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From the President by Charles A. "Chuck" Thompson

Delusions of Grandeur?

The purposes of *REACT* International, Inc., are set out in the Bylaws. Historically, monitoring (especially Citizens Band radio) was the primary function of *REACT*, but that's only one of six purposes listed in the Bylaws.

The remaining purposes include using personal radio services for emergencies, disasters, and emergency aid to individuals; promoting transportation safety; coordinating with and providing communications to other groups (e.g., the Red Cross); promoting the use of the personal radio service; and participating in established citizens crime prevention programs.

These purposes cover a wide spectrum of activities, but despite the urging of some, *REACT* Teams are not capable of doing everything. It's my belief that each local *REACT* Team should look at the purposes of *REACT*, select those in which the members have both an interest and a reasonable expectation of ability, then work and train to be the best they can be.

As circumstances change, so should *REACT*. The decline of the use of Citizens Band radio is a good example. A Team which once monitored CB Channel 9 as its primary activity may now be involved in mobile communications support, amateur radio, disaster support, etc.

There are those in *REACT* who believe that we (and especially *REACT* International) should volunteer for, and commit to, all sorts of missions. I disagree. *REACT* International and its Teams do not have the resources, either human or financial, to be all things to all people. *REACT*'s purposes include a variety of activities, and individual Teams should strive to do those they can do reliably, and well.

When, and if, a *REACT* Team accepts an on-going responsibility, it should do so only after carefully considering its resources, and then equip and train to be sure that it can carry out the responsibility.

This isn't to say, of course, that in special or emergency situations, a *REACT* Team shouldn't do whatever it can to help. I doubt that any of the Teams responding to the September 11, 2001, disaster in New York ever expected to be involved in something like that. They did, though, and their training allowed them to do an outstanding job.

I joined Dallas County *REACT* in 1976, when DCR's sole focus was monitoring Channel 9. As CB use declined in Dallas (one of the first areas with cell phones), the Team developed a new mission of community support. In 1986, we acquired our first vehicle, equipped with CB, GMRS, and amateur radios. By 1996, we had two motor vehicles, a large well-equipped communications trailer, and a trailer-mounted mast – and trained for both community support and disaster communications. Since then, we've expanded our communications capability, and in 2000 accepted the responsibility of maintaining and supporting the Dallas Area Red Cross Communications Center. In short, we selected our missions, and did our best to do them reliably, and well.

A long-time *REACT* member has commented on several occasions that too many *REACT*ers have "unrealistic expectations based upon delusions of grandeur." His point is well taken – *REACT* Teams and members should be realistic about what an all-volunteer group, no matter how well trained and motivated, can accomplish. Huge organizations such as the Red Cross and Salvation Army, well-funded and staffed with large numbers of permanent paid staff, don't try to be all things to all people. Neither should *REACT*.

InterOperability: A Challenge for *REACT*?

by William M. Riley,
president, Prince Georges County (MD) REACT
REACT International FCC Liaison

Where is *REACT* going?
What is our mission?

By reputation, we are “those guys who used to monitor CB channel 9 for emergency calls from motorists.” While there are some areas of the country where this activity is still important, it is declining because of a combination of problems with CB and the rise of cellular telephone use.

Many of our teams have turned to the General Mobile Radio Service or the Amateur Radio Service to achieve more reliable communications for public service. However, these services do not provide for any communications with the public, except for those few who have gone to the trouble or expense of obtaining a license for the same frequencies.

What can we do for the public, then? In recent years, I have been promoting the concept that our members are of value because they bring their own radio equipment, which they already own and use for personal communications, and make that equipment available for public service at community events, walkathons, and during emergencies.

Even this concept has its limitations, however. I have noticed that event organizers increasingly use their own cellular phones or radios to communicate, and we are becoming redundant. Part of the reason for this is, of course, successful marketing of cellular phones. However, the other part is that officials are simply not satisfied with a radio operator “shadowing” them to relay messages. They want to talk directly.

Sometimes we allow them to do this on amateur radio, with the licensed operator standing by as a “control operator.” More often than not, the results are unsatisfactory. Sometimes it’s a disaster. We may have a problem relaying an informal message accurately, but more often the person who has never used a two-way radio before will bungle it even worse. I’ve heard public health service officials who couldn’t remember from one transmission to the next how to use a push-to-talk button, as well as the usual “mike fright” problems. I’ve seen people who habitually talk with their hands trying to use a handheld radio, and it ain’t funny.

However, many of these agencies will choose to get their own radios or cellphones for next year’s event. It’s a control issue, and we have to get used to it. Sooner or later, a real disaster will interrupt their cellular service, and hopefully we will still be around to help.

But what do we do in the meantime? Well, we are radio operators, with varying degrees of training and experience. We are already accustomed to operating different radios under different licenses and using different procedures on the air. We are therefore well on our way to being “experts” in the subject of *interoperability*.

Public safety agencies all over the country are spending millions per agency, trying to solve interoperability problems.

At the simplest level, my volunteer fire station in Prince Georges County, Maryland, has one handheld radio issued to us by the Anne Arundel County Fire Department, which we use to communicate with them during mutual aid responses into their area. Other agencies have built elaborate mobile facilities to link

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otherwise incompatible trunked and conventional radio systems using a combination of hardware and software. Just about every issue of publications such as *Mobile Radio Technology* contains articles on these efforts.

Having spent all this money on technical solutions, however, the agencies still need people who know how to talk on someone else's radio. Often, this isn't so much a matter of technical knowledge as attitude. Can you remember to shift gears and use different callsigns on GMRS and Amateur radio? For that matter, can you cope with the differences in customary procedures between HF-SSB and VHF-FM repeater operations within the confines of Amateur Radio? You'd be surprised how many people can't.

My fire department conducts drills on how to physically

work the Anne Arundel county radio, and the differences in radio procedures between the two counties. This happens roughly once a year, but it's usually put on the schedule after some minor foul-up reminds us of the need. This training covers only routine mutual aid using one handheld radio.

If we had a major statewide disaster, would we have the hardware for all the cross-communications necessary? Would we have the operators trained well enough? The Amateur Radio Emergency Service attempts to solve this problem, and does a good job with a variety of equipment and operators. However, even they are limited to one radio service.

I see *REACT* as an organization of operators accustomed to improvising with any combina-

tion of radio services our members bring to the table: GMRS, Amateur, Marine VHF, CB, FRS, etc. If we can put together a net to relay messages to the first aid tent at the county fair, using any combination of licensed and unlicensed equipment, then we can do the same thing in a disaster.

Work with your local Amateur Radio Emergency Service, Fire Department, Coast Guard Auxiliary, Health Department, and other agencies to develop plans for using your equipment and operators, and promote public service events as drills to prepare for disasters. Learn all you can about the communications function of the Incident Command System. Get members licensed in more than one radio service. Promote interoperability. It's the future of public safety radio.

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From Left: Kozo Aoyama, Ed Greany, Yoshiyuki Kaneshige, Sunao Kakehi. Mr. Kaneshige came from Tokyo to learn from REACT's experience in disaster relief and recovery.

REACT Meets with Japan Delegation

by Ed Greany,
Chairman, Membership Recruitment & Retention

The events of September 11, 2001, affected much more than just the United States. Those events have brought into sharp focus the need for major cities around the world to prepare for emergency management, disaster relief, and recovery. Tokyo, Japan, is one city that is paying attention.

In response to this need, Shintaro Ishihara, Governor of the Tokyo Metropolitan Government, appointed Yoshiyuki Kaneshige, Counselor for Crisis Management, to assist in developing disaster response plans. The Governor asked Mr. Kaneshige to visit the United States so that the Tokyo Metropolitan Government can learn from our experience with emergency management and disaster relief and recovery.

During his visit, Mr. Kaneshige was assisted by Kozo Aoyama, Senior Staff, Institute of Public Administration at New York University, and Sunao Kakehi, Deputy Director of the Japan Local Government Center in New York.

Mr. Kaneshige was very interested when I mentioned some of the other countries where REACT has a footprint.

As chairman of the Membership Recruitment and Retention Committee for REACT International, and a member of CREST REACT, I was among the people who were invited to meet with the Japanese visitors. The meeting went very well; the delegation expressed a high degree of interest in what REACT does, can do, and did do during the Northridge, California, earthquake disaster a few years ago and during last year's New York terrorist November-December, 2002

attack. Mr. Kaneshige was particularly impressed that REACT has standing, written agreements with various other agencies involved in disaster relief.

During the one-hour breakfast meeting, I presented Mr. Kaneshige with a CD containing REACT information including the ECOMM Training Program, portions of the Team Management Handbook, and other helpful REACT training material.

Mr. Kaneshige was very interested when I mentioned some of the other countries where REACT has made a footprint and was especially interested to learn of the new team in the Philippines this month. He asked if REACT would like a division in Japan. Obviously we will follow up on that possibility in the future.

Mr. Kaneshige is well qualified to serve as the Counselor for Crisis Management for the Tokyo Metropolitan Government. He received his bachelors degree in law from Kyoto University in 1969, and in 1975 he graduated from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) with a Masters Degree in International Political Science. He has worked in numerous Japanese government agencies, including the National Police Agency, in which he has held the positions of Chief Officer of the Guard Bureau (1983), Counselor (1997), and Bureau Chief (1999). In 1988, he was Director of the Metropolitan Police Department in Tokyo, and in 1993 he became Secretary to the Prime Minister. Mr. Kaneshige was also First Secretary at the Japanese Embassy in Washington, DC in 1980.

REACT Welcomes a New Team in the Philippines!

by Eric Conrad C. Epie,
DU9GVU
president, REACT Kaamulan

REACT Kaamulan (pronounced as Ka-AH-moo-lan, a native word for gathering of tribes) was formally chartered last August 17, 2002 as REACT Team #6061 with five charter members from Malaybalay City, the capital of the province of Bukidnon. It's a landlocked area considered the most peaceful region in the heart of Mindanao Island. Please visit our website for more details about our place.

The historical move was initiated through constant contacts between Ed Greany of CREST REACT and the author, now Charter President and currently the region chief of REACT Region X in the Philippines after months of queries, deliberations, and frequent e-mails.

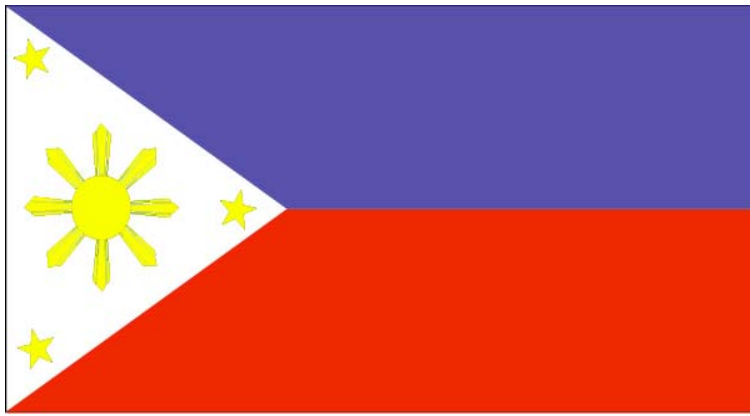
Before its affiliation with RI, REACT Kaamulan has existed in the Philippines since October 25, 1992, under the umbrella of the Regional Emergency Assistance Communications Team Philippines, Inc., which is considered the largest radio-civic group in the country. REACT Philippines has 143 chapters

and an estimated 5,000 regular members, not counting associates, affiliates, and junior operatives. It was initially affiliated with the Civil Relations Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (CRSAFP), which was the first Civilian Volunteers Organization (CVO) in the Philippines.

REACT Philippines has been registered with the Philippine Securities and Exchange Commission since June 23, 1982, and has received numerous recognitions and commendations.

The advent of Internet technology has opened doors between these two REACT groups, governed by separate constitutions and by-laws. Even though they are separated in some aspects they have one thing in common, and that is to serve the community whenever it is needed through the spirit of





The national flag of the Republic of the Philippines .

volunteerism.

At present *REACT* Kaamulan exercises true volunteerism with active and dedicated professional volunteers from diverse professional backgrounds. It has fifteen regular members, fifteen juniors, and eight honorary members officially accredited by both City Government of Malaybalay and the Provincial Government of Bukidnon.

Our members have been trained in Basic Life Support, AR/CPR, Basic Fire Fighting Techniques, Traffic Management, Emergency Response Communication and Disaster Management . This training has been provided by recognized national disaster related agencies. Countless

hours of community service have been contributed including programs that promote public order and safety, environmental concerns, medical missions and traffic enforcement operations to enhance community development.

The group has taken steps to convince other Philippine *REACT* groups in Mindanao to join RI and plans to initiate contacts with other chapters in Luzon and Visayas islands. The *REACT* Philippines National President has already recognized the efforts made by *REACT* Kaamulan despite the economic crisis facing our country. In spite of the odds, RI proved to be irresistibly advantageous for most groups in general.

Like many other volunteer communications organizations, *REACT* Kaamulan continually seeks to acquire communication equipment, emergency vehicles, first aid/rescue gear, and power tools, among other things, from potential donors abroad, to better improve the services that the group has been known for. Philippines has been known to be a disaster-prone country, lying in the South Pacific where typhoons visit all too regularly. Perhaps we can be a show window for *REACT*, displaying a vision of global communication assistance in times of emergencies or disasters.

REACT Kaamulan maintains a Web site at < www.geocities.com/reactkmln > and our e-mail address is < reactkaamulan@hotmail.com > . However, we plan to migrate to a new site at < www.reactkaamulan.org > very soon.

REACT Kaamulan took part in the Mindanao Area Convention on Sept. 21, 2002, at the Mahogany Café, Cagayan de Oro City. The convention was attended by officers of most of the *REACT* Phillipines groups on the island. I'm at the left of the picture; next to me is our secretary, Michael Martil. In the white vest at center is Antonio Campos, *REACT* Phillipines National President.

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Flagler County Assist *REACT* works the MS150 Bike-a-thon

by Bob Pickering

Flagler Co. Assist *REACT*

The MS150 bike-a-thon is an annual event helping the Multiple Sclerosis Society to raise funds to fight MS.

The event starts in St. Augustine, Fla., passing through Flagler County on its way to Daytona on September 21st and then returning on the 22nd. Cooperation from a number of groups and agencies along the way is required.

Flagler Co. Assist *REACT*, working hand in hand with elements of the Flagler Co. ARES amateur radio group, helped staff positions along the route to provide communications and extra eyes on the cyclists.

Two members from Orlando Metro *REACT* also came over to assist, providing communications at the lunch stop located in Flagler Co. for the southbound journey. *REACT* members also helped several stranded cyclists with flat tires, transported several tired or injured cyclists to rest and medical stops, and helped dispatch an ambulance to a person reported to have suffered heat exhaustion.

REACT used mostly GMRS communications through two repeaters. One repeater was designated for north county operations, the other south county. Net Control Station was set up at the EOC alongside the ARES NCS station to allow fluid communi-



Flagler County Assist *REACT* members Dave Garrett and Rich Frazier keep a close eye on riders in the MS150.

cations between both ARES and *REACT* members. Several ARES and *REACT* members have both ham and GMRS licenses and were also able to cross-communicate.

The event went for about six hours on the first day and then about four hours on the second. Ten *REACT* members from Flagler Co. Assist plus two from Orlando Metro *REACT* participated. Another eight hams from ARES also worked side by side with the *REACT* volunteers.

Because both groups have sufficient members and both groups work well together Flagler County was able to provide better coverage than any other county on the route. We even sent a few units into adjacent counties to assist.

We use these events not

just to help others but also to practice for real emergencies. Even though most emergencies do not involve a bike-a-thon, the same issues come up of coordination and resolving problems that arise.

The MS 150 was completed successfully and we learned some valuable lessons of working with another *REACT* Team. One of those is to make sure that you give a map of the area to incoming units. Otherwise our mutual aid operation went like clockwork.

Flagler Co. Assist *REACT* works with the Florida Council of *REACT* Teams mutual aid plan. This plan defines how Teams work together during large events. This event was one example of how the plan works and works well.



Louisiana *REACT* Team Helps Red Cross Communicate

by Matthew Anderson, KD5KNZ
President, Southeast Louisiana *REACT*

Louisiana is well known for its food, mud bugs (crawfish to most people), music, and constant watch for hurricanes during the late summer months. Well, this year was no different. In just over a week, we experienced two severe storms, Tropical Storm Isidore and Hurricane Lili.

Over the past year, members of Southeast Louisiana *REACT* (SELA *REACT*) have provided assistance in remodeling the communications room at the Louisiana Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross (LCARC). Our recent improvements to the communication systems really paid off during the severe weather.

Marshal Watson, recently hired as Disaster Services Director, realized the need for reliable communications and contacted me several months ago to provide assistance with their system. For some time, LCARC has relied heavily on cell phones as their primary method of communication during emergencies and for their daily operational activities.

Upon arriving at the Chapter, I discovered that the communications room was used for storage; the base station was not even connected. A trip outside revealed not one single antenna on the building. We identified three objectives to improve communications for the Chapter: install a communications tower; improve current commercial radio systems; and acquire amateur radio stations.

Marshal was able to pro-

vide funds to construct a tower on the roof of the Red Cross building. A 130-foot guyed tower was assembled on-site within a few weeks.

Installation of the low-band VHF radio to improve the current commercial radio system was the first phase of our project. Nationally, the Red Cross operates on 47.42 MHz and this frequency can be found in just about every Red Cross vehicle. The low band was supplemented with an 800 MHz radio, which is on the State of Louisiana Trunking System. This system gives us direct contact with the other seven Red Cross Chapters in the state as well as with the Louisiana State Police. We also completed converting an old Chapter van into a mobile communications unit.

The second phase of our project was to get a permanent amateur station installed at the Chapter. In the past, hams would generally arrive with their own equipment and then take it home when the operation was finished. We felt that a more permanent solution was needed so the station could be available at all times. Since most of our local emergency communications take place on 2 meters, we began by install-

ing a donated 40-watt VHF commercial mobile. The radio was pre-programmed with the local VHF repeaters as well as several simplex frequencies. A UHF (440 MHz) radio was also installed and programmed for *REACT*'s linked repeater system that connects Baton Rouge with New Orleans. Finally, two HF radios were installed at the Chapter, just before Tropical Storm Isidore arrived.

With this new equipment, we needed to identify additional operators who would be willing to work at the Chapter and shelters during emergencies. LCARC formed an agreement with the Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club (BRARC) to provide personnel to support LCARC communications. BRARC is the largest ham club in southern Louisiana with over three hundred members.

The Internet Radio Linking Project (IRPL) was our most recent project. IRPL is designed to link radio systems using the Internet as the communications backbone. Locally, Robert Hobbs (N5ULA – the local ARES EC) purchased the equipment and was looking for a site with broadband Internet access. The LCARC agreed to host the equipment and

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REACTivities Team, Council & Region News

Lake Simcoe (Ont.) REACT

Safety key tags are now available from REACT Lake Simcoe (Ont.). The plastic key tag reminds radio and cell phone users of the vital information authorities need in an emergency call. On any key ring, the safety tag is always handy in an emergency.

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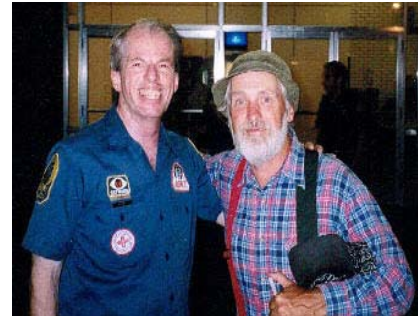
Willamette Valley (Oregon)

Jeff Newton of Oregon Fire Page is seeking affiliate REACT members in the Central Willamette Valley area of Oregon, between Roseburg, Eugene, and Salem, especially in the Eugene/Springfield and Douglas/Lane County area. Newton has been seeking to start a new Team for several months; there presently is only one Team in the state, in Salem. For more information, contact Jeff at <newton@efn.org > or <ofp@ofp.org > .

Ramsey Co. (Minn.) REACT

Recently, the members of Ramsey County REACT (St. Paul, Minn.) were contacted by their local public television station, TPT, to help with various duties at the premier of Red Green's new comedy movie "Duct Tape Forever," starring Steve Smith as Red Green and Patrick McKenna as his nephew, Harold.

Over 2,500 fans showed up to see the show which sold out four screenings in a matter of two hours. For those of you who haven't seen or heard of Red Green, his show has been airing coast to coast in Canada and on



Ramsey Co. REACT President Paul Oby with comic "Red Green" (actor Steve Smith)

85 PBS stations in the US for fifteen years. Check the PBS web site for the time and stations showing it.

Just before Smith had to leave he posed for this picture with Paul Oby, Team President.

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Region 8

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North Brevard (Fla.) REACT

Ed Wirth, RI Life Member 7, of North Brevard (Fla.) REACT, has been appointed Emergency Coordinator for North Brevard County.

Ed says, "This appointment makes me the delegate for the TARC (Titusville Amateur Radio Club) to the BEARS (Brevard Emergency Amateur Radio Service) group. BEARS is comprised of several area ham radio clubs and REACT Teams to provide emergency communications for all areas of Brevard County.

"I am also responsible for coordinating communications in my area for shelters in the event of emergencies. And a lot more, as I look at the ARRL description of an EC. I just received the suitcase full of documents and books yesterday. Now I have to study to find out what I've gotten into!"



PRESIDENT ED GREANY AWARDS REACT INTERNATIONAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP TO BARRY FLINT SEPTEMBER 5, 2002.

CREST (Calif.)

Barry Flint (right, above) receives a surprise: REACT Life Membership, awarded by President Ed Greany for his dedicated work in keeping our repeaters in tip-top

condition and always being there when he is needed. He is truly an asset to REACT and to the CREST REACT Team.

Awarded September 5, 2002, at the CREST Membership Meeting in Corona, Calif.; Barry is Life Member Unit 562.

The Word Is Out!
Evansville, Indiana
is where the Midwest Begins and
REACTers Worldwide will meet in 2003
for the
REACT International Convention
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Vanderburgh County REACT Invites all REACT Teams
and Members to join us for a week of good times,
learning, and friendship!

Louisiana Team Helps Red Cross Communicate

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the system was placed online in mid-September. During Hurricane Lili, the two local IRLP nodes maintained communication with the National Hurricane Center (W4EHW). Stations on the net were kept up-to-date on the latest storm position and conditions, along with listeners on the internet via streaming audio from < www.irlp.net > .

Much progress has been made; however, we still have

much more to do.

Our future plans include constructing portable 2-meter antenna kits for the Red Cross shelters and the continued expansion of the *REACT* link system. With the assistance of *REACT* members, ARES, local hams, and generous donors, we will continue to improve our ability to provide quality communication services to our served agencies.

REACT Photo Gallery



Members of Rhode Island State *REACT* pose next to their highway cruiser. From left: Dave Welch, Justin Teixer, Armand Ucci, Christopher Cunha, and Jim Salvatore. The Team provides assistance to motorists on the expressways around the state, with the cooperation of the State Police and the Providence Metro Traffic Authority.

(Photo: Jessica Machado)



Canadians Bakin'? Not exactly! *REACT* Lake Simcoe (Ont.) members Carol McCracken and Art Heath grill hot dogs at a Zehr's Market in Keswick, Ont., to raise funds for a Team project.

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Reindeer? What Reindeer? *REACT* Lake Simcoe's Art Heath is ready to help welcome Santa to Keswick, Ont. -- or to fill in for the Old Gent if need be!

(Photo: Ron McCracken)



The REACTer

Silent Mics

Florida *REACT* Teams suffered two sad losses in recent weeks:

Elizabeth Stephens, RI Life Member 104, of Dixie *REACT* (formerly Lower Pinellas *REACT*), August 23, 2002.

Liz joined *REACT* in 1978 and remained an active member into her 80s. She coordinated projects for years; the Special Olympics exercises were her special interest. When the Florida Special Olympics once awarded a special gold medal to every member of the Lower Pinellas Team, Liz was very proud of hers. The City of St. Petersburg named her to the "Senior Hall of Fame" in honor of her community contributions. A host of good memories will keep her memory bright.

-Ron Cheney

Sallyann C Knott passed away in her sleep Sept. 25, 2002. Sallyann has been a member of a *REACT* Team since 1986, starting in East Central (Fla.) *REACT*, then assisting in founding North Osceola County *REACT* in 1987 and assisting again in starting Orlando Metro *REACT* in 1991.

She held many offices within the teams, from president to secretary. She chaired several committees for the *REACT* International 2000 Convention, where she was awarded a Life Membership in *REACT*.

Members of Orlando Metro *REACT* voted to retire her unit number; her name will always remain on the roster. She touched the hearts of many and will never be forgotten.

10-9?

The Team numbers of two new Teams were inadvertently reversed in the listing in the September-October issue. The correct numbers are: C.A.R.E. *REACT*, Team 6059; and Mountain *REACT*, Team 6060.

New Teams & Name Changes

REACT Kaamulan, Malay-balay, Phillipines - 6061
REACT Radio CB Rescue Team - 6062
REACT Twin Lakes - 6063
 N'W900 *REACT* LA - 6064
REACT of Laurens County - 6065

REACT Hudson County is now Emergency Service *REACT* - 6051
 Outback *REACT* is now Inland Empire *REACT* - 4984
REACT Ocean State is now Rhode Island State *REACT* - 6043

Calendar

- December 2** Deadline for submissions for January-February *REACTer*
- January 1** Deadline for proposed changes to RI Bylaws (to be submitted to Bylaws Committee)
- February 1** Deadline for committee reports to Board of Directors
- 3** Deadline for submissions for March-April *REACTer*
- 15** Deadline for nominations for Regional Director (Regions 2, 4, and 7)
- 22** (Date tentative) Annual Meeting of Board of Directors, *REACT* International
- April 7** Deadline for submissions for May-June *REACTer*
- June 2** Deadline for submissions for July-August *REACTer*
- July 21-24** *REACT* International Convention, Anderson, Indiana

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