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NEWSLETTER

What if They Land?

By Whitley Strieber

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What if our visitors finally land? When I say 'land,' I do not mean that in any conventional way. I don't think that they are aliens from another planet--or, if such beings are a factor in what is happening in our world, they are not the major factor. What is happening is so vast and complex that it has never really been fully described. But certainly, we are not dealing with scientists from another planet here studying us. What is happening is deeply embedded in human experience, and has been, I would think, throughout our history.

So an argument can be made that nothing will ever change, and that might be the truth. However, I always got the impression that, if we reach a point of no return of some kind--if it becomes inevitable that the human race is facing extinction or a catastrophe so vast that it amounts to the same thing, then perhaps things would not remain the same here.

The question then is, what would happen if the visitors did change the way they manifest themselves? I very much doubt that a flying saucer will land on the White House lawn, or, in fact, that anything so straightforward will happen. I am not at all sure that

we will like what does happen, but one thing I do feel sure of is, if we are to be included in the laws of physics as the govern the world of our visitors, we can expect extreme, profound change.

I think that it would probably happen quite suddenly--as suddenly and unexpectedly as the close encounters seem to happen. Even though I'd apparently had a lifetime of experience with the visitors, when I found myself confronting them on the night of December 26, 1985, it came as a complete and utter surprise. On that night, I was not aware of any change in the way the reality around me was working, but that did not remain true.

After Anne and I had moved from upstate New York to Texas, I found myself having an experience that I think is much closer to what is apt to happen to all of us if our visitors' reality is ever extended to include our own.

On this occasion, I was for some little while, with a person similar to the one depicted on the cover of Communion. I was fully conscious, but as I moved through our apartment with her--or him, or it, for that matter--I began to see the rooms, nicely redecorated by Anne and very clean--much more as I might an animal's burrow. Not a single line was straight. The walls were soiled. There were strange insects racing around in patterned movement. Even at the time, I thought that I was seeing our condo the way I might see an animal's nest in a zoo. The little vole or whatever sees the nest as comfortable and appealing. A human observer, looking through a glass wall to

which the animal is entirely oblivious, sees the nest as a filthy flea-ridden mess.

As I have reported elsewhere, I became unstuck in space and time, and also unable to discern clear lines of reality. I could not tell even what time I was in. I thought that I went to the garden of a friend's house nearby and also entered the future. But now I think that I may have gone into a version of the garden that exists in a parallel universe. But one thing is clear: I had become unmoored in reality as we understand it.

When I came back from this period of contact, which lasted about fifteen minutes, I believe, I found that the voice of a reporter on the radio sounded like gibberish. In just that short time in this other reality, I had lost my knowledge of the English language. It returned, but only slowly. About eight-thirty in the morning, it was time to go to church. Without realizing it, I had lost my internal map of San Antonio, the city I grew up in. When we started out, all seemed fine. It wasn't until I found myself driving out near a runway on a disused road behind the San Antonio airport that I realized that I had not the slightest idea of how the streets worked.

I eventually found my way home, and spent the rest of the day feeling a profound sense of dissociation. I no longer felt real or whole or coherent. More than that, I felt as if I'd left part of myself behind.

To my mind, if the visitors ever come, it will not be a landing at all, but something more like the removal of a wall that now exists between our worlds. What will happen to us then is that we will suddenly start living by new laws of reality. I suspect that many, many of us will not survive the transition in anything like a normal or coherent mental state. A lot of people will not be able to cope with this. But some few will, and it is on their shoulders that the rest of us will have to climb, if we are to survive with our sanity intact.

Do I think that this will happen tomorrow? Obviously, I don't know. All I do know is that it CAN happen and I can assure you, if it does, none of us will be prepared to face it, except on the most visceral, instinctive level.

But then again, what infant, upon being drawn from his mother's womb into the impossible light and terror of a new world, feels in any way prepared for it? Every baby begins the same way: frightened and

astonished.

So will we.

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The International Metaphysical University Promotes Consciousness through Education

By Paul Althouse, Internet Information Director,
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One of the side benefits of our annual MUFON of Ohio Summer Conference is the opportunity it gives us to meet other people who are dedicated to enlightenment in various fields of paranormal study. This year we had the pleasure of meeting several representatives of the International Metaphysical University. Not your typical "on-line" university, to be sure.

Kelly Weary, the university's Information Director, describes it this way. "Now there is a university that allows the student to pursue a Master's Degree in Metaphysics with a choice of focusing on one of six major fields of study including Consciousness Studies, Holistic Health, Intuitive Arts, Paranormal Studies, Shamanism, and Ufology. Students can pursue the Master's Degree program or simply take individual courses in their field of interest."

The idea for IMU started in 2001 when IMU founder Deborah Lindsey found herself combing the globe looking for legitimate, high-quality metaphysical education. At the time, mainstream colleges rarely went beyond a degree in psychology, religion, or philosophy. Metaphysics or consciousness was nowhere to be found. The internet was new and online schools were largely non-existent. Recognizing a need for quality advanced metaphysical education; Deborah worked diligently to assemble the faculty and staff needed to fill that need. The end result is an "on-line university" with the mission of "Exploring Consciousness through Education".

Kelly describes the Master's Degree in Metaphysics with Focus in Ufology, "Never before has a university had an entire department dedicated to tackling this controversial but very important topic. Do UFOs exist? Is Disclosure imminent? What are the implications for mankind?"

"The Master's Degree with Focus in a Ufology curriculum includes a number of required courses as well as electives to provide the student a comprehensive knowledge of their chosen area of study. Some of the courses offered include "Introduction to Metaphysics", "Research Methodology", "UFO Contact and Abduction Phenomena", and "UFOs, Extraterrestrials & The Mystery School", to name but a few.

"You cannot have quality education without quality instructors", Kelly explains. "IMU's Ufology Department includes, among other notables, Richard Dolan, who is presently preparing his Introduction to Ufology course for this year's curriculum. Donald Schmidt just signed on and is doing a course on Roswell and his students will be interacting with actual Roswell debris witnesses. The course will be a 'how to' on becoming a civilian investigator and segue nicely into Larry Gessner's Field Investigation course centered on the MUFON Field Investigator's Manual. Someone else to note is our instructor, Rupert Matthews, in Paranormal Studies. He was just appointed to European Parliament in the UK and the (conservative) British press is having a field day with this. He has written about 200 books on topics such as UFO's, the Loch Ness monster, ghosts and politics!"

As you read this, IMU is working diligently to continue expanding its educational offerings. It was a pleasure meeting some of the IMU staff at this year's conference and our kudos to IMU for making a quality metaphysical education possible in the 21st century.

The International Metaphysical University can be found on the internet at www.intermetu.com or can be contacted at info@intermetu.com or reached by phone at 1-304-295-4411. They are currently offering a "free" test drive of one of their on-line courses to allow you to experience what a "metaphysical" education is all about.

Newspaper Clipping Excerpt - Rods

Source: Rich Heiden, Written by Jim Solberg

Per Rich Heiden, "I have this from three papers, the Black River Falls (Wis.) Jackson County Chronicle, July 6 West Salem (Wis.), The Coulee News, July 7 Westby (Wis.) Times, July 7 Plus (found online) Onalaska/Holmen (Wis.) Courier-Life, probably July 7."

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The Mystery of Rods

Speaking of new life forms, did you ever hear about the sensational discovery made in 1994 when Jose Escamilla, an ideographic interested in UFOs, released footage of what he concluded was a "new life form"?

They were called many things, but "rods" is the name that stuck. Escamilla's video excited people around the world and new footage of rods came in from all over the world. A couple suspiciously favorable TV shows suggesting that the rods were a genuine scientific mystery further fanned the flame of credulity.

Fans of the paranormal and gullible folks of all stripes went berserk with other theories about what the rods really were, including notions of living alien machines — breathing UFOs — or leftovers from a Nazi spy project or mysterious forms of plasma. Most seemed to agree, though, that the rods were definitely under some sort of "intelligent control."

They appeared to be elongated objects with rod-like bodies and rows of flipper-like appendages along each side. Significantly, the rods are not visible to the naked eye — only on camera images.

But with the advent of the new millennium new websites, photographers, writers and other skeptics introduced an alternate explanation, one based upon reality. The rods are simply photographic distortions of various kinds of insects. The insects show up in the photos or frame images of the video as a blurred streak of the body and the appendages are the blurred images of the wings as they have flapped several times during the photo or frame exposure. The video cams introduced in the 1990s were the source of most of the rod images.

Last week I took advantage of the merciless hordes of gnats that plague the area this year and photographed a cloud of the little buggers at varying speeds. Of course, I could have snapped a high-speed shot of the bugs in focus, but I wanted to see if I could duplicate the rod phenomenon. I experimented with various slower shutter speeds until I found that at one-twentieth of a second, the gnats appeared as a horde of rods moving in different directions — but they were, indeed, just gnats.

In this case, as in many other types of mysteries, it's not very sensible to go off immediately considering fantastic ideas based on other unproven propositions. There usually is a practical, earthly explanation. We know a lot about life forms on Earth and we know a lot about photography, and that is where the solution to the rod question really lies.

Go ahead, try it yourself. The gnats are everywhere, or at least they were. Any flying insects will do; just remember to experiment with an older video camera or put the setting very slow on a still camera. If we can't beat the bugs, we might as well get out our cameras and enjoy them.

An Unusual Report

By Alan Zerla, MUFON of Ohio

I received an unusual report from a friend of mine who lives on a horse farm near the small town of West Alexander, PA, on the Pennsylvania - West Virginia border. This family consists of a husband and wife and two daughters, 16 and 17. They make a habit of feeding the wild deer and turkeys.

This location is on the Allegheny plateau as is most of eastern Ohio, northern West Virginia, and western Pennsylvania. The plateau itself is cut by valleys ranging up to 1,100 feet deep along the major streams making the area seem to be all hills and valleys. In short, it is pretty rugged country. The farm is about 40 miles from the actual Allegheny Mountains. It can be seen to be a plateau from any high point because the horizon is level in every direction.

The first day of the New Year, Jan. 1, 2007, the deer and wild turkeys came to the house for their morning feeding but no deer or turkeys showed up to be fed in the evening.

The first day of school following the break, Jan. 2, the mother drove the girls up the farm lane to catch the school bus at 7 AM. The lane is about 700 feet long and lined with pine trees on both sides. The car is a Toyota Corolla. The 17 year old was in the middle of the back seat leaning forward between the front seats to take part in the conversation. The radio was on. The morning was dark and overcast.

When they reached the main road, the mother stopped the car and put it in park with the engine and lights off

but the radio was on. Suddenly the back end of the car bounced up and down 4 or 5 times, perhaps the wheels even left the ground. The bouncing may have lasted 6 seconds. There was a very loud noise, described as like a white noise, so intense it was deafening.

During the bouncing, there was a noise like sheet metal bending and flexing, similar to thunder. It was described as beginning like a blue tarp wrinkling and immediately became like suspended sheet metal being hammered sounding initially as if it came from the rear bumper then from the back deck/seat. The 16 year old daughter in the front passenger seat says she saw an arm banging on the driver's side rear door window.

Terrified, the mother first hit the brakes and turned off the radio to see if anything showed up behind the car in the light from the brake lights. She saw nothing behind the car.

The mother turned the car on and put it into reverse to light up the area behind the car with the backup lights. Neither the mother nor the daughters saw anything behind the car. The mother then drove forward, turned the car around and shined the headlights back down the drive way. She saw very large glowing eyes described as yellow blending into a cinnamon brown about 100 feet down the lane among the pine trees. She believes that the eyes were further above the ground and set further apart than a tall man would account for. The eyes stared back at the car, not blinking.

Examination of the car later found no damage or marks.

The deer and turkeys returned for feeding two days later. However, the family is still terrified and reluctant to leave the house after dark. If it is necessary to take care of the livestock after dark, two family members go.

I am unaware of any UFO reports or missing or unexplained animal deaths in the area before, during, or after this event.

Has anyone heard any stories like this before? Are there any similar cases known? Does anyone have any ideas about this case or suggestions for investigation almost two months after the event?

Exact details of location and car are slightly changed in this report to help conceal the identity of the family.

We have lost touch with our member Alan Zerla. Can anyone help us locate him?

**Lucasville, Scioto County, Ohio
April 8, 1997**

By Connie McNichols,
MUFON of Ohio Field Investigator

Time: between 8 and 9:00PM / Duration: 4 min

Weather: Temp. 54F / Wind Dir. WSW / Speed 10.4MPH / Sky: Mostly cloudy, New Moon

Although this event happened over 12 years ago I find it a very interesting and credible close encounter. The witness stated in our phone interview (she now lives in Naples, Florida) that on the evening of April 8th, 1997 at approximately 8:30 PM while driving with her then 13 year old son to meet friends at a local pizza shop they noticed 5 orange/red lights in a vertical position one above the other. They were flashing randomly; the distance from her is unknown. The lights were about 45 degrees above horizon and could be plainly seen. They continued to their destination and upon arriving there her son got out of the car and ran inside to see their friends who were waiting.

Something caught her eye as she got out of the car. As she looked up she saw at tree top level a huge (size of a football field) triangular object no further than 400' away, moving very slowly to the east toward her. It passed over her and she could see 10-15 orange/red lights on the bottom of the craft in what she described as a huge circuit board design. The exterior was lead gray in color. It made no sound or vibration and had no exhaust. She continued to watch it move ENE in a straight line path until it disappeared in the distance, still very low (tree top level) to the ground. One of her friends came to get her because she hadn't come inside, but by then it was out of sight. When she told them what she saw "they didn't know what to think about it"

Total duration of the sighting was approximately 4 minutes. The witness is very sure of what she observed. She is now an LPN and is very articulate. I believe a credible witness. She has been ridiculed when she has tried to tell anyone about this event in

the past, so she hadn't thought about reporting it until she saw the 'UFOs Over Earth' program. She thought she could report it to MUFON and "they wouldn't think I'm crazy"

I am concluding that this was an Unknown UAV.

Source: MUFON-CMS, Case # 19221

Connie has since moved out of state. She is missed by her MUFON of Ohio friends and colleagues.

Scientifically Acknowledged Artificial Structure Found on Mars

The Journal of Scientific Exploration announced in its Fall 2011 issue that an artificial structure was found on Mars by George Haas, founder and primary investigator of The Cydonia Institute and James Miller, independent planetary researcher and member of The Cydonia Institute. They show evidence of an Avian Geoglyph on the surface of Mars. This is the First Acceptance and acknowledgement by the scientific community of the existence of an aesthetically designed structure on the surface of Mars and should encourage a serious review of the growing archive of anomalous formations observed on the red planet.

Historically -- this could be viewed as the "Disclosure Event" of the 21st Century!!! Congratulations to George Haas and James Miler! <http://www.thecydoniainstiute.com/>

Source: Filer's Files, #47, 2011, gfiler@listrocket.com; on behalf of; George Filer [Majorstar@verizon.net]

NASA Frets Aliens Could Attack Earth to End Global Warming

UNIVERSITY PARK, Penn. – News Core reports, "A team of American researchers have produced a range of scenarios in which aliens could attack the earth, and curiously, one revolves around climate change."

They speculate that extraterrestrial environmentalists could be so appalled by our planet-polluting ways that they view us as a threat to the intergalactic ecosystem and decide to destroy us.

The thought-provoking scenario is one of many envisaged in a joint study by Penn

State and the NASA Planetary Science Division, entitled "*Would Contact with Extraterrestrials Benefit or Harm Humanity? A Scenario Analysis.*"

It divides projected close encounters into "neutral," those that cause mankind "unintentional harm" and, more worryingly, those in which aliens do us "intentional harm."

Extraterrestrial intelligence (ETI) "could attack and kill us, enslave us, or potentially even eat us. ETI could attack us out of selfishness or out of a more altruistic desire to protect the galaxy from us. We might be a threat to the galaxy just as we are a threat to our home planet," it warns.

One such scenario is the stuff of many a Hollywood blockbuster, a "standard fight-to-win conflict: a war of the worlds." But another might resonate more with fans of Al Gore's documentary film "*An Inconvenient Truth*: "It speculates that aliens, worried we might inflict the damage done to our own planet on others, might "seek to preemptively destroy our civilization in order to protect other civilizations from us."

"Humanity may just now be entering the period in which its rapid 'civilizational expansion' could be detected by an ETI because our expansion is changing the composition of Earth's atmosphere which therefore changes the spectral signature of Earth," the study says.

"While it is difficult to estimate the likelihood of this scenario, it should at a minimum give us pause as we evaluate our expansive tendencies."

But before we brace ourselves for alien annihilation, the report suggests things could turn in humanity's favor. Read more: <http://www.foxnews.com/scitech/2011/08/19/aliens-could-attack-earth-to-end-global-warming-nasa-scientist-claims/#ixzz1VaDIKEh6> Note: This NASA

scenario suggests they are well aware we are being visited.

MUFON of Ohio Question: With this indication of governmental interest in aliens, what do we make of the next article? Does the left hand of government know what the right hand of government is doing?

White House Denies Alien Contact

Fox News, November 7, 2011

The White House said Monday that there is no evidence of aliens making their presence known on Earth, but it has not given up on the search for extraterrestrial life.

A petition submitted through the White House's "We the People" project -- which lets anyone submit a petition requesting government action -- asked for a formal acknowledgment of "an extraterrestrial presence engaging the human race."

Unfortunately for those who want to believe, the White House was unable to do so.

"The US government has no evidence that any life exists outside our planet, or that an extraterrestrial presence has contacted or engaged any member of the human race," said Phil Larson, who works on policy and communications for the White House's Office of Science & Technology Policy, in response to the petition Monday.

"In addition, there is no credible information to suggest that any evidence is being hidden from the public's eye," Larson continued.

He highlighted several projects aimed at investigating the possibility of extraterrestrial life, including the Kepler telescope, which searches for Earth-like planets, and Curiosity, a rover to be launched soon that will study the surface of Mars searching for the chemical building blocks of life, like carbon.

While scientists and mathematicians have concluded that there is likely another planet in the universe that is home to life, Larson said many of them have noted "that the odds of us making contact with any of them -- especially any intelligent ones -- are extremely small, given the distances involved."

Last week, a "We the People" petition calling for the legalization and regulation of marijuana -- which drew nearly 75,000 signatures -- was rebuffed by Gil Kerlikowske, director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, who said the Obama administration does not support legalization, citing research that links marijuana to addiction, respiratory disease and cognitive impairment.

<http://www.foxnews.com/scitech/2011/11/07/white-house-denies-alien-contact/?intcmp=obinsite#ixzz1e0Nf28VI>

The White House Says We're Alone. So What's Going On?

By Whitley Strieber

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Over the past 6 weeks 5,387 people signed a petition asking for disclosure of the government's knowledge of and communications with ETs. 12,078 signed a request that the White House formally acknowledge that extraterrestrial intelligence is engaging with the human race. Last week, the White House responded, saying that there was no evidence that extraterrestrials are here and that the US government has no contact with such beings, and never has had any.

In other words, total denial. At the same time, a gentleman called Michael Raduga, who founded an organization called the Out-Of-Body Research Center has announced that close encounter experiences are really OBEs, and that there is no such thing as a physical close encounter of the third kind. Raduga has been quoted thusly: "We tried to right a common misconception with this experiment – the issue at hand isn't extraterrestrials, but hidden human abilities. If you've encountered UFOs or aliens after sitting or lying down, it can now be unequivocally stated that you've had a spontaneous out-of-body experience. We have proven this."

So two guns, one big and one small but very media friendly, have both fired just a few months before "*Solving the Communion Enigma*" appears. [This is Whitley's new book that is about to come out.] My book does not prove the ET hypothesis. Far from it! I'm not even sure that I believe it myself. But what

it DOES prove--and I mean PROVE--is that something unexplained is happening in our world. For the first time, the true scale of it is examined clearly. In addition, a group of inexpensive scientific studies is outlined that would serve to clarify what is really happening. Additionally, in the book, I discuss some of the reasons that an ET presence would almost certainly be highly motivated to remain hidden from public view.

Now, I am not opposed to the ET hypothesis. Far from it! I'm open to the possibility. I can never forget General Arthur Exon's words to me on the telephone when I first talked to him in 1988: "Everyone from Truman on down knew that what we had found was not of this world within twenty-four hours of our finding it."

I had been introduced to Exon by a lifelong friend of his, my uncle, Colonel Edward Strieber. He spent his career in Air Force Intelligence and attached to the Atomic Energy Commission. After he read Communion, he telephoned me and asked me and Anne to come have lunch with him in San Antonio. Over lunch, he told us about his knowledge of the Roswell Incident. At the time, I was only somewhat aware of it. He explained that it was very important, and told me that he had been present when debris gathered near Roswell had been delivered to Wright Field in Dayton in 1947, for examination by the Air Materiel Command.

General Exon told me that, as late as 1988, he was still attending meetings at Wright-Patterson in order to help current researchers understand what had transpired in the past because, as he put it, "a lot of it was too secret to be put in writing, and we had to commit it to memory." Note that: so secret that it could not be written down.

Some years later, Congressman Stephen Schiff (R-NMX) initiated a General Accounting Office investigation of the incident. The investigators eventually reported that no conclusion could be reached because all of the records from the Roswell Army Air Field from 1947 to 1952 had been illegally destroyed by unknown parties.

These two things suggest a truly fantastic level of secrecy, so I am not surprised at the blanket denial issued by the White House. The denial is, quite simply, a legal lie. In fact, under the National Security

Act, officials are legally required to lie in order to protect secrets. This is why the Air Force routinely lies to conceal its own interest in UFOs. In Solving the Communion Enigma, I cover in detail the incidents that took place in Stephensville, Texas in 2008. Determined MUFON investigators obtained radar tracks from the FAA that confirmed what witnesses on the ground reported: they had seen Air Force jets chasing an unknown object. And indeed, the radar tracks confirm this.

Understand, in 2008, the Air Force definitely chased an unknown object over Stephensville, Texas. The witness reports and radar tracks are a matter of public record.

The White House is saying on its website: "The U.S. government has no evidence that any life exists outside our planet, or that an extraterrestrial presence has contacted or engaged any member of the human race. In addition, there is no credible information to suggest that any evidence is being hidden from the public's eye."

That may be a frank lie, but, then again, perhaps it is something more subtle. There is overwhelming evidence that something very strange is happening on planet Earth, and that it involves something that is at once possessed of unusual skills and powers, and is very, very strange. What if the government knows for certain that this presence is not extraterrestrial, but that it has a very different origin. Then they are telling the truth, just not the whole truth.

I wonder how many more denials and false explanations will come along prior to the publication of "Solving?" After "Communion" was published, the media published stories for years about how lie detectors were unreliable and easily tricked--false stories, in fact. But I had passed not one but two lie detector tests. During all the years of these denials, the intelligence services never stopped using polygraphs to vet agents, and they remain in common use to this day. Why? Because in competent hands the polygraph is an efficient tool.

Just prior to the publication of my last nonfiction book, "Confirmation," there appeared in Parade Magazine a false story to the effect that I had "admitted" that I had temporal lobe epilepsy and had made a contribution to the Epilepsy Foundation. This story was entirely false, and flew in the face of the

medical evidence I had already published that conclusively proved that I had no sign of epilepsy or any other seizure related disease.

"Solving" is the most provocative and convincing that I have ever written. It is going to garner a lot of two things: the first will be denials and fallacious science for the media to embrace; the second is that it is quite likely to be methodically ignored.

The truth, though, will not be ignored. Until we face it, we cannot be free, and if there is any single and consistent human desire that has been expressed across all nations and through all history, it is the desire to be free.

Everyone involved in these denials is an oppressor of the human spirit, and as life on earth becomes more and more difficult, their presence in leadership is going to become harder and harder for people to bear until, in the end, there will be an explosion against it, and whatever is known behind the scenes will finally be revealed.

I would not be surprised if it involves a secretive ET presence here. But I would also not be surprised if it turns out that ET is NOT here, and that the origin of the strange phenomena that we see all around us is very much stranger.

Whatever its origins though, the phenomenon is real. Over the last two generations, its reality has been amply documented. But what is the phenomenon?

That is the great question of this age, and, like it or not, its resolution, when it comes, will restate the meaning of man in the universe, and inevitably lead to the collapse of the forces that now oppress and insult the human spirit with their obfuscations and lies.

They know this. That's why they deny.

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<https://www.unknowncountry.com/user/register>

Argentina: Possible Meteorite Strike Kills One; Destroys Homes

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One woman died and six other people were injured as a result of the event. A local resident told Radio 10 that the explosion was caused by a flaming object that fell from the sky and completely destroyed a house and several cars. "It was a veritable earthquake," she said.

The event took place a few minutes before 2 a.m. in a property located at the intersection Luis Vernet and Los Andes streets in Monte Grande, municipality of Esteban Echeverria.

The causes of the explosion remain unknown, but local residents claim "a fireball fell from the sky."

"There was an overpowering smell like gunpowder," recalled one of the people living in the area, in statements made to C5N. "There is no explanation for what took place," added Cayetano, another resident, to Radio 10. He then added: "A neighbor woman came out running because she could see a blue fireball falling from above."

Guillermo Perez, commander of the local fire brigade, remarked that the causes of the incident remain unknown, while acknowledging that the first story points to "an object that fell from the sky."

"I heard that version, but can't confirm it at first instance. It is necessary to go by an expert investigation to see what really happened," he told Radio 10. Perez confirmed that two houses and a business were "completely destroyed."

As a result of the event, an elderly woman trapped under the debris perished while another six were rescued. Firefighters told C5N that these were subsequently taken to a local hospital.

The fatality is among the victims living in the house where the explosion took place. Three of the injured are members of the house hold and the other three are from the adjacent house, affected by the explosion. The injured parties are out of danger, C5N explained.

According to neighbors, the explosion was even heard in such neighboring communities as Ezeiza and Temperley, to the south of Greater Buenos Aires.

Video at:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jQx9S64Fsmg&feature=player_embedded

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Argentina: La Plata Experts Join Air Force Team

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Two of the five civilians summoned to form part of the Comisión de Estudio de Fenómenos Aeroespaciales are from our city.

In January 1976, when he was fifteen years old, Carlos Ferguson was on his way back from playing soccer with some friends when he saw something in the Saavedra district that would mark his destiny. What he claims having seen is the same thing that "over a dozen local residents and drivers" reported: a disk-shaped metallic object measuring three meters in diameter, flying over the terrace of a home in broad daylight and at a stone's throw away." Since then, has spent his life trying to understand what he saw that afternoon, and life has just given him an opportunity that he did not even dream of.

Carlos Ferguson, who lives in La Plata and works for the logistics office of the Dept. of Education, is one of the five civilians summoned by the Argentinean Air Force to constitute the Comisión de Estudio de Fenómenos Aeroespaciales (CIFA). Created on May 26, this agency represents the formalization of a phenomenon which, while raising questions, has been formally investigated by many other countries: France, Russia, the UK, U.S.A, Brasil and Uruguay among others.

But Ferguson isn't the only resident of La Plata asked to form part, ad honorem, of the new commission. Accompanying him is Carlos Iurchuk, a 41-year-old systems analyst who has spent fifteen years

researching the UFO phenomenon. Both form part of a team that includes pilots, weathermen, radar techs and satellite positioning techs and other experts under the command of Capt. Mariano Mohaupt.

Far from attempting to prove the existence of extraterrestrial life, his mission is aimed at “scientific investigation of reports that involve the domestic airspace, and which have increased over recent years.” As the Argentinean Air Force indicates: “The number of persons claiming to have seen UFOs is far greater than anyone would imagine.”

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2011 Ohio Conference Highlights

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On Saturday, July 16, over 125 individuals came together in Ashland, Ohio for the 2011 MUFON of Ohio Summer Conference: 50 Years of Abduction Experience- Setting the Record Straight. Organized and led by State Director William Jones of Columbus, Ohio, and his dedicated state group, the conference featured abductee Travis Walton of Snowflake, AZ, and author of *Fire in the Sky: the Real Story*, and researcher Kathleen Marden, niece of Betty and Barney Hill, the first publicly known abductees, and author of several books including the most recent *Captured* with Stanton Friedman.

Travis Walton was central to the conference and he did not disappoint. His introduction included an entertaining film of movie clips and talk show appearances by him, his former boss, and the two Hollywood actors who portrayed them in the movie “Fire in the Sky”. He had an excellent power point presentation with many professional graphics and pictures related to his abduction experience and story. He said he came to the conference to tell his story “in his own words” and the audience was enthralled from start to finish.

One very interesting point that Walton made was that in looking back on his abduction experience 35 years ago in the rural woods of Arizona, he now feels that he was taken by the alien beings **not** as an abduction, but instead in an effort to *heal him* after they accidentally

and inadvertently hurt him when a beam of some kind from their ship violently struck Travis down. He also said that if he were to have contact ever again with these same beings, he would not necessarily make it public.

Kathleen Marden, former MUFON Training Director, also spoke extensively at the conference and her two presentations were popular and very well received as well. She is the keeper of the Betty and Barney Hill legacy and the most knowledgeable individual alive today when it comes to their abduction story from the 1960s.

The Conference was completely run by MUFON of Ohio members who volunteered their time in addition to all the food served for lunch. Vendor tables were also available with UFO books and other items for purchase. The conference ran from 10 am to 6 pm at the Ashland County Sheriff’s Office Annex.

Argentina: The 1963 Trancas CE-2/CE-3 Case Revisited

Source: Contexto (San Miguel de Tucumán, Argentina) www.contexto.com.ar
Date: Thursday, June 2 2001

The best known episode of an alleged UFO landing and occupant manifestation in Argentina took place in Trancas, Tucumán 48 years ago.

The event was among the most important in the history of unidentified flying objects. It is an episode that has been considered as “an unassailable case and irrefutable proof” within the voluminous and strange pages of ufology. It has also been considered one of the most exceptional events of the history of the UFO problem due to the abundance and quality of the eyewitnesses, the prolonged viewing of the event, and the discovery of physical residue in the area, constituting “the most powerful evidence” in favor of the unusual phenomenon. Since then, the Trancas Case became a “super-classic case of global ufology”, according to the Mexican website www.perspectivas.com.mx.

On Monday, October 31, 1963, two young women – Argentina, 28 and Jolié, 21 – along with their small children Victoria, Nancy and Guillermo, came in from Rosario, where they lived, to San Miguel de Tucumán, traveling from there to the “Santa Teresa” ranch in

Villa de Trancas, where they would meet with parents – Antonio, 72, and Teresa, 63 – and their other sister, Yolanda, 30.

A reason for this visit was that their husbands, both Army officers, had to take part in military maneuvers scheduled for that time period, and would be leaving from Tucumán to Salta the following morning, going by Trancas.

They had an early dinner and exhausted by the trip, everyone went to sleep in their respective rooms. At around 21:00 hours, Dora Guzmán, 15, a domestic worker living in the back of the house, appeared repeatedly, stating that she could see lights on the railroad embankment, located 200 meters in front of the ranch.

The parents were asleep, Argentina was reading and Jolié paid the matter no importance, since she had to feed four-month-old Guillermo. Yolanda, meanwhile, thought it might be a passenger bus.

Finally, Dora prevailed upon the sisters to check out the “strange lights” she was seeing. It was a set of five lights, a hundred meters distant from each other or less, three in front and three slightly farther behind to the north (northeast). They blinked on and off with a certain intermittent quality, shedding beams of light in various directions, even lighting up the farm (the farmhouse and the henhouse).

They had no discernible shape, looking like sources of light. The frightened women suspected that it could be a railroad accident (it was common for trains to run into cattle) or it could be a team of workers repairing the tracks, as they could see some human silhouettes moving around the sources of light some 500 meters or more to the north.

The fear level increased when Yolanda noted the possibility that they might be guerrillas engaged in an act of sabotage (by pulling up the tracks or planting bombs), bearing in mind the rural guerilla warfare of Taco Ralo in southern Tucumán in late 1962. Moreover, the women’s husbands were scheduled to pass over those tracks in a matter of hours aboard a military train, and they were alone with their sick father and unprotected minor children.

Searching for another explanation, one of the sisters remembered reading that flying saucers had been seen

in various parts of the world, and particularly the case involving truck driver [Eugenio] Douglas (who had seen a device with several entities only days earlier, in Monte Maíz, and had been burned by a thin beam of light). She suggested the possibility that such vehicles could be involved.

They decided to go out to get a better look. Seeing a dim greenish light, they thought it might be a pickup truck driven by one of the farmhands and went to the gate.

They suddenly found themselves bathed in a light emanating from a source eight meters distant. In an instant, they noticed that there was a vehicle measuring some 8 x 3 meters, with a turret and large rivets on its surface. They were so shocked that Yolanda lost her footing, tripped and in seconds they were inside the home once more.

The 15-year-old servant girl came in screaming that she had been burned, but Argentina and Yolanda ascertained that she was merely frightened. At this point the entire household was awake. The father, in the grip of a nervous condition, tried to go out, but was held back by his daughters.

The doors were bolted shut. The family looked out at the phenomenon through half-shuttered windows. One of the young women believed that the beams of light were piercing the walls, but another insisted that they were only coming through the cracks. The same one believed that the beams were extending and retracting at will, but it turned out that they only did so at floor level on certain occasions.

The situation was desperate. The mother prayed, the servant wept, the sisters screamed and ran from one room to another, following the alternatives. The witnesses noted that the atmosphere within the house became heavy and overly warm. The nearest object (“F”) made a noise similar to machinery in operation, but they could only see a thick and growing mist surrounding it, as well as some lights that gave the appearance of six windows. They were unable to tell if the object was suspended over the ground or resting upon it (the allegedly flattened vegetables were subsequently found there).

Forty minutes elapsed until object “F” – the one that appeared to direct the activities – moved eastward and

the others did the same, vanishing toward the Sierras de Medinas, some 20-25 kilometers distant.

[The sisters] later ran to the neighboring homes to inform them about what had happened, but few neighbors saw anything. Francisco Tropiano, a bordering neighbor, managed to see the eastern end of the site, facing his own farm, brightly lit after 22:00 hours.

No one slept that night in the Moreno household. In the morning, Jolié went to the train station to send a telegram to her brother Antonio, who lived in San Miguel de Tucumán at the time of the incident. By the time he received the message – due to the procedure – many other people had heard about it, even journalists who did not delay in appearing. Police intervention was subsequently requested. Minutes were drawn up, and the site was placed under custody for a few days without further developments. The Chemical Engineering Institute at the University of Tucumán was asked to analyze the dusty white residue found at the site where the lights had been seen. It turned out to be calcium carbonate with potassium carbonate impurities.

The La Gaceta newspaper provided ample coverage on the event, and continued to report on it for many days later.

Journalist Arturo Alvarez Sosas remembers: "Along with then news director Ventura Murga and photographer Ernesto González, we went to Trancas to chronicle the experiences of the Moreno family. At the time we didn't know that the phenomenon would unleash such an accumulation of stories and that the movies would finally make all nations of Earth aware of a "close encounter of the third kind" as described by Dr. J. Allen Hynek."

Jolié Moreno also notes: "My mother was desperate and my sisters were running around. My son was asleep in his little bed, perspiring in such a way that...outside were those lights, lighting everything up, moving intelligently and those figures...it was like Steven Spielberg's film Close Encounters of the Third Kind, which was authorized base on the information that existed on this case. I authorized it."

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INEXPLICATA AT 4:31 AM TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2011

Odd 4-Legged Animal Observed Near Sharpsburg, Allegheny County

From Researcher: Stan Gordon

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On June 18, 2011, a witness reported the observation of a very strange animal not far from Sharpsburg, Pennsylvania, a suburb of Pittsburgh near the Allegheny River. It was about 8 AM that morning as the witness stood on her back porch and observed an animal unlike anything she had ever seen before.

The witness is quite familiar with the wildlife in the area such as coyotes, and even fox. Her comment to me was, "This animal was so bizarre." The animal was observed as it cantered down a road just a few yards above her nearby roadway. The woman explained that this animal's movements were not that of a trot or gallop, but an actual canter like that of a horse.

The animal stood about 2 feet tall, and was "too big, for a cat". The witness also stated that it was not a dog, and didn't move like a fox or a coyote. The animal, which was observed for about 45 seconds, was estimated to weigh about 35 pounds and was about 2 ½ feet long. The creature was very thin and streamlined, but did not look to be starving or emaciated. The animal looked either hairless, or had very short hair about 1/8 inches long. The entire body was of a pale tan cream beige color. The witness explained that the color was not a pink fleshy color, either.

The observer was able to see a pointy snout and pointy ears as well, and it had a cat-like face. The tail, which was about as long as the body (2 ½ feet), was hairless and skinny. The last 6 inches of the tail curved slightly upwards. The creature moved about 75 yards down the middle of the road, then moved to the right side toward a guard rail. It then changed direction and went to the left where it went into a wooded area. A dead wild duck was reported to have been found mutilated the same morning, but a distance further down the road from where the animal was seen.

The witness went on the internet to try to identify the animal in question. She came across a website with photographs depicting a strange creature which had

been killed in a western state known as a "chupacabra." She said what she saw looked very similar.

**Mysterious Winged Creature Reported
In Pennsylvania's
Butler County, Early Morning**
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On March 21, 2011, I was contacted by a witness who reported having an encounter with a very strange creature during the early morning hours of March 18, 2011. The incident occurred on a rural road in Butler County between Chicora and East Brady. The witness, a businessman passing through the area, stated that "this was the freakiest thing I ever saw, and it made the hair stand up on the back of my neck."

The man told me that he was driving down the road when from about a ¼ of a mile away he observed something on the right side in a grassy area. His first thought was that it was a deer. The driver stepped on the gas to move closer to get a better view. From about 50 yards away, he observed something that appeared to be hunched down, and then stood up. The driver then observed a very tall muscular creature.

At this point, the driver had his high beams on and watched as the creature walked in front of a yellow reflective road sign, then crossed the two lane road in three long steps and continued into a wooded area. What he saw was a humanoid figure that stood at least 8 feet tall that appeared to have smooth leather-like skin that was of either a darker tan or light brown color.



This sketch of the winged creature used with permission of the witness

The creature never looked at the witness, and was only observed from its side. The head appeared to be flat in the front section, and then rounded out. "At the top back of skull, it was like one of those aerodynamic helmets. The top was not quite a point, but looked like a ridge on top of the head." The face was flat, and the eyes were not clearly defined, but the man thought that they might have been pointed in the corner. The ear that was observed on the left side was long and flat, and came up and back and was pointed backwards like a flap.

The arms were muscular and a little longer than that of a human. The hands looked more like a claw, but the number of fingers was unclear. One physical trait that stood out was the extremely muscular legs. The witness stated that it was hard to explain, but the legs did not move like that of a human, and "looked like they bent backwards." The witness also saw what appeared to be wings on its back which were tucked into its body, with the wing tips extending toward the side of its head.

No unusual sounds or smells where noticed during the observation which was estimated to have been about

7-8 seconds. As the motorist approached the location where the creature entered the woods, it could no longer be seen. The next day the witness decided to drive back to the location of the encounter to look for any evidence. The ground conditions were not suitable for tracks, and nothing was found. The witness did, however, measure the road sign that the creature had walked in front of. The sign was just over 8 feet high, and the head of the creature was estimated to have reached about 4 inches above the sign.

Formations of Lighted Objects:

Pittsburgh Area

From Researcher: Stan Gordon

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On the evening of September 24, 2011, there were apparently a number of reports of formations of red-orange lights observed around the Pittsburgh, PA area. One detailed observation was investigated by Keith Bastianini, and the following is his report:

At 7:45 pm on Saturday, September 24, 2011, two witnesses (a Mother and Son) traveling on Curry Hollow Road in Baldwin Borough, Allegheny County, reported multiple UFO's traveling in formation. The witnesses had just turned into the parking lot of the Value City Shopping Plaza, where they planned to get coffee at the Dunkin Donuts store, when they saw five brightly glowing lights to the northeast in the sky behind the plaza. The witnesses at first thought they were observing helicopters flying low in a tight formation but quickly realized the objects were round and made no noise.

The witnesses described the objects as reddish in color with a slightly orange hue. The objects traveled in fixed position to each other with four, arranged one on top of the other, in a vertical orientation while the fifth moved diagonally and slightly lower to the others. The woman said that the flight of the four vertically arrayed objects was so exact relative to each other that it was as if "...the lights were fixed on a pencil that was moving steadily in front of your eyes." As they watched, two of the lower lights "went out" but the objects were still visible in silhouette against the evening sky. At this point the man observed that "The two unlit objects appeared flat gray in color. They broke the formation and began maneuvering about under the others. A couple of times it almost seemed as if they would merge together and then separate."

The relative positions of the lit objects seemed to stay fixed he reported. The witnesses noted there was no apparent breeze as they watched the objects moving slowly to the east. Both witnesses remarked that the objects were so bright and moving so slowly, that there had to be many other witnesses. They estimated that the sighting lasted approximately five minutes before the objects disappeared over a hill moving eastward in the direction of Century III Mall. I asked the witnesses if it was possible they observed balloons or "Chinese lanterns." Both said "No," each having the distinct feeling the flight of the objects was "controlled." They also cited the brightness and steady glow of the lights, the man adding "There was no flickering to the lights when they went out – they just went out like you flipped a switch."

Was this Another Close Range Encounter with a Thunderbird Near South Greensburg, Pennsylvania?

From Researcher: Stan Gordon

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On the evening of August 26, 2010, about 8:10 pm, there was a sighting of a monstrous bird in South Greensburg, PA. Just as it was getting dark, four people were sitting around in the yard having a barbecue and enjoying the beautiful weather when suddenly, their attention was drawn skyward by a sound like a "swish" or a "swoosh" or as one witness stated, "like air coming straight down."

Several of the observers at almost the same time yelled out some exclamations including one man who said, "What the hell is that?" They were all startled to see a tremendously large bird that was flying over a tree in the yard about 30-40 feet overhead. The man who was doing the cooking turned and looked up to see the creature fly above him at a distance of about 40 feet away. As the bird passed the tree, it veered slightly to the right and went straight down the road ahead, maintaining its low level path.

When first observed, the massive wings of the creature were in an upward position and were beginning to drop slowly, almost as if they were rolling to the bottom. The swoosh sound could be heard when the wings were moving. The powerful bird had flown about 125 yards down the road, at which time the wings were coming back up. The creature was

observed as it continued to move steadily down the road, passing just above the roof top of a house with its wings flapping slowly and steadily about 3-4 time until it reached a group of trees about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile away, where it was lost from sight. It took about 20 seconds to go the $\frac{1}{4}$ mile distance.

I interviewed two of the witnesses at the scene and they were able to provide a detailed description of the giant flying creature. As it passed over, it appeared as though it was peering below, with its head and beak positioned downward. It was estimated that if the bird was on the ground it would stand between 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 feet tall. The entire body was the same dark color, either darkish brown or black. The body width was about 25-30 inches wide. One witness said the body "was very bulky and husky."

The head was oval shaped, and the beak was short for the size of the animal, about 8-10 inches long. The tail was about 2 feet long and came out wide to a point. It was the size of the wingspan of the creature that impressed the witnesses, which they estimated at 10 feet or more in length. When asked why nobody thought to take a picture, they pointed out that while there were cell phones lying there with camera functions, all involved were mesmerized by the encounter. One fellow I talked with said that after the experience he felt as if he was "almost in shock."

It was later learned that another witness who lived along the road where the big bird flew over also reportedly saw the creature. One witness has been a long time hunter and is very familiar with birds native to the state and is certain that he saw something quite unusual. The area where these observations have taken place, while surrounded with some wooded locations, is well populated, and nearby Route 119 is a highly traveled roadway.

There has been a long history of sightings of giant birds with oversized wingspans in Pennsylvania as well as other sections of the United States and elsewhere. Many refer to these giant flying creatures as "Thunderbirds." It is interesting to note that over the years around the same general area as this sighting, other residents have reported a similar strange "swoosh" sound, as though a huge bird had passed overhead, but nothing was seen.

Now years later, here is another detailed close range observation of a huge flying creature just a short distance away from the location where in 2001, a similar observation had taken place. It was on September 25, 2001, that a witness reported seeing a huge, dark colored bird flying about 50-60 feet above the traffic along Route 119 in South Greensburg. The observer was drawn to look upwards when he heard a sound, "like flags flapping in a thunderstorm." That witness was stunned by the wingspan of the flying creature which he estimated was between 10 and 15 feet.

If you have any additional information on this incident please contact me at: paulo@comcast.net.

Tiny UFO?
Westmoreland County-Norvelt, August 12,
2010, 9:30 pm

From Researcher: Stan Gordon
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About 9:30 pm, a witness was watching the sky for meteors, but instead observed something stranger. The witness described an object that was rounded in the front and extended back about 8-9 feet long in a rectangular shape. The entire object was about 15 inches high and glowed with a soft white color. The object seemed to be only about 15 feet distance from the porch and about three feet from the ground. It stayed still for about two minutes then moved off. A short time later two lights were seen over some nearby trees.

Thanks to Stan for permission to use this material from his site. Here is the note we just received from him:

Hi:

Great to hear from you. I just retired from the job two weeks ago. I will continue my UFO involvement. I'm speaking tomorrow evening in Austintown, Ohio. There are some recent reports on my website: www.stangordon.info that you can use. A wonderful Thanksgiving to you and yours.

Stan

When is it Time to Move On?

By Tom Wertman

MUFON of Ohio, Director of Investigations

There are two things that are normally off-limits to discuss at work; politics and religion. I'm beginning to think the same thing about Facebook except with the addition of closed UFO cases. Today I got involved in a Facebook discussion, so to speak, involving a case I closed a year ago. The case was that of lights seen over Lake Erie for 10 straight nights near Euclid, Ohio. This is a case I put a lot of man-hours in and had the assistance of members from the Cleveland Ufology Project. There are times I think I'm still trying to get warm after spending 10 straight nights on the beach of Lake Erie in March of 2010.

The investigation began when a friend notified me of a news report on the local Fox affiliate describing an individual who seen a UFO for eight straight nights over Lake Erie. The events ballooned as quickly as a YouTube video going viral. No one filed an official report MUFON report so I decided to pick up the story myself by contacting the television station broadcasting the report. The only thing I was able to do was leave a voicemail for a reporter who never returned my calls. Unexpected assistance came from an out-of-state MUFON State Director. He supplied me with the witnesses contact information.

On the drive to Euclid I was able to make contact with the witness who described a series of events and had also just been recently contacted by SciFy Channel wanting to promote his story. Anyway as I arrived at the beach near his apartment he said the lights were just appearing. Just as I pulled in the parking lot he saw the lights. I jumped from my car and ran through a wooded area in the dark towards the beach. I had visions of being the first MUFON field investigator being killed by a head-on collision with a tree. Right as a step on the beach the lights were gone not to be seen again that night.

It took three freezing nights before lights reappeared I was able to capture them on video. The lights about the size of Venus would appear to hover, then move in a Southwest direction. These movements were consistent with the witnesses other observations. The witness claimed that a reporter for MSNBC had

stated that nothing unusual had been seen in that region. But several characteristics stood out in the sighting. The lights always appeared in the same location of the sky, the lights would appear to hover, and then move rapidly to the Southwest toward Cleveland.

Multiple techniques were used during investigation. The first was a flight tracking website called *Flightaware*. With this website individuals can monitor flight traffic detailing the point of origin, destination, altitude, airspeed, flight number, and model of aircraft. For 10 days I stood on the beach by frozen Lake Erie. On the days when the weather was clear I was able not only to monitor the appearance of lights, but compare the appearance of the lights to commercial flight traffic in the region. There was not only a match, but it confirmed the lights were heading towards the witness making them appear to hover. It also showed the reason for the rapid motion to the Southwest with the air traffic turned perpendicular to the witness which also caused the lights to dim.

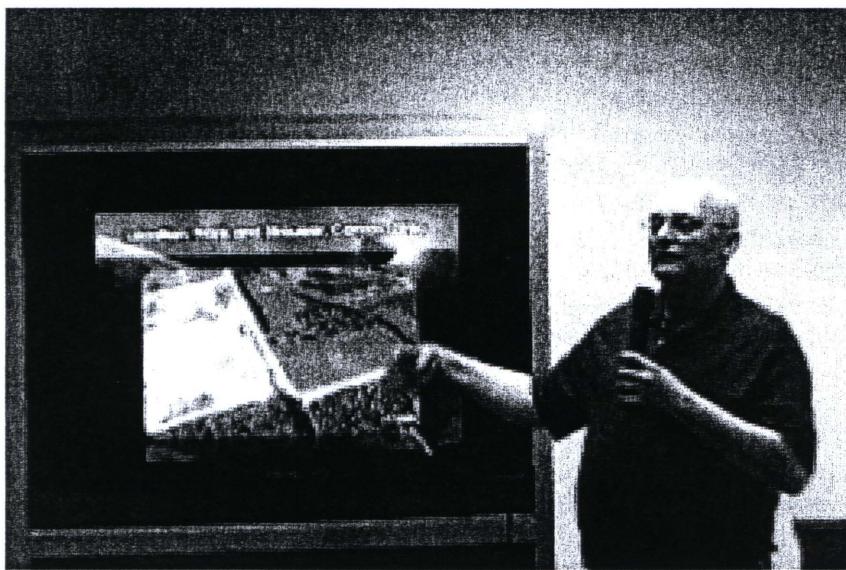
A pilot from Delta Airlines also confirmed the direction of flight traffic arriving from the West at Cleveland Hopkins Airport. The aircraft would swing out over the lake directly towards Euclid at an altitude of 5,000 feet then swing back the land in a Southwest direction at Hopkins Airport. Investigation did not stop there. Using the altitude 5,000 feet and an azimuth of 5° it placed the lights 11 miles away. This also matched the point the pilot said aircraft would begin to turn back toward Cleveland. As if that was not enough I also had two groups: one in Euclid and one on the other side of Cleveland near Lakewood. The lights were observed from two different locations simultaneously. The importance of the group in Lakewood was to confirm the final destination of the lights. The group in Lakewood positively identified the lights as air traffic landing at Cleveland Hopkins Airport. In summary there is approximately 200 pages of information relating to the conclusion of this case.

Now back to the questions, when is it time to move on? About six months ago an individual in that region who still would not believe the source of the lights was commercial air traffic became known to me. I made a mistake of responding to one of his posts on a blog. I will never do that again because too much time had been wasted on this case.

Well guess what? I did it again. Another individual claims to do investigation, but to my knowledge investigation requires legwork and not just citing selected comments taken out of context. He states that since MUFON investigators are volunteers we are unable to do a proper investigation. I hardly believe that is the case. So I wrote a post reiterating my techniques in which he responded with a mind numbing series of emails with comments taken from context.

So again I say I will not post any more comments or try to change these individuals' minds. Why try to argue with someone who is content to post videos on YouTube and make comments on blogs than be a nonprofessional looking for an answer.

The Alienation Library Tour 2011



By Tom Wertman

MUFON of Ohio, Director of Investigations

Sitting down to write this article brought back memories of those dreaded papers we just have to write in school titled "How I Spent My Summer Vacation." The reason for the comparison is that instead of my normal vacation in Las Vegas, I decided to take mini-vacations on what I called "The Alienation Tour". The tour began May 14 with a public access show to promote my upcoming program "Out of this World: UFO Sightings and Investigations" in Conneaut, Ohio. The library didn't

know what to expect and was using all of its resources to market this unique program.

Opening-night of the "Alienation Tour" began with MUFON of Ohio chief field investigator Thomas Wertman explaining on how he became interested in UFOs. Classic science fiction movies such as "Forbidden Planet" and "The Day the Earth Stood Still" kindled a fire that was followed by books which included "Flying Saucers Serious Business" by Frank Edwards and "Aliens from Space" by Major Donald Keyhoe. These experiences formed an early impression of what life would be like in outer space and what we could expect of our first close encounter.

Fast forwarding 40+ years Tom dealt with his midlife crisis first by buying a Corvette, followed by the motorcycle, and then beginning to do UFO investigations for both MUFON of Ohio and the Cleveland Ufology Project. The multimedia laced program guided attendees to the investigation process outlined in the MUFON field investigator's manual. Attendees were shown photographs submitted by witnesses, walked through process of contacting witnesses, use of computer software for digital analysis, and other procedures used to categorize the sighting as unknown, known, insufficient data, or hoax.

From this point the audience was shown photographs, drawings, and videos of classic and recent sightings around Ohio. The first case introduced was the 1966 Portage County encounter by Sheriff Deputies Sparr and Neff. The majority of the audience was surprised to learn that this event was a basis for a scene in the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." The audience learned about the deputy's pursuit of an object for 86 miles and how that encounter changed their lives. Attendees also saw how Project Bluebook did little to promote the search for a true answer to the event.

If one were to watch the majority of shows on television investigating UFOs the most common status

of the outcome is unknown. To show good investigative research the program followed with the Euclid sightings of 2010. The audience was surprised to see how a sighting attributed to commercial aircraft could be blown so far out of proportion and how good investigative research using tools such as laptop computers, iPhones, and site visits could make a conclusion so obvious. Showing the audience solid investigative procedures give credence to an investigator's ability to determine outcome unlike the prior example.

Rounding out the cases were multiple Stark County sightings in the winter of 2009 to 2010. The audience was shown how these cases could be connected together and how one was linked to a prior experience. The main case was what led to the most successful presentation of the tour. It involved a witness citing of UFOs between the Christmas and New Year's holidays. The witness not only observed UFOs but one night did so in the company of her husband. The audience was asked their opinion of someone who had multiple experiences over the course of a week. Most felt that the individual could be classified as crazy or delusional. This is when they learned of her experiences with missing time in the 1970s.

At Highland Square Public Library in Akron, Ohio the audience was not introduced to the concept of missing time by Tom, but the witness herself. To hear an event described by the field investigator is one thing, by the witness himself something outstanding. It was one of three programs that Ms. S. attended. The audience of 40 was so quiet during her talk you could have heard a pin drop. She not only described the drive home, but her follow-up and regression with Budd Hopkins. In two of the three programs she attended a female attendee also described parallel experiences to Ms. S. regarding missing time. Interestingly enough the three individuals experiences occurred roughly 20 miles apart.

The "Alienation Tour" could also be summed up as UFOs course 101. It featured 28 stops, an expected total attendance of between 1050 and 1100 and an average attendance of 39 per program, and 3,500 miles on the road. Not too bad for the first time out. There are already seven bookings for 2012. The most important thing to come out of the programs were not attendance, but making contact with the general public and helping break the stigma that

everyone who sees UFO is crazy. During the audience participation part of the program attendees were encouraged to describe their own experiences. Interestingly enough the majority of the stories of experiences were the senior members of the audience. This is the generation that grew most likely to believe individuals who saw UFOs crazy.

What are the stories? That is part of "Out of this World II: UFO Sightings and Investigations" that kicks off in Conneaut, Ohio on November 29, 2011.

The Southern Tour 2011

By Terry Althouse, Paul Althouse,
Cathy Richards and Bill Jones

During the first year of the Southern Tour outreach project, we did well too, covering libraries in the following Ohio communities: Dunkirk, New Carlisle, Cadiz, Blanchester, Ottawa/Putnam County, Marysville, Portsmouth, Fairfield, New Philadelphia, and Newark. The last meeting of the library meeting season will be in Westerville on November 29th. We are planning meetings for the new year starting in mid to late April 2012 (after the snow and ice are gone) at the Carnegie Library in Washington Court House.

New members were welcomed into MUFON and MUFON of Ohio as a result of their attendance at these library events, both Tom's and ours. In each presentation at least at one person in attendance, but usually more than one, reported a UFO related experience that they were willing to describe to the audience. In one case we had a gentleman seriously describe what a friend of his had experienced and told him about. The friend was out night fishing alone when he saw a ball of light appear out over the lake. It was moving in his direction and, as it got close, he panicked and ran for his car. He stayed in the car for two or three hours, quite fearful to get back out to retrieve his fishing gear, even after the light was gone. Finally he got up his nerve and he went out to get his gear so that he could go home. He found everything there with the exception of his bait. The Styrofoam container had been cut in a seriated fashion around the top and the worms were missing. This is the first case we have heard about during which worms have been abducted. Maybe aliens like to fish.

Most of the attendees at our meetings have been middle age and up. Some attendees have been in their mid-twenties to their thirties. Young people are few

and far between. The meeting in Portsmouth consisted of eight or nine people, five of which were in their post teenage years. The situation reminded me of a high school class where the students talked more than listened to the teacher. We don't know what this portends for the future of ufology.

Columbus, Ohio Sighting

By MUFON Assistant State Director, Cathy Richards

Witness: "I have seen a ball of light about the size of a large beach ball flying over Columbus five times in the last year. Tonight [November 4, 2011] at about 8:00 PM I was taking out the garbage and noticed it again. It was low in altitude, I would say less than 1000 feet over head flying from NW to SE toward downtown Columbus. It looked like it's about the size of a large beach ball and it had a goldish-orangish light that came from it. This was no aircraft!"

"I have flown as a private pilot for many years and know what aircraft look like. This object moved rapidly from the NW toward downtown, slowed down in speed as it approached downtown and then stopped completely in mid air. It was there for over an hour. It was not the Columbus PD helicopter as it was flying west over the Grandview, [Ohio, a suburb of Columbus] area and it was not an aircraft making its turn to final approach into Port Columbus [either]. I am right by the final turn to Port Columbus and have seen just about every aircraft from commercial to military. This thing makes no sound and has no anti collision lights. It literally is a ball with goldish-orangish light emitting from it. There were two other people who witnessed this with me."

Comment by author: "I conducted a phone interview with the witness. His description of what he observed did not fit any commercial aircraft or natural phenomena that I know of. There have been other sightings that are similar in Franklin County. Therefore this case disposition is UNKNOWN at this time."

Source: MUFON CMS Case #33144

Summit County Sighting

By Thomas Wertman, MUFON of Ohio
Director of Investigations

Witness: "On the evening of November 12, 2011 I was sitting outside by a fire - pit with a [woman] friend who was facing me. About five minutes before I saw anything my neighbor's dogs were barking like crazy. I looked in the direction of my neighbor's house to make sure all was well. (It was.) It could have been a deer. That said, shortly afterwards I noticed three bright golden solid round lights in a large triangle shape ... moving slowly and seemed to come out of nowhere moving slowly. I said, 'Oh-my-God' and pointed behind my friend.

"We ran over to the edge of my property to get a better look. I then noticed a large triangle was a series of singular lights following the [original] triangle one after another. They were all flying as if they had just taken off. They were going from very low to higher, but not very high in the sky. I ran into the house and called for my two sons to come see it - I found this sight to be disturbing and I called 911. I thought perhaps it may be a terrorist event. I was transferred to a non-emergency number and explained what I was seeing and what was being witnessed by four adults.

"I have spent my day today trying to see if anyone else witnessed what we saw - there could be no way we were the only ones who saw that at that time. 7:30 PM is not all that late and the evening was mild. All the lights were going the same direction. There were over a dozen of the singular ones. I live in a semi-rural area. My home is situated on two acres and there are a few small lakes in my neighborhood. I have never seen anything like this in my life. If there is a next time I will be sure to grab a camera."

Source: MUFON CMS Case #33324. Status pending.

Richland County Sighting, November 1, 2011

By Robert Diehm, MUFON State Section Director

Witness: "I noticed a dark grey triangle about one hundred feet across with different colored lights follow the 1/2 mile airstrip 900 feet from my house. The craft had no sound and moved in a very straight line until it got to the pond where it turned and continued out of sight at 4 PM. A red flashing light towards the middle bottom was flashing and around the craft were different colors that did not flash. The

cat did a belly crawl inside the house for at least 10 minutes after the sighting. Also an orange ball the size of a beach ball followed the craft, about 500 feet behind in a straight line with the craft.

"The reason I saw the craft was the cat jumped up on the bay window sill and acted very differently which made me look in the direction of the cat. This is when I noticed movement coming from the north side of the airstrip. You could not miss the sighting once you looked out of my office window over the deck. When I first saw the triangle figure and the different colored lights around the craft and the way it moved just above the treetops there was no question at what I was looking at. There is nothing in our inventory of flying machines that would float at such a crawl and emit no sound at all. When the craft made a slow turn over the pond I lost sight of the craft because of [it was] 50 foot or so over the ground."

Source: MUFON CMS Case #33412

Gravitational Relativity and UFO Propulsion

by Ron Bracale, MUFON of Ohio
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I intend to provoke a new paradigm in relation to gravity for the purpose of imagining future science and technology. The truth of future physics is yet unknown, but by considering a theoretical new world view, perhaps we can gain insight into the potential possibilities of future technology. Let us begin with a thought experiment that implies a theory of Gravitational Relativity. We imagine a circular cavity at the center of a planet or star. At that center point, all mass is surrounding us and so is pulling outward as a negative gravitational field. Indeed the entire universe is pulling outward in all directions on that center point at the center of the large mass. Since we know that in localized space upon the earth's surface, gravity is positive and pulls us towards the center of the Earth; this implies that what we are calling gravity is a resultant of two gravitational curvatures, the negative and the positive. I am proposing that the sum of these two great forces is what we refer to as dark matter, while the resultant is what we call gravity. Thus the very geometric fabric of space as positive and negative fields (dark matter) holds a potential energy greater than the known visible universe, which is what is observed in modern physics.

The next logical question would be 'can these two interacting spatial geometries be manipulated?' The answer is that acceleration and centrifugal force can be understood as a change in the relationship of these two fields. A gyroscope is lighter in the downward direction when it is activated, because its gravitational fields are reconfigured to the sides as the stabilizing fields. In relationship to the quantization of gravity into gravitons and how fast the dynamic geometry changes relationships and interactions, perhaps as much faster than light as light is faster than sound. The implications of these two ideas are astounding for the potential of advanced technology.

Now let us consider UFO reports and a future science of gravity. The fact many UFOs have been observed to make right angle turns at high velocity implies that the occupants must have a stable artificial gravitational geometry within the craft: otherwise they would be smashed against the walls. Abductees have reported feeling no effects of acceleration while remembering being on a moving UFO, which is a second confirmation of the fact that a stable gravitational field is created within the craft. Another observation that is made by many abductees is that the space inside the craft is larger than what the outside appearance would allow for. If true, this may provide a very valuable clue to back engineering the gravitational field manipulation used by UFOs. Finally it should be clear that if a means to manipulate gravity exists, either in relation to the proposed theory above or any other means, then a potential for creating a gravitational space continuum bubble around a craft might provide for travel that is vastly faster than the speed of light. Additionally a gravitational field around a craft could mitigate the frictional heat issues of travelling at high velocities in an atmosphere or the abrasion of micrometeorites in space. Understanding gravity seems to be the key to understanding UFO propulsion. The author encourages feedback and discussion of these ideas for the advancement of humanity and the eventual ability to explore the universe that surrounds us.