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UFO Net Report

More and more UFO investigative groups have been getting the word about the amateur radio UFO net and have been writing to find out about amateur radio activity in their vicinity which might tie in with their work. We certainly have struck a spark at the right time with this activity.

The first announcement of an actual net frequency and time was made last month and even before the June issue was out there were seven stations calling in for the first net meeting. By the second week there were over 50 checking in. We will continue to meet on Wednesday nights for net check in on 14,300 kHz at 0200 GMT. If the interest in the net continues the way it has we will soon be able to have a check in every evening of the week at that time . . . and may eventually work toward our goal of getting upward of a thousand stations tuned to the alerting frequency with a simple automatic alarm.

If you are interested in joining this net all you have to do is check in on Wednesday nights and start getting ready for handling emergency traffic. Contact your local newspaper and radio station and tell them the story of the purpose of the network and get them to release information to your area so that you will be immediately informed if anything is sighted that should be reported. Contact your local police and CD officials too. If there is an active CB group contact them. Contact any other users of mobile radio in your area. Contact the highway department, doctors, taxis, any users of mobile radio and offer to alert them if they will in turn alert you when something is sighted. Point out that this effort is not restricted to UFO reports . . . that once an emergency reporting network is established that it is of great value for any type of emergency.

As your local organization grows keep reports coming into your local papers and radio stations. Both your organization and amateur radio can well use the publicity.

If we go about this diligently we can end up with the most complete radio communications organization ever conceived. Even in the smallest of towns there is an amazing number of mobile radio units. In our little

town of Peterborough we have police radio, State Police radio, highway department, Forestry Department, fire department, ambulance service, the local vet, any number of CB units, CD communications, CAP, taxis, a construction company, public service, and the phone company. I'll be very interested in plans that are worked out for the coordination of all these services into our net by ops around the country.

If your club is interested in learning more about the UFO problem then I would suggest that your activities chairman write to NICAP, 1536 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, and ask if they have anyone in your area who might be able to put on a slide program for the club.

Most of you probably read the Look article on the disgraceful University of Colorado UFO whitewash brought on by our Air Force. NICAP is stepping up its investigation system to fill the breach. I recommend that every amateur interested in the UFO Net join NICAP and coordinate with their local sub-committee. The dues are \$5 a year and you get their very interesting UFO Investigator magazine. The current issue, by the way, gives a lot of the inside information on the Colorado debacle. Write NICAP, 1536 Connecticut Ave., Washington, D.C. 20036 and send the \$5.

Auto-Call

One basic need we will have for alerting net members will be some simple auto-call system. With the present low cost of IC's we should be able to come up with something reasonably sophisticated and yet relatively inexpensive. How about it you builders out there? Let's see some articles on auto-call systems.

UFO NET SCHEDULE

Wednesdays 0200 GMT 14,300
Thursdays 0200 GMT 3950

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