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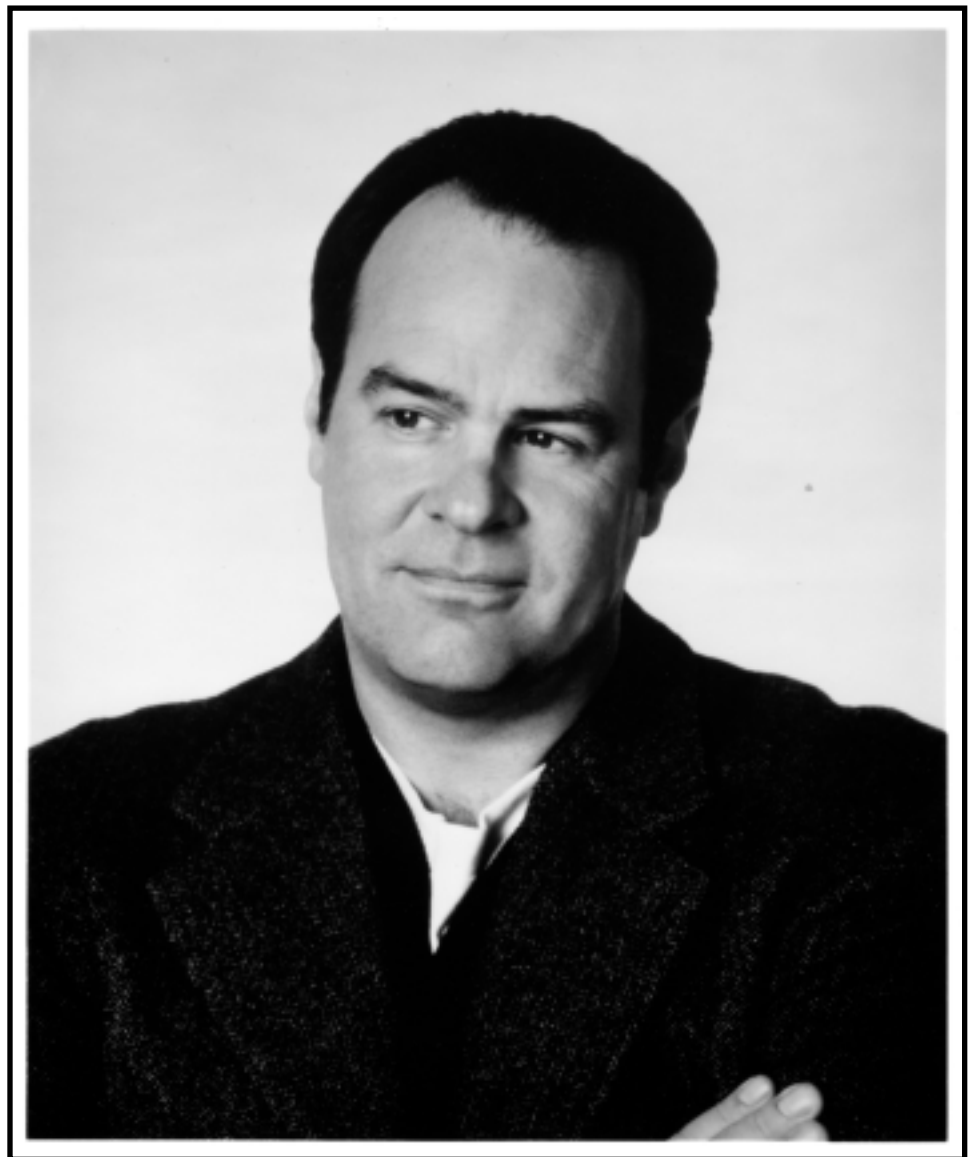
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Director's Message

By James Carrion

I attended the Colorado State MUFON meeting in Lucerne, Colorado, this month and was presented with a box of donations that the Colorado state chapter had collected throughout the year. I was both touched by their act of generosity and inspired by their dedication and unwavering support of MUFON.

I have said it many times and I will continue to do so as long as I serve—MUFON is a strong organization today because of the quality of people that support it. From the individual members who pay their annual dues, to the field investigators who volunteer their time, to the state/assistant state/section directors that lead the way, to the benefactors who show their lifetime support, to the Consultants and Research Specialists and Translators that give of their expertise, to the board members who plan for MUFON's future, to the staff members at headquarters—all contribute to make MUFON the most unique and effective

UFO organization in the world today. There have been UFO organizations that have come and gone, but MUFON remains as vibrant and dynamic as it was when John Schuessler and Walt Andrus founded it in 1969.



James Carrion

New MUFON Field Investigator Manual Update

The *MUFON Field Investigator's Manual, Version 5.0* will finally be available for sale at the MUFON 2008 Symposium in San Jose, California, July 24–27. The new manual has been streamlined and changed from its present forms based approach to a step-by-step primer on investigating UFO cases forensically. On Thursday, July 24, MUFON is sponsoring a full

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Dan Aykroyd shares his views on UFOs, aliens and extraterrestrial influences on the planet

Alex Friedman of Plum TV recently interviewed Dan Aykroyd at Aykroyd's home at Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. We know Aykroyd as a member of the original cast of *Saturday Night Live*, as an actor who has appeared in many movies, and as a member of "The Blues Brothers" band. He is also an avid ufologist, member of MUFON and proponent of UFO and extraterrestrial research.

Dan Aykroyd also is the Director, Hollywood Consultant for MUFON.

Alex: *Hi everybody. It's a beautiful day on Martha's Vineyard with noted UFO expert and enthusiast Dan Aykroyd.*

Dan: Alex, good to see you.

Alex: *Nice to see you. Thanks for joining us. It's no mystery why people would love coming here to Martha's Vineyard so much. We've had a few experiences here with extraterrestrials. What do you think would be attractive about the Vineyard to aliens from another planet?*

Dan: Well, I had a sighting here, and I don't think it was a helicopter, a planet, or a jet plane. There were three other witnesses. I'm pretty sure it was two objects, flying wing to wing, about 100,000 feet up, going about 20,000 miles an hour. It was 4:00 in the morning. I woke up my wife.

John Mack, the Harvard psychiatrist, got to the point where it's not whether these things *do* exist—and that's where this discussion starts today—it's *what* are they doing here? And he said, let's use the knowledge, and let's try to transform ourselves.

If this is happening, if there are various motivations for these beings to be here, either benevolent or malevolent, let's get past the skeptical view and get to the point where they are real, they are coming and going and they have different purposes on the planet. Can we transform ourselves *positively* with the knowledge that they may be bringing and even the technology?

Alex: *So, getting beyond the "if," and getting to the why.*

Dan: So I believe, not only Martha's Vineyard is an attractive place for them to visit, but also the Rockies, the deserts of Nevada, the mountains of the Alps. This planet is so beautiful and I think that has a lot to do with it. There's almost a tourist element; they're coming to look at the planet, sightseeing. Perhaps over time, some of them have been involved in improving our evolution, in an RNA, DNA type of way. I mentioned the movie *Mission to Mars* with Tim Robbins. A lot of NASA engineers and personnel liked that movie because it purports that maybe we were seeded here, to the improvement of humankind as sentient beings, by a race that was dying on Mars. That seems to be maybe a plausible theory.

Alex: *Or a logical, scientific approach.*

Dan: And now we have the probe there, to see if there really was life at some time, whether there is water there—which they seem to think there is—if there are microbes there, then it verifies that there maybe could have been a primitive civilization [on Mars], be it amoebic, or more developed, like bipeds. We don't know.

Alex: *There's often talk of reptilians and reptoids, and I myself get them confused. Could we talk a little bit about what those two designations are?*

Dan: Well, I think it's fair to say that if they would be—if not brothers and sisters—cousins of each other. There's the Inner Earth, the Blue Earth Theory, the theory that there are reptoid creatures living beneath our planet. There's a gentleman named Stan Fullam* who's written a book called *Challenges of Change*; he seems to be in contact with an entity that has given him some insight. What's impressive about the book [is that] it seems to distill a lot of the common theory now—that I'm not alone in expressing, that many really devoted people who spend a lot of their time discussing this believe—and that is that Earth is being protected from the Reptilians.

The Alpha Centauri star system has a military race of beings who have made a deal with the Pleiadeans. Do you remember Billy Meier?

Alex: *No, I don't.*

Dan: The Swiss case. He was able to film these UFOs, he was able to see the ships and meet the people upon them. They were the Pleiadeans, they [looked] Nordic—tall, blonde, blue-eyed, very attractive beings. They basically made a contract with the Alpha Centauri star system, with the military race there, who could basically evaporate a planet; they have the power to do that. They're not reptoids, but they have a sort of a mottled turtle-like complexion. They have respected the Pleiadeans' wish that Earth be unmolested. Without [the Pleiadeans'] protection—the reptoids have ships and the ability to come here; they're probably coming here and cheating and grabbing people anyway.

Alex: *That's the theory you've spoken about.*

Dan: A lot of people in ufology are going this far out [he gestures] with it. We may well be under the protection or two or more extraterrestrial types of beings...

Alex: *Benevolent beings...*

Dan: Benevolent insofar as they are interested in Earth's progress, interested in preventing its destruction. John

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** Editor's Note: I was unable to find information about this author or book.*

Dan Aykroyd Interview

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Mack before he died was working on a documentary about these schoolchildren in Zambia who went out for recess. After 25 minutes they came back into the school chattering and jabbering about the same story, and the teacher separated them and got the story that a small ship had set down near the trees in the schoolyard. These little beings came out and talked to them all, telepathically, and gave them the thought that “you must protect tree, you must protect bug, you must protect bird, you must protect dog, you must protect where you live. If you don’t [do this], in the future the earth will be destroyed.” So there seems to be a consistent message by some of them. And then, you take the Hopkinsville, Kentucky, case of 1953, and you just go “What the hell was *that*?” [Editor’s note: the date should be 1955.]

You can look; you can go into the archives of the Hopkinsville papers. The sheriff had to respond to a family that was basically tormented by creatures and beings for an entire night. They didn’t look like any Greys; they didn’t look like any Pleiadeans or Reptoids.

Alex: *They weren’t tall and attractive...*

Dan: They had a horn here [indicates nose], and a horn here [indicates both ears], big red eyes, and they had claws, and they basically tormented this family, jumping on the roof, hooting, breaking windows. Shotguns were used to repel them. The Sheriff responded. So, what *was* that? Where they just delinquents, vandals? They were up to no good.

Alex: *There could be, you know, punk aliens.*

Dan: Punk aliens, sure, with the technology to skip from dimension to dimension like they do, or from vast differences in space and time, compressing them into wormhole to wormhole, you know, Einstein-Rosen Bridge theory, using whatever propulsion they’re using. Our physics encompasses this; we can study zero-point energy, zero-point fusion, electromagnetics, gravitons and the control of gravity. It’s all within our theory to do it; we just don’t have the technology; we don’t have the fuel elements to do it because we’re not [as] advanced [as] these beings are. So Hopkinsville, Kentucky, I don’t know what *that* was!

Alex: *Anything could’ve happened.*

Dan: And then there’s Mothman. Richard Gere made a movie about this creature who seemed to have a premonitive projection on disasters and was able to tell people when the bridge [would be] collapsing. Of course, not many people listened.

Alex: *Prophetic powers.*

Dan: That was the greatest bridge collapse I’ve ever seen in a film. And again, when I sit here, and people look at me and

say, “Well, Dan Aykroyd, you know, he’s speaking alone.” I’m *not* speaking alone!

Alex: *Absolutely not.*

Dan: If you get on the website www.mufon.com, get on Stanton Friedman’s website, get on the John Mack website, read Shirley MacLaine’s book, read about all of the projects the U.S. Air Force had. People say, “Well the government denies the existence.” Well, actually they don’t. The government has never denied the existence of these things. They just say, “We don’t know what it is—or we’re not willing to *say* what it is.”

Alex: *You’d even mentioned there’s talk that some current government leaders may be shape-shifting reptiles now.*

Dan: Well, I don’t know if they’re shape-shifting reptiles. It’s a theory.

Alex: *Do they dabble in our affairs? To what degree?*

Dan: Well, I think that there has been some RNA, DNA influence or tweaking to bring us to a certain point of evolution. Philip Corso—who wrote *The Day after Roswell*—credits LED and some of the digital advances in electronics and also advances in graphite and radar cloaking, to extraterrestrial technologies. There is a bit of a controversy there. Some believe him, some don’t.

Alex: *Huh.*

Dan: I honestly think Laura Bush, the President’s wife, is a starchild.

Alex: *Interesting.*

Dan: ...because she has the high cheekbones, and the beautiful eyes. She’s a very compassionate person, a loving person. Maybe there’s a history in her mother’s or grandmother’s past, where there might be some memory of abduction, or not. I don’t know.

Alex: *I guess nothing precludes one from being First Lady and ...*

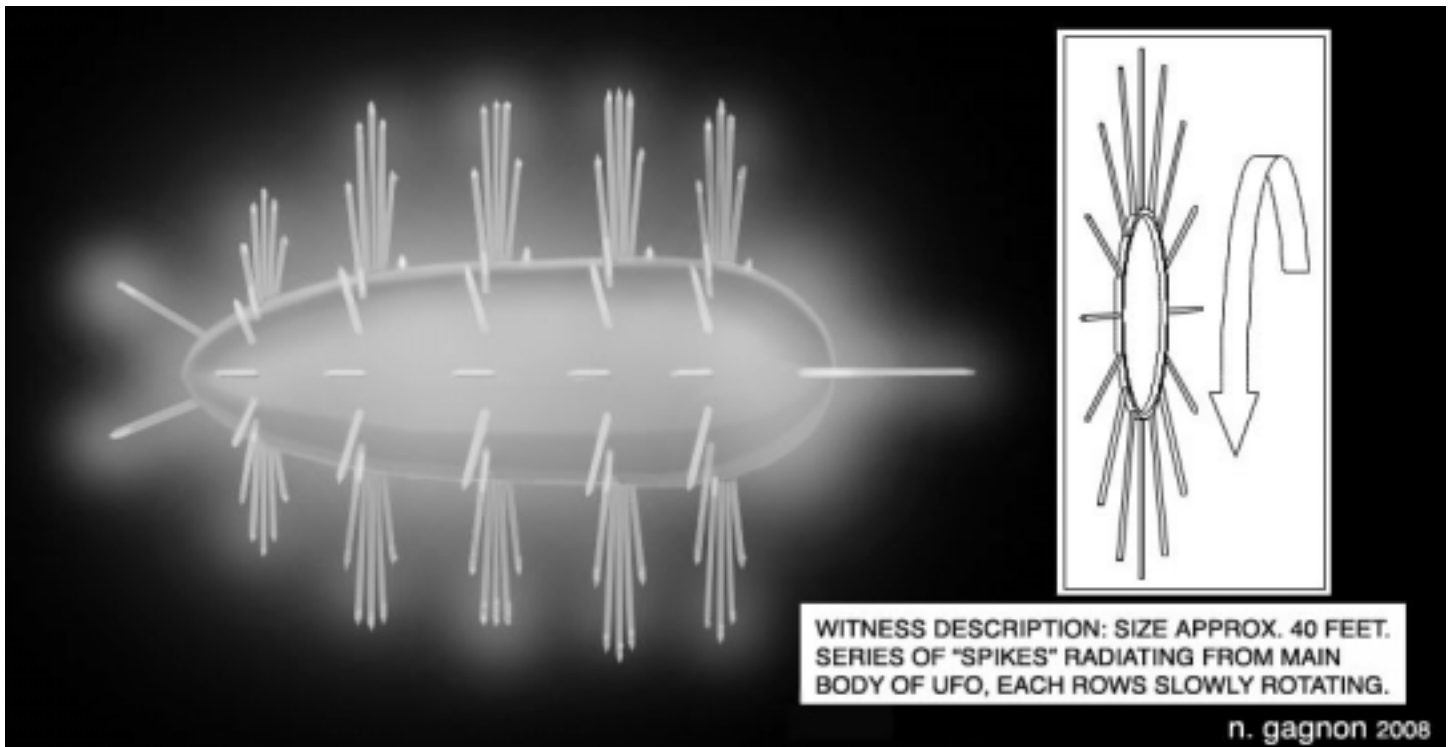
Dan: I think that you could maybe draw up a theory that maybe she was purposely picked to get near the seat of power. They would have loved to have one of their own in there, in the presidency, but they got close enough with the First Lady. In that case, I think nothing but a positive influence has come of it.

Alex: *Absolutely.*

Dan: I don’t think she could stop the war, and I think her husband went into the war with really compassionate views and he was just manipulated by people that sort of took advantage of him.

Alex: *By reptoids.*

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UFOs and Aliens Sighted near Hope Mills, North Carolina in January 2007

Above is an artist's rendition of the Bledsoe UFO sighting of January 26, 2007. Chris Bledsoe, his 17-year-old son Chris Jr., and three other men were fishing on the Cape Fear River, when they began observing a number of UFOs and aliens. Just prior to seeing this craft, the men—individually or together—had observed orange orbs and brilliant white flying objects, and had also encountered aliens on the ground in the woods.

The five frightened witnesses were leaving the area in a truck, when they saw a craft like the one above approximately 200 yards from them, hovering about 20 feet above the main road. It appeared to be rotating clockwise. The object was described as a "brilliant white egg-shaped object with spikes attached to it." It hovered for a while then rose up, moved down the road and then suddenly shot off over the trees out of sight.

Later that night, around 1:00 or

2:00 AM, Chris and Chris Jr. and their dogs encountered another alien in their back yard, at the rear of their four-acre property. They described the alien as "4 to 5 feet tall, appearing to glow like it has a glassy appearance around its entire body, with little to no neck, wearing red goggles and with a mask-like covering over the lower part of its face. It appeared to have a dark plate-like object on its chest area."

At right is a rendition of the alien seen by Chris Sr. and Chris Jr.

This sighting was reported in detail in the February issue of the *MUFON UFO Journal*, pages 9–11. The MUFON investigator is Steve McGee.

Illustrations by Norm Gagnon of Springfield, Virginia. Norm is a new member of the MUFON STAR team (Strike Team for Area Research). He was deployed to North Carolina to assist investigator Steve McGee on this case.



UK Ministry of Defence releases further UFO files

A Defence Policy and Business News Article

14 May 08. The first in a series of Ministry of Defence UFO files, dating back to the 1970s, have been released on The National Archives' website today, Wednesday 14 May 2008.

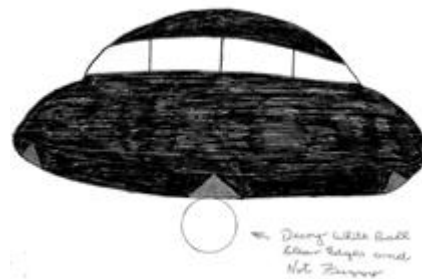
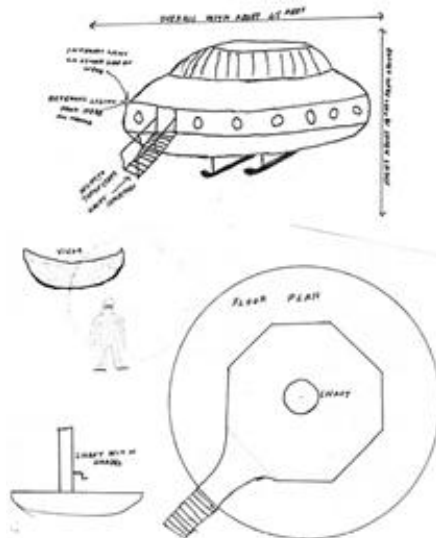
The files include descriptions of alleged Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon or "UFO" sightings and subsequent MOD evaluations of the reports.

The MOD receives a large number of requests each year for information relating to UFOs, and so has introduced a system to meet this demand by releasing these historic files in a structured way.

The released files can be seen on The National Archives' website, see "Related Links." The files will be available to download free for the first month, after which The National Archives will charge for them.

The rest of the files are currently under review and will be added to The National Archives over the next three years.

To date, independent experts have concluded that there are straightforward explanations behind alleged



Drawings from UFO sightings submitted by UK residents. [Picture: via MOD]

UFO reports, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena.

Reports of UFOs are examined by the Ministry of Defence solely to establish whether UK airspace may have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised military activity.

If required, sighting reports are examined with the assistance of the Department's air defence experts.

Unless there is evidence of a potential threat, no further work is undertaken to identify the nature of each sighting reported.

The Ministry of Defence has no other interest or role regarding UFO matters and does not consider questions regarding the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial life-forms.

The MOD now routinely releases information on reported UFO sightings. This information can be found on the MOD website, through our Freedom of Information Publication Scheme.

For the released UK MOD files, and the above article, go to:

<http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/DefenceNews/DefencePolicyAndBusiness/MinistryOfDefenceReleasesFurtherUfoFiles.htm>

UFO UpDate: More World Media Coverage of MOD Doc Release

On May 15, UFO Updates (ufo-updates-bounces@virtuallystrange.net) sent its subscribers this sampling of news articles covering the MOD Doc Release.

Little Green Men, Alien Abduction, UFO Reports Released by UK

Bloomberg – USA. By Robin Stringer
May 14 (Bloomberg). Sightings of little green men who tried to abduct a fisherman and the descent of a UFO in the area where Martians...
<http://tinyurl.com/6nutxg>

Surrey revealed as "UFO hotbed"

Surrey Advertiser, Guildford, England
For the first time, the Ministry of

Defence (MOD) has lifted the lid on classified UFO sightings and Surrey appears to be a hotbed of unexplained phenomena...
<http://tinyurl.com/6h6dyt>

Secret UFO files revealed to British public

Andhra Cafe - Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India

The information, recording among many others a saucer-shaped UFO hovering over Waterloo Bridge in London, is based on details kept by police stations and...
<http://andhracafe.com/index.php?m=show&id=33873>

Britain Releases its X-Files

TIME – USA

The MOD posts brief notes of reported UFO sightings already. But these newly released files will go back further... and will contain everything...
<http://www.time.com/time/world/article/0,8599,1770943,00.html>

ET Alors?

Guardian Unlimited – UK

The very files that UFO believers have long clamoured to see are at last being made public at The National Archives in Kew. What once was accessible only to...
<http://tinyurl.com/5rmy3e>

UFOs—A Worldwide Phenomenon

International UFO Experts Speak at 2008 MUFON Symposium

The 39th annual International UFO Symposium brings together speakers from around the world this summer to present papers on the theme “UFOs—a worldwide Phenomenon.”

For registration information, consult the center section of this *Journal*.

Nick Pope: Britain's X-Files

The British government has just started to release its archive of UFO files, following a precedent set by the French government in 2007. 160 files are to be released, including some from the ultra-secretive Defence Intelligence Staff. Why is this material being released now? What's in the files? What might this mean for the US government? Nick Pope used to run the UK's UFO project and will discuss the file release and its wider implications.



Nick Pope formerly ran the British Government's UFO project at the Ministry of Defense. Initially skeptical, his research and investigation into the UFO phenomenon and access to formerly classified government files on the subject soon convinced him that the phenomenon raised important defence and national security issues, especially when the witnesses were military pilots or where UFOs were tracked on radar. Nick also looked into other mysteries such as alien abductions, crop circles and ghosts. He now continues his research in a private capacity and is recognized as a leading authority on UFOs and the unexplained. He does extensive media work, lectures all around the world and has acted as consultant on numerous television documentaries.

Leslie Kean: An inside look at the November, 2007 International Press Conference and at the latest developments in the NASA lawsuit

Leslie Kean will present the strategy behind the November 12, 2007, press conference in Washington, DC, and comment on the outcome. Moderated by former Arizona Governor Fife Symington, the event featured high level military, aviation and government officials from around the world. Dramatic excerpts from the presentations will be shown, along with an overview of media coverage. Kean will also provide an update on her unprecedented Freedom of Information Act lawsuit against NASA—settled last fall—requiring NASA to provide hundreds of documents related to the Kecksburg



UFO case. John Podesta, former Chief of Staff for President Clinton, who has supported this effort since 2002, described her victory as “a triumph for open government and the spirit of inquiry.”

Leslie Kean is an investigative reporter who has published widely in national and international mainstream media. Since 2000, when she released her story on the COMETA report in the *Boston Globe*, her ongoing reporting has focused on providing serious, well-documented coverage of the UFO issue. Kean is a co-founder of the Washington-based Coalition for Freedom of Information (www.freedomofinfo.org), and is the plaintiff in a landmark lawsuit filed against NASA in 2002 attempting to acquire documents on the Kecksburg UFO crash case. She is now combing through hundreds of new documents from NASA's files. With filmmaker James Fox, Kean co-organized and produced a landmark international press conference in Washington, DC in November, 2007. She is currently assisting Fox with his new film, and working with another independent film company on a second UFO documentary.

Wilfried De Brouwer: A UFO Wave over Belgium

The presentation will provide an overview of the so-called Belgian UFO wave which took place from November 1989 until April 1991, and will include discussion of the most important sightings, the analysis of a UFO photograph and the actions which were taken by the Belgian Air Force.

Wilfried De Brouwer, Major General, Retired. After spending 20 years as a fighter pilot, he was appointed to the Strategic Planning Branch in NATO while a Colonel in 1983. He then became Wing Commander of the Belgian Air Force Transport Wing and, in 1989, chief of the Operations Division in the Air Staff. It was in this function that he was confronted with the Belgian UFO wave. Promoted to Major General in 1991, he became Deputy Chief of Staff of the Belgian Air Force, in charge of Operations, Planning and Human Resources. General De Brouwer retired in 1995 and subsequently worked more than ten years as consultant in the United Nations to improve the UN Logistics rapid response capabilities during emergencies.



Dr. Richard Haines: Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon and Aviation Safety

Dr. Richard Haines will discuss the impact of unidentified aerial phenomena, its potential adverse effects

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on aircraft flight systems and the potential safety hazards to the global aviation community. He will present his research on several aviation-related international cases.



Born and raised in Seattle, Washington, Dr. Haines attended the University of Washington (college of engineering; 1955-1957), Pacific Lutheran College (BA, Psychology; 1960), and Michigan State University (MA, 1962; Ph.D. Experimental Psychology/Physiology; 1964). His fields of research over the years have included vision, human perception, psychophysics, human factors, and physiology. He has authored more than 60 scientific articles and is the author

of such books as: *Justifications and Philosophy of the Space Age* (1962); *UFO and the Behavioral Scientist* (1979); *Observing UFOs* (1980); *Melbourne Episode: Case Study of a Missing Pilot* (1987); *Advanced Aerial Devices Reported During the Korean War* (1990); *Night Flying* (1992); *Project Delta* (1994); and *Close Encounters of the Fifth Kind* (1999).

Haines retired from a long career with NASA as a research scientist in 1988 (he contributed to the U. S. Gemini and Apollo Projects, Skylab, Space Station and various aeronautical research projects over the years). Subsequently he worked as a Sr. Research Scientist for the Research Institute for Advanced Computer Science, RECOM Technology, Inc., and Raytheon Corp. at NASA-Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, California until 2001 when he retired for the last time. He enjoys photography, writing, researching so-called anomalous atmospheric phenomena, traveling, and thinking well outside the "box." He has been married forty-seven years and has two daughters and three grandchildren.

Don Ledger: Pilots Encounters over Canada



This pilot has long been concerned about what complications may arise as a result of a close encounter with a UAP. Don Ledger will present two cases he has been either directly involved with or researched from documents. He will address his reasons why aircraft and passenger safety could be threatened when the comfort zone each pilot likes to see around the aircraft is threatened. He will look at the problems that might

arise from any deep seated concerns the pilot[s] might experience during such an encounter and how they might

affect the safety of the flight. He has noted that some common safety attributes on many airliners may cause distress to the crew or the passengers of these aircraft. In closing he'll consider whether the seeming lack of concern by the authorities when the flight crew report UAP adds to the stress of the pilots and crew?

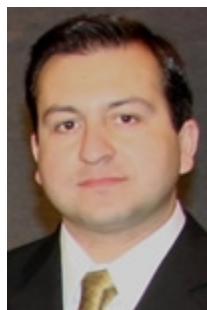
Don Ledger is an author and pilot living in Nova Scotia, Canada. He is the author of three books, *Maritime UFO Files*, a catalogue of UFO sightings in eastern Canada, *Swissair Down*, a detailed look at the crash of Swissair Flight 111 off the coast of Nova Scotia, and more recently *Dark Object*, co-authored with Chris Styles, which chronicles the Shag Harbour Incident of October 4, 1967. He continues to write for magazines and periodicals, more recently for aviation magazines. He has a bi-monthly column in *Canadian Aviator Magazine*.

Don has been investigating the UFO phenomenon for 20 years and presently concentrates on UFO sightings by pilots. He is the Canadian Affiliate and technical specialist for NARCAP, the National Aviation Reporting Center for Anomalous Phenomena. He has appeared in numerous documentaries, television and on radio, lectured at various UFO conferences around North America and has contributed to various periodicals and magazines.

When not writing or investigating UFOs, Don likes to spend his time flying and traveling. He is retired.

Rodrigo Bravo: Chilean Army Investigates UFOs

Rodrigo Bravo Garrido, Captain and Pilot for the Aviation Army of Chile, was assigned in the year 2000 to conduct an internal study titled "Introduction to Anomalous Aerial Phenomenon and their Considerations for Aerospace Security" involving previous case reports of military planes encounters with UFOs. For the last several years he has continued this research on recent and current cases affecting aviation safety in cooperation with the Committee for the Study of Anomalous Aerial Phenomena (CEFAA), a branch of the General Administration of Civil Aeronautics, Chile's FAA.



Rodrigo is a captain and pilot for the Aviation Army of Chile and was one of the participants at the National Press Conference on UFOs held in Washington DC on November 12, 2007.

Farah Yurdozu: Historic and Current UFO Cases in Turkey

Farah Yurdozu will present an overview of her native country's UFO history from the year 312 to today including the latest sightings, videos, photographs and testimonies that will vividly bring



Turkey's UFO reality to life.

Farah Yurdozu is Turkey's first female UFO researcher and writer, and is the author of several best-selling books in her native land. Fluent in Turkish, English and Spanish, she's known on several continents as an authority on UFOs, the paranormal and the metaphysical. Now living in the New York City area, Farah continues her work as a UFO researcher, writer and lecturer, and appears in major UFO conferences all over the United States from Roswell to California, Nevada to New York City. She is a columnist for the leading monthly publication *UFO Magazine* and a journalist/producer at Jerry Pippin Internet Radio. Though her work reflects a passion for all aspects of the paranormal, her main area of study is abductions and close encounters.

Farah's latest book *Confessions of a Turkish Ufologist* documents her native land's 5000-year UFO history as well as her own family's three-generation history of ET contact.

Jeronimo Flores and Victor Camacho:
The Latest UFO Investigations in Mexico

Jeronimo Flores, President, and Victor Camacho, Vice President, for OMIFO (Organizacion Mexicana del Investigadores del Fenomeno Ovni) is Mexico's leading civilian UFO organization. They will share videos and photos of their latest investigations throughout the various regions of Mexico and across the border.



Jeronimo Flores is a well known UFO researcher living in Nuevo Leon, Monterey, Mexico. He belongs to a local UFO organization, Ovni Club of

Nuevo Leon, and also hosts a local radio program.

Victor Camacho has been working as a radio host since 1989. He is based in Los Angeles and currently hosts the weekly Spanish radio show the *Desvelados* on UFOs and other enigmas. His audience encompasses the United States, Mexico, Latin America and Europe.

Ted Roe: Resolving the Current Under-Reporting Bias of Pilots

Ted will be speaking on the history of bias and under-reporting of unidentified aerial phenomena within the US aviation community and will be making some recommendations on how to resolve this problem.

Ted Roe is the Executive Director and Co-founder of the National



Aviation Reporting Center on Anomalous Phenomena (NARCAP). This organization was established in 2000 to examine and promote the study of Unidentified Aerial Phenomena of all kinds and their effects on aviation safety. He currently resides in Hawaii and is a free diving instructor.

Dr. Anthony Choy: Extraordinary Videos of UFOs in Peru

Dr. Anthony Choy is a lawyer and founding member of the Air Anomalous Phenomenon Investigation Office (OIFAA), of the Peruvian Air Force. On October 13, 2001, in the northern city of Chulucanas, eight spheres of light, of an intense red-orange color were flying in an intelligent manner and were recorded on video. On October 25, a luminous tear drop object was recorded over the countryside near the city with small spheres landing in the woods. The Chulucanas video was obtained by OIFAA in 2002 and turned over to the Peruvian Air Force. Dr. Choy was asked to investigate and conducted a three-year investigation on the sequence of the sightings and landings of a UFO. In 2003, the Chulucanas case became the first official UFO investigation in Peru to be disclosed by the Air Force. Dr. Choy will be discussing the latest reports and his official involvement and research of the phenomena in Peru.



Dr. Anthony Choy was born in Lima, Peru, and is a lawyer, author and investigative journalist. He obtained his Masters in Social Communications at the Papal Catholic University of Peru and a Masters in High Management in Defense and Aerospace Development. He authored several books, one titled *Project 33*, the first integral study on the UFO phenomenon in Peru. He traveled throughout Peru for about three years, speaking with witnesses, obtaining audio-visual information such as photographs and videos and collecting data for his study. He was also a participant at the National Press Conference on UFOs held in Washington DC on November 12, 2007.

Larry Lemke:
Flying Disc Creates Hole in the Cloud at O'Hare Airport

Larry Lemke will discuss his research on the "Hole In Cloud" phenomenon as exemplified in the Chicago O'Hare International Airport on November 7, 2006, case where airport employees reported seeing a saucer shape object hovering over the airport. He will also discuss a nocturnal light UAP case from Hessdalen, Norway. The Hessdalen case involves three witnesses and two independent photos that occurred in the summer of 2000. Larry Lemke was director of research for the International Space Sciences Organization. He was one of the witnesses and photographers.

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Larry Lemke is a professional aerospace engineer with more than 25 years of experience as a NASA employee developing advanced space mission projects. Prior to working in the space program, he worked as a research assistant on high energy physics experiments on the Stanford Superconducting Linear Accelerator and as a nuclear reactor operator. He is a licensed private pilot. He has Bachelor degrees in Psychology and Physics (from the University of Channel, Discovery Channel and the National Geographic Channel).



George Knapp: Science Confronts Unexplained Events at Skinwalker Ranch

George Knapp is a 14-time Emmy Award-winning journalist whose reporting on Nevada's infamous Area 51 military base was selected by UPI as Best Individual Achievement by a Reporter (1989). Other awards include the Associated Press's Mark Twain Award for news writing and the Edward R. Murrow Award for Investigative Reporting. George is an anchor and reporter for the CBS affiliate KLAS-TV in Las Vegas and he also writes a weekly column for a Las Vegas newspaper.



John Greenwald:
Host of the BlackVault.com

John Greenwald hosts the popular website The BlackVault.com. Currently, with over 440,000 pages, The Black Vault is the largest online database of U.S. Government documents in the world. Currently John works both on and off camera producing shows for The History Channel, Discovery Channel and the National Geographic Channel.



We'll see you at the Symposium!

Dan Aykroyd Interview

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Dan: Perhaps, I don't know. But I think that if she is a stargirl, she's one of the good ones.

Alex: *Okay, Dan, for our viewers, if they are lucky enough to have an encounter, either visually, or an abduction...*

Dan: Or unlucky enough, according to some.

Alex: *—or unlucky enough—to find themselves in that situation, what advice would you give them?*

Dan: I don't think there's much you can do about it. The Allagash Boys—of the Allagash Reservoir [abduction] in Maine—they shone their flashlight at one, and it took them. It took them all in a group.

[Editor's note: Four men out fishing were abducted in August 1976.]

Alex: *So don't shine your flashlight.*

Dan: But if you don't shine your flashlight, maybe you [still] submit. If they want you, they're going to come and get you and they're going to put all your autonomic reflexes into neutral and you won't be able to do a thing about it.

Alex: *That sounds delightful... I'm joking. Dan, I'll tell you, we've got so much more [we could] cover, but we want to thank you so much for at least touching on this subject.*

Dan: I'm not alone. I'm merely speaking about what I've been reading and from personal experience of meeting people who are so credible and offer these stories and say, "Why? How can we change ourselves? How can we make our world around us better? How can we relate better to human beings? Surely, there are some *positive*, positive things that will come from this study of ufology.

Actor Dan Aykroyd is an avid UFO-spotter who believes in alien abductions and that extraterrestrials are visiting Earth. He has been quoted as saying: "There's this one website I go on a lot that just ends all debate about whether they're real or not, and that's MUFON.com." (<http://film.guardian.co.uk/news>)

Aykroyd is a Functional Director, Hollywood Consultant for MUFON. See the Plum TV interview online at http://vineyard.plumtv.com/videos/dan_aykroyd_mnn

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MUFON Abduction/Experiencer Research Team Created

By *Ronald Regehr*
Deputy Director of Research

Wisdom is knowing what to do next; virtue is doing it.
David Starr Jordan

I am proud to announce the formation of MUFON's latest group—the MUFON Abduction/Experiencer Research Team. And what an impressive team it is! Specialists in every field related to events surrounding abductions and experiences have been assembled by Team Leader Les Velez. This team comprises a group of folks who just might solve the perplexing questions: Is the phenomenon real?—and if so—Why are *they* here? What do *they* want? Where are *they* from?

I've always believed if we wished to find out the truth we must go directly to the source. Of course, this isn't always possible, yet we can work with those whom all indications point to an on-going relationship with alien visitors or some other, yet-unknown manifestation leading them to believe they are being visited.

Les Velez, Team Leader, Abduction/Experiencer Team, VP Luscombe Engineering; Assistant State Director and Field Investigator for MUFON, Northern California. Co-Founder, VP, and Treasurer of OPUS (Organization for Paranormal Understanding and Support, www.opus-net.org). B.S. Business Administration, University of Vermont. Lesterv424@aol.com

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Gregory L. Pierson, Doctor of Business Administration, Masters of Arts in Psychology, Major in Industrial and Organizational Behavior, USC, Los Angeles, CA. Member Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM), World at Work (formerly ACA-American Compensation Association), Dallas Human Management Association (DHRM). Member MUFON

Erick Schwartz, M.S.W. Certified Social Worker, New York State. Licensed Clinical Social Worker, State of California, and Board Certified Diplomat. Member Psychiatry Department at Kaiser-Permanente in San Jose, CA. Past member NICAP, APRO and current member MUFON.

David Andrew Smith, M.S., Educational Psychology / Educational Technology, Texas A&M University. M.S., Psychology / Neuroscience, University of Houston. Member MUFON.

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Robert G. Upson, Senior Project Administrator, School District of Palm Beach, Florida; Member Florida Engineering Society, MUFON, Florida Education Facilities Planning Association; National Society of Professional Engineers; B.S. Civil Engineering/Environmental Engineering, University of New Hampshire-Durham.

Research is one leg of MUFON's triad of Research, Investigation, and Education to enable the scientific study of UFOs for the benefit of humanity. This team will push the boundaries of our understanding of the abduction/experiencer phenomenon.

Team members will be attending the MUFON Symposium this summer in San Jose. Don't miss this opportunity to say "Hello" and thank them for donating their valuable time to MUFON!

Letters to the Editor . . .

Dear Editor:

This letter is to point out to MUFON investigators the invaluable assistance on photo analysis cases that is available from MUFON photo analysts Bruce Maccabee and Jeff Sainio (jsainio@QG.com). They have been in this business many years, and it shows, which any investigator will find out if you consult them. I recently received a great deal of assistance from Jeff on a photo showing an anomaly from my state of Utah. Jeff gave me opinions on the photo. He also gave me an hypothesis as to the origin of the anomaly and he gave me a great deal of subsidiary information I used in the investigation. Jeff is just terrific and a definite asset to MUFON.

Elaine Douglass
State Director Utah
Moab, Utah

Hello Mr. Carrion:

Upon reading the most recent issue of the *MUFON UFO Journal* (April 2008), I felt compelled to write you in regards to the cover story, "The Drones and the CARET Documents: One Year Later: Part 1."

Having been in the computer graphics industry for the past 14 years (and before that, a Film / Photography major in college), I can say with 100% certainty that the "photos" you

display on pages 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8 are 3D renders of a craft digitally composited into real photos. The most telling forgeries are the two "photos" at the bottom of page 8: these are both computer renders using a method called "global illumination." This method of rendering utilizes real-world light models to product realistic render results. The picture on the bottom left of page8 is a textbook example of a global illumination render, which is usually rendered within a white "dome" of virtual space.

There are also problems with inconsistent lighting (reflection, backfill, exposure) and anti-aliasing (how a computer blurs pixels together to achieve the appearance of smooth edges.) It would appear, after visiting your link to coasttocoastam, that several other computer graphics experts are calling this a hoax as well. <http://www.coasttocoastam.com/gen/page2024.html?theme=light>

There are several other aspects of the story that feel particularly weak to me, but since my field of expertise is computer graphics and photography, I will not go into detail on those.

Best to you and the community at large,

John Clarkson
MUFON Member
Aldie, Virginia

Donations Needed for Silent Auction at Symposium

Do you have any UFO memorabilia that you would be willing to donate for the Silent Auction fundraiser at the Symposium in California on July 24-27?

If so, please mail your items to:

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Union City, California 94587

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MUFON Volunteer of the Month . . .

Steve Hudgeons Chief Investigator, MUFON Texas

Steve Hudgeons was born January 21, 1950, in Fort Worth, Texas, the oldest of five children. After graduating from high school in 1968, he joined the U.S. Navy in 1969 and served until the end of 1974. He has been married to



Steve Hudgeons

Linda for 32 years.

They have two children and three grandchildren.

Steve's long history of community service began when

he became the vice-president of the West Side Little League in 1985–1986. He served as manager of a baseball team in the Sabine Jarvis Little League from 1987–1990, and was president of the league from 1991–1992. In 1991 he was elected President of the Diamond Hill-Jarvis Neighborhood Advisory Council, a position he held three years.

Steve joined the Citizens on Patrol (similar to an auxiliary police) in 1991, working hand in hand with the Fort Worth Police Department. He was elected as Captain of the Diamond Hill C.O.P.s for the years 1995–1999 and now is the Captain of Meacham C.O.P.s.

With 34 years of experience in commercial glass construction, Steve is currently a Project Manager of a successful company on the west side of Fort Worth. He also owns Infinity Industries, a drafting business.

Steve became interested in the subject of UFOs at the age of 14 after seeing an 8mm film taken in Utah of objects flying across the sky. The official conclusion was that it was a flock of birds. At that young age he realized that it was clearly NOT a flock of birds and understood then as he understands now, that our Government is covering up the truth.

For 17 years, Steve has been a member of MUFON and a MUFON Field Investigator. Steve joined the Dallas Fort Worth MUFON chapter and

soon thereafter became the Senior Field Investigator.

As Senior F.I., Steve helped to spearhead an intelligent and hard working team of MUFON Field Investigators in interviewing an estimated 100 witnesses in the Stephenville/Dublin area. The group submitted over 250 sighting reports with 80 reports still outstanding.

Due to his intensive involvement in the Stephenville/Dublin investigation, Steve has been interviewed by 33 different news services interested in this historic mass sighting event. He has appeared on the *Today Show* and on the History Channel show *UFO Hunters*.

Steve's appointment to the Texas MUFON Chief Investigator position is highly deserved based on his 10 years of investigative performance, his can-do attitude, and demonstrated leadership ability. Dedicated volunteers like Steve are MUFON's greatest strength in our search for the truth wherever it may lead.

Calendar . . .

July 3–7. Roswell UFO Festival: *Contact: The Evidence... The Message...* Sixteen presenters. Roswell, NM. Roswellnmufoconference.com

July 3–6. Roswalian Experience 2008. International UFO Museum, Roswell, NM. www.roswellufomuseum.com/festival.htm

July 24–27. MUFON 39th Annual International UFO Symposium: *UFOs—A Worldwide Phenomenon*. San Jose, CA. See center pages of this *Journal* for detailed information.

July 25–27. Glastonbury Symposium—Investigating Signs of our Times. Glastonbury, England. www.glastonburysymposium.co.uk/speakers.html

August 8–9. The Shag Harbour UFO Festival. Don Ledger,

Stanton Friedman, Carl Feindt, Paul Kimball, Mike MacDonald, Chris Styles. Shag Harbour, Nova Scotia. <http://shagharbourufo.com/>

August 29–31. Alamo conference—A Desert UFO Experience. Charles James Hall, Jim Sparks, Paolo Harris, Ike Bishop. Alamo, Nevada, near Area 51. www.freewebs.com/alamo-ufoconference/ (208) 484-1574. ibishop@hotmail.com

September 18–21. 2008 Culture of Contact Arts & Speaker Festival: *Mythology is Reality*. New York City area TBA. <http://cultureofcontact.squarespace.com/culture-of-contact-main-page/>

September 27–28. 10th Annual Bay Area Expo. Santa Clara, CA. www.thebayareaexpo.com/

UFOs and a Sense of Humor

A light approach can help diffuse the stress of a sighting or encounter

By Joseph R. Calamia

The subject of Unidentified Flying Objects (Unconventional Flying Objects if you so prefer) is a multi-faceted topic. To the field investigator, it is an intense subject, and for the purpose of seeking the truth, it is serious business!

The structured investigative format utilized by MUFON and other such organizations prove that the subject of UFOs is no laughing matter. Ongoing investigations are important, as they may someday unlock the door to the world's greatest mystery.

To a field investigator, it should be apparent that although the topic and investigation are serious, it does not mean that we can't maintain a sense of humor about the subject of UFOs and "little green men." Sometimes, a sense of humor may just be the key needed to gain the confidence of a reluctant witness.

It's also important not to become "robotic" in our duties, and lose that one very important aspect of any investigation... human compassion and understanding.

On June 24, 1947, pilot Kenneth Arnold noted nine objects flying in a chain formation near Mt. Rainier, Washington. He described the objects as "resembling flat saucer-like shapes" and that their motion "resembled a saucer skipping across the water." The news media dubbed the objects "Flying Saucers." Although Mr. Arnold also later described one of the objects as more of a "crescent-shaped flying wing design," the name Flying Saucer stuck in the minds of the public.

The mere term seemed to ignite the imaginations of thousands. Visions of Killer Kane and Buck Rogers suddenly ballooned into flashbacks of Orson Welles and "War of the Worlds." Suddenly, Little Green Men from Mars took on more importance than just something made-up in some science fiction comic strip.

People considered the possibility of extraterrestrial life more seriously. When we as human beings begin to fear something unknown, or understand that there may be "things" out there beyond our understanding, we try to protect ourselves both physically and psychologically. Humor is one such protection utilized by all of us in situations that cause ongoing stress—situations such as a UFO sighting or alien encounter.

The topic of UFOs and/or Flying Saucers was not lost to the marketing industry by any means! The toy industries had a new topic, and so did the music industry.

In June of 1958, Sheb Wooley came out with a top 40 novelty song entitled "Purple People Eater." The song was about a purple alien from space. The lyrics began: "He was a one eyed, one horned, flying purple people eater...and he sure looked strange to me..." The tune made fun of numerous alien sightings reported in the mid and late 1950s.

Another song, by Rockabilly hall-of-famer "Sleepy" La Beef, hit the charts entitled "The Flying Saucer Rock n' Roll." Many other such songs infiltrated the airwaves with the same sense of humor.

In approximately 1956 or 1957 I had the opportunity to attend a UFO lecture by Major Donald E. Keyhoe. I was only 9 or 10 years old at the time but I recall there were about 20 people who attended the lecture. Afterwards, Maj. Keyhoe asked if there were any questions from the audience. I hesitantly raised my hand and asked, "Have you ever seen a flying saucer yourself?"

Maj. Keyhoe stopped, looked around the room and said, "the only flying saucer I personally ever saw was the one my wife threw across the table at me." Naturally, everyone laughed, but despite Keyhoe's joke, there was no doubt he was very serious about UFOs. (His comment might be *politically incorrect* today.)

A UFO investigator (like any investigator) must have some understanding of the human psyche and emotion. To launch an interview with character Jack Webb's *Dragnet* approach—"All we want are the facts Ma'am...just the facts!"—will probably destroy a potentially good interview.

In 1998, as a MUFON Field Investigator Trainee (FIA), I had the great opportunity to interview Mr. Lonnie Zamora of Socorro, New Mexico.

You may recall Mr. Zamora as a police officer who reported the touch down and landing of an egg-shaped UFO. The event at the time (April 24, 1964) made headlines, and Officer Zamora was deluged by Air Force Intelligence, CIA, etc. The case remains as an "Unknown" even today.

Lonnie underwent a great deal of stress and after five or six years refused any further interviews. He did however, finally agree to an interview with me.

Although the interview took place some 32 years after the incident, Mr. Zamora was extremely guarded and resistant. I started the interview process by dutifully taking notes and starting the tape recorder. Unfortunately, I forgot to take along the most important investigator's tool of all... "a sense of humor." Had it not been for the intuitive prodding and sense of humor from my wife, Mr. Zamora's interview would have been nothing more than a "just-the-facts" dialogue.

With the injection of a little dose of humor, Lonnie Zamora spoke freely, seriously and truthfully. The article was subsequently published in the *MUFON Journal* in 1998.

The country western singer Alan Jackson sings a song entitled "It's all right to be a redneck." In the serious study of UFO investigations, "it's all right to have a sense of humor."

Joseph R. Calamia is a field investigator who lives in El Paso, Texas.

Project Manager and Team volunteers sought to create "Identified Flying Object Board" for website, CMS

Volunteers are needed to help create an "IFO Board" to help educate the public on commonly seen IFOs that may look strange and appear to be Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs), but upon closer examination are really nothing but *Identified* Flying Objects (IFOs). This board would be posted prominently on the MUFON website and also be linked to CMS. Before a witness submits his or her sighting report, they are asked to review the "IFO Board" to see if what they are reporting matches any known IFO.

The plan would be to have a paragraph describing what each IFO is and how it would appear to an observer under various conditions (daytime, nighttime, dusk, low cloud cover, etc.), accompanied by photos and videos to show examples of each.

If you are interested in heading up this important project or being on the project team, please contact MUFON headquarters at HQ@Mufon.com.

Some Examples of IFOs:

Natural Phenomena

Sun
Moon
Venus
Sun dogs
Moon dogs
Aura Borealis
Clouds
Birds
Dust reflected
Water reflected
Lens flare

Man-made IFOs

General aviation aircraft
Commercial aircraft

Military aircraft
Helicopters
Remote Control Airplanes
RC Helicopters
RC UFOs (yes they exist)
Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs)
Party balloons
Weather balloons
Hot air balloons
Blimps
Kites
Car lights at night
Airplane lights
Searchlights
Flares

2008 MUFON Field Investigator of the Year Award

MUFON is now taking nominations from State Directors for the top MUFON Field Investigator of 2008. The award will be given at the MUFON Symposium in San Jose. All nominations must be received no later than July 1, 2008.

Award Criteria:

1. Number of Sighting Investigations completed in CMS from June 1, 2007 to June 1, 2008;
2. Quality of the Investigations completed.
 - a. Complete investigative job done following the elements of the Investigative Process on a timely basis.
 - b. Investigation Report includes all elements of the Investigative Process.
 - c. CMS has been updated including every data element.
 - d. Conclusions/Case Dispositions supported by the Investigation and report.
 - e. Results shared with the witness and witness agrees.
3. All Data Elements in CMS are updated as appropriate and data is properly entered.

The award will be an engraved plaque with the MUFON Logo and a MUFON Field Investigator Bag.

MUFON Volunteer Opportunity: Case Management System Administrator

Responsibilities:

1. ALL administrative tasks related to the CMS System.
2. Maintain the MUFON USER list based on the current list in CMS, plus any adds due to membership growth and new Field Investigators who have passed their FI Exam, minus any deletes based on expired memberships or State Director directed deletions. Eventually the membership adds and deletes should be an automated feed between the membership system and CMS.
3. Log onto CMS several times each day to check the LAST 20 Reports and ensure the content posted is appropriate. This includes clicking on all links and checking all pictures, videos, and other files posted for appropriate content.
4. Review all automatically deleted reports by CMS, review the content, and restore those that are valid reports.
5. Check to see that all States with multiple SDs (California, Tennessee, Washington, etc.) have the County field filled in for all reports submitted.
6. Delete duplicate reports after reviewing all duplicates and determining which one has the most data in it to become the surviving case file.
7. Alert the Director of Investigations regarding all exceptional cases that come in. An exceptional case is one that is a recent landing and/or entity case at close range (<300 feet). These require IMMEDIATE follow-up.
8. Work with the Director of Investigations to ensure the timely assignment and follow-up of all reports by State Directors and FIs respectively.

If you are interested in this new volunteer position, contact Jan Harzan at janharzan@hotmail.com or Chuck Reeve at wizard@telis.org

Perceptions

By Stanton T. Friedman

UK Magazine Alien Worlds reviewed

I see so much false and misleading material about flying saucers and related matters (especially on the internet) that I am sure one could do a column every day pointing out the errors and false claims and still not cover all the garbage. But who would pay somebody to do that? And who would read it anyway? I recently received the second issue (April/May 2008) of a new bimonthly slick magazine from England known as *Alien Worlds*. The editor/publisher is Stuart Miller who has been busy posting on the internet about UFOs for some time. This issue is in large format with relatively small print—sometimes hard to read for us old guys—often with blue print on black paper. It is glossy and, because of all the color, would be hard to photocopy. Many articles cover a wide variety of subjects. I strongly disagree with some, but find others of interest. The magazine isn't cheap costing 3 pounds 99 or about \$8.00 US. More information can be obtained from Stuart. (1)

Several things caught my eye. One is that there is, somewhat surprisingly, a lot of SETI-related material. My new book *Flying Saucers and Science* has an entire chapter on the cult of SETI. I note that Dr. Ian Morrison, head of the Jodrell Bank Observatory in Cheshire, the UK, misrepresents the Fermi Paradox as do most SETI specialists. He says, "...in something like about 10 million years, maybe a hundred million years, you could, in principle, colonize the whole galaxy. All the suitable planets. What Fermi said was if that's possible, then why aren't they here; why haven't we ever come across any other alien life form?" (p. 78) Sounds like he wants them to be waiting at the bus stop or airport.

This is certainly not what Fermi said, although many astronomers would like to believe that is what he said. He actually said, assuming the colonizing capability: "So where is everybody?" Whole books have been written with various answers to the question known as the Fermi Paradox. My own answer, based on what I heard about Fermi at the University of Chicago (he died while I was there) was that he was very fond of using questions as a teaching tool. One obvious answer (mine) is, "We don't know where all of them are, but we know some are visiting Earth. Some few people within the government in intelligence and military circles know a great deal about them and have even recovered wreckage and bodies, tried to shoot them down (see Frank Feschino's *Shoot Them Down*), and have been lying about what they know big time." Fermi, who—unlike most of the SETI guys, academic astronomers, ancient academics and fossilized physicists who attack ufology—knew very well, from his very important work on the multibillion dollar black budget Manhattan Project, that huge and very expensive projects involving world class scientists can be conducted in total secrecy... no publications in the Physical Review. Obviously, it is very difficult to justify searching for ET signals with radio telescopes, if aliens are already coming here and some earthlings know it.

Another article in *Alien Worlds* that caught my eye was a relatively brief one (pp. 16, 17) by Paul Kimball (producer of a number of high quality TV documentaries) titled *Above and Beyond: Ufology's Two Biggest Problems: The Condon Effect and Roswellism*. I agree with Paul that the widespread publicity given to the

University of Colorado's loudly proclaimed (by Dr. Edward U. Condon, 1969) "scientific" conclusions that there was nothing to UFOs had a devastating effect on many who might have been willing to investigate UFOs, or teach classes, or sponsor PhD theses about them, but had now no willingness to risk their professional reputations by doing so. Membership in NICAP and APRO dropped precipitously at that time. Lazy and busy journalists and scientists then had an excellent excuse to ignore the entire question of UFOs and have very often done so. There were courageous ufologists such as James E. MacDonald and J. Allen Hynek who pointed out that Condon's conclusions were contradicted by the data in his report. Their views certainly reached fewer people than the paeans of Condon praise from such reporters as Walter Sullivan, science editor of the *New York Times*, and from the National Academy of Sciences. We slowly seem to be overcoming Condonism, to some extent illustrating physicist Max Planck's comment that, "New ideas come to be accepted, not because their opponents come to believe in them, but because their opponents die and a new generation grows up that is accustomed to them."

Paul defines Roswellism "in broad strokes, it is: 1. The unequivocal acceptance of the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis (i.e., UFOs are alien space-



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craft) as fact; 2. The unequivocal acceptance that alien spacecraft crash landed near Roswell in 1947 (and the resulting acceptance that any other crashed flying saucer story may be true); and 3. The unequivocal acceptance that the American Government has covered up the truth about 1 and 2 since 1947, in an organized conspiracy of silence that represents a “Cosmic Watergate.”

I have a serious problem with this definition. I and other serious ufologists are skeptical and critical of much in ufology, so “unequivocal” seems way too strong. There is a very large difference between my conclusion, after intensive study, that SOME UFOs are alien spacecraft, and the notion, implied by Paul, that ufologists believe ALL UFOs are alien spacecraft. I don’t know of any serious ufologist who has expressed the latter view. Yes, I am certainly convinced on the basis of a great deal of evidence that a crashed flying saucer and bodies were recovered near Roswell in 1947. I would be the first to point out, as I have, that there is a lot of irrelevant, false nonsense published about Roswell and other crashes. The garbage (much of it published by the government in lying and misleading volumes) has helped obfuscate the truth.

Paul speaks of the “Aztec hoax in the early 1950s.” Scott and Suzanne Ramsey’s outstanding and persistent research on the Aztec event which was in March 1948 (and should be published in book form by the end of 2008) should certainly dispel the label “hoax.” What does Paul mean by an organized “conspiracy of silence?” I never thought of highly classified research and development and intelligence programs as organized “conspiracies of silence” when working on them. Nice terminology. Certainly the Manhattan Project would qualify, wouldn’t it? How about the Corona Spy Satellite successfully launched for the first of many times in 1960 and which obtained more data on Soviet military installations than all the U-2 flights which preceded it,

but was not discussed publicly until 1995? What about the NRO’s seven very expensive Poppy satellites launched to spy on Soviet shipping between 1962 and 1971 and not discussed until 2005? How about the breaking of the German and Japanese codes involving more than 12,000 people and not disclosed for over 25 years? I guess you could say “Conspiracies of Silence,” which sounds ominous. Covering up data about alien visitations and technology is certainly of no less importance to national security than these major multibillion dollar programs. What is the big deal?

Paul claims that “Roswellism has achieved nothing of substance... based on a flawed unproved set of assumptions masquerading as facts.” He doesn’t really point out what these are other than to say it is unscientific, a-historical, and no different than Condon’s methodology. I beg to differ. We point to clear and unambiguous evidence such as firsthand testimony from people directly involved (such as retired General T.J. DuBose, Major Marcel and Bill Brazel) and to contemporary press coverage and research demonstrating government and skeptical misrepresentation.

Condon ignored the research of his own people and the data in his own report. So are black holes and worm holes still unproven—but they are indeed very useful concepts, so what? Roswell has certainly opened a can of worms for the government and caused many people to look at the UFO question in new ways and certainly made debunkers very unhappy. Too bad. Paul seems to want clear and unambiguous tests such as DNA testing and maybe aliens introduced to the Canadian House of Commons. He does provide details of some interesting events at that august body. Many things in science aren’t like that, or in law either. Newton’s laws are very useful in understanding how the universe operates, even those that are incorrect at the small and large limits of the universe.

The biggest source of outright lies about Roswell are the two big reports on Roswell provided by the government—not by ufologists. What are we supposed to make of crash test dummies, 6 feet tall, weighing 175 pounds, dropped in 1953 and thereafter, and later used as an “explanation” for reports of small bodies observed in 1947? What are we to make of Colonel Cavitt’s claim that the Roswell wreckage covered an area 20 feet square and could easily fit in a single car when even the July 9, 1947, contemporary cover-up newspaper account said it covered an area 200 yards in diameter? The *New York Times* front page coverage of the silly Mogul balloon explanation was indeed as bad as Condonism, since Pulitzer Prize winning journalist William Broad ignored the relevant evidence (Mogul simply doesn’t fit... so one must acquit). I demonstrate government UFO lies in an article on my website www.stantonfriedman.com. “Cosmic Watergate” is the right phrase.

One must further note that there are no licensing regulations for qualifying ufologists. We in the field can do little to keep people from calling themselves ufologists. There are licensing regulations for doctors and lawyers, electricians and plumbers, not ufologists. Certainly the preponderance of the evidence indicates that some UFOs are alien spacecraft, Roswell involved a crashed flying saucer, and there has been a substantial government cover-up concerning many aspects of ufology

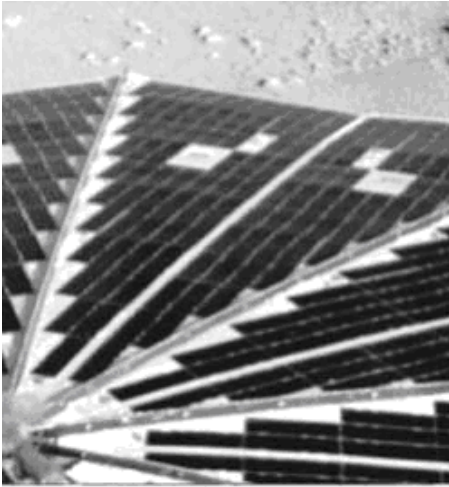
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Filer's Files

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Mars Phoenix Spacecraft Lands near North Pole

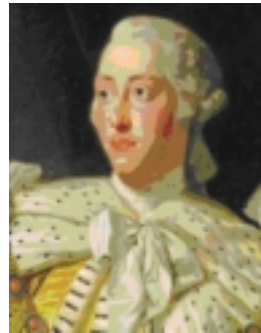
PASADENA, CA—NASA's Phoenix spacecraft landed in the northern polar region of Mars on May 25, 2008, to begin three months of examining a site chosen for its likelihood of having frozen water within reach of the lander's robotic arm.

Radio signals received at 4:53:44 p.m. Pacific Time confirmed the Phoenix Mars Lander had survived its difficult final descent and touchdown 15 minutes earlier. The signals took that long to travel from Mars to Earth at the speed of light. Mission team members at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, Calif.; Lockheed Martin Space Systems, Denver; and the University of Arizona, Tucson, cheered confirmation of the landing and eagerly awaited further information from Phoenix. The Phoenix is expected to find proof of water on Mars. Thanks to NASA

King George saw UFOs in 1783

ENGLAND—The scientist Tiberius Cavallo was a witness to a sighting that also stunned Royal guests at a celebration to mark the birth of the 15th son of King George III and Queen Charlotte! A luminous object appeared from beneath a

cloud and soon became brilliantly lit before coming to a halt. According to Cavallo's account of the incident: "This strange sphere seemed at first to be pale blue in colour, but its luminosity increased and soon it set off again towards the east." Even though the sun was shining, the object is said to have lit up everything on the ground and eventually disappeared with a terrific explosion!



California

SAN JACINTO MOUNTAINS—At approximately 3:00 PM on May 13, 2008, I was awakened by bright, white light in the sky over the San Jacinto mountains (my bed faces west to the San Jacinto Mountains). At the top of the mountain, there was a large white, egg-shaped object that was illuminated with bright, white light. As I watched the object (in shock!), it hovered in the same position for a while near the top of the mountain,

then darted west over and behind the mountain. Thanks to Brian Vike, Director of HBCC UFO Research.

Florida—3 Objects in Triangle Formation

I always like going out on my deck in back of my house on cool clear nights to relax and watch for falling stars. And I saw a falling star about 12:05 AM, on May 27, 2008. Five minutes latter I saw the three objects in a triangle formation at a very high altitude. The sighting lasted about 20 to 25 sec... Just thought I would report this sighting in case anyone else in the area seen [sic] the same thing. It just could have been satellites; it's just that I never have seen them in a perfect formation like that. Thanks to MUFON CMS

Illinois—Man Sees Bright Light Turn on Dime

GLENDALE HEIGHTS—The witness called and said that he had just returned from work and noticed a bright whitish-blue light in the sky on May 14, 2008, between 11:30 PM and Midnight the light was flashing. Suddenly the light "turned on a dime," reversed direction and sped off in the other direction. No sound was heard. The light changed color to yellow when it turned. The witness lost sight of the light when it moved behind a building. The light was about 1/15 the size of a full moon and larger than any stars. Comments: The witness has described something in the sky that is quite unusual. He said that on many occasions he has seen regular aircraft and could always hear a sound. The abrupt turns, lack of sound, and unusual light emulation prompted him to file a report. Given available data I cannot identify this sighting.

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Michigan Huge Ball Fades

GRAND RAPIDS—Taking my dog out I saw an object like a satellite heading from the western sky northeast on May 24, 2008, at 11:00 p.m. Suddenly it becomes a huge ball of light then turned very faint. It then changed direction 90 degrees heading northwest and faded s l o w l y becoming very dim and disappeared. I went in to get my binoculars, and scanning the sky to the west, s l i g h t l y northwest of me was a stationary star like object that blinked red,



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blue, white green. Even with the naked eye you could see it blinking. I watched it about 10 minutes then went inside because of the mosquitos. Thanks to Brian Vike, Director of HBCC UFO Research, <http://www.hbccufo.org>

Minnesota Photos

GROVE HEIGHTS—I just got up to walk out and have a smoke on May 22, 2008, at 4:09 AM, in a suburb of the Twin Cities. I looked up in the sky and saw a jet moving at a high rate of speed. Under a bright star just sitting there I noticed the brightest star next to the moon. Also I looked back at the other star after the jet moved away. At that point the light started to move also. First it started to go north then it stopped and started to go south. When it was under the bright star near the moon I took out my camera and tried to take a picture, but when I took picture it came out squiggly. Then all of a sudden this thing took off it appeared to go up at a very high rate of speed. This is something that I have never seen in my life. Then it was gone.

Comments: The witness clearly felt that he saw something unusual. The two photos taken don't really show anything

compelling. The photos either a captured a light source moving or the streaking was due to movement of the camera. The exposure was much longer in the first photo above. Apparently that is the reason for the light background. The photos were taken with a HP Photosmart R725 Digital camera (maximum resolution of 6.1 mega-pixels). Thanks to William Puckett UFOS Northwest <http://ufosnw.com>

New York Bright Orange Balls

ROCHESTER—On May 25, 2008, from 9:20 - 10:00 PM, I saw lights over the lake and this isn't the first time. They are bright orange and they either fade away suddenly or seem to drop out of the sky into the water. You can tell they are definitely not flares nor are they boat or buoy lights. They hang around and it always baffles me that no one else seems to notice or pay attention to them as if they can't see them or maybe they do and they just dismiss them. I have seen them a total of 10 times in the past year and there have been more than three witnesses with me at different times. Thanks to Brian Vike, Director of HBCC UFO Research, <http://www.hbccufo.org>

MANHATTAN—In June of 2006, around 1:30 PM on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon, my girlfriend and I were lounging on the roof deck of our apartment building in lower Manhattan's financial district. I was looking up at the crystal clear blue sky when I noticed a tiny silver round object hovering above. The object was at such a high altitude that it was hard to keep my eye on it. It moved slowly in a southeast direction but would stop and hover completely motionless every so often. I pointed it out to my girlfriend who found it hard to see at first because of the high altitude. She eventually saw it as well. We watched it for a little longer and eventually ignored it as it was hard to track with the naked eye. We are both professionals living and working in Manhattan and really have no reason to fabricate this story. Thanks to the New York State Director.

Ohio Rainbow UFO

MARTINS FERRY—On Sunday May 18, 2008 at 7:17 PM, thunder-

storms and heavy rains were broken up by a double rainbow. This is not seen very often. I took some pictures of the



rainbows. I didn't see anything on the pictures until I downloaded them to my computer. The objects are very noticeable. It has no wings, emitted no sound, and has no lights. The fact that I caught them in the daytime is a plus. I will send the original photos as they came out of the camera.... The object was moving southeast. Most air traffic moves east to west over the river. At the most there were ten seconds between the pictures. The camera is a LG vx9900 [cell phone], 2.0 mega-pixels [resolution]. The resolution is 1600x1200 which is the highest for this camera. Everyone that has seen these has an "Oh my God" answer. I do not have a good enough program to enlarge the object to properly identify what the object is. Could you write me back with a better analysis? I would appreciate it greatly.

Comments: The witness sent two photos. The first photo is posted above. The second photo shows the same object in a different position. Enlargement reveals a wingless object, but the object is too small or too far to determine any details. For this reason identification cannot be made. Our organization receives many photos whereby witnesses do not see anything until they download their photos to a computer. Thanks to William Puckett UFOS Northwest <http://ufosnw.com>

Virginia Surry County Nuclear Power Plant

SURRY — NUFORC received a very interesting report on May 19, 2008 of a sighting of a strange disc allegedly seen

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in the vicinity of the Surry Nuclear Power Plant at 12:20 PM for 12-20 minutes. I was on my bicycle riding east on the Colonial Parkway (James City County) when I spotted an object over the James River, moving from east to west at a very



slow speed. At first I thought it may have been a kite because it was a very windy day (the winds were gusting out of the SW at 20-30mph) and people do come out and fly their kites from the beaches when the winds are good. But when I came to an open spot in the road unobstructed by trees I stopped to get a better look and decided it was much too large to be a kite.

It is about a mile across the channel to the Surry Station and what I saw appeared to be very near the station's twin domes and it must have been at least as large as they are, and perhaps larger. Besides that the object was moving very slowly against the wind, and its upper surface caught the sunlight and reflected like a sheet of aluminum foil. Its underside was dark. This was definitely a flattened disk. And, because it was so windy it did not seem like a good day to take a blimp up. (And, with security so high these days it does not seem logical that anyone would be permitted to get that close to power station. I have seen military helicopters on training missions over the river, but even they keep a wide berth from the power plant.)

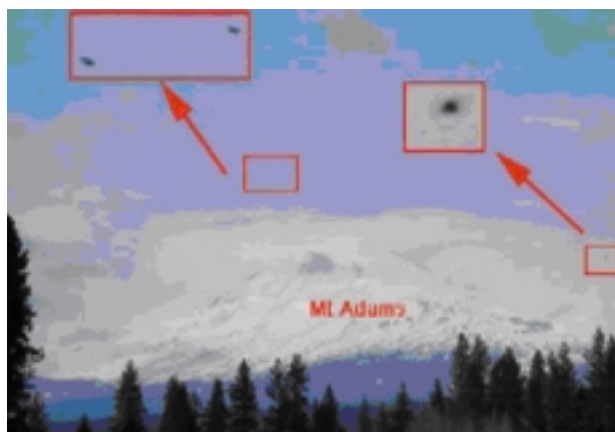
I have eliminated the possibility of helicopters and small aircraft because this object was hovering/drifted and appeared to be making a very leisurely circuit of the power plant. I walked down to water's

edge to see if I could get a better look, but without binoculars I couldn't make out any other useful details. I watched it like this for a good 15-20 minutes. In that time it completely circled the station, moving against the wind. It appeared to correct its angle at times, very slowly rocking up and down. I then decided to hurry home, grab my binoculars and camera and see if I might get a better look. It took me about ten minutes to bike home from there and another fifteen to get back on the Parkway by car. But, by the time I returned to my original position the object was gone. I drove a few miles down the Parkway hoping that it might have drifted elsewhere, but the sky was empty except for a few white clouds. Now, I wish I had stayed until it left. It would have been interesting to see which way

it went.
We had several communications with the witness, following receipt of his written report, and following our first telephone conversation with him. We are impressed with the thoroughness with which he has pursued an explanation for the sighting. We provide below one of his follow-up communiqués to our Center:

FOLLOW-UP COMMUNICATION— I called the Ft. Eustis Public Affairs Office and was told by a very helpful female officer that there are no Osprey flying out of Ft. Eustis at this time. She knew of none even being stationed at the base, though their fleet of SAR helicopters is slated to be replaced by Osprey at some future date. She then told me that she'd heard from some fellow soldiers that they'd seen what they thought was the Goodyear blimp flying near Patrick Henry Mall in Newport News. Could it have been a blimp, I wondered? I did not see any writing on its sides, but who knows, I might have missed it. I checked the online photos and I think that I would have seen those bold, yellow letters even from that distance. And, if it was a blimp, why would it be hanging out near a nuclear power plant?

I then called the Patrick Henry Mall management office and asked them what they knew of the Goodyear blimp being in their area and was told they'd heard nothing about it, and that their security personnel did not report seeing one. The spokesperson said that if the blimp had been in their area they would have known about it, because of the publicity it would have generated. I then tried to get in contact with Goodyear, but they, unfortunately do not have a contact phone number. I left them an email message. The local police have no reports of UFOs over the river and were not interested in taking mine down. (I could hear the borderline ridicule in the dispatcher's voice). Thanks to Peter Davenport, Director www.ufocenter.com



Washington Photo of Three UFOs

TROUT LAKE—On May 3, 2008, the witness took numerous photos between 3 and 4 PM. She feels compelled to take photos and later discovered the objects while viewing the photos on her computer. Generally the objects show up in a small percentage of the photos that she takes. The above photos were taken from the James Gilliland Ranch in Trout Lake, Washington. This ranch is thought by many to be a "UFO Hotspot." The witness discovers many conventional objects in her photos like birds, insects, helicopters, and airplanes. Therefore she is not likely confusing these objects with conventional objects. (See website <http://www.eceti.org>.)

Comments: It appears that the objects in the above photos are metallic and are

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Field Investigator's Corner: CMS Rankings

By Chuck Reeve

MUFON Director of Investigations

Here is May's CMS Ranking Report for all State Directors. Congratulations to **John Ventre** (West Virginia), **Cheryl Ann Gilmore** (South Carolina), **Bland Pugh** (Florida), **Jim King** (Iowa), and **Donald R. Burleson** (New Mexico) for being at 100%! The top 10 State Directors are highlighted.

The report is based on our two measures of UFO Investigation effectiveness: assigning reports within 72 hours of receipt, and completing all investigations within 90 days of being assigned.

The "Assigned" column is a six-month running average of the number of cases assigned within 72 hours divided by the total number of cases received in that six month period. The "Completed" column is the number of cases completed beginning sixty-two (62) days back and going back six months from there (for a total of eight months back) divided by the total number of cases reported in the same period. The "Weighted Rank" is just the average of the two columns expressed as a percent.

State Directors can improve their scores by being sure to assign all cases within 72 hours, and to follow up with their Field Investigators to ensure all reports are completed within 90 days. To be considered complete, a report must have been investigated and placed in one of the three completed status codes (Unknown, Hoax or IFO) by the State Director.

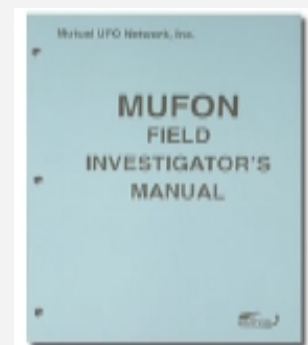
If you have any questions or need help with your investigations please contact me, Chuck Reeve, at 530-414-4341 or 530-582-8339 or via e-mail at wizard@telis.org.

Rank	State	Director	Weighted Rank (50/50)	Assigned	Completed
1	Pennsylvania	John Ventre	100 %	56/56	54/54
2	South Carolina	Cheryl Ann Gilmore	100 %	24/24	25/25
3	Florida	Bland Pugh	100 %	125/125	103/103
4	Iowa	Jim King	100 %	29/29	28/28
5	New Mexico	Donald R. Burleson	100 %	35/35	29/29
6	California	Georgeanne Cifarelli	97 %	186/190	157/162
7	West Virginia	John Ventre	96 %	15/15	12/13
8	Kansas	Tracey C. Smith	96 %	14/15	17/17
9	Minnesota	Richard D. Moss	94 %	24/27	26/26
10	California	Ruben J. Uriarte	93 %	70/80	96/96
11	Georgia	Walter Sheets	92 %	34/34	24/28
12	Indiana	Jerry L. Sievers	92 %	86/88	51/59
13	Illinois	Samuel Maranto	91 %	52/52	43/52
14	Texas	Kenneth E. Cherry	85 %	332/334	198/273
15	Arizona	George C. Parks	80 %	66/110	94/94
16	Michigan	William J. Konkolesky	80 %	39/57	44/48
17	Washington	Marilyn Childs	79 %	35/41	26/35
18	Utah	Elaine Douglass	74 %	15/16	10/18
19	Louisiana	Michael D. Sandras	72 %	20/22	14/26
20	Colorado	Leslie H. Varnicle	72 %	68/68	36/80
21	Ohio	William Jones	67 %	37/50	33/54
22	New Jersey	George A. Filer, III	67 %	20/35	24/31
23	Oklahoma	Charles L. Pine	65 %	6/20	15/15
24	Nebraska	John C. Kasher	61 %	3/8	12/14
25	Idaho	Robert Gates	60 %	2/10	14/14
26	Wisconsin	Timothy G. Whiteagle	57 %	16/22	9/21
27	Connecticut	Erik Kubik	57 %	11/16	7/15
28	Nevada	Mark Easter	51 %	10/43	31/39
29	Delaware	Ralph P. Flegal	50 %	0/0	1/1
30	South Dakota	Lorna Hunter	50 %	0/1	2/2
31	Massachusetts	Greg S. Berghorn	47 %	12/43	22/33
32	New York	James G. Bouck, Jr.	46 %	53/62	5/71
33	Arkansas	Norman D. Walker	38 %	8/16	5/18
34	Oregon	Thomas Bowden	37 %	29/52	9/48
35	North Carolina	George E. Lund, III	31 %	16/52	14/44
36	New Hampshire	Peter R. Geremia	30 %	3/5	0/6
37	Maryland	Bruce S. Maccabee	28 %	4/25	7/17
38	Kentucky	Earle T. Benezet	28 %	9/26	5/22
39	Tennessee	Eddie Middleton	16 %	3/25	5/23
40	Wyoming	Richard Beckwith	8 %	1/6	0/6
41	Missouri	Bruce A. Widaman	6 %	5/36	0/24
42	Hawaii	Puuloa M. Teves	0 %	0/7	0/5
43	Virginia	Susan L. Swiatek	0 %	0/25	0/24
44	Rhode Island	Richard Lynch	0 %	0/6	0/10
45	North Dakota	Kurt Pflieger	0 %	0/4	0/5
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Ambient Monitoring Project (AMP) Update

The ambient monitoring project (AMP) data is currently being analyzed by Professor Steve Crunk of San Jose State University. The project—which collected fifteen different ambient

environment parameters in the homes of volunteers who claimed to be having reoccurring abductions—was designed to establish whether there were any correlations between the times of abduction experiences and changes in the ambient environment. I am excited to see what the results are and hope to be able to deliver an interim report at the MUFON Symposium in July.

Position Announcements

New State/Assistant State Directors

Correction from the last issue: **Marilyn Childs** is the **Co-State Director** for **Washington**, not the Assistant State Director.

New Field Investigators

We apologize for omitting the name of **Nancy Santos of Brentwood, New York**, in past issues; she is a MUFON certified Field Investigator.

Samual Di Cesare of Wawa, Ontario, Canada; **Christine Dickey** of Casa Grande, Arizona; **Eugene Lipson** of Brentwood, California; **Joe Fabian** of Rosamond, California; **Victor Kace, Jr.** of South Beloit, Illinois; **Jan Richardson** of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan; **Forrest Rupp** of Streetsboro, Ohio; **Brian McKnight** of Scott Depot, West Virginia; **Judith McKnight** of Scott Depot, West Virginia.

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reflecting the sun which is to the right. If the objects were closer, perhaps an identification could be made. The objects to the left could be helicopters, but resolution is insufficient to make that determination. The witness took a photo 44 seconds after the above photo that showed a helicopter. None of the objects in this photo were in the subsequent photo. Thanks to William Puckett UFOS Northwest <http://ufosnw.com>

Canada Flying Triangle

LAVAL, QUEBEC — I was talking on the phone and went outside to have a smoke on May 10 or 11, 2008 at midnight. I looked up at the sky and saw a triangle-shaped object with three white lights on each point of the triangle. I thought it was a jet or a plane at first but then it covered too much space in so little time. Something that would not be possible for a jet or plane. I would say that if I were to put my thumb in the air pointing in that direction the object covered a 6 foot distance (in comparison to my thumb) in less than half a second. It must have been about 30,000 feet high or so. Many planes pass over my house and this was definitely not a plane. I saw it heading northwest away from Laval. I am out every night with my binoculars and camcorder since then.

OSHAWA, ONTARIO — On Saturday, May 24, 2008, at about 6:30 PM, I was on my deck, cooking on the BQ. I felt the urge to look up in the sky to the west and then to the east. At that moment looking east of my position, I noticed, a long white/silver “wingless” object moving across very high in the sky with a slight jerking motion heading towards Lake Ontario. I watched this missile like object move across the sky from north to south. I watched it for about 15–20 seconds as it moved further from my view. The conditions of the sky had a slight veil of cloud. Due to its altitude, I'm sure it passed over without anyone else detecting it. In truth, I'm a little

freaked about the timing. It is very uncanny to witness a UFO, after feeling an urge to look up. I gather something's going on in our skies. Thanks to Brian Vike, Director of HBCC UFO Research, <http://www.hbccufo.org>

Note: These Filer's Files reports are presented in order to keep readers informed of some of the vast number of sightings being reported. However, these cases have not been officially investigated, unless noted.

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The Night Sky

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July 2008 Sky

Moon Phases

New Moon July 3rd
First Quarter July 10th
Full Moon July 17th
Last Quarter July 25th

Bright Planets (Evening Sky)

Venus (magnitude -3.8): Moving from Gemini through Cancer into Leo. For northern and southern hemisphere observers, Venus will begin the month very low over the west-northwest horizon but will climb slowly above the west-northwest horizon as the month passes.

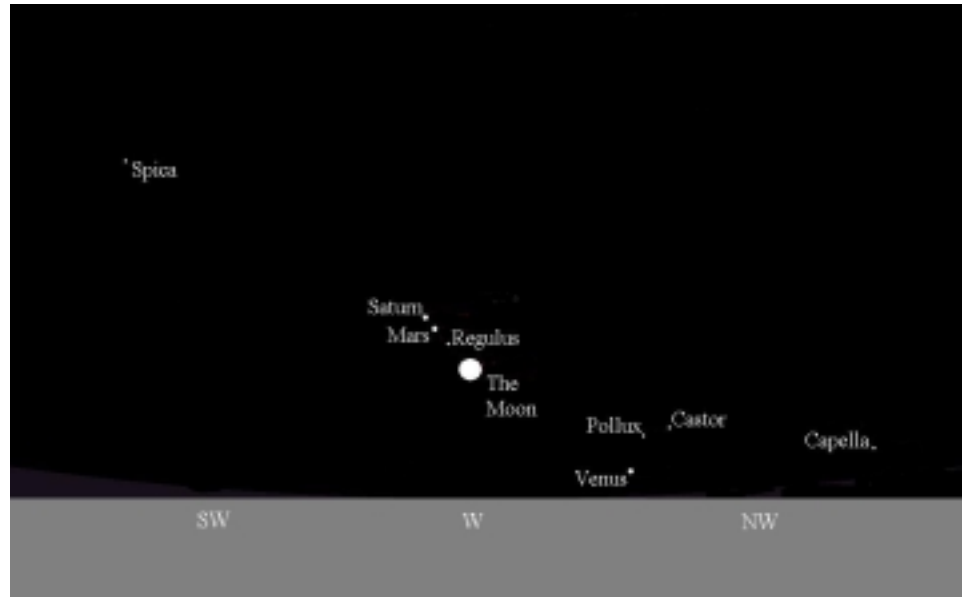
Mars (magnitude 1.6 to 1.7): In Leo. For northern hemisphere observers, Mars will be found above the western horizon at sunset and will descend towards the west-northwest horizon as the night passes. For southern hemisphere observers, Mars will be found above the north-northwest horizon at sunset and will descend towards the west-northwest horizon as the night passes.

Jupiter (magnitude -2.7): In Sagittarius. For northern and southern hemisphere observers, Jupiter will be low above the east-southeast horizon as the Sun sets and will set below the southwest horizon a few hours before sunrise.

Saturn (magnitude 0.8): In Leo. For northern and southern hemisphere observers, sunset will find Saturn standing above the western horizon. Saturn will set a few hours later below the west-northwest horizon.

Bright Planets (Morning Sky)

Mercury (magnitude 0.5 to -0.5 to -1.4): Moving from Taurus through Gemini into Cancer. For northern hemisphere observers, Mercury will



Looking low above the western horizon just after sunset on July 5, 2008

begin the month rising above the east-northeast horizon about 1 ¼ hours before sunrise and will be found above east-northeast horizon as the sun rises.

For southern hemisphere observers, Mercury will begin the month rising above the east-northeast horizon about 2 hours before sunrise and will be found above northeast horizon as the sun rises. As the month passes Mercury will slowly slide into the glare of the Sun in both hemispheres.

Other Celestial Phenomena

Planetary Conjunctions

A Conjunction of Moon, Saturn, Mars and Regulus

Conjunctions and Occultations

July 1st – Mars 0.7 degrees north of Regulus.

July 6th – Regulus 1.6 degrees north of the Moon.

July 6th – Mars 3 degrees north of the Moon.

July 6th – Saturn 3 degrees north of the Moon.

July 11th – Mars 0.7 degrees south of Saturn.

July 14th – Antares 0.3 degrees north of the Moon.