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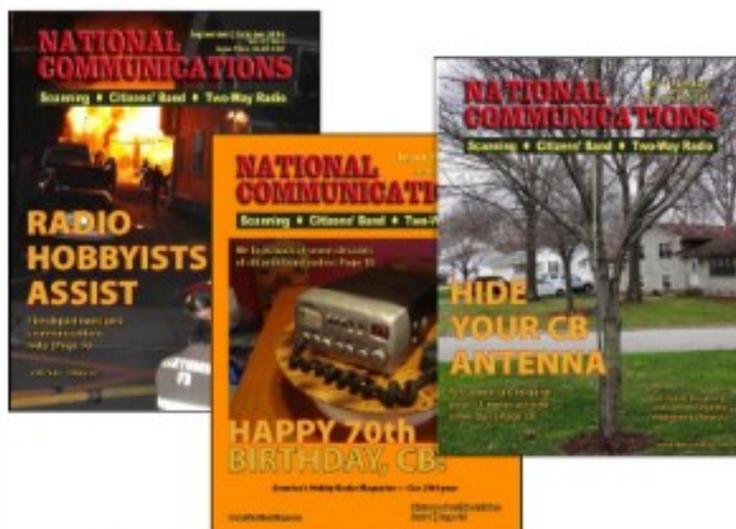
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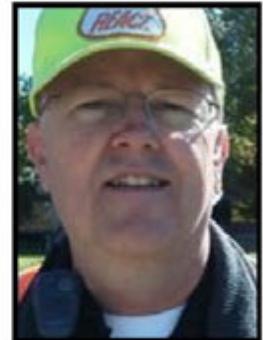
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A Word or Two If You Don't Mind

Will Stanley
LM 273
Past Editor of The REACTer



In recent months, there has been a lot of hate and discontent being posted on the Facebook REACT Members page. Robby has tried his best to keep it under control but to no avail. He gave the people who want to complain their own place to complain but they don't want to go there, they want to go where others are so they can see the bile that is being produced.

I am not going to name names or anything here, you know who you are. What I am saying in this opinion, editorial, whatever you want to call it, is we need to go back to being a group of people who know how to use civil discourse to solve our differences.

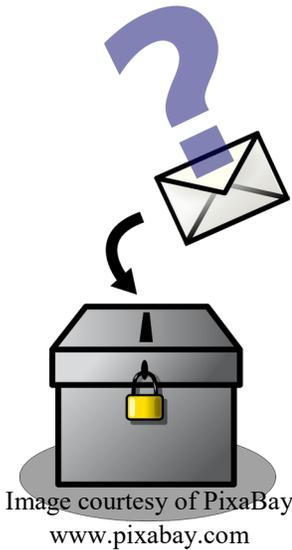
Yes, REACT was a much larger organization back in the day and there was this problem back then also, but on a much smaller scale. Back then there was no Facebook, no Twitter, no Instagram to use as a stage to shout your discontent from. IMHO, those were better days, back before anybody with a grievance could stand on the stage called Social Media and complain about what is not going on.

There are people out there who are complaining about what REACT International is NOT doing right but they are unwilling to step up and say, 'hey, I see we have a problem, how can I help?'

If you are not willing to step up and offer to help, then you are a part of the problem. Keep in mind that back in the day, when REACT consisted of 70,000 plus members, there was an Executive Director and a full staff working out of a professional office. They had the support of the Board and they got things done.

Today, RI is, essentially, a 1-man operation and we have less than 2000 members. It is going to take time to do stuff and members need to be patient. It will get done, but it's going to take time.

So, stop being part of the problem and become part of the solution. Did you know that Regions 2, 5 and 6 are without Directors? Are you in one of those regions? Have you been an active REACT member for 3 years or more? Then STEP UP and run for a Director's position. Who knows? Maybe YOUR knowledge is what is needed. Stop complaining and start doing!



It's ELECTION TIME!



**Robby
Goswami**

Please vote for me for
Region Nine Director



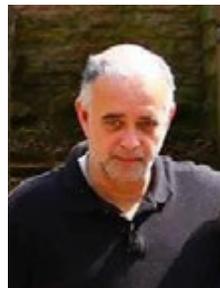
**Joe
Zych**

Please vote for me for
Region Three Director



**Tracey
Corello**

Please vote for me for
Region Three Director



**Keim
Shirley**

Please vote for me for
Region Three Director

Ballots arriving in the mail soon!

MINUTES
REACT International Annual Board Meeting
January 23, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m. PDT at the ARIA Hotel Las Vegas, NV. Broadcast to Facebook and Zoom., by Chairman Capodanno.

Roll call was taken by Chairman Capodanno, Minutes Taken by paper notes.
Note: Facebook Feed was un-successful. Zoom for Directors worked.

Pledge of allegiance – flag salute

Directors:

R1 – John Mahon - Present
R2 – Vacant
R3 – Joe Zych - Present
R4 – Matthew Vizzuso - Absent
R5 – Vacant
R6 – Vacant
R7 – Jerry Jones – Present
R8 – John Capodanno - Present
R9 – Ravindranath Goswami – Present

Officers:

President – John Capodanno - Present
Executive Vice President – Christopher Wiackley – Present
Secretary – Vacant
Assistant Secretary – Vacant
Treasurer – Russ Dunn - Absent
Assistant Treasurer – Vacant

Guests Present:

Brian Van Meter, Lorinda Fong, Ryan Reid,
Ray Lum, Susan Lum, Julie Capodanno

It was confirmed that a Quorum was established.

A moment of silence was observed for all members that passed on in the last year.

Approval of Agenda

Director Capodanno moved to accept the agenda, second by Director Zych.
R1-Y R3-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Approval of Minutes

Director Capodanno moved to approve the minutes from January 18, 2023, second by Director Jones.
R1-Y R3-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

All Reports

All Directors gave their reports.

Elections and Nominations

President John Capodanno was elected March 13, 2022. (Exp. 2024) (2yr Term)

EVP – Christopher Wiackley Was elected January 18, 2023. (1yr Term)

Secretary – The Chairman opened the floor for Secretary. Lorinda Fong, Lee Besing, were nominated. A vote was taken, and Lorinda Fong was elected.

Treasurer – Director Capodanno nominated Russ Dunn for the position of Treasurer. There were no other nominations, Russ Dunn was unanimously reelected as Treasurer.
R1-Y R3-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Asst. Secretary - There were no nominations, the position of Asst. Secretary remains vacant.

Asst. Treasurer – There were no nominations, the position of Asst. Treasurer remains vacant.

Chairman of the Board – Director Zych nominated John Capodanno for the position of Chairman of Board. There were no other nominations. John Capodanno was reelected as Chairman of Board without objection. R1-Y R3-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Vice Chairman – Director Zych nominated Robby Goswami for Vice Chairman of the Board. There were no other nominations. Robby Goswami was reelected as Vice Chairman of the Board without objection. R1-Y R3-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Election of Standing Committees

Director Capodanno moves to table all corporate committees until March 2023, second by Director Mahon. **Finance Committee, Office Review, Membership committee**
R1-Y R3-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Next Meeting

March 01, 2023

Adjournment

Director Capodanno moved to adjourn at 9:05 AM PDT, second by Director Zych.
R1-Y R3-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorinda Fong

PROPOSED TRAINING LEVELS

In an effort to break up the *REACT* training material “elephant” into manageable parts, we will be submitting the following stages of training levels to the Board of Directors for approval. However, we are looking for feedback from you, the members, to see if this would be a more practical approach for members tackling our training program. These progressive levels have the ICS/NIMS training built into each level, versus all at one time. Members will have completed the core training needed, at this time, to be eligible for deployment in a Disaster Relief Operation with *REACT* International Inc.®

Members do not have to limit themselves to one level of training, but can take any type of course(s) they may desire. The goal here was to break it up to a basic member/team of monitoring for emergency calls, a member/team seeking to be active in message handling to a member/team who wants to be considered for DRO deployment.

These courses were designed to be studied and tested by individual members and not in a group or Team setting. We check to ensure you membership is active and in good standing, send the study material. Once you are ready for the test, you email training for the testing link and take the test for that course. Once you successfully pass the test, we receive notification, print your certification and send it to you.

***REACT* AuxCom I**

Introduction to the Incident Command System (ICS-100); ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents (ICS-200); Protecting Sensitive Information (103b); Monitoring for Emergencies (104); Family Radio Service (FRS) (106b); Spotter Reporting (117)

***REACT* AuxCom II**

National Incident Management System Introduction (IS-700); *REACT* Traffic Bulletin Board (103a); Zello Training & Operations (103c); Net Operations Introduction (105); Messaging – The Radiogram (109a); Messaging – ICS 213 Form (109b); Net Control Introduction (116); *REACT* Traffic System – Basics (120).

***REACT* EmComm I**

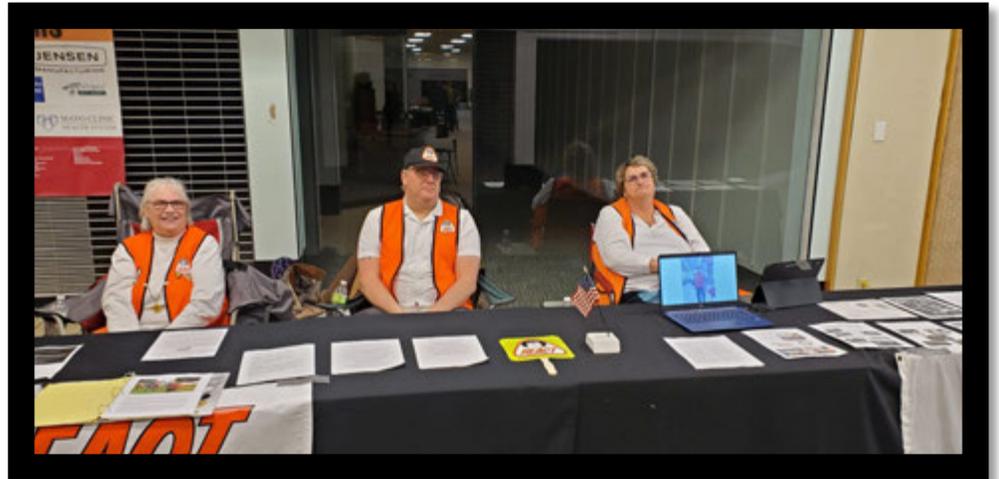
National Response Framework, An Introduction (IS-800); Emergency Communications (101); Search & Rescue Introduction (102); Deployment Awareness (110); Drills & Exercise Basics (111); Disaster Basics (113); Alerting (114); Emergency Operations Planning (115).

We also have material for SKYWARN spotter training and a technician class amateur radio study guide for those who may be interested. We are working on an “AuxCom” training module for entry level members to learn the basics of two-way radio, programming methods and the basics of getting on the air.

Respectfully submitted
John Mahon, Interim Chairman
Training & Development Committee

Southern MN Albert Lea REACT

On Feb. 11 & 12th. Southern MN ALBERT LEA REACT Team was at the Big Island Historical Fair Northbridge Mall. Sat. 10-4 pm and noon to 4pm on Sunday. Albert Lea REACT Team does the parking and traffic during Rendezvous week and weekend. Pictures taken over the weekend.



Richmond County *REACT*

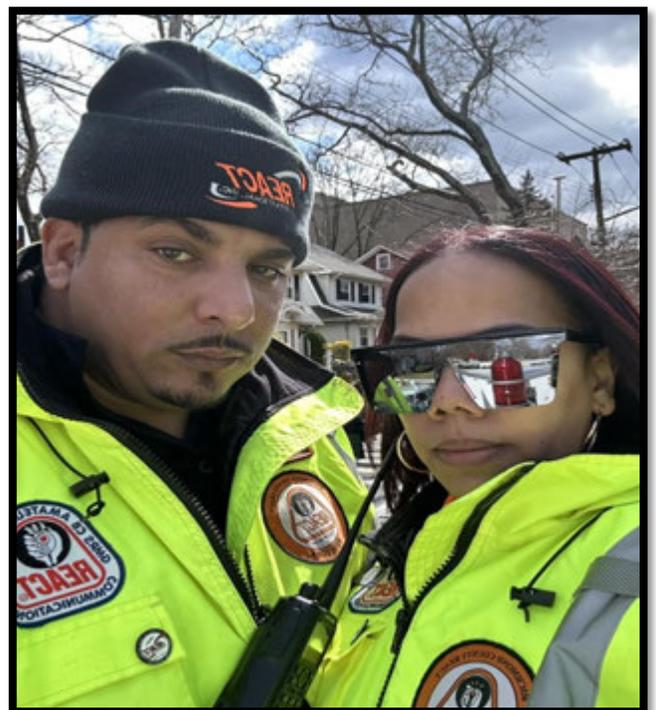
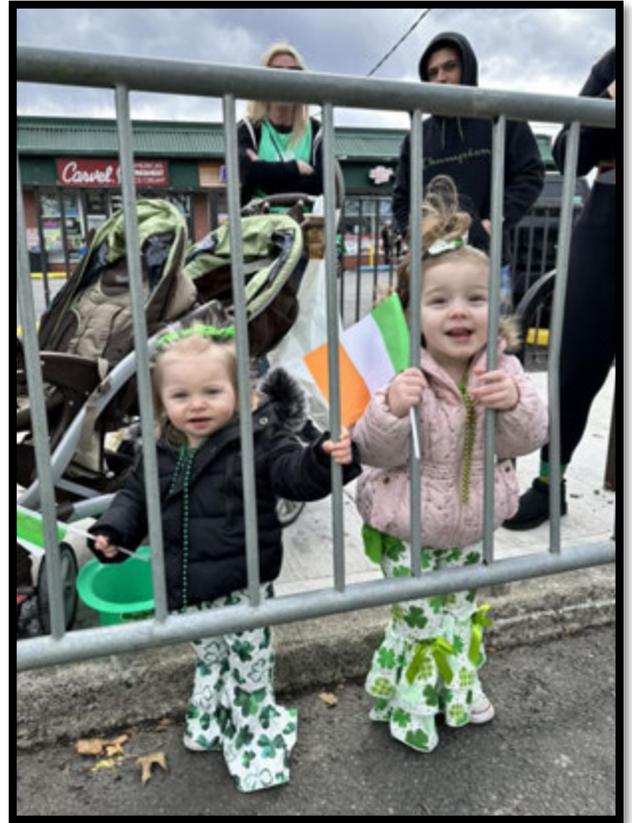
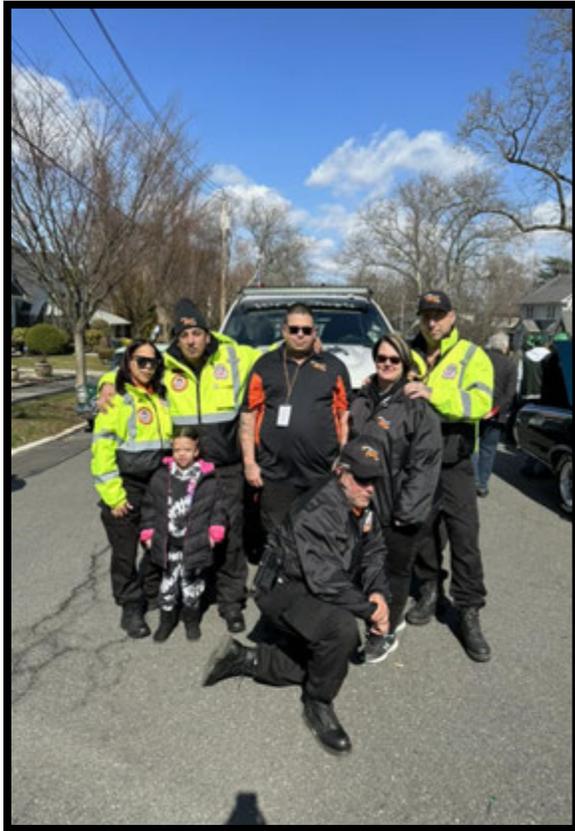
CERT training day

Photos by James Park



Richmond County *REACT*

ST. PATRICKS DAY PARADE



Richmond County *REACT* *Giveaways for our SENIORS*



Trinidad and Tobago Carnival – REACTers In Action

Submitted by: Ravindranath “Robby” Goswami, 9Y4R/NZ4RG, Region 9 Director

REACT has been involved in Trinidad and Tobago Carnival since at least 1975!

Trinidad and Tobago Carnival activities took a back seat due to the pandemic; however, this year, 2023, saw a return of the host of wonderful cultural activities referred to as the “*Mother of all Carnivals.*” A significant aspect of Carnival is the Parade of Bands, a two-day street parade of revellers dressed up in costumes of various kinds, which took place on Monday, the 20th, and Tuesday, the 21st of February, 2023.

REACT Team 4928, with support from members of other *REACT* Teams in Trinidad and Tobago, was instrumental in the staging of Carnival activities. We say thanks for all of the work and congratulate all members, prospectives, and supporters who were involved and made the events successful.

With the kind courtesy of Paula-Marie Granado, *REACT* Unit 266, and the Team management in facilitating access, this month, we feature a picture album highlighting some of the *REACTers* that assisted on Carnival Monday and Tuesday.

















Check out the following links for more *REACT* Carnival features:

<https://tt.loopnews.com/content/wheres-my-band-react-team-4928-back-action-carnival-2023>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iAIXE9vGIUQ>

<https://treact.weebly.com/react---trinidad-carnival-2023.html>

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NAME of Person Reporting— **TEAM NUMBER**— **TEAM LOCATION**

DESCRIPTION of **ACTIVITIES** (Who, What, Where, When, Why, and How)

Provide this info for each event in your report

INCLUDE PICTURES—attach them to your email—don't send .PDFs

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

NAME of Photographer

SEND the entire report (with pictures attached) to:

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Zello Channel

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during Daylight Savings Time, otherwise 8 p.m.
EST) on **REACT MEMBERS CHANNEL**

**Download the Zello Walkie-Talkie app for your platform.
Create an account with a username (i.e: a call sign) and
password, then add the *REACT MEMBERS* channel.**

Press the Push-to-Talk button to transmit.

**VOLUNTEER TO BE A
NET OPERATOR!**

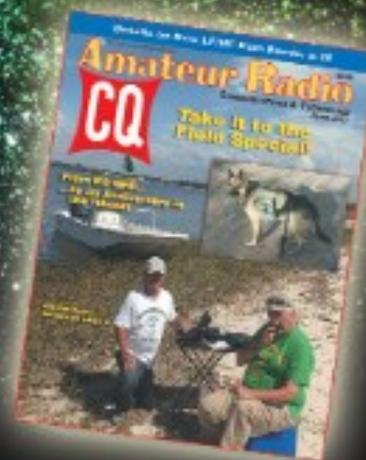


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