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A New Staff Member

The name "Mark Herbstritt" is not a new one to our readers, as he is a monthly contributor to our Astronomy Corner and has written a number of feature articles from time to time, along with sending in news clippings re UFOs. We are proud to announce Mark has accepted our invitation to become a regular staff member of SKYLOOK, and his name will appear in its proper place at the left when our next cover sheets are printed. Mark, who resides at 967 Theresia St., St. Marys, Pa., is 43 and employed as an electrical technician at the Pure Carbon Co. He is an amateur astronomer, an interest which is extremely helpful to his study of ufology. Recently he is doing research in UFO "patterns" and we are holding several of his papers to print at a later date.

We're glad to have you with us, Mark.

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If you need more information on the Midwest UFO Conference to be held in St. Louis, June 12, write or telephone William F. Christian, 758 Lemay Ferry Road, St. Louis, Mo, 63125. Phone - area code 314 - 631-0972 or 272-6719.

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A Message From Your Director

One of the major objectives of MUFON is to saturate the geographical midwestern states with trained and competent Field Investigators, who will respond promptly to UFO sighting reports, conducting interviews and investigations, to obtain "the raw facts."

To this end we are proud to announce the appointment of two new State Section Directors for IOWA; Larry G. Martin, 3015 Decatur, Keokuk, Ia. Telephone: AC 319 524-3235 for Southeast Iowa; and Robert G. Bybee, 819 E. 16th St., Spencer, Iowa 51301, Telephone: AC 712 262-5946 for Northwest Iowa. ILLINOIS extends a welcome to Clarence O. Dargie, 615 W. Jefferson, O'Fallon, Ill. 62269, Telephone: AC 618 632-6570, a new State-Section Director for the East St. Louis-Belleville area. Mrs. Rosetta Holmes, State-Section Director for the Carlyle, Ill., area has been instrumental in helping MUFON achieve its objective in the southwestern portion of Illinois (east of St. Louis) by her untiring efforts and enthusiastic public relations activities.

Astronomy and the study of the UFO phenomena have at times been practically synonymous. Many of the first written recorded reports were made by astronomers in Europe during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Another major addition to the investigative arm of MUFON will be a direct working relationship with Amateur Astronomy Clubs and Societies throughout the midwest, who are interested in volunteering their

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special expertise. Earl F. Watts, 515 Falling Leaves Drive, Duncanville, Texas 75116, Telephone: AC 214 298-1523, Vice President of the Texas Astronomical Society, has volunteered to assist in every way possible for the Dallas, Texas area. John C. Preisack, Asst. Manager of the McDonnell Planetarium in St. Louis, Mo. is MUFON's Consultant in Astronomy. "The Astronomy Corner," a popular SKYLOOK column for several years, has been edited by Ted Phillips, and joined lately by Mark Herbstritt. The value of a strong astronomy research team to the goals of MUFON is obvious. Amateur or professional astronomers, desiring to volunteer their specialized expertise to the investigation of the UFO phenomenon, should write to John C. Preisack, 2683 Baltusrol, Oakville, Mo. 63129 or contact the Director of MUFON.

DATA-NET "The UFO Amateur Radio Network" publication is to be congratulated for its outstanding contribution to the field of UFO research in the United States with the "Special Report" starting in the March 1971 issue titled "Type-1 Phenomena in Spain and Portugal: A Study of 100 Iberic Landings" by Vicente Ballester Olmos and Jacques Vallee. This is the first part of an article devoted to the analysis of a catalog of Iberic landings. As a result of an unprecedented agreement, this study is also being published in France by LDLN, in Spain by STENDEK, and in England by FSR (Flying Saucer Review).

A vote of appreciation and heartfelt thanks is offered to the generous members and friends of MUFON, who have not only volunteered their services, but have effectively contributed monetarily by donating several items essential to the success of the MIDWEST UFO CONFERENCE, MUFON administration, and SKYLOOK.

The March 30th and April 15th MUFON Amateur Radio Communications Section drills under the leadership of Net Control, Ronald Anderson WA9PAM, have become very fruitful as a source of UFO reports and rapid news communications.

The Annual Meeting of MUFON will be held Sunday, June 13, 1971 from 10:00 am to 12 noon at the Holiday Inn - North, in St. Louis, Mo., in conjunction with the MIDWEST UFO CONFERENCE. All State Directors, MUFON Staff, State-Section Directors and Consultants are invited and encouraged to attend. The agenda for our first "Annual Meeting" will be mailed to all participants prior to June 1st.

Walter H. Andrus, Director MUFON

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Midwest UFO Radio Network Schedule - May 1-18; June 2-18; July 4-20.
Frequency: 3975 KHZ plus & minus 5 KHZ. Time: 0100 GMT. Net Control: WA9PAM.

--Ronald M. Anderson, Communications Director

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To Our Readers: Ted Phillips' Catalog of Missouri Cases and Dr. Utke's Series will be continued in the next issue of SKYLOOK. So much good copy has come in this month, we've had to leave out UFO reports and articles by every staff member along with contributed articles by our readers. Somehow--some way, we'll get them in next month! Don't miss an exciting landing report (with occupants) by Ted Phillips (a SKYLOOK exclusive); an intriguing article by Bob Smulling; a two-page San Diego sighting by Allen Benz; an article by Rosetta Holmes; another Hazelcrest Ill. sighting and more. We wanted to get out another special issue, but our budget said no, no and NO! --Ye Ed.

Object With Lights in Triangle Formation Flies Over Quincy

An unidentified flying object with lights in a spread triangle formation flew low and rapidly over Quincy, Ill., Friday night, April 9, 1971. There was no sound and the object was observed and reported by several witnesses.

Victor M. Hubbard of 1602 State Street, Quincy, was getting into his car at a residence at 2020 Broadway (he is an insurance salesman and had made a business call) when he saw three reddish-slightly orange lights approaching from the south-southeast. When first observed the lights were in an extended triangle formation. As they passed directly over Mr. Hubbard, the lights changed their original relationship to each other, then resumed the triangle formation as they proceeded northwest. There was no sound.

The lack of sound and the rapid motion of the object convinced the observer the object could not be any conventional aircraft. The night was clear with a full moon about 65 degrees above the horizon. The three lights, when facing south, were to the immediate right of the moon and Hubbard said each light was about the fifth of the size of the full moon and with the brilliance of the brightest star. Each light had a "fuzzy" outline.

Hubbard went to the Quincy Police Station to report what he had seen and Officer Wilson promptly called Walt Andrus who immediately interviewed Hubbard.

The witness said he could not see any attachment between the three lights or an outline in the dark sky (the sighting was at 10 PM). If they had passed directly over the face of the moon, an outline of an object could have been observed. The three lights gave the impression of a "flying wing," Hubbard said.

The FAA operator at Baldwin Field, 10 miles east of Quincy, stated he knew of no aircraft over the city of Quincy at the time of the sighting. The object would not have passed over Baldwin Field in its course.

Harold Barkley, age 46, an Inspector at the Gardner-Denver Co., was at his home 3/4 mile south of Taylor, Mo. on U.S. 61 at 10 PM and also reported seeing the object and was interviewed by Mr. Andrus, our MUFON Director. Barkley was looking out of a picture window on the north side of his residence when he saw three lights coming in low (too low for a private plane) and moving straight south. He went out the back door for a better view, and the object was then moving east. He reported the red lights being in the triangle shape.

The object passed directly over the house and was observed by Mr. Barkley and his son, Alvin, age 14. The object seemed to be gliding, and there was no sound. The lights were red, but larger than ones seen on a plane. No outline of the object could be observed. The observation was of 10 seconds duration. A half dollar held at arms length would cover the three lights at their closest point to Mr. Barkley.

The sighting was mentioned on KHQA TV in Quincy and reported in "The Herald Whig."

In summing up, Mr. Andrus writes: "After interviewing both Mr. Victor Hubbard and Mr. Harold Barkley, who gave nearly identical stories of their sightings, the likelihood of this being a conventional aircraft is very small. * * * I have been unable to locate any aircraft that has three large red "running lights" and no other obstruction lights such as green and white. At this point in the investigation, it is classified as a UFO."

Come to the Second Annual Midwest UFO Conference to be Held
in St. Louis, Mo., June 12, 1971 - Noted Scientist Stanton T.
Friedman the Featured Speaker - Many Others - Order Tickets NOW

The theme for the second annual Midwest UFO Conference to be held in St. Louis, June 12, is "Unidentified Flying Objects - Defiance to Science" The UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis will host this year's event at the Holiday Inn (North) 4545 N. Lindbergh Blvd. and the Midwest UFO Network cordially invites the public to attend. The Conference will open at 8:00 AM and is programmed through 10:30 PM.

The featured speaker is the nuclear scientist Stanton T. Friedman, from Redondo Beach, California. His subject will be "UFO's--Myth and Mystery." Mr. Friedman has a unique background consisting of 14 years experience in highly specialized fields of advanced technology - being involved with the development of nuclear aircraft and rockets, fusion rockets, and nuclear powerplants for space and earthbound power applications. He has lectured to hundreds of college, professional and lay audiences throughout the United States and Canada since 1967 and is professionally affiliated with the American Physical Society, the American Nuclear Society and the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA). After 12 years of research and investigation of UFO's Mr. Friedman recently stated in SAGA magazine that he is "convinced that the earth is being visited by intelligently controlled vehicles whose origin is extraterrestrial." He stated, "Some of my colleagues admit to thinking we are being visited by extraterrestrials, but are unwilling to express their feelings due to job pressures and fear of criticism."

The complete program follows:

Morning Session

- 9:30-9:35 Welcome to St. Louis - John F. Schuessler, O'Fallon, Mo., Missouri Director for MUFON; Director of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis; editor of the "UFO Potpourri" and staff member of SKYLOOK. Mr. Schuessler will also act as the Conference Moderator.
- 9:35-9:45 Introduction to the Midwest UFO Network - Walter H. Andrus Jr., Director of MUFON and staff member of SKYLOOK.
- 9:45-10:45 "The Aliens" presented by Hayden C. Hewes, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Founder and Director of the International UFO Bureau (IUFEB), Oklahoma City; and MUFON State-Section Director. Mr. Hewes was permitted by special authorization to visit and question the Air Force UFO Investigation Project Bluebook files and was one of six Oklahomans working with the recent Airforce/ University of Colorado \$500,000 UFO Investigation.
- 11:00-12:00 "Documentation: Evidence of Government Concern" by Sherman J. Larsen, Glenview, Ill., MUFON State-Section Director for Chicago, Ill., an active MUFON Field Investigator who has been teaching Adult Education Classes in Chicago suburb high schools on the subject of UFO's for the past three years.

Afternoon Session

- 1:30-2:30 "Landing Traces: Physical Evidence for the UFO" presented by Ted Phillips, Jr., Sedalia, Mo., MUFON Consultant and State-Section Director for Central Missouri; staff member and feature writer for SKYLOOK. Mr. Phillips has amassed data throughout the world on over 257 cases of alleged flying saucer landing sites and related UFO phenomenon.
- 2:30-3:30 "Geomagnetism and UFO Induced Disturbances - An Aid to Detection" presented by William H. Hunkins, Coralville, Iowa;
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MUFON State-Section Director for the Iowa City area. He received his Masters Degree in Library Science and is presently employed in the Government Section of the State University of Iowa library. He is considered an expert in electronic detection devices.

3:45-4:45 "Science, Truth and the UFO" presented by Alexander Calandra, PhD., St. Louis, Mo., Professor of Physics at Washington University and Chairman of the Webster College Science Department. Prof. Calandra is a consultant to the Xerox Corp., the National Science Foundation, the St. Louis Public School System, and host of the CBS-TV Science show "Magic People."

Evening Session

6:30-7:30 Dinner at Holiday Inn (North), 4545 N. Lindberg Blvd., St. Louis, Mo.

8:00-9:30 "UFO's - Myth and Mystery" presented by Stanton F. Friedman.

9:30-10:30 Critique/Panel Discussion composed of all the Conference speakers. A question and answer session on the UFO subject will terminate the Conference program.

A report on the 1971 Midwest UFO Conference will be published and will be available on the day of the Conference. It will include all the speeches made by the Conference speakers as well as others submitting papers. Cost: \$2.75 on June 12th; \$3.00 thereafter.

TICKET INFORMATION: The cut-off date for advance reservations is May 31, 1971. Tickets may be reserved for one or more sessions or for all sessions. Checks should be made payable to: UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, Inc. and mailed to: William F. Christian, 758 Lemay Ferry Road, St. Louis, Missouri, 63115. Use the following application blank to reserve your ticket(s) if you like:

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Check session(s) you wish to attend, and your reserved tickets will be held for you at the reservation desk of the UFO Study Group in the Holiday Inn, June 12, 1971.

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Evening Session, 7:30 - \$1.50

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DO tell your friends about the Midwest UFO Conference. Telephone or call at your local newspaper office to give them a news item about the Conference. Help us to advertise this important event.--Ye Ed.

Unknown Force Lifts Vehicle from Highway

On Nov. 30, 1969 Russell Ator, age 46, X-ray technician, of Quincy, Ill., accompanied by his wife and son, was driving his car on State Highway # 96, 13 miles south of Quincy, when a red, glowing object moved directly over their car, causing the car to rise from the paved highway about 10 inches. The complete report, as written by Walt Andrus who investigated the happening, appeared in the January 1970 issue of SKYLOOK.

Mr. Andrus drove over the segment of highway concerned six times and found no evidence of a dip or bump which would create the sensation of a car rising off the highway, and he believes the Ators are reliable witnesses.

"The above case has greater weight if you consider that it was followed by another on Dec. 19, 1969 at 6:15 a.m.," Mr. Andrus writes. The 1969 Ford pickup truck with a camper installed on the bed, driven by Marvin Mixer, was subjected to a similar force. This occurred on Ellington Road between Columbus Road and 36th Street, in the northeast part of Quincy.

Mixer, an employee of the Moorman Manufacturing Co., was driving about 50 mph on his way to work, proceeding west down a slight incline on a smooth blacktop county highway. He said he felt like he had hit a little bump (there was none found on investigation) when the truck left the road. The first sensation was that the front wheels were simply turning from side to side without any force applied. (He does not have power steering.) The engine raced and the speedometer advanced beyond the 80 mph region. (The speedometer is connected to the drive shaft.) The truck was then dropped to the highway as if he had hit a railroad track crossing at high speed. To his amazement, the camper on the truck, which weighed 300 to 400 lbs., continued straight up to the level of the power lines (28 ft.) as if in slow motion and slowly turned over on its back and settled gracefully on the blacktop road just a short distance behind his truck, which he stopped as soon as possible. The only damage was a broken window glass in the back door of the camper. The camper fit into six stake wells on the pickup truck but had not been bolted down. The camper is 6 ft. wide, 8 ft. long and 30 in. high, and is the same height as the cab roof of the truck. When questioned about the possibility of the camper blowing off, he said that he has driven all summer on expressways at 80 mph with no indications of a problem. (The camper would have to raise at a 90 degree angle to the truck bed since the six stakes fit down into the truck bed rail 1 1/2 ft.)

Marvin first watched the camper raise straight up from the bed of his truck through the large "Westcoast" mirror on his left but after it cleared the truck, he could use his regular rear-view mirror. He likened the motion to a slow speed movie picture. Three fellows driving a 1963 red, 4-door Chevrolet, who work at Electric Wheel Co. (names unknown), were directly behind Marvin and stopped to assist him. The four of them, with difficulty, were able to pick up the camper and insert it back into the six stake holes in the truck bed. The only other damage, besides the broken window glass was a dented chrome strip on the roof as the top of the camper slid to a stop and the electrical wiring in the camper which was severed.

It will be noted there was no report of a UFO being seen in this case. Mixer was so relieved that the camper was not smashed to bits

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Unknown Force, Continued

when it landed on the highway that the thought of a UFO was the farthest thing from his mind and it didn't occur to him to ask the men helping him if they had seen anything unusual in the air.

Later, that evening he telephoned Mr. Andrus to report what had happened because of the possible connection to the Ator case which had been published (without using their names) in the Quincy "Herald Whig."

Following the telephone report, Mr. Andrus went to talk to Mr. Mixer in person. He visited the scene of the incident and examined the truck.

The incident occurred in front of the Lawrence Klauser residence and approximately 100 yards from the high voltage transmission line of Union Electric running from Keokuk, Iowa, to St. Louis, Mo.

"This was either a freak accident or a force of unknown origin was conducting another experiment," Mr. Andrus concludes.

If there was a UFO present creating the force that raised both the truck and camper it was not observed visually as far as is known. If there was an object present, it was not lighted as in the Ator case. At 6:15 a.m. on December 19, it was just starting to get light and a lighted object would have been very visible, he points out. The weather observation at Baldwin Field, Quincy, Ill., at 5:57 a.m. was high broken clouds at 10,000 ft., 15 miles visibility, the wind was 310° (northwest) at 8 knots, temperature 26 and dew point 21, barometric pressure 29.46.

"An object may have been above the clouds and not visible to the drivers of either car," Mr. Andrus writes. "This is pure speculation and must be accepted as such. I had no means of measuring a change in the magnetic field structure of Marvin Mixer's truck as further evidence. There was no visible damage to the paint. The truck was less than six months old. While trying to find further evidence, I noted that Marvin had a flashlight with a permanent magnet attached, clinging to the underside of the steel dashboard in the truck cab. I asked Marvin where his flashlight was after this incident. He said that in order to sweep up the broken glass on the highway, he went back to his truck to get the flashlight and found that it had become dislodged from the dashboard and was lying under the right front portion of the seat on the floor. I quizzed him concerning if it had ever fallen off when he hit rough bumps on any other occasion. He said that he has gone over rough railroad tracks, etc., but it had never been dislodged previously. This was only a weak clue but the only significant factor that I could obtain as evidence that a strong magnetic field may have been present to nullify the strength of the magnet. His engine performed normally and the headlights were not affected. He does not have a radio in his truck."

We have one more case to add to the many reports of large objects being lifted off the ground by some unknown force.

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Editor of SAGA Asks for Conference Report

Martin M. Singer, editor of SAGA, has asked Rosetta Holmes, MUFON representative and SKYLOOK staff member, to turn in a report of the highlights of the upcoming Midwest UFO Conference to be held in St. Louis, June 12th. In a recent letter to Mrs. Holmes, he stated he would like to attend the Conference himself, but fears he may be unable to do so because of having to cope with a reduced staff during vacation schedules.

UFO Sighted at Breese, Ill.

An unidentified flying object was sighted by a number of Breese, Ill. residents between 7:30 and 8 o'clock, Tuesday night, March 30, 1971.

Mike and Harold Meyer, teen-age sons of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Meyer, Sr., who live near Shephard Engineering, reported to the "Breese Journal" that they saw the UFO before 8 p.m. and then used a telescope to observe it. After a report of the sighting appeared in the "Journal" April 1st, the boys were interviewed by Clarence Dargie, of O'Fallon, Ill., and Rosetta Holmes, of Carlyle, Ill.

Harold Meyer, 13, was first to see the object. He stepped outside to empty some trash and saw the object. He ran inside to tell his brother Mike, age 14, and to get a telescope. Both boys ran outdoors to watch the object which was in view for about an hour and a half. During this period the boys were joined by their sixteen year old sister, Debbie and a cousin and neighbor, Rodney Meyer, 18.

When first observed, the object was southwest of Breese at an elevation of about 50 degrees above the horizon. It moved northwest, then east of Breese where it hovered for about 15 minutes. It then descended very slowly to a point close to the ground, then ascended rapidly to its original altitude. It then moved slowly out of sight behind some trees, only to reappear again at its original position southwest of town. It repeated its original course four more times.

Harold stated that his attention was caught by a high-pitched whine which caused him to look around and then up to locate the source of the sound. He then saw the UFO and said the sound ceased in a minute or two. The witnesses described the object as being oval, or egg-shaped, with a blinking red light on one end and a white light on the other. There was a protruding ring around the horizontal axis. No other unusual features were seen. It was a clear night with moon and stars visible.

Rodney Meyer telephoned the editor of the "Journal" and stated he called back later, asking for more information and stating he had also seen the object.

The telescope used was a TASCOS Model 5VTE, 60x60 MM (variable) with coated optics.

Mr. Dargie, who sent us the report, writes that both he and Mrs. Holmes were favorably impressed by the boys who are "bright and alert youngsters (not long-haired hippies) who were sincere and straightforward in their account." They also talked to Debbie, with the same reaction.

Springfield, Mo., Couple See High Speed UFO

On March 26, 1971, at about 2210 CST, the witnesses, Mr. and Mrs. "X", witnessed a rather unusual object some 8 miles east of Springfield. The witnesses live on a farm and the conditions for observing the heavens are ideal. The night was clear and Mrs. X was closing a window located on the south side of their home when she observed a very bright, reddish-orange light which she first thought was a star. It was so bright, however, she called her husband's attention to it. As they both watched, it suddenly moved about 30 degrees to the west at a high rate of speed. It stopped, hovered for about 30 seconds, then moved away at a high speed towards the northwest and disappeared into the distance in a very short time. The entire observation lasted about 2 minutes. Credit: Ted Phillips, who adds, "As the witnesses are very close relatives and UFO skeptics, I can certainly vouch for their reliability."

More on January 31st Sighting (See March and April issues of SKYLOOK)

Due to lack of space, we will not review the sighting thought to be a UFO or Apollo 14. We are now glad to have a letter from Charley B. Parker, of the Mission Control Center, at Houston, Texas, written to Earl F. Watts, of Duncanville, Texas, which confirms the sighting to be related to the Apollo 14 mission. We are grateful to Mr. Watts for providing a copy of the letter, more than two pages in length, and appreciate the cooperation from NASA.

We also received a report from Art Epstein and Wm. Christian, stating that David Hillesheim, a mail carrier, of Freeburg, Ill., his wife and two other observers also saw the object described in the previous reports. We are glad to turn this UFO into an IFO.

Observer Signals UFO--Lights Flash

Edward J. Hicks, his wife and two teen age daughters, were driving in central downtown St. Louis, Mo., about 8 PM, July 14, 1967. It was still partial daylight, and they observed a disc-shaped object moving slowly in the sky. It was too far away to determine any sound, and no rotor blades (such as a helicopter) were seen. Tall buildings obscured further viewing and the sighting was over in about ten seconds. Hicks said the object had two big, bright searchlights shining down at about a 45 degree angle. He estimated the object to be approximately over the Venice Generating Plant on the Illinois side of the Mississippi river, about two miles away.

Later, that same night, the Hicks family and friends had finished watching the Miss America Pageant on TV and Mr. Hicks was going to escort his daughters' friends home. It was 10:30 o'clock. He picked up a flashlight as they went out the door. The stars were out and the sky was clear. As they glanced up, they saw a row of 12 to 15 orangish-red lights floating in a straight line, equal distance apart, approximately fifty to seventy feet overhead. They were floating from the east to the west. No noise was heard.

Mr. Hicks called his wife to come view the lights and she then telephoned her sister, some five blocks away, and she and her family went outside to watch.

Jokingly, Mr. Hicks said, "I will signal them." He aimed his flashlight at the row of sky lights and they immediately went out. In their place another group of white lights appeared, apparently somewhat below the orange lights. The second set of lights was in the shape of an elongated U, containing approximately 30 lights. At this time a humming noise, like an electric generator was heard from the object overhead.

Mr. Hicks, an electrical engineer, with the Public Utilities Co., resides at 10633 Lavinia Drive, Concord Village, St. Louis County, Mo. He reported this sighting on Feb. 21, 1971 to Art Epstein, of the SKYLOOK staff.

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1966 Close-Range Sighting in Southeastern Missouri-----Lou Farish

During the Spring of 1966, when Michigan residents were seeing UFOs (or "swamp gas" if you believe Dr. Hynek's version), other equally interesting sightings were taking place in Missouri and other states.

One 1966 report, from Benton, Mo., has only recently come to my attention, thanks to my good friend, Mildred Higgins, who is now residing in Benton.

The exact date for the sighting is not known, but we do know it was in the "active" period, i.e. Spring of 1966. The witness, Sadie Hagar, of Benton, was returning from a church service between 10:00 and 10:30 p.m. I will quote from Mrs. Higgins' letter to me, following her interview of the witness:

"The church is in Benton about 2 or 2½ miles from their/the Hagers' farm. As she was driving home over the gravel road, she noticed ahead of her but off to the left a red light or two, low in the air. Her first thought was that it was a low plane and she would keep her eye on it. It got closer and she thought it was getting closer to her, but soon realized that she was getting closer to it. Suddenly, she saw that it was just down the road in front of her--between her and her home--very low, hovering over the road. (A couple weeks ago when Sadie . . . told me something of her sighting. . . I had asked how far above the road the UFO was and she said about as high as a telephone pole. Yesterday date of interview, though, she said, no, it wasn't even that high. She knew as she drove under it that had she been standing on top of her car, she could have reached up and touched it. She is about six feet tall with her shoes on. And she declares that it was no wider than the road. She realized at once that it was no airplane and immediately she reached over and snapped the lock on the car door opposite her. This was weird and she was frightened. She knew that she would either have to stop the car, (attempt) to turn around in the country road--or run on under it.

"Since she wasn't about to stop the car, she stepped on the gas and went ahead. As she went under it, her headlights lit up its belly so that she could see it was metal (shiny) and was colored a slate grey (the color that would make you think it belonged to the Navy if it belonged to our government at all). It curved up at both ends, saucer-like or "football-like" and the red lights (one at either end) glowed an orange-red but did not send any rays downward. There was absolutely no noise! The red lights at the ends of the "ship" seemed to be up above it somewhat as though extended on metal pipes or arms or something. Now she really tore out and said she bet she made that curve at about 100mph. (I don't know if she meant her driveway or some previous curve. I did not ask her to come show me the exact spots where each thing happened.) Anyway, she never saw it again after she drove under it and looked up, but she felt as though it were following immediately above her. She said she was blaring her horn for her husband as she drove into the driveway. He came out, they looked all round and nothing was to be seen. After this, she phoned the sheriff and he and his deputy came out to search if anything had crashed."

The red lights extended on pipes or arms certainly reminds one of the UFO reported by Betty and Barney Hill in their now-famous "interrupted journey." I asked Mrs. Higgins to ascertain whether or not Mrs. Hagar had suffered any "time lapses" as did the Hills. She had not.

A Correction--and More Information on Oklahoma Sighting

In the April 1971 issue of SKYLOOK, we reported a UFO seminar held in Oklahoma City Feb. 27-28, and quoting two Oklahoma newspapers (see article).

Dr. R. Cedric Leonard, Anthropology Consultant to the International UFO Bureau, headquarters at Oklahoma City, writes us concerning the sighting by Dr. Eula Page, mentioned in the report. We quote: "It reports that she stopped and observed a humanoid shape covered with fur." This information is incorrect. I think the newspapers might have printed it this way also.

"Dr. Page's sighting was very similar to the one reiterated on page 12 of the same issue of 'Skylook' by Ted Phillips. It was a glowing sphere, large, which hovered over her car so low she feared it might hit the radio antenna of her automobile. (She had parked just off the highway and had stepped out of her car to watch; her children, a boy and a little girl, watched from inside the car.) This sphere also had a large window through which she observed four occupants. Two of them were walking about, sometimes turning their backs to her and taking readings from the "computer-like" wall behind them. (This wall curved with the inner shape of the saucer.) Two of them remained at the large window observing her. They were not over 5 or 6 feet from her. They were humanoid, had no fur, had tight-fitting uniforms, and slightly "oriental" eyes. Her boy noticed, from the ones with their backs turned, that they had hair on their heads much like ours. In the excitement no one noticed the exact features of the nose or mouth of these beings, the eyes demanded their attention. In my own estimation, after discussing her sighting for hours on several occasions (Mr. Hewes and myself both have full reports filled out separately by her and her children, along with separate drawings), these beings were most similar to Type II, which is most earth-like.

"I have known Dr. Page almost all my life--she is a very serious person--and she is most distressed that the information has become confused. Since her sighting might be picked up and repeated in flying saucer publications, you could do her (and UFO research in general) a great service by printing a corrected version of her sighting in a conspicuous place in your magazine. Her credentials could make her a prime target for criticism, and efforts to keep the facts straight should be rewarding for all UFO researchers in the future. With all good wishes, I am:

Sincerely,
R. Cedric Leonard "

We are happy to correct the error re the "fur" and grateful to Dr. Leonard for giving us the corrected version of Dr. Page's sighting. Mr. Hewes, referred to in the letter, is Hayden C. Hewes, Director of the International UFO Bureau and a State-Section Director for MUFON. He will be one of the speakers at the Midwest UFO Conference to be held in St. Louis, June 12th, and his subject will be "The Aliens."

WANTED: NEXUS (Moseley) No. 1 to 9; SAUCER NEWS (Moseley) No. 14, 16 to 23, 27, 43 to 58, and 63; FLYING SAUCERS (Palmer) No. 1 to 3, 5, 7, 15 to 17, 26 and 40. Mark R. Herbstritt, 967 Theresia St., St. Marys, Pa. 15857

It was Sunday the 28th of February, 1971. My wife was in Santa Barbara, diving for lobster. My son was busy with his newspaper route and my daughter was playing with friends and neighbors. I decided to take a motorcycle ride to Bodega and Bodega Bay, location for the Alfred Hitchcock movie "The Birds."

The weather was clear and sunny with some clouds. The temperature in the low forties and the wind was from the west at 25 to 50 Km per hour with gusts as high as 65! I dressed warmly. I planned my route as follows--Hiway 101 south to hiway 237 going east. I would then take hiway 17 north to the town of San Raphael to meet 101 going north. I would then travel 101 to 116 going west. This would take me to the two Bodegas.

Packed my binoculars in my tank bag. My camera was out of film, and I left it behind. At about 11:00 a.m. I left for my destination.

From my home to the junction of Hiway 237 and 17 the traffic was light and I made good time. Once I got on 17 however I found the hiway traffic very heavy. Many campers, Sunday drivers and tourists filled the two-lane hiway. Because of this, I was touring about 100 Kms per hour.

As I passed through Fremont, I casually looked up and was surprised to see two sailplanes being towed to their altitudes. Because of the wind condition I had not expected any soaring for this day. All four aircrafts were well in front of me, so I was able to glance at them occasionally. As I passed the General Motors assembly plant, the hiway widened to three lanes. The traffic was still heavy and the wind fast. I chose the center lane and continued at about 100 Km per hour. Soon I neared the small city of Hayward. About two or three kilometers of the small Hayward airport, I glanced at the private aircrafts around the area. Suddenly to my direct left I saw a small twin engine aircraft diving sharply; in front of it, perhaps 100 meters I saw a most unusual object. The aircraft was smaller than a C-25. Probably a six to eight passenger type. This aircraft was perhaps 150 meters above the hiway. The object was keeping the same distance from the plane and was also diving.

Because of the heavy traffic and the wind condition I was able to keep my eyes on this for perhaps only four seconds. The object appeared to be two brilliant spheres each about 30 centimeters wide, separated by the same distance with a hazy connection in between that trailed behind. The leading sphere was a brilliant red and the following sphere was a brilliant blue. I should mention that at the time I was wearing a face shield that was tinted yellow. This filter tends to make the green color appear blue, therefore the color of the trailing sphere could actually have been green. The only thing that I can compare their brilliancy to is a laser originated light.

My next thought was to get off the hiway so that I could observe this better but was unable to move to the right lane. I again looked at the above sight. Both the aircraft and the object were now to my left and to my rear, making observation more difficult. The plane was now leveling off and so was the object, still in front of the plane and still at the same distance.

Again I gauged the traffic and now was able to make my way to the right lane. I took another look behind me and to my left and saw again both the plane and the object. The plane now was almost directly behind me, much further, of course, and the object still appearing at the

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Personal Observation, Continued

same distance in front of it.

I now was finally able to get off the hiway, stop on the shoulder of the road and park. Dismounting from my machine I again looked back and now was able only to make the tail of the plane. I no longer saw the strange object. The aircraft was now a good three kilometers behind me. It was now flying level and about 3000 meters of altitude. I did not get the chance to see the registry of the plane, nor was I looking for it as I tried to concentrate on the object itself. I immediately wrote everything that I observed on my map.

Still parked on the side of the hiway I scanned the sky. Because of the wind condition there were many kites flying. I counted fifty and then stopped counting. They were of many shapes. Some were the standard triangle, some were big and circular and some were boxes etc. None resembled the brilliant object that I had seen. One also must remember that the object kept pace with the plane and therefore was traveling at least 150 kilometers per hour. Because the wind was at the most at a velocity of 65, it could not have been a kite. Besides, I have never seen any kite of such brilliance. Both balls appeared connected with some hazy white item. The balls also were hazy around their edges.

I wrote down as much as I could, drew some rough sketches and then continued on my way. Meanwhile the heavy traffic continued around me, unaware of this strange thing.

I crossed the Sam Raphael bridge and stopped at a restaurant for coffee. Here I again wrote everything that I could remember and compared it with what I had previously written. It tallied.

Upon return home I made several experiments to try to duplicate what I had seen. I was unsuccessful. Sunlight reflected from a mirror onto my face shield produced only a distorted brilliant white flash. A reflection to appear on my face shield would have to originate inside, that is from something shiny on my face. This was not possible. Shining a flashlight with a green filter on my yellow face shield produced a blue light.

I have had occasion to work with a helium-neon laser. This produced a reddish brilliancy that compares favorably with the light that I saw. I do not know what the item that I saw was; but the fact that I did see something strange is beyond doubt.

Editor's Note: Mike Jaffe, as most of our readers know, is the Control of Data-Net, a UFO Amateur Radio Network, and he resides at 624 Farley St., Mountain View, Calif. Mike and Jo Clark get out DATA-NET REPORT, the official publication of Data-Net. The subscription is \$4 per year (it's monthly) and well worth the price. The March issue has a very special report of which Mike and Jo are justly proud--Part I of "A Study of 100 Iberic Landings" by Vicente Ballester Olmos and Jacques Vallee. Each case is taken up individually, and the series will continue until all are covered. This study is also being published in France, Spain and England. This is truly fascinating reading, and we suggest you subscribe to DATA-NET REPORT, being sure to ask for your subscription to begin with the March issue so you won't miss any of this series.

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"UFO's and Diamagnetism" - A Book Review by John F. Schuessler

Unidentified flying objects, the subject of continual controversy in social and scientific circles, remains controversial because the scientific community has not provided a satisfactory explanation for the well-known antics of the evasive disks. All previous theories have dealt with a single facet of the UFO phenomena.

Eugene H. Burt presents a new and unproven theory in his book "UFO's and Diamagnetism" that envisions a total explanation to the many and varied aspects of UFO activity.

His theory is one in which the magnetic fields developed by positive electrical charges are visualized to be "inverted" when compared to the magnetic fields developed by electrons. A repulsive force between positive charges and electrons is hypothesized, inversely proportional to the distance cubed between opposite electrical charges. This concept also agrees with scientific observations of diamagnetism, for diamagnetic materials are said to have negative magnetic susceptibility.

Mr. Burt has offered more than a mere theory, he has provided an hypothesis that can be tested, and even suggests some selected test methods. His knowledge of science, the UFO enigma, and writing expertise is evidenced by the logical flow of data presented in the book.

The layman and UFO buff will be most interested in the answers and explanations given for typical UFO oriented questions. The obvious need for more than one type of craft is explained; some are for planetary exploration, while others are for interstellar travel. The working theory for each type of craft is described and explained. The reader is not expected to blindly accept the fact the vehicles exist; he may investigate the logic, the theory, and the data and draw his own conclusion.

The inverted magnetic field of the UFO and its interaction with conventional magnetic fields poses a possible explanation for the many unexplained power failures; from the automobile to whole cities. Even the reason that power failure is not associated with every UFO is suggested.

Sounds associated with UFO's; the whine, the rush of air, the beep-beep, and even the sonic boom or lack of sonic boom all have a place in Mr. Burt's theory. The repulsion of air molecules in all directions from the craft would prevent compression of molecules necessary to cause a sonic boom, while providing a sound insulating barrier, a vacuum immediately surrounding the craft. His explanations of the strange sounds that have been reported throughout UFO history all support the inverted magnetic field theory.

The physical hazard experienced by observers that have been burned or otherwise harmed, the agitation of animals by forces not felt by humans; and even the unusual aerodynamic antics are well explained.

He criticizes scientists for their complete rejection of UFO data and for their fear to delve into that vast mystery. The data has been available for years and the files grow day by day, but go untouched by the majority of scientists; some because of fear for their position, while scientific prejudice keeps others away.

Mr. Burt concludes that the knowledge he has gained and faith in the fellow man; even prominent individuals who risk their positions to report UFO's, convinces him that credible witnesses exist, and in great numbers. Their observations have led him to the conclusion that UFO's are of extraterrestrial origin.

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Book Review-continued

UFO'S AND DIAMAGNETISM is the first of its kind, a book of specialization, guaranteed to titillate and challenge the capabilities of the scientist, while providing stimulating reading to anyone interested in UFO's.

Editor's Note: This book was mentioned briefly in "In Others' Words" in the February issue of SKYLOOK, and Mr. Schuessler wrote this review at the request of Lucius Farish. The book is published by Exposition Press Inc., 50 Jericho Turnpike, Jericho, N. Y. 11753; price, \$5.00.

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Forthcoming Book by Dr. Hynek

By Lucius Farish

Various rumors have been afloat in UFO circles for some months with regard to Dr. J. Allen Hynek's first book. I have recently received a copy of a letter to David Schroth of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, from Mr. Charles N. Heckelmann, Senior Editor of Cowles Book Company, Inc. Mr. Heckelmann is the Editor-in-Charge of the forthcoming Hynek book and his letter provides some definite information concerning the volume. I am most grateful to Mr. Schroth for allowing me to quote from the letter.

"The present title is UFO'S AS A HUMAN EXPERIENCE. We expect to publish the book in August, 1971. The retail price will probably be \$5.95 although the eventual determination of the price will depend upon the final length of the manuscript when Dr. Hynek delivers it to us." The letter goes on to state the book will open with some data on how the book came to be written and why Dr. Hynek thinks the general public should be informed and with "a further note on man's complacent unawareness of the scope of things not yet known plus a general assessment of the problem itself."

There will be a chapter on the UFO experience in which "Dr. Hynek will state that there is no question but that the serious, articulate witness regards his UFO experience as having been a real event."

There will be a survey of the contents of UFO reports with "their similarities and their differences to determine if any clear pattern exists . . . a discussion of the UFO witness as contrasted to the UFO report . . . what kinds of people make UFO reports and how their credibility may be judged--how many are crackpots and how many are trained observers."

Dr. Hynek will explore the extraterrestrial hypothesis, UFO clubs and their organizations, the fanatics, the hoaxters, and the Air Force cover up hypothesis, and the scientific problem of the UFO.

A full chapter will be devoted to the Air Force and the UFO and the life and times of Project Blue Book, and there will be some personal reminiscences. Another section will deal with easily identified known objects which are often reported as UFOs.

Other topics which Dr. Hynek will cover in his book are strange lights that come and go in the night, silver disks and "cigars" in the daytime sky, close encounters with UFOs, UFOs that leave impressions on the land as well as a variety of experiences involving UFOs and their apparent effect on automobiles and on animals.

"The tricky humanoid 'occupant' will be discussed," the letter continues, and "there will be a chapter dealing with radar and UFO science and the UFO and UFOs and the future."

Sounds interesting and we hope to have a full review for SKYLOOK readers shortly after the August publication date.

Continuing their policy of presenting accurate and interesting UFO material, the NATIONAL ENQUIRER has recently featured Ohio UFO reports (April 11 issue) and sightings of UFOs by celebrities Buddy Rich, Arthur Godfrey, Sammy Davis Jr. and Muhammad Ali (April 18 issue).

Another weekly tabloid has begun a series of articles dealing with the recent UFO symposium held in Oklahoma City. Beginning in the April 11 issue, NATIONAL TATTLER's David A. Edwards presents the opinions of various Oklahoma UFO researchers and other investigators. The series will continue through the issue of April 25--perhaps longer.

The May issue of SAGA contains an article by Stanton T. Friedman and B. Ann Slate, dealing with the Air Force document, PROJECT BLUE BOOK SPECIAL REPORT #14. Once officially "unavailable" to the public, this report was privately printed and has been through four editions thus far.

An excellent article by B. Ann Slate appears in the May issue of FATE. Titled "The Great UFO 'Ride'", it deals not with trips to other planets, but with the "rides" given to unwary "believers" by various space-age con men. Prominently featured are "Rev" Frank Stranges, Wesley and JoNell Bateman and Mel Noel.

John Keel's article in the June issue of TRUE ACTION concerns UFOs and the CIA. Apparently written some time ago, it discusses the history of CIA involvement with the UFO enigma.

Allen Benz informs me that the June issue of OCCULT carries an article by Harold Oliver, "UFOs: Apparitions of the Air?". Again, this particular magazine hasn't appeared on my local stands as yet, so I can't comment on it, although I do thank Allen for his help. I might add that I would appreciate info on any magazine articles which may come to SKYLOOK readers' attention, especially articles appearing in "specialized" publications.

The theory than Man may be a "hybrid" between native Earth races and beings from "elsewhere" has been discussed in this column previously. The theory has much to recommend it and I have just had the pleasure of reading a quite interesting book which presents this idea in fictional form. Although science-fiction is not our "bag" in SKYLOOK, Nat Dring's book, THE EARTH IS YOUR SPACESHIP (Space Age Press, Ltd.-3017 Lubbock St., P. O. Box 11448, Ft. Worth, Texas 76109 - \$1.89) is a bit different. In addition to presenting a quite readable story, as told by a hypothetical extraterrestrial visitor, Dring includes notes and illustrations detailing geological, anthropological and mythological evidences of the "hybrid" theory. I think you will find it well worth your attention. [Editor's Comment: Science fiction can be fascinating reading, and sometimes the fiction writer "gets there" first. How about "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea" as just one example!]

Another recent book dealing with ancient space visitors and the possibility of highly advanced prehistoric civilizations is Robert Cherroux's ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND YEARS OF MAN'S UNKNOWN HISTORY. It is similar in content to recent books by Erich von Daniken and other authors but Cherroux includes material which I have not seen presented elsewhere. Originally published in France in 1963 and only recently translated into English, the book is available for 95¢ from Berkley Publishing Corp., 200 Madison Ave., N. Y., N.Y. 10016.

James W. Moseley, former publisher of SAUCER NEWS, tells of his background in UFO research in a new book, THE WRIGHT FIELD STORY (Saucerian Books, Box 2228, Clarksburg, W. Va., 26301 - \$4.95).

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In Others' Words, Continued

Moseley relates his experiences with contactees, his efforts to track down tales of crashed UFOs, theories of Earth-made saucers and many other rather interesting stories in the book. Although much of the material was apparently compiled some years ago, it is still pertinent to today's UFO research.

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Addresses Rotary Club

Mrs. Rosetta Holmes, of Carlyle, Ill., and Clarence Dargie, of O'Fallon, Ill., were guest speakers at the Lebanon (Ill.) Rotary Club, April 14th. Mrs. Holmes, who needs no introduction to our readers, gave MUFON, the Ham Radio Network and SKYLOOK some publicity and told of some UFO sightings in the Carlyle area. Mr. Dargie, a retired Air Force man and formerly assigned to the Air Research and Development Command's Geophysics Labs in Massachusetts, now a student at Belleville Area College, spoke of UFO sightings from Biblical times to the present, including some which occurred when he was in the Air Force.

John Schuessler Speaks to High School Group

John F. Schuessler, Director of the UFO Study Club of Greater St. Louis and State Director (Mo.) for MUFON, was invited to speak at the Highland High auditorium, Highland, Ill., Sunday afternoon at 1 PM, April 18th. "The Highland News Leader" gave the program front page coverage in its April 14 issue, including a photo of Mr. Schuessler and giving his background as senior design engineer at McDonnell-Douglas in St. Louis and his ufological affiliations.

"The program is the first of its kind ever to be presented in Highland, and the intrigue of life possibly existing on other planets, and of flying saucers being something other than imaginary objects, would indicate more than average interest in the program, especially since it is to be presented by a man with Mr. Schuessler's space credentials" the "News Leader" stated.

Walt Andrus on WILY Radio

Walter H. Andrus, of Quincy, Ill., Director of MUFON, will appear on the WILY radio "Hot Line" program, Monday, April 26, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Unidentified flying objects will be the subject of the question and answer type program with listeners telephoning the station.

To Address Lodge

Mr. Schuessler will speak on UFOs at a meeting of the Brandeis Lodge, B. B. at the Boom-Boom room of the Strikes & Sparer Alleys, Lindberg & Schuetz Roads (St. Louis area, we assume) April 21st, 8:30 P.M.

Speaks at Planetarium

April has been a busy month for John Schuessler. In addition to the speaking engagements mentioned above, he also gave an illustrated lecture on UFOs at the McDonnell Planetarium in St. Louis, Sunday afternoon, April 4th. The program was well attended and a great deal of interest shown. He discussed the aspects of specialization and education as related to the UFO phenomena, pointing out the application of the scientific method will leave "the kooks and hoaxers as a thing of the past."

Quincy Daily Herald, April 14, 1897

THE AIRSHIP EXPLODES
Reports That It Burst Sunday
Night Near Kalamazoo

Fragments of It Found on the Ground--Wisconsin People Think It Is
An Advertising Scheme of the Ringling Brothers' Circus--A Lot of
Balloons.

Kalamazoo, Mich., April 14--People of Pavillion have made some startling reports, and, if true, then the much talked-of airship was not only a reality, but is now a thing of the past. George W. Somers and William Chadburn, old soldiers, claim to have seen the ship on Sunday evening, when they remained up until a late hour in attendance upon a sick horse. The descriptions given by them are somewhat at variance, but both agree in the assertion that the apparition was illuminated at both ends and moved through space with wonderful rapidity. They had scarcely time for their observations when a dull explosion was heard and the object disappeared. They declare the report to have been like that of heavy ordinance and to have been immediately succeeded by a distant sound of projection flying through the air. Wondering greatly, they proceeded to the house, where they passed an excited and sleepless night.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace say they heard the explosion distinctly, but thought it was thunder. But the discoveries of the morning are sufficient to establish the veracity of the two actual observers. In one place, two miles from Scott's, there was found a large coil of heavy wire, evidently a part of some electric appliance. At another point a propellor blade of some very light material was discovered in a partially fused condition.

Three men engaged in shingling a barn in Comstock Township affirm that, upon resuming work on the morning following the occurrence, they found their completed work covered with minute fragments which had in some instances penetrated the shingles and entered the boards beneath.

Madison, Wisc., April 14--The airship problem has been solved. It isn't a star, but its promoters may take credit for being orbs of the first magnitude in the matter of advertising. Railroad men who reached Madison report that the much-talked of aerial machine was seen at Baraboo, and that as the sky was thoroughly overcast with clouds, there was no Alpha Orinnis about it. It first appeared over the east end of the city, and after drifting westward a mile, sailed back again and hovered over the winter quarters of Ringling Brothers' circus. Suspicion was at once aroused that the airship was nothing other than a clever well-devised and better-executed advertising scheme of the circus men. It was recalled then that one of the Ringling Brothers had been in Baraboo Sunday and had taken some large and mysterious bundles from the train to the winter quarters. It was further recalled that he was seen about the city little during the day and that more than usual life was manifested in the big buildings down on the river front. It was then remembered that the ship of the air made its appearance in Chicago almost simultaneously with the advent to that city of the Ringlings, and

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1997 Airship, Continued

that Omaha, Des Moines and other points where it has been seen are already marked out for the circus next summer. The western spheion of its orbit, if such it may be called, was rather significantly over the winter quarters of the Gollmar circus, an institution owned by cousins of the Ringlings.

To the skeptical observers at Baraboo, the "airship" had the appearance of being controlled from the two circus grounds, about a mile apart. In the evening a heavy rain came on, and this had the effect of completely obscuring the strange aerial visitor and preventing the people from noting its later movements. The belief cannot be dissipated from the minds of Baraboo people that Mr. Ringling, who made a flying visit to their city Sunday, knows more about the matter than he had told even to his friends. They are of the opinion that the "airship" was a succession of balloons or something of that kind, which were aimed to prey upon the curiosity of an incredulous public to the end that shining half dollars would pour into the big wagon where tickets for the "big show" are sold.

Editor's Note: The tale is not told! See the next issue of SKYLOOK.

Opinion Poll Shows Scientists' Interest in UFOs

"Industrial Research Magazine" in their April 1971 issue published the results of a UFO opinion poll participated in by 2,700 scientists --with more than 27% of the 2,700 having PhD degrees and another 26% with masters degrees in addition to 47% with BS degrees.

While only 8% of the respondents claimed to have observed a UFO, 51% believe that UFOs exist with only 31% feeling they do not. A surprising 32% feel that UFOs originate in outer space; 27% cite natural phenomena as the cause; and only 0.6% consider UFOs a development from behind the iron curtain. Most of the survey participants believe the government is withholding information on UFOs and 80% feel the Condon Report was not definitive.

Source: "Industrial Research" - Credit: Walt Andrus and Hayden C. Hewes

Hayden C. Hewes to Lecture in Texas

The "Canadian UFO Report," a Canadian ufozine, will sponsor San Antonio, Texas' first UFO lecture, Monday, May 31st, at 7:00-9:00 P.M. in the Mission Room of the Convention Center. The speaker will be Hayden C. Hewes, and his subject will be "The Aliens' Observation of Earth."

Additional information re Mr. Hewes is given in the program of the Midwest UFO Conference elsewhere in SKYLOOK, as Mr. Hewes also appears on the MUFON program. He has recently been named as a contributing editor to "Canadian UFO Report" and he writes for other publications as well.

Admission to the lecture is \$2.00. Tickets at the door. For any further information or appearance interviews, contact Mr. Hewes at 2705 N. Hudson, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73103. Telephone AC: 405 525-7784

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THE ASTRONOMY CORNER

The May Sky

By Ted Phillips

Venus is still seen in the eastern sky during the early morning hours--on May 1st it rises at about 3:50 a.m. and at 3:20 a.m. on June 1st. Mars, gaining in brightness, may be seen rising in the south-southeast at 12:50 a.m. May 1st and 11:40 p.m. on June 1st. It might be well to remember that Mars will be an exceptionally brilliant object from about July 1st through August. It will be seen in the low south at that time.

Jupiter is seen throughout most of the evening, rising at 9:00 p.m. and will be setting at 3:50 a.m. by June 1st. (All time given is CST.) The ringed planet Saturn is not well placed for observation from May 1st through the month as it sets just after sunset.

The Constellations. No. 6. Virgo

By Mark Herbstritt

Virgo means "The Virgin." In most of the ancient star maps, a woman is depicted in this part of the heavens, usually with a sheaf of wheat in her arms. Virgo has been Ceres and Proserpine to the Greeks; Isis to the Egyptians; Ishtar to the Babylonians. The Chinese named the constellation "The Frigid Woman." The Peruvians called it "The Earth's Mother." To the Romans she was Rhea, daughter of Sky and Earth. The Arabs called the constellation "The Innocent Maiden." Although the Arab astronomers could not possibly have known it, this region has countless distant galaxies that are now known to be clustered--the great field of Coma-Virgo.

Virgo is the second largest constellation and is 1300 square degrees in extent. The brightest star is Spica (Latin for "The ear of wheat.") Spica is a white, first magnitude star and it dominates the constellation.

Latest Moon Rocks May be Oldest

The scientists at the Houston Space Center say the moon chunks gathered by astronauts Alan B. Shepard Jr. and Edgar D. Mitchell during the Apollo 14 mission may be the oldest lunar samples returned to earth. There are fragments of several types of rocks fused together by meteorite impacts billions of years ago and may be part of the original lunar crust.

One of the samples that escaped the battering was a gem-like sphere that is "too pretty" to be scarred by testing and will be stored for safekeeping, according to Dr. Howard Wilshire, a lunar geologist. Source: Erie, Pa. "Times." Credit, Mark Herbstritt

X-ray Source Found in Space

Discovery of a powerful source of X-rays in deep space trillions of miles beyond the Milky Way has been announced by the Navy, which terms it a "major scientific discovery." Detected by rocket-lofted instruments, the X-rays were described as coming from the bailliwick of a constellation 1,200 trillion miles from the earth and packing the combined radiating energy of 10 trillion stars the size of the sun. The energy output makes this x-ray source the second most powerful of all known celestial objects, scientists said. It is believed the X-ray discovery will provide important clues toward unraveling the enigma of the quasars. Source: Arkansas Gazette, March 20, 1971. Credit, Lou Farish.

BEFORE

By Lucius Farish

No. 14 in a series of pre-1947 UFO reports.

From the Winter 1954 issue of the CSI (Los Angeles) QUARTERLY BULLETIN:

1918 Sighting--This took place at Rich Field, just outside of Waco, Texas. It was in the first few months, of 1918, but I don't recall the exact date. It was just after sunset. There was no wind and no after-glow from the sun; just a twilight and no clouds.

As we were coming from the mess hall after our meal we suddenly saw approaching the camp what seemed to be a zeppelin at first glance. It was at least 100 or possibly 150 feet long. It came directly overhead and was not more than 500 feet high, so we got an excellent view of it. It had no motors, no rigging, and it was noiseless. It seemed to know where it was going, steering from SW to NE. It was not white, but a rose or sort of flame color. It could be said to have been cigar shaped. I saw no windows although there could have been some. E. T. B.

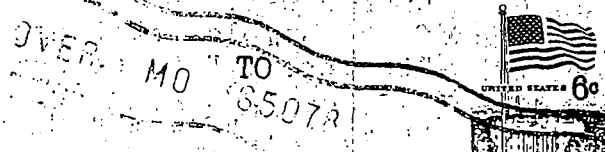
More on Helsinki Report

In the April issue of SKYLOOK we carried a report out of Finland, where there were numerous UFO sightings around the first of the year. Of particular interest was the report of a luminous sphere landing in the yard of Maritta and Mauno Talala early on the morning of Jan. 3. The room where the Talalas were having their morning coffee and the surrounding landscape were covered by a brilliant light. The 13-year old son went out to see the place where the object had landed and found a triangular impression in the snow. It measured about 6 by 18 feet and there was dark green matter in the center.

Rosetta Holmes sends us a clipping from the Feb. 14, 1971, "Sunday Courier and Press" (Evansville, Ind.) which states a sample of the dark green matter was taken to Dr. Birger Wiik, a Finnish expert on meteorites. Wiik made his analysis, shrugged his shoulders and said, "Distilled water."

Question: How does he explain the triangular impression left in the snow? A flying dishpan?

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