



P.I.P.E. LINE

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Five years ago the PBS NOVA series aired a program on the UFO phenomenon, which was the epitome of disinformation. Walt Andrus asked MUFON members to write to PBS to express our disapproval of the program. I did so, and also wrote to Walt to suggest that if we could inform and educate the general public about the reality of the UFO phenomenon, then it would not be so easy for the media to feed the public such blatantly biased versions of the subject. I offered to assist in this effort. Walt immediately placed me in charge of a public information committee made up of four persons in Massachusetts and three in Texas. Thus, the P.I.P.E. Committee was born.

That first year I invited several other persons across the country to join our committee, and we held our first annual national meeting in San Antonio, TX, in 1984. Since then we have met annually at the MUFON UFO Symposia. P.I.P.E. now numbers 17 persons, located from Massachusetts to California, and from Michigan to Texas.

We have produced a slide set with narrative for lectures; a syllabus for an adult course on the UFO subject, as well as one for youngsters; a media policy for MUFON. We initiated National UFO Information Week three years ago, and furnished the state organizations with media packets for the observances of National UFO Information Week. We have published a monthly newsletter for all state directors for the past 4 1/2 years, and have published the monthly **P.I.P.E. Line** for the P.I.P.E. Committee. We have lectured widely in our respective geographic areas, and have made numerous media appearances. We have responded to negative or inaccurate media coverage of the UFO subject.

We have furnished some materials for free-standing display panels for various state organizations. We have assisted with the advance publicity for the past four symposia. Indeed we have accomplished a great deal.

There remains a great deal more to be done. However, the support and enthusiasm from committee members and state directors alike is just not there any longer. This is not a one person job. Different circumstances dictate different courses of action. In response to the different circumstances and to the lack of responses from committee members to the question about this in the last P.I.P.E. Line, **the P.I.P.E. Committee is hereby disbanded.** This will be the final issue of the P.I.P.E. Line.

I would like to thank every one of you for your dedication and assistance with public information work over the past four years. You have been a wonderful group to work with, and you are all valued friends and colleagues. It has been a privilege to work with all of you.

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