

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MICHIGAN MUTUAL UFO NETWORK, INC.

TO THE INTERNATIONAL MUTUAL UFO NETWORK, INC.

PERIOD JUNE 1, 2003 THROUGH MAY 31, 2004

SUMMARY:

Membership:

- International Mutual UFO Network, Inc. members in Michigan per list by central office: 100
- Michigan MUFON, inc. Membership: 100
- State Section Directors: 13
Covering: 39 counties of 83 in Michigan

Investigations:

- 31 new sightings reported to MIMUFON for investigation (including 2 crop circles, 1 ice circle)
- 12 cases currently being investigated (including 1 from prior fiscal year)
- 12 cases with completed investigations (including 4 from prior fiscal year and including 2 crop circles, 1 ice circle).
- 14 cases (including 2 from prior fiscal year) were non-anomalous / no impetus for follow-up, or unable to make contact or get reply from witnesses.

Treasury:

- Funds on hand \$5615.52
- Merchandise in stock for sale \$1611.00
- Estimated current value of office equipment and supplies \$1625.00
- Estimated current value of library \$1487
- Grand total: \$10338.52.

Our MIMUFON lending library currently has 452 books (nearly doubling our figure from last year!), 8 audiocassettes, 5 CD-ROMs, 236 periodicals, and 136 videos. The videos include copies of MIMUFON field investigator training classes.

Income sources: dues, (\$21.00 per mailing address, annually), sale of merchandise such as clothing, books, video tapes, newsletters, etc., speaker presentation and luncheon fees for membership meetings.

Disbursements: membership meetings luncheon, speaker fees and expenses, newsletter printing, postage, state director incurred expenses, equipment rentals for membership meetings, office equipment and supply purchases, and deposits for contract on meeting place.

The \$21.00 dues per mailing address entitles the member household to the newsletter (about 7 times per year), opportunity to borrow books and tapes from the state MUFON library, available at all membership meetings, and all training sessions (training sessions are open to all MUFON members) and the opportunity to hear quality speakers at a discounted rate over non-members.

Meetings:

The successful and well-attended 34th Annual MUFON International UFO Symposium was hosted by Michigan MUFON on July 4-6, 2003 at the Hyatt Regency hotel in Dearborn, Michigan.

State membership meetings were held in September 2003, November 2003, January 2004, March 2004, and May 2004, with Field Investigator training before each meeting, and quality speakers on the agenda for the afternoon session. The January meeting, for the third year in a row, was an open meeting where many shared field investigation reports and personal experiences. We do this once a year to give everyone a chance to feel free from a programmed schedule and relax with their peers. This is one of the best attended meetings we hold.

In addition to the planning meetings and activities for the ramp-up to the Symposium, State Officer/ Section Director Meetings were held in September 2003, November 2003, January 2004, March 2004, and May 2004, with a meeting scheduled for July 2004. These meetings are for planning and finalizing meetings, general business, and for reports of treasury, special committees, and investigations. Planning meetings are to be held twice a year in January and July/August for planning upcoming events and developing programs for the membership. The schedule is available to the membership six months to one year in advance so everyone can plan ahead.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- The 2003 MUFON International UFO Symposium in Dearborn, Michigan, was truly a success beyond our expectations. Our team thoroughly enjoyed working hard to make it the excellent event that it was and Michigan looks forward to hosting another in due time.
- As we head into the 21st Century, we realize it is time to seize technology readily available to us to make our organization more effective and efficient. To this end, we have made much recent progress:

We have benefited from a recent technology initiative where we have acquired, through purchase and donation, some new and some used equipment, including: two laptop computers (one privately owned), a portable thermal computer printer, and a digital projector w/ 5' screen to support our meetings and presentations. The laptops and printer support the library and check-in desks at our meetings, as well as speaker presentations when connected to the projector. When any DVD players or VCR's are brought to the meetings, they can also be connected to the projector for presentation purposes.

The MIMUFON position of Electronic Data Manager has been created to maintain our Michigan MUFON website, assist in the generation and updates of the myriad reports essential to keeping our organization running smoothly, as well as other necessary related duties. Jean Waskiewicz is Michigan MUFON's first Electronic Data Manager.

Jean continues to keep our MIMUFON website www.mimufon.org fresh and relevant with regular updates on current officer contact information, meeting details, plus news and other information that is important to our members, as well information necessary and helpful to those outside the organization who may want to know about us and/or need to reach us.

Also, at our website, through the PayPal online payment service, MIMUFON store purchases can be made, dues can be paid, and meeting fees paid in advance.

- This upcoming year, we will issue Michigan MUFON membership cards for the first time ever so that membership can be verified for internal uses like library lending and also for the value of promoting credibility of the organization to those outside of Michigan MUFON.
- We have continued to bountifully increase our Michigan MUFON library by many books, tapes and reports. This was accomplished chiefly this year by donations from members and willed material from deceased members. Other sources included printing houses sending new copies for review and letting us keep them for our library, taping our speakers, and receiving newsletters from other MUFON groups. We tape all our Field Investigator training sessions for future use by

new members and for those who miss the sessions. These are kept in our library available for all MUFON members by our new librarians David and Darlene Bleicher.

- Our MIMUFON store proves to be a continued success. We sell t-shirts, sweatshirts, caps, stickers, etc. with our Michigan MUFON logo. In addition, we also sell new and used books, periodicals, journals, and tapes.
- We continue sending invitations to membership meetings to all International members in Michigan to allow them the opportunity to hear speakers and associate with all MUFON members. This allows for more exposure to membership and increases our total local membership. We also maintain a mailing list of past members, new contacts, and other interested parties. These people will get a meeting announcement and a tickler article on the speaker by mail before each meeting. This has increased our meeting attendance, when we have needed it the most, in down times. Most of the people that receive the "announcements" will often times bring others with them and one or more will end up as members of MIMUFON and later MUFON.
- The scheduled Field Investigator training, open to all MUFON members, has continued to be popular. Average attendance for training is 20-25 people. Those individuals not a member of the Michigan MUFON are allowed to attend without paying MIMUFON dues. This enables all MUFON members to continue training and attend meetings to benefit from our speakers and to relate with others in MUFON. It also provides access to all Field Investigators and opportunities for SSD appointments.
- Due to popular demand from the membership, the meeting place for all meetings is in the area of the city of Flint, not far from the Detroit Metro area. The restaurant we meet at is the best centralized location for the majority of the members. Our average attendance is 50-60 people. There is a commitment from the facility to host us on a regularly scheduled program, which also includes a guarantee of meal cost per person.
- In 2003-2004 we continued with a management team that includes many state officers involved in various decision-making processes.
- With our team of officers, Michigan saw many amicable changes of the guard, this last year, including (new officers in alphabetical order by position):
 - Chief Investigator: Todd Lemire from Dan Wright.
 - Consultant: Richard McVannel from Harry Willnus.
 - Librarian: David and Darlene Bleicher from Kathy Yates.
 - Newsletter Editor: David Twichell from Bill Konkolesky.
 - State Director: Bill Konkolesky from Richard McVannel.
 - Treasurer: Wendy Smith from Jerry Kulka.

All through this year's many changes, Michigan MUFON continued and continues to press forward productively.

GOALS:

- Attain 501(c)(3) status for Michigan MUFON, Much work to this end has already been accomplished and our Assistant Director Treasury Wendy Smith is currently taking strides to ensure we achieve this goal.
- Increase membership in both MUFON International and Michigan MUFON. Innovative marketing plans are being currently developed by some Michigan MUFON members with a professional background in this field to try to grow our local membership to its greatest levels yet, with an added focus on the under-represented demographic of those under 40 years of age.

- Identify methods to attract members and promote MUFON in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Our most active member in promoting MUFON in that region of our state unfortunately passed away in April of 2004.
- Carefully develop leadership in the counties of Michigan that have no State Section Director and appoint quality leadership.
- Continue to improve communication of sightings and abductions for faster and better reporting to the Chief Investigator.
- Identify and implement methods of improving and comprehensively completing a greater number of sighting and abduction investigations.
- Promote the professional investigation of UFO sightings and/ or abductions by maintaining open communication with local law enforcement and news media across the state of Michigan.
- Continue to inform the public about UFOlogy and promote MUFON through public relations efforts and participation in interviews and speaking engagements. Several of our Michigan members have in the past and continue to further engage in these activities. As just one successful entrepreneurial example of this, one of our members and strong MUFON supporter, David Twichell, maintains a local cable access television program on UFOs called "We Are Not Alone" and has just self-published a book (his second) on the UFO phenomenon entitled "Global Implications of the UFO Reality," while also appearing on radio programs such as those of Jim Hickman and Lou Gentile.
- Organize Telescope Sky Watches. This is a hands-on way for members to familiarize themselves with the night sky and useful tools for celestial observation while enjoying the company of other members.
- Reinitiate Abductee/Experiencer Gatherings. Michigan MUFON once helped organize these get-togethers of members and their friends and family who tell of direct interaction with entities. All those who'd attended these found the meetings to be supportive and fascinating. We look forward to beginning them again.
- Maintain a positive administrative attitude to continue full participation of all MUFON members, state officers and State Section Directors.
- Maintain open communication with the International Director and his staff.
- Continue open lines of communication with all MUFON members.

Michigan is in strong shape and optimistically geared toward cooperative further growth. We are healthy financially and have a truly active team of officers and general membership.

In short, Michigan MUFON looks forward to another good year.

Respectfully submitted,

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