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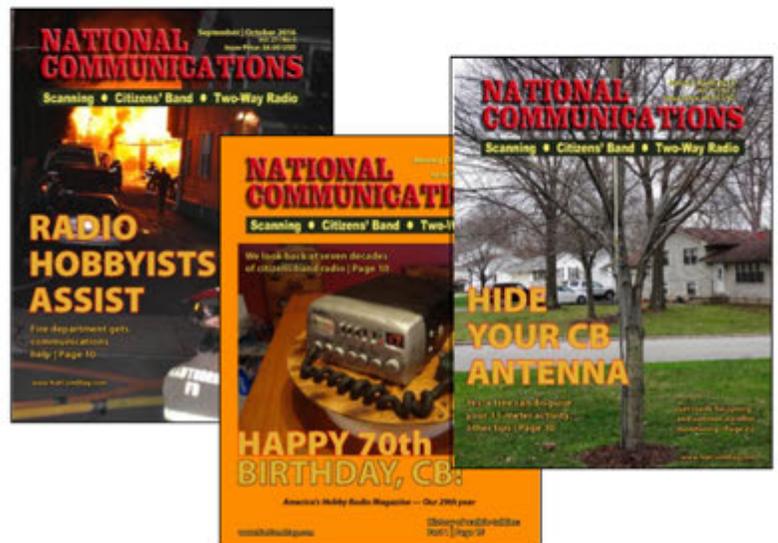
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# A Word About the Editor's Position

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Hello, Fellow *REACT*ers!

Hopefully everyone is doing well during the hard times we are all enduring due to the pandemic.

*REACT* is looking for a new editor for the *REACT*er. Pay will run on a scale based on experience and qualification of the individual for being the new editor for The *REACT*er.

Main requirements: the ability to create a well laid out and attractive magazine, using either Adobe programs or LucidPress® (current program), working with all the teams. and getting all the team's pictures and articles in the *REACT*er !!! Excellent writing skills are a must.

More details will be worked out during an interview with the candidates.

Interested candidates should contact *REACT* International at 301-316-2900 or RI.HQ@*REACT*Intl.org

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**Press the Push-to-Talk button to transmit.**

**VOLUNTEER TO BE A  
NET OPERATOR!**

# Howard County REACT Assists with Vaccination Clinic

By David Perry

On January 29th, our team received a last-minute request to assist with traffic control for the Howard County Health Department's COVID-19 vaccination clinic, set to take place the very next day. While the health department had been operating the clinic the entire week prior without issue, several factors led them to believe they would need additional help. These factors



Howard County REACT Member, Mitch Adkins directs traffic at the COVID-19 vaccination clinic.

included the fact that it was a Saturday and an incoming winter storm was forecast for Sunday and Monday meant they would have to push those appointments up sooner. Given these factors, this also meant the number of vaccinations to be given out was almost 4 times greater than they had originally planned, making the request for additional volunteers a wise one. With just a half days' notice, our team along with other COAD (Community Organizations Active in Disaster) members were able to provide 10 volunteers, covering 3 shifts throughout the day.

While the clinic did run a little beyond the expected end time and traffic did become a slight issue; in particular, vehicles blocking the entrance to Howard Community College where the clinic was being administered.



Howard County REACT Member, Mark Thornton blocks traffic from entering one of the entrances at the COVID-19 vaccination clinic.

Our team and the other COAD members were able to adapt and handle the additional challenges that were thrown our way. As such, the clinic was an overall success and was able to deliver over 2200 vaccinations in one day!

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JOIN US ON ZOOM on March 1, 2021

## ***REACT* International** Annual Board Meeting





# **REACT International's 60th ANNIVERSARY LOGO**

**PATCHES ARE AVAILABLE AS WELL AS LAPEL PINS.**

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# Silent Mics

*The REACTer, with a heavy heart, informs the REACT Family  
of the passing of these members*



**SILENT MIC**  
**ANNETE RAMPERSAD**  
*4<sup>TH</sup> December 1967 – 16<sup>th</sup> February 2021*

Annette Rampersad joined REACT in 2007 when she became a member of *REACT* County Caroni – Team 6005. Her first call sign was *REACT* 538 and later became *REACT* 511 when a renumbering took place. She was the wife of Rohan Rampersad *REACT* 501 and sister of Brian Traboulay *REACT* 510, both of Team 6005.



*Annette Rampersad*

Annette was committed to her family and was well known to be a cheerful and welcoming person, always willing to help anyone. She was a dedicated *REACTer* and a livewire on projects, events, and get-togethers.

Annette served on several committees of the Team, including the Events Committee and Training Committee. She has also received many awards and accolades, including the Most Outstanding Member of Team 6005 Award in 2015, 2017, and 2019 as well as Special Recognition Awards and Long Service Awards.



*Annette (3<sup>rd</sup> from the right – middle row) at a training event with members of Team 6005*

Annette passed away peacefully on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2021 after a brief illness. The funeral service was held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at the St. Charles' Presbyterian Church in Chaguanas, where fitting tributes were paid, testimony to the impact she had on the lives of many.

The *REACT* fraternity has been shaken, and her passing represents a monumental loss to the organization. She will be dearly missed. The *REACT*er extends deepest condolences to her family and the wider *REACT* family.

May she Rest In Peace.



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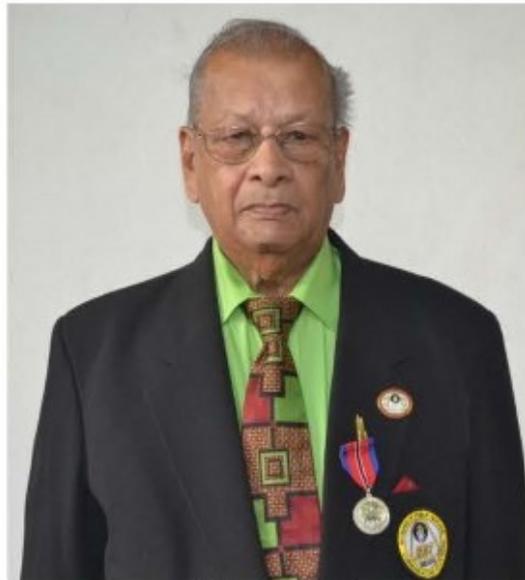
**William Gillham**  
**1952-2020**

William Earl Gillham, passed away on 8 Dec 2020 from a long term illness. He was an avid listener to Police, Fire and Aviation frequencies. Born 7/31/52 survived by a sister Marianne. Bill had recently established a new Radio room in Las Vegas. Radio was his escape.



**SILENT MIC**  
**DEONANAN “KENNY” JAGDEOSINGH**  
*28<sup>TH</sup> February 1933 – 30<sup>th</sup> December 2020*

Deonanan “Kenny” Jagdeosingh joined REACT in 1979 when he became a member of *REACT* Trinidad and Tobago – Team 2496. His first call sign was *REACT* 631, and later became *REACT* 103 when a renumbering took place. He was fondly called Apple by his radio friends. He was a family man, public servant, entrepreneur, sporting enthusiast, and volunteer among many other roles.



*Deonanan “Kenny” Jagdeosingh*

Kenny was certainly a stalwart *REACT* member making a monumental contribution both at home and on the International arena. In fact, though ill, he did work for *REACT* up to the day just before his passing, as he would have it no other way. That is how committed he was, and therefore earned the respect of all. He led the organization through many trials and tribulations as was a powerful administrator. Some of his accomplishments include transitioning *REACT* from CB radio to VHF/LMR radio, obtaining a Headquarters building, hosting of an International Convention, formation of a Council and being the first person outside of North America to serve on the Board of *REACT* International, Inc.

Kenny was elected to various positions over the years, including Director Region 9, Chairman of the Board of *REACT* TnT, Director Administration, Director Junior *REACT*, Director Public Relations, Council President, and up to his passing, President of *REACT* Trinidad and Tobago - Team 2496, Communications Officer of the *REACT* Trinidad and Tobago Council, and Net Manager for the VHF Radio and Zello Voice Over IP Networks.

Kenny has also received many awards and accolades, but most noteworthy, he was the recipient of the highest *REACT* award that a member can attain, the Eugene S. Goebel award in 2014. He was also the recipient of a National Award – the Hummingbird Medal – Silver in 2011, the *REACT* organization itself also having been similarly recognized in 2014.



*Kenny (3<sup>rd</sup> from the right) on a project with members of Teams 2496, 6006 and 6007*

He was featured in an interview for the *The REACTer* in the May 2017 issue ([http://issues.thereacter.com/2017/May\\_2017.pdf](http://issues.thereacter.com/2017/May_2017.pdf)).

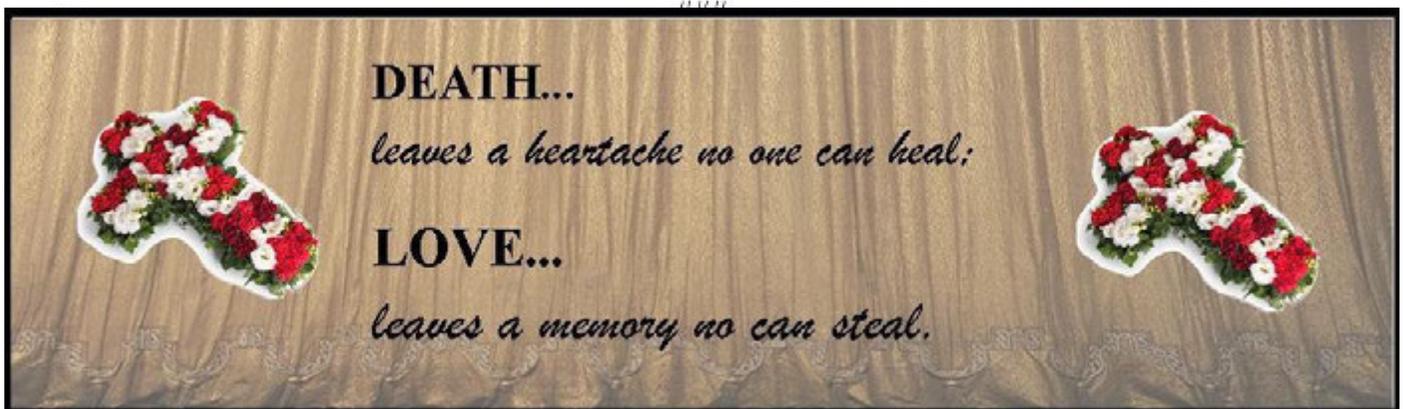
Kenny passed away peacefully on 30<sup>th</sup> December 2020. The *REACT* Trinidad and Tobago Council held a special local radio network in his honour on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020. The funeral service took place on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2021 (<http://funeral.ttreact.com/>).

On the evening of the funeral the International Zello Voice over IP Network on the *REACT* MEMBERS channel hosted a Last Call Net (<http://lastcall103.ttreact.com/>).

A special 40-day remembrance service with tributes entitled “Reflection in Memory” was held via Zoom and YouTube (<http://kenny40days.ttreact.com/>).

Kenny certainly lived the organization’s motto “*Public Service Through Communications*” each and every day.

May he Rest In Peace.



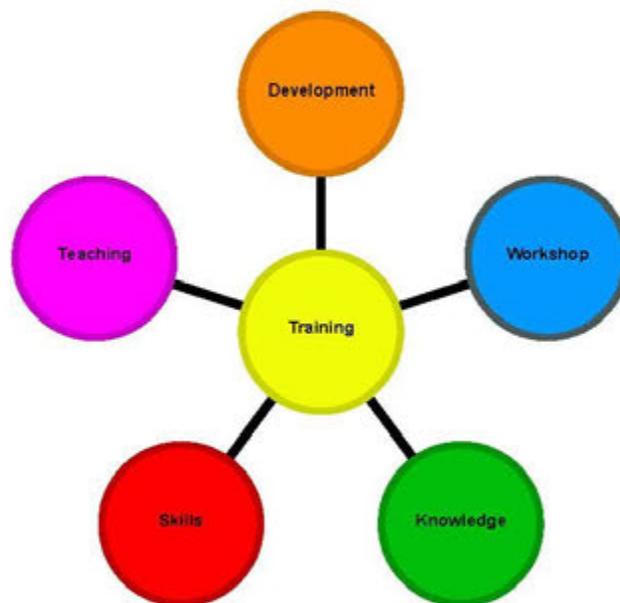
## Virtual Training Conference – Call for Papers

Submitted by: Ravindranath “Robby” Goswami, 9Z4RG/NZ4RG, Region 9 Director

Do you have knowledge, skill, or experience in an area relevant to *REACT* and willing to share that knowledge?

Can you prepare slides, use online videoconferencing, speak on a topic and impart ideas to others?

If your answer is yes to these two questions, then please consider volunteering to make a presentation at one of the upcoming Virtual Training Conferences coming up in 2021.



This column, as well as that of other writers such as Kirk Paxson, our hard-working Training Coordinator, have repeatedly emphasized the importance of training and development for *REACT* Teams and membership.

The author has also advocated for the use of virtual technologies to facilitate *REACT* activities, not only meetings but also to conduct training, especially with the restrictions brought about the COVID-19 pandemic. Apart from the highly recommended courses listed at the back of the *REACT* ID Card, such as the various FEMA NIMS /Incident Command System (ICS) courses, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Skywarn and Emergency Communications (Emcomms) training, *REACT* offers at least seventeen (17) courses with certification via the website <https://reactintl.org/training/>.

While self-study courses are great and convenient, sometimes it helps to have an experienced instructor take us through the material or provide an introduction on how to approach the subject of interest. Recently a sixteen (16) session Amateur Radio Technician Class course was facilitated via Zoom and YouTube, with all of the video

recordings available for playback at <http://tech.ttreact.com/>.

Regarding the upcoming Virtual Training Conferences, the proposed format consists of ½ day events with presenters facilitating various topics of interest. Each module should be 15 -30 minutes duration. This is where we are looking for volunteers. Presenters do not have to be *REACT* members, so if you know of anyone that would be interested in making a presentation, please feel free to ask them. The link to the call for papers to indicate an interest in making a presentation is <http://callforpapers.ttreact.com/>.



**Call for Papers - REACT Virtual Training Conference - Form for Presenters Only to Express Interest**

THIS FORM IS FOR POTENTIAL PRESENTERS ONLY. IT IS NOT A REGISTRATION FORM FOR ATTENDEES

Welcome to the Call for Papers Submission Form for the REACT Virtual Training Conference scheduled to take place as 1/2 day sessions in March and June 2021.

This form will collect information from potential presenters who wish to volunteer their time to deliver training in their chosen topic(s). A presenter does not have to be a REACT member. A list of topics will be provided based on a training needs analysis, however, as a potential presenter, you are free to suggest any relevant topics. If you wish to propose more than one topic to present, please fill out this form for each one you would like to facilitate. Note that each presentation will essentially be of an introductory nature or overview/summary of the topic. The evaluation forms returned after the presentation will be used to determine if further/longer courses are required.

After submission of this form, each presenter will be contacted and asked to submit a paragraph describing their chosen topic or a bullet list of sub-topics to be covered. Once reviewed and subject to further details, confirmation of acceptance will be communicated.

Training sessions will be held via the Zoom platform or other virtual webinar/conference facilities as necessary and is expected to be either 15-minute or 30-minute sessions. Each presenter is expected to have a reliable and high-speed Internet connection at their chosen place of delivery. Although some familiarization on the use of the Virtual platform can be provided, it will be ideal if presenters are already familiar and have experience in facilitating via on-line technologies.

The proposed dates (subject to change) are Sunday 28th March 2021 from 2:00pm - 4:30pm AST and Sunday 27th June 2021 from 2:00pm - 4:30pm AST. Presenters should note that these dates are subject to change.

For examples of the type of presentations, please see <http://tech.ttreact.com/> or <http://info.ttreact.com/>

Please fill in the form as completely as you can. For any queries, please contact [logswami@reactinfo.org](mailto:logswami@reactinfo.org) or 1(866) 74-REACT.

Remember to click on the Submit button at the end.

Thank you for volunteering and offering your services to be a presenter.

*Call for Papers Form for Presenters*

Some of the proposed topics are given in the following table.

Proposed Topics for Virtual Training Conferences	
Emergency Communications	Radio Regulations
Incident Command System	Go Kits
REACT Traffic System	Antenna Theory and Construction
Radio Operating Procedures and Practices	Weather Observing
Net Control Operations	Seismic Theory
Message Handling	Wellness for Volunteer Communicators

Morse Code (CW)	First Aid
PR, Marketing and Fund Raising	Safety for Volunteer Communicators
Defensive Driving	

If there are other topics not listed that you think would be of interest to fellow *REACT*ers, then feel free to make a proposal for consideration by using the call for papers form above.

Look out for the announcements in respect of the dates for the training sessions targeted for the months of March and June. Stay tuned to the *REACT* Members Facebook Group, <http://treact.com/> for further details.



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## JANUARY 2021

- 1.....REACTer Published
- 1.....**New Year's Day**
- 2 .....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
- 5 .....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
- 9.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
- 12.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
- 15.....Deadline for February REACTer
- 16.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
- 19.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
- 23.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
- 26.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
- 30.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)

## FEBRUARY 2021

- 1.....REACTer Published
- 2 .....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
- 6.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
- 9.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
- 13.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
- 14.....**Valentine's Day**
- 15.....Deadline for March REACTer
- 16.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
- 20.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
- 23.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
- 27.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)

## MARCH 2021

- 1.....REACTer Published
- 1....REACT International Annual Board Meeting
- 2 .....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
- 6.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
- 9.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
- 13.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
- 14.....**Daylight Savings Time Begins**
- 17.....**St. Patty's Day**
- 15.....Deadline for April REACTer
- 16.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
- 20.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
- 23.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
- 27.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
- 30.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)

## APRIL 2021

- 1.....REACTer Published
- 1.....**April Fools Day**
- 3.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
- 4.....**Easter Sunday**
- 6.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
- 10.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
- 13.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
- 15.....Deadline for May REACTer
- 17.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m.ET)
- 20.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
- 24.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
- 27.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)

## MAY 2021

- 1.....REACTer Published
- 4 .....REACT World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
- 5.....**Cinco de Mayo**
- 8.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
- 11.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
- 15.....Deadline for June REACTer
- 15.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
- 18.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
- 22.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
- 25.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
- 29.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
- 31.....**Memorial Day**

## JUNE 2021

- 1.....REACTer Published
- 1 .....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
- 5.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
- 6.....**D-Day**
- 8.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
- 12.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
- 14.....**Flag Day (US Army B-Day)**
- 15.....Deadline for July REACTer
- 15.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
- 19.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
- 22.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
- 26.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
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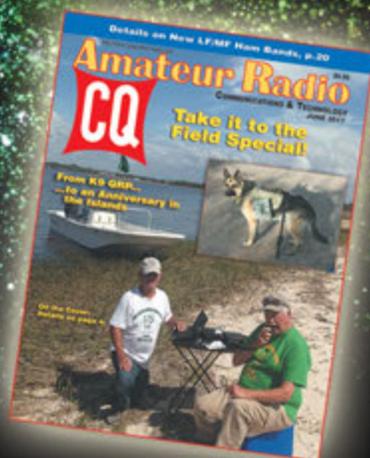


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