



## "SHERIFF", "SIDEKICK" ON THE AIR FOR REACT

### Team Aids Flood Effort

ST. CHARLES, Mo.—On the eve of Easter Sunday, March 25, two major rivers in the St. Charles area rose to dangerous flood levels, causing panic among many homeowners and businessmen in the flood plain. St. Charles County Civil Defense was gravely concerned, but the agency knew who to turn to for help: St. Charles County REACT Team #3370.

Within seconds of receiving the first notification of the disaster from Civil Defense, the team's control bases were on the air and remained so throughout the emergency. Soon other requests for assistance were coming into REACT from the city police and the Salvation Army.

The base station REACTers combed all 40 channels to round up volunteers to assist in the sand-bagging operations. Other REACTers kept in touch with the progress of flood control measures from their

mobile units. Still others assisted the Salvation Army in manning a canteen at the flood site all night and into the early morning to refresh the flood control workers. When not serving hot coffee, some of these REACTers helped fill and load sand bags.

When the emergency was over, St. Charles REACTers received a warm letter of thanks from C. L. Schwendemann, presiding judge of the county court, and Dale Odom, Civil Defense director. "To all St. Charles County REACTers, a hearty well done and sincere thanks," the letter read in part.

"It is not often that something dramatic happens in our county," said Gary O. Schuchardt, board member and membership chairman for the team, "but when it does, the St. Charles County REACT Team's spirit prevails."



Joe Higgins



Pat Buttram

The REACT message is reaching the public on T.V. and network radio, thanks to Joe Higgins, Pat Buttram and the donation of free, public service air time by broadcasters.

Higgins, the "National Safety Sheriff", appears in a filmed, 30-second television PSA (public service announcement.) He tells viewers of the "REACT volunteers workin' with my highway safety buddies to maintain a CB emergency network," and he urges CBers to use Channel 9 to report emergencies to REACT.

A similar message is being heard on the CBS Radio Network. Pat

Buttram, whose handle is "The Sidekick" from his days with Gene Autry, has recorded a series of PSA's in behalf of REACT. The theme of his message is that REACTers "don't think that highway safety is someone else's concern."

Both men have generously donated their talents to this effort. By airing the radio spots 7-10 times weekly for 13 weeks, CBS Radio is donating the equivalent of at least \$150,000 free air time!

Copies of the Buttram radio spots are being sent free of charge to all teams as part of their National REACT Month kit.



CHICAGO, Ill.—This "accident" is being filmed for the NEAR Training Program by REACT International. The total program, done under contract to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of the U. S. Department of Transportation (DOT), includes the film itself, a course guide, an instructor's lesson plan, and a student guide. The package is scheduled to be delivered to DOT in August and will be presented at the REACT International Leadership Conference at Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, Ohio, on August 10-13.

### "Skip" Brings REACT Aid to Motorists

CRYSTAL SPRINGS, Calif.—In most cases, due to the limited range of the CB radio, REACTers are restricted to answering calls in their immediate vicinity. But occasionally atmospheric conditions produce a "skip" so that a REACTer may find himself answering a distress call coming from hundreds or even thousands of miles away.

Such a call was handled recently by members of Crystal Springs REACT Team #4032.

One morning in April, REACTer Don Sweat received a phone call from Mrs. Sharon Reed, another member of the team, who reported picking up a distress call coming from a man in Mexico.

"I went lower sideband on Channel 16 and talked directly to the gentleman," Sweat said. "He was an American who said he had his two small children with him in a truck. His motor had given out in the 110-degree heat and he could not raise anyone in Mexico to give him help."

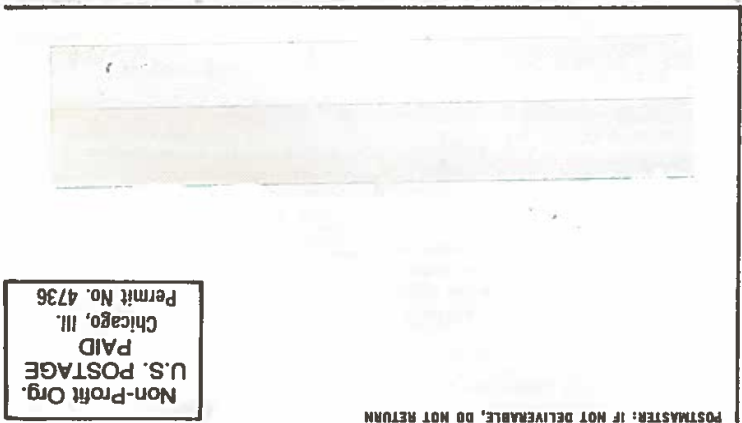
The man and his children were near Oaxaca, Mexico, 200 miles southeast of Mexico City, nearer to

Guatemala than to the United States and more than 2,000 miles from Crystal Springs, which is in the San Francisco area.

"I called Virgil Bade of the Crystal Springs unit in Hayward," Sweat said. Bade, in addition to being CBer, is also an avid ham operator. He contacted the Wesars, an 11-state amateur radio hookup. The Wesars, in turn, broadcast the information to the Green Angels, the Mexican government's national system of highway emergency vehicles.

Within 18 minutes, the man and his children were rescued. "He thanked me on his CB radio, the skip transmission still coming through clearly," Sweat said.

The man never gave his name, but said he live in nearby Oaxaca. Sweat said that the incident is one more example of the effectiveness of CB assistance when handled by an efficient REACT team. But, in addition to his fellow REACTers, Sweat said he was grateful for the help he received from an unknown monitor in the San Francisco area with the call sign KEI 8322.



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## SUMMARY OF TEAM COUNCIL BYLAWS

These Bylaws are designed to outline the scope and organization of REACT Team Councils. The establishment of State Councils within REACT is intended to provide a means by which teams in a given geographical area can communicate, cooperate, and coordinate their efforts. Structurally, however, the avenue of communication remains "open" between teams and REACT International.

Through State Councils, programs are implemented for organizing new Teams where they are needed and assisting older teams through their more difficult times. These are things that can best be achieved through some field activity above the team level. Council officers can perform this function, representing the teams in the Council.

While REACT Councils are responsive to the member Teams in their state, they are also responsible to uphold and promote the ideals and objectives of REACT International.

State Councils provide for greater participation of REACT members in vital activities that mean growth, recognition, and achievement for the entire organization. This high expectation is justified by the excellent results achieved in many REACT Councils already in operation.

State Councils may, at their discretion, subdivide their state into operating areas for closer liaison among adjacent teams. While Council Bylaws make no specific provision for this, it is expected that such divisions will be common. However, such sub-state organizations are considered part of their State Councils, and are not individually recognized by REACT International.

These Bylaws are a single document combining the essentials usually found in a separate Constitution and Bylaws. To eliminate unnecessary work and controversy, these Bylaws will govern all official REACT Councils.

NOTE: All new councils will be required to operate under these bylaws in order to be recognized as an official REACT State Council. Existing councils must operate under them as of January 1, 1979, in order to retain their Official Recognition.

### OUTLINE OF TEAM COUNCIL BYLAWS

#### 1. Structure

##### A. State Council Membership.

All REACT Teams in good standing shall automatically be members of their respective State Councils—without any financial obligation in addition to REACT International dues.

##### B. Use standard Council Bylaws as provided by REACT International, Inc.

##### C. Receive formal recognition from REACT International.

#### 2. Purpose

##### A. To provide coordination and communication between teams in State when needed, and conduct regularly scheduled meetings of team delegates in accordance with Bylaws.

##### B. To provide coordination with state agencies when required.

##### C. To support and promote the objectives of REACT International and carry out instructions of its Board of Directors.

##### D. To assist member teams in attaining a high level of training in communication skills.

##### E. To assist in the organization of new REACT Teams when needed.

##### F. To provide REACT Headquarters with recommendations in matters related to eligibility of new local teams, status of chartered teams and organization of new teams to expand REACT coverage.

##### G. Council authority is limited to advisory input on new team ap-

plications and advisory input on revocation of existing charters. Only REACT International can issue or revoke a team charter. Councils must act within 30 days of receipt of Request for Recommendation. Failure to do so will make it necessary for REACT Headquarters to proceed independently on granting charter.

#### 3. Elected Officers

Officers of Council (except for Secretary) limited to maximum of two consecutive 1-year terms.

##### A. President: Chief executive of Council and presiding officer. Provides liaison with REACT International Headquarters. Appoints Committees.

##### B. 1st Vice President: Handles duties of President in his absence. Responsible for Council membership activities, Team participation in Council activities, and development of new Teams when needed.

##### C. 2nd Vice President: Responsible for encouraging effective monitoring of CB emergency channel and submission of Team monitoring reports. Coordinates Team participation in Emergency Preparedness and related activities and programs.

##### D. Secretary: Responsible for sending out meeting notices, bulletins and handling other correspondence as assigned by President. Takes minutes and prepares reports to membership and REACT International. Keeps Council records.

##### E. Treasurer: Responsible for collecting and disbursing funds of Council. Handles REACT International expense reimbursement procedures and reports to REACT International and member teams.

##### F. Sergeant-At-Arms: Responsible for reviewing credentials, identifying and seating authorized delegates and others attending meetings. Assures physical setup of meeting for maximum efficiency.

#### 4. Committees

##### A. Executive Committee shall consist of Council President, Vice President, Immediate Past President, Secretary, Treasurer and Sergeant-At-Arms.

##### B. Other Committees may be established as determined by the Council President or the Council.

#### 5. Finances

##### A. Expense reimbursement will be provided by the Board of Directors of REACT International, Inc., at rates to be determined periodically by the Board.

##### i. Council Budget must be submitted for approval no later than January 31, each year.

##### ii. Upon approving Council Budget, REACT International will provide advance, interim Council funding equal to 50% of authorized annual reimbursement based on number of REACT members in State registered prior to January 1 for that dues year.

##### iii. Authorized Council expenses will be reimbursed by REACT International up to a maximum limit per capita, upon presentation of reimbursement voucher which states the purpose of expenditures, signed by Council President and Treasurer.

##### B. Fund-raising activities in harmony with REACT International objectives and policies may be conducted by Councils.

##### C. An Audit Committee is required to review financial records annually.

#### 6. Amendments

Amendments of these Bylaws can be made only by the Board of Directors of REACT International, Inc.

## Team Shows Fire-Tested Trailer at Bike Hike

CASCADE, Md.—On April 23 Cascade REACT Team #2833 sponsored a fund-raising bike hike in conjunction with the Franklin County (Pa.) Association for Retarded Citizens. More than 250 bikers and hikers took part in the event which began and ended in Waynesboro, Pa., but covered roadways in both Pennsylvania and Maryland.

The team reserved Channel 4 for communications along the 15-mile route and requested that other CBers in the area not use that frequency. Assisted by the Pennsylvania National Guard, the team picked up participants who dropped out along the way and also operated checkpoints and rest stations. By the end of the day, some \$4,200 was raised through pledges collected by individual participants.

On display during the event was the team's brand new mobile communications trailer, a self-contained unit equipped with CB radios, police and fire scanners, a public address system, and a complete kitchen. The unit cost \$1,000, raised through special projects during the two years the team has been in operation, and was to have been inaugurated at the bike-a-thon.

However, the day before the event, fire broke out in a mountainous area near the state line and the team was called in to help fight it. Thus, the paint was hardly dry on the six-by-eight-foot trailer when it was put into service.

Some team members quipped that the trailer's proximity to the flames helped "bake the paint."

## Team Launches Own Ambulance Service



MARTIN, Pa. — When Albert Gallatin REACT #3577 nearly lost a member last year because no ambulance service would come to pick him up, the team decided to start its own ambulance service. The Albert Gallatin Ambulance Corp. is the result.

Then-president Clarence Baer and Cecil Foyels visited a nearby dealer, Conaway Coach, brought their findings back to a special meeting of the team, and a decision was made in favor of purchasing an ambulance. The \$1200 price-tag they were promised seemed a good deal on a used, 1970 Cadillac ambulance, but they still needed to raise the money!

"A local general contractor, Solomon & Teslovich, donated \$500 and a lot of equipment for supplying the ambulance," reports team president Ronald Baer, "and we're very grate-

ful to them." The rest of their funding came from selling \$15 annual memberships in the ambulance service to about 250 families in the Nicholson Township and Mason-town Borough area. The team members still have to cover about 50 per cent of the expenses through other fund raising projects, including a monthly dance they hold for local teens.

Clarence Baer has donated a piece of land to the team, on which they are building their own clubhouse and garage for the ambulance. He also does most of the driving, assisted by a half-dozen other regular members who act as attendants. The team has 22 first-aid-trained members, three of whom are qualified CPR instructors and two who are EMT's (Emergency Medical Technicians).

"We've brought back three heart attack victims who 'went out' on us on the way to the hospital," says Ronald Baer.

The Albert Gallatin Ambulance was called on to assist during the flooding in Johnstown last year by transporting patients to safe areas. Before leaving home, team members went around to local grocers to get donations of food for the flood evacuees.

## Indy Fans Use REACT Reports

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—REACT played a key part this year in getting motorists to one of the nation's largest sporting events, the Indianapolis 500-Mile Race, held May 28.

For the first time, Circle City REACT Team C-261 assisted the Indiana State Police in providing accurate, up-to-the-minute traffic information for fans on their way to the race.

The latest traffic information, including the location of jams and the best recommended routes at the moment, were broadcast by the REACTers over Channel 13. CBers with questions were urged to switch over to Channel 1.

REACTers Jack Murrell and Mike Stratton worked with the police in keeping tabs on traffic conditions from their base station in the Speedway Control Tower. The team also provided mobile units who watched traffic movement at intersections of incoming highways with Interstate 465, the outer belt express-

way around Indianapolis.

The state police made arrangements for billboards to be placed at strategic points along incoming routes suggesting that the public switch to Channel 13 for traffic information.



LOGAN, W. Va. — Member of the Logan County Citizen's Band Radio Club (Team #2263) have outfitted a trailer as a mobile canteen for use during the team's holiday safety breaks. The trailer is equipped with a mobile kitchen, CB equipment including a scanner, and air conditioning.

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# Here's REACT International's Annual Report for 1977

1977 marked the 15th Anniversary of REACT; and the third year of REACT's existence as an independent not-for-profit corporation. It was a significant year of growth, change and progress for all REACT members.

In spite of many fiscal and organizational "growing pains", REACT has accomplished tremendous public service results through its local teams. REACT Teams provided over 13 million man-hours of monitoring on Channel 9 during 1977, handling over 3 million calls.

In addition to handling millions of highway emergency calls, REACT Teams actively assisted in virtually every major disaster that occurred during the year. This includes:

- Mississippi River Ferryboat/tanker collision, New Orleans, Louisiana
- Big Thompson River flood, Loveland, Colorado
- Beverly Hills Supper Club fire Kentucky (Cincinnati, Ohio area)
- Johnstown, Pennsylvania flood
- Wausau, Wisconsin tornado
- Blizzards in the Midwest
- Helicopter crash near Boston, Massachusetts

A number of major accomplishments achieved during 1977 reflect directly on the recognition value of affiliation with REACT International to enhance the local prestige and recognition of every local REACT Team. New heights were achieved in a number of highly significant areas.



**GOVERNMENT RELATIONS:** REACT participated in Congressional Hearings of the House Subcommittee on Communications of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee. This concerned the revision of the Communications Act of 1934, with particular emphasis on the role of CB radio. REACT's testimony was also the subject of widespread publicity. REACT leadership was highly visible in the Personal Use Advisory Committee (PURAC) to the FCC. REACT members and staff personnel participation in this program was greater than any other single organization. The two year term of PURAC ended in April of 1978 with four of twelve Task Areas chaired by REACT people. The contribution was not overlooked by the FCC, manufacturers, press and other user groups represented.

REACT also leads in the development of the Department of Transportation CB safety program administered by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) called NEAR (National Emergency Aid Radio). The program has been implemented in the State of Illinois during 1977 with REACT prominently participating, both from Headquarters and at the State Council level.

In addition, REACT successfully proposed a plan to develop a training program for NEAR. REACT was awarded a contract totalling \$70,000 for producing a film and three literature items. It is based on a cost reimbursement formula required of non-profit organizations. The training

program will be developed for delivery during 1978, and will have two significant ramifications:

1. It will provide a channel 9 monitoring training program which will be uniformly adaptable to volunteers such as REACT, and public safety officials, such as police, fire and disaster services.
2. It clearly authenticates REACT's "professional" competence.

**PUBLICITY AND INDUSTRY RELATIONS:** Participation in meetings and trade shows including PC 77 (CB Industry Trade Show) with a seminar presentation and exhibit identified REACT as the leading public service organization to the many CB manufacturers, sales representatives, distributors and dealers attending the unique event. REACT also had an exhibit at the Annual Convention of Associated Public Safety Communications Officers (APCO) in Chicago. This group comprises leading communications officers working in police, fire and other public safety activities throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Presentation and publication of a formal paper to the Society of Automotive Engineers (ASE), identifies REACT with the current development of CB communications as the only significant highway communications system now universally available. Through these activities REACT is recognized as the leading authority on highway and emergency communications use of CB among government, industry and research centers.

**PUBLICITY:** A new high level of successful publicity for REACT was achieved at both the local and national levels in 1977. In addition to a series of significant publicity activities related to all of the above events, REACT also produced its first filmed TV public service announcement with the cooperation of the engaging talents of National Safety Sheriff Joe Higgins. These have been made available at cost to all REACT Teams for public service use on local television stations. In addition, public service newspaper advertisements were provided free of charge to all teams for local use. Through National REACT Month in November, many states had their governors and many cities their mayors issue proclamations which received additional intense publicity. An updated version of REACT's 12-minute film, "Where Seconds Count," was made available for national distribution and purchase.



**TEAM PROGRAMMING WAS EXPANDED:** The additional input of REACT Safety Break Time sponsored by the American Trucking Associations helped to spearhead this ongoing program to a new height of participation. Over 1-million free cups of coffee were distributed during 1977 to motorists on holiday weekends.

The Second REACT International Convention held in Dallas became a generator of additional activity. Resolutions originated by REACT Teams were introduced at the Convention, resulting in modifications in programming, structure

and direction of the REACT program. The Convention has resulted in many new program ideas which will be instituted in 1978 and beyond. Already Implemented are such innovations as Team Topics Bulletins describing programming ideas, the Junior REACT effort, and greater participation by REACT members in the overall activities of REACT International.

Moving from 1977 into 1978, REACT membership stands at an all time high with 2,000 teams. Growth of REACT Team Councils into 37 states and Canada is strengthening the total organization and providing effective coordination between volunteer teams and official agencies.

The DOT contract will be completed in 1978 and many other significant actions which have been begun in 1977 will be of importance in 1978 and later years. The explosive growth in CB radio sales peaked out and plummeted with resulting depression in the industry. The geometric rise in the number of CB operators, and the interest in CB produced staggering demands on REACT resources. These factors created the first significant financial deficit in REACT's 15 year history, which could not be recovered through contributions.

In order to meet the greater needs of

local REACT Teams to achieve a higher level of service, it became evident that a new series of Headquarters Services were needed. Virtually the entire REACT organization (most clearly expressed at the Dallas Convention, August, 1977) has asked for more programs, better coordination, plus increased communications and guidance from REACT International. Fiscal planning for 1978 faced the following factors:

1. Increased Operation Costs of 30% (due to inflation)
2. The desire for greater Headquarters Services
3. Minimal dependable outside contributory funding

These conditions led the Board of Directors to enact an unprecedented dues increase for 1978. The annual per member increase from \$2.00 to \$5.00 was announced in November of 1977. This unavoidable step will assure the organization's fiscal stability for the foreseeable future.

REACT enters 1978 with greater confidence in the soundness of the program, greater pride in the capability of its volunteer membership and secure in its ability to meet future challenges.

## REACT International, Inc. Statement of Income and Expense for the twelve months ended December 31, 1976 and 1977

	1977	1976
<b>INCOME:</b>		
Dues	\$146,652	\$115,785
Teams Charters (Net)	3,634	1,331
Gifts, Grants & Contributions	30,337	19,450
REACT Team Materials (Loss)	(9,177)	(3,530)
Handling Charge on ID Material Orders	9,339	10,268
Interest Income	1,021	1,216
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$181,806</b>	<b>\$144,520</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
<b>Membership Services:</b>		
Membership Promotion	\$ 4,433	\$ 7,781
Publicity	12,928	670
Special Programs	2,078	741
Exhibit & Display	1,692	- 0 -
Safety Break Program	11,098(a)	- 0 -
Convention Expenses (Net)	470	604
Team Council Expenses	6,614	2,908
<b>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP SERVICES</b>	<b>\$ 39,313</b>	<b>\$ 12,704</b>
<b>Membership Communications:</b>		
Membership Publications	\$ 56,122	\$ 43,201
Telephone	6,003	2,935
Postage (Pers. Correspondence)	2,616	2,602
<b>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP COMMUNICATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 64,741</b>	<b>\$ 48,738</b>
<b>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP SERVICES &amp; COMMUNICATIONS</b>	<b>\$104,054</b>	<b>\$ 61,442</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
<b>General &amp; Administrative Expenses:</b>		
Staff Services (Total Payroll Costs)	\$ 71,379(b)	\$ 56,046
Employee Pension Plan	2,831(c)	- 0 -
Rent, Heat, Light, Furniture and Fixtures	10,756	10,350
Travel—Staff & Directors	10,777	6,512
Legal & Audit	10,006	7,906
Fund Raising Expense	4,872	- 0 -
General Office Expense	6,668	4,700
<b>TOTAL GENERAL &amp; ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$117,289</b>	<b>\$ 85,514</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$221,343</b>	<b>\$146,956</b>
<b>NET LOSS</b>	<b>\$(39,537)</b>	<b>\$( 2,436)</b>

NOTES: (a) Contribution of \$10,000 from American Trucking Associations for program included in Contribution Income.

(b) Increase in Staff from 3 full-time persons in January, 1976 to 5 full-time persons during 1977.

(c) Employee pension plan introduced to substitute for loss of Social Security Benefits (and contributions) as Exempt Organization.



# Team's Aid to Senator Wins Commendation

HONOLULU, Hawaii — When REACTer Tony DiBrogroccio answered a call about a disabled car on a city freeway one rainy evening, there was no way for him to know that the car contained a state senator. The call was handled as any other. DiBrogroccio passed the information on to Karl Hee, team monitor for Honolulu REACT Team C-10, who quickly made arrangements for a tow-truck and transportation for the car's two occupants, who turned out to be Sen. Patricia Saiki and her husband.

In tribute to the kind of service she received from REACT, Sen. Saiki introduced a resolution in the State Senate commending the Honolulu team. In presenting the reso-

lution, Sen. Saiki told her fellow legislators of the various ways in which the REACT team serves the Honolulu area. At the conclusion of her speech, she introduced the team members to the senators. "The solid round of applause from the Senate floor was deeply appreciated by the team," said Jim Bazzell, team president. Bazzell accepted a copy of the resolution on behalf of his fellow REACTers.

"The Honolulu REACT team is particularly proud of this commendation because, as far as we can determine, we are the first citizens' band radio organization to be so honored by the State Senate of Hawaii," Bazzell said.

# REACTers Strive to Preserve Manor

WINDSOR, Ont. — Rose City REACT Team #2060 has invited any and all other REACTers to join in a massive fund-raising project. The theme of the drive is "A Gift from the Past; a Gift to the Future," and the goal is the restoration of the Willistead Manor House and Estate as a community cultural and recreational center.

The magnificent English manor house, built by the son of Hiram Walker, was deeded to the city in 1921 along with 15 acres of wooded parkland. The Rose City REACTers and others are fighting to preserve the estate as "an incomparable and irreplaceable community resource, a unique facility to be utilized and enjoyed by all."

The REACTers have pledged to help raise the \$800,000 needed by holding a raffle. Fire prize in the drawing, to be held August 20, is a two-week, expenses-paid vacation for two in Britain plus \$500 in spending money. One of several added incentives for other REACT teams to join the drive is the prom-

ise of \$500 worth of equipment of its choice to the group that sells the most tickets.

For further information, teams are invited to write to the Rose City (Windsor) REACT Corp., 1150 Ouellette Ave., Room 1665, Windsor, Ont. N9A 1E2, Canada.



OAK GROVE, Ky.—REACTers John O'Neill (left) and Gregg Smith have brought REACT's message to television viewers in the Nashville, Tenn. area by appearing on two television talk shows. Shown here, they are being interviewed by Diana Morgan, hostess of the "Mornings on Five" program on WIVE-TV. Both REACTers are members of Stateline REACT Team #2188. "We are not trying to sell Stateline REACT or any other REACT team," says O'Neill. "We are, however, trying to make the public more aware of what REACT is, who we are, and what we do." The REACTers have also appeared on "The Noon Show" on WSM-TV, Channel 4 in Nashville.



# Tri-State's Concession Stand Has It All

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.—During the Memorial Day weekend, Tri-State REACT C-453 served more than 6,500 travelers at their Safety Break station on I-64. Comments from those who stopped included, "Best looking group we have seen all over the country and best equipped!" Team members were obviously pleased and proud, as they were unveiling more than \$2900 worth of new equipment that weekend.

Pictured above is their new, free-standing concession stand. Opened up (as shown) it's an ideal serving

station. Closed, it's a first-aid station or field headquarters. Tri-State REACT has equipped it with radios, cabinets, tables, chairs, coffee pots, coolers, ice chests and more, including an antenna with portable tower that extends as high as 40 feet.

The light-weight, stainless-steel frame of the tent is put together from easy-to-store sections, and the use of built-in clamps and push pins eliminates the need for tools. Complete with canvas, the whole rig weighs 340 pounds, and the team's set-up crew can have it up (or down) in less than an hour.

# Team's Quick REACTION Saves Students

REDDING, Calif.—For 28 high school seniors from Glendale, Ore., a trip that was to have been the highlight of their final year almost ended as a nightmare. But thanks to the speedy response of a truck driver and a REACT monitor, tragedy was averted.

Just before dawn on Good Friday morning, March 24, the students were on their bus returning home to Oregon after a week of sightseeing in California. About 20 miles south of Redding the fun-filled outing came to an abrupt halt when a hereford steer wandered out of the darkness into the path of the school bus. The bus struck the animal with such force that the impact flipped the bus over on its side.

The students were still scrambling out of the tipped-over bus when an unidentified trucker arrived at the scene. The trucker had a CB and knew what to do: he switched to Channel 9 and started calling for help, hoping that someone would be listening.

Fortunately, someone was. Eugene Hastings, a member of Buckhorn REACT Team #2951, was doing his regular monitoring shift when the trucker's call reached him. Hastings immediately passed the word on to the California Highway Patrol (CHP) which dispatched emergency vehicles to the scene. The first CHP unit arrived only five minutes after the initial call.

Some of the students were injured and had to be taken to Memorial Hospital in Redding, but all were reported recovering satisfactorily. "Everyone was great," said Patti Baker, director of nursing at the hospital, "and thanks to REACT, this thing never got ahead of us." She added that the quick response of the emergency vehicles saved many from more serious injury.

The townspeople of Glendale expressed gratitude to the Buckhorn REACTers for their vigilance. Said one of the adult passengers on the bus, "If you must have an accident, Shasta County has got to be the best place for it to happen."



SAN ANGELO, Tex.—The San Angelo REACT Association (Team #3387) has a new \$1,500 base station console built entirely by the members. Constructed with plywood laminated with orange and white Formica, the unit is designed to accommodate two operators. In case of a power failure, the console switches automatically from AC to DC power through a relay system. Meters measure both AC and DC power output. The console may be closed and locked when not in use and can be easily disassembled and transported to another location if necessary.



THOMASVILLE, N.C.—Members of Davidson County REACT Team #3015 pose with their newly refurbished school bus. The team has been working diligently to convert this 1964 bus into a useful communications vehicle.