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You do not have to belong to MUFON to subscribe to SKYLOOK; but if you are a member, you'll find the best way to keep up with the organization plans and progress is by reading Director Walter H. Andrus' "Message" in each issue, along with "Organization Notes."

SKYLOOK is staffed by and for adults. Our policy is to tell it as it is, and we make every effort to separate fact from fantasy in investigating and reporting UFO's.

Readers are invited to send in reports. Credit will be given for material used, but anonymity promised when you request it.

The deadline for copy for next month's issue is always the 20th of this month. Please send material in as early as possible as we hold open only two pages for the morning mail of the 20th.

Mail all material for SKYLOOK to the editor. Enquiries re MUFON should be directed to Walter H. Andrus, 40 Christopher Ct., Quincy, Ill. 62301.

Where to Order MUFON Publications

The Field Investigator's Manual - guidelines, techniques and suggestions on how to conduct UFO sighting interview, investigation, report forms etc. Price: \$1.50 to MUFON members; \$2.00 to non-members, USA and Canada, outside, \$2.75. Order from Midwest UFO Network, Inc., 40 Christopher Ct., Quincy, Ill., 62301.

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The above are highly recommended by your editor.

A Message From Your Director

MUFON has expanded its coverage to twenty-eight states as new Maryland and Louisiana appointments are made. We are extremely proud to announce that Richard H. Hall, 4418-39th St., Brentwood, Md., 20722 has accepted the position of State Director for Maryland, including Washington, D. C. Richard is best known as the editor of the very fine publication "The UFO Evidence," published in 1964 by NICAP.

Larry W. Montz, 227 - 35th St., #13, Kenner, La. 70062, telephone: AC 504 729-1539 is the new State-Section Director for Jefferson, St. Charles and Orleans Parishes in the New Orleans locality.

Mrs. Idabel Epperson, State Director for Southern California, has appointed Lt. Col. Robert F. Bowker, USAF Retired, 889 Camino El Carrizo, Thousand Oaks, Calif. 91360, as State-Section Director for Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties. Bob is an Electronics Engineer and holds Amateur Radio call letters K6QT. Paul C. Cerny, State Director for Northern California, is proud to announce the assignment of James R. Corning, P. O. Box 701, Red Bluff, Calif., 96080, telephone AC 916 527-4507 as State-Section Director for Tehama County.

Mrs. Mildred Higgins, Starsong, Rt. 5, Fayetteville, Ark., 72701, telephone AC 501 442-6815, was selected as State-Section Director for Washington, Benton and Carroll Counties by Lou Farish, State Director for Arkansas.

James E. Kloeppel, 1421 Ingleside, Sioux City, Iowa 51105 has been appointed the State Director for Astronomy in Iowa. He is President of the Sioux City Amateur Sky Observers. His largest telescope is a 10-inch cave.

Francis L. Ridge, a former State-Section Director in Illinois, has been reassigned to Indiana for the counties of Posey, Vanderburgh and Gibson. Fran resides at 618 Davis Drive, Mt. Vernon, Ind., telephone AC 812 838-2701. Another very well known gentleman in the UFO Field has joined MUFON in the person of Ted Bloecher, 317 East 83rd St., New York, N. Y. 10028. Ted was a founding member of one of the earliest UFO organizations --C. S. I. (New York). The book, "Report on the UFO Wave of 1947" by Ted Bloecher, with an introduction by the late Dr. James E. McDonald, published in 1967, is no doubt Ted's finest piece of work. We are grateful to Ray E. Fowler, of Wenhan, Mass., for forwarding a copy of the outstanding work done by John P. Oswald on the project "Experiments Directed Toward the Detection of a Magnetic Signal." Initially only a few copies of this report will be sent to persons or organizations in key positions in the UFO information distribution system. With Mr. Oswald's permission, we plan to use interesting portions in future issues of SKYLOOK.

Walt Andrus
Director, MUFON

Fayette County Research UFO Study Group Director, Leroy R. Latham wishes recent and old material on UFOs for research. Write: Fayette County Research UFO Study Group, 132 2nd Ave., N. W., Oelwein, Iowa 50662 or call 319-283-2416.

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Fourth Annual Midwest UFO Symposium To Be Held Saturday, June 16

Plans continue for the fourth annual MUFON Symposium, to be held this year at Lenexa, Kansas (Kansas City) on Saturday, June 16, beginning at 9 AM and continuing through 10:30 PM at the Howard Johnson Motel, 95th Street Exit and Interstate 35.

An extra feature will be the 92-minute black and white UFO documentary film "Unidentified Flying Objects" distributed by United Artists, containing the Great Falls, Montana and Tremonton, Utah UFO motion pictures and interviews with the photographers. As General Stanford personally states in the film, "There were credible observers of relatively incredible things."

Speakers on the program are:

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Director of Lindheimer Astronomical Research Center, Northwestern University; Scientific Consultant to the U. S. Air Force for 20 years; author of the book "The UFO Experience, A Scientific Inquiry." Title of speech - "The Embarrassment of Riches."

Stanton T. Friedman, Nuclear Physicist and Lecturer; Consultant to MUFON in Nuclear Physics, Redondo Beach, Calif. Title of speech - "UFOlogy and the Search for ET Intelligent Life."

Ted Phillips, Secretary of MUFON; Staff Writer for SKYLOOK; MUFON State-Section Director, Sedalia, Mo. Title of speech - "Landing Traces, Physical Evidence for the UFO."

John F. Schuessler, Deputy Director of MUFON; Consultant in Astronautics; MUFON State Director for Missouri; Director of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, O'Fallon, Mo. Title of speech - "Flight Characteristics of UFO's."

Adrian Vance, MUFON Consultant in Photography; UFO Photo Analyst, Adrian Vance Productions, Hollywood, Calif. Title of speech - "UFO Photography."

Advance reservations may be secured by writing to and making checks payable to: MUFON, 1204 West 27th St., Kansas City, Mo. 64108. Ticket prices are: Morning session, \$2.00; Afternoon session, \$3.00; Evening session, \$3.00; and Dinner, \$6.50. A special price for the entire Symposium, including the dinner is \$12.00, a saving of \$2.50.

This meeting is hosted by the Kansas City UFO Study Group. Co-Chairmen for the Symposium are Thomas H. Nicholl and Ted Phillips.

It isn't too early to check your calendar and make vacation plans to include attending the symposium. Send in your check for reservations early. With the outstanding speakers listed plus the film documentary, this is certainly the best program ever offered to the public. Tell your friends about it. Why not start now to make up a car or bus load from your area?

The 1973 Symposium Proceedings will be on sale at the Symposium for \$3.25, and if you want the 1972 Proceedings also, you may have both books for \$5.25. This price will be made only at the Symposium (See Page 1 for further information re MUFON publications).

SKYLOOK will be represented by our public relations gal, Mrs. Rosetta Holmes and we know you'll be glad to chat with our "Rosie" again, for she has the kind of personality that makes friends--and keeps them.

Seek to Pinpoint Voices in Space

The following is from an article appearing in newspapers all over the country--to mention just one, the "Los Angeles Herald-Examiner." We thank all who sent clippings.

Radio waves carrying conversations of the "peoples" of other planets might be passing through this newspaper page you are reading. Their detection and translation into our language is a possibility which astronomers will explore during 1973 to 1983 and beyond.

This is no figment of a flight of fancy. It is a statement of the kind of research in exobiology, life beyond the earth, which new American astronomy has set up as one of its goals.

In an epoch-making publication of the Astronomy Survey Committee of the National Academy of Sciences, entitled "Astronomy and Astrophysics for the Seventies," one reads:

At this very instant, through this very page, radio waves are passing. Some may bear conversations that we could record, if we pointed a radio telescope in the right direction and tuned to the right frequency."

Commenting on this, the great astronomer Dr. Jesse Greenstein of the California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, says: "Our civilization may soon take one of the greatest steps in its evolution. It may discover the existence, nature and activities of independent civilizations in space."

How can the talk of the "civilizations" of other worlds be detected and interpreted for human understanding?

Surprising as it might be to most of the nonscientists, "we have the mathematical theory and technology to do it," according to Greenstein. Radio telescopes, mathematical analysis, aided by high speed computers will be required and they are all available and to be developed and refined.

At least five other goals of the science of the sky in the coming decade are these: cosmology, quasars and exploding galaxies, the sun, evolution of the stars, the evolution of molecules, planets and life.

Taxpayers, through the federal government, will be supporting and vicariously participating in the solution of the riddles of the universe which have appeared during the last 10 years.

Instead of being conservative, practically unchanging, the universe has turned out to be full of "cosmic violence."

All this violence, exemplified by the explosion of entire galaxies, each of which consisting of billions of suns, seems to conform to the incredible principles of Prof. Albert Einstein's general relativity theory, published in 1915.

How impressive is the fact that a great mathematical scientist's thoughts regarding the ways of nature are now guiding observations and interpretations of the farthest reaches of the universe! Einstein's brain work and American technology unite to solve the riddles of the stormy universe.

The kind of new giant telescopes required is illustrated by the planned array of radio telescopes, which will collect as much radio waves information as would a single radio telescope of 26 miles diameter.

Editor's Note: This acknowledgment of civilizations of other worlds makes the Condon Report look pretty silly, doesn't it?

UFO Landing in Proximity of Holloman Air Force Base Told

Paul C. Cerny, an electronics engineer, who heads a UFO investigative group in the San Francisco Bay area and who is MUFON Director for northern California, has learned of UFO sightings in the Holloman Air Force Base, White Sands Proving Ground, New Mexico, which have been unpublished until recently.

One was reported in the March issue of SKYLOOK, and we now have a landing report from two informants, who insisted upon anonymity, but who are known to be credible and responsible citizens. Their report is supported by eight other persons which include two U. S. Air Force sergeants and two Colonels.

Employees of Holloman Air Force Base were driving to work on U. S. Route 70 early one September morning in 1956 when they came upon a disc type, domed UFO landed along side the highway approximately 12 miles west of the Base.

The closest eyewitnesses were within 25 ^{yards} years of the UFO which remained on the ground for 10 to 15 minutes. There appeared to be a strong electromagnetic force field as the radios and ignition systems of automobiles close to the object ceased to function.

This caused the morning commuter traffic to back up for some distance. Those in the rear were not aware at the time of the cause of the stopped traffic.

Eyewitnesses reported there was a whirring sound associated with the landing and takeoff of the object.

The incident became the "talk of the day" and many people talked freely about it; however, after the Pentagon had been informed of the landing, Air Force and Central intelligence agents arrived and employees were assembled, questioned, and sworn to absolute silence.

It was learned the report sent to the Pentagon stated "The UFO was definitely not any type of aircraft under development by the United States" and its origin was unknown.

This was not the case reported by Frank Edwards in his book "Flying Saucers-Serious Business" and this report came to light with the informants hearing of the Edwards report and learning it was not the same sighting they had witnessed.

Mr. Cerny has another report from an engineer from a radar installation on top of a low mountain called Twin Buttes. There were twelve engineers and technicians at the installation when a UFO approached in the summer of 1962 and began circling around the site.

This was in broad daylight and the object was described as a double-sided disc "like two bowls put together" and it was a silvery color. No windows could be seen altho the object came within a few hundred feet of the installation. It appeared to be about 50 feet in diameter.

One engineer grabbed his 35 mm movie camera and shot 90 feet of color film. Two days later the Air Force confiscated the film.

Mr. Cerny believes this is buried somewhere in government files.

These reports were made to Robert B. Klinn and David Branch and a lengthy article appeared in the Nov. 23, 1972 issue of "The Register," Santa Ana, Calif.

This newspaper continues to run articles on UFOs, and we thank Prof. Chas. Kahlert for sending us the clippings.

Your editor had a letter from Mr. Cerny, dated March 12, and he tells us he has some new UFO reports which he will be sending us as soon as he can find the time to complete the work on them. Two that he mentioned sound very exciting, and we hope to have them for you in the next issue of SKYLOOK. Can do, Mr. Cerny?

Ex-USAF Sergeant Tells of Vietnam Sighting

Through a tip from Stanton T. Friedman (one of the main speakers at the upcoming MUFON symposium in June) writers Robert B. Klinn and David Branch obtained an interview with a former Air Force sergeant and learned of a UFO sighting in Saigon, South Vietnam, early in 1967.

The sergeant, who requested anonymity, was working with six others in unloading film from FR-4C's at Tan Son Nhut Air Base. About one a.m. they saw the object as they were waiting for the "birds" to come back from a mission.

"I couldn't tell at first what it was," the sergeant said. "But it was coming in. It was coming from my right. That would be, I would guess, from the east going west. And going down the runway from the nearest end, from Saigon, towards the end of Tan Son Nhut. It came in. When I saw it, was flying, at most, about 50 to 70 feet above the ground.

"And my first impression was that somebody was shooting a practice landing, a touch and go. But at Tan Son Nhut they didn't shoot touch and goes, because it was the busiest airport in the world. So it dawned on me, 'He's either going to crash land or he's going to bypass.' I thought that because at first I thought it was a plane. There's almost always 'birds' circling overhead.

"And there were always flares in the air. And the object came in, but didn't touch down, whatever it was. It came up under a flare, and I could see that it was a disc shape. I could see the reflection off of it from the flare. I couldn't see a whole lot under the bottom or anything. And there were just orange and green-colored lights around the outside of it."

Asked if he could see a dome, the sergeant replied, "All I remember was that it was a disc. I would guess that it was between 30 and 40 feet in diameter. That's a rough estimate. And it went down the full length of the runway. And it went over 'no-man's land,' that's where the Viet Cong sometimes shoot up at airplanes taking off. It seemed to pause there for a second, and then it shot straight up."

He said the object appeared to accelerate at incredible speed, then all of a sudden "it shot up and became a dot, the same size as a star. And we watched it go across and move between the stars, and then it disappeared."

He estimated it was in view for about 10 minutes.

He called the Control Tower which verified spotting the UFO and assumed the Tower turned in a report. The sergeant was never contacted by anyone about the sighting.

The sergeant also told of radar-scope photos taken of UFOs. When he was stationed at Columbus Air Force Base, near Columbus, Miss., in 1965-66, he helped down load cans of film. When the planes would land, the crew would sometimes say that they had radar-scope photos taken of UFOs. The films were stamped "UFO" and then "SECRET" and were sent to a lab for processing. The sergeant saw one of the films after it was processed. "It showed blips," he said. "The track of one of the objects showed that the object had made a 90-degree turn."

He added that he learned most of the UFOs seen could not be calibrated because of their acceleration. "They have a range knob on a radar set to calibrate speed," he explained. "And if the range is zeroed in on, say 5 miles, if an object went across the scope in a blur, you couldn't calibrate it. They would have to flip the switch to maximum range."

He said he didn't know what became of the UFO films, but had been told they were sent under classification to Washington, D. C.
Source: Santa Ana "Register," Feb. 14, 1973. Credit: Prof. C. Kahlert.

UFO Haunts Brushy Creek Area Near Piedmont, Mo.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat, March 6, 1973 - A shy but friendly unidentified flying object that follows automobiles has been spotted by at least a dozen residents of Piedmont, Mo.

They call the UFO shy because it only appears on dark nights and zooms away before anyone can get close to it. They consider it friendly because it brightly illuminates the highway in front of cars moving down Route 49.

The first sighting near the town of 2,000 about 135 miles south of St. Louis was made on the night of Feb. 21 by Reg Bone, coach of Clearwater High School, two assistant Piedmont team managers and three players returning home from a basketball tournament at Essex, Bone said.

Bone said he was driving the school's driver education car along U. S. 60 near Elsinore when he and the five boys saw a bright shaft of light beaming down out of the sky.

As the car pulled onto Route 49 near Brushy Creek, one of the boys, Randal Holmes, said he yelled out, "There's that thing we saw back on Highway 60.#"

Bone said he stopped the car on the shoulder of the highway and he and the boys got out to get a better look at the bright but silent flying object.

"It looked like it was about 50 feet off the ground and maybe about 200 yards away--it was impossible to determine the size or shape because of the darkness.

"Anyway," Bone said, "we all saw four lights--like maybe coming from portholes--red, green, amber and white. We figured they were about three or four feet apart, all in a row."

Cary Barks, who is listed in the Who Is Who of American High School Students because of his academic excellence, said, "We stood there and watched it for five to 10 minutes.

"Then it went directly up in the air with absolutely no noise and just disappeared over a hill."

Word spread quickly around Piedmont and the next night, Mrs. Kathy Keith, her brother, Roy Burch Jr., and his wife were driving near the Brushy Creek area when, they said, they spotted the object blinking in white, green, amber and red.

"Red seemed to predominate," Mrs. Keith said, adding, "All of a sudden it started bouncing around, and the lights started blinking again."

As the object began moving along the highway, Burch said, he attempted to catch up with it in his car.

"Roy started speeding up to get close to it. He was doing about 70 but we lost it," Mrs. Keith said. "We got to the Brushy Creek area and there were some other Piedmont people there--Bob Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Almon Coleman--standing on the road looking at the thing hovering over the field.

"One of the men had a pair of binoculars but it was so dark he couldn't figure out what it was. It stayed at the same height for about 10 minutes," Mrs. Keith said, then disappeared over a hill.

And others say there is something strange going on near the water of Brushy Creek.

(Thanks to staff members, Betty Weinert, M. E. Dombroska, and all others who sent Ye Ed the clipping from the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat." Please continue to send in clippings and don't think next time that "some one else" will probably send it, for then it could turn out that no one would. And it isn't often that we do receive several copies of the same report. We do appreciate your cooperation.)

South Carolina Youth Claims UFO Landed on Highway (Reporter, Rodger Painter)

"The Gaffney Ledger," Gaffney, S. C. Jan. 26, 1973: - You might not believe this, and officially they don't exist, but. . .

A Cherokee County youth, who for obvious reasons asked not to be identified, said he was traveling south on S. C. Highway 18 about 13 miles south of Gaffney about 11:25 p. m. Friday, January 19, when his attention was attracted to a number of various colored lights flashing on and off in the highway directly ahead of his car.

Thinking there had been a wreck and that the lights were signals from wreckers and patrol cars, the youth began slowing his vehicle. However, when he got closer to the scene he was shocked to see that there was no wreck, but that the flashing lights he observed were originating from a domed, saucer-shaped object sitting in the middle of the road and surrounded by about a dozen men.

The youth, who for a moment doubted his sanity and who admittedly was very frightened by what he saw, turned his car to the left onto a secondary road near the object and quickly fled.

In an interview the following Monday night, January 22, the youth said the object, which was supported by three legs or struts and which occupied about three-fourths of the highway, glowed a dark yellow similar to the glow of a light bulb. Extending from the bottom portion of the object was a set of steps or a ladder.

Around the object were about a dozen men, each wearing an outfit resembling white coveralls on which were various buttons, buckles and belts. The men were of average height and had faces the color of Caucasians: each of them appeared to have "jet black" hair. On their hands were what appeared to be white gloves. The witness didn't remember observing their feet.

The men did nothing but stand in their position near the object. Those who were facing in another direction away from the witness, slowly turned their heads and looked at the approaching car but showed no particular interest in it.

An unusual fact about the men, one which the witness was reluctant to mention, was that they appeared to waver, much as an object appears to do when viewed through the heat radiating from a heater. As the youth said, "They sort of wiggled like a worm."

The object itself had a curved bottom "like a plate," and a curved or angled upper section capped by a dome. The dome, the witness said, was the most prominent characteristic of the object because of its large size. The position below the dome was thinner as measured from the curved bottom to the base of the dome. The flashing lights, which had been the prelude to the experience, were arranged in a band around the base of the dome. The lights were "all colors--green, blue, red, white" and didn't appear to be arranged in any particular order.

There were no windows or other openings in the object other than in the area where the steps were located. However, that section of the object was turned away from the witness and could not be observed closely. It appeared as though the steps were made into a door, one end of which had dropped from the curved bottom of the object.

The witness said there would not have been enough space for his car to pass under the object and that the men could not have stood beneath it without stooping. He also said a car could not have passed the object on the highway and noted that he had met no other vehicles prior to observing the object.

He estimated that the object covered about three-fourths of the width of the highway, which would place its diameter at 15 feet at least, since the highway pavement in the area measures about 22 feet in width, accord-

ing to the State Highway Department figures.

The height of the object, from its curved bottom to the top of the dome was judged to be about the same as its width. The object appeared to be constructed of a material resembling fiber glass.

A later visit to the alleged landing site revealed no physical evidence that the reported event actually occurred. However, the youth's story is supported by statements from several other persons who reportedly saw unusual, flying lights in the same area during the same week. One woman said that a light followed her car for a considerable distance down Highway 18 late Monday night, January 15, near the site of the alleged landing. She said the light continued to follow the car after she turned into a secondary road leading to her home and remained close by for a period of time after she had gone into the house.

At least three other persons are said to have seen mysterious lights flying in the same area, one of them on the same night of the alleged landing.

Perhaps it should be noted at this time that the youth said he does not drink and had not been smoking marijuana nor taking other drugs. He did not believe in "flying saucers" prior to his experience nor was he particularly interested in them. However, he is now seriously considering the possibility of their existence.

Editor's Note: This report was mentioned briefly in the March issue of SKYLOOK (page 8) and we asked George Fawcett if he could give us more details, and he sent us the newspaper report. Thank you, Sir.)

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To Our Readers : We are now asking 45¢ for a sample copy of SKYLOOK by mail. If you buy a copy at one of the MUFON meetings, the price remains at 35¢. We will appreciate it if our staff and others will remember to tell those inquiring about sample copies to send us 45¢.

We do have some back issues of SKYLOOK available, but do write first before ordering.

We are afraid we'll soon have to charge more for SKYLOOK per year (it is now \$4.00) but we'll hang on at this level as long as possible.

And, by the way, if you're not on our mailing list, don't write to Ye Ed and complain that you didn't get your last SKYLOOK. We always check our card file! But if you are one of our subscribers and don't get your copy, then DO tell us about it and we'll send another copy right away. We want you to have every copy you've paid for.

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Chuckle, chuckle! Lou Farish sends us a cartoon showing a couple looking out their bedroom window at their neighbors descending from a landed UFO in their yard. The neighbors are waving good by to the pilot who gave them a ride. Says Mrs. Watcher to her husband: "Oh dear! We'll never hear the end of this."

President of Uganda Sees UFO on Lake Victoria

Kampala, Uganda--President Idi Amin saw an unidentified flying object splash down in Lake Victoria Saturday and then take off like "a gentle rocket," Radio Uganda said Sunday, March 4, 1973.

The radio said Amin was among a number of people who saw "a spectacular object covered with something like smoke" descending at about noon into the lake, about 10 miles away.

"After some seven minutes, the object was seen lifting off like a rocket being fired but moving gently," the radio said. "When disappearing into the sky, the last portion of it was seen like the tail of a big snake."

Amin said the object was of "great significance" and "a sign of good luck to Uganda." He added all those who had seen it should attend prayers.

Source: "Tulsa Daily World," March 5, and other newspapers. Credit: Mamie Short, Dave Schroth, Joe Brill, and thank you to all others who may send in a clipping.)

Strange Objects Over Stroudsburg, Pa.

Stroudsburg, Pa. - State police here have confirmed reports by residents that strange objects with flashing lights have been seen over the Pocono resort area. Trooper Jeffrey Huntz, sent to the Sailors Lake area Thursday night after police received several phone calls from residents, said he saw four of the objects pass overhead, all traveling west to east. "But don't ask me what they were," Huntz said. "It was like a Christmas tree flying in the air." He said there was no noise and believed the objects were flying at an altitude about 1500 feet above ground level. Most had white lights, according to Huntz, but some had blue lights.

Source: "Times-Reporter," Dover-New Philadelphia, Ohio, March 2, 1973. Credit: Mark R. Herbstritt.

Two Families Report UFO in North Carolina

Mount Airy TIMES, Mount Airy, N. C. Feb. 16, 1973.--A local sighting of an unidentified flying object has been reported by George D. Fawcett, well-known Mount Airy UFO investigator.

The UFO was sighted Saturday night, Feb. 3 at 8 o'clock. Witnesses, Fawcett said, described the "blood-red circular" object as 18 feet in diameter "and/or much larger" and giving off smoke or exhaust on its outer edges. It revolved as it moved up into the sky from almost ground level.

The UFO was seen by Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Williams, 507 Lovill Street, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones, 413 South Street. Both made independent reports to Fawcett without knowing of the other's experience "and were very much relieved to hear that others had seen the same object at approximately the same time."

The Jones family reported the UFO moved about a 45-degree angle above the old Kroger store on Willow Street in a northeast direction while the Williams family saw it move toward the North Main Street Dry Bridge direction.

Both families were watching TV when they were distracted by a "sudden flash of brilliant red light that lit up the inside of their homes from one end to the other," Fawcett said.

Williams went outside his home to investigate and saw the strange object move up into the sky.

Jones and his 14-year-old son, Ricky, ran outside to view the UFO, while Mrs. Jones and the other five children, frightened, remained indoors.

In Greek mythology Hydra was a horrible serpentine monster. The Greeks gave the name of Hydra to a constellation which had been variously called a serpent and a river by more ancient cultures. Hydra is a large constellation and extends almost 90 degrees from west of the meridian to near the southeastern horizon at the time of transit on April 29. There are no really bright stars in the constellation. M-48 is a galactic cluster containing about 50 stars. M-68 is a globular cluster and it is about 46,000 light years distant. M-83 is a large spiral galaxy 10 million light years distant and 30,000 light years in diameter. The spiral arms of M-83 are well defined and are bordered on their inside edges by dark dust lanes, an arrangement which appears to be characteristic of many of the nearby spirals. Four supernova have appeared in M-83 in the last 50 years. The most recent one was discovered in July 1968 by J. C. Bennett, an amateur astronomer in South Africa. --Mark Herbstritt.

The April Sky

During April Venus will be visible in the evening sky, rising at 6 AM on April 1st and setting at 7:25 PM on May 1st.

Mars is seen during the morning hours as it rises at 3 AM April 1st and at 2:20 AM May 1st.

Saturn is visible for a brief time after sunset, as it sets at 11:40 PM April 1st and at 9:50 PM May 1st. ---Ted Phillips.

Decatur Residents Watch Oval Shaped Object

Six Decatur, Ill , observers watched two white, oval-shaped objects for four minutes at 5:10 p.m. February 11, 1973. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Huffman, who reported the sighting to Leonard W. Sturm, and the others were at the Tolly's Supermarket parking lot. The sky was perfectly clear.

Mrs. Huffman first noticed the objects at an elevation of 45 degrees. The objects were coming toward the observers and passed directly overhead. When overhead, they appeared to be about as large and of the same shape as the wings of a modern airliner, Mr. Huffman said, but there was no body or tail. They flew side by side into the western sky, then made a sharp 90-degree turn toward the south and were soon out of sight.

Light Seen in New Jersey, Landing Site Located

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Willis, of Millville, New Jersey, were driving east on Weatherby Road, Dec. 7, 1972, when they saw a "cylindrical white light" about the size of a small plane at 8:50 p.m. The object was flying high over the road ahead of them. It hovered, came down to the tree line, hovered again, then crossed the road and "crashed" into the woods. The couple hurried to the nearest telephone to call state police.

Nothing was found in a preliminary night time search, but the next day state police from Fort Norris Barracks uncovered a cleared site approximately two feet in diameter in the wooded area where the object had reportedly crashed. Police said the area was bare of all vegetation and pine needles and in the center was a round hole two inches wide and four inches deep.

"It was a real wild area and I don't see how anything could have gotten in here except from above," Trooper Leonard Anderson said.

Another motorist reported having seen an unusual object just above Rt. 77 in Seabrook around 8 p.m. on Dec. 7th. --Atlantic City, N. J. PRESS.

A New Map of Mars

Dramatic views of Mars unfold in a National Geographic map, "The Red Planet Mars." The double map in the February issue of N.G. was developed from data transmitted by NASA's Mariner 9 spacecraft in its 1971-72 mission of discovery.

Each of three views presents a complete hemisphere, stretching more than 4,000 miles from the North Pole to the South. Two polar maps, set against the blue-blackness of the night, reveal the polar caps in their natural white color.

Map notes help dispel some of the mystery long associated with the glowing planet and its two small moons.

Features noted include a Nebraska-size volcano that rises 15 miles above the surrounding terrain; stair-step terraces that descend into a caldera 20 miles in diameter; and a huge rift system that is nearly four times as deep as the Grand Canyon and would more than span the continental United States.

Source: Arkansas Gazette, Jan. 31, 1973. Credit: Lou Farish

Is There Life on Saturn Moon Titan?

Scientists report new evidence that indicates that Titan, the largest of the 10 moons of Saturn, may have atmospheric conditions similar to those that existed on the earth at the dawn of life.

A study of Titan has been conducted by Dr. Carl Sagan, professor of astronomy and director of Cornell's Laboratory for Planetary Studies. The research has been supported by the National Science Foundation and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The findings have intrigued officials of NASA and they plan to loft two unmanned spacecraft which would fly by Jupiter in 1977 and out past Saturn in 1981. Their trajectories would take them within 100 miles of Titan.

If the space shot does not go off in 1977, it will be another 20 years before Saturn and Jupiter will be so aligned in their respective orbits on the sun to make possible exploration by a single spacecraft. Source: Arkansas Gazette, Feb. 19, 1973. Credit: Lou Farish.

Erich Von Daniken on Today Show

Erich Von Daniken, author of "Chariots of the Gods?" and "Gods From Out Space," appeared briefly on the TODAY show on TV recently and, in our opinion, was not given a fair shake. After admitting the network had received thousands of letters following the showing of the TV special "In Search of Ancient Astronauts," Frank McGee used most of the time to express his own skepticism of the theories advanced by Von Daniken instead of allowing the author to speak for himself.

Mrs. Eric Bluhm sends us an article by Allen Spraggett in the Seattle "Post-Intelligencer" in which Von Daniken told Spraggett of a discovery in an underground cave near Quito in Ecuador. The cave, according to Dr. Juan Moricz, its discoverer, contains thousands of folios with pages of light metal, some of pure gold. Stamped into these pages are messages in some strange language. It contains 56 characters or letters and resembles no language known. Von Daniken thinks the folios comprise a vast library left behind as a sort of time capsule by ancient space visitors and may reveal who the space beings were and where they came from.

And whoever left the library must have left the key to decipher contents, Von Daniken says. He hasn't seen the folios himself, but has photographs of some of the plates, and has Moricz's promise to take him to the cave.

Flying Saucers Observed Over Czechoslovakia?

Prague - August 23 - The Czechoslovakian newspapers inserted an information on the observation of Flying Saucers over the territory of Czechoslovakia. Four gleaming saucers were observed in the vicinity of Strakonice (a town in Southern Bohemia) by a bank clerk, I. Kalista, on August 4th, shortly after 9:00 p. m.

A group of gleaming disks could be observed for about five minutes on the horizon. The disks separated from each other and rushed into space. They gradually grew darker and disappeared. Each disk gleamed for several seconds. (From "Express Wieczorny," Warsaw, Poland, Aug. 23, 1965.

An Unusual Phenomenon

On Tuesday, December 12th of this year at about 10:00 p.m. a strange, unexplainable phenomenon was captivating great attentiveness on the southern horizon. Reliable witnesses were observing a strange object in the direction of the new tower-house (skyscraper) in the city of Pribram for fifty-five minutes. The object did not appear to move for a very long time. At first the light of this object was a horizontal light and it changed to a higher altitude when it was last seen by the observers.

The object was emitting a very bright light which could be seen very clearly and in the course of observation the object was shifting slowly westward toward the village of Zdabor during the almost hour it was being watched.

From 10:00 p. m. to 10:55 p. m. the observers were convinced that the object was not giving out any sound, neither was it a helicopter nor any usual celestial body. This object was really very strange, indeed, such as one that has never been seen by the eye-witnesses before.

Since there is so much news in the world press again about the Flying Saucers, the witnesses came to our editorial room to tell us about this particular appearance that they had observed over Pribram. We suspect that our informers have not been the only ones who had the chance to observe this interesting object and therefore we are asking that anyone else of the district who were eye-witnesses of this interesting phenomenon relate to us as to what they may have seen that evening of December 12th. (From "Nove Pribramsko," a Czechoslovakia daily newspaper, Dec. 29, 1957)

Lights Seen Over Lake Michigan

Francis J. Reich, of Kenosha, Wisconsin, and two friends were driving south on Highway 32 along Lake Michigan, Jan. 24, 1973, when they noticed what appeared to be car headlights reflecting off the windshield up in the sky. After determining that it wasn't a reflection, Reich pulled to the side of the road, and all got out to watch the lights.

Two white lights moved slowly north towards Racine. There was no sound. When directly east of the observers, they could dimly see a cigar-shaped "thing" back of the lights with red lights at the rear. Reich estimated the object was 300 feet distant and about 100 feet long. It appeared to be slightly above tree-top level. The time was 6:40 p.m.

On telephoning the sheriff to report the sighting, Reich learned others had also reported seeing it. The sheriff said he didn't know what it was.

Editor's Note: Wonder if anyone checked to see if the Goodyear Blimp was in the area at the time?

Strange Things Happen in Arkansas

Editor's Note: We don't claim the following has any relation to UFOs, but we wouldn't make any positive statement that it doesn't either, as strange things often happen when UFOs are in the vicinity. No UFO was reported here, but that doesn't rule out the possibility of one having been in the area. What do our readers think? We're grateful to Frank Hudson for sending us the clipping from the Dec. 22, 1972 issue of the "Northwest Arkansas Times," Fayetteville, Arkansas.

B. J. Norman, of Fayetteville, drives "rather regularly" from Fayetteville to Gravette, Arkansas, and he finds something strange in an area north of Gentry and extending almost to Decatur.

"I have noticed on numerous occasions that there is a heavy fog ominously hanging over the area. . . even when other adjacent areas are clear," he wrote in a letter to the Times. "Several times I observed railroad cars of different trains swaying or rocking violently from side to side. A few months back a train was derailed . . . month before last, a pickup truck loaded with old auto tires traveling a short distance in front of me went out of control and off into the ditch. The driver was uninjured and at a loss to explain what had happened--the roads being in good, dry condition on a clear day."

"Last month, I came upon a number of live and dead loose chickens, then more, and chicken crates, then a parked chicken truck which had left this not difficult to follow train of egg markers.

"Last week while driving this same area, just north of Gentry, I came upon--or would come upon a car or so in the ditch, as I had already counted two thus far from Fayetteville. . . and along that one area, were nine autos in different locations along both sides of the road and in a 3-mile length."

Norman went on to say that he had read the report of a freight train derailling north of Gentry in the last week's TIMES and "the cause of the derailment" had not been determined. "One would wonder," he commented:

He went on to say that a few weeks after the first train wreck he had mentioned, he "noted the wild motions of another Kansas City Southern freight train along this same area of track. I spoke with a local resident at a Decatur service station where I stop regularly for gas. I informed him of my observations and asked if I should inform someone locally so that they might investigate it further. He told me that it was 'common knowledge' around there and that the railroad company knew it but would not, or could not remedy the situation."

Norman concludes his letter to the editor with the question, "Would it do any good to publish this?"

"Martian Creature" Is Earthly Tardigrade

One of our readers writes that the "Martian creature" pictured in the February issue of SAGA is an earthly, very common, though microscopic creature known as a tardigrade and "ought to be instantly recognized as such by anyone who knows much biology." He thinks the picture may have been taken with a scanning electron microscope and says it is so familiar, it may have been pirated from SCIENCE magazine.

"Incidentally, tardigrades should be familiar to ufologists," Mr. "X" adds, "since they have been discussed in exobiology books such as "The Quest" because of their ability to survive long periods of dehydration by entering a dormant state, thus illustrating the ability of life to adapt to hostile conditions."

Burning Object Falls in England - Found By Observer

Andrew Perry, an insurance clerk. of Waterworks Cottage, Model Farm, Mentmore, England, was driving home along the public road which runs through Lord Rosebery's estate when he saw a round object, glowing a deep orange-red, coming across the sky.

It was just after midnight and a heavy rain was falling. The object seemed to get caught in some trees and then go out. Apparently frightened, Perry went on home. The next day he returned to the site to investigate and found a heap of burned metal and wire on the ground beneath the trees.

"It was lying in a heap about two feet in diameter and six to nine inches high. There was a nest of very fine wire surrounded by paper-thin strips of something like aluminum metal about two inches wide," he said.

An estate employee, who removed some of the metal, experienced a tingling sensation in his fingers which continued for several days.

Both men said police were informed and took away pieces of the object, but this was denied by the Thames Valley Police who said they nothing about it, when questioned by a reporter from the "Beds & Bucks Observer," which carried the story Jan. 16, 1973.

When questioned, a spokesman at the Ministry of Defence for Air said the finding did not fit in with any known pattern. A spokesman for the Space Department at RAE Farnborough was also mystified. He said no satellite had landed in the area and the description did not fit anything he knew.

Huge UFO Seen in Africa

A massive unidentified flying object, 30 m in diameter, with port-holes as big as door, was seen near Queenstown by East Londoners, Mr. and Mrs. W. Sucknow, of "ereford Road Amalinda.

Mr. Sucknow, local manager of a security firm, his wife and two children were traveling from East London to Johannesburg. At 12:30 a.m. on Monday they had passed through Queenstown, nearing Penhoek Pass, when they saw what they took to be a long train curving towards the road.

Mr. Sucknow remarked he had noticed no level crossing sign. Then suddenly they realized the object was six to eight metres above the ground. It was moving slowly and silently towards Dordrecht. After hovering above the road it picked up speed, but when about 90m from the road, slowed down again.

"It glowed with an orange light and was emitting orange smoke. I couldn't see the top because of the dark, but it was much bigger than a Boeing," Mr. Sucknow told the East London "Daily Reporter" which published a report of the sighting on Jan. 17, 1973.

"The inside of the car became icy cold. I was dumbstruck--it was as if the 'beings' in the craft were watching the car," Sucknow said.

There were no other cars on the road at the time. Mrs. Sucknow looked back from their car to see the object disappear into the distance. (Credit: Lou Farish)

An Excellent Clipping Service --It has been some time since we have mentioned Rod Dyke's fine UFO clipping service, published monthly by the UFO Research Committee, 3521 S. W. 104th St. Seattle, Wash., 98146. The last issue contained 30 legal-sized pages of UFO sightings, in the United States and overseas. Both reports on this page are from this service. Write Mr. Dyke at the address given for subscription rates.

This report of a UFO that followed a bus during a certain period of time was submitted to the French-Canadian ufological organization, la Societe de Recherches sur les Phenomenes Mysterieux du Quebec, which analyzed carefully this report and recognized, after examination, the events as authentic and real, for many witnesses have been involved.

The event occurred the October 28th, 1971, at Saine-Therese, Quebec, some few miles north of the city of Montreal. The principal witness, Miss Johane Warren, living at Saine-Therese, was waiting for the bus around 5:50 P.M. She took the bus, going in the direction of the north, on the Saine-Rose Boulevard. Suddenly, as she looked outside the bus, she noticed that a long and brilliant object, in the shape of that of a cigarette, was following the bus, up in the air, and the luminous appearance of this object was like that of pale gold, and most of the time, whitish and brilliant. The object was following the bus in a parallel way and its altitude, even if it was difficult to estimate clearly, was apparently very high. When Miss Warren arrived at destination and went out of the bus, the object was still there, but seemed to be inclined by the right side of its length, and just above an electric station of the Hydro-Quebec Company.

She ran quickly inside her home to advise some other persons, and they all came back out of the house. In the total, there were six persons who later described the object as it has been said before. But at this moment (it was now 6:05 P.M.), the object was inclined by its left side and was moving, very slowly. It then disappeared up in the sky after few seconds.

But now, the most interesting of that, was that at around 6:15 P.M. the electric power suddenly lessened in the home of Miss Warren and this occurred twice with some 4 seconds at intervals, and suddenly all the residence area there called "Domaine de la Promenade" was out of power during about 15 minutes. \angle Note: This incident, which appeared to be very common to most people, appeared in the local newspaper of the area, but no explanation was given for the power failure.7

At the same moment that the object at Saine-Therese, seemed to disappear in the sky over the Place, just on the shore facing the city of Sainte-Therese, at Montreal-North, a lady with her son and daughter all saw a kind of "luminous object like a cigarette-shape" motionless in the sky, and according to the angle of the sight and of the altitude, "it would have been possible that this object was probably over Sainte-Therese, near the residence area," as said three Montreal witnesses later when they reported this sighting and without knowing that at Sainte-Therese there were six other witnesses who saw about the same object, at the same time.

Translation by C. Mac Duff of report submitted to the S.R.P.M.

Former MUFON Director Speaks on UFOs

Francis J. Reich, has sent us a Jan. 17, 1973 clipping from the Racine, Wisconsin "Journal Times" in which Dr. Allen Utke Ph. D., a University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh professor, is quoted on the subject of UFOs. Dr. Utke helped organize the Midwest UFO Network and was its first Director.

He has never seen a UFO, he told the Times reporter but "is 60 per cent convinced they are crafts of extraterrestrial beings, and 40 per cent convinced they are just a natural phenomenon unknown to man."

High officials don't admit to agreeing that UFOs exist because they would not be able to account for what they are and how they can be controlled, he said.

Short Notes

Claude MacDuff, of Montreal, and Prof. Chas. G. Kahlert, of Seal Beach, Calif., have both read "Orgone Energy" by Jerome Eden recently and have written to express their opinion that this is a "must" book for everyone interested in ufology. Mr. Eden's ad has appeared in the last several issues of SKYLOOK. The book is published by Exposition Press, 50 Jericho Turnpike, Jericho, N. Y. 11753. The price, postpaid is \$6.30. - Thomas Miller, of Franklin Park, Ill., sends us a clipping from the "Chicago Daily News" giving a half page to Erick von Daniken and his books "Chariots of the Gods?" and "Gods from Outer Space." Translated into 32 languages, they have now sold more than 20 million copies, according to Trade News Service. More than 1 million paperback copies of "Chariots of the Gods?" sold in the United States by the end of last year and the book appeared as the second best selling nonfiction paperback in the country on the New York "Times" list in March. - Allen H. Greenfield, of Atlanta, Ga. says he used to think the government wasn't interested enough in UFOs to try to keep anything from us, but after reading the article "Aerospace Photography With Infrared Film Reveals UFOs" in the December issue of SKYLOOK, he thinks we should take a second look at the idea of government censorship. - David Scroth, of St. Louis, sent complete report of Dr. Hynek's talk at the Northwestern University Alumni Club in St. Louis and we wish space permitted using his well-written review. We are going to quote this section: ". . . I have here. . . a letter from an astronaut who shall be nameless, but who was interviewed by a reporter from a large urban daily. The paper wanted a story on whether NASA was going to do anything about women astronauts. Well, the reporter, after he finished his interview asked the astronaut what he thought about UFOs. Well, the astronaut thought awhile and said, 'Well, I've seen one.' This completely flabbergasted the reporter, and he began to ask questions. And the astronaut was so explicit that the reporter had to remind him that he was being interviewed for a story. And the astronaut said, 'Well, I reported it officially, and it's on the record. . . I'm not saying that I saw a flying saucer from some other solar system. . . I'm simply saying that I saw something I couldn't identify--which, of course, is by definition, a UFO.' Well, when the reporter wrote up the story, he had visions that this thing would be on the wires from coast to coast and so forth. And when he handed it in, the story was killed. And he was absolutely mad at this, and he went to the top editor, and said, 'How come this story was killed?' 'Well, our science editor does not believe in them.' Now that is the way it is, and. . . here you have a genuine astronaut having seen that and not afraid to report it, but the papers wouldn't carry it on the grounds that--well, they applied what I call the Air Force theorem: 'It can't be; therefore it isn't.'" - We had a letter from Charlie Jones, of Sheridan, Indiana, and he was about to pop some buttons after reading the report on the UFO sighted in Santa Ana, California which was probably a blimp. He says (among other things) "They have a blimp out there which the populace is familiar with. It is large enough to accommodate an electric sign one hundred feet long and twenty-five feet high. It was observed at close range and at a height of an estimated one hundred-twenty to one hundred-forty feet in one observation --and not recognized????!!!!" He closes with, "Norma Short, you must be doing better. I'm letting your publication get to me. Hope you are all right." Well, Charlie, you will recall we condensed Mrs. Druffel's 10-page report to three pages for SKYLOOK, so we'll take the blame for doing a poor rewrite job in presenting the evidence. Sorry about that. Keep writing, Mr. J. We do enjoy your letters. --Ye Ed

The latest NATIONAL ENQUIRER articles of interest are to be found in the issues of March 11 and March 18. The first tells of a continuing series of UFO sightings on a remote Indian reservation in central Washington state. A photo of one UFO accompanies the article. The ENQUIRER article of March 18 is one of the most fascinating stories to come along in many years. A Scottish astronomer, Duncan Lunan, claims to have deciphered curious "echoes" of terrestrial radio signals, a phenomenon which has puzzled radio operators for years (see "Radio's Own Mystery--The LDE" by Carol Armstrong in the August 1971 SKYLOOK). Lunan concludes that an alien space probe from the area of the star Epsilon Boötes in the constellation Boötes is orbiting the Earth at about the distance of the Moon. Lunan's findings are backed up by other eminent astronomers. A discovery of this type could be one of the most important events of the 20th Century.

The March 26 issue of MIDNIGHT contains a new contactee story from Ohio, as well as an article dealing with claimed astral projections to other planets.

A series of interesting UFO maps, flight patterns, UFO detector plans etc. is available from R & E Publications, Highlands, Needham Market, Suffolk, England. Technically-minded UFOlogists will find these materials of considerable interest. Prices vary, but a complete list of available publications can be obtained from the above address.

A new magazine, PSYCHIC DIMENSIONS, has recently appeared on newsstands. The first issue (dated May) contains an article reviewing the current UFO scene.

The March issue of SAGA contains an interesting article on "Momo" by Brad Steiger, quoting from investigation reports by Walt Andrus and John Schuessler, among others. I understand the April SAGA contains an article by John Keel, dealing with the claims of contactee Paul Solem.

Another MUFON member, Ted Phillips, is prominently featured in B. Ann Slate's article on the Delphos, Kansas landing site in the April issue of FATE. This is a good summary of the case.

Major Donald E. Keyhoe's long-awaited fifth book on the UFO subject is now scheduled for publication in November. Its title will be ALIENS FROM SPACE and it will be published by Doubleday. Later details will appear in this column as they become available.

For a free copy of PROJECT CYCLOPS, a report on the project to detect intelligent extraterrestrial life, write to: Dr. John Billingham - NASA/Ames Research Center, Code LT - Moffett Field, CA 94035. This is a 243-page book, filled with facts and theories on ET life and the problems of communication with same.

UFO Information Ye Ed frequently receives letters asking about lists of UFO books, back issues of other magazines (as well as our own) and other UFO literature. We suggest you write to our staff member, Mark R. Herbstritt, 967 Theresia St., St. Mary's, Pa. 15857. Tell him what you want and ask for his price list.

Send a long 16¢ stamped, self-addressed envelope to George D. Fawcett, 607 North Main Street, Mount Airy, N. C. 27030, for Information Sheets.

Leonard Sturm Proposes UFO Tapespondents Network

Leonard Sturm, State MUFON Director for Illinois, believes many of our readers--and others--would be interested in a UFO tape correspondent network. He tells us his own early interest in UFOs was very greatly stimulated by tape correspondence with one of the original civilian UFO investigators.

"It was really wonderful to meet him in person after talking to him for so many hours on the tape letters," Mr. Sturm wrote to your editor.

"For those people who would enjoy contacts with other people having an interest in UFOs, and who also have tape recording equipment, I propose the establishment of a UFO Tapespondents Network. It would serve the same purpose as the MUFON amateur radio network, and citizen band radio network--namely, to bring people together who have similar interests * * *

"The primary difference between amateur and citizen band radio communication and tape recording correspondence is that people interested in tape correspondence cannot send out a "CQ" call. They do not know who they can correspond with--unless they have a listing of peoples' names who desire to correspond," he points out.

Mr. Sturm asks if SKYLOOK would be interested in sponsoring the network and publishing a monthly list of names of members. We know many of our staff members and subscribers have tape recorders and would be interested in a project of this nature. We have given this serious consideration and regret that we must decline.

We leave out much good copy every month because of lack of space, and we just can't spare another page. The list of names and relevant data would certainly interest all readers with tape recorders--but not the majority of our readers, we believe.

We sincerely hope Mr. Sturm will be able to work something out, as we feel he has a good idea that should bear fruit. If you are interested in a "tapespondent" network, write to Leonard Sturm, 18 S. Fairview Ave., Decatur, Ill., 62521. SKYLOOK will be glad to get further publicity from time to time, as progress reports come in.

Good luck.

Strange Tracks in the Snow

Mrs. Frank Benesh, of Brooklyn, Iowa, isn't saying that the strange tracks found in the snow near her family's farmhouse were made by a flying saucer, but she doesn't have any other explanations either.

Her husband and son found the tracks near the house. They were described as being about 19 inches wide and 11 inches between each one. The pattern of tracks seemed to be repeated every four feet, and "they are not animal tracks," Mrs. Benesh said.

She saw a reddish-orange light in the field about ten o'clock the night before the tracks were discovered and said she didn't know if the light had anything to do with it or not, but---

The snow between the tracks was not packed down and at one point they passed under a barbed-wire fence on which the bottom wire is about 15 inches off the ground.

Neighbors came over to look at the tracks which left them puzzled too.

Source: Des Moines Sunday Register, Feb. 25, 1973. Credit: Leroy Latham.

The annual Blue and Gold Banquet for Cub Pack 968 and their families was held Feb. 26 at the St. Charles, Mo., Christian Church, and John F. Schuessler, Director of the UFO Study Club of Greater St. Louis, was the main speaker. His subject? UFOs, of course.

The Tri-State UFO Study Group will hold its April meeting at 7:30 P.M. at the home of Robert Smulling, 711 Broadway, Hamilton, Ill., the 18th.

The UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis will meet Sunday, April 29 at 2 P.M. at the Lemay Bank and Trust Co., 152 Lemay Ferry Road.

Stanton T. Friedman, who will speak at our MUFON meet in Kansas City on June 16, continues to add lectures to his schedule. Here are some for April in addition to those mentioned last month: 3rd-- 8 PM, Ithaca College, Ithaca, N. Y.; 4th-- 8 PM, SUNY, Cortland, N. Y.; 6th--2 PM, Cmty. College of Philadelphia, Pa.; 9th--8 PM, Susquehanna U., Selinsgrove, Pa.; 11th-- 10AM, NE Nebraska College, Norfolk, Neb.; 12th--10 AM, Iowa Wesleyan, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and 8PM, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa; 16th-- 7:30 PM, St. Cloud State, St. Cloud, Minn.; 17th-- 8PM, U. of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Ws.; 18th-- 8PM, U. of Wisconsin, Kenosha, Wis. 19th-- 8PM, Colorado State U., Ft. Collins, Colo.; 25th-- 8PM, Nebraska Wesleyan, Lincoln, Neb.; 26th-- 8 PM, NE Louisiana SC, Monroe, La.; 27th-- 8 PM, Monterey Peninsula College, Monterey, Calif.; and the 30th-- 8 pm, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, one of the main speakers on the MUFON symposium to be held in Kansas City in June, addressed the Northwestern University Alumni Club in St. Louis, Feb. 23rd, and David Schroth writes that through the courtesy of Mrs. Dolores Kaufmann, of Edwardsville, Ill., an alumna of Northwestern, arrangements were made for members of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis to attend the meeting, and a number of the group did so. Ted and Ginger Phillips, of Sedalia, Mo., were also present. Joe Brill informs us that Director Walter H. Andrus (MUFON) and several others in the St. Louis area met Dr. Hynek for a breakfast visit and plans for the symposium were discussed. Dr. Hynek appeared on the KMOX-TV 5 o'clock news program and was also a guest on the KXOK radio "Wake Up, St. Louis," program which was taped on Friday and played on Sunday, Feb. 25th. Dr. Hynek was the subject of Jerry Curry's "Science" column in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch on March 7th.

Francis J. Reich, of Kenosha, Wisconsin, and Neal Dickerson appeared on WRJN-AM, Racine to discuss UFOs on a talk show, April 9th.

If you live in the Denver, Colo., area, you might contact Victor E. Leroy, President of the Denver UFO Society. This group organized in 1957 and meets the third Friday of each month at 8 PM in the New Columbine Room, Jefferson Bank and Trust, Corner 14th & Wadsworth Blvd., in Denver and welcome everyone interested. They are now subscribing to SKYLOOK, and we would welcome their UFO reports. Mr. Leroy's address is 2035 West 41st Ave., Denver, Colo. 80211.

Ted Phillips will address the Johnson County Shrin Club, Mission, Kansas, on March 20, and the Western Chapter Missouri Society of Professional Engineers, Kansas City, Mo., April 19, speaking on UFOs. Mr. Phillips is busy helping set up the symposium to be held in Kansas City in June and won't have time to write his Physical Trace articles for SKYLOOK until after the conference. He is also working on the address he will give at the symposium and, judging from the past, this will be one of the highlights of the program.

Just another reminder--the skywatch and Carlyle Lake Picnic will be held July 21-22nd, and we'll have more on that later.

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