

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MICHIGAN MUTUAL UFO NETWORK, INC.

TO THE INTERNATIONAL MUTUAL UFO NETWORK, INC.

PERIOD JUNE 1, 2009 THROUGH MAY 31, 2010

SUMMARY:

Membership:

- International Mutual UFO Network, Inc. members in Michigan per list by central office: 84
- Michigan MUFON, Inc. Membership: 81

Current Officers:

- State Director: William Konkolesky
- Assistant State Directors: Patty Donahue (Administration), Wendy Smith (Financial)
- Chief Investigator: Gary Golem
- Regional State Section Directors: John Castle (SW Region), Gary Golem (SE Region), Sunny Young (N Region)
- State Section Directors of Selected Counties: Dave Bleicher (Genessee, Lapeer), Judy Kulka (Grand Traverse, Leelanau, Kalkaska, Antrim), Harold Marquardt (Macomb), Zach Smith (Eaton, Jackson, Ingham, Shiawassee)
- Electronic Data Manager: Jean Waskiewicz
- Director of Public Relations and Newsletter Editor: David Twichell
- Librarians: David and Darlene Bleicher
- Consultants: Linda and William Murphy
- Webmaster: William Konkolesky

Investigation:

- 236 UFO sightings reported
- 236 investigations into those sightings completed

Treasury:

- Bank Balance and cash on hand \$4336.80
(does not include value of library items, store merchandise, or office equipment)

Income sources: dues, (\$25.00 per mailing address, annually), fundraising (charitable gaming), 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 \$25.00 dues per mailing address entitles the member household to the newsletter (6 times per year, delivered either in paper, or online cost-saving PDF format), 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:

State membership meetings were held in September 2009, November 2009, January 2010, March 2010, and May 2010, with Field Investigator training before each meeting and quality speakers on the agenda for the afternoon session. The general meeting schedule is available to the membership several months in advance so everyone can plan ahead.

Currently, the cost of our general meetings is \$14 for MUFON and/or MIMUFON members, \$16 for non-members, and \$5 for first-time meeting attendees (regardless of membership status)

State Officer / Section Director Meetings were held as part of each of our state membership meetings. These meetings are for planning and finalizing meetings, general business, and for reports of treasury, special committees, and investigations.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Michigan MUFON Inc proudly maintains its 501(c)(3) status, due chiefly to the diligent efforts of Assistant State Director Wendy Smith. Several members have taken advantage of this status to offer our organization generous tax-deductible donations, as well.
- A profitable charitable gaming fundraiser for Michigan MUFON was held in Romulus Michigan at MVP Sports Grill (Nov 13-15), netting a weekend profit of \$500 for the organization. Several MUFON volunteers donated their valuable time to ensure a successful event. Planning has already begun to hold more fundraisers like this.
- MIMUFON's regularly scheduled Field Investigator training at our meetings, led by Chief Investigator Gary Golem and open to all MUFON members, has continued to be popular. 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.
- Our driven investigators, helped in great part by many new investigators joining the team, completed an impressive 236 sighting reports out of 236 sightings received.
- Michigan has continued its membership in MUFON's Star Impact Project, being headed in Michigan by Gary Golem with Field Investigator participation from Patty Donahue, David Twichell, and Dan Marcelain.
- Michigan continued its new Regional State Section Director position this year to assist with investigation management. In this model, the state is divided into three sections with one Regional SSD per each region to help provide timely investigation completion.
- Presentations by State Director Bill Konkolesky on the topic of MUFON and UFOs were given to audiences at multiple public libraries and other welcoming venues. These presentations were usually well attended and the subject of UFOs was quite well received.
- Michigan MUFON possesses and/or has readily available technology hardware including: laptop computers, a digital projector, overhead projector, DVD, VCR, 5' movie screen, professional microphone, studio grade amplifier, webcam, portable thermal computer printer, laminator, and fax machine. Our guest presenters at our meetings and our members in the audience enjoy the high level of audio-visual support we are able to provide.
- The Michigan MUFON website, mimufon.org, updated and run by State Director Bill Konkolesky, continues to stay 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, Michigan membership dues can be paid.

- The Michigan MUFON members lending library, containing more than 1000 items, continues to be popular with available books, tapes and DVDs. The library is maintained through the hard work and dedication of our librarians David and Darlene Bleicher.
- Our MIMUFON store, run by Patty Donahue, 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 to issue Michigan MUFON membership cards 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. These cards are laminated for durability.
- Due to geographic concentration of the membership, as well as budgetary considerations, the meeting place for all meetings is in the area of the city of Flint, not far from the Detroit Metro area. The restaurant where we meet is the best centralized location for the majority of the members. Our current average attendance is about 40 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 2009-2010 we continued with a management team that includes many state officers involved in various decision-making processes.

GOALS:

- Preparation is being made to host a public event at the theater of Henry Ford Community College featuring a presentation on the Rendlesham UFO Event by Peter Robbins on September 18, 2010. Hopes are for a sizeable attendance by the local community.
- Continue to identify and implement advantages of our 501(c)(3) status to help Michigan MUFON grow. Already, we have enjoyed a profitable fundraising event, tax free meals at our meeting place Walli's and solicited for tax-deductible donations of library materials, office equipment, and money for Michigan MUFON from our members.
- Increase membership in both MUFON International and Michigan MUFON Inc.
- Identify methods to attract members and promote MUFON in underrepresented areas of Michigan.
- 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, Michigan MUFON Newsletter Editor David Twichell continues to maintain his local UFO radio program "We Are Not Alone" through Henry Ford Community College.

- Continue to support smaller local MUFON gatherings for members and others who may seek to discuss UFOlogy in a smaller, more personal environment.
- Develop and implement fundraising tactics for our State organization.
- Update our MIMUFON store with new and different appealing items for purchase.
- 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, the International Board of Directors, and their support 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 are blessed with an active team of officers and general membership.

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

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Konkolesky
State Director Michigan Mutual UFO Network, Inc.