

NEWSLETTER

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UFO forum

The 1986 Mass. MUFON UFO Forum plans are well underway already. Believe it or not, we have been receiving phone calls and inquiries by mail as to the dates of the Forum for 1986 already! The following persons are confirmed as speakers:

Dr. David Jacobs - Moderator (tentative)
Mr. Budd Hopkins, Mr. Dan Wright,
Mrs. Marge Christensen.

The following persons have also been invited to serve as speakers, but have not yet responded: Mr. Ted Phillips,
Dr. Bruce Maccabee, Mr. Ray Fowler.
Mr. Larry Fawcett has been invited to speak at our dinner on Sat. evening, during the Forum. It is also anticipated that we will be asking Dr. Robert Sarbacher to speak, and should he accept, if there are no other rejections from invited speakers, Marge Christensen will relinquish her slot to Dr. Sarbacher.

The Forum will be held on the weekend of Aug. 9 and 10, again at the Beverly Golf & Tennis Club.

Program

State Director, Jim Melesciuc is thinking of holding a 4-6 hour seminar for field investigators because of the recent rash of sightings reported to our organization, and a shortage of trained investigators. At the present time, Jim and other board members are investigating the possibility of obtaining a room in a public library in order to hold the seminar. This would be on a weekend. If anyone knows of an available meeting room in a centrally-located public library, please contact Jim to let him know. No date has yet been set for the seminar.

NEXT MASS. MUFON MEETING--Jan. 11

DUE TO THE BUSY HOLIDAY SEASON, THERE WILL BE NO DECEMBER MEETING. THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE IN JANUARY, ON the 11th, THE SECOND SATURDAY EVENING OF THE MONTH. PLEASE CALL THE HOTLINE BY JAN. 4, TO INDICATE YOUR INTENTION TO ATTEND OR NOT TO ATTEND.

THANK YOU.

Information

NEW TREASURER

Mass. MUFON Treasurer, Bob Taylor, has resigned, and Jim Melesciuc has appointed a new treasurer, Joan Nestor, of Salem, MA. Joan will be available to accept checks for 1986 Mass. MUFON dues at the meeting today.

\$\$\$ DUES DUE \$\$\$

Mass. MUFON 1986 dues are due, and are payable as follows: \$10 for individuals
\$15 for couples

Checks should be made payable to Mass. MUFON, Inc. Thank you.

INDEXING THE MUFON JOURNAL

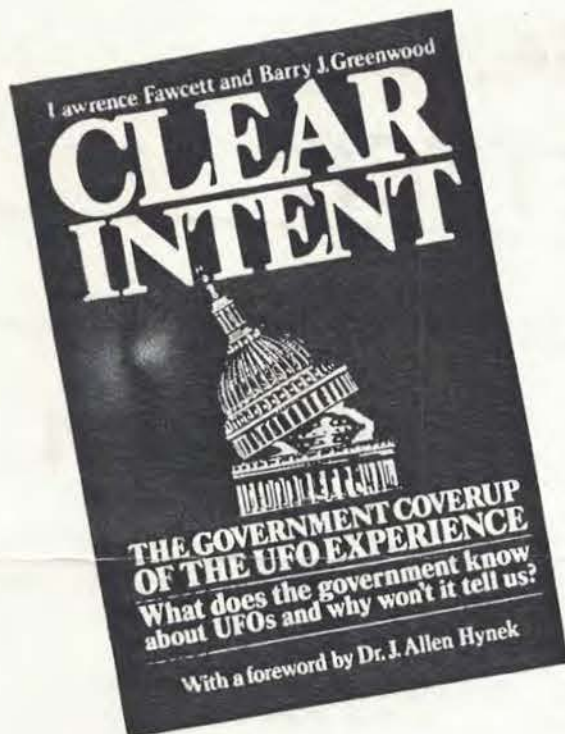
Anyone interested in working on the project proposed at the Oct. meeting, by Barry Greenwood, for indexing the MUFON Journal, should immediately notify either Barry or Jim Melesciuc. A few persons have already indicated an interest in this project, and they will soon be initiating the work on the project.

COMPUTER PROJECT

Now that we have begun to receive a series of sighting reports, it might be a wise time to begin a computer file of case reports. Anyone interested in doing such a file, and having a home computer and line printer, should please let Jim Melesciuc know. This would be an important addition to our files, and it has been overlooked because of the relative drought of sightings over the past three years in Massachusetts. This would be a worthwhile project for a member who is otherwise not actively involved with another aspect of work in our organization, and who is interested in working with the computer.

DR. HYNEK AT HOME IN AZ

Dr. J. Allen Hynek is now at home in Scottsdale, AZ, recuperating from treatment during a lengthy stay in the hospital. A get well card signed by Mass. MUFON members (and signed for absentees) was sent to him after our October meeting.



According to co-author, Barry Greenwood, the book, Clear Intent, is being given a new shot at publicity by the new owners of Prentice-Hall, Inc.. Simon & Schuster (which recently purchased Prentice-Hall) have discussed the possibility of giving the book a new cover and re-issuing it. Also, Simon & Schuster has lined up the authors with a series of speaking spots on radio talk shows across the country in order to give the book new publicity. Perhaps the book is at last going to receive the attention it should have gotten when it was first published in the summer of 1984.

OBJECTS VIEWED

An orange globe-type object has recently made its debut over Massachusetts skies, and has been the subject of sighting reports from Boxborough to Winthrop. On the evening of our Oct. MASS MUFON meeting, we received sighting reports on the Hotline, from the Boxborough police dept. The sightings were later highlighted on Channel 7's eleven o'clock news, and to date about 15 witnesses to those sightings have contacted us. A team of investigators headed by Jim Melesciuc has made several trips to the Boxborough-Harvard area to investigate these sightings. On the early morning hours of Nov. 5, similar shaped objects were reported sighted over Winthrop, in the vicinity of Logan Airport. At the time the Newsletter went to press, a team of investigators, headed by Linda Seal, Essex County Section Director, was planning to visit the area to question witnesses. In the Winthrop sightings as in the Boxborough sightings, some of the witnesses are police officers.

In addition to these sightings, we have had reports of a dull, grayish boomerang-shaped object sighted in the Boston area, and also a diamond-shaped object over Logan Airport.

NATIONAL NEWS

SIXTY FLYING MACHINES SIGHTED OVER AZ

According to the Arizona Daily Star, of Tucson, on Oct. 7, there were 60 flying machines sighted over Tucson. An editorial in that newspaper was quick to point out that they were frustrated when they were unable to obtain any explanations from the AF, FAA, or NORAD as to these objects. The editorial ends with the emphatic statement, "Somebody knows." This is highly unusual for a newspaper to admit dissatisfaction with a lack of information or plausible explanations for UFO sightings from official govt. sources. We have been in contact with that newspaper, and have made available to them some possible avenues to pursue in their search for information on these sightings.

NEW AWARD TO BE INITIATED

FOR OUTSTANDING WORK IN THE FIELD OF UFOLOGY

The national committee on Public Information and Public Education will initiate a new award to be given to the individual who has been voted to have made the most outstanding contribution to the field of UFOlogy in each calendar year. The award may be for work in any one of the following three areas: research; outstanding field investigation; public education. The members of the P.I.P.E. Committee will nominate up to ten persons. These names will then be sent to Walt Andrus in order to be placed on a ballot in the MUFON Journal. Members will be asked to mark the ballots and to return them to Walt Andrus, who will get the award appropriately inscribed. The award will be presented at the annual MUFON UFO Symposium. The P.I.P.E. Committee feels that we cannot offer monetary incentives to those who give generously of themselves and who accomplish truly outstanding work in the field, but we can give them our esteem and acknowledge them for their accomplishments. The award is intended to serve this purpose.

SYMPOSIUM

There does not seem to be any interest in renting a bus to take members to the 1986 MUFON UFO SYMPOSIUM to be held at Michigan State University. Thus, we would recommend that everyone plan to travel by plane, if you are planning to attend the symposium, on June 27-29, 1986.

Michigan State Director, Dan Wright, has initiated an exciting new approach for funding the symposium. If this is a success, it could revolutionize the symposiums in the future. Plan now to attend the Michigan State University Symposium!