



CENTER FOR UFO STUDIES

a not-for-profit Illinois corporation

The CENTER FOR UFO STUDIES was founded in 1973 as a not-for-profit educational and scientific research organization for the study of the general class of phenomena known as the unidentified flying objects. The CENTER has become an international clearing-house for the exchange and investigation of UFO sighting reports and a major source of reliable information about UFOs for school libraries, local study groups and the general public.

Funding for all CENTER activities is derived solely from interested individuals and private organizations. All such contributions are tax-deductible and a schedule for ASSOCIATE financial participation is included here. ASSOCIATES of the CENTER receive various periodicals and other special mailings, according to the level of associate participation.

The CENTER operates a toll-free telephone number available to law enforcement agencies and scientific organizations for the transmission of sighting reports. The public telephone number is (312) 491-6666 and it is available to pre-paid calls on a 24-hour basis.

All reports coming to the CENTER are carefully evaluated for investigation, such investigation often involving highly technical laboratory and field tests. If the report cannot then be explained in terms of a misperception of an ordinary object or phenomenon, it is filed for statistical study into the CENTER's computer bank, which now contains over 100,000 entries.

For persons wishing information about the subject of UFOs, the CENTER maintains an extensive library at its offices in Evanston, Illinois, distributes its various publications, offers recommended publications of the CENTER and others through its Information Services office, maintains a traveling exhibit of UFO photography for local sponsoring groups, distributes to broadcasting stations throughout the country pre-recorded public service messages, maintains a speakers bureau and is searching for additional ways to accomplish this purpose.

ASSOCIATES wishing to become personally involved in other work are encouraged to read the article on ASSOCIATE ACTIVITIES.

Associate Activities

In addition to becoming a financially supporting ASSOCIATE of CUFOS, many highly-qualified and seriously-interested persons are performing important volunteer activities throughout the world. Some perform one or more services in their area and draw friends into their local team working on behalf of the Center and our associated scientists.

There are many ways in which ASSOCIATES may become active volunteers. One of the most challenging is that of UFO sighting report FIELD INVESTIGATION of the witness and/or of the site. Persons with backgrounds in technical investigation and having the ability to prepare typed reports of their work are our best sources for this work. The next level of activity requiring much technical background is that of SCIENTIFIC ADVISOR to our team of investigators. This is a large group of physicists, photographic analysts, astronomers, chemists, psychologists, historians and others from a great range of disciplines who are needed for local follow-up of reported physical trace cases, in particular. International representation upon which to call is needed in this activity.

That international representation often calls for the translation of foreign correspondence, so a VOLUNTEER TRANSLATORS network is maintained for rapid translation assistance in many languages.

For those who are experienced in FUND RAISING activities, this subject presents the challenge of a life-time. Competing with hundreds of very worthy charities, funding UFO research must convince the contributor that something of value will result from the effort. This can be done, but convincing arguments must be well-presented and a wide range of activities may be employed, including traditional social and service-connected undertakings.

Another major supporting activity is that of PUBLIC INFORMATION REPRESENTATIVE for your area. This involves such things as being well-informed on the subject of UFOs from extensive personal reading, willingness to present programs for local clubs and to appear on local radio and television talk-shows, plus arranging for the local appearance of the CUFOS UFO PHOTO EXHIBIT in your area. These activities can be incorporated into a series of local FUND RAISING activities, as well. This work, however, is carefully screened by Dr. Hynek to be certain that only the most qualified persons able to properly represent the position of the Center speak on its behalf. Usually, only mature, experienced public speakers become involved in this work.

No matter where you feel you could be of assistance, you are invited to contact our ASSOCIATE EDUCATION office for further information.

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