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Hark the impending arrival of the 23rd (count 'em!) NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE annual convention! This year's conclave will be held at the luxurious-but-cheap Executive Park Hotel in downtown Phoenix, Arizona, from May 16th through May 18th. The local host will be radio/TV personality Hal Starr, who has been on top of our favorite subject for many years. (SEE BACK PAGE.)

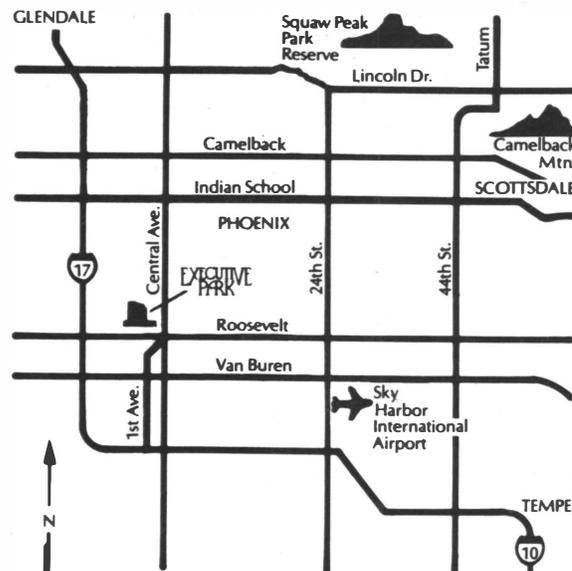
As of this writing speakers are still being lined up. In keeping with this year's theme "UFOs - Fact or Fantasy", Robert Sheaffer, newly appointed chairman of the Bay Area (California) CSICOP chapter, will represent the skeptical viewpoint, and famed author Bill Moore will be on hand to speak about the Roswell Incident & other on-going UFO investigations he is involved with.

Another possible-but-not-certain speaker is famed contactee Travis Walton. Still another possibility as of this writing is the legendary Dan Fry. Your editor (Permanent Chairman of the NUFOC) and wife Anna will be on hand to enjoy the festivities and to say a (very) few well-chosen words. We hope to see a lot of you there!

Incidentally, Hal Starr informs us that tables will be available for the Faithful to sell their wares, at \$25 per table.

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WE ATTEMPT TO TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT THE FAMOUS "LOST CREEK" SAUCER CASE:

Werner Walter and Klaus Webner are German UFO researchers who, working independently of each other, have made many important contributions to Ufology in recent years - mainly by solving photographic hoaxes from the past. Both have recently become "Smear" non-subscribers, and have urged us to supply them with more information about the UFO movie which came to be known as the "Lost Creek" saucer, as it was taken in 1966 near a small hamlet in West Virginia called Lost Creek - which, conveniently, is not far from Clarksburg, where Gray Barker used to live.

At the urging of these above-mentioned gentlemen, we have searched through our old scrapbooks, and have come upon what we thought was a classic photograph (shown on this page.) Here we supposedly see the late Gray Barker standing with John Sheets, the young man who, according to the story, witnessed the saucer in flight. In this picture the saucer seems to be quite a bit smaller than it appeared to be in the movie!



There is just one problem, however. As Klaus Webner has pointed out to us in a recent letter, the young man in the photograph does not look like the John Sheets in the film, nor does the saucer model look anywhere near the same. So this picture therefore apparently shows Gray Barker with a DIFFERENT young man and a DIFFERENT model! We are not trying to be cute about this. Our memory is confused!

At our next opportunity, we will go through our old scrapbooks (almost 100 of them!) some more, and see if we can find the real Lost Creek picture of Barker and Sheets, which we dimly remember having taken! Stay tuned!

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For many years Barker sold a group of three UFO films through his newsletter. They included one made at the Clarksburg airport; one made by Howard Menger (dubbed the "fried egg" film); and Lost Creek. The latter became a classic, and eventually was used in the background at the beginning and end of the UFO documentary called "Overlords of the UFOs", which has been shown countless times on television. It was also shown by your "Smear" editor at over a hundred colleges throughout the United States, as part of his standard UFO lecture during the late 1960's and early 1970's.

Incidentally, Klaus Webner can be reached at: Zugspitzstrasse 56, 6200 Wiesbaden, West Germany. He has many photos for sale!

TIDBITS OF TRASH:

UFO pioneer George Hunt Williamson, who had lived a secluded life in Long Beach, California in recent years, died of a heart attack about Jan. 25th, 1986. In the 1950's Williamson was the author of "Secret Places of the Lions" and several other books on saucers and South American archaeology. He made several trips to Peru and founded a metaphysical colony there. To us, Williamson is best known as one of the six witnesses to George Adamski's famous "Desert Contact" with a Venusian, which became the basis of the best-selling book Adamski co-authored with Desmond Leslie in 1953, called "Flying Saucers Have Landed". Few knew that Williamson's real name was Michel d'Obrenovic, and that George Hunt Williamson was just a pen name. Williamson is survived by a close friend and co-worker named Dame Thelma Dunlap, who helped him with various new manuscripts the author was preparing for publication at the time of his death....

Our olde friend Rick Hilberg of Cleveland has been involved with various UFO zines & organizations for the past 25 years. Unfortunately, the Cleveland UFO "hard core", consisting of Al Manak, Bob Easley, Ted Saupe and others, has disintegrated in the past year or so, leaving Rick and his wife Carol to carry on alone. Therefore Rick has asked us to ask our readers if any of them would be interested in co-producing a new UFO zine with him. Anyone so inclined should contact Rick Hilberg, 377 Race St., Berea, Ohio 44107....

Our friend Gene Duplantier, former editor of "Saucers, Space & Science" (or some such title), has burst forth with a new magazine called "Delve", consisting mainly of items of interest from the ufological past. (Something like Armand Laprade's "Would You Believe?", kind of.) The cost is \$3.00 postpaid. For further info., etc., write to Gene at: 17 Shetland St., Willowdale, Ontario, Canada M2M 1X5.... Mary Robinson, widow of famed UFO researcher John J. Robinson, suffered a serious stroke in early February and is partially paralyzed as a result.... Pete Mazzola's Scientific Bureau of Investigation (SBI) has folded, and Pete seems to have lost contact with the other researchers he used to work with. On the other hand, APR0, which appeared to have folded, is publishing their bulletin again, apparently on a non-scheduled basis. The latest issue, Vol. 33, No. 3 (undated) has a very interesting account of a radar sighting over Tucson, Arizona, on October 7th, 1985. Apparently about 50 to 100 mystery objects were involved!....

Non-subscriber Larry Bryant of CAUS (Citizens Against UFO Secrecy) has run into complex problems and job harrassment as a result of his efforts to place advertisements in military newspapers seeking crashed saucer evidence, etc. For details about this fascinating situation, write to Bryant at: 3518 Martha Curtis Drive, Alexandria, Va. 22302..... Dave Reising is a non-subscriber who writes & publishes weird little booklets on a variety of subjects. Witty and thought-provoking, and usually understandable. For a free list of twelve of these provocative booklets (selling for \$1 each), write to: Hitheryon House, P.O. Box 452, Syracuse, N.Y. 10301.... Remember famed UFO contactee Howard Menger of the 1950's? He's alive & well in Vero Beach, Florida - still painting signs for a living and doing a little quiet "New Age" work on the side. But no more contacts! We talked to him by phone just the other day....

The dreaded CSICOP organization will mark its tenth anniversary by holding a bash at the University of Colorado at Boulder - scene of Dr. Edward U. Condon's infamous Condon Report, many years ago. The dates of the CSICOP convention are April 25th & 26th, and speakers will include such notorious figures as Phil Klass, James ("The Amusing") Randi, and Paul Kurtz. For further info., write to: CSICOP; Box 229; Buffalo, N.Y. 14215.

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

MICHAEL DENNETT of Northwest Skeptics writes:

"I enjoyed your last issue of 'Saucer Smear'. I must disagree with you on one point made in your lead article: I do not feel that 'Smear' is a 'journal of lesser repute', and it certainly is not inferior to IUR.

"....This past summer a local T.V. station, KING in Seattle, did a program about UFOs. The principal guest was a Mr. Brian Myers. I would like to contact Mr. Myers but cannot find an address for him. Perhaps one of your readers knows Mr. Myers and would be kind enough to send me his address or phone no. (I am at 4927 S.W. 324th Place, Federal Way, Wa. 98023.)"

JOHN TIMMERMAN of CUFOS writes:

"Just a quick note to clarify the circumstances involved in a bit of news you may hear from other sources: On Jan. 11th I submitted my resignation as Chairman and Treasurer of the Center for UFO Studies. With the recent closing of the CUFOS office in Lima (Ohio), moving everything to the new office in Glenview, Illinois, now under the management of Sherman Larsen, it would be awkward for me to plan activities taking place elsewhere involving a group of directors all located within free-phoning distance from the new office. Also, we have a capable new person, Nancy Conrad, willing to assume the duties of treasurer. After five years of intense activity on behalf of CUFOS, I look forward to just being a member of the Board of Directors."

Another good man gone! - Editor.

BLAINE HAMRICK writes as follows:

"Sorry to disappoint you, but the UFO message from NORAD that ruined Simone Mendez's career was real. (See Oct. 25, 1985 'Smear', P. 2) The other account of this same Moscow sighting matches too well!

"Have you ever been accused of being a government agent?...."

Yes, frequently! - Ed.

ERIK BECKJORD writes:

"Two points of information: (1) The Cryptozoology Museum we are planning for the Los Angeles area is sponsoring a BIGFOOT HOTLINE (including Bigfoot reports and Bigfoot-emerging-from-saucers reports), and this number is 213-456-6769. (2) The late, respected George Haas of Oakland, Ca. left behind a fabulous library of Bigfoot books and articles. Today, the Bay Area Group (246 Nimitz, Redwood City, Ca. 94061) carries on his work and puts out a Bigfoot Bibliography four times a year. Send them news clips or book info., and they'll send you a copy...."

Former NICRAP bigwig GEORGE EARLEY writes:

"Has anyone considered that the Rendlesham case might have been either an experimental (and therefore top secret) NATO VTOL or even a Russki defector in a new Soviet VTOL aircraft? Certainly one way to 'hide' a landing by such a craft would be to feed the credophiles a saucer landing story. Disinformation is a stock in trade of the espionage boys these days...

"Would you run the following plug for a friend of mine in Ohio?: 'THE GATE offers a blend of fortune reporting and horror/paranormal fiction. \$2

to THE GATE, P.O. Box 43518, Richmond Heights, Ohio 44143 will bring you the next two (2) issues. THE GATE also carries book reviews by long-time non-subscriber George W. Earley."

CHRISTOPHER ALLAN of Jolly Olde England writes:

"As a loyal non-subscriber, I would like to put to you a hot (but serious) question: WHY ARE THERE NO COLORED UFOLOGISTS? Is the subject one for white caucasian people only? Do you know of any colored people interested in UFOs? Have you ever known any?

"Id like you to put this simple question to your readers, preferably omitting my name, just to see their reactions...."

We have some thoughts on this subject (and of course Barney Hill comes to mind!), but we'd like to hear from a few readers first. - Editor.

Supreme free-energy inventor HANS J. PETERMANN writes as follows:

"....My partner Kaiser Wilhelm Muller and I have received a patent in Canada on the converter-generator we are working on, and you can legally invest in shares of our Company, entitled PRAN TECHNOLOGIES, the address being: Bill Muller (Chairman, PRAN TECHNOLOGIES), 2805 W. Bench Dr., R.R. #3, Penticton, B.C. V2A 7K8, Canada.

"If any of your non-subscribers want more technical information on this fantastic 300% proven free energy device, you may contact me or Bill Muller at the address mentioned above. It's really a great investment, as we plan to market this converter-generator in Vancouver first and then in California...."

The inevitable KEN BEHRENDT of AURA writes:

"I found the latest 'Smear' to have a rather depressing tone to it. Granted that the field of ufology is in a decline, that major organizations and personalities are disappearing or about to do so, that the stockpile of 'inert nostalgics' and 'frustrated old timers' continues to swell, that less and less material on UFOs is being published because the average man on the street is too burned out/distracted/ignorant to even read it, that the average ufologist doesn't even know the nature of the problem which he/she is trying to solve let alone the nature of solution needed, and that our government quietly suppresses the subject while pretending to be neutral in the matter - SO WHAT??

"If ufology dies, it will be because the people now in the field let it die. The best way I can see to prevent this is to make sure that the man in the street remains keenly interested in the subject. To do this, he must be convinced that it is going somewhere soon and will have a profound effect on his way of life. I am convinced that he must come to realize that ufology can do this by making available to him the science and technology possessed by our extraterrestrial visitors. Thus, ufology must begin attempting to formulate working physical hypotheses of the phenomena it pursues which are capable of experimental verification or denial. In this manner, the scientific method should, eventually, lead us all to the 'promised land' of UFO technology...."

HALLELUJAH, Brother! - Ed.

**Neglecting
your plants?
They may cry**

**Cocaine farmers
surround police**

Lovable old PHIL KLASS astounds us with the following:

"I will retire May 1st as Aviation Week's senior avionics editor, after 34½ years, to relax a bit as a contributing editor to several monthly magazines, including 'Defense Electronics', 'High Technology', and 'Professional Pilot'.

"I have had two offers to write a new book, but I decline to comment on its content or title...."

One of our usually unreliable sources claims the tentative title of Klass's new book is "UFO Schnooks, Kooks and Kon-men"! - Editor.

BARRY HOFFMAN, ace cartoonist, writes as follows:

"Dear Supreme Commander:

"Thanks for the last 'Smear'. Not much UFO activity in these parts lately, so I have no hot stories to report. I've concluded that the sea gulls I see in the sky each day are probably from this planet, but I'm still not sure about the woodpeckers.

"Last 'Smear' was, as usual, informative, witty, controversial, etc., blah, blah - but your handwritten note about your 'dull & dreary' attitude depressed me! We need a Supreme Commander with some spunk! I think your environment of ghoulish artifacts, coupled with the booze and pot, coupled with your frustration at not winning 5 million dollars in the Publishers Clearing House Junk Mail Sweepstakes is turning you into a vegetable! We non-subscribers aren't interested in being fans of a Supreme Tomato!

"Now, you suggest to me that a cure for your condition may perhaps be a cartoon. I am only too happy to comply with your request. When you paste it into a future issue of 'Smear', please try to resist your desire to sniff the rubber cement for many minutes in a row, hey?"

BELLE FONTAINE, a rather mysterious long-time non-subscriber, writes:

"I wish to continue my non-subscription to your scholarly journal of perceptive and sometimes witty satires:

"Is there any truth to the rumor that you and at least a half dozen of your non-subscribers are suffering from 'Alien Hemorrhoids' of which there is no cure for at this time? My apologies for my late response to acknowledging your 'Dreaded X'. This subject required extensive research and was very time consuming."

TOM BENSON of MUFON hits us with:

"We have heard through the 'Banana Republic' grapevine that there is a 'five pounds of coke' bounty on your head, to have you extradicted back to Peru for grave robbing. You are also wanted for payment of Social Security Taxes and Worker Unemployment Compensation owed that State for the indigenous diggers you hired to retrieve historic, precious artifacts from ancient burial mounds and temples, prior to your smuggling them out of the country illegally. Additionally, Ecuador wants your head to shrink for resale because of the various nefarious deeds you inflicted upon them.For your safety, you better grow a beard and/or get abducted by UFO aliens to take you to '3½-D' land!"

After long, hard night, Moseley becomes hero

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Dear Capt. Jim,

My heart goes out to poor Yon Erik Beckjord as he weeps Plesiosaurus tears over how "undemocratic" the Southern California Skeptics' organization is. Imagine that, they won't even let him vote! I can't imagine why. Except, perhaps, that kooks outnumber skeptics jillions to one, and always have, and all he'd have to do is get one out of every hundred spaced-out omnicrods from Hollywood Boulevard to join SCS, and they could pass any resolution they wanted saying UFOs are real, that gurus can levitate, that pigs have wings, etc.

The Bay Area Skeptics are glad that we're equally "undemocratic", and hence invulnerable to such takeover attempts. We have a Board of Directors, who make all major decisions, and when a vacancy occurs on the Board we select whoever we damn please to fill it--and it won't be somebody like Beckjord. CSICOP works in the same way. And while we're on the subject, I don't recall Andrus ever campaigning among the members of MUFON in a tightly-contested race for the top spot. Ditto Lorenzen ever being "elected" to APRO, or Hynek to CUFOS, etc. So quit yer bellyachin, Yon.

Now the poor fellow is so upset that he's founding his own "sound alike" organization, the "Southern California Skeptical Psychic Investigators' League", a repeat of the clone ploy he used to bedevil cryptozoologists. (Remember the "National Cryptozoological Society", to be confused with the "International Society for Cryptozoology"?) The SCS PIL is so skeptical that one of their first actions was to set up a "Bigfoot Hotline", so that those who think they've seen Bigfeet can report it to someone who won't believe them. Next they set up a "Poltergeist Hotline" (which parsimoniously shares the same phone number), so those who think that flowerpots are flying around in their kitchen can quickly locate cynical nonbelievers to come out and scoff at them. As if this were not enough, in a final ploy to totally confuse people Yon has taken up with Bob Steiner's old girlfriend, so that those who have met her at various skeptics' gatherings, seeing her with Beckjord, will conclude that her current boyfriend must have at least half the brains the last one did.

Cheers,



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James, my Old & Rare:

To bring you and your several readers up to date, I submit news of great and abounding joy concerning the upcoming 23rd annual National UFO Conv. (NUFOC). Please control your diction if pronouncing the abbreviation quickly!

We plan to terrorize the natives of Phoenix, Arizona in beautiful weather:

Friday 5/16/86

5PM to 8PM "Get Acquainted Party" in NUFOC Hospitality Suite.

Saturday 5/17/86

9AM to Noon in Main Meeting Hall: Opening remarks and activities, two speakers (one hour each) a question and answer session with each speaker, and a brief mid-morning break.

Noon to 1:30PM--No host lunch break.

1:30PM to 5:30PM in Main Meeting Hall: Two 1 hour speakers, two question and answer sessions with speakers, a one hour roundtable of all four speakers plus the banquet speaker, and brief break.

7PM to 8PM in Private Dining Room: No host cocktail party.

8PM to 10PM in Private Dining Room: Banquet with speaker.

Sunday 5/18/86

9AM to Noon in Main Meeting Room: Open Forum for all attendees and all speakers, plus experts not presenting papers.

We will meet at the brand new (and posh) Executive Park Hotel, 1100 North Central Ave. 85004 (directly across Central from NBC Television). It sports a heated pool, Jacuzzi, Sauna, great view of city center, and many amenities.

Some speakers are already committed to appear, and some are now being contacted, so exact details are not yet available, but hopefully this affair will be even more successful than my "UFO '79" in San Diego, November 1979.

Through special arrangement (because they are VERY pro-saucer), all rooms (single OR double) are \$50 per night (normally \$120) Two nights for \$100! Banquet tickets are \$15 per person. A special package price for room, all meetings, banquet, get acquainted party, etc. is \$120 for one and \$140 for two if sharing a room. Individual admission for meetings is \$4 for Sat. AM, \$4 for Sat. afternoon, and \$4 for Sun. AM, payable at door for non-hotel guests. Room reservations should be made directly with the hotel by mailing a check or by credit card to their toll-free number 1-800-872-3932 which is 1-800-USA-EXEC. Specify that you are with the May UFO convention.

I'm expecting a good turn-out from the southwest because of numerous talk-show appearances I'll be making in Phoenix, Tucson, Los Angeles, San Diego, and Las Vegas. I suggest all who wish to attend get their reservations in NOW (even yesterday), because this exclusive hotel only has between 100 and 200 rooms, and they're holding as many as they can for us. When the rooms and meeting room seats are gone.....they're GONE! The convention will explore ALL facets of Ufology under the theme "UFOs, Fact or Fantasy?"

See ya at the Con.


Hal Starr