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An Editorial

Due to recent events I feel that the DATA-NET policy should be made absolutely clear. We are Radio Amateurs seriously interested in the UFO situation. We are pooling information so as to possibly come to some concrete conclusions. We already have sufficient evidence to show that UFO's exist. We now want to know what they are, where they come from, the mode of propulsion and possibly more important, why they are here. This is our goal! Nothing else!

We are not interested in commercialism or politics. Nor are we interested in "pressuring" the government in releasing what they may or may not know concerning the UFO's. Certainly the government cannot be comprised of complete idiots. If they are hiding information, they must have a most valid reason for doing so. Regardless, DATA-NET cannot waste time, effort and money, (which it does not have) on this sidlight. We can only be sorry for those who do.

We cannot help but see the constant friction between the other UFO research groups, of which there are several. This feuding and bickering we cannot understand. Their constant attempts to outshout, outboast, outsell, and outscope each other appears pointless. Would it not be to the benefit of all for these groups to join forces? Think of it. A bigger staff! More investigators! A bigger treasury and most of all a wider source of information!

Alas, we can see that this will not be. The friction continues. the rifts become wider.

DATA-NET will continue as it has been. In fact finding, DATA gathering and relaying all this information to its members. We have at least two things in our favor. One; because we operate without funds, only seriously interested parties, willing to put in time and effort are members. The other is obvious; we are all hams; we have communication.

We will continue to co-operate fully with APRO. Not because we are showing favoritism, or "taking sides" but because APRO is co-operating fully with DATA-NET. This marriage of two UFO research groups, one big, one small, has shown its merits. we are only sorry that others cannot follow suit. Such then is our policy.

Your opinions and comments are solicited.

This month we recieved postage from the following members; Mr. Alan Weber, Mrs. Jo Clark (with W6BPV Tom, WA1DJC Tom, K5JNJ Dan, WB6TXK Bob, WB6TQG Phil, WA8REN Jeff, W9VSR Ed, W5TXB Andy, WB2VFF Lou; K9ZJV Rex, WA0KOM Bill, KP4CH Tom, W50XU D.G.

We thank you very much for your help.

We welcome into DATA-NET the following full members. Please add them to your roster. K5JNJ Dan, Fort Worth, Texas.....WA8REN Jeff, Chagrin Falls, Ohio....WB6TQG Phil, Saratoga, Calif....K9ZJV Rex, Quincy, Ill....WALDJC Tom, Gloucester, Mass....W9VSR Ed, East Moline, Ill.... W5TXB Andy, Dallas, Texas....WB2VFF Lou, Selden, N.Y.... KP4CH Tom, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico....Al Brown, Research Director APRO, Cupertino, Calif....W5OXU D.G., Harrison, Ark.

Information recieved from W6BPV, WALDJC, W7VJI, KP4CH, WB2VFF, K7YXP; WB6OTN, WAØKOM, Alan Weber.

Inquiries recieved this month; Jim Gullo, Westmont, N.J.... WB2ZQR Tom, Somerville, N.J....VE3MA Dr. Plummer, Ottawa, Canada.... WA8TYB Tom, Xenia, Ohio....WB2WXM Ed, Rochester, N.Y....W5OXU D.G., Harrison, Ark....WAØOCU Bill, Overland, Mo....WN5SQT Dave, College Station Texas....WA9THB, Joliet, Ill....WB6RYQ, Sacramento, Calif.... W7VJI Ed, Rock Springs, Wyo....WA5PPZ Lanny, Waco, Texas....WA4BRS USCGC, Paul....WA8RQU Dave, Solon, Ohio....WN6WGR Don, Soulsbyville, Calif....WN9UNL Phil, Cesterton, Ind.

THE SID PADRICK CASE

The first time that this station heard of Padrick's alleged ride in a flying saucer was from a potential member who requested that we look into the matter.

While visiting Tom, (W6BPV) at his new QTH in Ben Lommond, I soon learned that his daughter, Mrs Jo Clark, is the true UFO researcher of the family.

For several years Jo has investigated this problem. For the process, she has accumulated several pounds of information.

Guaranteeing its safe return, I requested that this information be loaned to me so that I could go through it at my leasure. So agreed, and DATA-NET is indebted to her for her help.

Mr. Sid Padrick(WB6HXJ) claimed that on the night of January 30 1965, he boarded an alien spacecraft and was taken for a ride.

Afterwards he made several appearances on radio and television. March 12, 1965, Padrick told his story to a jam packed civic auditorium in San Jose. Armed with notebook, pencil and shorthand (short but fast), Jo Clark was there and took down the whole story. (Because of its size, 10 pages plus 3pages of drawings, it is not included in this report but is available to full members upon request, Help with the postage will be appreciated.)

His opening remark was that he was not being paid to speak. He was telling his story only because he had been requested to.

Subsequent investigation by the team of Paul Cerney and Jo clark showed that he recieved 25 per cent of the "Take".

On my next visit to Ben Lemond, Jo told me that Padrick had been investigated for six months. Shortly before his alleged encounter, he had filed bankruptcy. He refused an open debate with Paul Cerney on T.V. His story was full of discrepancies and contradictions.

I returned to Mt. View and contacted Paul Cerney. He confirmed Jo's statements adding that Padrick had been monitored extensively for a period of not less than six months. Over 25 discrepancies were found in his story. The result of NICAP's investigation showed that Padrick was an apparent fraud.

This control station then made contact with the APRO Research Director, Al Brown, in Cupertino. Al confirmed these findings. APRO had also investigated the case and concluded that Padrick was an apparent fraud. At the time, I was ready to let the whole thing go as a waste of time, but decided to press for some definite conclusions. Looking up Padrick's address in the Amateurs Call book, I found it listed as 115 Estrelle Ave., in La Selva Beach.

It was early afternoon when I arrived there. La Selva Beach is a small, town inhabited mostly by retired well to-do citizens. The whole area is surrounded by flowers and tall red woods. Padrick's house was one of the smaller ones. Evidence of his antenna systems were still in some of the nearby trees. No one was at home. The neighbor on the left informed me that no one by that name lived there. At the next house, (around the corner) I met Mr. Charles Peterson, as he was watering his flowers. Peterson is in his early sixties, retired and very friendly. He was most co-operative. He chuckled when I asked if he knew Mr. Padrick. He told that Padrick had moved out about two years ago. Had gone bankrupt shortly before he came out with his "story." He had moved into the area about 8 years ago and built up a good business in the radio and T.V. trade, concentrating in antennas. "He did very good work. His prices were rather steep but he used the very best material he could get. I know, I used to help him erect some of those antennas," Peterson said. He pointed to the top of his two story house. "That's one of them there" The price for that one was \$105.00. I asked what had happened to his business. He told me that people became leery of Padrick. He started to act "funny". Telling strange stories and fantastic tales. His customers lost confidence in him. They worried that he could not back up his guarantees and might suddenly move out. (Which he did.) Peterson said that he (Padrick) no longer did any thing around the house; he no longer cut the grass-etc.... (I may have colored slightly at that. The XYL takes care of the yards at this QTH!) Finally Padrick filed Bankruptcy. He then came out with one more fantastic tale. Perhaps the granddaddy of them all. It appears that he tried to sell his story to several national magazines without success.

Padrick moved to "Happy Valley" road somewhere in Santa Cruz. I thanked Mr. Peterson for his co-operation and headed for Santa Cruz. There, "Happy Valley" road could not be located. Possibly in Watsonville, I was told. Once in Watsonville I headed straight for the Police Department. Officers Estrada, Boyle and Anderson were in the office. I identified myself, explained my purpose and requested their help. All three officers were serious, friendly and very co-operative. they all agreed the UFO situation was serious. I was told Padrick had been recently arrested in Santa Cruz for making threatening phone calls. One of the officers knew him personally and had helped him put up T.V. antennas in the past. After making several phone calls including one to Monterey County. Padrick's address was found to be on hidden valley Road in Monterey County.

Houses in that area were few and far between. Padrick's house is a small ranch type, situated on the side of the hill. On the roof are two inverted Vees, 40M and 80M. In the back, the driven element of a three element beam, alone atop of its mast. The yard had been mowed and trimmed. A Ford station wagon was in the driveway.

I parked my car facing the front door. my license plate bearing my call letters clearly visible. Immediately two young men came out. The tallest was Dave, son of Sid Padrick. I spoke mostly to him. He was neat and clean, appeared above average intelligence. Dave holds the amateur call WB6IIS. He said his dad was working in San Jose. They were again in the process of moving but that he, Dave, would not move with the family this time. We ragchewed about ham radio for awhile, then I said that I was sorry I missed Sid. I wanted to ask him about that "thing" he had seen. "What did he see?" Dave asked, "That thing at La Selva Beach!" he persisted. "I understand," I said, "that your dad claimed to have seen a flying saucer real close...Like from the inside looking out!"

Dave threw back his head , laughed loud and said, "Oh, THAT bull-
shit!" I agreed that that was what I thought but just wanted to
make sure.

I asked if he might know why his dad had made up this story.
He looked at the ground, turned a stone over with his right shoe
and then said no. He appeared bitter over the whole thing. He said
that he had suffered much ridicule and embarrassment because of it.
"I'd rather not talk about it," he said at one time. I assured him
I was not there to laugh, cry or pass judgement, but wanted infor-
mation. Each time that I saw Dave was becoming uncomfortable I
would switch back to the ham subject. To the question of whether
his dad had made any money out of this he said that he did not think
so. What did his mother think of this? He shrugged his shoulders
and said: "I guess she doesn't like it." His personal feelings
were that he was sorry about the whole thing.

Dave feels that UFO's are indeed a serious subject. The govern-
ment is withholding their information probably for a good reason.
Dave does not think these objects are friendly. He also feels that
the "contactees" (space brothers etc...) are harming the true resear-
cher. He does not think the Colorado Project will accomplish any-
thing concrete because "They still have to clear through the Air Force".

I thanked Dave for his information and returned to Mt. View.
It is the conclusion of DATA-NET that Mr. Sid Padrick did in fact
fabricate his story of having boarded a spacecraft from an other
planet, and having met the leader of the occupants.

For further details concerning Sid Padrick's "trip" read FLYING
SAUCERS OCCUPANTS by Coral and Jim Lorenzen of APRO.

The Report on Van Heflin's Photographs

With the cooperation of Paul Cerney of NICAP, we recently rece-
ived a group of photographs of a UFO taken by Mr. Heflin, a Los Angeles
County Highway Engineer. These pictures were taken by him on August
the 3rd, 1965.

The one with the most details was chosen and magnified to 1200X.
It was then studied extensively. Here are the results: The photo
was found to be in fairly good focus throughout. Side to side, top
to bottom, front to back.(infinity) The only part of the photo not
in focus is the UFO itself. The uniform manner in which this object
is blurred shows that it is not traveling faster than the camera
shutter speed, and may possibly be at ~~the~~ rest. This places the
object closer to the camera lens than any other portion of the picture.

Comparing the object with the portion of highway closest to the
camera lens, we find that it is less than one quarter of the road.
(app. 5') with the exception of the "UFO" the closest object to the
camera is a patch of ground a few feet in front of a bush at the
extreme lower right. Comparing the object with the bush itself we
find it less than two feet. Because the object is considerably closer
to the lens than the bush we conclude that it is not more than 20
inches in width at the most. This does not tally with the dimensions
given by Mr. Heflin. (30FEET Diameter) In the photograph there is
a patch of ground which, at first glance, appears below the object.
It has been referred to as "apparent turbulence" because of it's
make up. According to information received this "patch" is still
there.

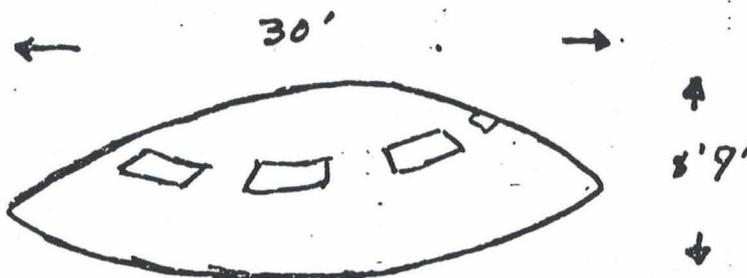
Because of these findings, DATA-NET cannot accept these photos
as valid.

We thank DATA-NET member Joseph Adamski, attached to Beckman Inst.
for his help in this evaluation.

In October 1950 around 9 PM Felipe Barraza, his father, two brothers, cousins and four field hands saw what they first thought was an aircraft flaming to Earth. This in the province of Sinaloa, Mexico. The flaming object appeared to have hit in a nearby corn field. Because they feared the whole field would go up in smoke and possibly to aid any survivors they all rushed to the area.

To their astonishment they found a round object about 25 feet in diameter. 8 to 9 feet high. In the upper part they could see at least 4 windows which glowed so bright it hurt the eyes. They came within 30 ft. of it. They thought then that the object was an American experimental plane. Afraid that this object would harm the young corn they tried to make it leave. One of the men had a 22 rifle and threatened to shoot but didn't because he was afraid it might shoot back (HI!) After a half hour the object left, shooting straight up it was gone in an instant.

Felipe has assured me personally that to this day corn does not grow on that spot.



This month this station has received much postage, information and correspondence. This is the first time that I did not have to buy stamps in order to mail the report. Because of your participation we are successful. For this I thank you but...we need more stations on the air. We should have at least 20 percent on the net. It is less than 10 percent. Please let us all make a max effort.

KTYXP now has 1900 watts of power and is presently the active on the air control station.

WE6TQG states that he has access to design your own QSL card printing at very reasonable cost. For details contact him directly.

We are receiving mail now daily. Please forgive me if any delay in answering. I answer all mail personally. Keep writing. Send information, stamps, money, care packages, suggestions, ideas, criticisms, insults etc...

That's it for this month. I'm tired and going to bed. Thank you for your help.

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Last minute information: I have just acquired (at great cost) the 13 best quality, high resolution electronic negatives of the moon taken by our landed surveyor 1. Some of the shots are literally within inches. I can send you the set for five dollars to help me with the printing cost. (Not a simple process: Negative-positive-positive-negative-negative-print) They will be 4 by 5 glossy prints. As full members you do not have to pay the postage but your help will be appreciated.

Professor Weber, University of Maryland, is looking for gravity waves.

We have light waves, radio waves, sound waves, tidal waves, color waves, hand waves and so on...we wish Prof. Weber success in locating his gravity waves.

PLEASE FORGIVE THE POOR TYPING AND SPELLING.
WE LOST OUR SECRETARY TO A SEWING CLASS!
(OUCH!)

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