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Technical Meeting Schedule

August 29, 2001

Location: Framingham
Town Hall
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Mark Your Calendar

November 28, 2001

February 27, 2002
May 29, 2002
August 28, 2002
November 27, 2002

Officers' Business Meeting Schedule

October 31, 2001

Location: Framingham
Town Hall
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Mark Your Calendar

January 30, 2002
April 24, 2002
July 31, 2002
October 30, 2002

Assistant State Director's Remarks

Congratulations to all the people involved in the design, production and launching of the MASS MUFON Journal. This is an excellent technical read that is accurate, current and historic. Let's keep up the great work.

As a MUFON member for over 15 years, I have seen many changes both in ufology and in the way field investigations are conducted. Some of these changes have been questionable, but many have been positive. Today, we are not as easily fooled by elaborate or well-designed hoaxes. It takes more than a testimonial by a witness to write a book and hit the speaker circuit. We are more cautious using the Internet as a trustworthy source of accurate UFO information. And we more appropriately search for hard undeniable physical evidence rather than blindly believe as fact a witness' testimony.

But, if the UFO mystery were easy to solve, it would have been solved by now. We know that it will take dedication and old fashion hard work. These are the good old "nuts and bolts" of field investigation and UFO research. Yet, there are no guarantees included.

As a diversified group of volunteer researchers, it is very important that each of us develop a mechanism to maintain balance in our lives when it comes to UFO research and investigations. Besides our careers/trades and our interests in ufology, we have our personal lives and families. Keeping these distinct and separate often enables them to co-exist peacefully.

It is also important to watch for and avoid detours and information overload when working on a case. Should you find yourself losing focus or hitting the information overload wall, then call on a fellow investigator for help and/or brainstorming. This has worked for me many times in the past. Just remember that our organization is, above all, a mutual network of people resources. I can't say enough regarding the power and experience of our own group here in Massachusetts.

We have new and positive energy at the helm of MASS MUFON. We have a new journal. We have a surge of new member interest and participation. And we have a number of new and interesting cases. So, I would like to thank all MASS MUFON members who have contributed in the past and who will continue to contribute in the future to bringing us closer to solving the UFO mystery. It is guaranteed to be a tough goal to achieve. But that's what makes it so much fun.

Joseph P. Cambria, BS, FI
Assistant State Director
Director of Public Relations

Officers' Business Meeting--Notes from July 25.

Officers, field investigators, and key members met at the Framingham Town Hall on July 25 to discuss and plan organizational matters necessary for the administration of Massachusetts MUFON and the fulfillment of our mission. This was the second quarter business meeting this year. In addition to the usual case investigation progress reports and new case assignments, a number of other important matters were discussed, including our web presence, linking and integrating our Massachusetts MUFON web sites, and activating our MassMUFON.com and MassMUFON.org domain names under a new server offered by one of our members. This is an important step forward that will give the public Internet user quicker access to our web site through the new .com and .org domain names. Our web master, Mark Petty, and a small committee will be working overtime to transfer our web pages to the new server that will allow enhanced functionality.

Technical Meeting--Notes from May 30.

About 20 members and several visitors attended the second quarter technical meeting at the Framingham Town Hall on May 30. Thanks to all of you who attended. The presentations were informative and very interesting. We're grateful to Mark Petty for putting our new journal on the web and for preparing color copies of the Journal for the meeting.

Greg Berhorn's presentation and update on his innovative and groundbreaking alien detection equipment was highly interesting. We should give Greg all the support he needs in preparing the final details and protocols of this exceptionally useful investigative tool.

And special thanks to Joe Nyman, our Chief Field Investigator, for a fascinating presentation of his investigation into the 1952 Salem Coast Guard Photo. Thank you, Joe, for your excellent professional work and for taking the time to share your experiences with the membership. We should strive to match Joe's professionalism and depth of inquiry in all our investigations.

The next technical meeting will be held at the Framingham Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 29. Although Chis Pittman wasn't able to attend the May 30 meeting, his presentation of an historical Massachusetts UFO and paranormal hot spot will be given at the August meeting along with other interesting presentations by several of our members. Make every effort to attend this next meeting, and in the meantime, stay alert to sighting reports and ready to assist an investigation should there be a sighting in your area.

Attend the Next Technical Meeting

The next technical meeting for the general membership will emphasize interesting and unusual cases that have been encountered by several of our investigators. Here are the topics to be presented or discussed.

Cases from ARUFON--Rich Vitello will present a small collection of cases he has come across over the years as Director of the Amateur Radio UFO Network.

Mistakes Aliens Make--Jules Vaillancourt will give a presentation on the peculiar and bizarre mistakes that aliens seem to make during encounters with humans.

The Bridgewater Triangle--Chris Pittman's research investigation into a Massachusetts hot spot of UFO and paranormal activity. Centered on the Hockomock Swamp in Bridgewater, this area straddles the borders of several towns where UFOs are frequently seen.

Be sure to mark your calendar for:

***7:00 PM Wednesday, August 29, 2001
at the Framingham Town Hall***

★ 150 Concord, Framingham, MA 01702-8306



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Mass MUFON's New Meeting Location

**Framingham Town Hall
150 Concord
Framingham, MA**

**Booked for Wednesday,
August 29, 2001
7:00 to 9:00 PM**

Directions to Framingham Town Hall

From the **North shore**

-----> Take Route 128 South to Route 90
and go west toward Natick, or...

From the **South shore**

-----> Take Route 128 North to Route 90
and go west toward Natick, or...

From the **East and Boston**

-----> Take Route 90 West to Natick, or...

From the **West**

-----> Take Route 90 East to Natick and then...

On Route 90 in Natick, take exit 13 to Route 30. Take Route 30 West 1.2 miles to Route 126 in Framingham. Turn left or south on Route 126 and follow it for 1.5 miles to downtown Framingham. Framingham Town Hall is on the right at the main intersection of Route 126 (Concord Street) and Union Ave.

Parking

Free parking is available on the street and behind the building. Then access the building using the main entrance.

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Recent Sighting Reports

Bristol County... Fall River, MA, 2000, UFO Sighting, Case No: 2001-1

Some time last year, two women driving down Route 24 saw what looked like a triangular object interwoven in the clouds and illuminated by the sun. When they looked again, it appeared to change into a circular shape, and then it vanished. This sighting was reported to Mass MUFON on our web page Form 1 after the witness recently remembered the incident. The witness wants anonymity.

Note: This case is being considered for further investigation.

Hampden County... East Longmeadow, MA, 2001, UFO Sighting, Case No: 2001-2

On May 5, 2001, three adult male witnesses at Franconia golf course saw a tan colored cigar shaped craft for 6 to 10 minutes over the golf course. This UFO sighting was reported through the WUFOD on-line web page reporting system. The witnesses want anonymity. A personal narrative account follows:

....."We were playing the twelfth hole at Franconia golf course when a jet airliner brought attention to a tan colored cigar shaped craft over the golf course. As the plane flew under the craft, my perception was that the craft was nowhere near the airplane. The craft seemed to tip sideways and once forward to reveal a saucer shape. We all questioned what we were seeing and agreed that the craft was very far away and must have been very large. It just did not belong there. It was not a balloon or aircraft or planet. There was nothing in the sky other than the quick passing of the plane to compare it to, but we had plenty of time to study it and found it very puzzling. We all have much better things to do with our time than look for objects in the sky, but this just didn't fit. Maybe someone else saw it, or maybe the pilot or passengers saw something, but there it was, whatever, plain as day."

Note: This case is being investigated.

Middlesex County... Boston, MA, 2001, UFO Sighting, Case No: 2001-3

Filer's Files recently contained information about unusual lights that were seen at sundown in Boston's western sky which were reported by an anonymous witness. The excerpt follows:

Filer's Files #30 -- MUFON Skywatch Investigations
George A. Filer, Director, Mutual UFO Network Eastern
July 22, 2001, Sponsored by Electronic Arts, Majorstar@aol.com.
Webmaster Chuck Warren <http://www.filersfiles.com>.

UFO REPORTS from Massachusetts.

BOSTON -- An anonymous caller notified me that he had observed numerous bright orbs twenty miles west of the city on July 13, 2001. The sun was setting in the western sky around 8:00 PM, when he and his son noticed a series of bright lights heading toward him. The lights were in a rough V formation, and at first he thought they were a dozen aircraft with their landing lights on approaching the city. As they came closer, the lights started blinking off, and eventually they all disappeared.

End of excerpt.

Note: Further investigation of this sighting was unwarranted.

Recent Sighting Reports—cont'd

Plymouth County... Hanover, MA, 2001, UFO Sighting, Case No: 2001-4

Filer's Files recently contained another Massachusetts UFO sighting report.

Filer's Files #30 -- MUFON Skywatch Investigations
George A. Filer, Director, Mutual UFO Network Eastern
July 22, 2001, Sponsored by Electronic Arts, Majorstar@aol.com.
Webmaster Chuck Warren <http://www.filersfiles.com>,

HANOVER -- The witness reports that on July 11, 2001, at 5:45 PM driving south on Route 3, he noticed a white flash, as if something popped below the clouds ahead to my right at 2 o'clock. The flash didn't diminish, so it caught my interest. As it got closer, I saw that there were no wings, so it wasn't a helicopter. I also observed a strange aura/trail around it similar to the heat that rises off a hot road. There were no sounds and the craft seemed also to have a slight wobble maybe caused by the aura, as it seemed to blur the outline. The object was silver and seemed to have black on it. The shape seemed to resemble a trashcan or disc. It continued to approach, and passed overhead and I lost sight of it. Total time of sighting less than 7-8 seconds. End of excerpt.

Note: This UFO sighting report was submitted through the WUFOD on-line web page reporting system. It was then automatically forwarded by WUFOD to various MUFON members listed as recipients of Massachusetts UFO sighting reports, which apparently included George Filer, the Eastern Director of MUFON. The witnesses want anonymity. A personal narrative account follows:

....."At 5:45 p.m., driving south at 55 mph in the right-hand lane on Rt. 3 in MA around Hanover/Pembroke area. A storm front to the south, clear sun to North allowed for clear visibility ahead. Noticed a slight white flash, as if something popped below the clouds ahead to my right at 2 o'clock... thought it was sunflash off of a plane, but the flash didn't diminish, so it caught my interest. My next thought was how fast it seemed to be approaching, following the line of the highway. As it got closer, I saw that there were no wings, then that it wasn't a helicopter. I also observed a strange aura/trail around it similar to the heat that rises off a hot road. No sounds... it seemed also to have a slight wobble 3B maybe caused by the aura as it seemed to blur the outline. Object silvery... seemed to have black on it. 3B shape seemed to resemble a trashcan (or R2D2 from star wars). It continued to approach and passed overhead and behind me and I lost sight of it. I observed other people in the cars around me also looking into the sky as they passed me. Total time of sighting was less than 7-8 seconds."

Note: This UFO sighting is being investigated.

Berkshire County... Becket, MA, 1990, UFO Sighting, Case No: 2001-5

THREE DISCS SIGHTED IN BECKET, MASSACHUSETTS--Peter Davenport is filing this report on behalf of four eye witnesses who observed three dish shaped crafts with lights. This report is reflecting what the caller stated: Three dish shaped disks with lights were noticed through a picture window on February 27, 2001. The color of the lights started as white then changed to red. They were hovering over a pond and chasing each other in the sky. The police were notified and came to the scene, just as the crafts left. The officer stated he did not see the crafts. However the caller stated that she "saw the officer turn off his lights and back up on the road" near her driveway near the pond. "So it is likely he saw them." The caller stated that she saw these crafts on other occasions.

Thanks to <A HREF="<http://www.UFOcenter.com/>">National Reporting Centerwww.ufocenter.com.

Note: This case is being considered for investigation. For additional information, refer to the NUFORC web data page at <http://www.msatech.com/nuforc/webreports/ndx1MA.html>.

Recent Sighting Reports—cont'd

Worcester County... Rutland, MA, July 23, 2001, UFO Sighting, Case No: 2001-7

On July 27, 2001, Mass MUFON received an email requesting assistance in identifying an unusual craft that was seen flying over Rutland on July 23, 2001. The witness put a drawing of the craft along with the details surrounding the sighting on a hastily made web page and provided the following link to the page:

<http://www.gis.net/~ddacres/UFO/ufo.html>

The web page heading reads "WE NEED HELP IDENTIFYING A UFO!" The page describes and shows an H-shaped craft with an extended horizontal section. The craft is shown in bottom view. Details extracted from the web page follow:

.....This object was seen flying over **Rutland, Massachusetts** (small town about 12 miles NW of Worcester, MA) on **Monday, July 23, 2001**, at approximately **7:45 pm**. It moved across the sky in a straight line **from NNE to SSW**, eventually disappearing behind the tree line.

The object looked like a long, **cigar-shaped "fuselage"** with **two sets of "wings"**, one set forward on fuselage and the other back (as shown in the above diagram), both extended perpendicular to fuselage. The wings were NOT longer than the fuselage itself, like those of a glider would be.

Due to a lack of perspective or reference point, there was no way to determine its size and altitude. However, holding one of the new \$1 gold coins up at arm's length, the object was tightly covered by the coin. There were a few high wispy clouds in an otherwise clear blue sky, and the object was flying below these clouds.

On first sight, it appeared to be two planes flying in tandem (if that's even possible) but, as it got more overhead, it became apparent that it was one single object, and not two "hooked together."

Line of sight for the two individuals who observed this object was not straight up, but approximately 5 degrees off of straight up. (Hope that makes sense.)

The witnesses have not mustered the courage to call the **Worcester Regional Airport** to inquire about this sighting. The airport most certainly would have seen this thing on its radar, and may even know what it was.

Additional Details:

Was completely **white** in color, with a very slight area of light gray "shading" on a portion of its lower surface. Had **no visible markings or features** (for example, no numbering, decals, windows, engines, etc.). MADE **NO SOUND** WHATSOEVER; IT SEEMED TO GLIDE SILENTLY THROUGH THE SKY. Left **no contrail**. Sighting lasted approximately **10 seconds**. Witnesses were not sure if the object had a tail fin or not.

Note: This case is being investigated.

Communicating by Email

Mass MUFON now has current email addresses for more than half of our members. That's a big step forward towards electronic communications that should save us all time and resources. But, if you received a copy of this Journal by snail mail, then we don't have your email address. Don't have a computer, you say! Even if you don't have a computer, you can still get to one. Check with a friend or relative. Check the library. Most public libraries have computers for public use. Find one. Ask the librarian to help you. Then set up a free email address with Hotmail.com, Yahoo.com, or Juno.com. Do it today. Then send your first email to us at Massmufon@aol.com so you can stay in the loop of communication. And for those of you who already have computers and email addresses, be sure to check your email daily.

ARUFON--The Amateur Radio UFO Net--Part 1

By Rich Vitello

The Amateur Radio UFO Net or ARUFON (pronounced A-ROOF-FON) meets twice weekly on the short-wave frequencies. ARUFON's mission is the dissemination of UFO reports while providing a forum for individuals to freely express their opinions about the UFO subject without fear of ridicule or the 'giggle factor' so often encountered in communicating with the public or the media. As net control for ARUFON, my job is to facilitate this form of communication during these radio sessions to allow our mission to be accomplished.

To understanding how ARUFON operates, let's start with the basics. An amateur radio operator, also known as a Ham radio operator, is a radio enthusiast who has been tested and licensed by the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) to own and operation a hobbyist non-profit radio station. The FCC issues a unique call sign for each station. My call sign is W1RV. A station usually consists of a home transceiver or a mobile radio, or both. Operational frequencies of these stations are in the kilohertz (kHz) or Megahertz (MHz) range similar to the frequencies used in your AM/FM car radio. For instance, the 103.3 FM oldies station actually operates at a frequency of 103.3 MHz. FM refers to frequency modulation, which is a mode of broadcasting the music signal.

As you know from experience, FM is not subject to the interference that comes from lightning during a thunderstorm, which is often heard with AM radios. This type of electrical interference is what Ham radio operators refer to as the "atmospherics" often heard on the short-wave frequency bands. Unfortunately, most Ham radios using short-wave bands are subject to these and other atmospheric effects, especially during the summer months. This fact makes it easier to understand why ARUFON operates the way it does.

ARUFON's broadcasting session begins with a preamble that reads as follows: "This is the Amateur Radio UFO Net. This net meets every Tuesday and Saturday evening at 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the frequency of 3.9777 MHz. If you do not hear us on this frequency, listen on the 40-meter Amateur band on approximately 7.236.5 MHz. This net consists of individuals interested in the study of UFO's. Topics of the net include, but are not limited to UFOs. We have a page on the World Wide Web. Just type www.arufon.org into your web browser and it will link you directly to our web page. We also have an email address: arufon@yahoo.com. If you would like to be on the ARUFON email distribution list, send an email stating you would like to subscribe. Bill S, affectionately referred to as Commandant X, who handles all the ARUFON Internet email, will add you to the list. If you would like to send an email to the list, address it to the ARUFON email address and make sure you type ARUFON in the subject line of the email."

After reading the preamble, I call for "check-ins." This allows amateurs who wish to participate in the net's discussions to announce their Ham operator's call sign. These call signs are then entered into a computerized logbook that keeps track of the date, time, frequency and any other information or notes that might be relevant. This electronic logbook allows me, the net control, to reference the history of prior nets using any given date or call sign. We often have as many as 40 or 50 stations from all over the United States checking in. As the Net Control station with this many stations participating, I must attempt to somewhat limit the time each station uses in order to keep the conversations moving along. With this many stations participating, I find it necessary to keep the flow of the conversations moving along. This allows everyone an opportunity to air his or her opinions, experiences and thoughts. Hams call this 'traffic'. When the traffic is low, we get through the entire list of stations quickly. Then, either Bill, the net control for the Midwest (WB9NLI), or I will read from some of the electronic magazines we receive over the Internet which contain the latest UFO flaps and reports. By the way, Bill is also a member of MUFON and CUFOS. We often reference and discuss material from the MUFON and CUFOS Journals on the net. This will usually spark some intensive conversations among the net members making ARUFON a fascinating and highly educational experience for the ufologist.

In Part II of this series on ARUFON, I'll have details from individuals that include people with military backgrounds who have extremely interesting first hand UFO knowledge and experiences.

Note: Rich Vitello-- W1RV Net Control for ARUFON, can be reached by email at w1rv@abcde.com or by US mail at R. Vitello, 37 Hilltop St, Grafton, MA 01536.

Investigative Tools available on-line

By Mark Petty

For researching a case, field investigators have numerous investigative tools available on the web, many of which have links from the Members-Only area of our website. One of the most helpful is our "Investigative Information" page at <http://www.members.aol.com/MassMUFON/stats.html>. This multi-functional page contains a state map. Clicking any location on the map links you to Wunderground.com, a website featuring local weather conditions, including present conditions, local radar and satellite imagery, forecasts, astronomical information, weather advisories, moon phases, and the ability to look up historical data for that location. This is a very compact website puts so much information at your fingertips.

The "Investigative Information" page also has links to the National UFO Reporting Center, an excellent place to review reported cases that might relate to a case you are investigating. The page also has links to the U.S. Naval Observatory website for astronomical information, the Heaven's Above website that gives satellite and astronomical information, the *U* UFO Database website charting UFO reports, the Temporal Doorway UFO Catalog Database Query that lists past cases, and various Massachusetts map and aerial photo sources.

Located on the main "Members-Only" webpage is a link to Logan Airport, and on our "Links" webpage are links to various Massachusetts-based and National UFO organizations that might have even more investigative tools and information.

With all these sources available to a field investigator, a solid overview of the weather, geographical, and atmospheric and astronomical conditions is provided which can help you find or possibly eliminate a possible mundane explanation for a sighting and supply a better overall picture of the sighting environment.

For further information on Massachusetts MUFON on the Internet, please review articles in previous editions of the Massachusetts MUFON Journal.

Cases from the Archives

Two Historical Massachusetts UFO Cases--STATUS: UNRESOLVED

Submitted by Chris Pittman

Occasionally, only a few scraps of data facilitate an investigation that then turns just a curious story into a solid UFO case. However, many older UFO cases remain little more than tantalizing leads with no open avenue of inquiry. Consider the following two unresolved UFO incidents that took place here in Massachusetts.

Case No: 1946-1.....UFOs Photographed Over Bernardston in 1946

One of the most interesting sightings in Massachusetts's history occurred at Bernardston in March of 1946. The witness, Fred Stange, saw five unidentified objects in the sky--three in a "V" formation and "two others with them, hovering around the sky nearby." With his box camera, and using black and white film, he snapped a single photo of the disc-shaped UFOs before they were lost to view. When developed, the photograph showed the UFOs as blurry white round blobs.

In 1954, Stange submitted the photo to Rev. Albert Baller, a UFO investigator who later became a board member of NICAP, the National Information Center for Aerial Phenomena. According to the June 3, 1955 issue of Leonard H. Stringfield's CRIFO Newsletter, the photo showed all five UFOs. This, however, conflicted with other sources, which reported that only the three craft in formation were visible in the image. The lead object in the "V" appeared the largest on the print.

A very poor-quality copy of Stange's original photo was later studied by NICAP. In that print, many splotches were apparent, and it was impossible to make out any discernible UFO images. While hundreds of UFO photographs have been taken over the years, Stange's was one of the firsts. Unfortunately, I have not been able to locate any copies of this historic photo. It is possible that all prints of this important piece of evidence have been lost.

Case No: 1969-1.....High Strangeness UFO and Entity Case in 1969

A bizarre incident described by John Keel in Disneyland of the Gods, (p. 152-153)...

"In the fall of 1969, an astonished motorist in Massachusetts found the road blocked by a large saucer. A red-faced man with 'popping eyes' came up to his car and asked the witness to drive him to the nearest town. The man wore a short black coat and 'very shiny green trousers made out of some material I have never seen before.' As soon as the man got into his car, the object on the road lifted silently into the air and vanished. The witness tried to talk to the person, but he seemed to have great difficulty breathing. When asked where he was from, he replied, 'You wouldn't understand.' The driver was thinking of going straight to the local police station as soon as he let the man out. But when the person got out of the car on the main street of the town he wheezed, 'Nobody is going to believe you, so don't bother.' He appeared to stagger uncertainly as he moved away."

Note: I have looked into John Keel's credibility as an author, and even spoken with someone who worked with him in the 1960's. I have found no reason to doubt that Keel was reporting this incident as it was reported to him.

If anyone has information concerning either of these two UFO cases, please email me, Chris Pittman, socorro64@aol.com.

Who's Who and Who's New

New Members in 2001

We welcome our new and returning Mass MUFON members:

Robert Cansler, Field Investigator Trainee in Middlesex County returns to us after an illness
Judith Knickle, Field Investigator Trainee in Essex County
Bill Roache, Field Investigator Trainee in Worcester County
Kris VanAlstine, Field Investigator Trainee, Astronomy and Amateur Radio Operator in Middlesex County
James O'Leary, Consultant in Law and Field Investigator Trainee in Bristol County
Bruce Westerback, Field Investigator Trainee in Worcester County
Dr. Brian Pinette, Computer Scientist, Field Investigator Trainee in Franklin County
Dr. G.E. Tucker, Philosophy and Applied Physics, Journal Subscriber in Hampshire County
Robert Kokocinski, Journal Subscriber in Worcester County
Beth Henry, Journal Subscriber in Bristol County

Terri Browne, Associate Member in Hampden County
David Pearson, Journal Subscriber in Middlesex County (we need your telephone and email address)
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Field Investigator Training

The Field Investigator's Exam

Congratulations to Noreen Bellio on passing the Field Investigator's Exam last quarter. The National MUFON Journal recently officially listed Noreen as Field Investigator for Middlesex County.

The MUFON Board of Directors has adopted the Field Investigator's Examination for ongoing use. Together with UFO case experience and related organizational involvement, the exam constitutes a primary means to evaluate the trainee's potential for advancement to field investigator status.

The exam is designed to test your general knowledge of the various physical and social sciences, technologies and investigative practices that may be called upon during a given UFO investigation. It comprises one hundred questions in twelve specific areas: celestial objects, atmosphere and weather, optics and sound, measurement and shapes, radio and radar, conventional vehicles, electrical/magnetic effects, photography, landing cases, entity and abduction cases, witness recall, and MUFON form particulars.

In total, there are fifty-three multiple-choice, forty true/false, and seven fill-in-the-blank questions. The questions are not intended to be exhaustive, but rather illustrative in their scope. The exam is in a "take home" correspondence course format. You may take as long as necessary to complete the exam and you may use any resource available. The majority of answers can be readily found in the Field Investigator's Manual, a dictionary or encyclopedia. The remainders are major findings of one or more basic texts on the subject or are otherwise obtained through direct observations. You must have an 80 percent or higher to attain a passing grade.

To obtain a copy of the MUFON Field Investigator's Manual (4th Edition) contact MUFON Headquarters directly at PO Box 369, Morrison, CO 80465-0369.

When you are ready to take the exam, contact your State Director by email at Bartelmann@worldnet.att.net .