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A Word from the Editor

Will Stanley, Editor, The *REACT*er

ААННННОООООООО !!!

HALLOWEEN! All Hallows Eve... the night when ghosts and goblins, real and made up, go out looking for treats and possibly mischief.

The problem with the mischief is that it sometimes gets out of hand, devolving into MALICIOUS mischief, That's where *REACT* comes in.

Are you working with your local Police and/or Sheriff to patrol your city or town looking for those who would advance Halloween night mischief into something worse? Our training and radios can be an invaluable part of such an operation. All it takes are some dedicated volunteers (and isn't that what *REACT* is?) willing to drive around town and observe... and then report - to the Police or Sheriff when trouble is spotted so the LEOs can take proper action.

In the city where I started, after we initiated such a plan, the trouble incidents were reduced over a period of 5 years so that by that fifth year, Halloween was one of the quietest nights of the year!

REACT made that happen. Your Team can, too!

That type of operation is just one of the things that ANY *REACT* Team can do for their community. Look around... there's more! Get out and do it. Don't be a *REACT* member just to say you're a member. That does no one any good.

And when you do these events, send me the details and the pictures, so I can show everybody else!



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Seacoast REACT

(California)
Submitted by Robin Seehaas

The Team stays busy doing things like working with Camp Pendleton guards for various events. In November, we will be doing the Carlsbad Street Fair and the Encinitas Street Fair. We do these large events every year.

Blackberry REACT

(California) Submitted by Jon Mosby

Every year in Martinsview, we handle communicatios for the Walk for Jr. Diabetes (type 1). We handle crowd and people control for this event. Then for the Mountainview parade and for the Art and Wine Festival, we provide GMRS radio communications. These are two very big events in our area.

We do bicycle events which are usually at least 100 mile rides and for those, we use ham radio.

When we get to the time when we have no events, we use that time to do training. Our Team year-end dinner where we have a short meeting followed by elections. We also give an annual award - The Jim Galbreath Award - to a person that is active in radio communications. It does not go to a Team Member. Jim was a co-founder of Blackberry *REACT*.

Metro REACT

(California) Submitted by John Talbot

Our Team's main enterprise is setting up repeater sites that other Teams can use. We are currently staring to put up DMR sites. We so far have sites on 3 mountain tops and 3 buildings. We have fund raising drives and get donations to cover the cots of these sites.

When needed, we supply mobile radios and antennas to Red Cross. These are loaned units which are returned to us after the event.

Southern Nevada REACT

(Nevada) Submitted by Steve Deveny

We were activated for the "Storm Area 51" event that was promoted on Facebook for Thursday, Sept 19-22. We provided communications and radios in the HF, VHF and UHF frequencies. We also helped again this year with the Silver State Classic, the fastest road race in the world is the Silver State Classic Challenge held on Nevada's Route 318. This race set a record for speed -53.48 km/h (219.6430 mph), achieved by Robert Allyn (driver, USA) and David Bauer (navigator, USA) during the 2017 Nevada Open Road Challenge on 21 May 2017.

We may help in October with the Rennaisance Festival.

Magic Valley REACT

(Idaho)

Sunbmitted by Doug Griffiths

We are a small Team, only three members, but we make a difference! We help with set-up and security for the Fireworks America shows here in Idaho. We help with set up and take down and also make sure that people don't get back in the show area, where they could get hurt.

We also help Valley Wide *REACT* in Boise with the Sawtooth Relay. This is a bicycle relay that is 62 miles long. It starts in Stanley ID and goes to San Valley ID. It starts at Midnight on the first day. There are a few people who ride the entire route but most of it is done 'relay style' with riders trading off every 5 miles.

If anyone is interested, we have a full liughtbar for sale. It is equipped with orange (amber) and white lights and has wig wags and side take down lights on it. There is a control box that goes with it. It has 90% of its wiring, you might have to add a little. These bars usually go used for around \$400, we are asking \$300. We have others, also. Call the Team for more information 208-312-4010.

Cleveland County REACT

(North Carolina) Submitted by Jay Flora

On September 12th, Jay Flora and Cleveland County *REACT* in Shelby, NC was dispatched to assist Shelby Police to do traffic control and to block a road due to a house fire at 512 Sumter St. The Team blocked off Sumter St at Ware St and sent all traffic down Ware St. It was hot – 100°. The Team worked the call until the last fire truck left around 5:15 p.m.

Shelby Police and Shelby Fire thanked the Team for the help.



Speaking of 'Thanks", the Team received a text and a picture from Capt. Brad Fraser of the Shelby Police inviting me to the City of Shelby BBQ on

Oct 3rd from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. We told them Jay would be there along with Hubert *REACT* 48. Capt. Fraser is *REACT* 2 on the Team, so there will be 3 Members there.



Sam, *REACT* 5, will be out of town and if his plans don't pan out, he may be there as well.



Our *REACT* Team has a very good working relationship with the Shelby Police and Shelby Fire Departments, Cleveland Volunteer Fire Department and many more in the area.

Take Care and God Bless to all.

(Editor's Note: In the September issue, Cap't Brad Fraser was

mis-identified as Cap't Brad Anderson. We regret the error. Sorry about that, Cap!)

Waukesha Area REACT

(Wisconsin)

Submitted by Sarah French

The Team usually does Marathons and such. We have done the Fourth of July Parade in the past and the Christmas Parade, but that one is questionable this year.

In August, we had a 'Brat Fry" for the Team. That was fun.

Saturday, October 5, we will be assisting the Waukesha Fire Department with their Pancake Breakfast. We will be doing parking control for them.

Brazoria County REACT

(Texas

Submitted by Kenneth Kirkland

We have lost a few members, mostly due to health issues but we are engaging in a recruitment drive to rebuild our membership. Not much else to say but if you have any ideas on building membership, let us know!

San Angelo REACT

(Texas)

Submitted by David Behrend

Our Team is often called upon to help the police, when they have situations that need extra manpower but they need to keep their officers available. Recently, we were dispatched to assist in street/ and crowd control, keeping cars and sight-seers away from the scene of a drive-by shooting.

Upcoming is our annual event of working the Christmas Lights display in downtown San Angelo. I will have more on that for a later issue.

Southern Nevada *REACT*

(Nevada) Submitted by Steve Deveney

It is hard to conceive that a simple social media post could result in a declaration of emergency with a type 3 incident activation. But it did happen. The original post read, "Storm Area 51, They Can't Stop All of Us". More than 2 million people responded "going" and 1.5 million "interested" on the event's page. Area 51 is the common name of a highly classified United States Air Force (USAF) facility located within the Nevada Test and Training Range. It is located in the southern portion of Nevada in the western United States, 83 miles northnorthwest of Las Vegas. The original social media post planed for the raid to take place in Amargosa Valley from 3 a.m. to 6 a.m. PDT on September 20, 2019 but there are many entrance points into AREA 51. The wellknown ones are near Beatty, Mercury, Rachel, and Tonopah, Nevada covering approximately 4,500 square miles. Fortunately most were drawn to the most famous

of these entrance points being Rachel, a small town with a 2010 census population of fifty- four residents.

Lincoln and Nye County, Nevada declared an emergency due to there being no facilities in the area



to handle a crowd Alamo Base Radio used in the "Storm Area

numbering 2 million. Amateur Radio operators were called upon to facilitate communications and started deploying on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 in advance of the gathering in Rachel. One lucky Southern Nevada REACT member, Steven Deveny, was asked to help out and was deployed to Alamo Base Camp, in Alamo Nevada which was near Rachel. At that location, a radio station was setup with VHF, UHF, HF, GMRS, FRS, CB, PACKET, and Winlink capabilities. A NVIS dual band 40/80 meter antenna was used to allow HF communications between Alamo Base and all stations in the Las Vegas, Beatty, Mercury, Rachel, and Tonopah areas. His activation started on Thursday, September 19 and he was demobilized on Sunday, September 22 for a total of 89.5 hours of operating time with only 17 hours of sleep. During the incident there were only 5 arrests, one collision between a car and a cow (its open grazing range in that area), and 3 rollover accidents. Out of the 2 million people responded "going" and 1.5 million "interested", "Lincoln County sheriff's department estimated that up to 30,000 people might travel to Rachel and Area 51 throughout the weekend; in the end, a spokesperson stated "about 6,000 people made it out". For an emergency communication volunteer it was a good, shake the bugs out of your deployment system, incident and all Amateur Radio operators did an exceptional job.



HAVE YOU FILED YOUR IRS-990N??

This is such a SIMPLE task and yet, so important!

You must file an IRS-990N postcard form every year within 5 months of your year-end. If you do not do this, your 501(c)3 tax exempt status MAY be revoked and then you would be faced with paying tax on all monies or other donations you received! WHY RISK IT ??

Here's where the form 990N can be found. Click on this link:

http://tinyurl.com/ya79cqmt

This is the entry page. If you already have registered for a 990N account, enter your credentials and follow the instructions on how to file the 990N. If this is your first time, click on the register link and follow the instructions.

NO HARD WORK involved! (Which is rare for the IRS, but, hey!) Filing this form is so easy and yet so important. Get to it! (and if you're thinking you don't have to do this, you're WRONG... Get 'er done!

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60th Anniversary Logo

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- 1.) Entrant must be a REACT Member in good standing (Team, Life or Unattached)
- 2.) Entries must be received by December 31, 2019 to be considered. No Exceptions.
- 3.) Logo must include some variation of 60, Diamond Jubilee or other reference to REACT's 60th Birthday.
- 4.) The decision of the judges is final.
- 5.) Winner will receive \$100 and their logo will be placed in use for the entire 60th Year and will be featured prominently in The REACTer and all public and press releases and/or merchandise.
- 6.) Submit designs to REACT International at ri.hq@REACTIntl.org



What is the Big Deal?

John Mahon Director, Region One

There is a specific family who is charged with helping their big brother generate enough to help it operate. Most meet this obligation every year by comparing how much was taken from them over the course of the previous year. Some years it was too much, and some not enough.

It has been argued, by many, that Groups "are not required" to get an EIN or follow all the best recordkeeping and financial practices of a nonprofit organization, including maintaining a checking account. Although I have never found a statement noting this was a "requirement" per se, a specific family does note, in many documents, that it can and will engage in a fact finding mission of ones' records and finances to make sure we are following the rules of a nonprofit group.

It is highly doubtful that anyone would welcome this activity, which usually and legally, takes our right to privacy away from us. It has been stated that this specific group operates under the assumption that you owe them a fortune and they're going to find enough holes in your records to say any discrepancies are cause for penalties and fines.

In the absence of finding documentation related to the "requirements" of following the rules of a nonprofit group, I would have to agree with that statement, nonprofit organizations are not "required" to get an EIN or follow all the best recordkeeping and or financial practices of a nonprofit organization. I have found that it is more about surviving a fact finding mission of ones' records and finances.

Since there are some who do not maintain detailed and well organized documentation of their activities, recordkeeping and best financial practices, including maintaining a checking account, such a fact finding mission of ones' finances will likely be the cause of discrepancies and the subsequent penalties and fines. This specific group has legally taken homes, cars and property if one does not survive a fact finding mission or obligation.

A secondary fact finding mission takes place into whether or not you actually should be a nonprofit group. The group's articles, bylaws, each and every group event and activities are examined very closely and thoroughly for, you're right, more discrepancies in the "dual test" of a nonprofit. This may be aimed at revocation of the group's nonprofit status from the start of time, so they can assess taxes on any and all donations made to the group. Naturally, including subsequent penalties and fines.

Imagine, for a minute that you are trying to run a nonprofit organization for a bunch of folks who do not follow the best recordkeeping or financial practices of a nonprofit organization, including maintaining a checking account. Imagine you are notified by a State agency that your group was found to be using the nonprofit funds for their personal needs and financial obligations. Some of the nonprofit funds were used for the nonprofit activities. Naturally, we would say I didn't know, but that does not matter because you are legally supposed to be in charge and make sure this didn't happen. One-hundred percent of a nonprofits funds are supposed to go back into the group, not to benefit any one individual.

All *REACT* Teams and members should be active in the designated IRS activities which qualified the organization for our nonprofit group exemption. This exemption is extended to chartered teams who, in theory, share the organization's beliefs and ideals, agree to deliver the *REACT* program models at the local level.

Generally, a nonprofit application is determined, in part, upon the applicant's type of organization. Many factors come into play with the IRS. Charitable, Religious, Literary, private foundations, scientific, hospital, amateur athletes, prevention of cruelty to children or animals to name a few.

The original *REACT* International application included monitoring CB channel 9 calls for assistance and emergencies. Highway safety and Motorist aid, as well as educational. The charitable activity generally falls into General IRS categorizes. The IRS does not have a category specifically named "monitoring CB channel 9" but may come under the Highway safety and Motorist aid, reduce the burden of the community. Groups may fulfill this criteria by monitoring one of the many PRS frequencies active in the community locally.

As a nonprofit charitable organization, we can look at the IRS charitable categories to develop activities in our local area that are needed, but do not exist, that the team could do that will help fill a local need. One such category is "Reduce the burden of local government". A Team may fulfill this category by monitoring the active PRS frequencies in the area for emergency or assistance traffic, then pass that information on to the appropriate agencies. This bridges the gap between the community and the Public Safety Answering Point.

Team members may be staged along a parade route to communicate event related information, request emergency services or coordinate emergency services responding to an incident. This is an example of how *REACT* can reduce the Government burden of having personnel and or two-way radio equipment at each location. Is there another example that you can think of?

REACT Teams may also further the "Highway safety and Motorist aid" charitable activity with educational material. Passing handouts around the community sharing such information to include highway driving safety tips, how to deal with emergencies, changing Tires and much more. REACT Teams, members and especially those unattached to a team may also be active in adding preparedness handouts in the community,

targeting sheltering in place, severe weather, hurricanes, severe cold weather to flooding if that is what you experience in your area. These are nonprofit activities that will help groups survive the secondary fact finding mission, but not if our recordkeeping is too vague.

An Engineer is one who designs, builds, or maintains engines, machines, or public works. They have to thoroughly examine, inspect and test every single aspect of the job, down to every nut and bolt. The big deal? Nobody wants to lose a home, car or property because the group did not follow the best practices of a nonprofit and we didn't thoroughly examine, inspect and test every single aspect, like an Engineer, to ensure the group can survive a family fact finding mission.

The 2017 federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, enacted just days before the New Year, contains sweeping changes for 2018 that create immediate uncertainty about compliance challenges and certain new threats as states and localities scramble to change their own tax laws and spending plans in ways that could impact your nonprofit's mission.

The new tax law will impose a tax on nonprofits at the new corporate rate (21%) on income from each unrelated business activity separately. Therefore, it is expected that income/losses from individual nonprofit business activities will need to be reported separately, and losses from one may not be used to offset income from other business activities. This means that it is important for all nonprofits with Unrelated Business Income (UBI) to carefully track the expenses involved in producing the particular UBI, so that those expenses can be used to offset any gains from that particular activity. Any losses resulting from one type of activity that produces UBI won't be available to offset gains from a different type of activity that produces UBI. Also, the 15% tax rate on the initial \$50,000 or taxable income is eliminated, resulting in higher UBI tax overall for organizations reporting UBI of certain amounts.

Most analysts predict that overall donations to charitable nonprofits will be lower because of four changes in the new tax law: (1) individual income tax rates will be lower, which reduces the value of all deductions; (2) state and local tax deductions are capped at \$10K, which will reduce the number of taxpayers who itemize; (3) the law doubles the standard deduction, which also reduces the number of itemizers; and (4) the new law doubles the exemption on estate taxes, which may make the tax-advantages of some bequests less attractive. Simply by doubling the standard deduction, the new tax law prevents itemizing individuals from unless deductions exceed the (now doubled) standard deduction.

This change alone is expected to reduce the number of people who will itemize deductions to only five percent of taxpayers, removing the tax incentive for charitable giving for 95% of taxpayers. The tax bill also raises the giving

limits for taxpayers who itemize deductions from the current cap of 50% of adjusted gross income (AGI) to 60% of AGI. This change will enable upper-income taxpayers to contribute and deduct more to the work of charitable nonprofits.

Would your group survive a family fact finding mission with their existing financial and recordkeeping practices? The Director in your region should be helping you develop those tools to survive.







James C. McCurdy 1949 – 2019

James "Jim" C. McCurdy passed away on Sunday, September 8, 2019. He was born on April 11, 1949 to Beverly (Cox) and the late Lyman McCurdy.

Jim was a State Fire Marshal for 20 years; he was a life member of Coshocton County *REACT* for 44 years and his passion was taking care of the *REACT* Park at Roscoe.

He is survived by his wife, Linda (Shroyer) whom he married on July 27, 1968; daughter, Toni Trowbridge; granddaughters, Veronica (Aaron) Bemiller and Samantha Trowbridge; five great-grandchildren; brothers, Terry and Lester (Sue) McCurdy; brother-in-law, Robert (Evelyn) Shroyer and several nieces and nephews. As per Jim's wishes, there will be no funeral services.

In memory and honor of Jim's years of service to *REACT* and the community, the family will meet at the *REACT* Park on Saturday, September 14, 2019 at 1:00pm. Family and friends are welcome to join. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Jim's name to the Coshocton *REACT* Park, P.O. Box 937, Coshocton, Ohio 43812.



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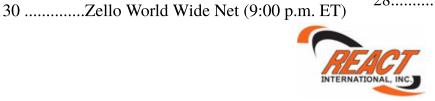
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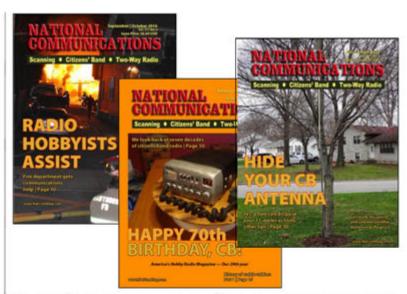
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