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"These are the things that ye shall do: Speak ye every man
the truth to his neighbor; execute the judgment of truth and
peace in your gates." Zechariah 8: 16

Jesus the Christ said, "YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH AND
THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE." St. John 8:32

HOW DID IT ALL BEGIN?

The story of how the CIVILIAN RESEARCH SOCIETY OF
MARYLAND had its beginnings is a simple story of like minded
men getting together to search for the truth. There is nothing
sensational about the Baltimore saucer group, but the story is
an interesting one.

Murray Shockett is the man who started saucer club wheels
spinning in Baltimore. Substantial grocer, family man and
father of two fine little children, ex-GI, devoutly spiritual,
Shockett has a combination of idealistic faith plus practical
action that has started what may prove to be a significant
organization in this area.

From the 1940's when saucer sightings were being reported
in papers all over the world, when men with courage were
sticking their necks out and writing books expressing their
convictions on WHAT flying saucers are and WHY they are

here, Shockett was one of the men reading everything he could get his hands on that contained information on the subject.

In World War 2 Murray Shockett was a U. S. Army combat engineer of mines and demolition. He was in a convoy in the mid-Pacific heading for invasion missions when the A-bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. His convoy continued to the Navy base at Sasebo, Kyushu, where he heard and joined in the unforgettable debates stirred up all over the world by the dawning of an atomic age. Men told about the "foo fighters" they saw in 1945, how the balls of light seemed to have intelligent directive, seemed to be harmless spies.

Shockett joined in the talk about whether these were enemy devices — or WHAT? He found himself thinking of space beings and possible visitations from other planets. As nearly as he can recall now, he read first a 25-cent pocket edition of Major Donald E. Keyhoe's book, "Flying Saucers Are Real" then he got hold of a copy of L. H. Stringfield's news sheet CRIFO (now called Orbit) in which he read of Mrs. W. C. Clara John's paper, "Little Listening Post" published in Washington, D. C. Later he bought Harold T. Wilkins' "Flying Saucers on the Attack" at a local Baltimore bookstore.

When he had digested these and other publications, had sized them up with his own good sense and past experience, and had become thoroughly convinced that saucers are real, Murray Shockett did what is typical of all leaders: He ACTED upon his convictions.

In July of 1955 Shockett put a small classified ad in the "Baltimore Morning Sun", ran it for three days only: Monday, Wednesday and Friday of that same week. The ad said:

ATTENTION

Men, Women interested in joining

FLYING SAUCER CLUB

Write Box OB16236 Sun

Giving name, address, phone.

Among the people who answered this advertisement were George Buschman, Edward G. King 3rd, Miss Marie Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. Leo H. Martin, and many others,—a total of 50 some people who also told others who were interested.

Mrs. John of "Little Listening Post" referred a few of her subscribers to Mr. Shockett. Buschman told Clarence Koehler who in turn told H. Charles Robertson. Miss Dixon told her friend Mrs. Schultz, the Martins told Mrs. Miller, a relative,— and so it went in natural avenues, like-minded attracting the like-minded.

Shockett, Koehler, King and Robertson talked together about the need to study the subject carefully and objectively, and to coordinate findings in some practical manner. Clarence M. Koehler, another man of few words but with ability to get things done, prepared a clubroom in his home where men and women could gather to study these matters. Koehler also freely opened his extensive library for the use of people seriously interested in digging out the truth on saucers and related subjects.

H. Charles Robertson volunteered to draw up bylaws for a saucer club to be presented to the group for approval. The four men referred to as the founders of the club—King, Koehler, Robertson and Shockett — followed Roberts' Rules for new organizations by serving as a nominating committee to suggest the first list of officers. The rest of the organization story is told in the official minutes of the society, printed in full elsewhere in this paper. The organization meeting was held on Thursday evening, September 22, 1955.

The thirteen persons who met at Koehler's home to organize the CIVILIAN RESEARCH SOCIETY OF MARYLAND on that historic date — five women and eight men — are apparently normal intelligent citizens ranging in ages from the 30's to the 60's, including a librarian, bank investigator, draftsman, photographer, oil executive, artist, security guard, night school student, government worker, CPA, detective, business men and women, philosophers. There are Protestants, Catholics, Jews. Some are college graduates, others have technical

training. All are ardent patriots of this nation, expressing deep concern that subversive elements be kept from the group. They comprise a fair cross-section of men and women alert to the times but unafraid of the future, folks eager to know the full truth about flying saucers regardless of the consequences.

Together with Murray Shockett, all members of this new saucer study group seem bent on learning the unadulterated truth. They seem determined to work together efficiently and with good humor. They have avowed that they are not out for personal gain, or fame, or a name for themselves in any way. They seem able to laugh at their own foibles, correct their mistakes, and to face squarely whatever implications their research may uncover.

Among the "original thirteen" members of this club are those who have seen flying saucers with their own eyes, some having seen a number of sightings. Bushman, Koehler, Miss Dixon and others, have had this convincing experience. We expect to get their stories for future editions of "Maryland Saucer Mag".

H. Charles Robertson, first president of the club, has not only seen a flying saucer, but he has also photographed one and has been closely quizzed by U.S. Air Force officials about this experience. Robertson exhibited a copy of his photograph to members of the club at the September meeting.

But this story about the history of the CIVILIAN RESEARCH SOCIETY OF MARYLAND has to end without the usual exciting denouement, that happy snapper at the end of a story. Why? Simply because — Murray Shockett himself has yet to see his **FIRST FLYING SAUCER !**



SEPTEMBER 22, 1955

8 p.m.

A meeting was called by Edward G. King 3rd, Clarence M. Koehler, H. Charles Robertson and Murray Shockett for those interested in organizing a study group popularly known as a flying saucer club to gather in the clubroom at Mr. Koehler's home at 1836 West Baltimore Street in Baltimore, Maryland. Those present were as follows:

- George G. Bushman, 9020 Old Oak Road, zone 12
VALley 3-8004
- William S. Davis, 3649 Coolidge Avenue, 29,
WIlkens 5-2220
- Miss Marie Dixon, 7 South Chester Street, 31
BR 6-0792
- George M. Franko, 1621 McHenry Street, 23,
GIlmore 5-0780
- Mrs. Dutton Hackett, 5607 Hamilton Avenue, 6,
MURdock 6-7032
- Edward G. King, 3rd, 1004 Wedgewood Road, 29,
WIlkens 5-4505
- Clarence M. Koehler, 1836 West Baltimore Street, 23,
GI 5-7512
- Mr. & Mrs. Leo H. Martin, 1041 St. Paul Street, 2,
SARatoga 7-0170
- Mrs. M. Ursula Miller, 1029 St. Paul Street, 2
PLaza 2-4709
- H. Charles Robertson, 1256 Greystone Road, 27
SARatoga 7-2100
- Mrs. Anne Schultz, 112 South Duncan Street, 31,
PEabody 2-6281
- Murray Shockett, 2525 Loyola Southway, 15,
PLaza 2-5580 and LIBerty 2-2591

Mr. Koehler welcomed members of the group to his home with cordiality. Mr. Shockett stated that the purpose of the meeting was to organize a flying saucer club. He gave a word as to motives and purposes and reported that the four men

known as the founders—listed above—had designated themselves as a nominating committee to recommend the election of the following officers:

President	H. Charles Robertson
Vice President	Leo H. Martin
Treasurer	Clarence M. Koehler
Secretary	Mrs. Dutton Hackett

Mr. Shockett then asked Mr. Robertson to preside as temporary chairman and to read the suggested objects and aims, constitution and bylaws for the new organization. This was done and was interspersed with informal questions and answers.

The name "CIVILIAN RESEARCH SOCIETY OF MARYLAND" was given in the proposed bylaws; accordingly, it was moved that we accept the spirit and intents of the bylaws as read, pending formal acceptance of each section when the record is made available in writing for study and final acceptance or rejection, and that we now accept the name "CIVILIAN RESEARCH SOCIETY OF MARYLAND" as the name of this organization. The motion was unanimously approved, the chairman calling for a show of the uplifted right hand, and the spoken affirmation signified by saying "AYE".

Mr. Shockett moved that membership dues be set at \$5.00 annually, payable on the first day of January of each year for regular membership and \$2.50 annually for associate membership. Martin seconded; proper discussion was followed by unanimous vote. It was understood in the discussion that the full per annum dues would be acceptable for the remaining 1955 period of three months, this being the contribution of charter members toward getting the club off to a good start.

It was suggested that the nominating committee's recommendations as to officers be acted upon by members present. Acting as chairman for the vote on office of president, Shockett moved that Mr. Robertson be the 1955 president; seconded; carried by acclamation without a dissenting voice. The duly elected president then took the chair and continued with the first election of officers: a completely unanimous election.

The nominated officers therefore became the elected officers.

Mrs. Hackett requested that Mrs. Anne Schultz be approved as co-secretary; unanimously agreed.

Bylaws tentatively proposed having included a sergeant-at-arms among the officers, it was then moved, seconded, discussed, put to vote, and carried unanimously that George G. Bushman be elected for this office.

All elected officers accepted the positions to which elected.

There was an informal discussion regarding how to obtain new members, how to prevent subversive infiltration into the organization, suggestions as to the kind and number of members desired, type and content of future meetings, publications and public relations. There was common agreement among those present, but no formal actions were taken on these items.

The president then took up the matter of appointing standing committees. He did this informally, asking for suggestions and calling for volunteers for each committee named. A tentative list was prepared, as follows:

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| Auditing and Finance: | Mr. Franko
Mr. Davis |
| New Business: | Mr. Shockett
Mr. King |
| Grievance: | Mr. Robertson
Mr. Martin
Mr. Koehler |
| Membership: | Mrs. Martin
Mrs. Miller
Mr. Martin |
| Legal Action: | Mr. and Mrs. Martin
Mrs. Miller |
| Standard Practices: | Miss Dixon, Mrs. Schultz,
Mr. Buschman, Mrs. Martin
Mrs. Miller |

The next meeting was announced for Thursday, October 20, 8 p.m. at Mr. Koehler's clubroom. Members were urged to bring interested people to the meeting. The president stated that membership forms would be prepared, together with copies of the proposed bylaws, in readiness for the next meeting.

There was a spirit of unanimity, a serious consideration of the subject that has brought us together, and a general feeling that we have held a historic meeting in the Free State of Maryland, one that may prove significant in the development of an important matter. It was stated firmly that our search is for TRUTH and only the truth. Self seeking, profit motives, and the like, are not to be encouraged. The general consensus of opinion was optimistic.

The meeting was adjourned in correct order. The host and his co-founders served refreshments and visited sociably with various expressions of hopefulness that the new organization born this evening will institute a determined search for the truth about flying saucers, — the TRUTH, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, —SO HELP US, GOD!

Other people who expect to join with the local group in their search for the truth about flying saucers are the following:

Bertram Chermis, 2229 Callow Ave., 17, MA 3-8890

William Eby, 704 Springfield Ave., BE 5-2466

Claire M. Engel, 163 South Kossuth, LO 6-3073

Otto E. Franzl, 16 Henry Ave., 6, NOrthfield 5-2550

Francis Imback, 439 Random Road, Willkens 7-3663

Larry Kolman, 3215 Pinkney Road

Alfred Lawson, 602 Walker Avenue, VALley 3-5778

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel R. Long, Jr, 912 Old Oak Rd, VA 3-8549

Mason Reilly, Sunshine Ave., Kingsville, Fork 2202

Mrs. Murray Shockett, 2525 Loyola Southway, 15, Liberty 2-259

James H. Wales, 3226 Lyndale Ave., BR 6-7463

Ernest A. Weller, 973 Northhill Rd., 18, CH 3-0416

TO OUR FRIENDS WHO READ THIS LITTLE PAPER:

Please keep in mind that the people whose names are printed in these pages are not necessarily believing that saucers are real. They simply want to know the facts about this subject. Do YOU