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Re: Ufology - A Personal Viewpoint

From: Scott Carr <sardonica@erols.com>
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>I think we all know, really, what was being raised by Scott in
>his original posting. That is, the researcher who claims to have
>seen UFOs again and again and again, and who, when placed under
>scrutiny, turns out to be almost as imaginative as the strawman
>raised by debunkers as their model of the UFO witness. Yes,
>there are some people like that in the Ufological community, and
>it is a problem. (Oddly, Scott's website seems to give credence
>to Dr. Bruce Cornet, who falls almost perfectly into this
>profile).

I agree 100% that Dr. Cornet falls into this category. One of of
my primary interests in FSG is in the investigation of the
culture that has developed around the UFO phenomenon.
Specifically, Pine Bush, and the sociology of the skywatchers
there, has been a primary focus.

Bruce Cornet is inarguably a key proponent of the Pine Bush
skywatching scene, and in the pages of FSG I have spent
considerable time reviewing his research and analyzing his role
in this sociology- I'm fascinated by how the UFO phenomenon has
affected him (and many others) sociologically. But I have NEVER
endorsed his claims, his wild beliefs, or his many, many alleged
sightings and experiences. My review of his work, while
extensive, has often been quite scathing and always logical. Dr.
Cornet himself is quite aware of my position on his work, and
has maintained an amicable relationship with me and my
publication (All things considered, he is a very decent and nice
guy.) While I happily published his article on his remembrance
of sociology of the Pine Bush skywatchers, I will state for the
record that I remain highly skeptical of his fieldwork.

I sincerely hope that my point has not been lost or
misrepresented. FSG prides itself on its common sense approach
to ufology and the sociology of the UFO culture. I sincerely
believe that it is just as important to look at the researcher,
as it is to look at the research.

Sincerely,

-Scott C. Carr
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