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VA REACT Launches Emergency Communications Vehicle

VIENNA, VA — Herndon REACT Team C-332 launched its new emergency vehicle during the Walk for Mankind, sponsored by the Fairfax Virginia Kiwanis Club. The Kiwanis Club in the past often requested Herndon REACT's assistance in this annual community event and this year Herndon REACT utilized its new "Radio Communications Mobile Van" at the event.

The van traveled the entire walk route while maintaining radio contact with the REACT base station and the Kiwanis/REACT manned check points along the walk route. The van is equipped with several 40 channel CB radios, walkie talkies and general mobile radio service (GMRS) equipment. Ample space in the vehicle allows for additional passengers plus chairs and working table area. The van has enhanced our mobility and

productivity for any emergency that might arise.

Overall the estimated cost to convert the van to a mobile radio communications vehicle was \$3,115.00, with most of the cost donated by the community minded merchants. The actual manhours utilized for this conversion amounted to 350 hours.

The van incidentally was donated to Herndon REACT by Herndon-Reston Community Service Team of C&P Telephone Company. Herndon REACT members banded together to restyle the van into a completely equipped "Communications Mobile," with parts and equipment being donated. Our thanks and appreciation to them and the C&P Telephone Company for their generosity.

Northwest REACT Scores Homerun in PR Campaign

ALOHA, OR — Northwest REACT Members in Oregon have scored a major breakthrough in public relations. The program started with an article on Northwest REACT's Steve Pierce. Next came publicity on the Ad benches at the bus stops around the Portland Metro area. Since the first article appeared in January, nine other articles have appeared in local papers around the state.

But that is just a start as there have been several public service announcements by local radio stations, as well as some possible spots on television stations. Northwest REACT, through the cooperation of several local banks, and the Memorial Coliseum in Portland, Oregon has had public service announcements that ran on their electronic billboards.

Northwest REACT 2867 is alive and well in Oregon.

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North Carolina's Richmond County REACT & Betty Worrell Take Annual Achievement Awards; PA Named Top Council

North Carolina took two of the three awards for Achievement to show the way for all Teams in REACT International, while Pennsylvania was the choice for the top award in the REACT Council Annual Achievement competition.

In the annual individual and Team competitions, top achievement winners were: Betty C. Worrell, of Durham-Durham County REACT, and Richmond County REACT, of Hamlet, NC. Betty Worrell and Richmond County REACT were also individual and Team winners for the fourth quarter of 1985.

Each winner in the International competition wins a handsome trophy, \$500 cash awards, and expenses paid to attend the International Convention in Calgary, where awards were scheduled to be presented.

This year, as in past years since the Competition was first announced several years ago, the Achievement awards competition was sponsored by K-40 Electronics. Winners were selected from among quarterly winners previously announced.

This year's individual winner, Betty C. Worrell joined Durham-Durham County REACT in 1975 after helping out at Team sponsored Coffee Breaks for several years previously by baking cakes, and working several shifts.

Currently Team Secretary for three years, Betty has served as Executive Secretary of the North Carolina REACT Council for two terms and is also serving as Secretary of the Council's Disaster Committee. She was one of 13 members who met in July 1983 to set up the Disaster Committee.

A hard worker, Betty enjoys helping others. Her son and ex-husband say that to Betty: "REACT is first" and other things follow. Besides a full-time job, she works part-time for the Mental Health Association and does volunteer work for her church, while attending evening classes at Durham Technical Institute. She is partially paralyzed (she wears a leg brace to walk with due to spinal damage) and suffers from heart trouble. Betty's award includes: "Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award" from the State REACT Council; Female REACTer from her Team, Durham-Durham County REACT; and Most Volunteer Hours, from her Team, for putting in 236 hours not including the hours she monitors, or the hours she puts in on Rest Stops. On an average three-day Rest Stop, she puts in 40 to 48 manhours of work.

Better known on highway frequencies as "Polar Bear," Betty's car is loaded with polar bears fastened with seat belts and a baby's car seat, which she uses as props in helping to spread a safety message with children. She has received special training in CPR, traffic control, emergency management, and Radiation Monitoring.

Richmond County REACT Team 3206, the Team Achievement winner, is still unique in the ranks of REACT. The eagerness and determination of all members are outstanding. The biggest project for 1985 was the realization of the Team's dream, the launching of the Disaster Service Center of Richmond County, which actually opened in

December 1984 with the help of Crisis Ministries and American Red Cross. It is a joint project of the three organizations working together for the good of the community. The Center, which is manned by REACT members, is governed by an Advisory Board comprised of representatives of the three sponsoring groups.

The Disaster Center consists of a Soup Kitchen to feed the hungry, and a Clothes Closet and Thrift Mart for the needy. The Center receives furniture donations which are given to families who have lost their own furniture through disasters — fires, tornadoes, etc.

The Center includes a complete communications set up complete with CB for monitoring Channel 9, GMRS, scanners and Ham radio. Faced with a shortage of funds from the United Way, REACT called an emergency meeting, and launched a program to feed the hungry at REACT headquarters, feeding 15 to 30 each day for two months. On Christmas eve, the Team put up a tree, and served a complete nourishing Christmas dinner. Small gifts were given to children present. The Team also furnished emergency shelter and food for five men with no place to stay.

Throughout all of this, REACT managed to keep up with the objectives of REACT and to take care of the Red Cross Disaster Unit. REACT is the Red Cross Team for Richmond County. Members are ready to go at a minute's notice when needed or called on by Red Cross, Emergency Management Coordination and Law Enforcement. The Team does not forget to monitor Channel 9 on CB or GMRS. With 45 active members, it averaged 19 individuals reporting on a yearly basis and had 84,809 manhours recorded for the year.

NY Team Receives \$20,000 State Grant for Emergency Radio Service

LEVITTOWN, NY — Reli REACT, Inc. of Nassau County, will receive a \$20,000 legislative grant to expand its emergency radio communications services in the community, State Senator John R. Dunne has announced.

Sen. Dunne said the \$20,000 grant for the county road emergency unit was included in the state's newly-enacted budget.

Reli REACT has provided volunteer communications in local emergency situations for the last three years. In 1985, their mobile operations patrolled more than 30,000 miles on county roads, parkways and local streets, and responded to more than a thousand calls for assistance to motorists in distress.

Morris Dassa, President of Reli REACT, said that many of these calls made the difference between life and death for those involved. "Were it not for the past support of Senator Dunne, it would have been difficult, if not impossible to provide this crucial community service."

All Systems GO! REACT in Australia Looking Ahead to a Banner Year

NORTHBROOK, IL — "It's a good feeling seeing it all coming together as I imagined it would... Teams developing, members enthusiastic and at an all-time high."

That's the way Peter Rowe, National Director of REACT Australia, describes the situation of REACT in the state from Down Under, Australia.

With REACT operating in five Australian states, and six Units (the Australian term for Team) established, the REACT organization has indeed come a long way in Australia.

In every area of public relations, training, supplying of material, Teams are progressing at a good clip. As Director Rowe puts it: "Today is an indication that things are progressing to my liking. We've had three applicants in the last two days after more PR in another local paper, and the third rescue boat for the Marine Rescue Service was dedicated to REACT..."

According to Rowe REACT has been operating in South Australia since CB was legalized. It received a boost five years ago and a further massive boost a year ago.

"REACT has been increasing in numbers," Rowe says, "since the Teams (or Units as they refer to it) recruit only monitors who are prepared to dedicate their time and actually monitor the emergency frequency. We do not only want a list of names and numbers to make us look as if we are a large organization."

The only exception is for prospects who are willing to assist in community service activities.

According to Rowe, all of the new recruitment of monitors throughout the State (South Australia) has been due to old and new members telling their friends on and off the air about REACT and by promoting the need for monitors all over the area.

"If this continues, it will not be long before we have South Australia completely covered."

"Although this will reach you well into the new year, we of REACT Australia, wish the Parent body of REACT a REACTIVE 1986."



Peter Rowe
National Director of REACT in Australia



Herndon REACT Again Chips In To Assure Soccer Event Success

VIENNA, VA — The 11th Annual Reston International Soccer Tournament took place June 13 through June 16 in Reston, Virginia. Some 140 teams participating represented 12 states. Herndon REACT C-332 again this year was asked to provide emergency radio communications at the playing fields. REACT manned all 11 fields during the three-day event, supplying radio communications during each game scheduled, from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. each day.

Class D and GMRS equipment was utilized in order to cover the vast distance between the various fields and the REACT base headquarters. We set-up our base station at the Dulles Marriott Hotel, Dulles Airport Virginia.

The Annual Reston International Soccer Tournament booklet devoted a page to Herndon REACT in appreciation of services rendered by REACT during the three day event. All participants in the Soccer Tournament received a copy of this book.

TO THE EDITOR

by Edmund D. Mann
Centereach, NY 11720

To the Editor:

This morning I read my copy of the REACTer for March-April 1986 which forced my brain to go "into high gear." I'd like to share some of my experiences and ideas with you.

I am, and for several years have been, a member of Suffolk County (New York) REACT Team 2371. I am an "Atomic Vet" having a host of radiogenic diseases due to exposure to ionizing radiation from Atom Bomb tests while I served as a U.S. Marine from 1946 until 1949.

Because I am disabled and cannot survive on my disability pension, I set up and operate a food concession business — what many call a "hot dog truck" — from the confines of a motor home that I had converted into a mobile snack bar.

Every Sunday, when it does not rain or snow, my vehicle is parked inside the Calverton Shooting Range where my employees feed the crowds of shooters while I act as rangemaster and safety officer. Rather than wear a flame orange hunter's jacket for high visibility when working that range, I recently began to wear my REACT jacket. It's amazing how many people, even in law enforcement, are not aware of what REACT is all about.

Because of the questions I field about REACT at the rifle range and because when I am in my parked "hot dog truck" (when not in the hospital) with my CB tuned to Channel 9, I chose to wear my REACT jacket when in the parked truck.

Incidentally, I park that vehicle weekdays from about 11:00 am until about 5:00 pm on the highest point overlooking Port Jefferson harbor so that I can pick up emergency calls from as far away as the south shore of Long Island as well as from the Long Island Expressway and from the Merritt Parkway in Connecticut (which is about 23 miles across Long Island Sound from where I park).

Because of that location, I probably pick up more distress calls from boaters who are on Long Island Sound than any other REACT Team member.

Because I cannot be at my business as much as I would like, I've been trying to convince my regular weekday employee to join REACT so she can be trained to monitor the CB the way I do — BUT I CANNOT MAKE THAT A CONDITION OF HER EMPLOYMENT.

When in my parked snack bar monitoring CB-9 I wear my Team jacket or a shirt with the REACT emblem sewed to its pocket. Again, it is amazing to see how many customers ask me what REACT means.

Because I'm beginning to sound like a tape recorder telling people what REACT means to the community, I intend to ask the Team to order a quantity of REACT literature for me to hand out to those who ask about REACT along with application for membership so I can try to sign up potential members who express an interest while they are still "hot" rather than me now telling them when and where we have our monthly meetings so they can attend.

How many other REACT members are employed in public-view businesses who can wear REACT identification when working — who can then try to sign up new members when those who express an interest are "hot"? I think that would be one of the least expensive ways to make the public aware that REACT exists, don't you?

Now I'm going to tell you about what I consider to be REACT work I did about a year ago. May 22nd, 1985

was a beautiful day until about 4:00 pm.

I always carry one of my two REACT jackets and caps in the car I drive. About 4:00 pm I was driving home from a V.A. clinic appointment on the Sunken Meadow Parkway going in a southbound direction. I saw a splash of something cross the center median and smash head-on into a car about 18-20 lengths ahead of me and the car behind that piled into the car that had just hit the car ahead of me head-on.

That day I was driving my wife's car which is not equipped with a CB radio so I had no way to communicate by radio to summon help. I pulled my car onto the grassy median, ordered people to not touch the injured people, slipped into my REACT jacket and hat, rendered emergency first aid to the survivors after determining that the woman who was driving the car that was hit head-on had been decapitated — and asked the gathering crowd if anyone had a CB in his or her car.

When I learned no one had a CB, I gave instructions to a motorist, cleared a path for him to be able to drive around the accident scene, and had him telephone for emergency help including to have the fire department send five ambulances and HURST equipment to be able to cut trapped people out of the smashed vehicles and for the police to dispatch a detective because there was at least one fatality.

Because of rubber-necking, the Northbound as well as the Southbound lanes were stopped dead, so there was no way emergency equipment could get to the accident scene.

The first vehicle on the scene was a Weir-Metro private ambulance on its way back from transporting a vet to the VA hospital. Its crew began life-saving techniques on a young girl who was pinned beneath the overturned car from which she was thrown while I blew fresh air into and sucked exhausted air from the lungs of the driver of the car that went over the median.

As soon as a State Police Officer arrived, I apprised him of the situation so he could use his police radio to cause additional rescue equipment to be dispatched.

The crew of the first fire department ambulance that arrived took over breathing for that impaled driver and the State Police Officer instructed me to keep all traffic blocked until all emergency equipment that had been dispatched would arrive.

About fifteen minutes later, I was instructed to let the Northbound traffic begin to move and, about an hour later, to let Southbound traffic drive on the grassy median so the motorists trapped on the parkway could drive around the destroyed vehicles and continue on their way. For about two hours I directed traffic around the accident scene so the police could do their more important job to free the victims and get them to hospitals and to the morgue. Today I spoke with a State Police detective who advised me that the girl who was pinned under that overturned vehicle survived. So did the driver — but — my help blowing air into and sucking air from his lungs was insufficient — he is brain dead.

The ideas I'd like to share with all REACT members are that since we all are engaged in community service — even if it is to save the life of a family member — we all should take first aid and CPR training which the Red Cross will be happy to give to us for no charge. Rather than us just learn how to better use our CB radios and police techniques and who to call, I think part of every new member's training should be first aid and CPR.

If we will just ask for help, the police departments will train us in traffic con-

trol so we can be of real help at accident and/or fire and/or flood scenes.

I was able to handle traffic control at that fatal accident scene only because I had been trained to do so and thus knew what to do.

Another idea I'd like to share with the members: I keep an old tire and a short length of chain with large "S" hooks in the trunk of my car and another attached to the front of my motor home converted into a mobile snack bar.

When I come upon a motorist whose car is disabled and able to be pushed, rather than let that disabled car impede traffic and be a hazard that can be run into, I hook the old tire to the grille of my car so neither vehicle can be damaged and I slowly push the disabled car to the side of the road before I call the police or AAA, etc.

For my own self-protection (since I have an in-ground swimming pool and a dog), I carry a \$1,000,000 umbrella policy as part of my homeowner's policy in addition to having REACT's liability coverage. My umbrella policy will cover me if I cause an accident while pushing a disabled vehicle out of traffic.

For those who can afford it, I suggest they buy a Life-O-Gen system and keep that in their vehicle. Who knows when a family member or friend or anyone else may have a heart attack?

That fifteen minute oxygen supply can mean the difference between life

and death. Because I am 56, have hypertension and polycythemia, I am a prime candidate for a heart attack or stroke, so I have such a system for my own protection.

Now I'd like to share with REACT my idea for a ready source of "young blood" to help swell the ranks of REACT so we can provide even more help than we now do: a lot of parents of children and/or survivors of spouses who were killed or injured in auto accidents formed MADD chapters throughout this country. Many other people banded together to form neighborhood watch groups. Those all are public spirited people who, like REACT, are trying to help get drunk drivers off the road and/or prevent crime.

I'd like to suggest that REACT contact those organizations to let them know of our work and how we can help one another. I am certain many MADD and neighborhood watch members can be sufficiently interested to also become members of REACT to help us monitor CB-9.

My last suggestion is being hitchhiked on your article about us using our CBs on a channel other than 9 for communication. Many of us have sideband which I always find less "crowded" and with much greater range than the regular AM frequency. Why don't we use inexpensive sideband more frequently and have less need for expensive GMSRs and repeaters, etc.?



Portland Area Team's Message Featured on Bank Bulletin Board

ALOHA, OR — On March 19-20 Northwest REACT Team 2867 sponsored a public service announcement that appeared on the electronic billboard at the Oregon city shopping center. This announcement was aired with the cooperation of the Far West Federal Bank.

The same announcement was aired

at the same location on March 26-27. Without the support of the local businesses, none of these public service announcements would have been possible.

Northwest REACT in the Portland, Oregon metro area want the public to know we are there.



ALOHA, OR — A smiling Walt Kummer, of Northwest REACT, is shown being interviewed by reporter Sandy James of KOIN-TV.

REACT Member Interviewed on Oregon TV Station

ALOHA, OREGON — On May 6th Walt Kummer, the last charter member of Northwest REACT, was interviewed by reporter Sandy James, KOIN-TV (Channel 6). Although Walt has Muscular Dystrophy, he still manages to monitor Channel 9, putting in about seven hours a day, which totals up to several thousand hours a year. According to Steve Pierce, the Team's PR Officer, Walt is a genuine asset to Northwest REACT, to the community, and to the state of Oregon. Walt, who is well known to the Oregon State Police, was given a plaque of special recognition for

his service by the Oregon State REACT Council.

In October of 1976, Northwest REACT presented Walt with a certificate, and a trophy for life membership in REACT. The same year Walt received from the White House a letter and special commendation from President Gerald Ford.

Last year Walt made a guest appearance at the Benson Hotel in downtown Portland, Oregon. On his behalf, Northwest REACT Team 2867 donated more than a thousand dollars to "Jerry's Kids" and the Muscular Dystrophy Telethon.

The televised interview of Walt Kummer was scheduled to air May 23 on the Channel 6 News, KOIN TV.

COLUMN NINE

Where the REACTion is Yours

Reach out and touch someone! So we did and wow what an experience.

Saturday, as we fumbled through the morning, slowly things began to come together. At the beginning we were concerned that because of some restrictions levied on us by the permit, there was no advertising by sign on the highway or by radio from the rest stop. We thought this could be a problem and were trying to think of a way out of this. What we didn't count on was truckers and other people with radios passing the word.

Well, the great coffee pot juggle was on. How many cups of coffee does an 84 cup pot hold? If you think the answer is as obvious, then you haven't met the Alliance Enterprise Team. The answer is something like 150 good tasting cups. Done with mirrors . . . HAH! But you'll have to wait for the next event and see yourself.

Saturday was booming but Sunday was truly out of hand. For a few hours, I thought some of the volunteers were actually schizophrenic.

Well they worked like two people anyway. So we worked hard and the take was even larger. By this time the long hours were beginning to show in some of us. Then Tony struck (our communications officer/Team comedian). Talk about comic relief. If you weren't already falling apart from the day, then by the time you got home, your face and side hurt from laughing so hard.

Monday was so well organized, we were ready for the worst, but things were slow. Half the troop played frisbee in the rain, while the other half stood around and fed our faces. I guess by then we were getting really punchy.

But think for just a moment of what we have accomplished. First, we brought REACT to the people, and more than ever, people know about us. We have gotten the word out about D.U.I., disaster procedures and how we can serve the public. Also, we have made good friends with our neighboring REACT Teams and raised a large amount of money for our Teams. We have made some new contacts and last, but certainly not least, we have set a precedent for Auto Safety Awareness Weekend. The travelers I talked to this weekend were very impressed and grateful for our being there. Given the proper effort, the safety weekend (Memorial Day weekend) could become the same as March of Dimes is to Easter. I hope you all share in my goal.

Now that we have shown this can be a great success, we should not stop till this becomes a national effort. It will also, no doubt, make REACT International larger and stronger each year.

After all is said and done, Enterprise and Alliance — you've all performed above and beyond. So my hats off to you for a job well done. The Team glowed like a shining example for all to witness and I was proud to be a part of it all.

Peter Timpano, Committee Chairman, Enterprise REACT Team 4607

REACTers REACT in Weather Emergency

by Bill Continelli
Tri-State REACT Team 4368

PORT JERVIS, NY — After a full week of sunny skies and 65 degree temperatures, northeast Pennsylvania, Sussex County (NJ), and Sullivan County (NY), woke up on Wednesday, April 23 to 8 inches of snow and lots more on the way.

Before it was over, this storm, completely unexpected by the national weather service, would dump up to 30 inches of snow in the Pocono Mountains.

By 9 am Wednesday, Interstate 84 westbound was in trouble. Heavy snow, poor visibility, and the long upgrade into the mountains brought traffic to a standstill. By 3 pm, a state of emergency was declared and the Interstate closed. However, over a thousand cars and trucks were already stranded and would remain trapped for over 15 hours.

REACT response was quick and efficient. Tri-State REACT members John and Barbara Richardson, of Milford, PA, were on the air by 9 am Wednesday. For the next 18 hours they handled over 350 calls on Channel 9 to let loved ones across the country know that the motorists were stranded but safe. In addition, there were a number of priority calls for the elderly, sick, and a nursing mother who needed medical attention. Compounding the problem was a van from the federal prison at Otisville which was stranded with 15 prisoners on board. Nearby truckers used CB radio to alert REACT to notify the state police of this potentially dangerous situation.

Assisting John and Barbara was Niles Timm, a REACT member from Colorado. Stranded along with the others, he turned what could have been panic and chaos on Channel 9 into order as he coordinated those wishing to pass

messages through the Richardsons. For over 12 hours he sat in his cab at the microphone keeping a vital communication line open.

Other base stations involved were Ray "Doc" Heeter, in Milford, who directed motorists not yet stranded to alternate routes or to local shelter; Ed Liccardo, of Mill Rift, who coordinated between the CB operators and the amateur radio set up at the Pike County Communications Center; and Frank McConnell and his daughter, Barbara Ann Podhaney, of Greeley, PA, who handled about 75 messages.

As night came the snow kept falling, the roads were icy, the temperature was 30°, and over 1,200 people were still stranded in their vehicles. Two Red Cross 4 WD vehicles with plows were sent out, one with blankets and the other with coffee. I provided communications for these vehicles.

I am an amateur radio operator (N2CLO) equipped with a Midland CB rig and a Regency 2 meter rig, and I used CB to notify the truckers of the blankets and coffee, and 2 meters to notify the communications center of the vast number of people involved. My reports convinced some skeptical officials, who finally set up emergency shelters.

By 5 am Thursday, the roads were finally passable. Many exhausted people took advantage of the emergency shelters.

All the truckers were unanimous in their praise of REACT, especially of John and Barbara Richardson. The local radio station, WDLC, and the Pocono Record mentioned the contributions of REACT and Amateur Radio operators. Without a doubt, the dedication of Tri-State REACT 4368 helped prevent serious injury and death during this emergency.

Ohio REACT's Wake Break Draws 6,100 and Zero Fatalities

MARION, OH — More than 6,100 persons took advantage of Marion County REACT's Coffee Break held over the Memorial Day weekend, according to Team President Jim Barlow.

Tourists as far away as West Germany, Canada, Seattle, and Florida stopped for free coffee, hot chocolate, orange drink, and all kinds of safety literature.

The Team was also happy to report that no fatal accidents or serious injuries were recorded in Marion County throughout this period, and the Team would like to feel that this was due at least in part to the Coffee Break.



Charles Dowdey
Life Member #75 Dies

Charles Dowdey, a long-time member of Capital City REACT Atlanta, GA and a member of Daytona Beach REACT, Daytona Beach, FL, is dead at the age of 44. He died April 25th.

Charlie joined REACT in 1968. He was very active at all levels from Team to Council to Forum. He held many offices at the Team level, including President for several terms. He also held several State Council committee chairs and offices.

Charlie was special. Although he was a victim of multiple birth defects and was confined to a wheelchair all his life, he never considered himself different nor allowed others to give him any special treatment. As a matter of fact, he treated others as special, and everyone felt special just being around Charlie.

Compared to his physical limitations, his accomplishments and spirit was unlimited. He was a professional photographer and worked with computers designing office space for a consulting firm. When it came to "getting the job done," the words "no" and "can't" were not part of his vocabulary.

Charlie attended most of the International Conventions. His first one was Dallas. He was best known at the International level for his work on committees and as Chairman of the 1980 Convention in Atlanta and as Co-Chairman of the 1984 Convention in Daytona Beach.

Despite his pint size, he was always highly visible at the conventions. In his motorized wheelchair and with his "attitude adjustment" stick (used to press elevator buttons according to Charlie), he always managed to do his part to get or keep things stirred up. At the 1980 Convention he earned the nickname "L.S.I." (loveable and sweet according to Charlie), but those who were there and saw the T shirt knew what it really meant and what he did to deserve it.

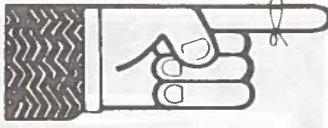
Charlie will be deeply missed by all who knew and worked closely with him.

"L.S.I." this tribute is to you, with deep affection from . . . LM#2



SALT LAKE CITY — When weary motorists stopped off at the Memorial Day Weekend Safety Break sponsored by Salt Lake City REACT, these were part of the Team's members on hand to greet them. Bob Shirts and his son are ready to pour coffee.

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Bob Perdue, Manager of Tysons Westpak Hotel, McLean, VA, presents Bob Baird, Public Relations officer for Herndon REACT Team C-332, with a check for \$100 as a contribution

toward the Team's Safety Break held Memorial Day Weekend, May 23-26 on Interstate 66 rest areas. The hotel also contributed 3,000 napkins for the event.



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MEMBERSHIP RETENTION

By Dickie George, Task Group Leader on Membership

Means: to retain current members in an organization.

What is your Team doing to KEEP the members you have? Is it working, or are you losing members each year?

Here are some thoughts for you to consider and ideas that you may want to try:

(1) Does every member in your Team have a job to do? Do they feel NEEDED? Or are they made to feel apart from the organization? Try giving each member some ongoing duty — to keep them busy and needed.

(2) Does your Team encourage participation in all events from each member? When planning an event, place a few phone calls to let them know that they too, are needed.

(3) Does your Team have a "Unit of the Month, Quarter, or Year" program? This may help by giving them an incentive to do more.

(4) Is your Team encouraged to fill out "activity reports" each month? This, too, may entice them to become active. Purpose of report — to keep members active and help decide Unit Awards (#3).

Salute a Unit each month from within the Team. Cover with news story. This is our lead volunteer REACT Unit for this month in hours donated to monitoring Channel 9 and being there when needed.

Cite situations where a Team's Unit was involved in assisting motorists and/or emergency personnel to getting to the scene.

Prepare a separate article on the Volunteer Hours each month of the full reporting Units to the local press. Brings more attention to the Team. Do not send the two stories together or in the same week — stagger the news potential so that your Team appears in the papers on a regular basis.

Let the community know that we use our time in REACT to protect "you and yours" as a part of our community involvement.

(5) Is your Team's financial status secure enough to eliminate Team dues and/or pay "active" members' International dues?

The main idea here is to keep your members busy and needed. It is realized that some of these ideas cross over into Public Relations area, but, that is very much a part of membership recruitment and retention. Everybody like to see their name in the paper. The articles are read by the general public, some of those are friends of the member, and, who knows? Their friend may just be the next new member.

Jersey REACT Does Part, And Then Some in St. Patrick's Parade

BRIDGEWATER, NJ — Nine members of Somerset County REACT and a member of McGuire Alert REACT of Browns Mills, NJ, using two vehicles, participated in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. The event started in Somerville, passed through Raritan and ended in Bridgewater, NJ. Traditionally, this parade has been an opportunity for Somerset County communities to show various emergency services and equipment available.

The Team made signs for the 1985 St. Patrick's Day Parade using plywood, REACT decals (18") and various size letter stencils. The signs have also been used at Safety Breaks and other Team events. They are hinged so they can be setup "Tee Pee" style, free standing.

The Parade has been a very good public relations tool for Somerset County REACT. Many people recognize members as we pass by and will undoubtedly remember REACT because it was there.

Oregon State Award for Voluntarism Goes to Oregon REACT Council

SALEM, OR — Scheduled to receive Governor Victor Attie's Voluntarism Award for their many services to local residents and for citizens of the state of Oregon was the Oregon State REACT Council.

The Council, which is comprised of six Oregon Teams, includes Salem Area REACT, Northwest REACT, Columbia County REACT, Tri-County REACT, Polk County REACT, and Marion County REACT. It was also scheduled to receive the Corporate Volunteer Council recognition.

Team Mourns Death of Founder and Wife from Fire Injuries

WAYNESBORO, MS — Grady Jones, charter member and organizer of Wayne County REACT and the Team's first president, and his wife, Jewel Jones, were killed as a result of injuries suffered when fire destroyed their home last March 9.

Jones served as the Team's president since its chartering in 1969 until his death. Jones and his wife were both very active in the Team and participated in many searches for drowned and lost persons, and aided the Sheriff's office in apprehending criminals.

In any emergency, they could always be counted on to help and will be missed by their many friends, both in REACT and elsewhere.

**All Teams not having
paid their 1986 Dues
to International
will be dropped from
the Membership at
the end of July.**

**It's not too late to pay
your 1986 Dues!**

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Publicizing REACT

Let's cover in this issue one of the special capabilities of using a Team Paper . . . "THE EDITORIAL." All publications, newspapers, magazines, and even special-interest publications devote effort space to one or more articles that fall under the general heading "EDITORIAL . . ." An article in a publication expressing the opinion of its editor or publisher."

Why would a publication devote space to such a statement? What could the Editor have to say that could be of interest? Commercial publications have as editors persons who have had extensive training in the publication field but more important, have been involved in the business about which they are writing for quite some time. Having been involved for numerous years, an editor should be one who has built up a background, upon which he can draw, that gives the information necessary to present an opinion in a manner that will give his readers enough facts so that the editor's conclusions at least make sense.

WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH A REACT PAPER? PLENTY!!

A REACT newspaper is one very good avenue for sending information to each and every member about REACT happenings. Like on a freeway, all sorts of vehicles travel this highway. The Team paper should offer avenues for moving (1) reports of activities, (2) minutes of meetings, (3) birthday & anniversary wishes, and (4) last but not least, suggestions! These suggestions can take the form of in-depth articles or The Short Editorial.

REACT CASE IN POINT

Chris White, as President of the REACT Board of Directors, wrote a letter to all Teams in February 1986 explaining in some detail the basis of the Board's decision to terminate the position of Executive Director. This was informative — moving information from point A to point B. Hopefully, the concerned readers would, upon arriving at point B, ask — "Now, what should/can I do?" This is the point at which an editorial could offer the answers, or the additional portion of the article "in editorial format" could direct the reader to the avenue[s] for taking action.

[1] The Southern California REACT Council newspaper, under Editor Ben Krouse, besides doing a multi-page "Exclusive" Interview with Mr. Gerald Reese, on page 11 of their April 1986 issue, went into depth using numbers and dollars in hypothetical cases showing that just a little additional income from a large number of individuals could realize a meaningful amount of additional funds. Ben covered not just one possible solution to a problem, he offered at least three possible answers and left it up to his readers to decide which, if any, should be followed.

[2] Don Perry, of the Oregon REACTer, in a letter to this writer responding to REACT of the Golden Gate's editorial position, offered specific comments and suggestions that could be followed. Don reset the headlines of the Golden Gate editorial with his own in the way of a reply. He offered suggestions that (1) The Board of Directors could take, (2) the Secretary in Northbrook could take, and (3) each Team could take to assure continuation of our organization.

[3] An editorial can result from a statement from another source as was Dixie White's editorial in the Q-CITY 9'er of February 1986. Dixie took a stand in defending what she interpreted in another paper's recent editorial. To allow her readers to fully understand her comments, she reprinted the other editorial [un-edited] along with her opinions, enabling her readers to draw their own conclusions.

[4] Finally, Valerie Thorn, Editor of the Antelope Valley REACT paper's March-April 1986 issue took a strong stand on a topic very important to her Team — voting rights of members unable to attend meetings.

The publication of an informative article is perfectly acceptable. However, the editor has the singular capability to ask or tell his readers what to do. As was suggested in at least one of the editorials on the Executive Director topic, the readers were advised, and I quote, "Put this paper down, pick up your check book and pen, write a check now to REACT, get in your car, make a special trip tonight to the post office and mail your check showing your reaction and desire to help."

Finally, as apparently one editorial did, an editorial should stimulate its readers to such an extent that they REACT. An editorial should go way beyond just the informative. REACT Editors: Take a stand; Let your position be known. No one will hold it against you. They may not agree with your position, but they should agree that you should take a stand.

Direct your constructive comments, suggestions for future topics, or personal problems and their solutions concerning your own paper and copies of your own papers if you want this writer to consider using them as material for this column to:

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The following is short biographical information on the two outside judges for the Newspaper Judging to be held at Calgary:

Mr. John Gradon, City Editor of the Calgary Sun, 2615 12 Street N.E., Calgary, Alberta, T2E 7W9.

Mr. Pat McMahon began his journalist career with a thoroughbred horse racing magazine. He joined the Calgary Herald in 1965 as a sports editor before moving through senior staff writer to editorial writer. Between 1965 and 1983 he was a reporter, copy editor, provincial editor, night city editor, leisure magazine editor, business and finance editor and for the final 8 years, the city's best-read general-interest columnist. He has won numerous awards and currently serves the Calgary Herald as Community Relations Director/Promotion and Public Relations manager.

What to Include

The first issue of a new publication produced by a Team or a Council will probably be oversupplied for the simple fact that there has been no newspaper before which could use all the material. Editors take note: from the very beginning you must cultivate consistent writers or you as editor will have to write the paper. Looking at just a few of the Team & council papers (of the many I see regularly), the following is a partial list of the kinds of articles that can and indeed are being run in Team and Council papers.

- 1) **Minutes of Meetings** — if your paper is to be used to distribute the minutes as is the case of the San Gabriel Valley, CA paper and others which publish summaries of meetings.
- 2) **Officers' Columns** — the President, Vice President, membership officer, or communications officer should always have information and guidance for Team members. Dave Carpenter, President of The Southern California REACT Council, Jacki MacDonald, President of The Wisconsin Council of REACT Teams, and Larry Luebben, President of Tri-City REACT, Lakewood, CA all write articles for providing guidance and direction to their Teams in their respective newsletters.
- 3) **GMRS** — with the importance today of the FCC and GMRS, almost all newsletters carry an article on FCC and GMRS. The National Capital REACT newsletter of Alexandria, VA, carries one of the most extensive coverages of this topic. Their April 1986 issue was almost totally about pending legislation. They even included a sample letter for their readers to send to their Congressmen.
- 4) **Membership Questionnaires** — these can be distributed to Team and Council members as well as non-members in hopes of increasing the Team and Council's working base as was done in the November 1985 issue of The Northern California REACT Council meeting.
- 5) **Convention** — REACT International holds a convention every year and many papers carry, for the few issues preceding the convention, articles and forms on the convention.
- 6) **International News** — this can be spread to all Teams, Councils and non-members by including information from NORTHBROOK such as appears in the SCRC paper.
- 7) **Calendar of Events** — this should be prominently displayed in every paper.
- 8) **Birthdays and Anniversaries** — these are proud events and a Team or Council should recognize these dates.
- 9) **Outside Activities** — such as the March of Dimes, should receive extensive space such as was the case recently in the Tri-City REACT paper.
- 10) **The Rest Area Safety Coffee Stop or Wake Break Program** — these are undertaken throughout the year by many Teams and a recent Wisconsin Council paper carried just such a report.

In diverting just slightly from what might be considered "100% of Team Interest" to a slightly broader "interest level":

- 11) **Guest Articles from the Highway Patrol** — such as that written by Public Affairs Officer Lyle Whitten, of Santa Fe Springs, CA on mandatory new brake lights, which appeared in the Tri-City, CA paper or that of Public Affairs Officer Kevin Kelly, of the San Francisco California Highway Patrol, on grade crossing rules. These appear regularly in *The Golden Gate REACTions* and are reprinted in another paper.
- 12) **Reprints from Local Papers and/or other REACT Papers** — such as Louise Dougherty's letter to the Los Angeles Herald Examiner "recognizing REACT" which was reprinted in the Long Beach, CA REACT paper.

The list goes on forever because there is no article which is 100 percent correct or wrong for inclusion. An article that meets the requirements of one paper may not meet the requirements for another. By exchanging newsletters, Teams and Councils can see the kinds of articles that other Teams and Councils find meet their paper's purposes. Perhaps if you see an article in print in another paper that is almost like the one you were considering, it might give you the extra little support to publish it.

P.S. As another example of the diversity of articles acceptable, just study this July-August issue of *The REACTer*.

P.P.S. Topic for convention issue: "EDITORIALS."

If you want this writer to review for possible use in this column items from your paper, forward them to:

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Maine REACT Stalwart Passes Away

PORTLAND, MAINE — J. Alfred Hatfield, 73, known as Al to his many friends in and out of REACT, passed away recently.

A ten-year veteran of REACT who monitored for 24 hours a day, Al, an Army veteran of World War II, was the Team's Senior Vice President and missed only one road run during his tenure of activity with the Team (the Team does about 19 such runs a year).

He was awarded a Red Cross D.A.T. radio for fires, storms, etc. for service of nine plus years.

Al was the kind of person who never missed a REACT coffee break in ten years, or any other Team event. He was the Senior Vice President as well for the Maine State Council.

According to Lawrence R. Hooper, President of Southern Maine REACT, "There is not enough room here to tell all that he has done for our Team." Needless to say, he will be missed.

Al is survived by his wife of 30 years, Alice, and three daughters and a son.

REACTing

in emergencies

by R.C. Watts,
Louisville, Kentucky

MUTUAL AID

REACT International has long had memorandums of understanding with the American National Red Cross and a few other organizations of note. Another name for these are mutual aid agreements. It amounts to, I'll help you when you need it, if you'll return the favor when I need it. Your Team may find it advantageous to conclude a number of these with the organizations you assist during emergencies. They in turn might assist you when the Team needs something.

Many mutual aid pacts are verbal gentlemen's agreements and may work very well. Unfortunately, organizations will change over time. When the people who concluded verbal agreements leave, so does the agreement. To protect your Team, it's best to put really important long term agreements on paper so that each party knows exactly what is expected of them.

The REACT/Red Cross understanding does not have to be concluded again locally as the national agreement covers all Red Cross Chapters and REACT Teams. An example of a local mutual aid agreement would be when you and a neighboring REACT Team agree to help with each other's activities. Ideally, your State REACT Council would address mutual aid in its constitution, committing member Teams to assist each other whenever the need arises. Your Council could also be a mechanism for concluding a memorandum of understanding with your state Civil Defense organization which would then cover all local REACT Teams and CD departments in the state.

MONITORING A PRIORITY

Monitoring the emergency channel and relaying calls for assistance was the original REACT purpose. It was a pretty good one then and remains so today. If that suffers because of other commitments, then perhaps your Team needs to look at priorities and make some adjustments. If emergency communications and fulfilling REACT purposes is not a Team's first priority, it's no longer a real emergency communications Team.

Safety Breaks, helping out the Salvation Army, assisting the Red Cross and all those other things are fine and good if your Team has the people power to do them. Activities are always necessary to keep the membership satisfied, maintain public relations and provide a basis for fund raising. However, too many activities with too few members will spread the Team too thin and begin to take away from emergency communications — the purpose for which REACT exists!

At some point every Team has to decide what is really important to the Team and membership. Well organized, with enough dedicated members and good fund raising, a Team can carry a considerable load of activities, perform a reasonable amount of monitoring and still be able to respond when emergencies or disaster occurs. How does your Team stand up as an emergency communications Team?

VOLCANOS

Active volcanos exist in Alaska, Hawaii, Western Canada, Washington, Oregon and California. All of these have the potential to erupt and there have been recent experiences in Hawaii and Washington. If close by when an explosive eruption occurs, there is little one can do, as evident in the Mt. St. Helen's incident. Most eruptions are not explosive in nature. Mudflows, ash falls and lava flows usually allow some protective action.

If volcanic ash begins to fall, stay indoors. If outdoors, seek shelter in a car or nearby building. If you can't get to shelter immediately, breathe through a cloth, preferably damp, to filter out the ash. Keep your eyes closed as much as possible. Do not try to drive a car during a heavy ash fall — poor visibility will increase chances of an accident.

Mudflows follow valleys and streams away from the volcano and move faster than you can walk or run. If you are in the path of possible mudflow, you will probably have to evacuate your car and can move faster than the flow. Before crossing bridge, look upstream and don't cross if a mudflow is already moving under it. If you are isolated and can't evacuate, move upslope away from stream channels and valley floors. Lava flows are slow, giving ample time to get away.

Heavy ash falls may temporarily interfere with radio, TV and telephones, but seldom last more than a few hours. Mudflows will probably damage electric and telephone lines. Obviously, emergency radio communications is essential in these disaster prone areas.

INCERT

Project INCERT, or Indiana Council of Emergency Response Teams, is an umbrella organization coordinated by the Indiana State Police for the Indiana Civil Defense Department. It consists of REACT, CAP, volunteer fire departments, snowmobile clubs, FWD clubs and many other persons and organizations that may respond to emergency or disaster. INCERT members also provide community assistance at events such as the Indianapolis 500, "pumpkin patrols" on Halloween and much more.

The concept came about following the January 1978 blizzard and subsequent flooding. ISP District #13 in Lowell had formed a citizen group that gave extraordinary assistance in that area. It was then decided to extend the concept state-wide as INCERT. It now has over 10,000 members and is growing.

This sort of resources identification, pooling and cooperation for the public good is possible anywhere. Besides the public, it helps the organizations and people involved. My thanks to INCERT, Indiana State Police and Floyd County Civil Defense for sharing their ideas with us. Are there other organizations of this kind out there?

RURAL REACT

Last Fall while visiting our country place, we spotted a nice pick-up truck in a remote corner. Figured it belonged to hunters. Several hours later, when nobody returned for it, I decided it might be stolen and tried to contact someone on CB. The nearest phone is at a country store three miles away. The Sheriff is twelve miles away, so CB seemed the way to go.

Although there was plenty of traffic on the nearby parkway and some CB antennas within two miles on the state highway, I was unable to contact anyone willing to

handle my call. I drove to the store and phoned the State troopers. Sure enough the truck was stolen and would probably have been stripped that evening had it not been recovered.

Doing some looking later it appears that, in this state at least, very few state troopers, police or sheriffs have CB in their cars. Considering the number of the tiny emergency radios that people have purchased thinking that help is available anywhere, that's a big problem. We also need more REACT Teams in small towns and rural areas. Give a copy of this article to a law enforcement official and a copy of *The REACTer* to a Country Cousin. Perhaps some assistance will arise to help us bring emergency radio to more people and places. Otherwise, when YOU really need it YOURSELF, it won't be there.

LOST CHILDREN

With Summer here, REACT Teams will again be called out to help look for lost children — perhaps also a few adults, particularly old folks who may wander away from home. Have your maps, fresh walkie-talkie batteries, thermos bottles and snacks ready to carry with you. Don't forget first aid kits. You would be surprised how many search teams go out without them.

Lost children have a tendency of getting scared and hiding or running away from search parties. Crashing through brush and shouting back and forth can add to their anxiety. Plenty of portable radios will help hold down the noise and move the search along much faster.

Children can be taught to "Hug-a-tree" and stay put when they lose their sense of direction and become lost. A whistle attached to a child's clothing will also help locate them, if they're taught in advance to use it.

DRILLS

All the emergency plans and preparations are useless if they don't work. The only way to find out if everything works is to participate in drills or exercises. Your state may have an annual tornado or hurricane warning and communications exercise. Or it may be a required exercise of nuclear power plant emergency plans. Whatever the drill, its purpose is not to find out how good or bad an organization is, but rather to find possible weaknesses that can be improved upon.

If there are not state or local drills available, make up your own. The object might be to alert all Team operators to a simulated emergency and test their message handling abilities. Or, call your members, have them assemble at a central location and set-up equipment as they would in a real emergency. Lots of other scenarios are possible. Drills help to train members and make them better at REACTing in Emergencies!

Early Bird Drawing and Pre-Registration Discount for

1987 REACT International Convention San Antonio, Texas July 27-29, 1987

During the 1986 REACT International Convention in Calgary, Canada, Texas will be offering a "Pre-registration discount" of \$5.00 off the registration fee if pre-paid in advance. The regular registration fee will be \$55.00 until May 15, 1987. If anyone pays the full registration fee between July, 1986 and November 1, 1986, they will save \$5.00 per registration (that's \$50.00 instead of \$55.00) AND be eligible for the "Early Bird" Drawing good for one free room at the Gunter Hotel during the convention in San Antonio, Texas, July 27-29. The free room will be offered for the dates of Saturday, July 25 through Saturday, August 1, 1987 and could be used for one to four persons. Drawing for the free room will be at the Texas State REACT meeting, November 1, 1986. Notification of the winner will be through the International REACTer in the following issue.

Pre-registration forms will be available in Calgary, Canada during July at the Texas Exhibit Booth. Forms could be mailed directly to you upon request if you are not planning on attending the convention in Calgary. It is recommended that you mail your pre-registration forms along with a check made payable to "1987 REACT International Convention Fund" no later than October 20, 1986. Mail to: 1987 REACT International Convention, c/o Dickie George, 820 Brooks Ave., Schertz, Texas 78154-1945.

Youth Activities will be offered during the convention in San Antonio. This will be a "family vacation" and we encourage you to bring your children. To better serve you, a questionnaire is printed on the reverse of the registration form. We encourage you to complete side one (registration for convention) for each REACT member attending, and the reverse side should be completed one per family.

Texas members look forward to your visit in San Antonio, Texas in July, 1987. We hope you will enjoy this convention and make happy memories while you're here. A full week of activities are planned and there is plenty to do for everyone. It truly will be a convention you will not forget!

**Celebrate REACT's 25th Anniversary in
San Antonio, Texas, July 27-29, 1987!**

Dickie George, General Chairperson
1987 REACT International Convention



REACT SAFETY BREAK REPORT

4,000 Travelers Pause For Refreshments at Virginia Safety Break

VIENNA, VA — Motorists traveling during the Memorial Day Weekend were greeted by Herndon REACT Safety Break in the rest areas of Interstate Route 66 Virginia, two miles from Manassas at two locations on the highway.

Herndon REACT again this year passed out free refreshments to motorists who stopped to rest and chat with members of REACT.

An estimated 3,500 to 4,000 motorists were served during the break. Of the Team's forty-five members, thirty-one participated in this event. Herndon REACT was assisted by members of Loudoun County REACT, Fairfax County REACT (both in Virginia) and Montgomery County REACT of Maryland.

Besides providing free donuts and coffee, Herndon REACT provided a new service for motorists seeking lodging for the night by offering special rates with the Westpark Hotel at Tysons Corner and Holiday Inn in Fairfax City.

Herndon REACT served approximately 4,000 cups of coffee, 300 dozen donuts and over 80 pounds of cookies to weary travelers over the 72-hour weekend coverage.

Herndon REACT's guest book revealed tourists from many foreign countries including Switzerland, Japan, Argentina, Philippines, England, Paraguay, France, Netherlands, Australia, Sweden, Finland and India.

Next year the Team again expects to sponsor a Memorial Day Safety Break and hopes to improve the event so as to make it a bigger and better attraction to motorists.



VIENNA, VA — Part of the crowd who stopped to take advantage of the free refreshments at REACT Memorial Weekend Safety Break sponsored by Herndon REACT. REACT members shown, left to right, are: John Christensen and William R. Rogers, both of Herndon REACT. Members of Loudoun County REACT, Fairfax County REACT and Montgomery County REACT also pitched in.



Jersey Team is Chartered to Cap Months of Effort

ALLENTOWN, NJ — Hamilton-Mercer REACT Team 4651 of Hamilton, NJ was chartered last February 27, the result of several months of working with the Hamilton Township Police Department and Mayor's office. The continued cooperation of Township Officials, especially the Police Department, will be instrumental in the further development of the Team and will help to make the Team stronger. Efforts are now being made to contact the Mercer County Sheriff's Office and other agencies to make them aware of our

existence and to determine how we can work together.

The Team will work to establish a Central Monitoring Base Station, eventually set up on the GMRS Radio system, and will work closely with local officials. These goals will enable the Team to fulfill the objectives of REACT in the Hamilton Township area.

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Holiday Travelers Refreshed By Wake Break

SALT LAKE CITY — Nearly 2,000 travelers stopped to visit and enjoy the refreshments provided by Salt Lake City REACT over the three-day Memorial Day Weekend on Highway 2-80.

"We feel that the pause in the holiday travel contributed to a safer and a more pleasant outing for many people," said Clarence Anderson, the Team's public relations coordinator.



SALT LAKE CITY — Vice President of Salt Lake REACT, Ken Hickok, and Communications Coordinator, Lee Sanders, plan the Wake Break at Silver Creek Junction, 20 miles east of Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Has your Team paid
dues for 1986?
If not, this will be the
last REACTer
you will receive.**

Passing of Founder of Rainier REACT Mourned in Washington State

LAUBURN, WA — James A. Gentile, Rainier REACT 536, passed away on March 16, 1986 after a lengthy illness.

Jim, the founder of Rainier REACT Radio Watch 3366, was born in Bovalino, Italy in 1918 and moved with his family to Renton, Washington in 1920, where they resided until 1945 and then moved to Coalfield, Washington.

On February 20, 1942, Jim enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Force and served until 1946 with the 76th Fighter Group, 9th Air Force, as a aircraft mechanic. During WW II, Jim served in Africa, Europe, and the Middle Eastern front, and was involved in the battles of Rome, Arno, and Po Valley. For his service, Jim was awarded the American Theatre Service Medal, the Victory Medal, the European/African/Middle Eastern Service Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal.

During a tour in Austria in 1945-46, Jim met Irmgard Parly and they were married in 1947 and moved to Auburn, Washington. Jim was employed by the King County Road Division in 1946 and remained with them until he retired with 27 years of service, in 1973.

In 1972, Jim founded Rainier REACT in Auburn and devoted much of his life to REACT until his illness. He gave much of his time and funds to REACT. Jim was the driving force and inspiration of Rainier REACT.

Through his hard work and dedication, he put together a group that during its peak had 100 monitoring units on Channel 9, over a 5-county area.

We of Rainier REACT shall miss Jim, and those of us who had the pleasure of knowing and working with him, consider ourselves greatly enriched and fortunate.

Twelve Years of Successful Wake Breaks: Record of NY REACT

FT. CRANE, NY — A Coffee Break conducted by Triple Cities REACT Team 2202 represented its 12th year of successful Wake Breaks. Operating out of the Team's newly purchased concession trailer, the Break was held over the Memorial Day weekend near Exit 5 of I-81 in Binghamton, NY.

27 of the 31-member Team worked in shifts throughout the Break, which was open 24 hours a day. Not only was the Break a great success, but members enjoyed meeting and talking with people from all over the world, including Argentina, Mexico, Singapore, England, and Canada.

More than 4,000 persons stopped at the trailer to refresh themselves with hot and cold drinks and 250 dozen doughnuts. Already the Team is looking forward to its next Break to be held over the Labor Day Weekend and hopes to purchase awning, vents and other equipment for the trailer out of contributions received.

An Invitation from

Sheriffs to REACT Members

The National Sheriffs' Association—America's largest professional law enforcement association representing over 40,000 county, state and local law enforcement officers—is extending a special invitation to REACT members. Now, you are invited to become Associate Members of the National Sheriffs' Association.

As an NSA member you will receive the *National Sheriff* magazine every other month, be eligible to attend NSA conferences and training programs and receive all the other benefits that make NSA the largest law enforcement association in the country.

As an NSA Member you will be a part of the organization that created the National Neighborhood Watch program, the National Operation Identification Registry, and the largest victim assistance program among law enforcement agencies.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I hereby apply for associate membership in the National Sheriffs' Association (includes subscription to *The National Sheriff* magazine).

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National Sheriffs' Association
1450 Duke Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

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And all these features and performance are wrapped in chrome and black styling so sleek, from Paris, Texas to Rome, New York, the Cobra 29 Plus is definitely what the well-dressed car (or truck) will be wearing this season.

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