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NEW JOURNAL EDITOR

Beginning with the Oct. issue of the <u>Journal</u>, Dennis Stacy, current Asst. Editor, will replace Bob Pratt as the editor of the <u>MUFON</u> Journal.

FIELD INVESTIGATORS' EXAM

Mr. Dan Wright, Michigan MUFON State Director, has compiled an examination for field investigators, which is currently being studied by State Directors and consultants. The exam is predicated on the idea that proper investigation of aerial phenomena requires a working knowledge of numerous sciences and technological fields. A copy of this exam is available for your comment at our Sept. meeting.

STATES ASKED TO NAME PR DIRECTORS

Walt Andrus has asked all State Directors to select competent, properly qualified persons to serve as State Public Relations Directors, and to work in conjunction with Marge Christensen and the National Committee on Public Information and Education. These persons will distribute prepared news releases in their locales and will coordinate public education and public information endeavors in their States. They will be particularly important in the national effort to hold a National UFO Information Week in the summer of 1985. In Massachusetts, Marge Christensen will serve as the PR Director unless someone else wishes to be considered for that position. This will avoid duplication of effort since Marge will be coordinating the National PR Program anyhow.

NEXT MASS. MUFON MEETING: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1984.

(1985 Mass. MUFON Dues payable at that time or up through Jan. 31, 1985.)

UFO forum

Our first annual UFO FORUM was a huge success, with over 140 persons attending. After all expenses were paid, our profit from the Forum is \$334.60. Plans are already underway for the 1985 UFO FORUM which will be in mid-August, 1985, as a part of the first NATIONAL UFO INFORMATION WEEK. Dr. David M. Jacobs has volunteered to serve as moderator, and Budd Hopkins and Barry Greenwood have already agreed to serve as speakers. Other speakers are under consideration, and your suggestions are welcome. Also, a larger, air-conditioned hall is being reserved. More specifics at the Sept. meeting, and as the year progresses.

Again, Thanks to Everyone Who Helped To Make the First Forum A Success.

MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS !

The UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis will host the 1985 MUFON UFO SYMPOSIUM on June 28, 29, and 30, at the Chase Park Plaza Hotel in St. Louis. The theme of the Symposium is UFOs- The Burden of Proof. Room rates and a tentative list of speakers as well as information about St. Louis are available at this time from Marge Christensen. Let's plan now to send a good number of Mass. representatives to St. Louis. Five of our members attended the 1984 Symposium in San Antonio. Let's attempt to top that in 1985, Several persons already have tentative plans to go from Massachusetts.

IMPORTANT

It is again time to run our annual magazine subscription drive. For the past three yrs. we have raised an average of \$350 on the drive with only a small handful of persons participating. For those new to the group, basically we simply renew our existing magazine subscriptions, and submit them at one time to the National Community Services program. Mass. MUFON gets 40% of the fees we collect for the subscriptions. This will all be explained at the Sept. meeting. It is hoped that this year we will all do our fair share instead of leaving it to those few persons who are always the do-ers. It is important that we all follow the instructions and adhere to the deadline for submitting subscription orders, especially if any of the subscriptions are to be gifts for the holidays and are to begin in time for the holidays. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Buy It, Read It, Donate It Tax Deduct It!

In order to ensure that as many people in the general public as possible read the book Clear Intent, may we suggest that you purchase two copies: one for yourself, and one to lend to your friends or relatives who would like to read it, but might not be willing to purchase it. Then, donate it to your local library for their collection (while it is still in a new condition), and list it as a tax deduction. That way, you will be helping with public information, and you will earn a tax deduction in the process. Thank you.

SLIDE PRESENTATION TO BE AVAILABLE

Barry Greenwood, Dan Wright (Michigan), and Tom Gates (California) have been assigned to a special subcommittee of the National Public Education Committee for MUFON, and have been given the task of compiling a slide presentation for qualified members to use in giving lectures on the UFO subject. Also, a slide presentation will be compiled for use in training field investigators. These two slide collections should be available by late fall, and will be able to be purchased for a nominal cost.

UFO CONFERENCE

On Sat., August 25, in Brewster, NY, a UFO Conference was held to draw media attention to the spectacular sightings of UFOs (both boomerapg-shaped and circularshaped) which have been reported by literally thousands of witnesses in the CT .- NY area. Peter Gersten opened the conference, and he was followed by CUFOS investigator, Phil Imbrogno, who investigated many of these sightings. Larry Fawcett then spoke on the subject of Govt. Coverup, and later Phil Imbrogno and Chris Clark added comments on the 2nd part of the investigation, covering the most recent sightings. Dr. J. Allen Hynek dealt with "The UFO Experience" in his talk , and Peter Gersten summed up the day with "Estimate of the Situation." There was also a segment entitled "Close Encounters" which was presented by witnesses to the sightings. The final 90 minutes was devoted to a panel discussion. The conference ran from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm. More specifics at the Sept. meeting of Mass. MUFON from those who attended the conference in NY.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

We are in need of Mass. MUFON members to accept the following tasks:

REFRESHMENTS CHAIRPERSON

This person will contact 4 or 5 members to bring refreshments to each of our 6 meetings during the year. This will not include our small workshop meetings. This person will also be in charge of setting up the refreshments (with the aid of those bringing refreshments for each meeting) and also of cleaning up after the refreshment break. If no one volunteers for this position, it will then be assigned to everyone on a rotating basis. It would be preferable to have a Refreshments Chairperson.

We need someone who has experience with making latch-hook rugs to invest a great deal of hours making a rug for us with the MUFON ensignia. There was a latch hook rug of this type on the stage at the UFO Forum. Ours would be royal blue with white letters and a narrow gold border around the edge. Mass. MUFON will pay for the materials and provide the design on the mesh for the rug. You provide the expertise and time.