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## SPECIAL EVENTS

### SEMINAR ON

#### FIELD INVESTIGATION

Mass. MUFON State Director, Jim Melesciuc, has announced plans for a 1/2-day seminar on field investigation and public information for Mass. MUFON members and other interested persons. The seminar will be held in March, and will include the following topics:

- A. The Interview, Code of Ethics, and Equipment.
- B. Case Forms.
- C. IFOs, hoaxes, celestial objects.
- D. Public Information--dealing with the media and the public.
- E. Physical Traces.
- F. Photographs.

Each segment will be 30-minutes in length, and there will be a one-hour question and answer session and coffee break.

The exact date and location for the seminar have not yet been announced, but further information will be made available at the Jan. meeting. To date, the following persons have agreed to conduct various segments of the program: Barry Greenwood, Joe Nyman, Marge Christensen, Robert Melesciuc. Others have been asked to participate, but have not yet given definite responses.

In order to hold the seminar, it will be necessary to have a good attendance from our members, so it is possible that the seminar will be held in lieu of the March meeting.

## Information

Linda Seal, Essex County Section Director, has submitted her resignation to Jim. We are now in need of a new Section Dir. for Essex County.

Dues for 1986 are now due. They are payable to Mass. MUFON, Inc. (\$10 for individuals and \$15 for couples) and may be paid at the Jan. meeting to Marge Christensen.

## *My Personal Thanks*

I have sent a letter to all of you (please see bulletin board at Jan. meeting), but for those of you not present at the Jan. meeting, I would like to take this opportunity to again thank you all for the wonderful surprise party and beautiful gifts you gave me in November. I am sure that I was too overwhelmed at the party to make much sense, and so now that I am back down to earth again, I would like to say that the silver bowl is residing in a place of honor on a shelf over my desk, and I have enjoyed listening to the tapes several times and have sent copies of them to others to enjoy. Mass. MUFON has been very important to me, and will continue to be one of the organizations I have most enjoyed working with. It has all been a great pleasure, and I consider all of my work with this group as a labor of love. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.

**MARGE CHRISTENSEN**

## SYMPOSIUM

The final speaker for the 1986 MUFON UFO Symposium at Michigan State University will be Dr. Richard Haines, research scientist at NASA's Ames Research Lab in California. Dr. Haines has just authored a book on the disappearance of Australian pilot, Valentich. The book is entitled: Delta Sierra Juliet-Melbourne. The complete list of speakers will be as follows:

Marge Christensen - keynote	
John Schuessler	Allan Holt
Dr. Richard Haines	Dr. Bruce Maccabee
Dr. David Jacobs	Dr. Harley Rutledge
Dr. Michael Swords	Robert Bletchman
Joe Nyman- Field Investigative Techniques Workshop	

The symposium will be held on June 27-29. Plan now to attend and to be a part of what promises to be the finest symposium program ever offered by MUFON.

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# Computer Program

Joe Nyman has initiated a computer project involving a file of our Mass. MUFON cases. At the Jan. meeting, Joe will provide further information on the file and on the type of information needed for each case in order to add it to the computer file. This project has been needed for a long time. Please assist Joe by furnishing him with the necessary information on any cases you investigate in order that our computer file may be as comprehensive as possible.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### DISTINGUISHED AWARD

It has been decided to name the award to be given annually at MUFON Symposia to the individual who has done the most for the UFO subject in the past calendar year, the J. ALLEN HYNEK AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING WORK IN THE UFO FIELD. Those nominated for the 1986 Award are as follows:

BUDD HOPKINS  
BRUCE MACCABEE  
MARGE CHRISTENSEN  
DAN WRIGHT  
BARRY GREENWOOD

A ballot will be included in an upcoming MUFON Journal issue in order that members may vote for the individual of their choice. Ballots will be submitted to Walt Andrus in Texas, who will be the sole person to know the results of the voting. The award will be presented to the winner at the 1986 Symposium in Michigan.

### P.I.P.E. COMMITTEE TO COMBAT NEGATIVE

#### MEDIA PUBLICITY

As a result of a recent rash of newspaper articles with less than credible comments in regard to the UFO subject, sometimes involving MUFON members and officers, the Public Information and Public Education Committee is planning measures to combat this type of destructive media coverage. A policy statement regarding media contact will soon be compiled and instituted upon approval of the Board of Directors. A letter is also being sent to Journal editor, Dennis Stacy regarding the fact that the quality of the content of the MUFON Journal has taken a nose-dive in the past few months, and this needs to be rectified immediately.

## UFO forum

We are still working on finalizing the roster of speakers for the Mass. MUFON UFO Forum to be held on Aug. 9 and 10, at the Beverly Golf & Tennis Club. In response to an invitation from Marge Christensen, Dr. Richard Haines, NASA research scientist, has accepted our invitation to speak at the Forum. However, since the Symposium was in need of a 9th speaker, Marge suggested to Dan Wright that he invite Dr. Haines, and instruct him that he should give the Symposium priority over the Forum if he could only speak at one. Dr. Haines, a graduate of Michigan State University, has accepted the invitation to speak at the Symposium, upon hearing this message from Marge. It is still not clear whether or not he will also speak at the Forum. Should he accept, then the roster will be complete, as we will hold the final slot open in the event that Dr. Robert Sarbacher accepts our invitation to speak. Prior to last year's Forum, Dr. Sarbacher indicated a willingness to speak at this year's Forum, but he has not given us a definite response as yet. Should Dr. Haines be unable to speak at the Forum, we will be arranging for another speaker. Speakers confirmed to date are: Dr. David M. Jacobs, Moderator; Dr. Bruce Maccabee, Budd Hopkins, Dan Wright, Marge Christensen.

In response to several requests, we will plan to include longer breaks into the program next year, in order to allow people more time to talk to others and to purchase books and materials.

### NEW CASES UNDER INVESTIGATION

Joe Nyman and Steve Firmani are currently investigating an interesting and complex case involving an alleged abduction. They will give a report on their findings to date at the Jan. meeting.

Meanwhile, the investigation into the sightings in the Boxborough area is still ongoing, as those cases involve multiple witnesses. An update may be provided at the Jan. meeting.

Bristol County Section Director, Vic Zeller, currently also has some interesting cases under investigation, including a possible abduction. Vic is a professor of astronomy and physics. It is possible that a report will be provided at the Jan. meeting on these cases.

## Don't forget...

The February Mass. MUFON meeting will be held on Sat., Feb. 8. Please call the Hotline by Feb. 1 to indicate your plans to attend the dinner meeting on the 8th.