



P.I.P.E. LINE

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Solving our Problems

Although we have come a long way toward becoming a voluntary profession, it is increasingly apparent that one of our worst problems stems from our own members' lack of commitment and lack of enthusiasm for really going that extra mile and giving that extra measure of dedication that we so desperately need from our investigators and researchers if we are ever to solve the UFO enigma. Interest in the subject is abundant among our members, but only a miniscule number of so-called "serious UFOlogists" can be said to be truly "committed" to the study of the subject. In an effort to change this and to boost morale and heighten enthusiasm among our ranks, the following proposal is made.

We cannot yet offer monetary incentives to those who generously give of themselves and who accomplish truly outstanding work in the field, but we can give them our esteem, and acknowledge them for their accomplishments. Therefore, it is hereby proposed that we initiate an annual program of awards to be presented at the MUFON UFO Symposium, beginning with the 1986 symposium:

- I. The most esteemed award will be given to the single individual who has made the most outstanding contribution to the field of UFOlogy during the calendar period from June 30, 1985- March 1, 1986. This award may pertain to work in any of the following areas:
 - A. Research (may include any aspect of the subject or govt. documents)
 - B. Outstanding investigative performance for a particular case (or series of related cases).
 - C. Public Education or Public Relations.
- II. An award shall be presented to the individual who has made the most outstanding contribution in each of the areas listed above. (Total of three awards) (awards to be based on same calendar pd. as first award)

The nominees for these awards will be determined by the members of the P.I.P.E. Committee. The nominees will be listed on a ballot published in the MUFON Journal, and all MUFON members will be asked to mark the ballots and mail them to someone designated by the P.I.P.E. Committee (probably Walt Andrus).

The winners of the awards will be kept secret and will be announced at the MUFON UFO Symposium. Winners will be given engraved plaques furnished by MUFON. (Four plaques can be purchased for about \$40). Walt Andrus will present the awards.

The person voted to have made the greatest contribution to the field of UFOlogy will also be the person to whom the MUFON UFO Proceedings will be dedicated.

It is further proposed that those persons nominated for these awards be selected solely on the basis of their actual contributions and achievements in the field of UFOlogy and not on the basis of their organizational affiliation. Thus, an award recipient need not be a MUFON member.

It is also proposed that we invite both Dr. Bruce Maccabee (Director of the Fund for UFO Research) and Mr. John Timmerman (Director of the Center for UFO Studies) to join the P.I.P.E. Committee in the nomination process for these awards.

The goal of these awards is to encourage UFO researchers and investigators to strive for extremely high standards and high objectives.

IMPORTANT

Please keep in mind that this is simply a proposal. In order for it to become a reality, we need the input of every member of the P.I.P.E. Committee. Please let me know your feelings about this proposal and feel free to offer alternate suggestions to any or all sections of it. Please let me hear from you as soon as possible. I will report your comments in the next P.I.P.E. Line, and if the majority of you are in favor of instituting such awards, as soon as we agree on the specifics, we can get to the business of nominations for the 4 awards for 1986. This list will then have to be forwarded to Walt Andrus for publication in the Journal. We have to allow time for ballots to be sent in, tallied, and plaques engraved, so that everything will be ready in time for the 1986 Symposium to be held at Michigan State University. Also, if the person to whom the highest award is presented, is also the person to whom the Proceedings are to be dedicated, Walt will need advance time for this. Please take the time to either drop me a few lines or make a phone call to me advising me of your feelings on this proposal.

Marge Ehrstensen

**We're looking for a
few good ideas...**

Consider Michigan State

The 1986 MUFON UFO SYMPOSIUM at Michigan State University promises to be one of the finest we have ever had. Dan Wright and his committee are tirelessly working to make sure that every detail is perfect and that the program is of the highest caliber possible. Please make a strong effort to attend the 1986 Symposium if at all possible. We will hold our annual P.I.P.E. Committee meeting at a time (designated by Dan Wright) during the Symposium. We can accomplish a great deal more if we have the majority of our committee present at our annual meeting.

The 1986 meeting will be of even greater importance because our program for 1986-87 must be impeccable and of the most professional level possible, since the 1987 UFO Symposium is currently being considered for Washington, D.C.. Should the 1987 Symposium be held in our nation's capital, we must have an outstanding program for public information for that year, and an extensive program for that year's National UFO Info. Week.

I hope to see all of you at the Kellogg Center at Michigan State University next June.

CLEAR INTENT PUBLICITY

BEING BEEFED UP

Author, Barry Greenwood, reports that the new owners of Prentice-Hall (Simon & Schuster) have begun an enthusiastic radio campaign to publicize the book, Clear Intent. Barry and co-author, Larry Fawcett have already made numerous radio talk show guest appearances in a variety of States and are booked for several upcoming programs. Also, Barry and Larry made two guest appearances recently on WNBC radio, with host, Lee Spiegel. In both instances with the WNBC programs, the switchboard lit up with phone calls from listeners. Barry and Larry have been invited to return to appear as guests on that program at a later date.

DATES SET FOR NATIONAL UFO INFO. WEEK, 1986

The dates for our second National UFO Information Week will be Aug. 10-17, 1986.

DON'T FORGET...

Please let me have your input on the proposal for presenting awards to persons who have made outstanding contributions to the field of UFOlogy, as soon as possible.

Noteworthy

I have been notified by George Eberhart, MUFON's Librarian, that the American Library Association would like to help publicize the 1986 National UFO Information Week in its publication. As soon as the dates for the Week are definite, I will notify George. We are grateful to George for calling the attention of the National Library Assoc. to National UFO Info. Week.

The Field Investigators' Exams are now being distributed by Dan Wright, State by State, (as he receives the lists of field investigators for each State from Walt Andrus). These are to be administered and returned to Shirley Coyne, Michigan MUFON, Asst. State Dir., for correction.

The Field Investigators' Examination is an important step in guaranteeing that our field investigators are properly versed in the UFO subject and in related areas which are necessary for thorough and complete investigation of most UFO cases.

The TELUFONET is in the process of being revised and organized by regions rather than as one single national net. The Eastern States and Central States networks have already been compiled. As soon as the Western States net is completed, we will run a test of the entire network. Walt Andrus and Marge Christensen will activate the net by calling the three Regional Directors, Paul Cerny (Western States), Dan Wright (Central States), and Joe Santangelo (Eastern States), who, will, in turn, activate each of their respective nets. The final person on each net will then call the regional director, who will call Walt or Marge to notify them that the message has reached the end of the chain. We hope that this system will be much more efficient than the previous one.

WATCH UPCOMING MUFON JOURNALS FOR AN

ARTICLE PROVIDING AN ASSESSMENT OF OUR FIRST NATIONAL UFO INFORMATION WEEK.

THE ARTICLE, WHICH PROVIDES AN IN-DEPTH COVERAGE OF THE WEEK'S ACTIVITIES AND REACTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC, THE PRESS, THE ELECTRONIC MEDIA, AND UFOLOGISTS, ALSO WILL FEATURE PHOTOGRAPHS FROM EVENTS IN THREE STATES (PROVIDING SPACE PERMITS).