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Re: Open Minds? - The Margate, Kent UK Conference

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>Date: Tue, 06 Oct 1998 13:42:21 -0700
>From: Jerry Anderson <ufomek@netcomuk.co.uk>
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>Subject: Open Minds?

>A lot has been said and written about Tim Mathews

>(snip)

>However, for those of you who listened, like I did, to all the
>gossip and back stabbing of Tim, I would like to point out that
>not only did this young man make no claim whatsoever that all
>UFOs were secret government craft, he also gave a talk that was
>one of the finest I have heard at ANY conference, and that ALL
>his research had been checked and rechecked before any part was
>released.

>Although I believe in the ETH to a point, what Tim had to say
>about the quite obvious man made saucers/triangles etc.,
>especially during the 1950's & 60's, made an awful lot of sense.

><snip>

>So, I say this. For those of you who have decided not to
>include Tim Mathews in your conference programme due to rumour
>etc., you are missing out on one hell of a speaker and it is
>your loss.

><snip>

>Yes, he got off his backside and did something! Something that
>some 'researchers' can't make a claim to. Put aside rumour and
>do yourselves a favour, give him a chance. Jerry Anderson
>UFOMEK UK

I totally agree. I have seen Tim's lectures on four separate occasions and each one was completely different, with primarily original material, something that many 'top name, top price' ufologists on the scene cannot claim. So often we see the same tired old (mis)information rehashed again and again, year after year by the Big Guns on the lecture circuit - no names, but I bet we've all got a few contenders. Tim comes a breath of fresh air, whether you agree with him or not.

On a more personal note, I would like to add that as well as being a dedicated and exhaustive researcher, Tim does a great deal to help the smaller, 'grass roots' UFO groups dotting the

country, even if he is speaking before only a handful of people. Tim has provided excellent lectures twice for our group now, and he charges expenses only: generally enough to get him from A to B. No fancy restaurants, hotel rooms or ridiculous paycheques for Tim.

I can think of only a couple of other researchers, ufologists - call 'em what you will - who actually make themselves affordable and accessible to local groups in this way, and he should be commended for it.

Dave Baker- Yorkshire UFO Society

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