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A Word from the Editor

Will Stanley, Editor, The *REACT*er

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

As the last year in the second decade of the twenty-first century begins, I bring you greetings! And Congratulations! You are all doing a fabulous job!

As I have mentioned in past articles, we are beginning to work on re-activating the Public Relations Committee. Our organization desperately needs PRESS!

My initial plan is to have 6 people on the committee and we will divide the US into 6 sections. each member will then find a medium sized city and locate the newspaper there. We will then call and talk to the editot and tell them about *REACT* and the fact that we would like to find people who would like to establish a Team in their city. We will send them a press release and hopefully we will start getting responses. We here at International will handle the responses.

There are 18 states in this country that have NO *REACT* presence and we have to fix that. We have to get the word out that *REACT* is NOT a Ham club. Don't get me wrong, our Ham members are a valuable, essential part of our organization but not the only part. We need more people.

I will close this month's column with a sad note... the State if Illinois, where *REACT* started, has ZERO Teams. Not good.

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(Caption: WHO, WHAT and WHERE each picture shows)

NAME of Photographer

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RENEWALS

As of December 30, 2019, the following Teams have been renewed

Team #TeamName		State	Team #Team Name		State
2235	Delaware County <i>REACT</i>	PA	C260	Alert REACT Response Team	ОН
2785	Abington REACT	PA	4089	Waukesha Area REACT, Inc.	WI
6240	Southeastern MA. REACT Inc.	MA	4736	Lake County REACT	SD
C102	Northern Rhode Island REACT	RI	6116	C.M.S. Counties <i>REACT</i>	WI
C445	Harrisburg Area REACT Inc	PA	6220	Magic Valley REACT	ID
C546	Lema REACT	PA	3135	Phillips County <i>REACT</i>	KS
2369	Martin Co REACT Rescue Squad	KY	3387	San Angelo REACT, Inc	TX
4816	Frostburg REACT Team	MD	4804	Hill Country REACT	TX
6247	REACT Warning Team	VA	6250	Southeast Colorado REACT	CO
C158	Louisville METRO REACT	KY	6254	Barton County MO. REACT	MO
4566	Halcones <i>REACT</i> De Camuy	PR	6192	Laco REACT	CA
4800	Flagler County Assist REACT	FL	6204	Golden Gate REACT	CA
4935	REACT of Cleveland County	NC	6253	Southern Nevada REACT	NV
6127	Tampa Bay REACT, Inc.	FL	6258	San Bernardino County REACT	CA
6238	REACT 74	NC	C320	Superstition REACT Team	AZ
6239	Lake Royale REACT	NC	2114	Waterloo Regional REACT	ON
6245	Greensboro REACT	NC	4866	REACT Don Valley, Inc	ON
6255	Gaston County REACT	NC	4994	North Eastern Trinidad REACT	TT
6257	Johnston County NC REACT	NC	6005	REACT County Caroni	TT
2446	Pulaski County REACT	IN	6007	REACT Morvant/SantaCruz/SanJua	TT
4811	Dresden REACT, Inc.	ОН	6009	REACT Nariva/Mayaro County	TT
C149	Spencer County REACT	IN	6215	Thailand <i>REACT</i>	TH

CONGRATULATIONS

to these 48 Teams!

Not only have you renewed on time, but you avoided the dues increase that started on January 1, 2020

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Region One - John Mahon, Director

Connecticut - Massachusetts - Maine - New Hampshire - New York - Pennsylvania - Rhode Island - Vermont

No Region One Teams submitted

Region Two - Director's Position currently open

Washington DC - Delaware - Kentucky - Maryland - New Jersey - Virginia - West Virginia

Howard County REACT

(Maryland) Submitted by David Perry

November has certainly been a busy month for Howard County *REACT*. Starting with the Veteran's Day Parade in Columbia, Maryland, our team was tasked with traffic control operations to keep vehicle traffic out of the staging area while parade participants gathered and lined up for the parade. Once the parade concluded, our team also assisted with sweeping the parade route to ensure the route was clear before regular traffic was allowed. While this was the first year for our team assisting with this event, it went rather smoothly and there were no issues to speak of.



Mark Thjornton keeping traffic away from staging area. Photo by Mark Thornton

Our second event of the month was the Zaching Running Festival 10K. This race was founded to benefit the Zaching Against Cancer Foundation. The race is named after University of Maryland freshman and basketball manager Zachary Lederer. After undergoing surgery for brain cancer for the second time in his young life, Zach asked his father to take a photo of him doing a strongman pose, which after being posted online went viral very quickly. The pose was later referred to as "Zaching" against cancer.

Team responsibilities included monitoring several areas of the course that ran along public roads to ensure safety of participants. While the weather was a little brisk, this event went smoothly as well.



A Turkey Trot 5K volunteer assists HCR member David Perry (behind camera) in directing vehicle traffic and participants at one of the busier intersections intersections. Photo by David Perry

Our third event of the month was the Turkey Trot 5k in Laurel, Maryland. Occurring on Thanksgiving morning, this event kept our team on our toes. With the course crossing several busy public roads, our team presence was certainly warranted. With the assistance of Laurel Police at these busy intersections, we were able to ensure participant safety at this event as well!

(Photo to right) HCR Junior member Anthony assists with directing Turkey Trot participants.



Region Three - Joe Zych, Director Alabama - Florida - Georgia - Mississippi - North Carolina - South Carolina - Tennessee - Puerto Rico

Cleveland County *REACT*

(North Carolina) Submitted by Jay Flora

On December 5th, Jay Flora of Cleveland County REACT was Invited to the Shelby Police Annual Awards Banquet at Bethel Baptist Church where Jay was presented a Merit Award for his service to the Shelby Police Dept. and to the citizens of Shelby, NC by the City Manager, Rick Howell.

12-15-2019 was a long day for members of Cleveland County REACT. We were helping Shelby Po-



Cleveland County REACT Chief Jay Flora being presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his service to the Shelby PD and City of Shelby by City Manager Rick Howell

lice with the Shelby Christmas Parade doing traffic assistance. I did not get a Picture of Sam REACT-5, but if you look at the truck in back of Blake Scott, the parade event official, you will see a pickup truck and Sam is in it getting his soda along with the 2 Officers, It was a long and busy day with very heavy traffic and the parade was a lot bigger this year than I ever remember it to be. I would like to say thanks to Blake Scott for Helping us. I will see if he wants to be a *REACT* Member!

Halcones *REACT* Camuy

(Puerto Rico) Submitted by Jose Serrano

Greetings, These are members of Halcones REACT Camuy, and they are in different activities, Christmas Marathon, Group Meeting, In the Church with the activity in remembrance September 11.



FIRST SUBMISSION from Puerto Rico on my watch! Welcome Friends! Keep sending in that

news!





Region Four - Director's position currently open Indiana - Michigan - Ohio

No Region Four Teams submitted

Region Five - Jeremy Barrett, Director Iowa - Illinois - Minnesota - North Dakota - South Dakota - Nebraska - Wisconsin

No Region Five Teams submitted

And Now for a "Mid-Country Break"...

Hi there, this is your Editor speaking. Remember Me? I am breaking in here after Region Five to ask...

Is YOUR Team or Region represented here?

If not, WHY NOT?

You all know what your Teams are doing. Do you have a PR Officer or a PIO? Why not ask them why YOUR Team is not represented here! Don't have one? VOLUNTEER!

Don't worry if you can't write. Send ME the pictures and the details and I'll write it for you!

The important part is to be IN THE REACTER!

Let everybody know what you are doing! You never know when something you are doing will give another, possibly newer Team an idea to run with.

Let me take a short moment here to introduce you to the Body Family. They are friends of mine, have been for years. You see **EVERYBODY** knew that something should be done, **ANYBODY** could have done it and **SOMEBODY** should have, but in the end, **NOBODY** did.

Does the Body Family live in your Team?

DON'T WAIT for someone else to do it! You're already out there, and everybody has a camera on their cellphones these days, Take a few pictures, get some details and SEND IT IN.

It really is that simple.

Thank You for your attention.

Region Six - Tom Jenkins, Director

Alaska - Hawaii - Idaho - Montana - Oregon - Washington - Wyoming

No Region Six Teams submitted

Region Seven - Jerry Jones, Director

Arkansas - Colorado - Kansas - Louisiana - Missouri - New Mexico - Oklahma - Texas

Hill Country REACT Travis County REACT

(Texas)

Submitted by Charles Land and Roger Wines

On Saturday, December 14th, Hill Country *REACT* and Travis County *REACT* joined forces to support the Sattler, Texas Christmas parade. *REACT* has supported this parade for at least the last 25 years. Thirteen of us were responsible for the forming area – get the entries in place on a narrow street and ready to "hit the road" at start time – 11:00 AM. We had to mark off 70 entries by painting their numbers on the street in the forming area, hold out space for the high school and middle school bands, put the horse trailers where they could unload quietly, and make room for the Shriners – they are half of any parade.



Ray McLeaird, Daryl Mai, Bill Pitman, Sean McAlpine, David Glosson, Wade Bolling, Bryce Weathersby and my backside – Charles Land

We were responsible for seeing that parade rules were being followed – only one Santa Claus, no distribution of candy, and flags to be properly displayed. We also were responsible to ask drivers to go one way in the forming area – with floats on one side of the road, there was no way that 2 way traffic could pass. David Glosson (N5DPG) was our liaison with parade headquarters and the parade organizers – the Canyon Lake Noon Lions. And the usual questions – may the police Green Santa entry

have a Santa in Green? – OK. Please may we hand out candy? – no. May an entry have a 12 foot tall inflatable Santa? – yes. Should we wait for a flyover by the Commemorative Air Force (formerly known as the Confederate Air Force) – WW2 vintage aircraft, etc.? – no but they arrived on time anyway.

After a hearty team breakfast, the teams were on site at 8 am, and some of the entries were already in place setting up. Charlie Land (KC5NKK), who is a member of both teams, briefed the teams and made assignments. Lee (N5NTG) and David Besing (KD5MTJ) stationed at the entrance to the forming area on Sattler road – a back street. They handed out entry numbers and directed entries where to go - find their number that was painted on the road, of course. Mike Roberts (KG5GEL) worked an intersection to keep traffic going one way and helped answer the many questions from the public - mostly where to find the entry that their kiddo needed to be dropped off at. Wade Bolling (W5ERX) stationed at the parade starting point and was responsible for seeing that the horse entries were inserted at the proper locations. He was also liaison to the Comal County Sheriff deputies who



David Besing stands by to assist Mr. and Mrs. Claus

were the lead parade vehicle and controlled access to the parade route highway. He was assisted by Nellie Reiswick and Hill Country *REACT* President Bryce Weathersby (KE5KFD) who also lined up the first 10 entries. Ray McLeaird (N5RAM) drove the golf cart to provide water to team members, assist anyone with transportation needs, and provided assistance where needed. The rest of the teams' members, Sean McAlpine (KF5AVE), Daryl Mai (W5MAI), Roger Wines (W5WIA), Mike McDairmid (President of Travis County REACT), Bill Pitman (KC5NKE) and Jeff Dillon (KG5YUI) were each responsible for about 10 entries. Lee and David Besing flew their drone and took aerial videos of the parade forming area. The link to that



video is at https://youtu.be/dzeipXpEmIM .

With 70 entries, 150 teenagers and at least 100 younger kiddos in the bands and other displays, and only five porta potties, it isn't hard to picture at least one logistical challenge. At 10:30 we issued "last call" to any displays with kiddos to make a quick pottie run. There were lines briefly, but that went well. We had one entry that showed up about 10:30 that hadn't preregistered so we inserted him just ahead of Santa and passed the information about that entry over the net to the announcer. At 10:45 we did roll call over the radio net to see what entries were missing, so that David Glosson at event HQ could inform the announcer what entries to scratch from his script that he read to describe each entry. The Noon Lions and Santa arrived at their positions at the last minute as the parade started out. There was difficulty getting Mr. and Mrs. Santa into a vintage T bird.

We all had visions of an operation of putting a BIG Santa into a small T bird. About 10:50 we had the entries "move up" – close up any gaps in the forming area. This allows us to be sure everyone is mounted up and can get their engines started (with a few vintage car entries you always worry about that). We had to march the bands from their muster point at the middle school to their position in the

parade and be sure that the floats made room for them as they moved up. And where was the high school dance team? Following the middle school band? Oh no – they were supposed to follow the



"Gassie", the golf cart

high school band 20 entries forward. They ran and caught up just in time.

The flyover by two vintage aircraft was right on-time at 11:00 and the parade went down the main street on time. The Noon Lions entries made it to position at the last possible minute, and Santa made it to his position. This was no more frantic than usual for a parade this size, with only the normal number of questions and issues. They were all resolved quickly over the radio net. Most of the teams' members had worked this parade in prior years, and their experience paid off really well. We are cautious about asking team members to direct traffic on a public street, but since this is a back street, and since we are working under the supervision of sheriff deputies, and since we are just directing drivers as they pull from parking lots onto the street, our assessment was this was an appropriate and safe use of our members. And having safety vests was also an important factor.

Sattler, Texas is a small town beside Canyon Lake and sits between Austin and San Antonio. We have joked that if the parade gets any bigger, they will need to expand the town, as the parade stretches the full length of the town. What makes this one so much fun is that in a small town parade, everyone in town is either in the parade or watching it and many participants know each other and are out having a great time on a beautiful Fall day. With an election year coming up, we have more entries than usual from political candidates – who were busy kissing babies in the forming area while we waited for start time. The parade goes down the only major

highway in town, and traffic that wants to get thru town just has to wait. But folks seem decently patient. Many take our advice to go watch the parade while waiting.

Once the parade had departed the forming area, our job was completed. Some team members elected to be part of the parade and follow the Fire Truck that followed Santa. Then we sat for a lunch at Granny D's and a great time for fellowship. We agreed to look for more ways for the two teams to provide mutual aid to each other for events.

Most of our team members are a part of Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and available if ARES is activated, although call outs have been very few in the past few years - mostly due to only one major storm in the area - Houston. Working public events such as this one are an excellent drill - keep equipment working, remember how to operate it, and keep the team active and working together. Hill Country *REACT* works about 20 events throughout the year, most using voice nets, some using ham equipment and some using commercial radios, which the team owns. We have found that using commercial equipment allows us to recruit non-amateur operators and to hand off radios to event organizers and avoid the need for "shadows" (assigning a team member to follow the organizer around and relay messages). That way we can support larger events with 20 to 100 radios with a much smaller group of 10 or less team members. We also use packet radio for running events that are data intensive. We use WinLink for packet and Excel files in .csv format for data accumulation and transmission. The recent exciting addition of Lee Besing's drone has added a new level of capabilities for documenting events and could be of assistance for search and rescue.

To teams that are looking for ways to expand their membership, our advice is "Get busy, and people who like what you are doing will find you and join up." One of our team members is an Amateur Volunteer Examiner and helps us recruit new hams who are looking for ways to expand their new found hobby. Parades are relatively short assignments, are busy but low stress, and a great way to show newbies how much fun working events with radio communications can be. As other teams know, running the radio net makes operators feel like they are the grease that makes the event run smoothly. We see the weak spots in an event, but if we do our job, the public does not. Other teams that want to know more about our activities are welcome to contact us at info@hillcountryreact.org.

Oklahoma County Emergency *REACT* (Oklahoma)

Submitted by Dale Ellis

In the last few months of the year, Oklahoma County *REACT* collects donations of clothing and essential items to provide to the Homeless Alliance in OKC.

Cash that is collected is used to purchase socks, gloves, and daily essentials for use of the Homeless Alliance Resource center in providing care to the area homeless. Lee Chambers leads the team in this effort.

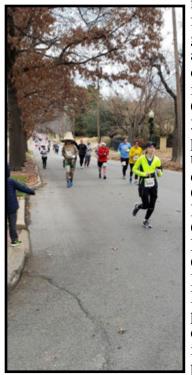
Picture L to R: Nathan Dunn and Lee Chambers. Turning in the donation in to the Homeless Alliance

Photo by Edward Hagstrom

In other news, the members of



Oklahoma County *REACT* had a busy day recently with multiple events. They started the day with the SandRidge Santa Run. This is a 5K race and a 1 mile fun run. Medals are awarded to the top three



male and female finishers in each 5K age group. Cash prizes are awarded to the top three overall finishers. There is also a Costume Contest in which the top 3 winners win cash prizes. Proceeds from this year's race go directly to Downtown Oklahoma City Partnership. Downtown Oklahoma City Partnership, Downtown OKC Initiatives, and the **Business Improvement** District collectively provide services to the downtown area that include marketing, promotion, public art, street cleaning,

landscaping, decor and lighting.

San Angelo REACT

(Texas) Submitted by King Walker

Team 3387 was called out at 0130 on 16 November to assist San Angelo PD with a fatality auto accident. The vehicle was a Dodge Charger that rolled multiple times and a passenger was ejected. The passenger was killed in this accident. The Peasent Village Restaurant was significantly damaged in the accident. A sign from the park to the East of the restaurant was resting in the parking lot two businesses west of the restaurant. Five team members deployed to relieve the responding officers enabling them to continue to answer city calls. Reactors were on site for four and a half hours.



Region Eight - John Capodanno, Director

Arizona - California - Nevada - Utah

Los Angeles County *REACT*

(California)

Submitted by John Capodanno

Los Angeles County *REACT* members assisted with the 43rd Annual Montrose Christmas Parade on December 7. Assisting with the parade were John Capodanno, Will Richards, Matt Misetich, Matt Anderson, Ryan Reid, Spencer Duke and Bob Stevens.

An interesting sidenote... one of the MCs of the parade was Rick Dinger, who owns the insurance brokerage that *REACT* buys its insurance from!



Hey Rick! How's it going?

Laco *REACT* received some good credits in the local TV program of the parade.

Here is a little history of the event and the area.

The name "Montrose" refers to the "Mountain Rose", a quiet residential community nestled in the foothills.

The Montrose Christmas Parade began in the early 1950s when MGM musical star, Dennis Morgan, created an afternoon holiday parade which marched down Honolulu Ave. in broad daylight. With Grand Marshals such as Jackie Cooper, Jack Carson, and other movie star friends of Mr. Morgan's, the parade was an instant hit with the public. This was Dennis Morgan's gift to the community. In fact, Morgan's birthday was December 20, just days before Christmas. Sadly, when Mr. Morgan moved away, the parade came to an end.

The Montrose Christmas Parade was revived in 1976 by Founder, Frank Roberts, a Montrose Shopping Park merchant, to attract shoppers at the start of the Christmas shopping season to the unique and eclectic collection of shops, businesses and restaurants along Honolulu Avenue. The new version of the parade caught the imagination of young and old alike, and the rest, as they say, is history!



Region Nine - RobbyGoswami, Director

International Teams

No Region Nine Teams submitted (exception: See Page 17 - County Caroni Turns 20!)

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January 2020

WINTER WEATHER DRIVING HAZARDS

rain with a temperature near freezing

Ice can form on roads and lead to dangerous travel when the air temperature or road temperature drops below freezing.

safety tips

- Slow down
- Don't use cruise control
- Leave plenty of distance between you and other vehicles

"Sneaky" Winter Hazards

The winter season brings many weather events that can "sneak" up on you. These are weather hazards that cause big impacts and make travel difficult without making big news.

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first snow

The first snow of the year can often cause major problems on the road as people adjust to the poor driving conditions.

safety tips

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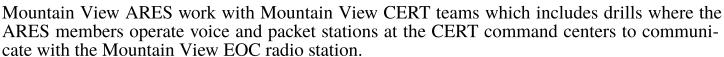
Leslie has led Blackberry *REACT* as President for 2017, 18 and 19.

She has coordinated several of Blackberry's public service activities: Mountian View Spring Parade, Stevens Creek Trailblazer race & walk, and has assisted with coordinating both of the Mountain View street fairs.

Leslie also volunteered to be ARES Emergency Coordinator of Mountain View to fill the shoes of the former ham that became a silent key after 15 years of being Emergency Coordinator Mountain View ARES is a group of about 70 hams.

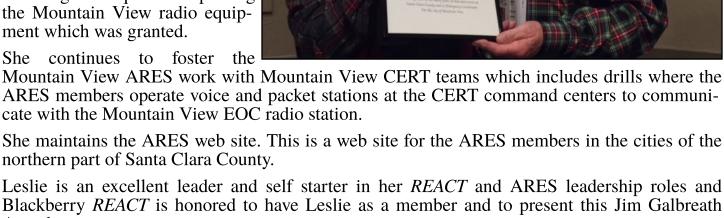
As Emergency Coordinator, she has been active in developing and fostering local training classes to supplement the Santa County training classes.

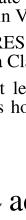
She has coordinated the effort to write a grant request for updating the Mountain View radio equipment which was granted.

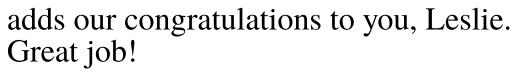


She maintains the ARES web site. This is a web site for the ARES members in the cities of the northern part of Santa Clara County.

Blackberry *REACT* is honored to have Leslie as a member and to present this Jim Galbreath Award.









REACT County Caroni Celebrates Twenty Years!!



REACT County Caroni 6005 celebrates 20 years of service and achievement this year 2019. On Saturday 21st December 2019 the Team held its 20th Anniversary Awards ceremony which was very eventful. Thanks to our dedicated Members for your years of service you have made your Team proud. Special thanks to Region 9 Director of REACT International Ravindranath Goswami and all other special guests for your attendance. The evening was one that will be surely remembered, many awards were presented and after there was dinner and fellowship. Congratulations to Team 6005. The most outstanding REACT Member of the year award went to Bridgelal Ramkissoon R517 and Annette Rampersad R538. Congratulations.



REACT International Event Calendar

JANUARY 2020	APRIL 2020
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FEBRUARY 2020 (LEAP Month)	1 - 31NATIONAL REACT MONTH
1	1
MARCH 2020	JUNE 2020
1	1



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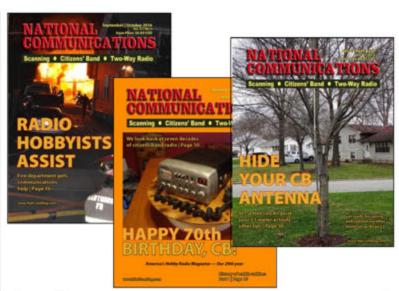
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