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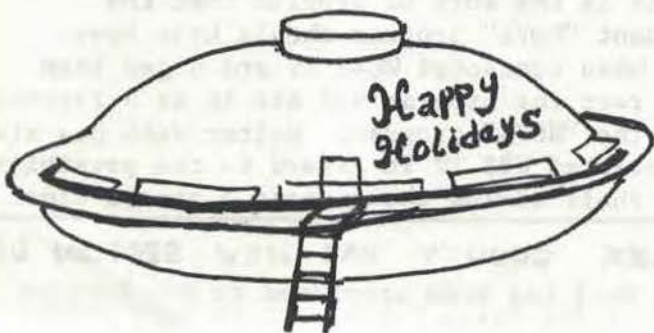
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MUFON to have tax-exempt status

According to MUFON's International Director, Walt Andrus, in Seguin, Texas, MUFON has been granted a Tax-Exempt status. At the present time, Walt is awaiting receipt of our tax-exempt number, and as soon as he receives that information, he will issue information to MUFON members regarding the implications of the new Tax-Exempt status for us as investigators.

During a phone conversation, Walt told Marge Christensen that the new status will allow investigators to list certain, specific expenses related to investigations, on our income tax forms. These investigative expenses are very specific and will not include all expenses. He did comment to the effect that such items as gasoline, motel costs (if it were necessary for an investigator to travel to another city or town for a case, and remain overnight) would be included in deductible expenses. Also, costs of administering psychological testing on witnesses in abduction cases, would be deductible.

Donations made to MUFON would also be considered as deductible contributions, according to Walt. It is advisable, however, that everyone await specific written info. from Walt before deducting any of these items. Walt said he would have info. before end of '82.



Mass. MUFON new director

Over the past several months, I have been approached by several MUFON members and asked to consider accepting the office of State Director for Massachusetts since Joe Santangelo has made the decision to vacate that position. I truly appreciate the confidence you have expressed in my ability to serve the group as its leader and to perform administrative duties well. These many compliments coming from several top-notch investigators and senior members of the organization who have a great deal more experience with MUFON than I have, have made me very cognizant of my responsibilities to the organization as its new State Director. In that capacity, I assure you that I will always extend my very best effort and will aspire to ensure that Mass. MUFON will maintain the highest standards of professionalism in the area of UFO research and investigations.

I would also like to maintain excellent lines of communication with all members and will continue to be open to suggestions which would benefit the organization and its members in any way, as Joe Santangelo has during his term as Director.

I feel that public information and education are both vitally important functions of ours, since the public is not only uninformed, but it is misinformed, in general. Toward that aim, I will continue to teach courses, and encourage others to do the same in your areas. I think that there is a great deal which can be done in the area of public information, and will be supportive of projects and activities which are geared to inform citizens with regard to the UFO situation. I seek your assistance in this area, as well as in many others, and I am enthusiastic about working together as we begin the New Year in 1983.

Marge Christensen

From our Historian

Barry Greenwood would like to request that anyone who has file folders which you do not need, please save them for him. He has an urgent need for a large number of folders.

Also, Barry is in need of a 1976 Almanac. If you have one to spare, please call Barry.

Prentice-Hall has officially agreed to publish the book Barry and Larry Fawcett are writing on govt. documents. The book should be on the market in mid 1983.

CONGRATULATIONS, BARRY GREENWOOD AND LARRY FAWCETT

Public Education Committee Underway

The newly formed National Public Education Committee (a sub-committee of the Public Relations Committee) began its work on Nov. 21, at a meeting at the home of Marge Christensen. Committee members in Massachusetts are: Walter Webb, Joan Thompson and Marge Christensen. Barry Greenwood is serving as a special consultant.

The immediate tasks of the committee are to write objective, balanced, interesting news articles of public interest for national distribution through the UPI and AP news wire services. The intent is to keep the UFO topic in the news.

Also, a national telephone network is being formulated, through which it would be possible for Walt Andrus to notify every State Director of a major event within an hour's time.

Preparation is also underway to make better use of our National Advisory Board of Consultants and to utilize their knowledge and services in their areas of expertise to a greater extent.

The committee has a counterpart-committee in Texas, whose members are Dennis Stacy and Thomas Deuley.

Get Well

Mass. MUFON member, Belinda Bacon has been hospitalized as a result of an accident. If you would like to send her a get well card, send it to: New England Rehabilitation Hospital
Rehabilitation Way
Woburn, Ma. 01801

Thank You, Joe

We of Mass. MUFON would like to thank Mr. Joseph Santangelo, current State Director of Mass. MUFON for his fine leadership and dedicated service as our Director over the years. It was under Joé's direction that the 1981 International MUFON Symposium was held at M.I.T., and was a great success. Joe has always been receptive and open to new ideas and suggestions, and it is hoped that he will now serve as a resource person so that we will continue to benefit from his ideas and suggestions. Joe will continue to be involved in the MUFON organization, and especially in the Amateur Radio Network.

PLEASE NOTE that Joe will continue to maintain the MUFON Hotline at his home and the Hotline telephone number will remain the same.

944-0686

UFO Media presentation

On Sunday, Nov. 14, WBZ TV aired a superb program entitled "THE UFO EXPERIENCE," at 2:00 p.m. Most people missed the show because of lack of publicity or advance notice. Fortunately, Barry Greenwood has made a videotape copy of the program, and will show it at the January meeting for us. If you did see the program, we urge you to write to its producer: Mr. Ron Lakis
KPIX TV
San Francisco, Ca.

to compliment KPIX TV on its excellent, balanced presentation of the UFO topic. This is the sort of program that the recent "NOVA" program should have been. We have contacted WGBH TV and urged them to rent the program and air it as a response to the "NOVA" program. Walter Webb has also contacted WBZ TV in regard to the possibility of their airing the program a second time.

ESSEX COUNTY HAS NEW SECTION DIRECTOR

Linda Seal has been appointed as new Section Director for Essex County, to replace Marge Christensen.