



P.I.P.E. LINE

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SUMMARIES OF QUESTIONNAIRES RECEIVED IN PAST MONTH

TEXAS- Tom Deuley, State Dir., 15 members, monthly meetings; VHS VCR, willing to do shopping mall display, opinion poll, tv and radio appearances, posters, and perhaps may produce a short video for local cable use. Also, news release to local newspapers.

WASHINGTON, D.C.- Dr. David Schwartzman, State Dir., no members, no meetings, no hotline, no local organization.. Dr. Schwartzman plans to work with Dr. Bruce Maccabee in his efforts for National UFO Information Week.

LOUISIANA - Doug Labat, State Director; 9 members, no meetings, no hotline, VHS VCR, willing to do press releases, guest appearances on radio and tv.

OHIO- Richard Seifried, State Dir; 32 members no meetings, VHS VCR, not able to participate in any endeavors for National UFO Info. Week.

TENNESSEE- David K. Hackett, State Dir.; 6 members, no meetings, Beta Max VCR; no hotline; not willing to participate in any endeavors for National UFO Info. Week.

OKLAHOMA- Norma Jean Waller, State Dir.; 6 members, meetings twice a year; no hotline, VHS VCR; willing to do radio talk show; having a difficult time getting any support from people in Oklahoma group. No funds and little manpower available.

STATES STILL UNHEARD FROM: OREGON, IDAHO, WASHINGTON, NORTH DAKOTA, MINNESOTA, ILLINOIS, INDIANA, KANSAS, ALABAMA, GEORGIA, MISSISSIPPI, ARIZONA, NEVADA, VERMONT, WEST VIRGINIA.

IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT WE TERMINATE SENDING THE NATIONAL MUFON NEWSLETTER TO THESE STATES, WHO HAVE NOT RESPONDED TO EITHER OF THE REQUESTS FOR A RESPONSE FROM THEM. HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT DOING THIS? PLEASE LET MARGE CHRISTENSEN KNOW.

POSTERS TO BE AVAILABLE

Tom Deuley has agreed to design a poster for distribution to all State Directors for use during National UFO Info. Week. Cost will be kept down, and each State will make Xerox copies of the 11 X 14 inch poster to use throughout his or her State.

*** NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER NAMED*****

Attorney Robert Bletchman, who is our MUFON State Director for Connecticut, and who has been extremely active in the area of public information on the UFO subject over the years, has been asked to join our P.I.P.E. committee by Marge Christensen. We are delighted to announce that Mr. Bletchman has accepted our invitation.

Bob has already become a vital asset to our committee. Prior to the CNN program, he contacted that network's producer for the Bentwaters program, and obtained information regarding the scheduled time of the program. He then alerted the other major networks as well as the "New York Times" and various Senators and Congressmen that they might do well to watch the program. Recently Bob has managed to obtain the complete files from the French GEPAN (govt.- funded UFO investigation unit) and he has made copies of that information and has sent it together with a cover letter to the major networks, major newspapers, national news magazines, and some of our Congressmen, in the hope that they might pursue the subject a bit further and follow-up on the Bentwaters report of CNN.

Please add Bob's name, address, and telephone number to your P.I.P.E. Committee directory:

Robert Bletchman
150 North Main St.
Manchester, CT 06040
(203) 646-5237 or (203) 643-2433

REGARDING SUBJECT MATTER FOR A PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN...

Tom Deuley has suggested that a specific incident can be a better lever into the public psyche than a general information approach. He feels that in regard to specific subject matter for a public awareness campaign, we might consider using a case such as the Bentwaters case as a focus for any presentations, rather than to present a general overview of the subject. We would like to have input from all committee members as to how you feel about this suggestion. Please drop Marge a note or call to let us know your feelings on this. This feedback will be included in the March Newsletter.

KEN MC LEAN TO SPEAK ON EDUCATING THE
PUBLIC AT LARGE CONCERNING UFO PHENOMENA

Wyoming State Director, Ken McLean, has requested permission to present a paper on Friday evening at the Symposium in St. Louis. His paper will be entitled: "Educating For Critical Consciousness: From Thought to Action." Ken stated that: "Proponents of UFO research have always sought public support for their important work by attempting to educate the public as to the reality and importance of the UFO phenomenon. Traditional tools of lecture, seminars, forums, conferences, symposiums, publications, lobbying, etc., have been employed, and successfully if gauged by recent Gallup Poll "awareness ratings." But to achieve optimal effectiveness, education must lead to critical thought -- and critical thought to action. This paper will explore the principles of "critical consciousness" as they apply to the difficult task of encouraging the public at large to ACT on their UFO awareness."

Ken will speak at 8:30 p.m. on Friday evening, and at 9:00 p.m., we will hold our second annual meeting of the P.I.P.E. Committee.



REQUESTS FROM STATE DIRECTORS TO US..

Both Iowa's State Director and Illinois' State Director have written to us asking for a national information packet for MUFON for distribution to the general public. Since Walt Andrus has indicated that MUFON's contribution to the National UFO Information Week will be a page on MUFON, we will advise these two State Directors to wait for that to be distributed. In addition to the MUFON Information page, should we make any other materials available for distribution to the public? Any suggestions or recommendations? Please let us know.

We need each other to get the job done

SLIDE PRESENTATIONS NEARLY READY;
VIDEOTAPE TRAINING FILM TO BE POSSIBLY
AVAILABLE IN LATE MARCH

According to Dan Wright, Michigan State Dir., and P.I.P.E. Committee member, the two packages (one for lectures for the public, and one for investigator -training) are just about ready. Slides have been contributed by Barry Greenwood, Tom Gates, Dan Wright, and Marge Christensen. Also, additional slides are about to be included from Ray Fowler's collection. Dan plans to make 2 different sets of slides available for each of the types of sets. The only difference will be in the number of slides included. For example, in the set for use with the public, one may be able to purchase a set of 40 slides or a set of 60 slides. The same will be true for the set of slides for training field investigators. The numbers of slides mentioned here are purely hypothetical, and may or may not coincide with the actual numbers decided upon by Dan. Specific details regarding price and content of each slide set will be forthcoming in the March Newsletter.

Dan Wright is to be commended for his fine efforts in this vein, and for his time and efforts in finalizing the field investigator's examination.

COMPUTER CATALOG AVAILABLE

The computer catalog of UFO resources (available in three regional UFO resource collection centers) is now available. The catalog currently lists over 1000 books, hundreds of audio-cassettes, video cassettes, hundreds of UFO periodicals, clipping files, special publications, and microfilms. The catalog will also be expanded to include Govt. documents obtained under the Freedom of Information Act. To date, MUFON's resources in Seguin have not yet been entered onto the file, but they will be added in the near future. Catalogs may be purchased from:

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Catalog price is \$30, and supplements to bring the catalog up to date may be purchased in the future, as more collections are added to the catalog. The catalog is contained in an expandable binder to allow for the addition of supplements. As more collections are added to the catalog, the price for the catalog will increase to reflect the additional segments.

MEETING AGENDA FOR ST. LOUIS

If any of our committee members have an item they would like to have included in the agenda for our meeting on June 28, in St. Louis, please notify Marge.