Responds to Central Arkansas Tornado



Rescue workers at the tornedo strewn rubble in Faulkner County after tornedo devastated the area. Faulkner County REACT was pressed into service and worked for 48 hours continuously handling communications, dispensing coffee and sandwiches, and looking for missing persons. Notice REACT van in the beckground. For details, see accompanying story.

AR.-Tornadoes swept through Arkansas -- as well as numerous other states -- on Friday, April 2, and one of the hardest hit areas was Faulkner County in Central Arkan-sas. No sooner did the storms strike than members of CARE, INC., The Faulkner County Radio Emergency Associate Citizens Team (C-704) was on the job of assisting the stricken.

Fifteen houses and 65 mobile homes in Faulkner County were destroyed, leaving 200 persons homeless. Three persons were killed and 37 others injured.

Faulkner REACT team assisted in searching for victims, manned road blocks and helped with communications. The team later set up its mobile unit to serve coffee and sandwiches to persons who lost their home and to rescue workers.

Food was furnished by the Faulkner County Red Cross and McDonald's Restaurant for the team to serve during the 46 hours it was on duty. The unit worked closely with the Faulkner County Emergency Squad and officers of the Faulkner County sheriff's office and Conway

Police Department.
Gov. Frank White of Arkansas
personally inspected the stricken area the day after the storm struck and praised the REACT team and other authorities for their help in time of such an extreme emergency.

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Allen County REACT Forges Ahead in Years of Achievement



LIMA, OH — Bill Mawhorr, president of Allen Country REACT Team (left) presents Cita-tion of Merit fo Tom Tilson, Executive Direc-tor, of the local Red Cross chapter. For

LIMA, OH — Allen County REACT Team C-322 was chartered February, 1964. Two members have been active for 18 years, four members over ten years, and 16 have been members for over five years. Currently there are 33 members, but

At one time membership stood at 100.

Muscular Dystrophy was the first project the team worked on in 1964.

Members have continued this pro-

Members have continued this project and received a plaque of appreciation for 18 years' service to MDA.

The Team has worked with various organizations over the years-March of Dimes, American Cancer Society, bike-a-thons, walka-thons, girl scouts, arts council, bike races, jogging clubs, veterans council, and local hospitals.

The Team which started its relationship with Post 2 Ohio State Fatrol in 1965, which has participated in road patrol every weekend. Members have logged 992.0 man hours annually, 13,586 miles annually, a grand total to date of 18,856 an hours, and 282,507 miles since inception helping the motoring public. public.

Halloween Bridge Watch is another activity the team assists Ohio State Patrol on since 1966, including letters of thanks from Ohio State Patrol District I.

In addition, the team works with the local sheriff and Lima police departments, which have REACT owned and maintained radios con-

Carolina Team Provides Food in Fire Disaster

ROCKINGHAM, NC — Fires burning everything in their way proved quite a challenge to REACT in more ways then one as members of Rich-mond Country REACT Team responded to the call to provide food for volunteers.

Apparently, the fires were started when a fallen tree broke power lines touching off a blaze which was fanned by high and gusty winds. Other fires reportedly deliberately set on Highways 381 and 31, threatend homes, churches and everything in their path. For a while

everything in their path. For a while Highway 38 had to be closed. In response to the challenge, The REACT communications van was readied and dispatched with a generator and lights, hot coffee, sandwiches, cold drinks and water accompanied by several REACTers to help distribute the food.

About 3 a m wost fire depart-

About 3 a.m., most fire department personnel were dismissed leaving a small crew to keep check on the smoldering fires.

details on the extent of REACT's participa-tion with the local Red Cross, see accompa-nying article.

trolling traffic for local parades in Lima and surrounding towns in Allen County.

Besides participating in various activities, the team does its share of monitoring channel 9, logging 22,559 hours per year. It has averaged 2,062 calls per year. Allen County REACT had the most hours monitored in District I and received the District I Trophy for monitoring, 22 members out of 33 reporting each month.

The team has a good working relation with the local Red Cross maintaining radio and antenna in their building. Members serve in disaster damage assessment and most have first-aid training and CPR. The team feels that this knowledge can be in-valuable in the event of an emergency and fits in well with its work.
Allen County REACT C-322 join-

ed teams around the nation in presenting a Citation of Merit commemerating the dedicated service of the Allen County chapter of the Red Cross 100th anniversary. (See photo).

Another activity the Teamalso sponsors REACT Safety Coffee Breaks, during Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years and Easter weekends. And has had winter Safety Coffee Breaks for eleven years. Members enjoy meeting the travell-ing public and making new friends. Local radio station WTGN presents members on the air two 15-minute segments a month informing the public of the involvement of REACT in community activities.

Manatee County in Missing Person Search

BRADENTON, FL - On Sunday, Feb. 28, at noon the Manatee County Sheriff's department asked for the help of REACT of Manatee County Team C-19 in searching for a lost person in the Manatee Palms area. Several REACTers responded, in-cluding Jim and Terri McCrosson, Dick and Dianna Mierendorf, Gene and Kay Miller, Arend DeGraan, Shirley Roderman, Arlene Hobbs, Mike and Donna Hall, Joe Saunders and Charles Brooks. The sheriff's department command post base was operated by Dianna Mierendorf. Manatee Palms Security Patrol No. Manage Paims Security Paaro No.
5033 was home base operated by Kay
Miller. The security patrol, headed
by Gene Miller, included members
from EMS, John Dorling and Gregg
Thomas, and members from Braden River Volunteer Fire Department, Paul Laage and Tony Walker-altogether a most impressive show-ing for REACT.

The REACT Forum

STATUS REPORT ON ACTIVITIES

Awards and Recognition - Greg Anderson, Chairman Third and fourth quarter recogni-

tion award decisions, are made. Prepared ballot for Team and In-dividual award winner of the year. Preparing for 2nd annual Newsletter

Communications - Corwin Moore, Chairman

Requested of FCC that comment period on rewrite of GMRS rules be extended through Las Vegas Convention. Attempted to point out our needs to FCC study group on Land-Mobile Communications through the end of the century, which entirely leaves out CB and GMRS. Evaluation of hardware which would enhance CB monitoring such as audio filters. GMRS Directory temporarily on hold.

Computer Services -George and Jacki MacDonald, Co-Chairmen

All Task Group and Committee membership lists are in the computer for mailing lists, etc. Arranged computer service for the Las Vegas Convention so information may be obtained, attendees may be easily located, attendee lists will be located, attendee lists will be available for everyone before they leave, etc. Questionaire system being finalized with Jim Southworth of the Committee on Forum HQ Laison for Intraorganization Data Com-munications. Attempting to find an, economically feasible method of ac-cessing each others computer

Council Management - Joyce Trotter, Chairman

Working on suggestions for changes to the Council By-Laws from REACT International.

Disaster Preparedness - Ned Smith, Chairman

of information Expansion NVOAD and Skywarn. Information on disasters of all sizes, vehicles and equipment used, Red Flag fire patrol, mud slides, hypothermia, river watch and disaster communications.

Fund 'Raising - Ray Adams, Chairman

No communications received.

REACT at World's Greatest Truck Show

WEST COVINA, CA — The Second Annual "World's Greatest Truck Show," benefiting the local Crippled Children's Society, was probably one of the largest events yet worked by members of San Gabriel Valley REACT Team. For several hours, twelve in all, all members could see were trucksseveral hun dred of them. On display all over the Pomona Fair Grounds, where the event was held, were all kinds of trucks-working trucks, an-tique trucks and show trucks. One truck, complete with rear air foil, had an exhaust drive turbo-charged V-12 Detroit Diesel engine and holds the world's record speed of 158 mph. Another almost identical working truck has been clocked at 105 mph in

truck has been clocked at 100 mpn in the one quarter mile.

REACT was asked to supply six members to handle communications and eleven showed up. It is at times like this that REACT training and professionalism shows up. According to REACTer Tom Hanafin, who participated, "As one small cog in team operations, I can say without qualification REACT is strong as ever and presents a very strong influence in the life of the

community.

Inter-Agency Liaison - Randy Knowles, Chairman

No communications received, but is working with REACT Interna-tional and the FCC on the problem of de-licensing of CB radio.

Long Range Planning - Don Premo, Chairman

No communications received. Membership - Gerald Shoaf,

Identifying methods of determining potential members, such as FCC CB License renewals Microfished CB License renewals Microfiche Report, Scanner Clubs, Townwatch organizations, etc. Proof of buying power of REACT team members at electronic or CB dealers by all members giving team name and address rather than their own for sales

Monitoring - Chris White, Chairman Monitoring Manual draft completed and being distributed for final approval before being presented to the Convention body for approval.

Public Relations - Ron McCracken,

Columns for publication in the (including REACTer freebie availability) and PSA's sent to In-ternational. Law Enforcement and Newsletter Publication Guidelines being worked on. Update for CLIP card and REACT brochure to Inter-

Team Management - Charles Magas, Chairman

Developing a numbering system for the manual which would allow for additions and deletions as necessary.

Leadership and Motivation - Judy Caldwell, Chairman

Suggestion that Motivation speaker be scheduled for opening meeting and Banquet of annual conventions for the purpose of firing up conventioneers and also sending them home ready to fire up their members for more involvement. Suggest an article in each REACTer on leadership development. Has defined the needs of this task group in order to produce the information necessary.

REACT's Role in Red Cross Disaster Plan is Discussed

ROCKINGHAM, NC Stowell, treasurer of the Richmond County REACT Team 3206, and a member of the board of the local Red Cross, discussed REACT's role in the Red Cross disaster program at a meeting of North Carolina State REACT held here March 27-28. Stowell, who was introduced by Jocelyn Goodwin, president of the host Richmond County team, was to represent the North Carolina State REACT Council April 13-15 at a meeting of the NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) which was held at Em-mitsburg, Md. The event was called to order by Astor C. Lucas, of Ft. Bragg REACT, president of the North Carolina State REACT Coun-

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REACT Pitches In

Allen County REACT Provides Yeoman Service Communications Support in Ft. Wayne Flooding





FT. WAYNE, IN — A few of the Allen County REACTers who so valiently pitched in to vide communications during the recent flooding in that area are seen in action in command post on the 9th floor of the City/County building. Left to right are Cliff Pson, member, Lerry Thiele, captain of the project and Billie Fusselman, member. right, Ft. Wayne at the height of the flooding.

FT. WAYNE, IN - On March 13, officials in Fort Wayne, Indiana declared a flood emergency for the entire city. The Allen County REACT Team 2468, acting as part of the Emergency Radio Network of Fort Wayne (E.R.N.), was activated and reported to the City/County

Building.
The Emergency Radio Network consists of the Allen County REACT Team, Allen County ALERT and Allen County Emergency Assistance. This group was in-corporated in 1978 to provide a concentrated volunteer group for the ci-

ty to use in case of emergency, etc.

Duties that were performed during the flood emergency were com-munications; handled thru channel 9 some 400 calls were handled during the period), various city communication frequencies and the teams' GMRS system --, coordinating filling and placement of sandbags, assisting in the evacuations and the

relaying and transmitting of messages from the E.O.C. (Emergency Operations Center) which was located in the City/Coun-

which was located in the City/County Building.

Sixteen members of the Allen
County REACT Team participated
in the emergency by putting in over
800 man hours duringthe eight day
period. The report filed by the President of the Emergency Radio Net-work indicated that E.R.N. had registered over 23,000 volunteers and more than 2,000 vehicles that were used to transport sandbags and

As the national media coverage indicated, the City of Fort Wayne was saved by the volunteers. The Allen County REACT Team and the rest of the Emergency Radio Network feel that they played an important part in this action and they will be ready when called upon again to come to the assistance of our com-

Tornado Preparedness is Object of Michigan REACT's Efforts

NOVI, MI - Michigan, compared to other states in recent years, has had the third highest average number of tornado deaths per year. Since 1950, 410 tornadoes have oc-curred in the state.

Prompted by these statistics, the members of Novi REACT Team 4205 have sponsored two programs to alert their members and the public

about tornado preparedness.
On Feb. 22, Hugh MacNamee,
Director of the National Weather Service at Detroit Metropolitan Airport, presented a Skywarn training session for Novi REACT team members. Slides were used to illustrate how to recognize warning patterns and actual tornadoes. The difference between a Watch and a Warning were discussed and slides of tornado damaged areas and buildings were used to show where the safest shelter would be in different types of structures.
On March 16, MacNamee

presented a similar program for the public, at the Novi Library, hosted by Novi REACT. A slide presentation, followed by a question and answer session, illustrated to those present, where the best and safest area would be during a tornado and the importance of having and using the NOAA weather radio system of tornado alert.

Team members are also active in

CART (Combined Area Radio Task Force), the local disaster team, in co-operation with the area police.

Novi REACTers were also called on by the Novi Police on March 18, to relay radio calls, when the telephone service went out at the Police Department. Cooperation by the Fire department, the City Hall REACT Team, assisted the police department with answering emergency calls throughout the

night until lines were partially restored at 1:30 a.m. Chief Lee BeGole said that those assisting the department "were prepared to answer emergency calls all night if need be."

Salem Chalks Up Record

SALEM, OR - Salem Area REACT Team averaged about 6,000 cups of coffee served during each of three breaks held during 1981. The team has sponsored coffee breaks during the Memorial Day, July 4 and Labor Day weekends for the past three years, according to Don Perry, team coordinator



