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THIS IS THE LAST REACTer!

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A Word from the Editor

Will Stanley, Editor, The *REACT*er

APRIL FOOL!

Made ya look! Yeah, OK, so April Fool's jokes are supposed to be for kids. You know, we can all be kids at times. There's nothing wrong with acting like a kid, sometimes. We need that expression, that fun, now and then. Whenever someone tells me to "act my age", I tell them "I can't - I've never been this age before!

Do YOU have fun? Especially when you are out on an event? You should. Yes, there are important things to do and accomplish when you're working an event but who says you can't have fun doing it?

Being a *REACT*er should be fun some of the time. If we're all deadly serious about what we do all the time, we're going to be a little boring. Some of the better jokes I've heard actually involved being a *REACT*er and making fun of some of our attributes.

*REACT*ers have a habit of getting things done - even when others couldn't or when they said it couldn't be done. One of the better jokes along that line involved a van-full of *REACT*ers who crashed and they all died. They somehow were sent down below and after only a day, the Devil called upstairs and demanded the *REACT*ers be gotten out of there! Why? He was asked. "Because they've already gotten bottled water brought in and they're working on air conditioning!

That's a *REACT*er for you. By the way, this ISN'T the last *REACT*er, in case you were wondering!

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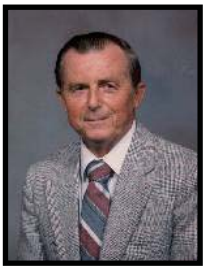

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ALL *REACT* MEMBERS

AND

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YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US ON THE *REACT* INTERNATIONAL WORLD WIDE NET EVERY TUESDAY AT 9 PM ET

Contact nets@reactintl.org for details on how to get on the net.

NEWS FROM THE FRONT LINES

Lake Royale *REACT*

(North Carolina)
Submitted by Ken Pierrehumbert

On Saturday February 24,Lake Royale *REACT* team 6239 hosted a table at the annual Lake Royale Business Expo. This is an annual event where local businesses and service organizations can meet the residents of Lake Royale to promote their products or services.

Along with Lake Royale *REACT*, Franklin County Sheriff Kent Winsteadand his elite Community Action Team (CAT) http://www.fcsonc.org/patrol\were present as was Lake Royale CERT. This was a great event that not only raised the awareness of *REACT* in our community, but also helped the team connect with first responders and community leaders.

The team had a looping *REACT* recruiting video projected on the big screen as well as copies of the *REACT*er and other materials from *REACT* international.The display of CB base stations and a classic Turner +2 microphone was a great way to draw in the hidden community of CB radio operators. Ham gear on display also surfaced amateur operators and those wanting to be hams.

Of course we heard a comment or two like, "Wow, I did not know *REACT* was still around," but then again that is exactly why we were there. We have some prospective new members, but more importantly the community knows that we are there to provide emergency communication when storms hit or the power goes out--- both of which are common in our neck of the woods.

A key message to the community is that our team has three strong CB base stations with a fourth on the way that will monitor channel 9 when times get rough or the power is out (yes we all have backup power). We also will be hosting a weekly CB net to encourage those with CBs to test them out with us and get used to connecting with *REACT*.

Yes, Lake Royale *REACT* is all over VHF, UHF, Ham and even Marine radio technology, but CB lives

at Lake Royale and we aim to bring back the good old days of CB friendliness and availability in our isolated, but tight community.

The CAT is a four-person team, with the positions held by Cpl's Tharrington, Gunter (K-9 Officer), Strickland, and Corporal D. Barrett (K-9 Officer). They recently added two members to the team, K-9 Oli and K-9 Ace.

Their main responsibility is the safety and well-being of Franklin County citizens and visitors; therefore, the team assists the other units of the Sheriff's Office by taking enforcement action in an effort to make the county a safer place to live. The Community Action Team is community oriented, dedicated to enforcing traffic laws, conducting drug enforcement, answering calls for service, serving warrants, and hosting and attending special county events.

Keep up with Lake Royale *REACT* Team 6239 at www.lakeroyalereact.org.

Heartland *REACT*

(Nebraska)
Submitted by Paul Mathenia

Members of Heartland *REACT* assisted the City of Omaha and Douglas County in checking the Tornado sirens in the area to make sure they are all functioning prior to this year's severe weather season, which generally begins in April.

Nebraska is located in the area of the country known as "Tornado Alley", where severe thunderstorms and tornadoes are common occurrences in the time period from Mid-April through late September.

Several Teams in this area are Skywarn trained and also help with siren checking. The Teams, including Heartland and Dodge County, all report to the central communications *REACT* station at the National

Paul Mathenia, Exec VP of Heartland REACT and his son Mason, a Junior REACT member, help check tornado sirens in Douglas County, NE

Weather Service located in Valley, NE, about halfway between Omaha and Fremont.

In other activities, the Team also was part of the

county volunteers that were honored and thanked at the Volunteer Appreciation Day festivities.

The event was held at Lake Zorinsky, named for former Omaha Mayor and US Senator Ed Zorinsky, who passed away in 1987.

Food, fun and fishing were enjoyed by all attendees.

Dallas County *REACT*

(Texas)
Obtained from their Facebook wall

Catching up time... (next page)

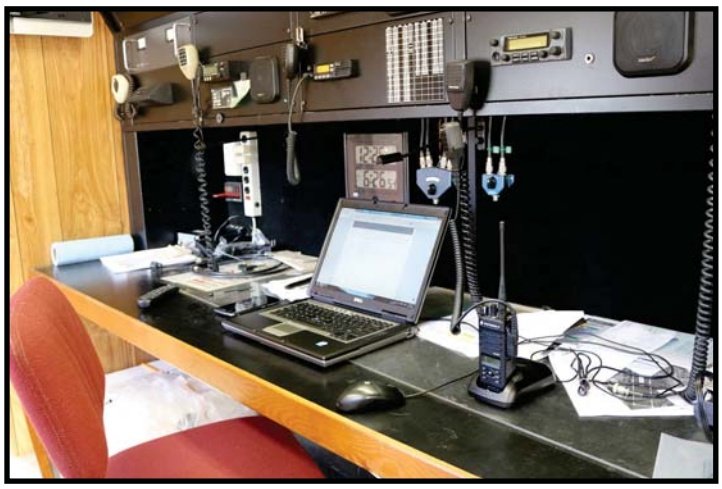
Another successful event. We went down south to

Cedar Hill to do a 5k for Tex Cen Hemophilia.

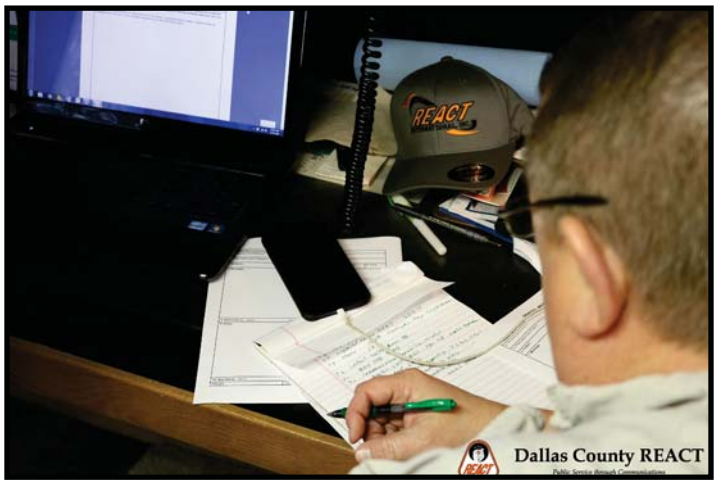
As far as radio goes we utilized our MotoTRBO Repeater and had Dhiren on GMRS, since he was in a low spot where the DMR Repeater wouldn't cover but oddly enough GMRS would.

It was my first time being CP and trying out a new way of logging radio traffic and such and I think overall it went great and the team did good.

We had a couple of members that were unable to attend due to issues with their Motorbike and another two that had to go to work, so we were a bit short handed but made it work.



In January, the Team assisted with a disaster drill. It was a simulated tsunami exercise, and we we're advised by the resources on the ground they didn't require our assistance at the time, so we made sure we were ready to deploy our team to the location of the disaster just in case they required us.



It was the first exercise we've done like that so we learned a few things from it. I hope we have some more year round.

Flagler County Assist *REACT*

(Florida)
Submitted by Bob Pickering

On February 25th, 2018 the Flagler County Assist *REACT* Team 4800 worked it's first 5K race of 2018.

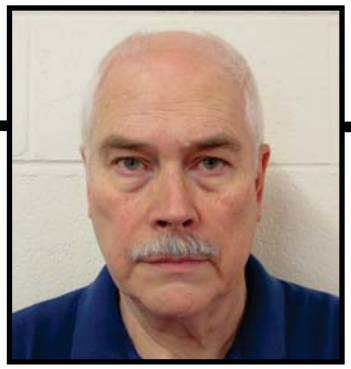
These races are a perfect training ground for the team to help prepare for emergencies. Tactics and methods used to work a race are also the same when used to respond to an emergency request.

Team members were deployed to Palm Coast's Town Center on the morning of the 25th. Members received a briefing and then headed to their assigned posts with the main mission of acting as course marshals along the route to insure that runners stayed on the course and report any problems. Post 1 (our coordination point) was set at the start/finish line and an off-site Net Control Station (NCS) was established.

The race kicked off and ran with minimal issues. We had to be flexible (we are widely known locally for that) to adjust to a few unforeseen issues, but everything ran smoothly with the team wrapping up by mid morning.

This is a charity race dubbed "Superhero 5K" as many participants cosplay as their favorite superheroes.

We have other events in our future including the largest event in the county, the Fabulous 4th of July in Flagler Beach. Even though it is only March we are already planning.



Training for the Future

Walter Green, Lt. Col., USAF, Retired
Chairman, *REACT* Training Committee

TRAINING COMPLETIONS: Since August 2017 there have been 42 successful completions of *REACT* courses by 12 members from 6 Teams for 108 hours of training. Congratulations to:

James Bois (9701) – Basics of Drills and Exercise;
Walter Green (6247) – Messages – The ICS 213 General Message;
Rusty Hemenway (9701) – Monitoring;
Rusty Hemenway (9701) – Using the Traffic System Message Bulletin Board;
Rusty Hemenway (9701) – Protecting Personal and Sensitive Information;
Stan Latta (6247) - Messages – The ICS 213 General Message

NEW *REACT* COURSE: Two new *REACT* course are available on the website:

Alerting – covers how alerting works and the Activation Levels being used to help track Team readiness for major emergencies and disasters. You should be able to complete this course in 1 to 2 hours.

Using the Zello Voice Traffic and Operations Nets – covers the use of Zello to conduct the *REACT* Nets operated by the Training and Operations Committees. You should be able to complete this course in 1 to 2 hours.

RESOURCE TYPING UPDATE: The third Type IV resource is the Message Team (again a two person team). This team operates one of the three nets managed by the Training and Operations Committees – *REACT*/Traffic System, *REACT*/Command Net, and the Zello *REACT*/Standby Net. Our goal for 2018 is to have one qualified Type IV Message Team in each Region. Training for the Message Team includes:

FEMA Independent Study courses:
IS-100, 200, 700, and 800.
REACT Courses:
Disaster Basics
Using the Zello Voice Traffic and Operations Nets
Using the Traffic System Message Bulletin Board
Messages – Radiogram
Messages – ICS Form 213
Protecting Personal and Sensitive Information
Introduction to Net Operations
Licensed as an Amateur Radio Technician OR one of the following *REACT* courses: GMRS, FRS, CB
Basics of Drills and Exercises

All courses should take 3 hours or less to complete. Members serving as Message Team Bosses have some additional training – contact training@*react*intl.org for a complete list.

By mid-April we expect to be ready to start credentialing Team members and Type IV Teams.

SUCCESSFUL MESSAGE RUNS: In a test of procedures for high speed voice transmission of messages two members successfully copied 100 words per minute:

Stan Latta (6247)
Walter Green (6247)

ALERTEX 2018-B: Dates for ALERTEX 2018-B will be 23-25 May for the scenario buildup messages and 26 May for the impact and response phase. Expect training packages

the first week in April – if you have not received your package by 7 April, please contact training@reactintl.org immediately. The scenario will include East Coast, Gulf Coast, Caribbean, and West Coast hurricanes. We are planning for significant reporting play from Teams to Radio Relay International for simulated forwarding to federal authorities.

ALERTEX 2018- A AND WINTER STORMS RILEY, QUINN, SKYLAR: The end of February and the first of March were very busy for *REACT* message operations, with one exercise and three actual system activations for Winter storms. We generated warning messages, received reports from Teams, and provided the *REACT* Regional Directors daily situation reports summarizing *REACT* response efforts. Some lessons learned:

Kudos to Northern Rhode Island *REACT* for reporting in all three Winter Storms, and to Prince George's County *REACT* for their reporting in Winter Storm Riley. These two Teams pushed information to the Traffic System before we asked for it.

Kudos to Regional Director Thomas Currie for inputs to the design of the daily *REACT* Situation Report to improve the value of the information for Regional Director decision making.

The number of Teams that do not open e-mail during a disaster, whether simulated or actual, is troubling. We hit almost 50% with the Winter Storm Riley alerting message, but our normal percentage is in the low 30% range. We are developing a capability to provide early warning information to Teams, a capability will continue to grow as the Operations Committee becomes operational. Teams that do not open their e-mail, or that do not have e-mail at all, risk missing information directly affecting the safety of their members and equipment.

In ALERTEX 2018- A 12 Teams opened at least 5 of the 6 scenario messages, but did not do either of the two exercise tasks.

The second part of this is that in Riley we were on the edge of having an event where not reporting means that we will have to start calling Teams to make sure they have not suffered catastrophic loss. This is a basic safety and accountability issue.

The quality of reports we received from Teams was quite good. This is important because *REACT* may have an opportunity to become part of a network of ground truth reporting stations in the future.

The work load is significant. For Skylar, the least involved response, the Traffic System transmitted 84 messages. The challenge is now to train an incident management team that can help manage the information flow. If you are interested, contact:

training@*react*intl.org.

The following Teams responded in these four events:

ALERTEX 2018- A: Dallas County *REACT*, Los Angeles County *REACT*, Louisville Metro *REACT*, Magic Valley *REACT*, Nassau County *REACT*, Northern Rhode Island *REACT*, Prince George's County *REACT*, San Angelo *REACT*, Southeastern Massachusetts *REACT*, Trinidad and Tobago *REACT*, University of Oklahoma *REACT*, *REACT* Warning Team

Winter Storm Riley: Louisville Metro *REACT*, Nassau County *REACT*, Northern Rhode Island *REACT*, Prince George's County *REACT*, Southeastern Massachusetts *REACT*, York County *REACT*, *REACT* Warning Team

Winter Storm Quinn: Louisville Metro *REACT*, Nassau County *REACT*, Northern Rhode Island *REACT*, *REACT* Warning Team.

Winter Storm Skylar: Northern Rhode Island *REACT*, *REACT* Warning Team.

TRAINING FOR SUCCESS

Board of Directors Elections, 2018

Regions 1 - 4 - 7

CANDIDATE PROFILES

for the people who want to be your Region's next director will run in The *REACT*er every year in March or April.

The *REACT*er does not and will not express any endorsement or favoritism toward or against any individual candidate.

These profiles are presented to give the Teams who vote a better understanding of who they might vote for.

The Board of Directors is responsible for the operations of *REACT* International, Inc and so these positions are very important to the members and Teams as they will help decide the direction of the organization now and in the future.

The *REACT*er encourages all Teams to read these statements that have been provided to us by the Candidates and to vote for the person you think is best suited to the job of guiding this great organization.

Will Stanley
Editor

JOHN MAHON

(Massachusetts)
Region 1

Well, President Capodanno has been, shall we say, meeting a lot of resistance in trying to advance the organization. A lot of people look at us (*REACT)* as a club, not a corporation, which is what it actually is. A lot of the business conducted is not conducted with that in mind, and it should be. I think that, in part, has a lot to do with the public perception of what *REACT* is and is not.

I think President Capodanno needs a lot of help in moving this organization forward. We need to look at it more from a business aspect, not the 'good-ol-boy-club' aspect that it's been. Citizens Band died a long while back and this body still has not developed any formal of acceptance of ICS and moved to a more traditional means (of communication) other than CB radio.

There's no need to push everybody into it, demand everybody do it; if a Team wants to do the basics, then fine, have at it. If someone wants to go whole-hog into it … all the PRS and the advanced options, then, again, have at it. We should be providing the structure and the guidance to help them do that, and promoting that.

It's time to take action, we need to make a lot of changes and start moving forward. Because the only other thing we can do is just fold it up, pack it in.

WARREN DEITZ

(New York)
Region 1

Well, basically, I want to continue the job, helping out with the rest of the Board to make the changes that will take us into the 60th Year of *REACT*. We've made some changes with the ID cards already, which was the first step. We also re-designed the logo for *REACT* International.

I think we need to start working on making plans for the future, I think that's our biggest thing we have to do right now I think, as a Director, and being a member of *REACT* since the 70's, I think I can help there, giving back information on how REACT used to be and which direction we're going in.

I want to be part of the Board to help us get going for the next 10 years or whatever and help find the mission of what *REACT* is supposed be –to better define what our mission is.

Right now, we're spread out in all different directions; no one seems to know exactly what *REACT* is. What type of organization are we? Are we a communications organization? Some other type? We need to clarify that more, get the word out as to what *REACT's* mission is.

MATT BROOMFIELD

(Ohio)
Region 4

I want to be a Board Member because I've been to the International meetings, I've seen what they do and I want to get my hands into *REACT* more, help better the other Teams and help them out.

I want to learn what Teams are doing. That way I can spread it around to the other Teams and sort of help the other Teams out.

Make *REACT* better.

MATT BOUDREAUX

(Ohio)
Region 4

I believe our region needs a change. We've had several directors in the past who've tried but couldn't succeed and I hope that if I am able to hold this position that I will be able to make a change and put a positive spin on our Region. It's been several years since we've had someone steady in the Region and I am hoping that I will be able to change that.As for goals, I want to just try to get everyone on track. I know Ohio is the biggest topic of everything. I want to hopefully meet with the Teams, sit down and discuss different problems and find out, as a Director, how I can help them or try to help them to get their Teams straight.

GERALD JONES

(Texas)
Region 7

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Region 7 Director the past three years and I would appreciate the opportunity to continue to serve you for the next three.

Our region has remained strong with most Teams engaged and active in their communities. I have attended and represented the Region at the annual Board meetings and all periodic teleconference meetings. I have made myself available to participate in events around the region, as requested. I was most honored to present a Eugene S Goebel Award to the late Bob Caster from Oklahoma City *REACT*.

I am a Life Member (601) and continue to serve Dallas County *REACT* as a Director and current President. I am serving a second term as the Executive Vice president of *REACT* International.

I would appreciate your continue support and vote.

Thank You!

QUALIFICATIONS TO RUN FOR BOARD of DIRECTORS

Nine (9) Directors shall be persons from within the *REACT* membership who have demonstrated leadership experience at *REACT* Team and/or Council level, other nonprofit corporations or public agencies; are at least 21 years of age; and are members in good standing of any *REACT* Team for more than three (3) years.

Directors shall be members of Teams in the regions they represent. (1) Eight (8) Directors shall be elected from regions of the United States, as defined by the Board of Directors. (2) One (1) Director shall be elected from a region composed of Teams in countries outside the United States. (3) Directors shall be elected on a rotating basis (three regions each year).

Each Director shall hold office for three (3) years subsequent to election or until his/her successor shall have been elected and qualified or until his/her death, resignation, or removal or until he or she ceases to be a member of a *REACT* Team within the region he/she represents (provided, however, that if a Director's Team is moved to another region by the Board of Directors, the Director will remain qualified until the end of his/her elected term).

Life Member Chairman election, 2018

Voting by Life Members only

Tom Jenkins
LM 534

I have been a Life member since 1999.

I am the past President of Valley Wide *REACT* Team 4956, Boise, Idaho 83704 my term was from the day it was chartered May 12, 1996 to February 2008. I am still a current active member of the Team.

During the same time frame from September 1998 to January 2000 I was the Secretary of the Pacific Northwest *REACT* Council and then in January 2000 to 2007 was elected the President.

I have been a Region 6 Director for *REACT* from March 2011 to March 2017.

I have been the Life Member Chair from 2014 to present. During that time I have worked with the *REACT* International, Inc. office working on compiling and updating the life member list of its current members along with the members who are no longer with us.

I want to be the Life Member Chairman because I have been a Life Member now since 1999, and I feel I can do some good. I've also been getting the records updated over the past couple of years, trying to get in touch with the older Life Members and let them know that I am still around and that there is someone who has not forgot them.

Bill Kofron
LM 552

I have been in *REACT* since 1976 and head of my Team since 1980. I believe I am the longest running Team leader in the US. I have received the K40 award twice along with multiple other awards.

I am running for Life Member Chairman because we need to get our Life Members together more. I want to see us become a voice within *REACT* that we haven't seen.

The Life Members have been here forever, and it's about time that we are a part of things.

I want to try to accomplish this goal by having more direct contact with the Life Members through phone or email, trying to get their input and helping them be more of a voice to the Board.

Norman Kaplan
LM 269

I joined *REACT* International in 1978. I became a Life Member around 1982-83. I have held numerous offices on both Team, Council and International levels.

I am interested in the Chairmanship of the Life Member Committee because we have a dying group of people, literally. The members who became Life Members in the 80's… well, here it is 30 years later, and many of them were not young to begin with, so we are losing that institutional memory.

One of the things I would like to do, in addition to keeping track of who is still with us, who has joined the Life Membership, because younger members are joining the Life Member ranks and who has passed on. Another thing we need to do is to tap the members' institutional memory – when did you join *REACT*? What did you do? What Teams were you a member of? I have been a member of three Teams and as such have worked in many events including an Inaugural Parade.

Putting this type of information down… what type of future training should International be involved in? What type of paradigm should we be doing in an age where we have cellphones and CB is not the key method of communicating with people on the road?

These and others are the type of questions I would like to see answered and as the Life Member Chairman, see if any of the Life Members can come up with any of these answers.

Will Stanley
LM 273

I believe the Chairmanship of the Life Member Committee is important to *REACT* because people who have committed to becoming Life Members are the people who will be making the differences in how the organization grows and in helping it to grow.

It has been some time since there has been an actual voted in Chairman of this committee and while I am not sure who nominated me, I thank them for their confidence in me.

While I do not necessarily seek the position, if elected, I will serve to the best of my ability and will attempt to bring cohesion to the Life Member ranks and purposes.

This organization floundered quite seriously in the 90's and quite a few people were content with resting on our laurels but we are now involved in a re-building phase where we are attempting to "re-create the wheel", so to speak and it is something that needs to be re-created if we are to continue to move forward and remain a viable emergency response organization. CB radio, for the most part is dead. It remains a tool that we can use but it is only one tool at our disposal.

Moving Forward... toward the future. That is very important to a group like ours, but let us not forget or ignore the past because the past is what tells us what our future must be.

I have been a member of *REACT* for 42 years and a Life Member since 1983. I have seen many changes and much improvement.

With the Life Members assistance and President Capodanno's leadership, I think we will continue to change and improve.

From The Corner of the Room

Joe Zych, *REACT* WW Net Coordinator
Region 3 Director

Well, it is almost April and summer will be knocking on the door! It's time now to get outside and get that antenna checked out. Speaking of antennas please go to this website, do not miss this website www.hamuniverse.com/jpole.html

You can go to Lowe's or Home Depot and buy 10 feet of ½" copper pipe the long straight piece for about $10.00, with a ½" copper "T" and one ½" copper 90° elbow. All these cut to length you have an awesome antenna that will work as good or better than one you pay big money for.

The web site will show what length to cut the pipe for your desired frequency. I suggest mid band of your frequency range. This antenna is simple to make and will do a super job. I have made 40 to 60 mile simplex contacts on this $14.00 antenna. We are talking about the "Copper J- Pole Antenna". Way back in the day these antennas were called 'zeppelin antennas' because, you guessed it, they were used on the big zeppelin air ships.

Easy to build for 400 Mhz or the 140 Mhz frequencies. All the members in our radio club have a Copper J-Pole which, easily hooked to your Baofeng® radio with a 25 or 50 foot coax cable with the proper adapter, works great.

We have tested the Baofeng® and got 40 plus miles out of just 5 watts. There is easy simple soldering skills needed but this antenna will last you forever, and as always the higher you get the antenna in the air, the better performance you get.

Build one and send a letter to Letters to the Editor of The *REACT*er (editor@thereacter.com) and let us know how you did. Send some pics!

Until next time, have fun, increase your team, make contacts with your Chamber of Commerce let them know your team is available for Community activities. Take pics of all your events get them in the *REACT*er…For now; 73 and God Bless.

Comments We Like to See

Will,

Good job, and thanks for including me on the mailing list. Pete would be/ is!, I'm sure, pleased. '

Irene Overman Kreer

For the newbies among us, Irene Kreer is our Founder's widow

MINUTES
REACT International Special Board Meeting
March 01, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 p.m. Eastern Time via teleconference, by Chairman Capodanno. Roll call was taken by Chairman Capodanno, Minutes Taken Via Recording Secretary Misetich:

Directors:

R1 – Warren Deitz - Present
R2 – Thomas Currie – Present
R3 – Joe Zych - Present
R4 – Vacant
R5 – Larry Fry - Present
R6 – Vacant
R7 – Jerry Jones - Present
R8 – John Capodanno - Present
R9 – Ravindranath Goswami – Present

Officers:

President – John Capodanno - Present
Executive Vice President – Jerry Jones - Present
Secretary – Matthew Misetich - Absent
Treasurer – William Richards - Vacant

Guests Present:
William Stanley, Chuck Thompson,
Matt Vizzuso, Dan Davidson

It was confirmed that a Quorum has been established.

Agenda (Item 1)
Director Fry moved to accept the agenda, second by Director Zych.
R1-Y R2-Y R3-Y R5-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Meeting minutes (Item 2)
Director Jones moved to approve the minutes from February 15, 2017, second by Director Zych.
R1-Y R2-Y R3-Y R5-A R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Director and Officer Status (Item 3)
Director Zych raised a point of order concerning the Valley Wide *REACT* Team. President Capodanno confirmed that the Team had not renewed, and that as a result, the positions of Region 6 Director Jenkins and Treasurer Dunn had been vacated by operation of the Bylaws.

Office / Region Reports (Item 4)
65.0% of the Regions and 72.7% of the Members with a combined of 64.7% have renewed. Director Goswami submitted report.

2016 Financial Review (Item 5)
Director Zych moved to accept the 2016 Annual Financial Review, Seconded by Director Currie.
R1-Y R2-Y R3-Y R5-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Next Special Meeting (Item 6)
July 06, 2017. 9:00 p.m. EST. via teleconference.

Adjournment (Item 7)
Director Currie moved to adjourn at 9:19 p.m., second by Director Zych.
R1-Y R2-Y R3-Y R5-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Minutes submitted by
Matthew Misetich
Secretary

MINUTES
REACT International Special Board Meeting
July 6, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 p.m. Eastern Time via teleconference, by Chairman Capodanno. Roll call was taken by Secretary Misetich:

Directors:

R1 – Warren Deitz - Present
R2 – Thomas Currie – Present
R3 – Joe Zych - Present
R4 – Vacant
R5 – Larry Fry - Presnt
R6 – Vacant
R7 – Jerry Jones - Present
R8 – John Capodanno - Present
R9 – Ravindranath Goswami – Present

Officers:

President – John Capodanno - Present
Executive Vice President – Jerry Jones - Present
Secretary – Matthew Misetich - Present
Treasurer – William Richards - Absent

Guests Present: Ashley Boudreaux, Matt Boudreaux, Jay Flora, Matt Broomfield, William Stanley, Chuck Thompson, Tom Jenkins, Norm Kaplan, Doug Griffith, Russ Dunn, Dan Davidson

It was confirmed that a Quorum has been established.

Agenda (Item 1)
Director Jones moved to accept the agenda, second by Director Currie.
R1-Y R2-Y R3-Y R5-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Announcements (Item 2)
REACT International Annual Meeting will be held in Las Vegas January 22, 2018.

Meeting minutes (Item 3)
Director Currie moved to approve the minutes from March 01, 2017, second by Director Zych.
R1-Y R2-Y R3-Y R5-A R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Confirmation of Treasurer (Item 4)
Confirmation the appointment of William Richards as Treasurer taken via e-mail vote on June 19, 2017.
R1-Y R2-Y R3-Y R5-A R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Seating Directors (Item 5)
Director Capodanno moved to seat new region 3 and 9 Directors, seconded by Director Fry.
R1-Y R2-Y R3-Y R5-A R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Membership Dues for 2018 (Item 6)
Director Currie moved to NOT increase dues, second by Director Jones.
R1-Y R2-Y R3-Y R5-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

The REACTer (Item 7)
Director Jones moved to pay Editor $150.00 per published issue, second by Director Zych.
R1-A R2-Y R3-Y R5-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Appointment of Region 4 (Item 8)
Chairman Capodanno announced nominee Mr. Boudreaux and Mr. Davidson to fill the unexpired term. Ballot vote taken and Mr. Davidson was elected.

Appointment of Region 6 (Item 9)
Chairman Capodanno announced nominee Mr. Dunn and Mr. Jenkins to fill the unexpired term. Ballot vote taken and Mr. Dunn was elected.

Election of Vice Chairman (Item 10)
Director Capodanno nominated Director Goswami for Vice Chairman, seconded by Director Jones.
R1-Y R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R5-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Committee Recommendation (Item 11)
Director Currie made a recommendation to create a board committee to study the re-allocation of the Regions.

Next Special Meeting (Item 12)
October 25, 2017. 9:00 p.m. EST. via teleconference.

Adjournment (Item 13)
Director Currie moved to adjourn at 10:33 p.m., second by Director Zych.
R1-Y R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R5-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Minutes submitted by
Matthew Misetich
Secretary

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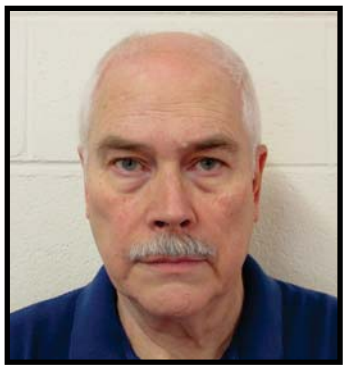

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Joe Zych, Region 3 Director
***REACT* WWNet Coordinator**

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MINUTES
REACT International Special Board Meeting
October 25, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 p.m. Eastern Time via teleconference, by Chairman Capodanno. Roll call was taken by Secretary Misetich:

Directors:

R1 – Warren Deitz - Absent
R2 – Thomas Currie – Present 9:30 p.m.
R3 – Joe Zych - Present
R4 – Dan Davidson - Present
R5 – Larry Fry - Present
R6 – Russ Dunn - Present
R7 – Jerry Jones - Present
R8 – John Capodanno - Present
R9 – Ravindranath Goswami – Present

Officers:

President – John Capodanno - Present
Executive Vice President – Jerry Jones - Present
Secretary – Matthew Misetich - Present
Treasurer – William Richards - Absent

Guests Present: William Stanley, Chuck Thompson, Tom Jenkins, Stan Walters, Walter Green

It was confirmed that a Quorum has been established.

Agenda (Item 1)
Director Jones moved to accept the agenda, second by Director Zych.
R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R5-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Announcements (Item 2)
REACT International Annual Meeting will be at the ARIA Las Vegas January 22, 2018.

Meeting minutes (Item 3)
Director Davidson moved to approve the minutes from July 06, 2017, second by Director Dunn.
R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R5-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Membership Committee (Item 4)
Director Capodanno moves to form a membership committee, second by Director Zych. Members, John Capodanno, Jerry Jones, Joe Zych, Dan Davidson, Tom Jenkins
R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R5-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Director Reports (Item 5)
Joe Zych gave region three report. Daniel Davidson gave region four report. Robby Goswami gave region nine report.

Committee Reports (Item 6)
The Training Committee Chair Walter Green reported that we now have 5 courses available on the website. Testing is now conducted completely online, with certificates for course completion being issued within 72 hours as .pdf documents by e-mail. A schedule has been established to issue 8 new and updated courses over the next 6 months. Continuing education units are issued for all courses, and we can issue transcripts for all training complete after 1 August 2017. Work is underway to update training for resource typing for *REACT* teams. A *REACT* wide alerting exercise is scheduled for November 18th.

REACT Logo (Item 7)
Jerry Jones asked that the directors ask what teams are now using the new logo and to do a 60 year anniversary patch contest.

RICE Drilling Agreement (Item 8)
Director Capodanno moved NOT to sign the RICE Drilling D LLC, second by Director Jones.
R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R5-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Office Help (Item 9)
Director Zych moved to pay travel gas not to exceed $300 for Tom Jenkins volunteering at the *REACT* corporate office for 3 weeks, second by Director Currie.
R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R5-N R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Facebook Pages (Item 10)
Director Capodanno recommended that there only be one official FB page verified with FB. Board discussion only no action taken.

Tech Soup Adobe subscription (Item 11)
Director Capodanno will do a follow up at next meeting regarding the subscription purchase.

Re-Allocation of Regions Recommendation (Item 12)
Board committee to study the re-allocation of the Regions and report recommendation at annual meeting.

November 29, 2017. 9:00 p.m. EST. via teleconference.

Adjournment (Item 14)
Director Currie moved to adjourn at 11:02 p.m., second by Director Davidson.
R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R5-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Minutes submitted by
Matthew Misetich
Secretary

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MINUTES
REACT International Special Board Meeting
November 29, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 p.m. Eastern Time via teleconference, by Chairman Capodanno. Roll call was taken by Chairman Capodanno, Minutes Taken via Recording Secretary Misetich:

Directors:

R1 – Warren Deitz - Absent
R2 – Thomas Currie – Present 9:10pm
R3 – Joe Zych - Present
R4 – Daniel Davidson - Present
R5 – Larry Fry - Absent
R6 – Russ Dunn - Absent
R7 – Jerry Jones - Present
R8 – John Capodanno - Present
R9 – Ravindranath Goswami – Present

Officers:

President – John Capodanno - Present
Executive Vice President – Jerry Jones - Present
Secretary – Matthew Misetich - Absent
Treasurer – William Richards - Absent

Guests Present:
Matthew Boudreaux, Chuck Thompson, Norman Kaplan, Walter Green, Thom Jenkins. Matthew Broomfield, Ashley Boudreaux

It was confirmed that a Quorum has been established.

Agenda (Item 1)
Director Zych moved to accept the agenda, second by Director Davidson.
R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Announcements (Item 2)
REACT International Annual Meeting will be at the ARIA Las Vegas January 22, 2018.

Meeting minutes (Item 3)
Director Davidson moved to approve the minutes from October 25, 2017, second by Director Currie.
R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Membership Committee (Item 4)
Director Capodanno moved to revoke Allen County *REACT* Inc. C322 charter per the membership investigation, second by Director Davidson.
R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Membership Committee (Item 5)
Director Capodanno moved to revoke Metro *REACT* Inc. C480 charter per the membership investigation, seconded by Director Jones.
R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Membership Committee (Item 6)
Director Capodanno moved to revoke Tuskee *REACT* 6224 Charter per the membership investigation, seconded by Director Davidson.
R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Membership Committee (Item 7)
Director Capodanno moved to monitor Overlook Heights *REACT* 6208 per the membership investigation, seconded by Director Jones.
R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Zello Jamboree (Item 8)
Director Goswami moved to Participation in the 1st International and Regional Zello Jamboree, seconded by Director Capodanno.
R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Committee Reports (Item 9)

The Training Committee Chair Walter Green reported: We now have 7 *REACT* courses online. Since August 2017 we have had 13 course completions for a total of 44 hours of training delivered. Training articles are appearing monthly in The *REACT*er with a theme of Training for the Future, emphasizing the importance of training in building *REACT*'s brand and of developing our capabilities in an increasingly more demanding environment. ALERTEX 2017 was successfully conducted on 17-18 November, with 10 Teams completing the availability report listing 109 members ready for duty, with 44 Type IV Communications Teams available for assignment within a 25 mile radius local area for 12 hours, including 34 Type IV teams available for assignment for 72 hours outside their local areas. An additional 7 Teams acknowledged receipt of one of the two messages, but did not report availability. Our exercise schedule for 2018 includes Internet based exercises in February, May, August, and November. We have developed a strategy for resource typing for 2018. This includes Type IV resources in 2018: Communications Teams, Fixed Base Communications Teams, and Message Handling Teams. The Fixed Base resource will allow virtually all active Teams to have at least a Type IV resource. The Committee is starting work on a dedicated Zello voice traffic net to complete the *REACT* Traffic System.

Next Meeting (Item 10)

January 23, 2018. 11:00 a.m. EST. ARIA Las Vegas and via teleconference.

Adjournment (Item 11)

Director Currie moved to adjourn at 11:02 p.m., second by Director Davidson.
R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R5-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Minutes submitted by:
Matthew Misetich
Secretary

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Arneson, Jack	CA	265	Harrison, Carol	CA	275
Barnard, David M	NJ	338	Heape, Bettie M.	NC	126
Bear, James	PA	9	Heath, Arthur	CAN	315
Beck, Fred	WI	53	Hentschel, Melvin	MI	528
Berg, Carl	WA	25	Herrington, Sheryl	OR	357
Berg, Irene S.	WA	86	Hobbs, Anthony	NC	557
Betz, Isadore	CA	188	Hogadone, James	NV	151
Blaker, John	KS	262	Hogadone, Joyce	CA	150
Bricker, Jerome G.	MD	177	Holden, John E.	NJ	460
Brown, Jerry	TX	160	Huckleberry, Paul E	IN	85
Brumage, Irene	MD	246	Hull, Mel	OK	353
Burston, Robert M.	WA	206	Huneycutt, Robert	WV	455
Carpenter, Diane	CA	413	Hutcheson, Mary B	CA	280
Conlee, Warren D.	AZ	511	Jennings, B. F.	WA	20
Crowell, George	FL	238	Jennison, Jerry B.	TX	208
DeFrehn, Richard I.	TX	398	Jernigan, Leland	OK	197
Dodge, Debby	PA	10	Johnston, Claudelia	OR	375
Dodson, Andrew	NV	415	Johnston, Edward	OR	374
Faulstich, Delores	IN	74	Jones, Paul	FL	463
Faust, Bob	CA	395	Joslyn, Herb	FL	405
Findley, John	CA	423	Kelly, Paul V.	CA	344
Fisken, John	WA	187	King, Richard	MA	308
Flener, Betty	WA	392	Knott, Sallyann	FL	551
Fonner, Chester	OK	497	Leef, Robert	CA	453
Galbreath, James	CA	196	Luedtke, Lance	WI	61
Gamble, Richard T.	WA	226	Lumpkin, Robert N.	DC	502
Gatzke, Nancy	CA	495	Mauk, Jesse	CA	470
Glasgow, Harry	WA	281	McAllister, Eva	GA	333
Griffey, Jack E.	NE	199	McCloy, Mike	GA	2
Hanger, Allen B.	VA	477	McMahon, Daniel J.	NE	580
Harris, Claire	FL	19	Mitchell, James	NV	111

Moccia, Albert J.	FL	62
Moore, Merle	NY	520
Mullins, Jim B.	VA	98
Mullins, Mae B.	VA	97
Neil, Edward B	IA	514
Nixon, John	NE	506
O'Grady, Helen M.	KS	331
Penn, James F.	MI	339
Perry, Harold Don	OR	282
Peters, Gregory A.	TX	510
Radmacher, Jay	WA	8
Raines, Paul H.	TX	436
Remeto, Donna	WA	116
Rice, A .W.	FL	5
Riley, Frances H.	TX	158
Riley, J. L.	TX	180
Robinson, Roger	FL	499
Rogers, Ralph	TX	609
Schweikhardt, Betty	WA	146
Scott, Sue	OR	589
Shafer, William L.	NH	4
Shepherd, Edward	CT	138
Sherman, Sylvia A.	WI	169
Simmons, William R.	NY	335
Sloop, Roberta	CA	260
Spear, Marshall	ME	412
Specie, Rosetta Jean	FL	174
Specie, Roy Lee	FL	175
Stanley, Diane K	NE	272
Stanley, Donna M	NE	493
Stephens, Elizabeth		104
Striska, Joseph	FL	36
Teeters, Robert	NV	529
Trautner, Chris	CA	65
Underwood, Arthur	MI	1
Vickers, William M.	CAN	124
Vogenitz, M. Bill	FL	145
Wheeler, George	CAN	599
White, Christine	OK	66
Wiel, Alan	CA	610
Wilkie, Trent L.	IL	79
Willner, Sam	MI	60
Wolz, Richard	IL	364
Wyrick, Marvin	WA	478
Young, Madee	PA	439
Ziesch, Vern E.	KS	349

The Silent Mics listed here are only those who were Life Members. Obviously we honor all of our members who have served and passed on but to list each and every *REACT*er who has passed would be a huge list as we were once 72,000 members strong.

May all of our members who have passed - Life or Regular - Rest In Peace.

Death leaves a heartache
no one can heal;
Love leaves a memory
no one can steal.

REACT International Event Calendar

APRIL 2018

1.....*REACT*er Published
3.....*REACT* Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
7 .....ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
10.....*REACT* Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
14 .....ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
15.....Deadline for May *REACT*er
17 .....*REACT* Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
21 .....ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
21 .....Traffic System Deployment Exercise
24 .....*REACT* Worldwide Net (9 p.m.ET)
28 .....ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)

MAY 2018

1.....*REACT*er Published
1 .....*REACT* Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
5.....CINCO DE MAYO
5 .....ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
8 .....*REACT* Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
12 .....ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
14.....MOTHER'S DAY
15.....Deadline for June *REACT*er
15 .....*REACT* Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
19.....ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
22 .....*REACT* Worldwide Net (9 p.m.ET)
23-26 .....Alertex 2018-B
26 .....ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
28.....MEMORIAL DAY
29.....*REACT* Worldwide Net (9 p.m.ET)

JUNE 2018

1..... *REACT*er Published
2.....ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
5.....*REACT* Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
9.....ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
12.....*REACT* Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
14.....FLAG DAY
15.....Deadline for July *REACT*er
16.....ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
18.....FATHER'S DAY
19.....*REACT* Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
23.....ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
26.....*REACT* Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
30.....ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)

JULY 2018

1..... *REACT*er Published
3.....*REACT* Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
4.....INDEPENDENCE DAY
7.....ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
10.....*REACT* Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
14.....ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
15.....Deadline for August *REACT*er
17.....*REACT* Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
21.....ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
24.....*REACT* Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
28.....ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
31.....*REACT* Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)

AUGUST 2018

1..... REACTer Published
4.....ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
7.....*REACT* Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
11.....ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
14.....*REACT* Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
15.....Deadline for September *REACT*er
18.....ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
21.....*REACT* Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
25.....ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
28.....*REACT* Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)

SEPTEMBER 2018

1.....REACTer Published
1.....ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
3.....LABOR DAY
4.....*REACT* Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
8.....ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
11.....*REACT* Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
15 .....ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
15.....Deadline for October *REACT*er
18.....*REACT* Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
22.....ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
25.....*REACT* Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
29 .....ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. (ET)

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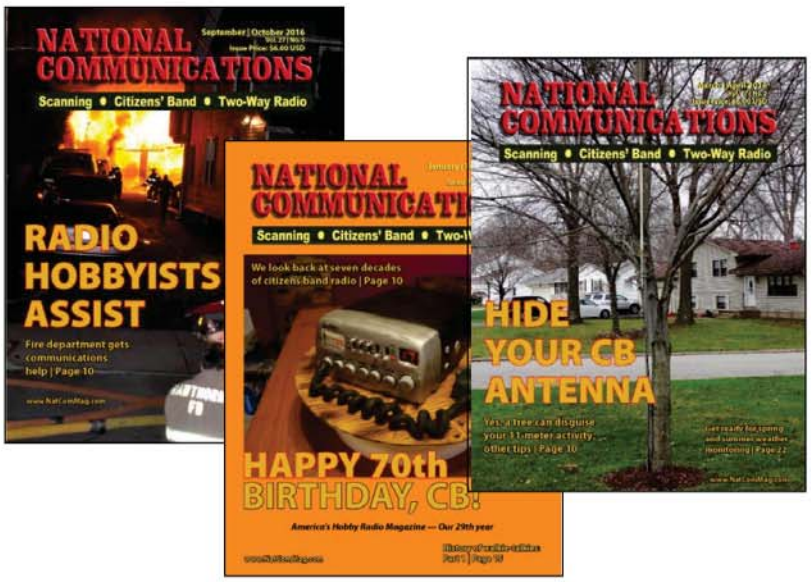

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