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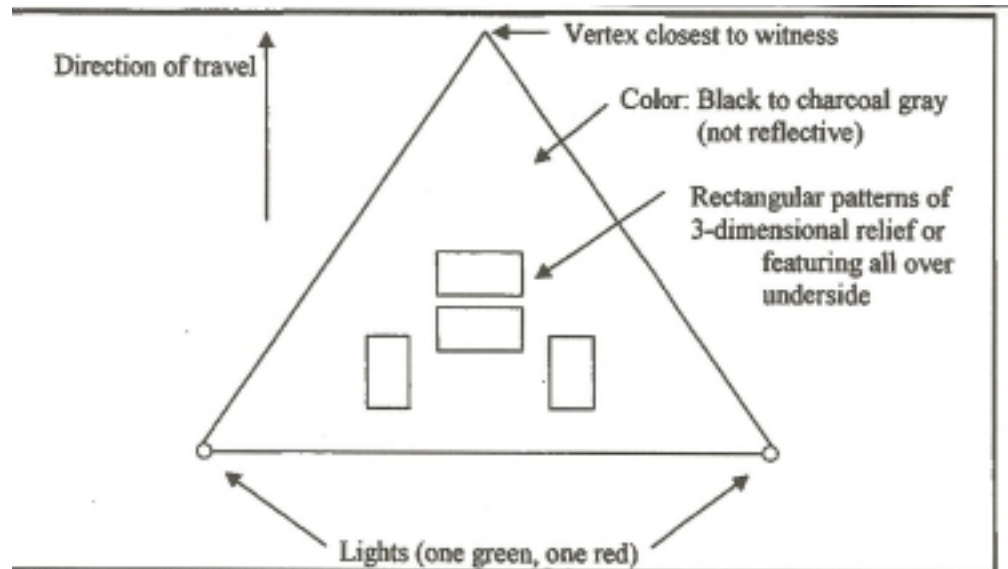
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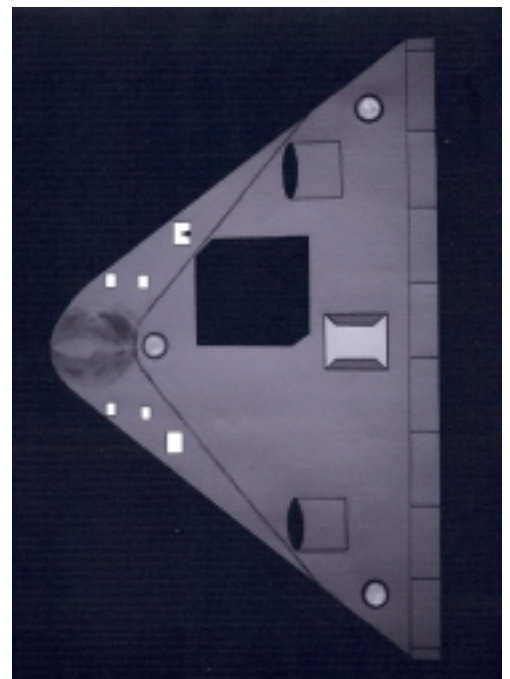


Dozens see UFO in Texas Louisiana sighting on same night

A Louisiana woman reported seeing a triangle UFO on January 8, the same night that dozens of witnesses saw a large object over Stephenville, Texas. (See articles on page 3.) Her illustration, shown on a TV news report, resembled these drawings of other sightings.

A Minnesota woman witnessed the object above on Sept. 2, 1999 near the intersection of Minnesota Hwy 55 and US 169 (as pictured in the April 2000 *Journal*).

At right, a field investigator in New Jersey witnessed this craft from his home observatory in October 2006 (as pictured in the June 2007 *Journal*).



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Director's Message

By James Carrion

UFOs in the News, Membership Increases

Sighting reports increase as well

UFOs are back in the news thanks to the alert citizens of the little towns of Stephenville and Dublin, Texas, who reported seeing a UFO on January 7 and 8, 2008.

MUFON is also back in the public eye thanks to the hard work and dedication of MUFON Texas led by MUFON Texas State Director Ken Cherry. Ken, along with Steve Hudgeons—MUFON Texas Chief Investigator—and a team of MUFON Texas field investigators interviewed numerous sighting witnesses and gathered photo and video evidence while at the same time juggling many media interviews. The international media frenzy and scheduling of interviews was handled very efficiently by Alejandro Rojas, MUFON Director of Public Education.

Please join me in congratulating Ken, Steve and his team along with Alejandro for doing a fine job in helping MUFON become a household name.



James Carrion

In addition to over 100 new MUFON members signing up since the story broke, MUFON sighting reports tripled to over 600 versus the normal monthly average of 200.

MUFON's decentralized leadership worked exactly as it should have at the grassroots level. Please help us in making MUFON an even stronger organization by holding public aware-

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Over 50 Witnesses report UFO Sighting at Stephenville, TX

MUFON is investigating a sighting in Stephenville, Texas, which was witnessed by many on January 8, 2008. The *MUFON UFO Journal* will publish a report on the results of the investigation in a future issue.

News of the sighting was widely reported in the media by January 15, and MUFON Texas had investigators on site within a few days.

State director Ken Cherry says that MUFON received calls from 50 citizens who say they witnessed the UFO and that the number and credibility of the people is exceptional. (Good Morning America, 1/18/08)

MUFON Texas investigating

MUFON Texas took over 50 reports from witnesses on Saturday, January 19 at the Rotary Club building in the nearby town of Dublin. News reports claim that from 200 to 500 people packed the Rotary Building—whatever the number, it was more witnesses in one place than MUFON had ever tried to interview. While many gave reports of the January 8 sighting, some told stories of previous experiences, including one woman who told a story about something she saw in 1957.

Ken Cherry, MUFON Texas State Director spearheaded the investigation, along with Steve Hudgeons of Fort Worth, MUFON's senior investigator for Texas. The men plus their team of five additional trained investigators conducted interviews with the witnesses.

Large, bright, fast and silent

Several dozen observers claim to have seen a large, silent object with bright lights flying low and fast in the skies above Stephenville, Texas, on the night of January 8. Reporter Angelia K. Brown of the *Stephenville Empire-Tribune*, speaking in an AP News video, said that people saw

“very intense bright lights... and they spanned a wide area... It made not a sound.” Some observers reported seeing fighter jets chasing it.

Local military first claimed that they had no planes in the area that night, and then later changed their story.

Major Karl Lewis, a spokesman for the 301st Fighter Wing at the Joint Reserve Base Naval Air Station in Fort Worth, initially said that no F-16s or other aircraft from his base were in the area the night the sightings were reported. He suggested that it may have been an illusion caused by two commercial airplanes whose lights appeared orange due to the setting sun. Officials at two regional Air Force bases also stated that none of their aircraft in the area that week.

On January 23, officials of the 301st Fighter Wing changed their story, saying that ten F-16 fighter jets built by Lockheed Martin Corp. were in fact training near Stephenville, at about the time of the sightings.

Stephenville is located about 70 miles southwest of Fort Worth and about 70 miles north-northwest from Crawford, Texas, home of President Bush's ranch. The farming community of 17,000 proudly boasts a sign proclaiming them the “Number 1 Dairy County” in Texas.

Over the next couple of months, MUFON'S investigators plan to process the information they have compiled, follow up with some of the witnesses and eventually produce a report about any patterns they find in the accounts. Watch for the report in a future *MUFON UFO Journal*.



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Houston Chronicle

Sighting in Louisiana on same Night

The same night as the Texas sighting, a woman in Louisiana saw and filmed something strange in the night sky. The woman, who did not want to be identified, said the bright lights hovered so long, she had time to grab her video camera and begin filming. The object or objects were seen around 9:00 PM in the skies near Shongaloo, Webster Parish, Louisiana, near the state line bordering Columbia County, Arkansas. The witness said it was silent until it began moving.

The witness drew a diagram of the object she observed, which has some resemblance to illustrations in *MUFON Journal* articles in the April 2000 and June 2007 issues. (See illustrations on cover of this issue.)

KSLA News TV contacted Barksdale Air Force Base, which declined to comment or to view the video. The KLSA report can be viewed at: http://www.disclose.tv/action/viewvideo/2806/The_Same_Object_Was_Seen_in_Texas__amp__Louisiana/.

Is there No End to the Excuses We're Given?

Searching for the Truth

By Dennis G. Balthaser

01-24-08—I don't normally research UFO topics such as sightings, abductions, crop circles or cattle mutilations, instead I concentrate on Roswell, Area 51, Underground Bases and the Pyramids of Giza. I do however have an interest when a high profile case comes along, trying to



Dennis Balthaser

stay abreast of how it develops, is reported, and normally swept under the rug in a short time period.

In the last 10 years, three cases of sightings have surfaced which are of interest to me: the Phoenix Lights, the O'Hare Airport sighting, and the recent Stephenville, Texas event. The official response to each case by the military and/or government agencies have followed a similar pattern, as have the major media outlets handling of the information.

Television "news" shows such as *Larry King Live* on CNN are a good example. Devoting too much airtime to skeptics and debunkers like Michael Shermer and James Magaha does absolutely nothing to educate the public on the information available from credible witnesses. Both of these gentlemen have an obvious agenda that appears to feed directly into the television show host's biased reporting of these events. Just once, I would like to hear Shermer or Magaha admit that we possibly don't know what these witnesses are seeing, and allow a serious investigation to transpire. In my own research I welcome opposing views that have factual information

presented, believing that I can become a better researcher by such views. Shermer and Magaha cannot accept the fact that many of the witnesses who come forward are simply asking for someone in authority to explain to them what they saw. In my opinion neither of these two gentlemen fall into the "someone in authority" category. Those who *are* in authority of course seem to have had a lot of experience in not being truthful with the witnesses and the public when making an official statement, going as far back as the Roswell Incident 60 years ago.

Retired military personnel, serious researchers like Stanton Friedman, and others *are* invited on the shows, but often times are cut off or interrupted by the host or skeptics not giving a fair balance to the viewing public that is desiring information, consequently coming away with distorted information.

Do you believe in UFOs?

Another serious mistake made by hosts like Larry King is asking questions such as, "do you believe in UFOs?" UFOs *do* exist, and have for many years, and have been admitted to by the military as far back as the 1940s and 50s, so it's not a matter of *if* they exist, but rather in my opinion, *what* they are, which have not satisfactorily been explained in the three aforementioned cases.

Many television documentaries on the subject of UFOs follow the same biased approach. One example is the National Geographic special, for which researchers Stanton Friedman, Don Schmitt, myself and others devoted our years of research freely to filming of the show, only to have the debunkers override the show to an extremely biased conclusion.

Why include "woo-woo?"

Many television documentaries and news shows, as well as newspaper articles that report UFO incidents, insist on bringing what I refer to as the "woo-woo" aspect into what could, and should be reported as the story of the millennium. Why then do the people in tinfoil hats and sci-fi film clips have to be included? If that is their way of being balanced they obviously don't understand the subject of ufology to begin with. Is it any wonder that the subject is not taken more seriously than it is, due to the reporting it receives?

If we are ever to have objective coverage of this subject, changes must be made not only in how television documentaries are presented, but news media outlets should also present their UFO news differently than what has become the norm. Many radio show hosts are trying to do this in live interviews they conduct with serious researchers and witnesses, and I compliment them for doing so.

As for the military and government agencies that publicly get involved in trying to explain a certain case, their historical record is also extremely questionable, and seems to get worse with each case. Remember we have been given four *excuses* for what happened in Roswell in 1947 in the past 60 years, and many of us believe we have still not been told the truth. The excuses given in most cases are not satisfactory. It is disheartening to me that witnesses must be made to look like they are not qualified to comment on what they saw, when the truth in most cases is the simple fact that the witnesses don't know what they saw, and the excuses given by the authorities do not correlate with what the witnesses

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Herbert Prouty J.D., MUFON Director of Legal Affairs, Retires

It is said that “all good things must come to an end.” In this case, the end simply means that Herbert Prouty J.D., our Director of Legal Affairs is retiring. Herb served as Director of Legal Affairs under three MUFON International Directors – Walter Andrus, John Schuessler and James Carrion.

Herb was always there when MUFON needed legal advice or direction. He graciously shared his legal expertise to assure that MUFON was operating in a legal and ethical

way. When unscrupulous individuals did things that could be harmful to the future of MUFON, Herb provided the legal direction that defused those attempts and kept MUFON on the straight and narrow path.

In 2006, Herb became a MUFON Lifetime Member thereby demonstrating his continuing support for MUFON beyond his term as Director of Legal Affairs. We appreciate the work that Herb did for MUFON and are proud to call him a friend.

Balthaser: Excuses

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saw. Is it any wonder that most sightings go unreported because of the ridicule, embarrassment or threats the witnesses will have to deal with when they report it?

Having been in the military myself, and as a proud life-long American supporter of our troops, I believe those military personnel in the United States who are supposedly in a position of authority, and in fact are speaking for the military, are deceiving the public and in some case outright lying to us, and it must stop.

Three credible cases

The three cases that I mentioned that I have been following are the Phoenix Lights (March 1997), the O’Hare airport case (November 2006), and—just last month—the Stephenville, Texas case (January 8, 2008). In all three cases credible witnesses have come forward asking someone to explain to them what they saw and experienced.

Of the three cases, the Phoenix Lights probably had the most witnesses, with many taking photographs and video film of the event. The excuse given by those in authority and still used by skeptics and debunkers, was that the Phoenix Lights were flares being dropped by the Maryland Air National Guard. Since the

government is experienced in spending our tax money without accountability, why not notify the public in Phoenix that the Guard will again drop flares over the same location, same time of night and altitude, so they can again be filmed and compared with the original event.

The O’Hare Airport case also had credible witnesses (pilots and ground personnel) who witnessed a craft over the second busiest airport in the country. Our government and military didn’t seem concerned with National Security, waving it off as a weather phenomenon. United Airlines even tried preventing the witnesses from commenting.

And now we have the Stephenville, Texas, case—again with what appear to be several credible witnesses—and the military originally stated no aircraft were in the area of the sightings. *Two weeks later*, in the interest of public awareness, the military admits it was in error, and had ten F-16 Fighters in the air near Stephenville on the night of the sightings. How the hell does the military lose or not be able to account for 10 F-16s (that are *not* quiet, unlike the object seen by witnesses) being in the area of the sightings two weeks later? MUFON investigators and others are still investigating the

Stephenville case, and I’ll await their findings, but I feel the military explanation after a two-week delay was again unacceptable.

In all my years of doing research, I thought the U.S. military had shot themselves in the foot several times, particularly with the 1997 “crash test dummies” excuse for Roswell, but I really believe they have outdone themselves with the Stephenville, Texas, sighting, by not accounting for ten F-16s for two weeks. How much longer will the American public have to put up with the excuses we are being given, when all we want to know is what is actually being seen by credible people who help to pay the salaries of these individuals in authority who continue to give us lame excuses? It’s time for accountability.

Dennis G. Balthaser moved to Roswell, NM in 1996, to pursue his 25-year interest in Ufology and particularly the Roswell Incident. Today he is an independent researcher, investigator and lecturer and recently joined the advisory board of the Great Pyramid of Giza Research Association.

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women in ufology

We continue to recognize some of the women who are the movers and shakers of ufology. They are presented here in no particular order.

Pat King
Albia, Iowa
Assistant State Director, Iowa

Pat King has a variety of interests: besides being Assistant State Director for Iowa of MUFON, she is active in several writing organizations, currently serves as Branch President and State President of the National League of American Pen Women, Newsletter Editor for Ottumwa Writers and the American Association of University Women, Membership Chairman for Albia Woman's Club, and volunteer Ambassador for Elderhostel.

She has traveled to over 70 countries, often with Elderhostel, writing journals along the way. She publishes prose and poetry in a variety of publications and often serves as a judge in national poetry contests. She has studied Spanish as a hobby and continues to be fascinated with all aspects of languages.

She is currently assembling a book of her poetry for publication in 2008 and is also compiling a collection of short

biographies and photos of local published writers for the Monroe County Historical Society and the Albia Public Library.

Pat was a Girl Scout leader for many years and later a volunteer tutor in English as a Second Language and has been an active member of Beta Sigma Phi sorority for some 40 years. She and husband Jim try to keep July and August free for windsurfing in a nearby lake.

She has always been more interested in science and science fiction than most people she knows, and these interests have naturally segued into UFOs and MUFON—especially psychological aspects and abductions. She would love to learn how aliens think, but is skeptical about much of what she hears unless it is very well documented. She has helped investigate most of the 18 UFO reports in Iowa in 2007.



Pat King

Beverly Trout
Mitchellville, Iowa
State Section Director - Iowa

I was State Director for MUFON from 1995 to 2006, at which time I asked Jim King to take over as State Director, since I work as Legal Assistant for an attorney an average of over 50 hours per week year-round, and have much less time for investigations. Jim does a great job as the State Director!

Early on, in my assessment of MUFON's importance to UFO research, I concluded that "investigations" were where my energies should concentrate, and so my substantial experience in investigating UFO sighting reports, encounters with UFO occupants and crop formations in Iowa, led to what I consider to be a super-important educational component in my life, as I, along with fellow-investigators, attempt to be as objective as possible in our investigations.

I have some familiarity with the encounters/abduction phenomenon, having been involved from early childhood. Some of my memories have been recalled through light hypnosis with a psychiatrist. However, in recent years I have had conscious encounters as well. When I was an adolescent

in the 1940s, my perception was that a reptilian was in charge of a team of grays when they took me out of a hayfield where I was driving a little tractor while my dad and a neighbor loaded hay onto a hayrack. This memory (which I never would have consciously thought of) was accessed through hypnosis in 1993.

I wrote two articles for the MUFON Journal in late 2004 entitled "Serpents of Wisdom, or Snakes in the Grass?," regarding the reptilians. It would seem that reptilian life forms have played an inordinately huge part in the various cultures on this planet, as it's a common theme in ancient writings. I am certainly no apologist for aliens, of any kind. And frankly, I am no apologist for humans, myself included, for our part or role in the encounter/abduction phenomenon.

We humans need to become aware of and consciously work to develop our own "consciousness potential," so that we can emerge onto a more level playing field with the aliens, be they reptilian or otherwise, because at this point the encounters equation is heavily weighted on the alien side—they're in control, and we're the controlled. And yes, part of

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Deborah Atherton

Black River Falls, Wisconsin

Wisconsin Asst. State Director & Secretary/Treasurer

I became interested in ufology when, as a child I would view “objects in the sky” usually towards dusk. My dad dismissed these sightings as “illusions.”

In 1975, one evening around 8:00 p.m., I stopped at the stop sign at the end of my street. Immediately to my left I saw a disk-shaped object with revolving lights, stationary in the sky. At first I assumed this was an advertising plane, like one you might see at a ball game. There was no movement and no sound coming from this object. As quickly as I saw the object, it vanished! No direction, no lights out, just gone!

The incident that led me to MUFON happened in 2004.

In September, a friend and I were camping in a horse camping park not far from our home. We had taken the horses, along with our horse trailer with living quarters. Two full 40-gallon water tanks for the horses sat atop the trailer. Later that evening, friends (a couple and their four children) joined us for dinner. The two men went into town for a business meeting at approximately 7:00 PM. Before leaving, my friend left me a pistol with a fully loaded clip. My company left about 9:10 PM, leaving me alone at Horse Camp. About five minutes later, I heard the sound of jet engines. As I looked for the planes, instead I saw three reddish-orange cylinder-shaped lights in single file formation, making NO sound! As quickly as I saw the three lights, they immediately formed a triangle overhead.

About then, I heard my friend’s truck coming up the road. The triangle of lights above me now were encased inside another triangle, of white lights. Then it was gone! When my friend returned to the trailer, I told him what I had seen. I believe the initial sighting was about 9:15 PM but it seemed like just a few seconds had passed. However, the

clock showed 9:30 PM, so there were 15 minutes unaccounted for.

We saw nothing more that evening, although in the early morning hours we were awakened by the movement and squeaking noise of the trailer. The lights were on and both of us felt pressure on our chests and could not get up to turn off the lights. This happened at least twice during the night.

Next morning, when trying to fill the water buckets for the horses, I discovered that our 40-gallon tanks were completely empty! Yet the surrounding ground was bone dry.

Even more unusual was that when my friend checked the clip of the pistol he had given me, he found it was empty! Both of us were stunned.

At home the next day, we found MUFON on the internet. We contacted Bill Olinger (State Director at the time) and explained our “event.” Bill met with us and made us feel at ease and explained the purpose of MUFON. Bill assigned our case to Jim Grubb, who went to Horse Camp, investigated, and reported the sighting to MUFON.

Following this incident, we became MUFON Field Investigator Trainees. Currently I am the Asst. State Director and Treasurer/Secretary under Timothy Whiteagle’s direction.

Tim is diligently promoting MUFON recruitment and is doing an awesome job. This month he is hosting a Field Investigators Seminar in preparation for the Field Investigators exam. We here in Wisconsin are extremely appreciative of Tim’s professionalism.

I have been a Real Estate Institute Professional for 20 years. I have been trained in basic through advanced Controlled Remote Viewing (CRV) in Alamogordo, New Mexico by Lyn Buchanan of PSI. Mel Riley, former military Remote Viewer, also continues to mentor me with ongoing CRV training. I am honored to have been trained by the best!

Beverly Trout

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developing our consciousness potential means we need to realize that we are indeed more than our physical bodies, and that we have capabilities way beyond the physical.

Ultimately, we’re all trying to make our way into some sort of truth on this whole phenomenon. I can only point to the need for as much objectivity as we can summon into the investigation process, and the very real need to neither deify nor demonize whatever this UFO phenomenon represents,

because that destroys objectivity. No matter what we may consider to be solid information, we’d better keep on asking questions growing out of whatever conclusion we think we’ve arrived at.

I have spoken at various conferences, including the MUFON Symposium in 1999, several times at the Ozark UFO Conference in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, and other conferences in various states. I am often asked to speak in Iowa to various community groups.

women in ufology

Davina M. Ryszka
Delta, Colorado
MUFON State Section Director/Field Investigator

I have always been interested in UFOs and flying. I learned to fly while in college, receiving my fixed wing, single engine private pilot's license in the early 1970s.

Growing up on a Montana ranch, my interest in UFOs began before I was in high school. Occasionally in the 1950s and 60s I would read or hear a news story of a UFO sighting somewhere in Montana. One report that really interested me happened at Canyon Ferry Lake near Helena, Montana. A family, camping and boating at the lake, witnessed a UFO landing, which left markings on the beach as evidence. This intrigued me, and since then I've been intensely curious about UFOs. I acquired every book, magazine, journal and tape recording on the subject that I could find.

It wasn't until my husband and I moved to Custer, South Dakota, in the 1980s that I learned about MUFON from Don Curtis, the MUFON State Director of Iowa. He was on his way back to Iowa and had drawn attention to himself with his van, highly decorated with Flying Saucers, MUFON contact information and bumper stickers about UFOs. I became a member, later a Field Investigator and eventually the State Director of South Dakota. We began to hold monthly meetings and we gained new MUFON members. We learned of many sightings, current and past, receiving every type of report including crop circles, cattle mutilations, day and night time sightings of all kinds, and a few abduction cases as well.

The Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, southeast of Rapid City, was the site of much unusual activity. I have since learned that all the Indian Reservations across this country have experienced similar things: UFO sightings, Bigfoot sightings, cattle mutilations, unusual animal sightings, strange ground markings and silent black helicopters. The Emergency Services coordinator from the Reservation spoke for three hours to our group about all the UFO-related incidents and investigations he conducted for about 10 years on the reservation.

He took our MUFON group on an all night tour to locations on the reservation where events and major sightings had occurred. On a remote hilltop that looking north into the badlands, he said we'd be sure to have a sighting 365 days of the year. This was verified by a female police officer who lived nearby. Amazingly, at 2:30 AM, we saw white strobe lights in the distance. At first we thought these must be airplanes, but it was odd to see first one and then another until there were between six and eight of them going back

and forth across the horizon, and also moving up and down, unlike normal aircraft. Our guide said they were always out there, but often much closer. Even when he had seen them going right over his head, they were always totally silent.

At another time, my husband and I observed a silent triangle in Custer, where we lived. It had a white strobe light on each corner. My teenage daughter and I tried to follow it with the family van, but we could not catch up with it. A friend in a town 30 miles away also observed this object 15 minutes later as it flew over his residence. He reported that it was totally silent, and that all the dogs in the neighborhood barked and yelped like they were in pain. It appeared to him to be about 500 feet high and he estimated the sides of the triangle to be about 150-200 feet in length. What surprised him was the total silence and the animal reaction. As soon as the object was gone, the dogs became quiet.

Since we moved to Colorado in 1995 I have learned about many sightings, past and present which have occurred on the western slope. I have conducted a number of investigations in the Delta, Grand Junction and Montrose areas.

I hope that MUFON can continue to grow and to continue to strive for answers to the mysteries out there.



Davina Ryszka

Judy Varns
Phoenix, Az
Assistant State Director

I was the State Director for four years. My college degree is in Business and Engineering.

In 1953, I witnessed a UFO—a disc-shaped craft that hovered and maneuvered, then shot off in a split second. Nothing of our then at least. I also witnessed the Phoenix Lights of March 13, 1997. It was a wondrous sight—not much of a light show, but of humungous size.

I have many contacts in NASA, and also with other engineers as I used to sell high tech sound, noise and vibration testing equipment, even to Sandia Labs, etc.

I am working diligently to get on board with MUFON new county section directors and new field investigators.

North Carolina Fishing Trip becomes UFO /Alien Encounter

SUBJECT: Event, witnesses, objects observed, entities observed.
DATE OF REPORT: January 26, 2008
DATE OF EVENT: January 8, 2007
CASE NUMBER: US10102007-0005
LOCATION: On the Cape Fear River, Hope Mills, North Carolina, near Fayetteville
WEATHER: 33 degrees, clear
SKY: dusk and night. No moon or clouds
LOCAL EVALUATION: Unknown, significant, close encounter
MUFON INVESTIGATOR: Steve McGee

Background information on MUFON Director of Legal Affairs Retireswitnesses

Chris Bledsoe is a well-respected citizen in the community of Hope Mills, North Carolina. He is a family man, a successful businessman, a hard-working (now retired) contractor who is active in his church and supports financially the things he is

passionate about. He supplied me with documentation to confirm that he holds a commercial pilot's license and that he and his contracting business were very active in his community.

It should be noted that Chris struggled greatly with the decision to go forward with reporting the events that he, his son, and three other men experienced on January 8, 2007. He is well known in Hope Mills and he feared that people would ridicule him. He eventually submitted his report on October 10, 2007, but still struggled at times during my investigation. Chris and his 17-year-old son Chris Jr. experienced fear and anxiety for weeks after their encounter. The three other witnesses were men who at the time worked for Chris as building contractors. They did not want their names known nor were they willing to participate actively in the investigation due to the impact the events had on them. Chris said that two of them vowed to never discuss

the events of that night ever again. I did speak briefly by telephone to one of these men, who verified that Chris Bledsoe's claims were accurate.

In this report I refer to Chris Bledsoe as Chris, and his son as Chris Jr.

Sequence of events

Chris, his son and three other men were fishing for catfish on the Cape Fear River most of the afternoon of January 8, 2007. The weather was cold and clear. Just before dark Chris Jr. wandered off into the woods hoping to see deer feeding. Chris (Sr.) decided to walk up the muddy two-rut road through the thick woods, away from the river. As he walked he heard a lot of scurrying in the woods on both sides, which he assumed were probably deer. Having no flashlight, he couldn't see into the dark woods. The muddy road led to a field about 200 yards or so wide, just short of the

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Near right, Chris Jr.'s drawing of the being he saw in the woods near the river. He wrote: "It was very dark and I could see two red orbs floating over the ground about waist high... ..when it got within a couple hundred yards, I hid in the bushes. Then the men noticed it ... when the creatures noticed [that the men] were watching them, they went into the woods ... My friends got freaked out and drove off in the truck. I was then alone hiding in the woods. ... [The little creatures] had goggles or something on that blinks one after the other—bright red. They were looting our stuff. I think they saw me because they came within 30 feet of me and were looking straight at me. ... the guys



came back with the truck and the [creatures] ran and hid. I ran to the truck and demanded we leave."



Above right, Chris Sr.'s drawing of the being he saw on his land behind his home. He wrote: "It appeared to glow like it had a glass appearance around the entire body."

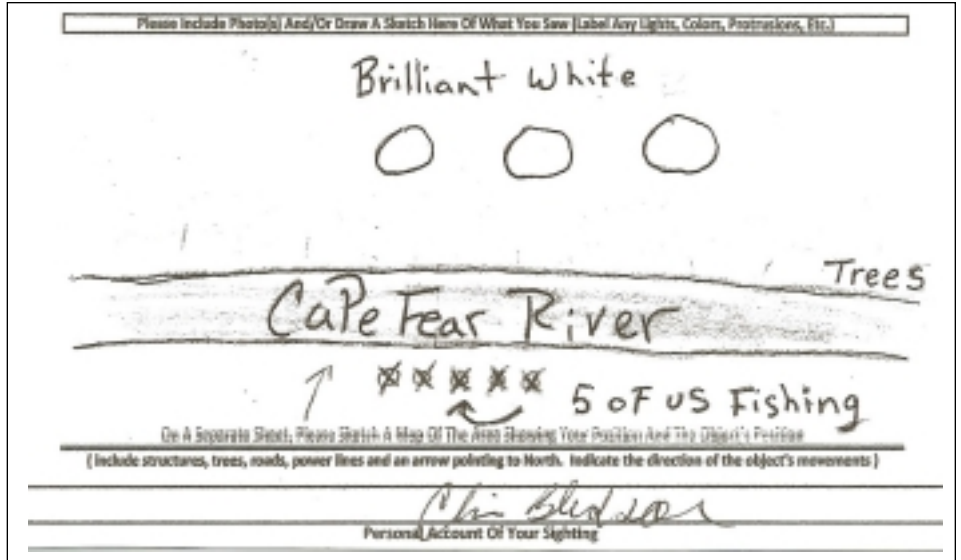
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main road. As he approached the field, he saw three orange orbs¹ moving down toward the ground in his direction. About a mile away, they stopped, hovering silently over the trees for about 10–15 minutes. Frightened and nervous, he quickly headed back on foot to where the other men were at the river, asking them whether they have seen his son. They reply they have not. He tells the other men what he has seen and they laugh at him and make jokes.

Worried about his 17-year-old son, he took off “in a panic” into the woods calling for him. Soon the son reappeared, also in a panicked state of mind, reporting that he had observed two red orbs floating about waist high in the distance. As they became closer he saw that these lights were the eyes or goggles of entities about 4 feet tall. Chris Jr. said that the entities were picking up items off the ground like soda bottles.

Chris and his son returned to the river. The time was approximately 7:15 PM.

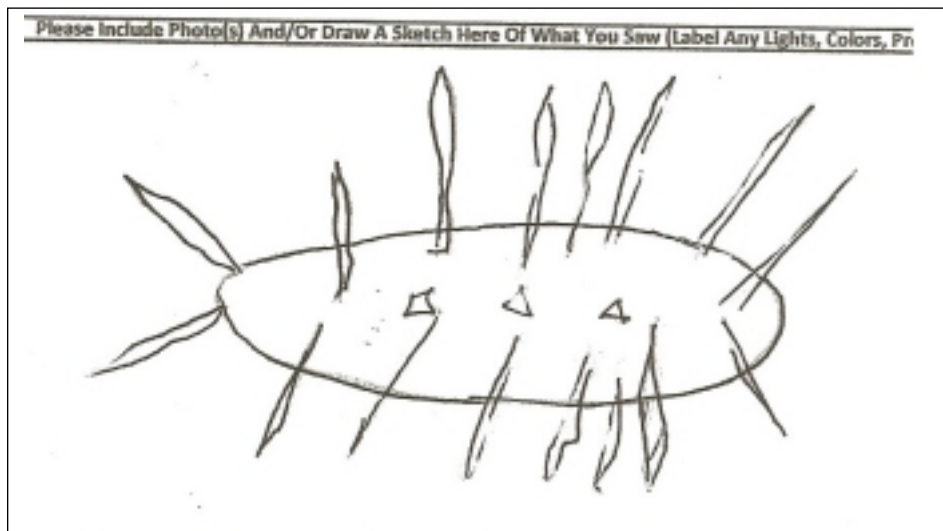


The orbs seen by the men at the river. Chris Bledsoe wrote: They came from behind us where I had just seen the three orange orbs. They looked like stars for a minute, moving, they then converged and landed side by side on the other side of the river behind the trees. (Big as a greyhound bus.)

At some point during this timeframe, the other three men also saw something. Then, while all the witnesses were at the river, together they saw what looked like 6 to 8 stars from different parts of the sky moving very fast and seeming to converge in a group. Suddenly, three of the brilliant white objects—which Chris describes as being as big as a greyhound bus—

flew over the witnesses. The sphere-shaped objects flew side by side, and then either landed or went out of sight on the other side of the river, approximately 200–400 yards away. The frightened men dropped their fishing poles and took off in Chris’s pickup truck which was parked at the fishing site, leaving their equipment behind. They drove back up the muddy two-rut lane to exit the area and connect with the main road.

When the truck arrived at the end of Horse Tail Road—at the field where Chris had first seen the three orange orbs—the witnesses encounter a brilliant white egg-shaped object with what looks like spokes attached to it. The object is approximately 200 yards from them, and is rotating clockwise while hovering approximately 20 feet above the main road. The object gave off such an intense glow that witnesses could not make out any structural details. Chris stated that they all sat “frozen in my truck looking at this thing straight in front of us.” The object then appeared to rise up and move down the main road then suddenly shot off just over



The object that all the witnesses saw from the truck as they were leaving the fishing area. Chris Bledsoe wrote: “It was brilliant white, 200 yards from me, 20 feet over the ground. It had spikes all around it and it was rotating clockwise. Egg shaped as big as a greyhound bus.”

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the trees out of sight.

By now the witnesses were very upset and just wanted to get home. As they drove they continued to see strange lights in the sky and observe cars parked on the side of the road apparently watching the lights. The men, who live within three miles of each other, all return home safely.

Later that same night at around 1:00–2:00 AM, Chris and Chris Jr. are still talking and trying to calm down. They heard a loud noise from outside which sounded “like a prop jet flew at treetop height right over the house.” Chris ran outside and could see nothing. About 30 to 45 minutes later, all of their 15 hound dogs are barking wildly from within their kennel enclosure outside, and so is their Chesapeake Bay retriever who is unrestrained. It was apparent that something has spooked the dogs.

As Chris and his son go outside, the retriever jumped off the patio in pursuit of whatever it detected. Chris raced toward the back yard, past the kennel, trying to head off whatever the dog was chasing. When he reached the rear of the 4-acre property, he comes to a quick stop, startled to see an entity staring at him from no more than five feet away. Chris describes the entity as approximately 4 to 5 feet tall, appearing to glow like it had a glassy appearance around its entire body, little to no neck, wearing red type 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. The entity stood still in front of Chris for several seconds and then disappeared as the dog and Chris Jr. approached. Chris Jr. tells his dad the aliens he saw in the woods by the river fit the same description.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

In the December 2007 issue of the *Journal*, John Ringer had an interesting article regarding the “Foo Fighters” of World War II.

Based on my own research for a future presentation, I was familiar with the cases highlighted. I believe the date of the report from the 415th Night Fighter Squadron was 26 Nov. 1944, not 23 Nov. The B24 mission over Fala Island, Truk Atoll occurred on 2 May 1945, not 1944.

For readers interested in the foo fighter phenomenon, I recommend the book *Strange Company, Military Encounters with UFOs in WW II*. This is an in-depth account of unconventional aircraft observed by the military in both the European and Pacific theaters.

James E. Delehanty
Jeffersonville, Indiana

Greetings,

My Dec. *MUFON Journal* just arrived. John B. Ringer’s foo-fighter article is far behind the curve of current available research. The majority of his sources, Story, Stevens,

Steiger and Vesco have reliability problems.

Keith Chester has compiled a comprehensive history of foo-fighters in *Strange Company: Military Encounters with UFOs in WWII* which should be on everyone’s reading list. Since the publication of Keith’s book, I have finished some of the research on the foo-fighter subject that I put aside some time ago and am compiling the results to supplement Keith’s work. I have made some additional discoveries both official and non-official. My compilation will also include war time sightings by civilians which was not a focus of Keith’s book.

I [have information about] the discovery of a Top Secret US Strategic Air Forces Europe document dated January 1945, which mentioned both “phoo-bombs” and “crystal balls.” The document was found at the Air Force Historical Research Agency at Maxwell AFB.

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Canterbury, CT

Conclusion

This is the strangest and most significant MUFON case I have been involved with. I found both Chris and Chris Jr. extremely credible. Pope Air Force base and Fort Bragg military installations are both in the Fayetteville area, but not close to where these events took place. A logical way to explain this would be to say these men encountered some type of military exercise in progress but the description of the UFOs observed and the entities observed do not match any

conventional explanation. This is the fourth case I have worked on that involved orange orbs being seen.

I would list this case as UNKNOWN. I believe these men encountered craft and beings from another dimension or from another star system.

¹ Chris identified the orange orb that he saw as similar to the one pictured as “Original” at www.coasttocoastam.com/gen/page2128.html?theme=light.

MUFON Volunteer of the Month . . .

David Watson Deputy Director of Investigations

By *Chuck Reeve*
MUFON Director of Investigations

Dave Watson was born and raised in the western part of Wisconsin and after high school did a stint in the Army in the 1960s. After his U.S. Army duty he enrolled in the Nicolet Technical College in Rhinelander, Wisconsin, studying drafting, machine design and technology. In the early 1970s he worked as a dispatcher for the Chippewa County, Wisconsin, Sheriff's Department and was introduced to MUFON by Ron Anderson, the first MUFON Wisconsin State Director. He also became interested in military aviation and was a member of both the Experimental Aircraft Association and the Warbirds of America, and eventually, the Director of American Warplane Heritage, Inc., and a member of the Air Force Museum Foundation.

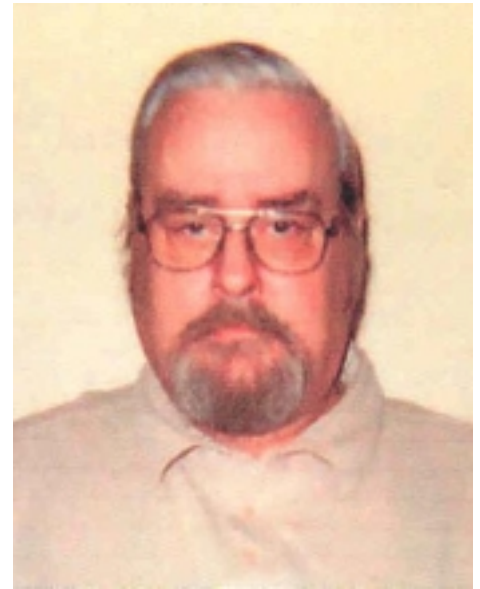
Later, Dave's career included a job with a Chicago-based advertising research company where he was involved with both television and print media advertising. During this same time he started a home-based business called Railmaster Photography which culminated in a lifelong interest in trains and model railroading. In 1987 he began his current career in residential rental management in Altoona, Wisconsin, as the company's Senior Housing Specialist and System Manager. During the last twenty

years he also started a small business called Graph-X creating and designing forms for small businesses.

In 2005 Dave rejoined MUFON as a Field Investigator Trainee and passed the Field Investigator Exam in the summer of 2005. After a long time interest in UFOs he saw his first (and only, to date) UFO in June of 2006. Later in 2006 he became involved in the re-opening of the Kinross incident following a claim that a Michigan-based dive team had located a long missing USAF F-89 Scorpion jet interceptor on the bottom of Lake Michigan. After an extensive investigation by many MUFON members, it was determined the claims made by the dive company were not true.

In January of 2007 Dave stepped up to become the MUFON Wisconsin State Director following the resignation of Bill Olinger and he held this position until being named the Deputy Director of Investigations.

Dave Watson has made great contributions to MUFON through his investigations and his assistance with the writing and design of MUFON Forms for the new *Field Investigators Manual*. As part of this project, all existing MUFON forms were redesigned and new forms brought on-line which had not previously existed. It was a tremendous help.



David Watson

As Deputy Director of Investigations, Dave's counsel is sought and respected in a number of ongoing events and case investigations. Dave has worked untiringly and is dedicated in furthering MUFON objectives, and as he says, "I am proud to be a member of the Mutual UFO Network."

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Tall White Aliens find their place within Ufology

Millennial Hospitality IV: After Hours

Millennial Hospitality IV: After Hours, by Charles James Hall, 2007. AuthorHouse, Bloomington, IN. ISBN 9781434342669. Hardcover, \$28.50, softcover 6x9, \$19.50 at www.AuthorHouse.com.

Reviewed by Warren P. Aston

For more than two years in the 1960s, USAF weather observer Charles Hall claims to have interacted with a group of aliens in the Nevada desert whom he dubs the “Tall Whites.” In exchange for their U.S military-provided underground base, the Tall Whites were providing the military with limited technology. Their presence in the area predated not only the military use of the land, but even the arrival of the white man. In fact, some of the long-lived “visitors” had apparently been born on earth hundreds of years ago.

Hall’s fourth *Millennial* book documents in great detail how he came to this assignment, the fate of earlier weather observers and how he slowly came to realize that what he was seeing was real. Lots of self-deprecating humor is found in Hall’s story as he attempts to reconcile his experiences with his Catholic faith and no-nonsense upbringing. His encounters with the beings became almost daily occurrences. He was able to communicate both in English and telepathically with several of them. Some of the group lived permanently at their base in family groups while others arrived regularly in groups for short stays. He was able to observe the regular schedule of their large deep-space craft as well as the smaller, earth-built craft used for “local” travel. From this, Hall developed his theory of how the aliens navigate and achieve faster-than-light travel.

None of this is to say that the book is without flaws. A good argument could be made for reducing the repetitious de-

scriptions of the desert scenery where Charles was based, although I found that reading them helped me to more easily enter his daily life and mindset.

More background is needed about an earlier encounter he claims to have had with another alien group while growing up in Wisconsin. Artist’s impressions would help to further flesh out his descriptions of the aliens and their craft. And some of his deductions and ideas were clearly made after the fact, rather than as events unfolded, as the text implies. But these are minor quibbles compared to the potential significance of the Tall White story.

Secret US space program beginnings?

One of the book’s most intriguing elements has no direct connection to his Tall White encounters: in the summer of 1965, Hall claims to have witnessed the launch of a large rocket that seems to have been a prototype space shuttle assembly—a large central rocket with two side boosters attached. Attached to the central fuel tank was an X-15 styled spacecraft with two cockpits visible. He was able to track the launch and separation of the boosters through his theodolite until it disappeared over the horizon.¹ Hall later calculated the launch was from somewhere in Area 51.

For Hall’s story to have validity, the covert development of a larger two-pilot craft and a ground-launch facility comparable to Vandenberg AFB would be necessary by 1965. The most plausible explanation is that the X15’s successor, the X20 Dyna-Soar craft,

did make it into space, co-opted by the military, contra the official story that the project was cancelled in December 1963.² Hall’s account thus fits nicely

with this timeframe, shedding possibly significant light on the black-op aspects of America’s space program. It gives considerable weight to long-standing claims from many sources that unacknowledged manned launches have been carried out for decades and that the NASA programs represents only the public face fronting a vastly more advanced military space operation.

Confirmation of the tall whites

As for the Tall Whites, reports of very tall, very thin and very white humanoid beings have been a staple, although not prominent, component of “alien encounters” over the years. Often these reports contain key elements found in *Millennial Hospitality: the Tall Whites* are very thin, proud, aloof beings normally uninterested in human contact. They can run, very fast. They may grow up to 8 feet or more in height. They often wear clothing that allows them to hover. They are involved in limited technology transfers to the US military. They can—and do—pass themselves off as human with suitable clothing and makeup. Hall’s book contains several corroborating accounts from people who appear to have encountered the same beings. I would like to add two accounts that seem to involve the Tall White race.

In 1995, a group of seven people near Honolulu encountered an extremely white woman at least 7ft 4 in tall, walking with long strides down a hill



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from a large landed craft that they had earlier assumed was a strange house. The woman wore a kind of white tunic almost to her knees with long white boots. She had very long black curly hair (perhaps a wig?) and appeared to be in her twenties or thirties.³ Contractors involved in the construction of military facilities have sometimes claimed to have had glimpses of obvious extraterrestrials working with humans. In 1991, for example, one contractor working deep underground in Edwards AFB in California described briefly seeing a being between 8 and 10 feet tall talking with two human engineers.⁴

One gets the strong impression that what is revealed in Charles Hall's books is but the tip of an iceberg of deep involvement between the military-industrial complex of several countries with several alien groups. Hall speculates on the wider dimensions and longer history of this contact but it is restrained speculation that stays close to his own experiences. One has to read the three earlier Millennial Hospitality volumes to get the full story, so far; Hall has confirmed that more took place than he

has so far written about.⁵ Meanwhile, Gerry Zeitlin's website has an excellent range of maps and imagery that flesh out the Charles Hall story nicely.⁶ Hopefully a future book will condense all that happened together with much-needed illustrations.

Originally written only to preserve his experiences for his grandchildren, Charles Hall's account has provided a credible home for a variety of reports that almost seemed outside mainstream UFOlogy and has let us see, I believe for the first time, how a credible military-alien liaison may have started.

This important book deserves much more than a brief review can provide. Engineers and medicos need to evaluate the information about the alien's weapon system. Physicists need to explore Hall's data on propulsion systems and superluminal travel. These and many other claims need to be evaluated and assimilated by the UFO community as soon as possible.

Notes

1. *Millennial Hospitality IV*, 80-87. In his account Hall thought little of the launch beyond its beauty, assuming it to be a

natural development of the space program. The X15 program of course officially never progressed beyond one-pilot air-launched craft that performed only suborbital flights from 1959-1968 as a precursor to the Mercury program. A useful introduction is found at <http://history.nasa.gov/x15/cover.html>.

2. The X20 Dyna-Soar program lasted from 1959 to 1963 when it was cancelled, officially without any flights having taken place. See, for example: www.aerospaceguide.net/dynasoar.html.
3. Unpublished account courtesy of Glennys Mackay, MUFON Australia, used with permission.
4. Interview published in the September/October 1992 *Operation Right to Know* newsletter, available online at www.ufoarea.com/bases_witness.html. This unusual height matches the Tall Whites except that the being's skin appeared "greenish," although this might be attributed to the lighting.
5. Email to the author from Marie Hall dated December 24, 2007.
6. See www.openseti.org/Hall.html and other postings on the site's home page.

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Our Multi-Dimensional Universe: *The Artist and the Alien*

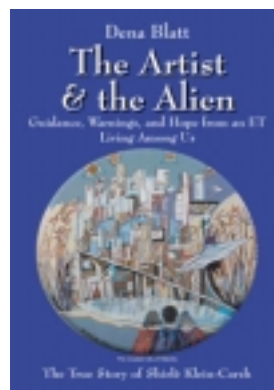
The Artist & the Alien: Guidance, Warnings, and Hope from an ET Living Among Us, by Dena Blatt. ISBN (Denver: Outskirts Press, 2007)

Reviewed by Warren P. Aston

Many hundreds of books are published worldwide each year on the subject of UFOs and associated topics. A few are written merely to gain attention or money or both; these motives usually become clear very early on. But most are written simply in an attempt by an ordinary person to make some sense of a significant, often pivotal, event or series of events in their life and to place it on record. This means that people who would never otherwise have written a book often

feel compelled to do so. Dena Blatt's book falls firmly in this second category.

The story is not hers, but is that of an artist friend now living in Vancouver BC, Shirlé Klein-Carsh. On the face of it *The Artist & the Alien* seems to be a homely, fairly straightforward recounting of Shirlé's life story and how her deepening spiritual and metaphysical awareness led her to express herself in futuristic art. But much more lies beneath the surface. In fact, the book takes us through a wide range of UFO-



related subjects, although many are only touched on briefly.

Central to the story is "Frank," the electronic repairman whom Shirlé reluctantly comes to accept was in fact from another world. Seemingly an itinerant tinkerer with dark shoulder length hair and unremarkable features other than his large irises,

Frank appears an unlikely candidate to be an alien. To the best of my knowledge, this is the first time anyone

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UFO Hunters TV Series on History Channel

The History Channel will be airing a new 13-part series called UFO Hunters, beginning in February. MUFON will be featured in one of the episodes.

The History Channel website gives this description of the series:

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claiming to be from another world has been reported to smoke! But, over time, Shirlé accepts that his abilities and knowledge truly come from elsewhere.

Each reader will have to decide for themselves if Frank was from some other reality. But for me, the main value of *The Artist & the Alien* lies in the way that it forces us to face the aspects

of ufology that many still shy away from: abductions, hybrids, coming earth-changes, dimensional visitors, reincarnation, star children, walk-ins and more. In one way or another ufology is linked to every category of life on this planet, not merely to strange flying craft. Right now we seem to still be at a stage of just coming to terms with the various pieces of a complex,

never-ending jigsaw puzzle. The connection(s) between all of these pieces, our existence on this planet and our future is of course the real Big Question for all of us.

It may provide few answers, but Blatt's book encourages us to be much bolder in confronting the multi-dimensional universe that surrounds us.
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Perceptions

By Stanton T. Friedman

British Ministry of Defence Breakthrough?

UFO info releases often disappoint

Over the years there have been a number of instances in which very optimistic claims have been made about expecting revelation of TOP SECRET government materials about UFOs. Way back in 1979, The Washington Whispers column in *U.S. News and World Report* indicated there would soon be a major release of UFO material. This was during the Carter Administration. It never happened.

Other rumors have circulated. In 2007 there was a big noise about supposedly TOP SECRET official French government UFO reports being posted on a government website. There was so much interest that the site went down in two hours. What was finally posted were a collection of reports that had been around for some time. They consisted almost entirely of French civilian sighting files derived mainly from investigations by the gendarmerie and not official military records. They had not been highly classified.

There was plenty of indication at the National Press Club press conference in Washington, D.C., on November 12 that military UFO-related activities are generally closely held. Think of the Iranian Air Force jet encounter with a UFO in September 1976 with the frightening fact that the UFO was able to turn off military systems on board the chasing airplanes. No country would want to reveal details of such encounters lest they give ideas to their enemies.

MOD to release UFO files

In December 2007 there was quite a lot of fanfare about the Ministry of Defense (MOD) in Great Britain releasing all their UFO files, supposedly

including TOP SECRET material, according to the news media. It was admitted that some very early files had been destroyed after five years—but that was prior to the relatively recent establishment of a Freedom of Information procedure in the UK.

Remembering the Condign Report

There has been quite a bit of discussion amongst the UK ufologists as to just what this means. Readers may recall the big fuss about the British Condign Report. It had indeed been classified, but British EYES ONLY SECRET not TOP SECRET. Though completed in 2000, it was not released until 2006. It was primarily the work of a consultant (still unnamed) who really did not seem very knowledgeable about historical ufology. For example, he paid a lot of attention to plasma explanations for UFOs despite the fact, of which he was apparently unaware, that much attention had been paid to these by UFO debunker (the late) Philip Klass and by the University of Colorado study many years ago. Klass's explanations had been quantitatively demolished by atmospheric physicist Dr. James E. McDonald, though his published work wasn't noted by the Condign author either. There was no indication of the inclusion of TOP SECRET material relating to crashed saucers, aircraft attacking UFOs, UFOs attacking and or destroying interceptors, etc. The author had seemingly not been aware of even large scale unclassified American studies such as *Project Blue Book Special Report No. 14* or the Congressional Hearings on UFOs held by the House of Representatives Committee on Science and Astronautics on July 29, 1969. After all, BBSR included informa-

tion on 25 times as many cases as were investigated by the University of Colorado.

The unknown author actually claimed that the Condign Report was the only other Government-sponsored UFO study in English besides the Condon Report.



Stanton Friedman

To be released over 3-year period

One point that is clear about the current MOD release is that it will be slow (over a 3-year period) and done primarily to save MOD personnel from the time currently being spent responding to Freedom of Information requests for UFO information. Apparently there are more requests for this information than for information about any other topic. The press reports suggest there will be 160 files dating back to perhaps the 1970s. It is not clear how many pages are in each file. One past comment suggested that there were perhaps 100 pages per file. It is certain that file and report and case and page are not synonymous. It is interesting to me that the people taking most of the credit for getting the MOD to release materials are the same ones who pushed for release of the Condign Report. It would appear from their comments that they really don't believe that exciting materials are being withheld. Their names are Joe McGonagle, Dave Clarke, and Gary Anthony Another skeptic, Andy Roberts, may also be involved. They always

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seem to bring up the fact that Nick Pope, of the MOD UFO desk, was only spending perhaps a day per week on UFO related activities as opposed to being a full time UFO investigator.

I have learned not to be very optimistic about important government releases of UFO information. The 92 microfilm reels of the Blue Book files have been available at the National Archives in Maryland since the mid-1970s. Names of witnesses have been redacted. We know from Jim McDonald's review of some of these files in the 1960s that case after case was very poorly investigated and that so called explanations were often absurd. In more recent years, researchers Brad Sparks and other members of Project 1947 have reevaluated loads of these files.

We also know from the October 20, 1969, memo from USAF General Carroll Bolender that UFO reports which could effect national security were NOT part of the Blue Book system. These were submitted using CIRVIS (Communications Instructions for Reporting Vital Intelligence Sightings) forms. Blue Book wasn't on the distribution list. Furthermore there were very few TOP SECRET reports that have ever been disclosed. An FBI memo long ago said that the Army and Navy and Air Force consider the subject of UFOs to be TOP SECRET. When the CIA finally responded to the legal push by CAUS (Citizens against UFO Secrecy) for the CIA UFO files, the CIA released about 900 pages of material. None were classified higher than SECRET. They listed 79 documents from a total of several other agencies which they couldn't release

Eighteen of the unreleased documents were from the National Security Agency. These were TOP SECRET Code word. When finally a court ordered search was done by the NSA, in response to a CAUS Freedom of Information Act legal suit, they actually

found 239 UFO documents of which 79 were from other agencies. None were releasable because of sources and methods info. Twenty-three of the 79 were from the CIA. It took me two years to get about a dozen which had been, believe it or not, press abstracts of Eastern European newspaper articles about UFOs, which the Russians had the day they were published. I have no idea why they weren't immediately released in response to my request. The CIA's own 11 TOP SECRET UFO documents were withheld. Upon appeal, I finally received portions of four of them—three years later. They were very heavily censored with black ink. Many years later the NSA finally released 160 TOP SECRET UMBRA UFO documents. As might have been expected they were so heavily censored with white correction fluid, that one could read only a line or two per page. At least we can prove they are withholding plenty of UFO materials and these all predate 1980. Can one really believe that 98% of the material in these documents is Sources and Methods information? I can't. But the US press has not gone after the censored material. Also I must ask: where is all the post 1980 material?

We know that there have been close relationships between American and British armed forces in general and intelligence agencies in particular for many decades. The NSA has listening posts in the UK. Both countries are certainly monitoring their skies for foreign intrusions which, of course, have to include those of uncorrelated targets—such as high performance flying saucers. Surely there are procedures for sharing at the highest levels?

The point here is that I have no reason to expect that the British Ministry of Defense will come clean any more than the US government has. Nick Pope worked as the MOD's UFO desk man for three years, a number of years back. He has been referred to as

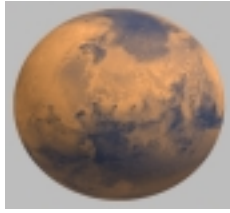
the real Fox Mulder of *X-Files* fame. It would appear from comments he has made, that he is not aware of any really high security information in the MOD files. It is also not clear whether he even had a need-to-know for that information just as *Project Blue Book* people didn't have a need-to-know for sightings which could affect national security. Crashed saucers and battles between interceptors and flying saucers are hardly likely to be made available. Nor are multiple witness radar visual cases, or observations from spy satellites over Britain or any place else.

There appears to be another complication as well. The MOD will, generally speaking, be releasing its UFO files to The National Archives. By British law this means that they need not release any information now that is slated for release at some later time. Furthermore, at that time there apparently will be a page charge for any copies of all materials. In short, life will be made simpler for the MOD and there will be delays in information release. We have known for a long time that people in government usually work for the benefit of the government, not the benefit of the taxpayers paying their salaries. Don't learn much from history, do we?

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Filer's Files

By George Filer
Director, MUFON Eastern Region



Note: These 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.

Texas Mile-Long Mothership Spotted

January 10, 2008

STEPHENVILLE – Jason Greywolf Leigh writes, “To give you a heads up on a truly amazing UFO sighting seen by me on January 8, 2008, and hundreds of other people including a pilot, policeman and local business owners. They saw a huge Mothership with bright lights flying low and fast over the town of Stephenville, 60 miles south west of Fort Worth on January 8, 2008. Witnesses claim the object was larger, quieter, faster and closer to the ground than an aircraft.

Steve Allen, a pilot and freight company owner, said: “*The object I saw was a mile long and half a mile wide, it was positively, absolutely nothing from these parts... People wonder what in the world it is because this is the Bible Belt, and everyone is afraid it's the end of times.*”



This is a colorized photo of a similar UFO taken over Rhode Island

Ricky Sorrells, a machinist, said he saw, “a flat and seamless metallic object hovering about 300 feet over a field.” He used the telescopic sights of his rifle to get a close up view. (See more of the story below).

STEPHENVILLE / CLEBURNE – Jason Greywolf Leigh writes, hundreds of people saw a tremendous UFO not 60 miles from my home! And these are country folks who have never had even the slightest interest in seeing such oddities. Their local newspaper in Stephenville, Texas, was selling out like hot cakes when even a judge, respected citizens and a Pastor with his church members of all ages saw it as well! <http://empiretribune.com/> Please tune in to my interview on <http://xzone-radio.com>

What they saw and what I saw were two different objects, although in the same part of the clear night sky! The Stephenville UFO was said by an experienced pilot and a navigational expert, to have been at least 1 mile long and 1/2 a mile wide! MOTHERSHIP? What I saw around the same time was higher up in the ENE clear sky and was like a blue star that was stationary and then zipped to the south, quick as that, although both my sighting and theirs were shortly thereafter pursued by two alleged F-16s! The next morning, Wednesday the 9th, the clear blue skies of Cleburne were being “chem-trailed” by four F-16s or other such military jets, making patterns that I took photos of. I haven’t seen such activity since my videotaping of the UFOs from June of 1995 when there were eight jets

combing the area in grid patterns! Wishing you all the Best, Jason Greywolf Leigh. <http://jasonleigh.org/contentarticles.html>

HOUSTON – HBCC UFO Research Note: This is the second report from the Houston, Texas area where unknown objects/craft have been seen, and also many helicopters flying in the area of both sightings, so it appears that something is up.



George Filer

My husband, daughter and I were driving home from dinner on January 4, 2008, and I had already seen what looked like a plane outside my window but my husband slowed down and said, “Do y’all see that, what is that? It’s not moving.” I thought he was kidding, so we all started to look at it and we slowed down and the object was not moving. It was just hovering over a neighborhood, kind of high, but close enough to somewhat tell what it was. It had three white lights, two red lights, one would blink constantly and the other one would blink every now and then. Thanks to Brian Vike, Director of HBCC UFO Research, <http://www.hbccufo.org>

California - Flashing Triangle

JANESVILLE – On January 20, 2008 at 7:56 PM, I looked outside my window at the blizzard outside, and there was a backwards V-Shaped object, with the lights flashing, but not like those on

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airplane. It was flying so close to the ground, and I live on the hill, so I was surprised it passed over the hillside. It was a really huge object, nothing like you would see in the U.S. Air Force, or probably any air force in the world, it was too big. It was snowing too badly to see how big it truly was. All I could see was the lights. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.ufocenter.com

FULLERTON – I was driving northward on Highway 57 on January 27, 2008, and from 5:50 to 6:00 PM California when I saw two lights weaving “radically” over the freeway, merging in and out of the sky. There was also a helicopter flying above the lights. At first, I thought the lights were two flares. But no flare can flash on and off and cross each other. One of the lights flew right above the freeway bypass in the middle of the lane I was driving on and it was about 50 feet away and about 25 feet above the freeway. Then the lights disappeared. At one point, the two lights disappeared and reappeared in separate areas. Traffic was stopping and there were a lot of witnesses.

Comments: The witness reported the sighting a few hours after it occurred. Apparently several cars were stopped to view the lights. Given the witness report I don't know what was observed. It is interesting to note that a helicopter was flying above the lights. Thanks to Bill Puckett UFOS Northwest <http://ufosnw.com>

Georgia – Two triangle-shaped craft with orange lights

ENIGMA — I was going outside to bring in my dog on January 19, 2008, when I witnessed two triangle shaped objects over our pasture at 10:21 AM. The crafts were hovering over some pine trees and were standing still. After a couple minutes it took off unlike any aircraft I have ever witnessed. They made no sound and the light underneath the crafts was bright orange. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.ufocenter.com

Gulf of Mexico TX – offshore disk UFO

GALVESTON BEACH — I work offshore in the Gulf of Mexico and was riding a crew boat back to the Galveston Beach docks on January 13, 2008 when I first saw the object in the eastern skyline while lying down in the sun. It was a perfectly sunny day and no clouds were in the sky. The boat was traveling north, northeast 20-30 miles off the coastline.

At first, I thought it was a bird but there were no other birds around and it wasn't moving. I turned to my friend next to me and said, “Look at how high that bird is, man!” His first words were, “That is no bird!” The object was stationary for a good five minutes, so it was not a plane. All of sudden while I was looking straight at it, the object vanished and never reappeared. The object was white and curved at the top and flat on the bottom. Almost like a saucer but, it had a slit going through the side of it halfway. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.ufocenter.com

Oregon – dragonfly?

If you want to see hundreds of UFOs flying in a pattern in addition to many more flying into and out of the pattern I can instruct you how to do exactly that. You will need a video camera with a rather long lens (I use a Canon G2) as these craft are not visible to the unaided eye due to speed, distance and you will be looking directly toward the sun. I have nearly five hours of video tape (DV) and about 3,000 digital stills (Sony 828) shot in a number of locations at different times over the last two years in Oregon and California.

These craft can be photographed any time the sun is shining. Did you get that? This is not a onetime event. I get the same results every time I set up my camera, every time. I have a theory that we can hail these craft. Are you ready for contact? There is one craft that is most prevalent but by no means the only type seen. One appears to be manufactured on earth most likely by a secret program of the US military. It looks like a conventional fighter jet except for whatever powers it makes a bright light originating from the



Oregon “dragonfly”

wing tips that crosses the middle of the fuselage making it look much like a dragonfly. It is extremely fast perhaps 10 to 20 miles per second. This represents snowflakes on the tip of the iceberg. Thanks to MUFON CMS

Pennsylvania crash

KECKSBURG — A spokesman for NASA finally admitted NASA had examined metallic fragments from the object that crashed at Kecksburg over forty years ago and now claims it was from a re-entering “Russian satellite.” Furthermore, the spokesman claimed all records were lost. According to an Associated Press story: The object appeared to be a Russian satellite that re-entered the atmosphere and broke up. NASA experts studied fragments from the object, but records of what they found were lost in the 1990s. It was taken for examination to Wright Patterson Air Force Base. Thanks to Steitz.

New York – flying triangle

NEWBURGH — I was walking my dog and lights to my right caught my attention. I cannot give them a true color as we know it...they were not white and not yellow. They had a very “warm” hue, yet bright and steady. There were no blinking lights and the shape was between a triangle and horseshoe. Not as sharp as a triangle yet more pointed than a horseshoe. The area is very close to a military base so I am VERY used to aircraft, but what was most odd about this is that it was not the sound that caught my attention - but how inordinately low and how methodically it was flying. There

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was an odd, methodical steadiness of the lights and movement.

The other odd thing was once I noticed it, I could then hear a soft (almost muffled) whooshing sound. I'd say that is a UFO.....but then low and behold it literally hovered for just a second right above this exceptionally large pine tree that stands out above the tree line and hung there in a complete stopped position. As I started to move further out onto my drive to make sure I was really seeing this "plane" just hovering, it lowered straight down. No angle to the lowering, just a straight line down at the same methodic speed it had been flying. I have determined there is actually about a 30 acre field within ¼ mile of where it appeared lower straight down.

About ten minutes later, I heard an exceptionally LOUD boisterous military aircraft engine fly directly over my home. I again ran outside but I could not see the aircraft. If I had to give it a direction it appeared to be flying towards the Hudson River. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.ufocenter.com



Australia – witness films three-level object

SYDNEY — I was out on my balcony in early May 2007 about 6:30 p.m., and saw a funny looking star in the north-west sky at dusk, just dark. I took some pictures, but didn't look at the picture until today, and all I have done is crop it a bit. I was expecting to see something like an asteroid with a tail or something not a three level

object with light on each level. I nearly fell of the chair when I saw that three level one. I am on the north shore of Sydney (Lane Cove) which is about 10 minutes drive to the City of Sydney. It was in the northwest. The object just seemed to sit there for five minutes so I took some photos, then it was gone. I thought it had just gone out of view. Thanks to Brian Vike, Director HBCC UFO Research. Email: hbccufo@telus.net Website: <http://www.hbccufo.org>



Texas

SAN ANTONIO – On January 26, 2008, a UFO visits us regularly. I first noticed the visitations around November when I was actually filming and investigating chemtrail patterns over Northern San Antonio. I began noticing a strong light in the evening hours which I dismissed for Venus. Some days it was visible in the same area of sky and the next it was not. I am a religious person and would pray outside a prayer and since then these visitations had become more frequent, until I stopped praying this prayer recently. I do not claim that this prayer is bringing them around, just the oddness of it happening when it was said.

The lights would change color like when you look at a satellite at night and I again thought maybe this was the case until it started moving in patterns not typical of helicopters, planes or balloons. At about the size of a peanut from arms

length it is neutral for about one minute, then it descends to about the size of a watermelon at arm's length. It then makes what I can only call "shots" across the sky in various directions for about another minute, then the color patterns begin again of amber, green, blue and red rotating in different areas of a circle pattern.

I managed on my last day of doing this prayer to capture it coming down very low almost like it was scanning or wanted a closer look at me and am submitting it here for anyone to look at. It is not common aircraft or a weather balloon. I have seen plenty of those to be able to know the difference. The other thing is there is no sound unless it comes down close like the one in these pictures, then it has a bumblebee sound but very airy to it. I do not expect anyone to believe me nor do I care, I just had to get this off my chest once and for all. Thanks to MUFON CMS

Nevada – elongated triangle

MESQUITE COLLEGE – I was in the parking lot with a friend from 5:20 to 5:35 PM, on November 21, 2007, when I observed what was first thought to be a strange exhaust pattern of a jet in the night sky. However, there was no sound and it was moving too slow, so I pointed it out to my friend. It was a flying/floating barge with an elongated triangle shape, color was dark gray and huge! Perhaps 250–300 feet long and the butt end was about 150–200' wide. No running lights except for a single strobe which was emitted once from the snout. It was about two or three miles southwest of my position over the river at an elevation of 2,400' to 3,000' moving south and turning southwest. A small plane with running lights crossed over it going west to east. It got too dark to see it. Had to get into class anyways.

I'd love to have one of these "Sky Yachts!!!" http://www.space.com/business-technology/flying_triangle_040902.html

Field Investigator's Corner: CMS Rankings

By *Chuck Reeve*

MUFON Director of Investigations

Here is January's CMS Ranking Report for all State Directors. Congratulations to **Ralph P. Flegal (Delaware)**, **Cheryl Ann Gilmore (South Carolina)**, **Jim King (Iowa)**, **Tracey C. Smith (Kansas)**, 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 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	Delaware	Ralph P. Flegal	100 %	1/1	1/1
2	South Carolina	Cheryl Ann Gilmore	100 %	14/14	13/13
3	Iowa	Jim King	100 %	11/11	7/7
4	Kansas	Tracey C. Smith	100 %	11/11	14/14
5	New Mexico	Donald R. Burleson	100 %	15/15	18/18
6	Texas	Kenneth E. Cherry	98 %	59/61	57/57
7	Florida	Bland Pugh	96 %	54/58	59/59
8	Pennsylvania	John Ventre	94 %	32/32	24/27
9	California	Georgeanne Cifarelli	93 %	66/68	70/77
10	West Virginia	John Ventre	90 %	12/12	8/10
11	Illinois	Samuel Maranto	89 %	44/45	35/43
12	Wisconsin	TG Whiteagle / DJ Watson	88 %	13/13	13/17
13	Georgia	Walter Sheets	88 %	15/16	14/17
14	Tennessee	Steven Purcell	85 %	9/10	9/11
15	Washington	Laurence Childs	83 %	13/17	18/20
16	Indiana	Jerry L. Sievers	82 %	35/39	39/52
17	New Jersey	George A. Filer, III	71 %	11/18	17/21
18	Minnesota	Richard D. Moss	66 %	8/18	15/17
19	Michigan	William J. Konkolesky	63 %	18/37	41/52
20	Colorado	Leslie H. Varnicle	62 %	44/48	19/58
21	Arizona	George C. Parks	60 %	31/80	24/29
22	Nebraska	John C. Kasher	57 %	4/10	9/12
23	Nevada	Mark Easter	51 %	3/29	24/26
24	Oklahoma	Charles L. Pine	50 %	0/2	2/2
25	Utah	Elaine Douglass	50 %	13/16	3/16
26	New York	James G. Bouck, Jr.	47 %	47/53	4/63
27	Ohio	William Edward Jones	45 %	20/31	9/34
28	Connecticut	Erik Kubik	41 %	6/12	4/12
29	North Carolina	George E. Lund, III	40 %	8/30	12/22
30	Oregon	Thomas Bowden	39 %	15/38	22/56
31	California	Ruben J. Uriarte	36 %	25/65	27/78
32	Louisiana	Michael D. Sandras	34 %	8/16	2/11
33	Arkansas	Norman D. Walker	32 %	3/13	5/12
34	Virginia	Susan L. Swiatek	20 %	1/18	9/26
35	Maryland	Bruce S. Maccabee	17 %	0/14	6/17
36	New Hampshire	Peter R. Geremia	10 %	1/5	0/7
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41	Wyoming	Richard Beckwith	0 %	0/6	0/7
42	Idaho	Robert Gates	0 %	0/10	0/13
43	Missouri	Bruce A. Widaman	0 %	0/7	0/9
44	Washington	Gerald E. Rolwes	0 %	0/2	0/4
45	Vermont	Dan Lavilette	0 %	0/2	0/4
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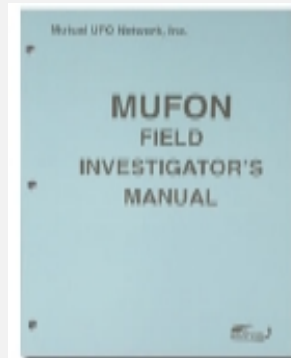
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New Field Investigators

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The Night Sky

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phenomenon is only visible from very dark locations.

Zodiacal light is the result of sunlight bouncing off dust grains in our solar system. These grains lie mostly in the plane of the solar system. Look for a pyramid of light in the evening sky somewhat in appearance to the light from a city or town just over the horizon.

Planetary Conjunction

Mercury, Venus, the Moon and Jupiter

Conjunctions and Occultations

March 5th: Mercury 0.2 degrees north of the Moon.

March 5th: Venus 0.2 degrees south of the Moon.

March 15th: Mars 1.7 degrees south of the Moon.

March 19th: Regulus 0.8 degrees north of the Moon.

March 23rd: Mercury 1.0 degrees south of Venus.

March 27th: Antares 0.5 degrees north of the Moon

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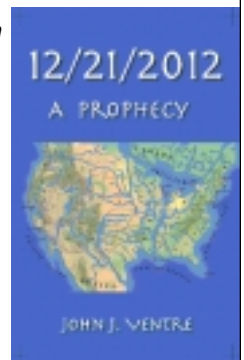
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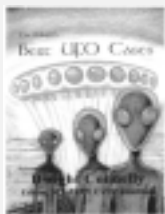
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The Night Sky

By Gavin A. J. McLeod

February 2008 Sky

Moon Phases

- New Moon March 7th
- First Quarter March 14th
- Full Moon March 21st
- Last Quarter March 29th

Bright Planets (Evening Sky)

Mars (magnitude 1.3 to 1.2): Moving from Taurus into Gemini. For northern hemisphere observers, sunset will find Mars shining brightly very high above the northwestern horizon, it will shine brightly all night and set below the western horizon about 4 hours before sunrise. For southern hemisphere observers, sunset will find Mars low above the northern horizon, it will shine brightly all night and set about 4 1/2 hours after sunset.

Saturn: (magnitude 0.2 to 0.3) In Leo. For northern hemisphere observers Saturn will rise shortly after sunset in the east, remain visible all night and set in the west-northwest about 1/2 hour before sunrise. For southern hemisphere observers Saturn will rise shortly after sunset, remain visible all night and set in the west-northwest about 1/2 hour after sunrise.

Remember . . .

Daylight savings time begins March 9

Bright Planets (Morning Sky)

Mercury (magnitude 0.1 to -0.1): Moving from Capricornus into Aquarius. For northern hemisphere observers Mercury will rise above the east-southeast horizon about 1 hour before the Sun and will be found low above the southeast horizon as the Sun rises. For southern hemisphere observers Mercury will rise above the east-



Looking southeast just before sunrise on March 5th

southeast horizon about 2 1/2 hour before the Sun and will be found above the eastern horizon as the Sun rises.

Venus (magnitude -3.8): In Aquarius. For northern hemisphere observers Venus will rise above the eastern horizon about 1 hour before the Sun and will stand very low above the east-southeast horizon as the Sun rises. For southern hemisphere observers Venus will rise above the east-southeast horizon about 2 hours before the Sun and will stand high above the eastern horizon as the Sun rises.

Jupiter (magnitude -2.0 to -2.1): In Sagittarius. For northern hemisphere observers Jupiter will rise over the east-southeast horizon about 3 hours before the Sun and will stand low above the south-southeastern horizon as the Sun rises. For southern hemisphere observers Jupiter will rise above the horizon about 6 hours before the Sun and will stand high above the east-northeast horizon as the Sun rises.

Other Celestial Phenomena

Daylight Savings Time Begins: March 9th (Sunday); formerly on the first Sun-

day in April. Set clocks 1 hour ahead.

Spring Equinox: March 20th (Monday)

Zodiacal Light will be visible in northern latitudes in the west after evening twilight beginning Monday March 23rd and lasting two weeks. The

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