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State Director's Message

John Schuessler, founding member of MUFON in 1969 and retired aerospace engineering executive for McDonnell-Douglas, took the reins as International Director for MUFON on July 16, 2000 in St. Louis. As I indicated in the previous GSW edition, this will mean some changes both for MUFON in general and our Georgia chapter. John stated in St. Louis that this change is to keep the organization abreast of the times and that he views it as "an evolution, not a revolution." You undoubtedly also read this in the International Director's section of the August MUFON Journal. That article goes into a brief overview of what is to come. Taking that lead, I will cover a few things that we will be doing in Georgia, whether the proposed new by-laws ARE PASSED OR NOT. IF THEY ARE VOTED IN, the following procedures

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New MUFON Bylaws

I am contacting all of you to ask for your assistance in urging MUFON members to vote on the new MUFON bylaws; either for or against acceptance. This is the first time in many years that the membership has had an opportunity to vote on a revision to the bylaws. The bylaw committee worked very hard to arrive at a modern set of bylaws for your consideration. It is up to the membership to determine whether or not we proceed to work under the new bylaws or continue under the old bylaws. It is your choice.

Thank you.

John Schuessler

MUFON International Director

The UFO Phenomenon: An Alternative Analysis

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There is a definite God-UFO-Alien connection. As someone asked me, "How do you know that "they" come from an demonic dimension instead of an extraterrestrial one?" Nearly all reports of "aliens" that I receive coincide with what religious writings have warned of for centuries. The aliens behind abductions are evil. The calling for help from God--if one believes in God--stops alien activity in the household, or causes it to dramatically taper off.

Abduction researchers David Jacobs, John Mack

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Calendar of Events



- September 23, 2000 MUFON of Georgia general meeting
See page 8 for details.
- September 23-24, 2000.. 37th Annual National UFO
Conference, Corpus Christi, TX
(361) 937-2381
- October 7, 2000 MUFON of Georgia & ISUR
sky watch. See page 6.
- October 28, 2000 John Thompson UFO Lecture
Coca-Cola Space Science Center
Columbus State University,
Columbus, Georgia. See page 7.
- November 4, 2000..... Moultrie, Georgia meeting &
sky watch. See page 7.

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will take effect on the date the bylaws become official, which will be announced in the MUFON Journal. IN THE EVENT THE PROPOSED BYLAWS DO NOT PASS, the procedures described below will be sent to John Schuessler requesting authorization for implementation within MUFON of Georgia.

Our meetings, training and communications will remain more or less unchanged, except that we do wish to meet more often, and training may be enhanced by the inclusion of specific video training tapes. State Section Directors; 1) As of the official date of implementation of the proposed new bylaws (the voting results to be announced yea or nay in the MUFON Journal), all State Sections (boundaries) are null and void, with the section boundaries to be redrawn utilizing our unique local knowledge i.e. we are more familiar with the local county organizations and population count and which areas should be included within a State Section (some sections may be redrawn the same or similar, others not). 2) As of the same aforementioned date, unless you were commissioned as SSD during my tenure as State Director with my personal endorsement, all State Section Directors are relieved of their duties, you are no longer a SSD. You will revert to whatever previous status that you held, Field Investigator, Journal Subscriber, or whatever. I will appoint new SSDs at about the same time that section boundaries are

redrawn. Thereafter, ONLY certified Field Investigators who demonstrate a PROACTIVE role in local MUFON of Georgia operations and a desire to ACTIVELY RECRUIT new members will be eligible to hold a position as SSD and I will make such appointments and said reorganization as deemed necessary, whether by SOP if the proposed new by-laws pass, or by authorization from John Schuessler under the current by-laws. We have no room for SSDs that REFUSE to participate in what we are trying to accomplish locally and nationwide. (See your MUFON FI Manual, Chapter 3, Section 3.12 (especially the second paragraph of 3.12).

When I took over as State Director in 1998, I was confronted by certain FIs and SSDs and others within our group that were just 'dead wood', having not done much of anything for years, if ever. It was relatively easy to weed out these individuals just by asking them to do some work for us and then holding them to it - those folks sure did not last long. As stated, I am relatively pleased with our progress thus far, but there is still a bit of a way to go in reorganizing. Those of you that have put forth the effort and interest, attended meetings, communicated with us at state HQ, and tried to do things properly know who you are, and again I thank you for your effort. Please ALSO NOTE that I realize that some of you cannot do a whole lot because of occupations/multiple jobs, families, health and other conditions and this is understandable. WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT AND MEMBERSHIP AND WANT YOU TO STAY WITH US!!

State Headquarters will also soon undergo some modification; The State Director's duties will remain unchanged. There will be only one Assistant Director for the state, Mark Ausmus. The ASD position is in essence a 'Vice Director' post, very much like the Vice President or Lieutenant Governor on an organizational chart.

Three Georgia Deputy Director positions will be created, to also become official on the date the proposed bylaws are adopted. These three posts will fall directly beneath, and be subordinate to, the ASD. The three newly created DD posts are equal in their standing just below the ASD.

The post of Chief Field Investigator will be incorporated into the position of 'Deputy Director for Georgia Investigations'. DDI will be the proper terminology locally, but CFI can also sometime be substituted as that is what MUFON HQs recognizes more easily. Jim Clifford will remain in this position.

The post of 'Deputy Director for South Georgia' will activate as described above and will incorporate the old position of ASD for south Georgia. DDSG duties will be advisory and supervisory to other MUFON personnel in the area generally (but not limited to) Perry to the Florida line and from Alabama to the Atlantic seaboard. John Bodin of Wray Georgia will assume this post. Other duties will be prescribed by the SD. (There may be a DD Central Georgia position added at a later date to encompass the area from about Griffin to Perry and possibly another for DD Coastal Georgia. This depends on the availability of qualified personnel, but sure needs to be done as South Georgia is one big hunk of Dixieland real estate. These boundaries are also subject to change somewhat if additional posts are created). Other subdivisions of

the state may be created as the situation and personnel strength dictate.

The post of 'Deputy Director for Science, Georgia' will activate as described above. The DDS will be the chief science officer (CSO) and science advisor to MUFON of Georgia. Other duties may be prescribed by the SD. Geologist/FI Ralph O. Howard Jr. will assume the post of DDS. Personnel holding HQ positions as described above will not hold SSD posts. SSD posts will be given to other similarly deserving personnel.

There may be other changes and modifications in what we do from time to time, and these will also be disseminated via the GSW bulletin.

Overall, we've had a pretty good year thus far. Since our last GSW, there have been several good investigations initiated, with good solid FI reports submitted by our investigators. Some of our cases are as follows: Carrollton, Georgia, a highly unusual object following power lines (Ausmus); Wrightsville, Georgia, state official observes low and slow fly-over of gigantic dark triangle (NUFORC-Sheets); I-85 near Palmetto, Georgia, another low and slow giant triangle (NUFORC-Thim's); Marietta, Georgia, witness observes rotating disc hover over trees and then close to within a few feet of her skylight (NUFORC-Newton-Hitt); Tucker, Georgia, same night as Marietta case, unusual lights observed in sky (Brown); Douglas, Georgia, MUFON of Georgia's Joye Pugh alerted us to a very close encounter experienced by the region's most well known newspaper columnist. This primary event eventually developed into three cases currently under investigation in Douglas

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(Bodin); MacDonough, Georgia, small triangular craft observed by multiple witnesses (Brown); Rincon, Georgia (1970), UFO pacing a car at 100+ mph (Hitt); I must mention again that Mary Dee Janssen of Rome got this year off to a really good start with her great law enforcement UFO case in Polk County.

Our state chapter was also well represented at the 2000 Symposium in St. Louis, with 13 Georgia personnel in attendance. We are now beginning the planning stages for the 2002 Symposium which will be held right here in the Atlanta area.

We have scheduled the Summer 2000 General Meeting for Saturday September 23, 2000 at the Gwinnett Justice and Administrative Center in Lawrenceville. Investigative training will run from 9 AM until 12:00 noon, then public presentations begin in the afternoon at 1 PM.

The Autumn 2000 General Meeting is scheduled for Saturday November 4, 2000 at the library in Moultrie, Georgia. As normal, we'll do investigative training in the AM, presentations in the PM. There MAY be a sky watch Saturday night after the meeting, but nothing definite yet.

In closing, I must say that things have come together quite nicely, just as I've hoped they would. We have had numerous FITs successfully testing and moving up to FI, numerous cases investigated toward completion, GOOD solid FI reports like we've discussed and trained for; lots of interaction among our members by phone and by e-mail, we took a little piece of MUFON of Georgia to a mid-western state (!), interacted with other MUFON state chapters, recognized by MUFON HQs of our unit's effort, and other things. All of these 'positives' can be traced back to you troopers and the professionalism and expertise you've began to develop. We also don't want to forget the groundwork laid down by SDs Emeritus Chris Early of Atlanta and John Thompson of LaGrange. They contribute much to what we do, and I wish to again extend thanks to them for 2000.

Semper Fi!

Tom Sheets, FSA Scot-SD MUFON of Georgia ■

The UFO Phenomenon -- Continued from page 1

Budd Hopkins, with the aid of hypnosis, have said many abductees are breeding with aliens, hybrids and even other humans. Many abductees have reported having "perverted dreams." It has to be concluded that these disturbing nightmares are the jelly that Jacobs, Mack and Hopkins have made ET brick of. If there's sexual breeding between aliens and humans, and raping of humans by alleged hybrids—as Jacobs claims—let us see proof. Such proof should constitute newly contracted, unknown diseases and higher rates of sexually transmitted diseases in areas of high UFO sightings. If there is actual linkage between physical ET space craft and abductions that involve breeding games then the other linkage should also be there.

Actually what they and others have done with their hypnosis sessions is to obfuscate what is really happening. They've added great fog to the whole abduction issue. They've pulled out bits and pieces from abductees and constructed a partially completed puzzle that they would like to lay on a table. The problem is the "bits and pieces" are only mental images and without independent witnesses and true physical proof there is no "table" to lay them on.

Despite doing two investigations myself from what I considered reliable witnesses of seeing an alien associated with a physical airborne craft, in each instance the other witness accompanying them denied seeing aliens. Indeed, in one case the other witness denied seeing any UFO or alien at all! As these are the only two cases I've investigated that allegedly involved two or more witnesses seeing aliens near or inside perceived spacecraft, I have to conclude my initial witnesses were mistaken.

It is only when we get into the realm of the true paranormal, leaving UFOs out, that we get repeatable and multiple reports of what I call inner-terrestrials (INT) sightings; the "shadows" and "haints" that have remarkable similarities to "greys." There may be a connection between UFOs and areas of high INT sightings and then again there may not be. I have been told by a former pastor well versed in the Bible that the Bible talks of "manifestations." Perhaps, UFOs are only "manifestations." Since man can project

holograms it is certainly conceivable that an unknown intelligence is manifesting craftier illusions.

By-and-large, I've concluded that after you factor out black-budget aircraft, strange weather effects, piezoelectric effects --actually IFOs that most scientists or witnesses are not privy to or fully understand--heavenly bodies, common aircraft and bad witnesses, all of which can be mistaken for UFOs, we're only left with "lights in the sky" and "manifestations." My point is, it has to be seriously entertained that there may be no true physical UFOs in our skies. Should there be no physical UFOs--although I remain open on this issue--then what remains are only INTs. The INTs, in turn, have helped abductees and hypnotherapists feed their own extraterrestrial UFO expectations.

Objectively, the facts don't support the UFO extraterrestrial hypothesis. This would explain why not a single person has found one physical piece of evidence to support ET visitations. And in the private domain, government research and storage facilities, we could speculate that these facilities contain not only recovered UFOs, as many like to believe, but captured living dinosaurs! Obviously, saying something exists because the government won't let the public see it doesn't make it so. With millions now

having seen UFOs over the last 50 years at least one tiny piece of a "nuts and bolts" UFO should have been found by some lucky or determined individual in the general public. A few grams would be sufficient; yet, nothing. This total lack of physical proof also explains why many governments around the world have investigated UFOs, then abruptly halted their investigations.

Objectivity has often killed many a splendid thought. The preponderance of evidence shows we are dealing with a non-physical, dimensional intelligence that defies our concept of reality. We may wish it different but reality says otherwise.



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and

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In the next issue (#18) we'll focus on Georgia UFO encounters and the re-organization that Tom talked about in the SD message. Hopefully issue #19 will be our long awaited Abductions in Georgia issue.

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Recent UFO Books

Several interesting books have come to my attention that you will want to add to your library. These are books that every ufologist will want to have, hold, read, understand and cherish.

The first is *LEAP OF FAITH: AN ASTRONAUT'S JOURNEY INTO THE UNKNOWN* by Gordon Cooper. Cooper, a Mercury 7 astronaut and former military fighter pilot, details the case for UFOs in two chapters of his book. He tells about his personal encounter with saucers in the 1950s when he was scrambled to intercept them over Germany. He also tells what he knows about UFOs sighted in outer space. Since this is not a UFO book per say and it is written by a highly credible person, this is the type of book you can give to your friends and co-workers and say, "See, I told you so...."

The next book all ufologist should run to their phone and order (it is available only through Arcturus) is *UFOS AND THE NATIONAL SECURITY STATE: AN UNCLASSIFIED HISTORY -- VOLUME ONE: 1941-1973* by Richard M. Dolan. This book is one of the best on UFO history that is available. This is the best book to detail the history since David Jacob's book, *THE UFO CONTROVERSY IN AMERICA* (1975), and Captain Edward Ruppelt's, *THE REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS* (1956). Both books by Jacobs and Ruppelt are out-of-print but may also be obtained from Arcturus Books.

Finally, I would like to suggest that everyone get a copy of *THE UFO BRIEFING DOCUMENT* by Don Berliner, with Marie Galbraith and Antonio Huneus. This is the document that was created for members of Congress and the Senate in an attempt to sway them into action by presenting them with the best UFO evidence. This report was originally made unavailable to the public -- I know, because I tried to get one -- but now can be obtained in paperback format for \$6.95.

MUFON of Georgia Autumn Sky Watch

When: Saturday, October 7, 2000, 7:00 PM

Where: Fort Mountain, Georgia

We have held our Autumn sky watch on Fort Mountain for the past several years - usually in mid-November time frame so as to also observe the Leonids meteor shower. The only problem has been the extreme cold in the later hours of observing. Hopefully, by moving it up to early October, we can stay somewhat warm this year. A jacket is still recommended.

Other items that you might want to bring are a folding chair, snacks, any toiletries, binoculars, video camera and a small flashlight (red lens is preferable).

We hope to see you there!

Directions

- (1) Proceed to Chatsworth on State Hwy 411.
- (2) Turn East onto Hwy 52 at its intersection with 411 (follow Ft. Mountain. signs).
- (3) Go up onto Ft. Mountain (several miles, curvy road). At the top, the park entrance will be on the left, brick and signs etc. Keep going until you reach the Cohutta Lodge on the right (big signs).
- (4) From the Cohutta Lodge sign keep going east on Hwy 52 for 2.3 miles.
- (5) There will be a medium sized sign on the RIGHT side of the road that reads "NATIONAL FOREST OVERLOOK AHEAD ON LEFT." A few yards past it is the driveway on the left.
- (6) Turn in, go a hundred yards or so and park on the side of the driveway where there is a metal garbage receptacle.
- (7) The trail and stairs to the summit are right there. The summit is approximately 300 feet up.

John Thompson UFO Lecture

**'UFOs over the Piedmont: An Analysis of a
Phenomenon'**

When: Saturday, October 28, 2000, 7:00 PM

**Where: Coca-Cola Space Science Center,
Columbus State University
701 Front Avenue
Columbus, Georgia**

From North of Columbus

Take I-85 South
Take I-185 South towards Columbus
Take EXIT 7 Route 22/80 (J.R. Allen Parkway)
towards Phenix City
Take EXIT 1 Downtown/2nd Avenue
Travel South on 2nd Avenue until you reach 8th
Street
Take a right on 8th Street
Go 2 Blocks to Front Avenue
Turn Left on Front Avenue

From South of Columbus

North on 280/27/85 to Columbus
When you reach Columbus you will be traveling on
Victory Drive
Victory Drive to Veterans Parkway
Take a Right onto Veterans Parkway
Turn Left onto 8th Street
Go 6 Blocks to Front Avenue
Turn Left on Front Avenue

From West of Columbus (Auburn, Opelika & Birmingham)

East on 431/1/280 to Phenix City
Once in Phenix City Turn Right on 280/27/1/85
Go over the Chattahoochee River into Columbus
Take a Left onto Veterans Parkway (Civic Center on
the Right at intersection)
Turn Left onto 8th Street
Go 6 Blocks to Front Avenue
Turn Left on Front Avenue

MUFON of Georgia Autumn 2000 General Meeting

When: Saturday, October 4, 2000

**Where: Moultrie-Colquitt County Library
204 5th Street SE
Moultrie, Georgia**

(Within a few blocks SE of downtown center) call
912-985-6540 for directions or e-mail Tom Sheets.

Agenda

- (1) Field Investigator's Training, 9:00 AM until
12:00 Noon, presented by MUFON of Georgia HQ
Staff.. (Bring your MUFON Investigator's Manual
and note materials)
- (2) Lunch (12:00 PM to 1:00 PM)
- (3) Public Presentations -- 1 PM through 4:30 PM
 - ♦ Tom Sheets, Overview on the UFO
phenomena
 - ♦ Short video
 - ♦ John Bodin, general discussion on south
Georgia events.
 - ♦ Special Guest Speaker, Lillian Williams,
columnist for the Douglas Georgia Enterprise,
author, and primary witness in the April 2000
Douglas UFO encounter.
 - ♦ Closing - Q&A with MUFON of Georgia Staff
- (4) A Saturday night sky watch at a nearby private
campground with excellent facilities and viewing
area is being discussed, but not yet definite.

MUFON of Georgia Summer Meeting

When: Saturday, September 23, 2000

Where: Gwinnett County Justice and
Administration Center
75 Langly Drive
Lawrenceville, Georgia

South of Lawrenceville:

- (1) Head North on I-85 N.
- (2) When you pass the Steve Reynolds Blvd Exit and the Pleasant Hill Exit (104) get into the lanes toward the right.
- (3) I-85N and 316E will split after the Pleasant Hill Exit.
- (4) Take EXIT 106 (Lawrenceville/Athens 316 East)
- (5) Go 5 miles
- (6) Take EXIT Hwy 120 (Lawrenceville/Duluth)
- (7) Turn right -- Go 1.4 miles
- (8) Turn right onto Langly Drive
- (9) Go down the hill and then to the top following the signs.

North of Lawrenceville:

- (1) Head South on I-85 S.
- (2) Due to construction, you cannot turn directly onto 316 East so....
- (3) Take the Pleasant Hill EXIT (104) staying in the leftmost lane.
- (4) Cross the bridge on Pleasant Hill and turn back onto I-85N.
- (5) Coming off the exit merging onto I-85N you will be in the correct lane for the I-85/316 split.
- (6) Follow (4) through (9) above since you are now south of Lawrenceville.

Agenda

- (1) Field Investigator's Training, 9:00 AM until 12:00 Noon, presented by MUFON of Georgia HQ

Staff.. (Bring your MUFON Investigator's Manual and note materials)

(2) Lunch (12:00 PM to 1:00 PM)

(3) The focus of this meeting is 'Science and the UFO Phenomena'. The keynote speaker will be MUFON of Georgia's chief science advisor and field investigator, geologist Ralph O. Howard Jr. P.G., M.S. His presentation, 'The First Requirement: Scientific Ufology Starts Now', will include an overview regarding our government's position toward this enigma, what the UFO community has and has not done in attacking the strongest evidential cases, and suggestions for strategies that might prove productive both in Georgia and nationally. Mr. Howard's years of study and research in this area has provided him with unique insight regarding the many credible cases occurring here and in other areas of the southeast.

Georgia has experienced some interesting events since the months of spring. UFOs have been reported by a police officer in north Georgia, over Carrollton, over a Cobb County neighborhood, over Wrightsville, I-85 in Palmetto, and in McDonough. A very close encounter by a news staff writer in Douglas Georgia began a series of reports by corroborating witnesses that are still under investigation in that area. Some events from the 1960's and early 1970 have also come to light. The MUFON of Georgia Staff will be on hand to discuss these cases and others. MUFON of Georgia investigator and historian Michael D. Hitt will also be present to discuss his recently published book, "Georgia's Aerial Phenomenon 1947-1987".

There will be ample opportunity for public comment and questions during the closing Q & A with the MUFON of Georgia Staff.

Further inquiries regarding this meeting should be forwarded to MUFON of Georgia State Director Tom Sheets at 770-917-4419 or <<mufonga@webtv.net>>