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## From the President by Charles A. "Chuck" Thompson

# I Can't Get It For You Wholesale, but...

Editor DeLuca is a stern taskmaster; he insists that I send my regular column *now*! It occurs to me that there are a number of useful items available from REACT International and that a mention of some of them might be helpful.

The REACT Emergency Communications Training Course was featured in the March-April 2003 REACTer (page 5), so I'll just mention it here. It's a great course, and I think every REACTer would benefit from completing it. For more information, inquire by sending a message to <training@reactintl.org>.

The REACT store has several relatively new items. The new REACT cap is available in both summer (mesh back) and winter (solid) versions. It's solid black, sturdily made in the USA, and has the standard REACT patch affixed to the front. The cap goes well with any uniform, and looks good when worn out of uniform. They're \$7 each plus shipping.

Also available are the REACT bumper sticker (which features the new toll-free membership inquiry number 1-877-REACT99) and the newly redesigned REACT trash bag. Both of these items are great for PR and are available in quantity at reasonable prices.

We're currently obtaining two new items. First is the "Volunteer Communications" flash which can be worn immediately below the standard REACT patch or elsewhere on a uniform. It will be the same width as the standard patch, about one inch high, and will come in two versions. One will match the standard REACT patch (orange border, white background, black letters), and the other will have a black border and letters, with a lime green background.

The second new item is a "Junior Division" flash, designed to be worn directly below a standard patch, and in matching colors. Using this flash will permit a Junior REACTer to "graduate" from junior to regular status simply by removing the flash.

Both of these new items should be available at the 2003 REACT Convention in Evansville.

We also still have a plentiful supply of peel-and-stick 40th Anniversary stickers. These are in three sizes and are very inexpensive. Though the 40th Anniversary year has passed, they are still great for PR. I use one on virtually every letter I send out.

All of the REACT store items are available through the Suitland office. Send an Email to <react@reactintl.org> to inquire about pricing and to order.

A great place to find out about REACT is the official web site at <www.reactintl.org>. If you haven't thoroughly explored the site, or haven't visited recently, you should do so. You can find recent issues of *the REACTer*, the new "Planning Safe Community Events" handbook (written by Stuart DeLuca), and Bob Leef's booklet "REACT Radio Systems." All of this is available for download at no charge!

In addition, on the web site you can find contact information for REACT's Teams and councils, RI officers and Directors, and committees and liaisons. There's a wealth of information there, and it's kept pretty well updated. If your Team has its own web site, be sure to provide a link to the RI site (and be sure to tell the Communications Committee about the link!)

# Awards & Recognition

by Wayne Barringer, Chairman  
Awards & Recognition Committee

When I was President of my *REACT* team, I tried to recognize the many, many contributions of our members. It wasn't a very difficult challenge.

Each of the officers received Certificates of Appreciation at the end of their term. At renewal, in addition to a new membership card, we prepared and presented a Certificate of Membership for the calendar year. During major team training events, such as our Simulated Emergency Test (SET2001), part of the planning for the event included the design and presentation of a special Appreciation Award for each member who participated.

I think it's fair to say there hasn't been much attention

placed on Awards and Recognition recently in *REACT*. With your permission and assistance, I'd like to change that. The operative term here is "assistance."

I can't do it alone.

Some of you may choose *not* to participate. I understand that. And I even agree that it's much easier to accept the "status quo" than to take on "yet another project" such as this.

But I'm still optimistic. While nothing has been finalized, and it will need the approval of the RI Board of Directors, there is already a lot on the drawing boards, and much of it will be finalized before this issue goes to print.

Among some of the new things the A + R Committee is planning:

- \* Internet e-Mail Newsletter
- \* *REACT* A + R Web Site
- \* Quarterly Regional Awards
- \* Annual Regional Awards
- \* Increased Award publicity.
- \* Increased Public Recognition
- \* Increased Vendor Participation
- \* Additional Council Awards
- \* Innovative Regional Director Awards

Obviously, it's a hefty challenge we've accepted, but we in the Awards and Recognition Committee feel your membership should be recognized and appreciated. That's our goal.

If you're inclined to help us in any way, won't you please send us a line and let us know your intentions? We're looking for "idea" people who want to make a difference by recognizing the contributions of our members!!

We hope you'll contact us and let us know what you think. If you like our intentions, let us know. If you don't, let us know that too, and be sure to tell us "why" so we can consider ALL of the facts!

You can contact the Committee using our <Awards@REACTintl.org> e-mail box or you can contact me directly at <KB6UJW@ARRL.NET>. All updates will be published on our official Committee Page on the <www.REACTintl.org> web site.

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## ***A Note from the Chairman***

Since the restructuring of *REACT* a few years ago, the outstanding volunteer membership participation on the Board, committees, and offices has made our organization productive.

We have improved *the REACTer*, including the way it's mailed, the Team and Member database, the Team Management Handbook, the distribution of the Board meeting Minutes, and the 1-800 Bumper stickers. We now conduct a great deal of business via e-mail.

Our membership is growing, not by leaps and bounds but on a positive curve.

Our Convention this year is in Evansville, Indiana, which is about as close for one as it is for another. I hope you can see your way to the Convention July 21-24 2003. Exchange ideas for positive growth, renew friendships, and make new ones!

*B. F. ( Frank ) Jennings  
Region 6 Director and  
Chairman.*

# Regional Director Elections

*Each year, three Regional Directors of REACT International are elected to serve three year terms. This year, Teams in Regions 1, 4, and 7 will elect Directors. These candidates have been nominated for the three offices.*

## Region 1

**Fred J. Lanshe** is the incumbent Region 1 Director, and is a candidate for another term. Fred has been the only Region 1 Director since the restructuring of RI in 1998. In 2001, Fred resigned due to health problems; when his health improved, the Board re-appointed him to the office, which had remained vacant.

Fred is retired and single. His educational background includes an associate degree in electronics and a variety of courses in Web design and technology; he attended college for three years.

Fred submitted the following Nominee's Statement:

The reasons I feel I wish to run for the REACT International, Inc., Board are as follows:

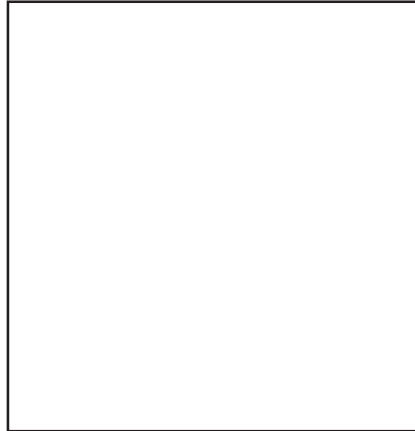
To assist in making REACT International the kind of organization it should be, on the cutting edge with technology, equipment, helping to cut travel time, promoting homeland security involvement, council development, custom printing & tools for the teams to promote recruiting.

Previously assisted with MOUs (Memorandums of Understanding) along with activities between the Upstate New York, Maryland, and Pennsylvania Councils.

Supported Y2K Backup of a NVOAD Emergency Organization, together with the Upstate New York REACT Council Officers and New York REACT Teams to cover their Manhattan office, in New York City and a backup location in Maryland.

Drove to see if special arrangements and type of support

## Region 4



**Paul E. Jackson** of Westerville, Ohio, is the only candidate for Region 4 Director.

Paul has been a member of REACT since 1995 and has served as Vice President of his home Team and as Area and State Disaster Response Coordinator and Vice President of the Ohio State REACT Council.

He is a licensed Amateur and GMRS radio operator, and has licenses for business band and marine band radio. He works with the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office on disaster response.

Paul did not submit a Nominee's Statement.

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arrangements and type of support the REACT Council and Team members at the World Trade Center in New York City needed, then drove and coordinated from home efforts to support them. Debriefed the Maryland and Virginia Team members to see what enhanced involvement might do. Worked with the newly formed Lower New York Council officers to get them established.

## Region 7

**Robert L. Kaster** of Oklahoma City is the incumbent Region 7 Director and is seeking re-election. Bob was appointed to the office in 2001 when Lee Besing, having been elected Secretary and Treasurer of REACT International, resigned as Regional Director. Bob is seeking his first full term in the office.

Bob is married and has three grown children; he is retired from government service. His educational background includes a variety of technical and administrative courses taken while working for the government.

He has been a member of Oklahoma County (Okla.) REACT since 1984 and has been the Team's president since 1986. He has served as Public Relations Liaison for REACT International since 2001, and chaired the Disaster Response Procedures Committee last year. He is a licensed Amateur and GMRS radio operator.

Bob did not submit a Nominee's Statement.

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Traveled and visited the Upstate New York REACT Council officers to see what help might be needed. Working to promote New England REACT Council.

Striving for a family oriented, cordial, dedicated, volunteer emergency service organization that is fun and exciting.

Asking for your support and vote.

## *From the Executive Vice-President*

by Dick Cooper

**R**ecently I saw a bumper sticker that really made me stop and think. The bumper sticker phrase was "Be a participant – The world is run by those who show up." Wow!!!! What a powerful statement.

*REACT* is only one organization that is affected by this phrase. For instance, think of a *REACT* Team. On one hand, you may be one of the participants who shows up at Team meetings and helps to make Team decisions. On the other hand, you may be a member that doesn't participate in Team meetings. Through regular lack of participation, you may be giving up some of your rights in the decision-making process of the Team, therefore its future success. This participation issue doesn't only apply to Team meetings, but also to Team events and other Team functions and activities. Member participation in all aspects is one of the keys to the success or failure of any Team.

Participation also extends to *REACT* Councils and *REACT* International. All levels of *REACT* need good active participants, especially as directors, officers and other leaders. This is especially true for *REACT* International (RI). RI has nine regional directors – eight in the United States plus a director for Canada and other countries outside of the United States. Regional directors, along with the officers, comprise the RI Board of Directors. Three of the regions hold nominations

and elections each year in rotation. During the entire history of the regional director structure, there has always been a shortage of *REACT* members who will consider being nominated and possibly elected to the RI board of directors.

While the reasons for non-participation as a regional director are varied, perhaps some members don't want to be associated with the board because of bad feelings about previous boards. Since 1998, when RI was reorganized and the Regional Directors were first elected, the RI Board has been very responsive to members' needs and has made decisions accordingly when possible. I am proud to be a current member of the RI Board of Directors that has stopped the drastic decline in membership, created a better working structure and established better relations between *REACT* International and the members. You might say that I am a good example of the phrase: "Be a participant – The world is run by those who show up."

Only you can answer whether you are a participant or not. If you are, that's good. If you aren't, then you should get more active in your Team, Council or *REACT* International. If you have any questions about what it takes to be an officer or director, you can contact any of the RI Board members or *REACT* officers to get their opinions. Remember: If you want to help run the world, you have to show up first.


## Calendar

<b>June 2</b>	Deadline for submissions for July-August <i>REACTer</i>
<b>July 1</b>	Canada Day (Canada)
<b>July 4</b>	Independence Day (U.S.)
<b>July 21-24</b>	<i>REACT</i> International Convention, Evansville, Indiana
<b>August 11</b>	Deadline for submissions for September-October <i>REACTer</i>
<b>September 1</b>	Labor Day (U.S.)
<b>October 3</b>	Deadline for submissions for November-December <i>REACTer</i>
<b>October 9</b>	Thanksgiving Day (Canada)

# Experience

## Hoosier Hospitality

by George Lynn,  
Convention Chairman



**S**tart packing your suitcase and your radios and get ready to head to Evansville, Indiana, for the 2003 *REACT* International Convention.

Final Convention schedules will be updated on the Web site, <[www.reactintl.org/conventions/2003](http://www.reactintl.org/conventions/2003)>, as the time approaches closer, but we are happy to announce that we expect a fun and information-packed schedule that will keep your head spinning and your notepads full. The Web site will have more detailed and updated information available on all topics covered in this article.

If you still need another reason to attend this year's convention, take a look at the Convention logo on the front cover of *the REACTer* (or the Web site) to see how the official T-shirt will look this year. This design was created by Patty with CHIP Shirts

of Ft. Branch, Ind. ([www.chipshirts.com](http://www.chipshirts.com)) and will appear on the back of the official Convention shirt and other materials. The comment has been made that it would be worth attending the Convention just to get the T-shirt, but that might be a slight exaggeration.

The Convention's Hospitality Room will be open Monday, July 21, through Thursday, July 24. Convention Operations will be monitoring GMRS 462.675 MHz (PL 141.3), CB-9, and Amateur repeater 146.79 MHz from the hotel and area base locations.

While the official Convention won't start until Tuesday, July 22, we have some unofficial, pre-convention events for those of you who arrive early. Here is a brief summary of just a few of the activities and workshops we have arranged for you:

On **Monday, July 21**, while the Board is busily meeting (open to all members), we will experience a presentation and tour of the

Landing Ship—Tank (LST 325). The LST was an ocean-going ship with unique design features that allowed it to beach itself, unload cargo, then retract itself. The ship had a flat bottom that helped facilitate beach landings, but provided a rough ride for her crew and passengers. The ship was also designed with several void spaces on her lowermost deck that could be flooded while at sea to provide extra ballast, then evacuated to allow the ship to ride



higher and sail unto the beach. This ship will be docked at the Evansville river front for a couple of weeks, departing near the end of our convention. Evansville was the home of a shipyard that constructed LSTs during World War II.

# at the 2003 *REACT* International Con-

Registration and the Hospitality Room will be open most of the day. We might even squeeze in some other workshops or training seminars, such as a practice session for those wanting to study for their Technician Amateur Radio license. Monday will conclude with an evening welcome party for the early birds, to be held in the hospitality room.

On **Tuesday, July 22**, the Board will continue to meet in the morning, but has promised to try and wrap it up by noon. The newcomers' reception and other meetings will be conducted in the morning while the Board is meeting, then we will all enjoy lunch followed by the official photo session at 1 pm (uniform hats are welcome) and the opening session at 2 pm to begin the official Convention.

At 3:30 pm there will be



a demonstration by the Evansville Police Department's motorcycle patrol in front of the hotel. The Evansville Police Department Motorcycle Unit was re-established on April 1, 2002, by Police Chief David W. Gulledge, after being phased out some 34 years ago. The officers assigned to this unit operate the police motorcycles year round, in favorable weather conditions. The officers are also issued marked take-home police cars to utilize when they are unable to ride their motorcycles. The re-establishing of this unit has given the Evansville Police Department another valuable tool with which to serve the citizens of Evansville, Indiana.

Dinner will be at 6 pm followed by the river cruise at 8 pm. Cost for the Dinner and Cruise will be just \$20 (not included in registration fees). Dinner will be served on land to allow a more varied selection from the dinner menu and perhaps avoid upsetting some tender tummies who might have not enjoyed fine dining with the gentle rocking motion of the riverboat. The two-



hour cruise will be over around 10 pm and you will be brought back to the hotel to rest up for the next fun and info-packed Convention day.

**Wednesday, July 23**, will be a full day packed with events, so don't plan on sleeping in this day. Amateur Radio operators are invited to participate in the traditional Amateur Breakfast on this morning, followed by a fast hitting solid series of emergency related seminars and workshops including one on terrorism being conducted by the American Red Cross.

We have arranged for a special guest appearance by the St. Mary's Life Flight chopper at 10:30 Wednesday morning to demonstrate how to prepare a landing zone at the scene of an emergency to evacuate patients.

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If the chopper isn't available due to an emergency call, we will still have an indoor presentation by one of their representatives.

The Life Member lunch will be held around noon. Presentations by the Salvation Army and ARES have been scheduled for the afternoon on Wednesday. If you are thinking about taking the test for your Amateur Radio License, we are scheduling a Volunteer Examiner (VE) test session for Wednesday

**Thursday, July 24**, will focus on the Board and wrap up the events with a special guest speaker during the banquet to talk



about Homeland Defense. Those board members who don't sleep in will be invited to have breakfast with the attendees in the hotel restaurant. This is a "dutch treat" buffet at \$6.95 per person plus tax. Meetings with the Board by Council presidents, States without Councils, Committee Chairs, and others will follow breakfast. In an effort to keep the schedule streamlined, all Committee Chairs will be asked to submit written reports prior to the start of the Convention and those committees without such reports might find themselves left out.

Banquet night will be on the traditional Thursday night, but the younger attendees will be invited to attend a free baseball game by the Evansville Otters at Bosse Stadium. Visit the team's Web site at <[www.evansvilleotters.com](http://www.evansvilleotters.com)> for more info about this team. Guest speaker at the banquet will be Sherman G. Greer, Director of the Emergency Management Agency for Vanderburgh County.

**Friday, July 25**, will be a day of rest for some. The traditional critique session will be held in the Hospitality room around 9 am, or whenever we wake up. Check with the front desk for check-out times so that you don't sleep in too late. We have lots of things for you to do in Evansville, so if you want to stay over a few extra days, we will be happy to extend our Hoosier Hospitality to you!

**Younger attendees at the Convention will be treated to a baseball game at the Evansville Otters' home stadium, Bosse Field.**

## Awards

No convention is complete without a whole slew of Awards and Contests to help add some spice to the gathering. At present, we plan on having more than fifteen awards or contests, not including those being presented by the REACT International Board of Directors, and others may be invented between now and then.



Most of the awards and contests, other than Newsletter and Web site, will be based on those who are in attendance at the Convention. Newsletters should be packaged and mailed to the address shown on the registration form by the start of the Convention or hand delivered by an attendee. (The entry form will be available on the Convention Web site soon.) Team and Council Web sites may be submitted by sending an e-mail with your Team's or Council's URL to <[indianareact@yahoo.com](mailto:indianareact@yahoo.com)> no later than July 1. Web sites already linked to RI's Web site will be entered into the con-



test automatically. If you can't transport your Team or Council display or banner, bring the largest photos you have available and we'll work from those. If you are bringing a full-sized display, please advise the host so we can reserve space or a table for your display in the exhibits hall.

1. Largest REACT Team (# of delegates in attendance)
2. Largest Jr. REACT Team (# of registered Juniors in attendance)
3. Largest Council (# of delegates in attendance)
4. Farthest Traveled REACT Team (from Team President's house)
5. Oldest REACT Member in attendance
6. Youngest REACT Member in attendance

7. Best Dressed REACT Team Uniform
8. Oldest Chartered REACT Team in attendance (must bring charter or other proof)
9. REACT Congeniality Award (person observed having the most fun during convention)
10. Best REACT Team Web site\*
11. Best REACT Council Web site\*
12. Best REACT Team Placard\*\*
13. Best REACT Council Placard\*\*
14. Best REACT Team Banner\*\*
15. Best REACT Council Banner\*\*
16. Best REACT Team Newsletter\*\*
17. Best REACT Council Newsletter\*\*
18. Best REACT Team Display\*\*
19. Best REACT Council Display\*\*

\* deadline for this entry is July 1. Send information on Web site to <indianareact@yahoo.com> to give us time to check out the Web

site before the Convention.  
\*\* These will be voted on during the convention by those attending.

**For More Information**

For more information about the convention, please feel free to contact the Convention Committee by e-mail at <Convention2003@reactintl.org> or by post at:

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# Convention Schedule at a Glance

## July 21 (Monday)

- \* Operations & Communications 7 am to 10 pm
- \* Board Open Meetings 8 am to 6 pm or as needed
- \* Vendor Exhibits 9 am to 5 pm
- \* Hospitality Room 10 am to 10 pm
- \* Registration 10 am to 7 pm
- \* LST Presentation 1:30 to 2 pm
- \* Tour of LST Ship 2 to 3 pm
- \* Amateur Radio Tests Study Help (Technician Class)  
-Pat Knight, AD5BR TBA
- \* Early Bird Welcome Party 7 to 9 pm

## July 22 (Tuesday)

- \* Operations & Communications 7 am to 10 pm
- \* Board Open Meetings 8 am to Noon or as needed
- \* Vendor Exhibits 9 am to 5 pm
- \* Hospitality Room 9 am to 11 pm
- \* Registration 8 am to 12:30 pm
- \* Orientation Sessions Newcomers' Orientation  
10 to 10:30 am
- \* Junior Reporter Training Session TBA
- \* Committee Meetings as needed (advise the host)
- \* Lunch on your own 11:30 am to 12:30 pm
- \* Group Photo (uniform hats welcome) (Group, Life,  
Amateur, Juniors) 1 pm
- \* Opening Session 2 to 3:30 pm
- \* Evansville Police Dept. Motorcycle Patrol 3:30 pm
- \* VOAD Presentation - Adam Groak (Deputy Director,  
Evansville EMA) 4:30 pm
- \* Riverboat Dinner Cruise 6:30 - 10 pm

## July 22 (Wednesday)

- \* Amateur Breakfast Buffet (\$6.95) 7 to 8:30 am
- \* Operations & Communications 7 am to 10 pm
- \* Vendor Exhibits 9 am to 5 pm
- \* Hospitality Room 9 am to 11 pm
- \* Registration - Contact Host
- \* American Red Cross - Terrorism: Preparing for the  
Unexpected 8:30 to 9:30 am
- \* Life Flight Medical Chopper 10 to 11 am
- \* Vanderburgh Co. EMA MEOC Trailer 11:30 am to ??
- \* Lunch on your own 11:30 am to 1:30 pm
- \* Life Member Luncheon Buffet (\$6.95) Noon
- \* Workshops to be scheduled: 1:30 to 5 pm
  - Membership Development Workshop
  - EComm Training Overview
  - Public Relations Workshop
  - ARRL/ARES
  - EchoLink - Amateur Radio communications via  
the Internet

- \* Trip to Aztar Casino (on your own) 6 to 9 pm
- \* Amateur Radio Test Session 7 to 9 pm
- \* Web Site Design Workshop 7 to 9 pm

## July 24 (Thursday)

- \* Breakfast with the Board Buffet (\$6.95) 7 to 8:30 am
- \* Operations & Communications 7 am to 10 pm
- \* Vendor Exhibits 9 am to 5 pm
- \* Hospitality Room 9 am to 11 pm
- \* Registration - Contact Host
- \* Workshops 9 to 11:30 am
  - Radio Licensing: Business band vs GMRS,  
FRS, CB and Amateur
  - Creating a Team/Council Emergency  
Operations Plan
  - Others to be announced
- \* Board - Open Meeting with Committee Chairs  
9:30 to 10:15 am
- \* Board - Open Meeting w/Councils 10:15 to 11 am
- \* Board - Open Meeting w/States without Councils  
11 to 11:30 am
- \* Lunch (on your own) 11:30 am to 1:30 pm
- \* 2004 Convention Presentation (if available)  
1:30 to 2 pm
- \* Open Board Meeting 2 to 5 pm
- \* Happy Hour & Cash Bar 6 to 7 pm
- \* Banquet 7 pm to ??
- \* Otters Baseball Game for the younger crowd  
6 pm to ??

## July 25 (Friday)

- \* Convention Critique to be held in Hospitality Room  
9 to 10 am

***Complete the Registration Form  
at right and mail or fax it to the  
Convention Committee.***

***Complete the Hotel Registration  
Form on page 9 and mail or fax it  
to the Hotel, or call the Hotel's  
toll-free number to register.***

***Do not send the  
Hotel Registration to the  
Convention Committee .***

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REACT International, Inc.  
Convention 2003

July 21-24 -- Evansville, Indiana

**Please use this form for your Convention Registration; mail or fax it to the Convention Committee at the address below. "Early Bird" Registration ends June 1 -- don't delay!**

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# REACTivities Team, Council & Region News

## Brazoria Co. (Tex.)

Brazoria County REACT heard the buzz from a crazy little festival in Clute called "The Great Texas Mosquito Festival." Where else would you find a Mayor, the Parks Board, and the Swat Team welcoming festival patrons to a festival by swatting the first mosquito atop the main stage! Only in Clute, Tex., will you find "Willie-Man-Chew" the world's largest mosquito, hovering over the festival activities. Willie is a 26-foot-tall Texas Mosquito complete with cowboy hat, boots, large wings, and a real big stinger.

It all began in 1981, when "Willie-Man-Chew" found his perfect home in Clute, Texas. He quickly marshaled a group of humans as his official goodwill ambassadors and began preparations for the first of the annual festivals that honor him and his fellow mosquitoes the last Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of July each year. These ambassadors, whom Willie affectionately calls his "Swat Team" presents three fun filled days of live entertainment, special events, games, food, carnival rides, contests, craft booths, cook offs, and much more.

As a new event was created called "The Century



**"Willie," the 20-foot-tall mosquito who presides over his festival in Clute, Tex., with the help of Brazoria Co. REACT.**

Buzz Bike & Skate Tour", an Executive Swat Team member found a need for communications to ensure the safety of our tour. She immediately thought of REACT and put the bite on Allan Tyler and Barbara White (KB5HII) to become involved in this unique event.

The REACT team has taken an active part by becoming a committee member and providing input throughout the planning stages of "The Century Buzz." By teaming up with ARES for this event, we now have one of the safest events in our area. Communications on the route are so precise that we are able to

track all riders/skaters as they leave the start area until they return safely to the finish area.

Our Registration Area provides a home base for both REACT and ARES. The monitoring of each rest stop is the responsibility of ARES and Barbara White (KB5HII). The REACT team is instrumental in coordinating all the routes.

-Lin Richey

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## Albert Lea/ Southern Minnesota REACT

Every year Albert Lea/Southern Minnesota REACT is involved with the Big Island Rendezvous and Festival in Albert Lea, Minn. Our Team was especially honored last year when the festival was dedicated to the memory of Elvin Erntson, one of our long-time members who passed away in October, 2001. Elvin had donated countless hours to the Festival in previous years.

A *rendezvous*, or get-together, originally was an event when fur companies, natives, and free trappers gathered to exchange furs for trade goods. The event evolved into a festival with

**Roberta Erntson, widow of Elvin Erntson, who was honored by the 16th annual Big Island Rendezvous and Festival last year, with Perry Vining, executive director of the event.**

**-Photo: Ruth Olson**



competitions of various kinds. The Big Island Rendezvous and Festival includes arts and crafts demonstrations, music, and entertainment, especially for the kids.

Perry Vining, executive director of the Festival, said, "The communication skills and profes-

sional manner in which [REACT's services] have been done for the past 16 years needs to be commended. My hat goes off to a wonderful and dedicated group of community supporters and volunteers."

-Elaine Larson

## Florida State REACT Council

Members of eight Florida REACT Teams joined forces with the Orlando Amateur Radio Club to staff an informational booth at the Orlando Hamcation and Computer Show on the Central Florida fairgrounds in February. Some 400 people stopped by the booth on Saturday alone.

-John Knott

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2496 - Trinidad & Tobago (T&T)

# Silent Mics



**Jerry Jennison, LM208, N5OKQ** of San Angelo, Tex., died May 2, 2003, at his home. Jerry was a mainstay of his Team and of the Texas State *REACT* Council, serving in many offices in both. He was also active in the Texas Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (TxVOIAD), where he was a past president. He was a Justice of the Peace in Tom Green County (San Angelo) for the past 24 years, frequently being re-elected without opposition. He also worked with the Texas Forest Service, FEMA, San Angelo Amateur Radio Club, Salvation Army, and Special Olympics. A memorial service was held May 7 at First Baptist Church in San Angelo. Jerry is survived by his wife, Barbara, four daughters, nine grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

## Other Silent Mics

Willie Lee Duke, Vance Co. (NC)  
 Frances Riley, Dallas Co (TX)  
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# Unsquelched

by *Stuart M. DeLuca*,  
Editor

## Murphy Strikes Again!

The really strange thing is, nobody seems to have noticed.

The cover of the last issue of *The REACTer* featured a steamboat. The name of the boat, prominently displayed on the side, was *The Natchez*.

The steamboat in Evansville, Ind., mentioned in the Convention Preview article is not *The Natchez*. It's the *Chattanooga Star*. (Why it's not the *Evansville Star*, I don't really know, probably because Evansville doesn't sound as romantic as Chattanooga, or something like that.) The *Star* is not a stern-wheeler like *The Natchez*, it's a side-wheeler.

So why did our cover feature not only the wrong boat but the wrong *type* of boat?

As a matter of fact, we had a photo of the *Star* and intended to use it on the cover. But the cover is usually the very last thing we do before sending the issue off to the printers. As it happened, we were late getting the issue done (and this issue is also going to press later than it should), so things were a bit rushed.

When we tried to enlarge the photo of the *Star* to use on the cover, it didn't work. To use the technical terminology of the graphics and printing business, it looked like – Never mind.

So there I was, with the entire issue of *The REACTer* already late, and destined to get a lot later if I didn't do something about the cover.

So I searched through my extensive collection of clip art. Found hundreds upon hundreds of photos and drawings of boats. Ships. Cruisers. Sailboats. Rowboats. Catamarans. You name it, I found it. Except side-wheeled river steamboats.

Actually, I found one. *The Natchez*. And with the clock running down, lacking any better choice, that's what I used.

But by this time, the rest of the magazine was already at the printers. On the masthead page, under the table of contents, I had said that the cover was a picture of the *Chattanooga Star*.

(Actually, I didn't quite say that. I simply suggested that the reader take a ride on the *Star* during the Convention in July.)

Luckily, nobody noticed. At least, I guess it's lucky. Or maybe that says something about how much attention people pay to this publication?



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