



June, 1999

The 1999 NCAS SPRING COOKOUT



As the final get together for the 1998-99 season, Chip and Grace Denman invites NCAS to hold an afternoon cookout in their vast back yard in Silver Spring. Meet fellow skeptics for an enjoyable afternoon talking about skeptical, credulous, or other relevant or Alternative Medicine Symposium, February in Philadelphia, Penn and Teller's show in Washington in March, the Skeptics Society Annual meeting on evolution in Pasadena in May. NCAS members were at all of these.

NCAS will provide burgers, drinks, and hotdogs.

Everyone should RSVP by June 16 in order to get a count of who's coming.

Saturday, June 19

2:00 pm -- ???

Call NCAS line for directions.

Everyone welcome - members and non-members

Call the NCAS Skeptic Line at 301-587-3827 for further info.

NCAS Address

NCAS now has a Post Office box (PO Box 8428, Silver Spring, MD 20910) for mail. Use it for all future correspondence.

Ya' All Come Back Now

The June 19 Social is our last meeting for the 1998-99 year. Our first fall meeting is September 11 at the Bethesda Library at 7400 Arlington Road. Check our web site for any new developments, or better yet, send mail to ncas@ncas.org and ask to be on our email distribution list.

1999 MUFON SYMPOSIUM

From Fri to Sun-- July 2, 3 & 4 1999. Virginia MUFON will host the '99 Symposium at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City near Reagan National Airport, 2799 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington VA 22202. To register for the conference, mail check or money order payable to: MUFON '99 International UFO Symposium, 7873 Heritage Dr. Suite 574, Annandale VA 22003. Registration is \$65.00 before June 9th and \$75.00 thereafter. Advance registration for Friday night's buffet dinner/party is \$20.00. (\$25.00 at the door.) Children under 13 can attend the Symposium free, while the buffet/party will be at full price.

The buffet dinner/party will begin at 6:00 pm on Friday. Saturday's presentations will run approximately 9:00 am to 9:30 pm. Sunday's schedule will run approximately 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. Confirmed Speakers to date: Richard Hall, Bruce Maccabee, Beverly Trout, Eddie Bullard, Jenny Randles, Budd Hopkins, S. Peter Resta, Evn, Stanton Friedman and Robert Swiatek.

PATENT OFFICE: FALLOUT FROM FUTURE ENERGY CONFERENCE.

One result of the recent conference on over-unity was that it led to a close look at the Patent and Trademark Office. The conference was hosted by the Integrity Research Institute, whose president, Tom Valone, is a patent examiner. In this week's Science magazine David Voss reports on his investigation of the Patent Office. In addition to patents awarded for various cold-fusion and over-unity devices, the DKL Lifeguard, a dowsing rod with lights and buttons and an electrical switch operated by ESP, have made the cut. (Bob Park's "What's New", May 21, 1999)

CSICOP SUPERSTITION BASH SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 13th

Come Friday the Thirteenth of August join other skeptics from across the world in the CSICOP-sponsored International Superstition Bash. You and fellow area skeptics can laugh in the face of superstition by holding a barbecue, smashing mirrors, walking under ladders, stepping on cracks, spilling salt, and hanging with black cats all in a fun event that delivers

an important message. Invite a magician to perform, bring the whole family, enjoy the good weather, and get a little publicity in the media.

10th European Skeptical Congress

From noon Friday September 17 till Sunday September 19 at 15:30 h. in the center of the town of Maastricht, one of the ancient cities of the Netherlands, founded by the Romans, beautifully situated at the shore of river Meuse. The general theme is "The Challenge of the 21th Century". Information on the program can be obtained at the website <http://www.skepsis.org/>

Time to Renew?

Check your mailing label. If the renewal date has passed, please send \$20 (for one person) or \$30 (for two-member households) for a one-year renewal to the NCAS address at the top of this calendar or you will be dropped as a member.