

A PROGRESS REPORT

NATIONAL UFO INFORMATION WEEK

Plans for National UFO Information Week, 1986 are moving ahead very slowly this year. By comparison to last year's participation by 43 State organizations, this year only 6 State organizations have responded with lists of planned projects to date. We still have time to turn this situation around, but it will require a group effort from our committee.

Last year with every monthly Newsletter, I included handwritten notes to the State Directors who had not yet responded to my request for copies of their plans for the Information Week. I continued this practice right up until the end of July, so that some State Directors received monthly notes from me for several months. I think that the personal touch gave some of them that little added incentive they needed to get started on plans for the week. Perhaps it also gave some of them twinges of guilt in that they realized that they might be letting the entire organization down if they did not participate. At any rate, the end result was a phenomenal rate of nationwide participation in the 1985 Information Week.

This year, because of our upcoming move and trips to Tucson, as well as the graduation of our son from high school, and then college plans to take care of, I am swamped with work, and am lucky to get two national Newsletters out monthly.

This is where the committee members come in to the picture. I have assigned to each of you a few State Directors to contact in an attempt to encourage them to get started on plans for this year's Information Week. It may even be that they have plans already, but have not taken the time to send copies to me. I would appreciate your assistance in contacting these people either by mail or by phone, and seeing if they need assistance or simply reminding them to forward a list of their plans for the week to me. Thank you.

(I have omitted the State Directors who have never responded to any requests or any correspondence I have sent out over the past two years).

Barry Greenwood: contact:

Doug Labat, Richard Seifried, (OH),
Richard Coffman (SC)
(call me if you need addresses)

Ray Fowler: contact:

Burt Monroe, KY; Gary Levine (NY)

Paul Cerny: contact:

Bill Hassell (S. CA)
Ken MacLean
907½ Russell St.
Laramie, WY 82070 (tel: 307-721-5967)

Bruce Widaman
3112 Mockingbird
St. Charles, MO 63301 (314-925-1394)

Walt Andrus: contact:

Don Ware (FL) Mike Brein (HI),
Gus Berryhill (MI) Norma J. Waller (OK)

John Schuessler: contact:

Leonard Sturm
1835 S. Fairview Ave.
Decatur, IL 62521
(tel: 217-428-7182)

Tom Deuley (T)
8840 Timber
Path #40
San Antonio
78250

Walt Webb: contact: Dr. David Hackett (TN), and Donald Schmidt (WI) (call me if you need addresses)

Bob Bletchman: contact Ray Boeche,
727 Marshall Ave.
Lincoln, NE 68510
Tel: 402-435-1389

Fred Whiting- contact: Bruce Maccabee (MD) and Ed Myers

1469 Amanda Circle
Atlanta, GA 30329 (tel: 404-378-7016)

Henry Morton
100 Covington St.
Wadesboro, NC 28170 (tel: 704-694-3444)

*Also, please notify me if the Fund is doing anything for Natl. UFO Info. Week.

Jim Melesciuc : contact:

Dr. Bechtel, ME, Pete Geremia (NH)
David Bodner
P.O. Box 74
Elkhorn, WV 24831 (304-862-3742)

Mildred Bieseke; contact:

Judy Brigham Robert Engberg
7490 W 45th St. P.O. Box 80143
Wheat Ridge, CO 80033 St. Paul, MN 55108
tel: (not listed) tel: 612-646-7331

Thank you!
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UPDATE

CENTER FOR UFO STUDIES

Now located at: 1955 John's Drive
Glenview, IL 60025-1614
Tel: 312-724-2480

Sherman Larsen- Executive Vice Pres.

PROJECT VISIT

Vehicle Internal Systems Investigative
Team - New Address:

P.O. Box 890327
Houston, TX 77289-0327

Alan Holt is the current president, and is leading a renewed investigation into the various effects caused by UFOs and the systems causing those effects.

APRO

Aerial Phenomena. Research Organization
New Address:

3597 W. Grape Drive
Tucson, AZ 85741
tel: 602-297-7791

JOURNAL IMPROVED

I think that compliments are due to Dennis Stacy for a noticeable and much appreciated improvement in the content, quality, and accuracy of the MUFON JOURNAL. I have had many comments to that effect, and have had the same reaction to the Journal myself. It is nice to look forward to receiving the Journal and to reading interesting, well written articles on a variety of topics. We would like Dennis to know that his efforts are much appreciated, and we hope that he will keep up the fine job. I hope that those of you on the P.I.P.E. Committee are sending in manuscripts to Dennis. I haven't seen very many from our committee, other than those from Mildred Bieseke, John Schuessler, Walt Webb, Walt Andrus, and Jim Melesciuc. Let's all contribute to maintaining a high quality publication. Thanks for your cooperation.

LIBRARY CAMPAIGN-

In the last Journal, Jim McCampbell mentioned that I am planning a national campaign to get libraries throughout the country to carry subscriptions to the MUFON JOURNAL. Once settled in Tucson, that will be one of my projects. I would appreciate any suggestions any of you have as to how to best accomplish such a huge task.

NEWS BRIEFS

In Indiana, State Director, Francis Ridge has initiated a new practice of presenting those members who have successfully completed the new Field Investigators' Examination with a certificate of merit. The certificate has the MUFON logo and name on the top.

Massachusetts State Director, Jim Melesciuc has begun a regional New England Newsletter for the various MUFON State Directors in the New England States. He recommends that other States might wish to initiate similar regional newsletters in an attempt to communicate and share information, as well as to get to know one another better.

In California, Paul Cerny reports that his State's UFO exhibit (traveling with a larger aerospace exhibit) will be seen by over two million persons this year. The exhibit, which is part of an exhibit sponsored by R.W. Smith, Assocs. (PR organization) will visit Stockton, CA, Reno, NV, Hawaii, (for the Hawaii Centennial for 30 days). Hopefully, by 1987 this exhibit will be touring the country. In addition to the MUFON exhibit, there is also a CUFOs exhibit and a NASA exhibit.

SPECIAL AWARD

Walt Andrus reports that the ballots are steadily coming in for the selection of a person to receive the special award for doing the most for the UFO subject in the past calendar year.

It is good to see active participation on the part of our membership. Perhaps we should learn from this, and ask more often for input from the membership. Maybe we might want to conduct a survey or a poll using a similar method of including a form in the Journal and asking that it be sent to Seguin upon completion. Any suggestions or ideas? Let me know.

HYNEK PLAQUE

Dr. Hynek will be awarded the special plaque posthumously for his unparalleled work in the field of UFO research and for furthering public information of the UFO subject. The plaque will be awarded at the Symposium at Michigan State University and will be given to Mrs. Mimi Hynek.

REMINDER--P.I.P.E. MEETING

On Friday evening, June 27, there will be a P.I.P.E. Committee Meeting at Michigan State University, following the reception with the speakers. Dan Wright will notify us as to the location of the meeting.