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GETTING STARTED

At the section directors meeting in September, a decision was made to produce a second Mass. MUFON video. this video will detail investigative methods utilized in the field by experienced investigators and researchers. At present, a variety of situations are being created for the video by the section directors. Some of the material includes: a) physical trace cases (instrument reading, geiger counter, handling soil samples, etc); b) animal reaction reports; c) nocturnal lights (aircraft lighting, satellites stars, planets); d) common hoaxes; and e) CEIII situations. This video should prove instrumenta for MUFON state directors, investigators and others as a training tool. Copies of the video will be for sale shortly after its completion.

There is an added bonus included in this training video. Two of the locations selected for the filming are route 150 Exeter, NH and Ashburnham, MA. Within these two small New England towns occurred some of the most documented UFO casework of 1965 and 1967. Can you name them?

AVAILABLE

Barry Greenwood has received a horde of cassette tapes on Bigfoot phenomena and Bigfoot-type entities. Anyone interested in this type of research are welcome to review these tapes.

MASS. MUFON EXCHANGE PROGRAM

I wish to start an exchange program during the MUFON meetings. If you have journals, magazines, clippings, books, newsletters, etc. that are not being used and are only collecting dust please bring them to a meeting. This might be someone else's treasure and vice versa. Within Mass. MUFON is a variety of researchers and investigators. There are those involved with government cover-up, abduction cases, historic aspects of the phenomena, photographs, etc., so thin out those libraries and collections and help out a fellow colleague.

DUES!!!!

MUFON yearly dues should be paid by November 1, 1986. It is \$10.00 for single member, \$15.00 per couple.



One Mystery Leads to Another...

A UFO by any other name is still an unidentif flying object, and perhaps that is an important point to keep in mind. Recently a State Director received over 200 news clipping on UFO-related stories from a colleague doing research at the FBI library in Washington, D. Interestingly, a large number of these were filed under the heading of "transportation". Could it possibly be that the govt. has been telling the truth in saying that in response to certain FOIA requests for UFO-related docu ments, when, in fact the researcher has known the opposite to be the case? Could it be that they do not have UFO-related documents, but they do have extraterrestrial transportation-related documents, or documents relating to UFO incidents, but categorized under different headings.

There could be no limit to the variety of categories under which an unidentified object might be classified.

The term "UFO" is a rather nebulous, general, nondescript label at best. Of course, it is pretty difficult to be specific about an obje which you cannot identify and which does not behave as any conventional object familiar to us. In the long span, it may be that semant works against the progress of the UFO subject as it struggles to gain its legitimacy as a respectable area of study. On one hand, how can a scientiest study an unidentified object And on the other hand, to too many people, the terms UFO and alien spacecraft are synony mous. The concept of alien spacecraft is too much for some people to handle, so they emplo the rationale that if they shun the topic and refuse to look at it, it will eventually go away. Both of these approaches have resulted in leaving the UFO subject to thrive pretty much on benign neglect.

There is not a whole lot we can do about this except to be aware that as far as filing FOI/requests go, a UFO by any other name is still a UFO.

RADIO-TV LOG

Betty Hill was a guest on WRKO Radio September 19, at 8:25 a.m. It was the 25th anniversar of the Hill abduction case.

On September 18, WBAI radio, New York, broadcast a segment on Bill Meirs.

The moon and sun cause tides not only in the ocean, but in every fluid — even in a glass of water.

Boat trips are often made in the Arctic over the ice. The midnight sun melts the ice atop the permanent ice and people paddle in the lake formed by the thaw.

EXCHANGE PROGRAM

I have initiated a newsletter exchange program with fellow colleagues who author journals or newsletters to keep informed of events in other countries, states, regions, etc. So far the response has been positive. As of this printing, I have received exchanges from Australia, Canada, England and, within the United States, Oregon, Indiana, Pennsylvania and of course Arizona.

Plaudits

Steve Firmani has accepted the position of Middlexsex County Section Director.

Joanne Bruno is now Essex County Section Director filling the vacancy caused by Marge Christensen's move to Arizona.

NEW DEVELOPMENT

I received a phone call from the legal department of Swan Productions, National Public Radio, in New York. Swan Productions has produced a program entitled, "Other Realities". A segment of this program will detail the lengthy investigation of an abduction report. The investigation was headed by Marge Christensen. This case involved a North Shore woman named Sonya (alias). The broadcast will be on the 31st of October, tentatively broadcast also on WGBH. The Mass. MUFON hotline number will be aired throughout the program. The reason for the broadcast is that "Sonya" feels there is a possibility that other abductees, particularly those that were involved with her in the South Dakota case, will come forward.

A SPOKESPERSON FOR UFOLOGY?

Bpb Bletchman has suggested that Ufology put forward the name of one prominent ufologist, suggesting to the establishment media, that such a person is available to speak for the UFO field, when the media finds it necessary to speak to an authority. If all major UFO organizations so agreed, and undersigned one letter to this effect, supporting one named person, perhaps the media would reference that person when indicated.

If any Mass. MUFON members have any views on this idea, please share them with me.

BOOK

A new book is due in the bookstores in April. It is by Whitley Strieber, entitled Communion. (publishers; William Morrow, Publ.) and it deals with a UFO abduction case. Whitley Strieber attended the 1986 Mass. MUFON Forum.

Insects annually destroy more than enough timber to build 1.3 million homes.

Enough paper clips are used every year to form a chain from the earth to the moon, 238,857 miles away.

Think about it

If you are receiving this newsletter, you are a Section Director, a field investigator or a researcher for MUFON. This subject needs you to be more than a title on paper. We need your active support for the subject, and that means that we need your attendance at meetings and symposia. We need your questions at the punel discussions, and your ideas and concerns during informal discussions. We need you to ensure that those presenting papers annually nave not done huge amounts of research only to share it with a few listeners. We need you to be responsive to the media and to the non-ufologists in attendance who have questions about the subject. Attendance by MUFON members as well as others in the field at the past few symposia has left a lot to be desired. Granted, there are financial considerations, but if Ufology is to survive and to ever warrant the serious research it deserves we are going to have to support the subject not only from our hearts and minds but from our wallets as well. Admittedly, this is a voluntary organization, but there is a great deal more at stake here for humanity than there is with most volunteer organizations in which one volunteers in order to do a good deed for others. Also, presumably, the volunteers in our field are deeply committed to solving the UFO enigma. Your contribution can make the difference in promoting Ufology to a respectable science, or simply allowing it to wither away into oblivion as a "fringe science".

(A message from your director of public information, Marge Christensen).

Praise

We have received extensive newspaper coverage from the Middlesex News and the Sunday Standard Times in New Bedford. Excellent interviews were given by Joe Nyman, Vic Zeller, Ray Fowler, Jules Vaillancourt. Due to this coverage, we have received a lot of casework and requests for MUFON membership. Job well done!!!

BUMPER STICKERS AVAILABLE

MUFON has a new supply of "UFOS ARE REAL - ASK THE GOVERNMENT" bumper stickers. It has bold gold lettering on blue background. The price is \$2.50.

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