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HAARP Holds Open House To Dispel Rumors Of Mind Control

(adn.com)

Posted by EditorDavid on Saturday August 27, 2016 @11:30AM from the skeptical-in-Alaska dept.

An anonymous Slashdot reader writes: HAARP -- the former Air Force/Navy/DARPA research program in Alaska -- will host an open house Saturday where "We hope to show people that it is not capable of mind control and not capable of weather control and all the other things it's been accused of..." said Sue Mitchell, spokesperson for the geophysical institute at the University of Alaska. "We hope that people will be able to see the actual science of it." HAARP, which was turned over to The University of Alaska last August, has been blamed for poor crop yields in Russia, with conspiracy theorists also warning of "a super weapon capable of mind control or weather control, with enough juice to trigger hurricanes, tornadoes and earthquakes."

The facility's 180 high-frequency antennas -- spread across 33 acres -- will be made available for public tours, and there will also be interactive displays and an unmanned aircraft 'petting zoo'. The Alaska Dispatch News describes it as "one of the world's few centers for high-power and high-frequency study of the ionosphere... important because radio waves used for communication and navigation reflect back to Earth, allowing long-distance, short-wave broadcasting."

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They're not capable of mind control... (Score:4, Informative)

MooseHeadMilk (493987) on Saturday August 27, 2016 @11:36AM (#52781063)

That's what they WANT you to think!

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by Anonymous Coward

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That's why they are "getting together" to "dispell" rumors. Why don't they turn on their big brainwasher and use that to dispell rumors.

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Re: (Score:2)

by BringsApples (3418089)

Its purpose was to analyze the ionosphere and investigate the potential for developing ionospheric enhancement technology for radio communications and surveillance. The HAARP program operated a major sub-arctic facility, named the HAARP Research Station, on an Air Force-owned site near Gakona, Alaska. Work on the HAARP Station began in 1993. The current working IRI was completed in 2007, and its prime contractor was BAE Systems Advanced Technologies. As of 2008, HAARP had incurred around \$250 million in tax-funded construction and operating costs. It was reported to be temporarily shut down in May 2013, awaiting a change of contractors. In May 2014, it was announced that the HAARP program would be permanently shut down later in the year. Ownership of the facility and its equipment was transferred to the University of Alaska Fairbanks in mid-August 2015. So if it were a successful secret mind-control/weather-control tool, the military decided it didn't work, er something. Of course, in my mind, it does seem a bit odd that they spent so much money, in Alaska of all places, to choose to test radio communications and surveillance. Just a hunch, but maybe that's because Alaska has cleaner air to transmit through?

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Re: (Score:2, Funny)

by Anonymous Coward

All glory to the HAARPnotoad!

Re: (Score:2)

by goombah99 (560566)

This is not the mind control device you are looking for.

Re: (Score:2)

by K. S. Kyosuke (729550)

That's what they remotely programmed you to think, right?

Obligatory Futurama (Score:2)

by Yvan256 (722131)

http://s2.quickmeme.com/img/4f... [quickmeme.com]

Weird waste of time (Score:1)

by Anonymous Coward

I mean by all means have an open house but the kind of people who go HAARP == MIND CONTROL!!! aren't out looking for logic.

Re: (Score:3)

by Sarten-X (1102295)

The key is to find the people who aren't looking for anything, and show them logic first. Then when the quacks come talking about mind control and weather engineering, it sounds as absurd as it really is. An added bonus is that there's always that one kid who asks "Why not?". We hope that he goes on to do real science in the field of weather or psychology, advancing the state of the art.

Re: (Score:1)

by Anonymous Coward

How is weather engineering absurd?

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/... [wikipedia.org]

And what is advertising but mind control? We don't need anything as blatant and big as HAARP when we've got decades of psychology and marketing that do much better for cheaper.

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Re: (Score:2)

by R3d M3rcury (871886)

The quacks are absurd, they would be the same when talking about aglets [...]

HEY! Don't diss aglets! [youtube.com]

Re: (Score:1)

by Anonymous Coward

Most science facilities have open houses and other outreach efforts, as often there is a small amount of money in federal research grants set aside specifically for public education about the work. The outreach is there for anyone interested. That such programs and events fly in the face of people who try to insist some locations are impenetrable, isolated fortresses is icing on the cake. I've more than once been at public talks where someone from the public tried to use the Q&A secession to stir up co

And surprise surprise... (Score:5, Funny)

by hey! (33014) on Saturday August 27, 2016 @11:37AM (#52781067) Homepage Journal

Nobody who visited the site remembers seeing anything suspicious...

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Re: (Score:2)

by sims 2 (994794)

I don't have the funds to travel to alaska so I look forward to watching a video of the tour someone puts on youtube.

Re: (Score:1)

by Anonymous Coward

50% hilarious, 50% terrifying

Its a simile (Score:1)

by Anonymous Coward

No one is really talking about HAARP being the source of mind control. They are referring to driving plasma with a steerable high gain, high frequency signal modulated at ELF/SLF/ULF rates, which is the method used to write data to brain employing a maser.

Re: (Score:2)

by bmo (77928)

This, right here. That's what they're doing. Enhancing radio waves from the computer on the moon. http://www.bentoandstarchky.co... [bentoandstarchky.com]

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It's a trap! (Score:2)

by AchilleTalon (540925)

It's a trap to control the mind of those who knows HAARP is capable of mind control and make them believe HAARP cannot control mind.

Quotes from visitors: (Score:5, Funny)

by Anonymous Coward on Saturday August 27, 2016 @11:46AM (#52781099)

"This facility is only used to research the ionosphere and help with global communications. Also they had great pizza and the petting zoo was fun."

Suddenly I feel an overwhelming urge... (Score:2)

by new death barbie (240326)

... to drive to Alaska.

Good (Score:2)

Good (Score:2)
by DivineKnight (3763507)

Honesty here is the best policy. Haarp isn't used for mind control; it's used for talking to the aliens. The mind control stuff is employed in a more controlled fashion.

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