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BULLETIN

Barry Greenwood has recently received an extremely significant document from the OSI, in conjunction with a request made under the Freedom of Information Act. The document, dated 1980, deals with UFO activity over Kirtland AFB in New Mexico. For details, contact Barry.

Volunteer Needed for "UFOREFRESH"

Diana Santangelo, our very efficient Refreshment Chairperson, has asked to be relieved of this duty, which she has handled for a year. We are in need of a volunteer to accept this position. Diana is willing to share her trade secrets, to facilitate the job for the new person. Basically, it entails notifying 4 persons for each meeting for refreshments.

1983 DUES

There are still a few members who have not yet paid their 1983 Mass. MUFON dues. This money funds the cost of the hot-line, newsletter, and the church. If you have not yet paid your dues, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

GOALS for 1983

As we begin 1983, there are a number of goals and new ideas I would like to consider and hopefully accomplish with your assistance. These include:

1. Section Directors will meet with me at 6:30 p.m. before the regular meeting every other month in order to deal with administrative matters which do not require the attention of the entire group. This should allow meeting time to be devoted to the topic scheduled for each month.
2. Section Directors will be asked to complete a computer input form each month for the cases under investigation in their counties, and a computer file will be maintained and constantly updated so that we will be able to furnish monthly print-outs on cases under investigation.
3. Programs for meetings will be informative, instructional, and interesting, and will be planned by Section Directors. Case material will be discussed at meetings, with witness confidentiality respected and adhered to.
4. New investigators will be trained by Section Directors at workshops in their areas. Training sessions will no longer be held during meetings on a monthly basis.
5. Public education and public information endeavors will be emphasized, and instituted whenever possible. One possible new project might be to compile a portable UFO exhibit to use at shopping malls. (Hopefully, when Barry Greenwood & Larry Fawcett's book arrives in the local bookstores, we may be able to use our exhibit at bookstores in malls. Barry could be on hand to autograph books.)
6. A priority item will be to formalize a new policy for accepting new members and new investigators.
7. We will explore the possibility of utilizing computer experts who have volunteered to work on a computer file of all of the resource materials which are available from our historian, Barry Greenwood.
8. Hopefully, if our 1983 Magazine Drive is successful, we may be able to devise guidelines for funding certain investigative expenses for our investigators.

New Section Directors

Effective immediately, I have made the following changes in State Section Directors for Norfolk and Suffolk Counties:

Norfolk County new Section Director:
Mr. Arthur Lawless

Suffolk County new Section Director:
Mr. Paul Smythe

Other Section Directors are:
Middlesex County--Mr. Barry Greenwood
Worcester County--
Mr. Jules Vaillancourt
Bristol County-- Mr. Dave Downs
Essex County--
Mrs. Linda Seal

SUGGESTIONS welcome

Your suggestions regarding the meetings, the newsletter, or the organization, in general, are welcome at any time. Please feel free to call me at home (922-6406). Marge Christensen



For complete, current astronomical information daily, call the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory EARTH SPACE INFORMATION, Tel: 491-1497. This is a recording which is updated weekly, and provides a very comprehensive account of the planets and stars which are visible as well as information on eclipses, meteor showers, etc.

For weather information for MUFON Case Form #1 (page 2), call the U.S. WEATHER BUREAU (223-3110), and ask for Historical Weather Data. You will need to furnish the date, and you will need this info: temp., wind speed, ceiling, and visibility.

news from ZIMBABWE

A letter recently received from Cynthia Hind, MUFON's Coordinator for Africa, reveals that she has come across her first case involving Black Africans who claim to have seen entities on the ground in connection with a sighting of a UFO. At first one of the men thought he was seeing spirits of his ancestors!

Cynthia intends to write up the case for the MUFON Journal.

She reports that while life in Zimbabwe is pretty good, there are some dreadful shortages because of a lack of foreign currency. One item which is in short supply is photographic paper, and as a result, it is impossible to obtain copies of photographs.

Cynthia also reports that she has investigated a case which left horse-shoe markings on the ground, similar to those observed with the Ipswich case of Jan. 1, 1981. We are hoping to utilize photos of both cases to compare the markings. Cynthia hopes to visit the USA again in 1984.

Recent UFO Activity

Since Sept. 30, 1982, and continuing through Dec. 22, 1982, there has been a great deal of UFO activity in the area of Hampton, N.H., and extending into the Amesbury, Ma. vicinity as well. The "Atlantic News & Advertiser," a weekly paper, reported that on Sept. 30 and on Nov. 17, huge crafts were sighted in the Hampton area. These objects were oval-shaped, and were ringed with red and white lights. They were evidently noiseless.

On Dec. 22, a witness in Amesbury, Ma. reported sighting two huge oval-shaped crafts over the Merrimac River. They were orange in the center, with a white border around them. They were also noiseless. The witness observed them for about 3 minutes and then went inside to call another person to witness the objects. Upon returning, the witness noted that the crafts had disappeared in a matter of seconds.

On Oct. 20 and 21, in Enfield, Conn., "a monstrosity of a disk" was reported by witnesses. The object was ringed with lights and was circular in shape. It made a low-pitched grinding noise, which stopped when the lights went off. At that point, the craft, which had been silvery in appearance, turned flaming red, and shot straight up.

Happy New Year ★