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Very Large Array Gets Upgrade

The National Science Foundation has approved a \$58.3 million upgrade to the Very Large Array to increase the telescope's power tenfold. The project will completely upgrade the electronics system of the telescope that dates back to the 1970s. The telescope is located on the Plains of San Agustin west of Socorro, New Mexico. The array is made up of 27 moveable radio antennas, each of which is 82 feet in diameter. These antennas work in unison, collecting naturally emitted radio waves from galaxies, stars and planets, providing a unique view of the universe. The project will include the addition of fiber-optic data lines between the antennas and the central building where the data is collected. A new more powerful computer will be added to collect and analyze this incoming data. The work should be completed by sometime in 2008.

This telescope is the most productive of all Earth-based telescopes, generating over 200 scientific papers a year. Only the space based Hubble Space Telescope is more productive. A MUFON of Ohio Executive Council member was once told by a reliable source that this array had been used several years ago to collect incoming data that proved the existence of an extraterrestrial intelligence. Needless-to-say, this "rumor" has not been officially confirmed.

Thanks to Rebecca Minshall of Albuquerque, New Mexico and co-founder of MidOhio Research Associates, Inc., the predecessor of MUFON of Ohio, for this update on the Very Large Array.

Ohio Soaring Lights

AKRON -- Tami writes: "While visiting my sister last night, October 23, 2001, we were out in her yard looking for the strange lights. It was about 9:03 PM, when we first observed bright star like objects moving up and down in the sky. We observed these lights until the last one disappeared but we were able to get several hours of video. They were gone at 8:00 AM this morning. We first noticed these lights while camping on Aug 14, 2001, and we have seen these lights every night since then. The lights are very bright, and sometimes they can be seen below the clouds. We can only see an actual image of the lights, when viewed through the video. On tape, some of these lights act as though they are alive. They can be seen on video 'morphing.' Other lights will move quickly and silently across the sky coming from the west. They can also be triangle formations of three lights that are not as bright as the others. When seen through binoculars you cannot see through the triangle, and there is a red light in the center of the triangle. The height of the UFOs varied throughout the night, when clouds were over head, you could see flashes of lights through the clouds. Some would shoot straight up in the air and disappear, and some would stay just below the clouds. Thanks to Tami Purpleufo@aol.com and Joe Trainor Masinaigan. (*Filers Files, #43-2001, 10/25/01.*)

MUFON of Ohio State Meeting – Saturday, May 4, 2002

Thanks to MUFON of Ohio members Terry and Angie Hamilton, the 2002 spring meeting is now scheduled to be held in the Emergency Room of the Ashland Sheriff's Office at 1205 East Main Street, Ashland, Ohio. The meeting will begin at 12:00 noon and we expect to finish by 5:00 pm. The hosts of the meeting will be Lieutenant Terry Hamilton and Deputy Angie Hamilton of the Sheriff's Office. We will provide some snacks

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Ohio Flying Triangles

MARIETTA -- The witness reports, "I was traveling east towards my home on August 29, 2001, when I noticed an airplane from the local airport. I was nearing Wal-Mart at around 9:20 PM, when I noticed something just seemed out of place. The object was traveling very fast, and its shape just didn't look right. I realized it was not a routine flight, and it was coming from the wrong direction. It was now flying directly towards my car and had five lights on it, a blue light was on the very front of it, a white light just below the blue one, 2 white lights on either side, and a flashing light in the center of it. As it flew directly over my car, I slowed down, and I noticed other cars in front of mine slow down also, so I know I was not the only one who saw it. It finally passed over my car, and there was no sound. I could see the triangular shape very clearly and it was totally black against the moonlit sky. The back had no indications of exhaust or smoke. The back was concave in shape looking sort of like a boomerang but more triangular. I could now see only four lights, the three white ones, and the bluish white flashing light in the center. I was shocked when a second flying triangle quickly followed the first. They both were moving at the same speed and 1000 foot altitude. They were separated by about 1000 feet and were moving very fast probably above 300 to 400 mph." Thanks to Peter Davenport, NUFORC. (*Filers Files*, #40-2001, 10/03/01.) ☀

Georgia Aerial Object A Glider

LA GRANGE -- Researcher John Thompson says, "Today I thought I saw a rare daytime UFO. It went back and forth slowly, left-to-right, right-to-left repeatedly, for about five minutes. It seemed to stop on a dime and reverse direction. I took several photos of the object as it, occasionally, flickered brightly with the reflection of sunlight. Guess what? It was a glider catching thermos! I called the La Grange Airport to confirm. If I had a video, however, shot from afar everybody would swear, as another person with me who was watching agreed, that no plane could do that. Gliders can because they have an unbelievable low stall speed." (*Filers Files*, #48-2001, 11/28/01.)

Editorial Comment: IFOs sometimes tell us more than UFOs do. ☀

New Jersey Boomerang Shaped Object

NEW BRUNSWICK -- The witness reports that, "While watching the Leonids meteor shower on November 18, 2001, I noticed a boomerang shaped object flying directly above me at 5:05 AM. It made no sound and had no lights. The surface appeared smooth, with no visible engine or tailfin. I couldn't make out the color, but it appeared flat or matte, possibly gray. The altitude of the object is difficult to gauge but based on the size, speed, and

wingspan, from my perspective, it was larger than a 747, traveling 300 to 600 mph at under 10,000 feet. It looked like a giant boomerang, flat with a narrow fuselage/wings." (*Filers Files*, #49-2001, 12/05/01.) ☀

Psychics Join The Manhunt

The Sunday Times, U.K.

November 11, 2001

US intelligence agencies are recruiting psychics to help predict future attacks and to find Osama Bin Laden. The recruits, known as "remote viewers", claim to be able to visualize happenings in distant places by using paranormal powers. The US government established a remote viewing programme, known as Stargate, in the 1970s in an attempt to utilise the skills claimed by psychics to combat communism. The programme, at the Stanford Research Institute in California, was shut down in 1995 after the end of the cold war.

Now, however, US intelligence agencies are reactivating some of their old paranormal spies. Prudence Calabrese, whose Transdimensional Systems employs 14 remote viewers, confirmed that the FBI had asked the company to predict likely targets of future terrorist attacks. "Our reports suggest a sports stadium could be a likely target," she said.

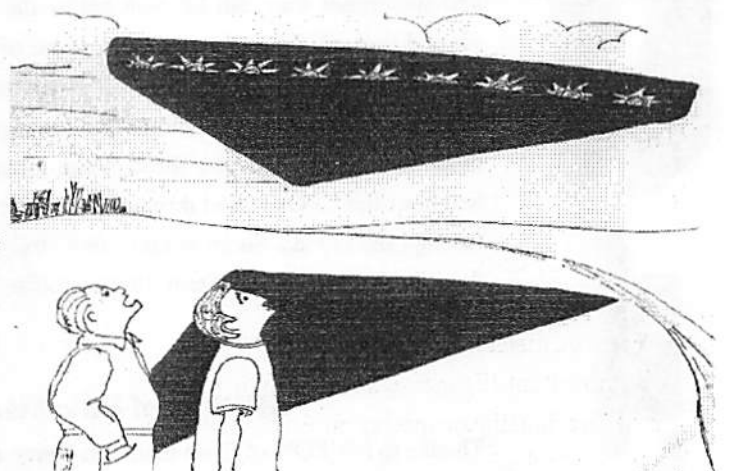
The FBI and CIA refused to comment but confirmed investigators have been told to "think out of the box"

Angela Thompson-Smith and Lyn Buchanan, former members of Stargate, said that they, too, had been approached. ☀



Ironicity

By Terry Althouse



Good thing we're not cops or they'd never believe us.

Arthur C. Clarke Offers His Vision of the Future

by Raymond Kurzweil and Arthur C. Clarke

On Friday, November 30, 2001, Arthur C. Clarke, author of 2001: A Space Odyssey, and inventor of the geosynchronous communications satellite, joined myself and two other panelists by video and phone connection from Sri Lanka to offer his vision of the future. The event took place at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Massachusetts in front of an audience of approximately 500 college and high school students and teachers.

The other panelists included Alison Taunton-Rigby, president of Forester Biotech and David Cyganski, WPI professor of electrical and computer engineering and an expert in machine vision.

The legendary science fiction author offered the predictions below. My own view is that Clarke's near term predictions involving energy are at least a decade premature. However, many of his predictions involving intelligent machines and nanotechnology are insightful and reflect a keen understanding of the acceleration of technological progress.

Arthur C. Clarke's predictions for the next century

- 2002 - Clean low-power fuel involving a new energy source, possibly based on cold fusion.
- 2003 - The automobile industry is given five years to replace fossil fuels
- 2004 - First publicly admitted human clone
- 2006 - Last coal mine closed.
- 2009 - A city in a third world country is devastated by an atomic bomb explosion.
- 2009 - All nuclear weapons are destroyed.
- 2010 - A new form of space-based energy is adopted.
- 2010 - Despite protests against "big brother," ubiquitous monitoring eliminates many forms of criminal activity.
- 2011 - Space flights become available for the public.
- 2013 - Prince Harry flies in space.
- 2015 - Complete control of matter at the atomic level is achieved.
- 2016 - All existing currencies are abolished. A universal currency is adopted based on the "megawatt hour."
- 2017 - Arthur C. Clarke, on his one-hundredth birthday, is a guest on the space orbiter.
- 2019 - There is a meteorite impact on Earth.
- 2020 - Artificial Intelligence reaches human levels. There are now two intelligent species on Earth, one biological, and one non-biological.
- 2021 - The first human landing on Mars is achieved. There is an unpleasant surprise.
- 2023 - Dinosaurs are cloned from fragments of DNA. A

dinosaur zoo opens in Florida.

- 2025 - Brain research leads to an understanding of all human senses. Full immersion virtual reality becomes available. The user puts on a metal helmet and is then able to enter "new universes".
- 2040 - A universal replicator based on nanotechnology is now able to create any object from gourmet meals to diamonds. The only thing that has value is information.
- 2040 - The concept of human "work" is phased out.
- 2061 - Hunter-gatherer societies are recreated.
- 2061 - The return of Haley's comet is visited by humans.
- 2090 - Large scale burning of fossil fuels is resumed to replace carbon dioxide.
- 2095 - A true "space drive" is developed. The first humans are sent out to nearby star systems already visited by robots.
- 2100 - History begins. ☀

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for the meeting, however if anyone would like to bring some, it would be appreciated. Directions are as follows:

From the North: Take I-71 south to the Ashland US. RT. 250 exit (#186) turn left or west.

From the South: Take I-71 north to the Ashland US. RT. 250 exit (#186) turn left or west.

From the East: Take US. RT. 30 west bound to US. RT. 250 Ashland exit. Continue west on 250 until you enter Ashland.

From the West: Take US. RT. 250 east, continue east on 250 around the city of Ashland. Continue on US. RT. 250 and it will merge with US. RT. 42. Continue east or south on 250/42 until you reach the US. RT. 250 exit. After getting on the exit ramp, turn left or west at the stop sign. (ST. RT. 96) Continue until you see the justice Complex on the left.

For all of the above: After heading west on US RT. 250 and entering the Ashland city limits, 250 turns into St. Rt. 96 (After you have started west on 250 you will not turn any more) Go under the overpass, go past the Bob Evens Restaurant and continue until you see the Ashland County Justice Complex on your left. Turn in on Sturgell Drive. It will be the large building with the green roof. The entrance will be marked with Coroner and Detective Entrance.

If any one gets lost on their way there, they may call the Sheriff's Office at (419) 289-3911 and ask for Lt. Hamilton. Hope to see everyone there. We will provide tours of the facility and 911 Communications office for anyone interested after the meeting.



Dan Wright Writes and Accepts Invitation to Speak

Hi, Bill

First of all, I don't make a habit of public speaking -- or of doing radio interviews -- never have. I suppose I could've promoted myself better, but that was never the point. It's not modesty, believe me. I do have an ego. That was just never my style. I'm a projects guy. I enjoy working at home alone, at my own pace, then presenting the product when it's done.

Somehow I spent 15 years (good golly) on the MUFON Board, and as the years proceeded, increasingly people refused to believe me when I said I didn't aspire to leadership; it was something I was okay at, but it didn't come naturally. I guess it took resigning from the deputy position, even as John was grooming me to take over in a few years, to finally convince everyone that that wasn't what I wanted. It's never been about that.

Something I've said many times over is that, at the level of the board of directors, the organization could be MUFON, the Lions, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce -- it doesn't matter. It's assessing available resources, promoting the organization, strategic planning, all that. And it's pretty far removed from sitting across a dining room table, listening to someone describe how she confronted a saucer in front of her car an hour before. I miss the rush of those interviews. Becoming a "big gun" took that away.

This will sound corny as hell, but to me, after 23 years in this bizarre pursuit, finding out just why all these species of entities are so damn interested in us still grabs me. What are they doing with all those hybrid children? Why have they shown so many captives "movies" of a geophysical or nuclear disaster in our future? Why do so many believe they have some "mission" to perform at some point in the future -- and what the hell does "soon" mean? And what's with the reptilians et al? Is there some Star Wars struggle going on, or by some unholy alliance with a greater confederation are they allowed to do their dirty deeds? All of that still bugs me.

So, there's a thumbnail of where I've been.

I don't charge. What's the point of making fifty or a hundred bucks in this? I'm impressed by your asking for whatever I can do to infuse something into your membership, so I'll be there... I don't have anything marked on the calendar after the first of the year, so just name the time and place, and only really bad weather would prevent it.

I do have some thoughts on state organizations, some of which is suitable for a general audience, other points best left to the several whom you confide in. As an overall assessment, I believe MUFON has to emphasize the state organizations. That's where the real action is -- and that's why I was pretty upset at the "new and improved" bylaws that establishes a totally centralized outfit.

Being part of a vibrant group that meets regularly, socializes, exchanges edgy ideas -- that's what keeps people coming back. Yes, the Journal is a cement, but it's the bonds locally that slowly build and then sustain a group of individuals from disparate backgrounds.

Number one priority in that to me is that it has to stay fun for everybody, from the curious first-time visitors to the hardcore investigators. This pursuit is what I've always referred to as "serious fun". To get folks who aren't as crazily committed as some of us to forego the NFL game on a Sunday to attend a MUFON meeting, it simply has to be more intriguing. [Of course, in our state, what with the Detroit Lions now staring at 0-11, that's not really very hard!] To get that camaraderie going, the more social gatherings, the better. Picnics and sky watches (with an amateur astronomer instructing) in the warm months, a trip to a planetarium in the winter, those are bonding exercises. For years I've been hosting a Perseids Fest in August, a weekend gathering of campers and tents centered around late night sky watching.

The other component is training. I still do that for the Michigan group. We meet at 10 AM on membership meeting Sundays to spend two hours going over portions of the investigator's manual and bringing in examples from recent cases. It's a curious phenomenon of human nature that hearing someone else mouth the same stuff you could simply read and absorb has a better and lasting impact. And it makes people believe that their time devoted to the group is well spent.

Well, those are a few thoughts. So, let me know what date or dates you're thinking of, and I'll make every effort to be there.

Happy trails, Dan



Meet Dan Wright

Dan Wright is lifelong Michigan resident, career civil servant, and 24-year veteran of MUFON investigations, research and administration. Soon after accepting a State Section Director position in 1978, he experienced two close encounters, which affirmed his commitment to the pursuit. He has written nearly a hundred investigative articles for the UFO Journal and other publications and has been interviewed dozens of times on TV and radio.

In 1980 Wright was appointed as MUFON State Director for Michigan and grew the state organization from a small handful to fifty active members. In 1985 he was elected to the international organization's board of directors as the Central States Regional Director. In 1987 he was named as MUFON's Deputy Director for Investigations, a post he held until 1992.

During that 5-year period he compiled and distributed a photographic slide set for use in public speaking; devised the Field Investigator's Examination; established quality control procedures for review and acceptance of case reports; instituted and maintained a computerized database of confirmed UFO cases (the basis for the current WUFOD); created the MUFON Form 2 for computer input; authored three chapters for the Field Investigator's Manual (on preparing Forms 1 and 2, respectively, and on interviewing UFO witnesses); and initiated meetings of all state directors at the annual MUFON International UFO Symposium.

In 1992, Wright left the deputy director position to delve into the abduction phenomenon. Twenty mental health professionals and others employing regressive hypnosis contributed audiotapes of their client sessions to the Abduction Transcription Project, which he directed. From the 930 transcripts he formulated a cross-referenced index of key words and

phrases uttered. Those were the foundation for his lectures at the 1995 and 1997 MUFON symposia. In the latter appearance, he described "Five Themes" that are central to abductees' experiences. In 1997 he resumed the deputy directorship, authoring a revised field investigator's exam and heading a committee to update the MUFON bylaws, while continuing as before to examine and input every submitted UFO case report arising in North America. He relinquished the position in autumn 2000 to do further research intended for publication. He continues to assist the Michigan MUFON group by offering quarterly investigativem training.

At the May 4th meeting, Dan Wright will first present a PowerPoint training session for field investigators and those aspiring to the position. His focuses will be proper -- and improper -- interviewing techniques as well as the expected and acceptable format in preparing case reports. Later, he will offer a lecture, also utilizing PowerPoint, that focuses on how people who have experienced multiple alien abductions struggle to incorporate those disturbing events into their daily lives. The lecture is titled "Victims, Rocks and Evangelists".



Meet Dan Wright...In Person

Be sure to attend the next
MUFON Meeting
on SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2002

12:00 noon to 5:00 pm

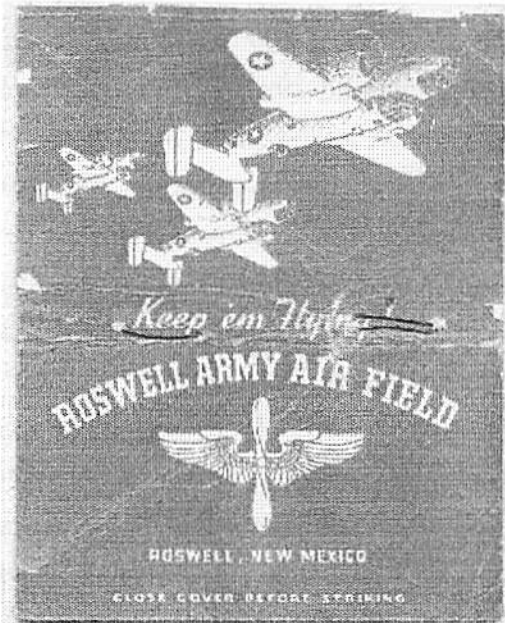
at

1205 E. Main St. (Emergency Room of Sheriff's Office)
Ashland, Ohio

Dan Wright will be the keynote speaker

*Details in front page article,
'MUFON of Ohio State Meeting'*

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Thanks to MUFON Data-base Administrator Don Weatherby, for sharing with us his flea market discovery of a match book cover from the Roswell Army Air Field, circa mid-1940s. It was discovered in an old scrapbook containing thousands of matchbook covers from all over the world. Across the spine are the words "Keep em' Flying".

If you have an interesting piece of UFO related trivia, let us know and we will include it in a future edition of the newsletter. ☀

Cinema Scopes

Hollywood deviates from its usual method of sensationalized fiction from fact. In the current release of "The Mothman Prophecies", based on John Keel's book of the same name, reality was too much for the film maker. For the first time in this movie-goer's experience, many of the extraordinary events from the book were not covered.

Based on the events prior to and culminating with the 1966 collapse of the Silver bridge in Point Pleasant, W. Virginia, the movie skims over much of the phenomenon that plagued the W. Virginia community for 13 months. Some of the omissions, or slightly alluded to events, include; UFO sightings, sightings and descriptions of the Mothman creature, "Men In

Black" encounters, and physical effects sustained by those who encountered the Mothman creature. Still, the acting was believable, scenes were convincing, and style was well-constructed to convey the eeriness of the events. Worth seeing as a preamble to reading the book, for those who have not done so, and a good excuse to take a break from watching the skies. ☀

Of, By, and For Us

You may have noticed the newsletter's new format. In an effort to promote an interactive publication, we are offering this column for YOU. This space will be designated for readers' comments, questions, information sharing, classifieds, services offered or requested, or whatever you feel is of interest to our collective audience. All material submitted will be subject to space restrictions and appropriateness as determined by the editor. So here is your chance to answer that age-old question, "What would I say if I had an inch or so of space in the MUFON of Ohio Newsletter?" Submissions for our Spring 2002 edition must be in by April 30. So give it a thought and let us hear from you. Mail your entries to;

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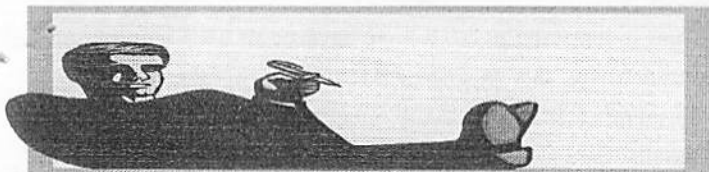
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Director's Soap Box

by William E. Jones

The Executive Council Needs Officers

The "By-Laws of the Mutual UFO Network of Ohio" establishes that an Executive Council shall be the governing board of the organization. There are eight officer positions on the Council. These positions and the people currently responsible for them are as follows: Director (Bill Jones, appointed by MUFON International), President (Pete Hartinger), Vice-President (Phyllis Budinger), Secretary (Acting, Bruce Forrester-Open), Treasurer (Bruce Forrester), Program Committee Chair (Open), Membership Committee Chair (Open), and the Internet Information Director (Paul Althouse).

If MUFON of Ohio is to continue maturing, a fully constituted Executive Council is required. We can get there in two ways, (1) by organizational election, or (2) if no multiple viable candidates offer to run for the office, by Executive Council appointment. The Secretary and Treasurer positions are both currently held by Bruce Forrester. This dual role is a hold over from when Wendy Ban initially held these positions. Bruce has done an excellent job as Treasurer by establishing a new bank account, setting up reportable accounts, and in securing an IRS tax identification number. However, the Secretary position needs to be filled separately. Also, the Program Committee and Membership Committee Chair positions need to be filled.

If there is more than one qualified volunteer for a position, an election will be called for that position. If not, the Executive Council will make appointments to each office where one volunteer presents her/himself for office. If no one volunteers, the Executive Council may hold a military style draft where coercion may be a considered option. SO, IF YOU BELIEVE YOU ARE QUALIFIED, PLEASE VOLUNTEER. MUFON OF OHIO'S FIRST ELECTION WILL SHOW THAT THE ORGANIZATION HAS MATURED AND DESERVES TO GROW.

MUFON International Positions in Ohio

There are other positions in Ohio that are directly tied to MUFON International and are only indirectly related to MUFON of Ohio. As such, it is possible for a person to hold one or more of these positions and not be a member of the state MUFON of Ohio organization. For the record, these are the holders of the MUFON International positions. Most of these people are associated with MUFON of Ohio.

State Director: Bill Jones.

Assistant State Director: Rick Dell'Aquila

State Section [County] Directors:

Cuyahoga, Lake, and Ashtabula: Rick Dell'Aquila

Lorain: George Pindroh

Medina: Scott Santa

Summit and Portage: Richard Lee

Geauga: Phyllis Budinger

Ashland and Wayne: Terry Hamilton

Carroll, Jefferson and Harrison: Allan Zerla

Allen, Hardin, Logan and Auglaize: John Timmerman

Union: Don Roberts

Knox: Paul Althouse

Delaware: Irena Scott

Franklin: Bill Jones

Licking: Frank Reams

Fairfield: Wendy Ban

Hocking: Delbert Anderson

Pickaway and Ross: Pete Hartinger

Clark: Don Weatherby

Greene: Bruce Forrester

Hamilton, Clermont, and Brown: Kenny Young

Thus, 31 of Ohio's 88 counties are covered by State Section Directors. It is the hope of this State Director that one day, probably in the far distant future, MUFON will have 88 different State Section Directors, each covering one of the 88 counties.

Assistant State Directors – Voting Members of the Executive Council?

If we want to further expand the base for executive-level decision making on the Executive Council, we could do this by allowing MUFON International appointed Assistant State Directors to have a voting position on the Council. There is at present one Assistant State Director for Ohio. Originally there were three, appointed on the basis of geographic location. The idea was to have Assistant State Directors help the State Director in organizational matters in her/his geographic area. This idea never got a fair test, in that one person died soon after his appointment and another had to resign because of career pressures.

In my opinion, the state could use four Assistant State Directors, one for each of the four areas of the state, north, south, east and west. If none of these four people were also on the Executive Council, this would increase the voting membership to 12, not an unworkable number. To allay concern that appointed members would have the same power as the elected

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Executive Council members, all members appointed through MUFON International for example could have one vote and the elected members two votes. If an Assistant State Director is also on the Executive Council, she/he would have the number of votes for the Executive Council position only; there would be no double voting

If this is a viable option, the details will have to be worked out by the Executive Council and through the general membership. I am floating the idea here to stimulate discussions on how to better motivate the members of MUFON of Ohio and provide for a workable governing body. If undertaken, this would require a change to the MUFON of Ohio By-Laws. Your ideas on this matter are welcome.

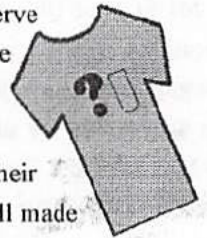
The Secrets of Michigan MUFON's Success

Phyllis Budinger recently gave a talk at a Michigan MUFON state meeting. Michigan MUFON has been successful as an organization, so I assigned Phyllis to be a spy and attempt to learn the secrets of that success. In essence this is what she learned at great risk to her physical safety and her freedom. *Communication* is the key to their success. They use frequent email messages and newsletters to communicate across the state. Meeting dates and meeting agendas are set up in advance at their meetings. They have been fairly successful at getting speakers. (These are things that our open Program Committee

Chair is supposed to do, but we have never been able to find a candidate for this position.) Members are asked to bring a non-member friend to every meeting. They have an official logo that they place on T-shirts and hats, which they in turn sell to make a profit for the organization. They have an official librarian who manages a large lending library for the group, which helps motivate people to come to meetings in order to turn in books and pick up new ones. All meetings are video taped and the resulting tapes made available to those who couldn't attend. Field Investigator meetings are held prior to each general meeting. Nothing cosmic. Just good common sense. ☀

MUFON of Ohio T-Shirts

Wendy Ban has the idea of creating a MUFON of Ohio t-shirt with our logo (yet to be designed) on the front and a map of Ohio with our six or eight top sightings listed and briefly explained on the back. This could serve as an educational and recruitment tool as we wear these when we go shopping. The sale of these shirts would earn the organization some money. MUFON of Michigan sells their shirts for \$20. Would you pay that for a well made and well designed t-shirt?



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