

## 2009 MUFON Symposium - Another Success

### Words From the State Director



MUFON's 2009 Symposium in Denver, August 6-9, was another success. Becky and I were unable to attend, however, Patty Donahue proudly represented Michigan at the State Director's Meeting.

MIMUFON has cleared the major hurdles in attaining a charitable gaming license in Michigan and is preparing to hold its first fundraiser on November 14-15. It will be a poker night at MVP Sports Bar in Romulus. MVP will be running the tables and MIMUFON volunteers will be handling the chip window. Volunteers for this or future MVP events are now being sought. The state of Michigan allows a non-profit organization 16 events like this per year. If you're interested in helping out, please let me know.

Money from these events will go toward areas such as higher profile speakers and possible Michigan conferences, public outreach initiatives, technology upgrades, and off-setting the difference at Walli's when we don't meet a requisite number in attendance to cover the cost of the venue.

Our upcoming Michigan MUFON meeting will be September 20 at Walli's East in Flint.

Chief Investigator Gary Golem will conduct our morning Field Investigator Training.

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For our afternoon presentation, Dr. William C. Levengood, possibly best known for his pioneering work in crop circle research, will be presenting "Energy, Consciousness, and UFOs."

It's no surprise that October brings requests for UFO speakers from libraries and other venues. Here's a list of my personal upcoming appearances discussing UFOs and promoting MUFON:

- Oct 2: Chicago Hauntings 2009 Ghost Conference ([chicagohauntings.com](http://chicagohauntings.com))
- Oct 17: Michigan Paranormal Conference - Westland, MI ([ghostwatchers.org](http://ghostwatchers.org))
- Oct 22: Romeo District Library 7pm

Also, I have finally completed my first book on my personal paranormal experiences and am preparing to self-publish. It's titled "Experencer: Raised in Two Worlds" and is about my first twenty years of life. The book will be in print by October and should be available at our meetings and [amazon.com](http://amazon.com). In the near future, I intend to pick-up where it chronologically leaves off with a second book.

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See you Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, at Walli's for Gary Golem's morning Field Investigator's training and Dr. William C. Levengood's fascinating afternoon presentation.



## Monthly Statistical MUFON Report for July and August 2009:

CMS continues to amass sighting reports from around the globe. In July 2009 there were 671 sightings reported to MUFON through CMS worldwide. Of these, 580 were in the United States, of which 35 were in Michigan. Most impressively there were 25 Landings, Hovering, or Takeoffs reported and 41 Entities observed worldwide.

In August 2009 there were 560 sightings reported. Of these, 452 were in the United States, of which 19 were in Michigan. Most impressively there were 30 Landings, Hovering, or Takeoffs reported and 33 Entities observed worldwide.

To review the CMS data yourself go to [www.mufon.com](http://www.mufon.com) and click on "UFO Case Files" to 1.) Easily look at the Last 20 Sightings, or 2.) Do a customized search of the CMS database by date and/or location, or 3.) Logon to CMS for even more detailed UFO sighting information about your State and the World.



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# Michigan Family Spots Triangle UFO

By Roger Marsh UFO Examiner

A Michigan family experienced a low flying triangle UFO April 5 with the typical three points of light, quick movements, and silence, according to witness testimony from the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) database.

A man and his wife, his mother, and adult son, were traveling south on U.S. 127 after leaving Soaring Eagle Casino when the encounter occurred.

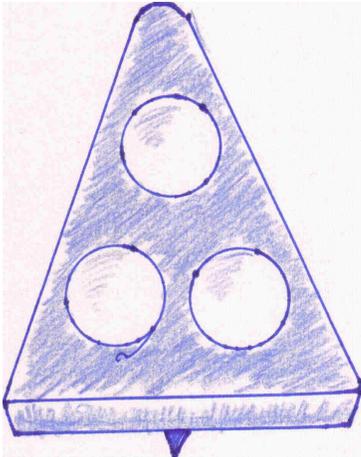
The encounter began when the man and his son noticed a red light in the sky at the 11 o'clock position. The light seemed to be growing brighter and getting bigger at the same time. Then it suddenly "flashed to a brilliant, large white light."

"I have never seen anything so bright before," the witness said. "It was a piercing white light."

As the object moved across the highway directly overhead, they could make out three distinct white lights at its three corners - forming the shape of a triangle.

The object moved away from them and hovered over a field as they moved along at 70 mph.

**The following is the original and unedited witness statement.** Please keep in mind that most UFO reports can be explained as something natural or manmade. If Michigan MUFON investigates and reports back on this case, I will update this page. You can read my selected cases by type of UFO report at the UFO Traffic Report index page.



Sketch made by witness.

**MI, April 5, 2009 - moving steady red light glowed, then turned to larger brilliant white, passed over our car. We saw a triangle with 3 white lights underneath.**

On Sunday morning 4/5/09, at exactly 4:30 am, My family (Son R, Wife K, Mother L) were returning from Soaring Eagle Casino. We were heading south on US127 and were somewhere between Mt. Pleasant and Shepard (where the speed limit is still 70mph)

I was driving, when my son R pointed and asked what that is? I could not see it at that time. R said it was a red light, then he said it zipped across the road and then back again at a very high rate of speed. R said it did this 2 times.

I finally saw the red light at 11:00 (position).

It seemed to be growing brighter and slightly larger, but it was not blinking. I would estimate, using the tree line that it was roughly 10-12 times higher in the sky. K and L who were in the back seat could not see the light at this point as the roof of the car was blocking their view of the light.

At this point about 3 minutes had elapsed.

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R and I then saw the red light all of a sudden it flashed to a brilliant large white light. I have never seen anything so bright before. It was a piercing white light. The white light was moving now on a course that took it directly across US127 and over my car while I was going 70mph.

As the light approach from 11 o'clock, we could make out 3 separate lights in the shape of a triangle. The 3 lights were very large and as it passed overhead, we could see through the windshield that not only were there 3 white lights in a triangle shape, but that there was also the outline of a triangular shaped craft.

The 3 lights took up the majority of the craft's outline that was visible. At this point the craft was only about 3 times the tree level over our car. We also saw a small fin on the back, but no wings and there was no sound, as I had rolled my window down. It was moving fast and crossed over the car and out over the field to our right, where it hovered.

It was at this point that my wife K and my mother L saw the lights. L was sitting behind the driver's seat and could not see much, she is 90. K had a better view from the backseat now, but could not tell what it was. R my son is 24, K is 55 and I am 60 years old.

Source: <http://www.examiner.com/x-2363-UFO-Examiner~y2009m5d9-Michigan-family-spots-Triangle-UFO>



## Richard H. Hall: December 25, 1930 - July 17, 2009



Richard H. Hall was a leading UFOlogist and proponent of the extraterrestrial hypothesis to explain UFO sightings; he had also written numerous books and articles dealing with the role of women in the American Civil War. On the morning of July 17, 2009, Richard Hall passed away due to a long battle with cancer.

Hall was born on December 25, 1930 and held a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Tulane University in New Orleans. He lived most of his life in the Washington, D.C. area.

From 1958 to 1969 he worked for the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), one of the most prominent and influential UFO civilian research groups in American history. He began as executive secretary, and eventually became NICAP's assistant director. In this role Hall was both an eyewitness and participant to much of the early history of the UFO phenomenon in the United States. Working with NICAP director Donald Keyhoe, he helped lobby the United States Congress to hold public hearings and investigations into the UFO phenomenon.

In 1964 Hall researched, edited, and wrote much of *The UFO Evidence*, a compendium of the best UFO sightings and incidents of the 1940's, 1950's, and early 1960's. A copy of *The UFO Evidence* was sent to every member of Congress in 1964, and the book is still regarded by many UFO researchers and historians as one of the best UFO books ever published.

Following Keyhoe's ouster as NICAP director in 1969, Hall left NICAP to work as a technical writer and editor. He continued to work in the UFO field. He served as the director of the Fund for UFO Research, which provides grant money to legitimate researchers working in UFO studies. He also was the editor of the *MUFON Journal*, the official publication of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), the largest civilian UFO group in America today.

In 2001 he wrote a sequel to *The UFO Evidence*; it covered major UFO incidents from the mid-1960's through the 1990's. He is also the chief editor of the *Journal of UFO History*, which is published six times per year. He was a strong proponent of the theory that UFOs are extraterrestrial spacecraft from an advanced alien civilization. Hall was an active member of the "UFO Updates" message board and website.



Major Donald E. Keyhoe (left) & Richard Hall (right).

To supplement his income as a UFO researcher, Hall worked for many years as an abstractor-indexer for the Congressional Information Service in Bethesda, Maryland. A member of the Authors Guild, Hall also published numerous books and magazine articles dealing with the role of women in the American Civil War, and he maintained a strong interest in Civil War history through his life.

For the last few years Hall worked closely with MiMUFON member Jean Waskiewicz on the historical team on the NICAP website and was a source of inspiration and guidance to her and the team.

Richard Hall was a true pioneer in the field of UFO research and will be greatly missed.





# Lou Gentile Dies



On June 28, 2009, paranormal investigator and syndicated radio show host Lou Gentile lost his battle to cancer. Lou Gentile was about 40, and is survived by his wife and three children. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and grew up in 2 haunted houses. Lou personally experienced poltergeist activity for over 20 years and became an investigator, before doing his own radio show.

Gentile had been featured on MTV's "Fear," FOX Family Channel's "Scariest Places On Earth," The Learning Channel, The Discovery Channel, "Unsolved Mysteries" and many more programs in this genre.

With a lifetime of experience and being trained by America's only Roman Catholic Lay demonologist, Lou strived to help people who are afflicted with negative, demonic or diabolical entities all free of charge.

The Federal Communications Commission on November 18, 2007, fined Philadelphia talk show host Lou Gentile \$10,000 for allegedly operating an unlicensed radio station. Gentile ran the "Lou Gentile Show," a streaming Web site that broadcast talk about "paranormal, alternative, unusual

and other-than-mainstream topics." At the time, Gentile insisted that the charges against him were false. "It's BS," he told a reporter. "It's just ridiculous."

He contended that although pirate stations in the Philadelphia area rebroadcast his programs, often aired on licensed AM outlets, he never ran a station himself.

When Brad Steiger heard of Gentile's death (he) said that there was a side of Lou that no one saw. Steiger said that as he was just completing a radio program, Gentile mentioned that immediately after he said "good night," he was headed for New Orleans to see if he could be of any help with the destruction caused by Katrina. Steiger remembered that was right after the monster storm had struck, because they had begun the program by extending condolences to those in that listening area.

Services for Lou Gentile were held on July 7th in Philadelphia at the John F. Fluehr & Son's Funeral Home.

Editor's Note: I was the guest on the Lou Gentile show on two separate occasions and found him to be a sincere individual and congenial host. I am personally saddened by the news of his untimely death.



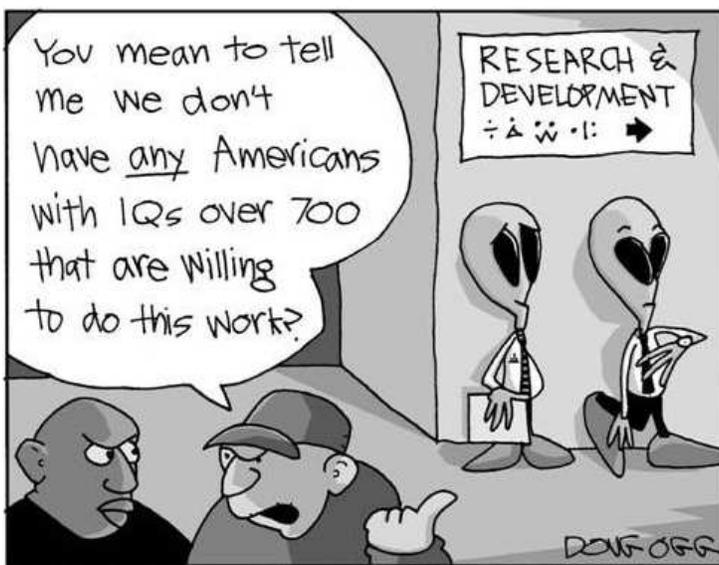
**DISTRICT of COLUMBIA** -- My wife and I went to Washington D.C. for vacation and on May 30, 2009, and took this picture of the statue of Andrew Jackson. Later, I was showing the picture to a friend and we noticed an odd object above the statue that we were unable to identify.



It resembles a classic UFO shape. I don't know what it is and would appreciate any feedback you can give me.

Thanks to MUFON CMS

## KEEPING IT LIGHT



**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MICHIGAN MUTUAL UFO NETWORK, INC.  
TO THE INTERNATIONAL MUTUAL UFO NETWORK, INC.  
PERIOD JUNE 1, 2008 THROUGH MAY 31, 2009**

SUMMARY:

Membership:

- International Mutual UFO Network, Inc. members in Michigan per list by central office: 88
- Michigan MUFON, Inc. Membership: 135

Current Officers:

- State Director: William Konkolesky
- Assistant State Directors: Patty Donahue (Administration), Wendy Smith (Financial)
- Chief Investigator: Gary Golem
- Regional State Section Directors: John Castle (SW Region), Gary Golem (SE Region), Sunny Young (N Region)
- State Section Directors of Selected Counties: Dave Bleicher (Genessee, Lapeer), Judy Kulka (Grand Traverse, Leelanau, Kalkaska, Antrim), Harold Marquardt (Macomb), Zach Smith (Eaton, Jackson, Ingham, Shiawassee)
- Electronic Data Manager: Jean Waskiewicz
- Director of Public Relations and Newsletter Editor: David Twichell
- Librarians: David and Darlene Bleicher
- Consultants: Linda and William Murphy
- Webmaster: William Konkolesky

Investigation:

- 193 UFO sightings reported
- 193 investigations into those sightings completed

Treasury:

- Bank Balance and cash on hand \$3357.63  
(does not include value of library items, store merchandise, or office equipment)

Income sources: dues, (\$25.00 per mailing address, annually), sale of merchandise such as clothing, books, video tapes, newsletters, etc., speaker presentation and luncheon fees for membership meetings.

Disbursements: membership meetings luncheon, speaker fees and expenses, newsletter printing, postage, state director incurred expenses, equipment rentals for membership meetings, office equipment and supply purchases, and deposits for contract on meeting place.

The \$25.00 dues per mailing address entitles the member household to the newsletter (6 times per year, delivered either in paper, or online cost-saving PDF format), opportunity to borrow books and tapes from the state MUFON library, available at all membership meetings, and all training sessions (training sessions are open to all MUFON members) and the opportunity to hear quality speakers at a discounted rate over non-members.

## **WE ARE NOT ALONE**



Tune in to David Twichell's one-hour radio talk show, "We Are Not Alone" on **WHFR**, broadcast from Henry Ford Community College (**89.3 FM**).

**TJ Ryan** of the podcast show "Out There" will be the guest on **Tuesday Oct. 6, 2009 (1:00 PM)**. Author and UFO Researcher **Robert Collins (Exempt from Disclosure)** will guest on **Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2009 (1:00 PM)**

**Beginning in November**, the show will air on the first **Tuesday at 1 PM (EST)** with a new show each month.

Out of the area? Go to: <http://whfr.fm/index.php> and click on "Listen Live now". The latest shows are now archived. Click on "The Forum" button on WHFR's Homepage and click on the earliest date of each month.

## Meetings:

State membership meetings were held in September 2008, November 2008, January 2009, March 2009, and May 2009, with Field Investigator training before each meeting and quality speakers on the agenda for the afternoon session. The general meeting schedule is available to the membership several months in advance so everyone can plan ahead.

Currently, the cost of our general meetings is \$14 for MUFON and/or MIMUFON members, \$16 for non-members, and \$5 for first-time meeting attendees (regardless of membership status)

State Officer / Section Director Meetings were held as part of each of our state membership meetings. These meetings are for planning and finalizing meetings, general business, and for reports of treasury, special committees, and investigations.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Michigan MUFON Inc proudly maintains its 501(c)(3) status, due chiefly to the diligent efforts of Assistant State Director Wendy Smith. Several members have taken advantage of this status to offer our organization generous tax-deductible donations, as well.
- Michigan has welcomed a new Assistant State Director (Administration) in Patty Donahue.
- Michigan has new sage Consultants in Linda and Bill Murphy.
- Michigan MUFON Chief Investigatorship changed hands from Sunny Young to Gary Golem, both demonstrating outstanding leadership in this role.
- MIMUFON's regularly scheduled Field Investigator training at our meetings, led by Chief Investigator Gary Golem and open to all MUFON members, has continued to be popular. Those individuals not a member of the Michigan MUFON are allowed to attend without paying MIMUFON dues. This enables all MUFON members to continue training and attend meetings to benefit from our speakers and to relate with others in MUFON.
- Our driven investigators, helped in great part by many new investigators joining the team, completed an impressive 193 sighting reports out of 193 sightings received.
- Michigan has joined MUFON's Star Impact Project, being headed in Michigan by Gary Golem with Field Investigator participation from Patty Donahue, David Twichell, and Dan Marcelain.
- Michigan has introduced a new Regional State Section Director position this year to assist with investigation management. In this model, the state has been divided into three sections with one Regional SSD per each region to help provide timely investigation completion. This has proven to be successful, so far.
- Presentations by State Director Bill Konkolesky on the topic of MUFON and UFOs were given to audiences at multiple public libraries and other welcoming venues. These presentations were usually well attended and the subject of UFOs was quite well received.
- Michigan MUFON assisted the History Channel's UFO Hunters for their "UFO Emergency" episode by providing information on the 1994 Holland area flap.
- Michigan MUFON possesses and/or has readily available technology hardware including: laptop computers, a digital projector, overhead projector, DVD, VCR, 5' movie screen, professional microphone, studio grade amplifier, webcam, portable thermal computer printer, laminator, and fax machine. Our guest presenters at our meetings and our members in the audience enjoy the high level of audio-visual support we are able to provide.
- The Michigan MUFON website, [mimufon.org](http://mimufon.org), updated and run by State Director Bill Konkolesky, continues to stay fresh and relevant with regular updates on current officer contact information, meeting details, plus news and other information that is important to our members, as well information necessary and helpful to those

outside the organization who may want to know about us and/or need to reach us. Also, at our website, through the PayPal online payment service, Michigan membership dues can be paid.

- The Michigan MUFON members lending library, containing more than 1000 items, continues to be popular with available books, tapes and DVDs. The library is maintained through the hard work and dedication of our librarians David and Darlene Bleicher.
- Our MIMUFON store, run by Patty Donahue, proves to be a continued success. We sell t-shirts, sweatshirts, caps, stickers, etc. with our Michigan MUFON logo. In addition, we also sell new and used books, periodicals, journals, and tapes.
- We continue to issue Michigan MUFON membership cards so that membership can be verified for internal uses like library lending and also for the value of promoting credibility of the organization to those outside of Michigan MUFON. These cards are laminated for durability.
- Due to geographic concentration of the membership, as well as budgetary considerations, the meeting place for all meetings is in the area of the city of Flint, not far from the Detroit Metro area. The restaurant where we meet is the best centralized location for the majority of the members. Our current average attendance is about 40 people. There is a commitment from the facility to host us on a regularly scheduled program, which also includes a guarantee of meal cost per person.
- In 2008-2009 we continued with a management team that includes many state officers involved in various decision-making processes.

#### GOALS:

- Identify and implement advantages of our 501(c)(3) status to help Michigan MUFON grow. Already, we have enjoyed tax free meals at our meeting place Walli's and solicited for tax-deductible donations of library materials, office equipment, and money for Michigan MUFON from our members.
- Increase membership in both MUFON International and Michigan MUFON Inc.
- Identify methods to attract members and promote MUFON in underrepresented areas of Michigan.
- Identify and implement methods of improving and comprehensively completing a greater number of sighting and abduction investigations.
- Promote the professional investigation of UFO sightings and/ or abductions by maintaining open communication with local law enforcement and news media across the state of Michigan.
- Continue to inform the public about UFOlogy and promote MUFON through public relations efforts and participation in interviews and speaking engagements. Several of our Michigan members have in the past and continue to further engage in these activities. As just one successful entrepreneurial example of this, Michigan MUFON Newsletter Editor David Twichell continues to maintain his local UFO radio program "We Are Not Alone" through Henry Ford Community College.
- Continue to support smaller local MUFON gatherings for members and others who may seek to discuss UFOlogy in a smaller, more personal environment.
- Develop and implement fundraising tactics for our State organization.
- Update our MIMUFON store with new and different appealing items for purchase.
- Maintain a positive administrative attitude to continue full participation of all MUFON members, state officers and State Section Directors.
- Maintain open communication with the International Director, the International Board of Directors, and their support staff.

- Continue open lines of communication with all MUFON members.

Michigan is in strong shape and optimistically geared toward cooperative further growth. We are healthy financially and are blessed with an active team of officers and general membership.

In short, Michigan MUFON looks forward to another good year.

Respectfully submitted,  
William J. Konkolesky  
State Director Michigan Mutual UFO Network, Inc.



## Mysteries 6 Update and Dick Hall

### Bill Murphy's Column

#### “Mysteries” Seminar --

As promised, I have more information on the October 24<sup>th</sup> Mysteries of Space and Sky UFO Seminar, the sixth of these events orchestrated by Dr. Peter Resta. This year’s event has a new venue, an expanded speaker roster, and a variety of extra options that in my opinion retain its great value per money.

First, the date, time, and location details: “Mysteries 2009” will take place on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am to 9:30 pm at the Ramada Inn in Hanover, Maryland, near the Baltimore-Washington International Airport. Saying “UFO Group” should give you a discounted room rate if you call the Inn. A free shuttle from the airport and Amtrak accessibility provide some convenient alternatives from the chauffer-yourself-from-Michigan (which Linda and I have found not to be a challenging drive at all). The considerably longer timeframe accommodates a confirmed nine-speaker schedule, with Budd Hopkins, Colonel Charles Halt, Captain Robert Durant, Rosemary Ellen Guiley, Peter Franks, Nicholas Roseler, and “Mysteries” co-hosts and regular presenters Sue and Rob Swiatek, plus Dr. Resta himself.

By moving the conference site Peter Resta has addressed the main problem I had mentioned with the two Mysteries seminars Linda and I have attended, that being the room and sound system at the community college. He has also attacked the issue of meals, a detail always appreciated by myself. The conference will provide a free lunch buffet for those who register early enough. Plus, for attendees who want to stay beyond the regular speaker schedule, there are a Happy Hour and plated evening banquet, with what’s described as “an opportunity to explore the human mind with Peter Franks” and a tribute to UFO legend Dick Hall. Check out the website <http://mss-2009.eventbrite.com> for more information, especially on all the options for registration. Prices run from \$30 for just the night session to \$70 for the whole event, but there are price advantages for signing up early and you should read and understand all your options. It still seems to me, given the larger speaker list and extras that simplify other essentials (food!) plus provide more opportunity to interact with other serious ufologists, that “Mysteries 6” still offers the best combination of value for money out there.

#### Richard H. Hall, 1930-2009 –

As noted above, this year’s “Mysteries” will include a tribute to Dick Hall, who succumbed to colon cancer on July 17<sup>th</sup>. This is a tremendous loss to ufology and a bitter blow to Linda and myself, for Dick Hall was a friend since we interviewed him at the 1996 MUFON Symposium at Greensboro, North Carolina. We were distressed at last year’s “Mysteries” conference when Dick confided to us that he was on chemo and would be for the rest of his life, which we realized would not have much farther to run. When I asked Dave Twichell to include the photograph that Linda took of Hall and other “lions of ufology” after that conference, I mentioned to Dave that this photo would become something of an historical item, and it was largely for the reason that I suspected it would be one of the last such images of Dick. In fact, Dick put Linda’s group snapshot on his website, and I understand that it was used in some of the many tributes to this great person.

Dick Hall was, putting it succinctly, there almost “at the beginning”, and Dr. Resta last year termed Dick “the godfather of ufology” with reason. Beginning in the late 1950s his association with the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), Hall was first (executive) secretary, assistant director, and finally acting director. In the 1970s and early 1980s Hall edited the MUFON UFO Journal, and he has been Contributing Editor to the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies’ International UFO Reporter (I.U.R.) and did a stint as chairman of the Fund for UFO Research, as well as writing a column for UFO Magazine. He also founded and edited the Journal of UFO History, based largely on files from his NICAP days. Hall wrote The UFO Evidence in 1964 and The UFO Evidence Volume II, 37 years later, besides Uninvited Guests and a number of smaller efforts; his works are all classics in the field. Articles on his website, [www.hallrichard.com/ufology.htm](http://www.hallrichard.com/ufology.htm), including “Whither Ufology”, are worth scrutiny, as well.

In these efforts Dick Hall modeled the way that ufology should be done, with rigor, scrupulous accuracy, and avoidance of claims beyond the evidence, while proceeding from a desire to promote the science, rather than oneself. Indeed, his “Whither Ufology” article derided what Hall called “kooks, con-men, and New Age mushbrains”, and in his 1996 MIMUFON interview he named



From left to right, Don Berliner, Dr. David M. Jacobs, Richard Hall, Ted Bloecher, Dr. Bruce Maccabee, and Dr. John B. Carlson. 200+ Years in Ufology, taken after the Mysteries of Space and Sky V Conference, November 1st, 2008

“constant fringe-group activity” as a major challenge to the field of ufology, because “New Age intrusions on the UFO field cast the whole thing into a horrible state of confusion”. I believe Dick was consistent in these views from the beginning; for example the Gerald R. Ford Congressional Library contains a 1966 letter from an early George Adamski follower complaining about the “BELLIGERANT, GESTAPO LIKE TACTICS” of NICAP, headed by Major Donald Keyhoe and Hall. In fact I think Dick was involved in a recent controversy online, challenging views he felt were silly and unscientific. Certainly, debunkers who claim that ufologists are afraid of criticizing other ufologists whose views are more “extreme” than their own, fail to consider the very public statements of people like Dr. James McDonald and Richard Hall. “Dick would tell you that you were full of crap when no one else had the guts to do so and the knowledge to make you respect it” – so said Dr. Michael Swords of the man, in a posting reprinted by Kevin Randle at <http://kevinrandle.blogspot.com>, one of my resources in composing this article.

Now some people might think Dick was too strident in his criticisms, but he saw with clarity that lack of logical thinking has hurt the credibility of ufology far more than the debunkers. If anything, we must strive to be far

more scientific and credible in our work than our detractors, because the latter have the “ear” of most of the opinion-makers and resource-holders in the scientific, academic, technical, and political community. This extends to the matter of not letting our own particular persuasions about the greater meaning behind UFOs get in the way of our adopting an objective and scientific attitude in our work. While most of us have personal reasons besides the scientific for our interest in the subject, we need to avoid including our own separate subjective “noise” with the scientific “signal” we broadcast if we are to get the outside world to respect our activity. I’ve mentioned before that Stanton Friedman told me in September of 2007 that, in the absence of creditable criticism from the skeptical community, it was up to ufologists themselves to help keep ufology rigorous, and Dick Hall performed that function. Hall “could not tolerate the utter lack of accountability so ubiquitous in our field” – Swords again, quoted by Randle.

Outside strict ufology, in his “day job” and other interests, Dick Hall wrote on science and U.S. history, particularly that of female soldiers who fought in the Civil War, and he worked as an editor for the Congressional Information Service, the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, Columbia Telecommunications, and the National Council on Aging. He also edited technical reports on social science and the environment.

Then-NICAP Assistant Director Hall in April of 1966 wrote to then-House Minority Leader Gerald Ford, who in the wake of the March Dexter and Hillsdale sightings had called for a Congressional review of the Air Force Project Blue Book investigation of reports of Unidentified Flying Objects. Hall’s letter is now in the Ford Presidential Library in Ann Arbor, a part of our national historical treasure. Hall told Ford that “History will record the important role you have played in helping to bring about a rational study of UFOs and public enlightenment on the subject.” Dick’s prophecy turned out accurate but in a sense he had not foreseen, for the Ford initiative led, after several political twists and turns, to the Colorado Project, often referred to as “The Condon Committee”. The current MUFON History Project, led by MUFON Research Director Robert Powell, has added more confirmation to ufologists’ long-voiced contentions that the final report of the Colorado group was seriously flawed. Nonetheless, that report’s 1969 conclusions provided a watershed in UFO history, for they justified a removal of public governmental attention and scientific credibility towards the UFO subject. After a brief period in the sun, as it were, ufology sank back into the general status of a non-scientific “fringe” activity in the eyes of most opinion-makers, its researchers more candidates for laughter than respect. Hall spent the rest of his life struggling to provide a model for resurrecting the credibility of the field, and chiding those within it who failed to meet those necessary exacting standards. A final Michael Swords quote from Kevin Randle’s blog site helps put Hall’s career into perspective: “He loved history, and we in the UFO history ‘business’ used to say: we are students of UFO history; Dick IS UFO history.”

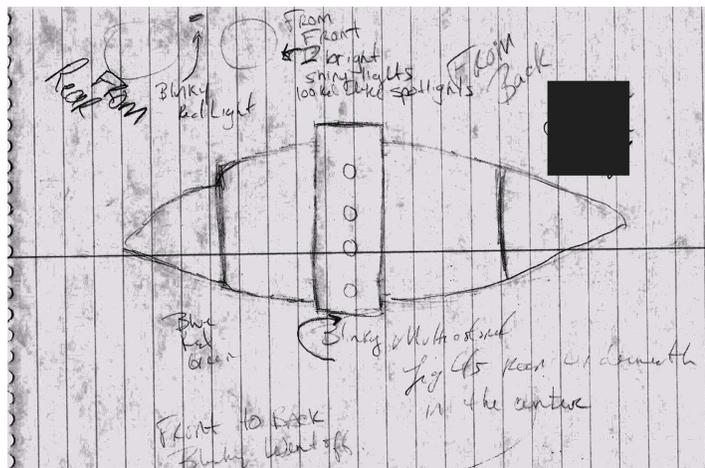


### **Mercury & Gemini Astronaut, Colonel Gordon Cooper**

At Edwards Air Force Base I was having some of the cameramen film precision landings. A saucer flew right over them, put down three landing gears, and landed out on the dry lakebed. They went out there with their cameras towards the UFO. It lifted off and flew off at a very high rate of speed....I had a chance to hold it [the film] up to the window to look at it. Good close-up shots. There was no doubt in my mind that it was made someplace other than on this earth....In my opinion they were worried it would panic the public if they knew that someone had vehicles that had this kind of performance. So they started telling lies about it. Then I think they had to cover it with another lie. Now they don’t know how to get out of it.

**pp. 225 - 229. See also Gordon Cooper & Bruce Henderson, *Leap of Faith: An Astronaut’s Journey into the Unknown*, pp. 80 - 91, 194 - 200.**

# MiMUFON's Patty Donahue Investigates SIP Case



Patty Donahue was assigned the first Michigan SIP case involving a Howell, Michigan resident and his friend. The following is her very precise and in-depth report:

#### LOCATION:

South of Flint, Michigan, just South of US-23 & I-75 Interchange...

On a Stretch of Michigan US-23 South, between Hill Rd (Exit #90) and Fenton/Silver Lake Rd (Exit #79)

#### DATE OF EVENT:

July 7, 2009

#### TIME OF EVENT:

1:45am (Local EST) ( ) Exact (x) Approximate

#### Background:

Driving south on Michigan US-23, when witnesses notice lights in the sky. Witnesses state they saw these lights for a good 15 minutes, before finally passing directly under object, which was sitting still, 500 ft above them.

Sketch of object drawn by witness B. Note: black square indicates where witness' name was removed.

#### -My Investigation Report:

On Tuesday July 7, 2009, approximately 1:09am, Witness A & Witness B departed from their friends they had been visiting in Bridgeport, Michigan. Witness B was driving Witness A home to Howell, Michigan. They traveled South on I-75, then onto South US-23.

Shortly after they passed the I-75/US-23 Interchange, somewhere between Hill Rd. Exit & Rankin Exit, witnesses noticed through the windshield of the vehicle, to the south of them, 2 very large bright white lights in the sky. Witness A could see an object between the 2 lights. Witness B observed a blinking red light between the 2 white lights. Watching as they drove, they started to discuss what they thought it was, as it appeared to not be moving. Witness B thought it may possibly be a communications tower, then possibly a helicopter, while Witness A felt it was too large to be a helicopter. As they continued driving south they temporarily lost sight of the object due to a landfill, however, once they passed the landfill, the object was once again in their sight. As they drove closer in the direction of the lights, both witnesses became fearful, as they felt the object was just too low to the ground, as well as too large to just be sitting there, not moving. They saw multiple colored lights. The witnesses then drove directly under the object, from front to back. As they did so, lights came on in succession from front to back as well. Witness A climbed over into the back seat quickly, so as to better see the object, and to see if he could make out a tail fin, wings, etc. At its lowest point, the object was approx. 500 feet above them and approx the size of a 747. They both saw white, red, green and blue lights. Witness B thought of pulling over onto the side of the road, but then had the fleeting thought that this is how people get abducted ... at which point Witness A agreed they should not pull over as well. They became more fearful at this point. Witness B noticed there was 1 other vehicle (red) that passed them on US-23, and Witness B instantly wondered why the other vehicle wasn't appearing to notice nor be concerned with this huge object sitting there above them. Witness A continued to watch the object from the backseat, as Witness B watched in the rearview mirror while continuing to drive south, away from the object. Witness B noted the time to be 1:45 AM. They lost complete sight of the object as they drove down a hill and were unable to relocate it at that point. Witness B drove witness A home, upon which witness B called a friend and talked all the way home due to being frightened.

Witness A has a history of multiple alien-abduction dreams. This is Witness B's first sighting.

#### -My Investigation Notes, Follow-ups, References

Tuesday, July 7, 2009: Full Moon

1:45am-Witnesses directly under object

60 degrees, Clear Sky, with 10 miles visibility

Wind-North at 4.6mph with 72%humidity

I drove to the I-75 & US-23 Interchange and retraced the drive best I could described by both witnesses in an attempt to be able to verify & substantiate a precise sighting location. However due to the distance/size of the area involved, I was unable to accomplish that. The witnesses were unable to meet me there.

I utilized “Google Earth” as well as “Virtual Earth” to attempt to locate/verify information/roads/exits/landfills/etc. that the witnesses described to me in the interview. I also searched for communication/cell towers, as well as Airport info for the surrounding area.

“Bishop International Airport” is located Near the I-75 & US-23 Interchange, as well as “AV Flight”, which also hosts private flights.

I called “Bishop Int’l Airport” to inquire of flights etc. that may account for the sighting. I spoke 3 times with the Airport Authority, and 2 times with the Flight Control Tower. When I inquired if they had any flights for the date/time/area in relation to the sighting info, I was told that he could not give me that info, as the tower closes at 11:30pm. When I asked if they knew of any conventional crafts that may have anywhere from 15-25 lights on it, with red, blue, green, white lights, the reply was “No, I am not aware of any crafts like that”. I then asked the same in regards to military, advertising planes, blimps, etc...each time the answer was the same.

I then called & spoke with “AV Flight” as well. There were no flights going in or out of AV Flight at the time of the witnesses sighting. I also inquired of them regarding blimps, military, advertising planes, etc, and was told none are located there, nor do they know of any around the area.

**RESOURCES:**

FCC Registered Cell & Antenna Towers for Flint Michigan & surrounding area: <http://www.city-data.com/towers/cell-Flint-Michigan.html>

Landfills for Flint Michigan & surrounding area: [http://maps.google.com/maps?sourceid=navclient&rlz=1T4GGLR\\_enUS242US243&q=flint+michigan&um=1&ie=UTF-8&split=0&gl=us&ei=CrpcSutC5XWNfW2sa4C&sa=X&oi=geocode\\_result&ct=image&resnum=1](http://maps.google.com/maps?sourceid=navclient&rlz=1T4GGLR_enUS242US243&q=flint+michigan&um=1&ie=UTF-8&split=0&gl=us&ei=CrpcSutC5XWNfW2sa4C&sa=X&oi=geocode_result&ct=image&resnum=1)

Citizen’s Disposal, Inc. 2361 W Grand Blanc Rd...Grand Blanc, MI 48439-9340 **(810) 655-4207**

I called Citizen’s Disposal-(Landfill). The landfill is located next to US-23 and is in a flight path of Bishop Int’l Airport...they can see flights go over their site all the time.

**Weather Underground:**

<http://www.wunderground.com/>

**Bishop Int’l Airport:**

<http://www.bishopairport.org/>

**AV Flight:**

<http://www.controller.com/dealers/detail.aspx?CID=1250334&DTID=2>



## Don Phillips: Lockheed Skunkworks, USAF, and CIA Contractor



Don Phillips was in the Air Force at Las Vegas Air Force Base during an event when UFOs were seen moving at enormous speeds near Mt. Charleston, northwest of Las Vegas. In addition, he worked with Kelly Johnson at the Lockheed Skunkworks — on design and construction of the U-2 and the SR-71 Blackbird. He testifies that we not only have these extraterrestrial devices, but have also achieved tremendous technological advances from their study. He states that in the 1950s and 1960s, NATO did research into the origin of ET races, and disseminated reports to the leaders of various countries. Mr. Phillips further states that there are records and filmed documentation of meetings in California in 1954 between ETs and leaders of the USA. He lists a few of the technologies we were able to develop because of the ETs: computer chips, lasers, night vision, bulletproof vests, and

concludes, “Are these ET people hostile? Well, if they were hostile, with their weaponry they could have destroyed us a long time ago — or could have done some damage.” Mr. Phillips now develops technologies that can help eliminate environmental pollutants and reduce the need for fossil fuels: energy generation systems that use natural energies from planet Earth. DP: Mr. Don Phillips SG: Dr. Steven Greer

**DP:** So Angels Peak was a classified radar installation. And, it’s, a lot of radar installations, as we know them, are up in the middle of no where. We would monitor the aircraft coming from Las Vegas into Area 51 or whatever passed by. And, it was whatever passed by that became most interesting one night, in 1966, to ‘67. That night, I heard a lot of commotion about 1:00 in the morning.

We were at 8,000 feet; the radar domes were at 10,500, approximately. So I decided to get up and walked up to the main road, and up near my office. I got to the area where the fellows were standing- there was a group of about five people- and they were looking up in the air. And, I looked up in the air and saw these objects, lighted objects, moving at tremendous speeds... Right at that instant I saw these things making acute angles and traveling, I would estimate 3,000 to 4,000 miles per hour. And, then immediately making acute turns. I knew that they weren’t ours...

And, then, all of a sudden, they seemed to group, from what would be hundreds of miles in the sky to the west. And they came into a circle, rotated into a circle, and then disappeared. And, I thought, wow, what a show.

So, the security Sergeant happened to be on duty. And, we all looked at each other and said, gee, this is really something. And, he said, well, we shouldn't really say anything about this.

Well, I had a buddy that was chief radar operator named Anthony Kasar...

He was almost as white as a sheet. He took one step down the steps and he looked at me and he said, did you see those? And, I said, yeah, we've been watching them- some of the fellows have been watching them for the last four to five minutes. And, I've seen them for a little more than 90 seconds. He says, we saw them on the radar screen and we documented them. He says, they are not bogeys. They are not apparitions. They are real solid objects. And, of course, they would have to be in order to get a fix with radar, the kind of radar we used there, it would have to be a solid object. And, it's not that we tracked them with the radar- they would go in and out of the signal and register that way. He finally documented that there were six to seven. The speeds that we estimated were also estimated by the radar operators and their scopes. SG: What did they estimate?

**DP:** They estimated, around, 3,800 to 4,200 miles per hour equivalent, ground speed. These things are darting across the sky. First they look like a star. And then they move, in any direction or make any kind of a straight line, or just hover. ...

These UFOs were huge. And they would just come to a stop and do a 60 degree, 45 degree, 10 degree turn, after stopping. And, then immediately reverse this action. ...

**SG:** Had you heard of anti-gravity propulsion systems being worked on while you were at Lockheed Skunkworks?

**DP:** The propulsion system that you are asking about, I heard that it existed. But, the left hand never knew what the right hand was doing, and, for good reason. ...

We have records from 1954 that were meetings between our own leaders of this country and ET s here in California. And, as I understand it from the written documentation, we were asked if we would allow them to be here and do research. I have read that our reply was, well, how can we stop you, you are so advanced? And, I will say by this camera and this sound, that it was President Eisenhower that had this meeting. And, it was on film, sort of like what we are doing now. Bringing it up to date, the NATO report gave that there were 12 races. To make a final summary, they had to have contacts to go to these races in order to understand who they are, what they are doing, and what they could do. ...

Are these ET people hostile? Well, if they were hostile, with their weaponry they could have destroyed us a long time ago, or could have done some damage. ...

The reason they crashed is that their guidance mechanism was interrupted by our radar and by some equipment that we have.

Even more validating for me was that one of our contract scientists for our private concern, Light City Technologies, Incorporated, worked with these technologies. He worked with a couple of those technologies while he was with a very prominent intelligence agency of the United States Government.

The one person that I've talked to outside of the military or the government level is SG. And, the reason for that is because he makes it the professional approach, which is more in line with the way we were in the military.

About the ET lenses: there were some eyeball coverings that allowed the people inside the craft that made the journey across space to see in the minimal light that we know is now present during space travel. These lenses magnified light, but also brought in a certain type of clarity. And, my reason for mentioning this was that it was Earth doctors and specialists that got them into the removal and study of these lenses.

I think a lot of this has been well documented by Colonel Corso. You know, who was there with him? Well, there were a lot of people there with him. But a lot of the things that are said in the book by Colonel Corso, I can verify, corroborated by people that I have worked with and do work with now. So, I can say what I know about it is very true. The pathway that it took, that's another story. We talk about hidden technologies and why don't they let people know about it? Well, they hide it from the public. Well, hey, there is probably a good reason for some of it.

The Government didn't understand it themselves. Being in the Air Force, maybe we didn't fully know what it was. Take those technologies from Roswell, it took a while to figure out how they worked before we knew what to make from it and then how to get it into industry, how can it benefit the people. ...

I learned one thing from an associate scientist- somebody for whom I have the greatest, the highest respect- who was with the CIA. He says the first thing we want to determine is who is turning the wheels on any project-this is what I did when I was with the CIA.

You see, who is turning the wheels? What is the motivation? Why is it being done? I asked, right after we first talked, why is Dr. Steven Greer doing this? I've done my research- maybe a lot of it. And, I've watched what's happening. And, you've been very dedicated to what you are doing, and professional. That's why I am here tonight. That is why I am speaking with you...

Well, SG, one of the purposes for founding this technology corporation that I did in 1998 was to bring forth these technologies that can help get rid of the toxins -- that can clean the air, that help get rid of the need for so much fossil fuel or help it become more efficient. Yes, it is time. I can tell you, personally, that it has already started.

And I can prove what we have come up with. We can prove it...

Source: [http://ufology.wikia.com/wiki/Don\\_Phillips](http://ufology.wikia.com/wiki/Don_Phillips)



# Recent Michigan Sightings

## Grand Rapids:

We were driving back from Holland, and since I captured an object with my camera phone a year ago, I thought I would take more photos as we drove. When we were near same area I just started taking photos in hopes one would show up. I had read that digital cameras pick up what the eye cannot see, so I just took random photos and this popped up.

There was actually nothing in the sky that we could see, but something did get caught on film. My work requires me to go out to at least once a week and I always get a weird feeling when driving through this area. You can tell it's not a bird by its relative size. It freaked us out.

Thanks to MUFON CMS



Thursday, August 2, 2009 10:45 PM.

Location: Livonia, MI

The witness reports: We were sitting in the hot tub, watching the sky. My husband suddenly said, "What the hell is that?" I looked at him and he was looking directly over the roof toward the north. There appeared a bright circular object passing in a southerly direction, directly overhead. We both looked up and followed its path with our eyes from the top of the roof across sky, until we lost sight through the trees. I was facing south and watched it pass overhead as it headed south. In a matter of a few seconds, approximately 3, it was gone, so it had to be incredibly fast. It was many times larger than the stars in the sky. There was no tail, just a bright object, no sound.

North Branch, MI 2005.

I spoke with the witness via telephone on September 5, 2009. The witness is presently eleven years old and was seven at the time of the sighting in 2005. The father of the witness answered the phone and informed me of the witness's young age. I immediately assumed that the report was a prank. However, the father told me that he wouldn't be surprised that his son witnessed a UFO given he and his wife have witnessed several strange things in the sky over the years. The father told me that his son was a very intelligent young man not prone to telling tall tales. The boy is interested in astronomy as well as the UFO phenomenon.

The father put the boy on the phone and I interviewed him.

The family lives on the edge of a sparsely populated town (North Branch, MI) near a farming community. In the summer of 2005, the witness was alone in the house while his parents had gone out to the store. The witness stepped out onto the front porch facing east. There is a corn field across the road in front of the home and a wooded area to the north. The witness's attention was arrested by a classic disk-shaped object about the size of a "school bus" moving from north to east from over the tree line to the corn field at about twenty miles per hour. Both the top and the bottom of the object was bulbous, although the bottom was not as much so as the top. The object was about sixty to eighty feet above the ground. The object stopped and hovered about two to three hundred yards from the witness. The object shown a bright, white light down to the ground and a "human" came down from the object to the ground. The witness described the being as about four feet high with "football shaped eyes". The witness could hear the corn stalks breaking. After about one minute, the being ascended in the light up to the craft. The witness heard no sound from the object. The craft then turned and headed back in the direction it came moving about fifty miles per hour over the tree line and out of sight.

The witness was frightened at the time because he didn't know if the being was going to get him. He was afraid for some time thereafter thinking that the craft and being might return.

I asked if he told his parents about the incident at the time and he said he hadn't because he was afraid they would think he was crazy.

Despite the tender age of the witness at the time of the sighting, due to the fact that he struck me as a very intelligent and honest young man and his parents had also witnessed strange lights in the skies on occasion, I would tend to believe that this was a real event.

Conclusion: Unconventional flying object with entity sighting.

David Twichell

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## Dr. W. C. Levensgood to Present at the Sept. 20th. Meeting



"Energy, Consciousness, and UFOs." will be the topic of Dr. W. C. Levensgood's presentation on Sunday, September 20th, 2009.

Dr. Levensgood will be showing some of his interesting research demonstrating the power of the mind at the global level. He will show some examples of world events which caused changes to occur at the molecular level that were recorded in the laboratory. He will show that our consciousness is interactive with our environment and that it can cause changes which can be recorded. Over the years, Dr. Levensgood's research has been steadily documenting the theories of physicists like David Bohm that this intrinsic energy or implicate energy exists all around us and we interact with it, and it interacts with us. This may be the common denominator that runs through the entire universe.

Dr. Levensgood has devoted his life to scientific discovery. His methods for determining anomalies found in genuine crop formations has become the worldwide standard for cerealologists.

His work with Linda Moulton Howe involving mysterious animal excisions in the field has revealed evidence of surgical precision requiring equipment and methods that would be impossible to conduct under the conditions in which the animals have been discovered. He has long proclaimed that "microwave energies" and "plasma vortexes" are involved with these and other seemingly anomalous phenomenon but only recently has he admitted that, all along, he suspects these energies to be intelligently directed as opposed to random. When asked why he is finally making his beliefs public, he said, "I'm tired of beating around the bush about it."

Michigan MUFON's Marilyn Ruben of the Alien Abduction Experience and Research website (<http://abduct.com/>) has assisted Dr. Levensgood in many experiments throughout the years in many aspects involving crop formations, animal excisions (often referred to as "mutilations") as well as implicate energies and physical evidence often left behind from UFO landing sites as well as alien abduction cases.

Join us at Walli's East in Flint, MI on Sunday, September 20 when W. C. Levensgood will share some of the knowledge he has garnered as a result of a lifetime of meticulous, scientific study. The skeptics ask for scientific proof when it comes to the UFO and alien abduction phenomenon. What Dr. Levensgood brings to the table can only qualify as undeniably strong evidence (if not outright proof) that we are living in a greater reality than humankind has heretofore been aware of.



### MUFON Field Investigator's Training

10:00 AM: CI Gary Golem will conduct the FI training session. Materials provided. All investigators (and would be investigators) are encouraged to attend.

## Make Your Meeting Reservations Today!

Phone in your reservations to State Director Bill Konkolesky at (248) 515-9568 or email at [wjk@mimufon.org](mailto:wjk@mimufon.org) no later than **Wednesday, September 16, 2009**. Please leave your name, number attending in your party, and a telephone number where you can be reached, in case we need to contact you. Please let us know as soon as possible, whether you will be attending. Thank you.

# Michigan MUFON Meeting

at Walli's East Restaurant

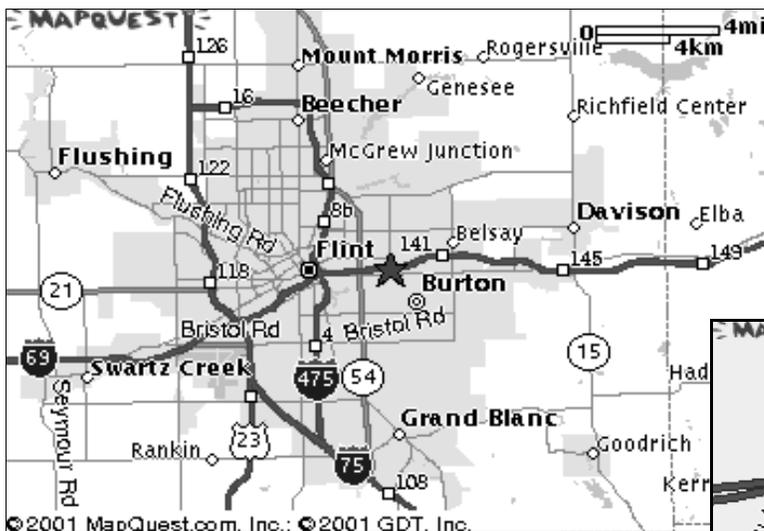
Sunday, September 20, 2009

Members \$14.00 / Non-Members \$16.00

First time guests are \$5.00.

**10am** FI Training: CI Gary Golem  
**12pm** Buffet Lunch  
**1:30pm** W. C. Levensgood Presentation  
**4:00pm** MIMUFON Announcements & Necessary Business

**MIMUFON Board members: Please plan to attend the brief meeting following the guest speaker.**



**Walli's East Restaurant**  
**G1341 South Center Rd**  
**Burton, Michigan**  
**(810) 743-9600**



- Exit 139 off of I-69
- Just East of I-475
- SE Corner of South Center Rd & Faith Way

## From The Editor's Desk



David Twichell

## ABC's "Disinformation Machine" Strikes Again

A couple years ago, the ABC Network presented the TV special "Peter Jennings: Seeing is Believing". Nuclear Physicist Stanton Friedman dubbed it a "mockumentary". On August 17, 2009, ABC outdid themselves by presenting "Primetime: Outsiders" with Juju Chang. This one made Seeing is Believing look like an episode of "UFO Hunters".

This program went beyond attacking the UFO phenomenon in general by concentrating their venom on the abduction phenomenon. Juju Chang admitted on camera that she was a skeptic, which is not what is typically expected from an objective reporter yet is far too typical in the case of UFOs and alien abductions.

As usual with this type of program, they spent the first forty minutes presenting the mystery and the last twenty explaining it in conventional terms – and, as usual, omitting rebuttals that would have shot big holes in the conventional theories.

UFOlogy's nemesis Susan Clancy of Harvard University, successor to the late John Mack, reiterated her assertion that *all* alien abduction scenarios could be explained by "sleep paralysis", a condition that may occur in normal subjects or be associated with narcolepsy, cataplexy, and hypnagogic hallucinations. Of course there was no mention of cases such as Travis Walton (Fire in the Sky) where six witnesses watched in horror as their friend was abducted in a brilliant, blue beam of light emanating from a gigantic, silent, disk-shaped UFO hovering at treetop level. Nor was there any mention of Linda Cortile (Budd Hopkins' "Witnessed: The True Story of the Brooklyn Bridge UFO Abductions"), where no less than twenty individuals witnessed a woman being floated through a closed tenth story window into a waiting UFO. None of these witnesses were asleep at the time. It is no wonder these cases weren't mentioned. They would have made Clancy look ridiculous.

Michigan MUFON member and alien experiencer Ann Huff wrote to ABC saying (in part): "I have seen them in the daytime, at 11pm at night on the lawn and in my bathroom at 2pm. I was not asleep, not even in bed. I remember seeing hands at my windowsill when I was about 10 years old. Then the little gray came up to the window and into my bedroom. When I saw the show tonight I was very frightened. I remembered the time it happened. I hope that your editors realize that this is real and that people who have experienced these things are not having a sleep disorder. I could tell you of times that weren't even at nighttime and I wasn't in bed."

Longtime researcher and hypnotherapist Leo Sprinkle was personally attacked in an attempt to make all hypnotherapists appear to be "leading" their subjects into believing they had been abducted by alien beings. Nothing was mentioned about the Betty and Barney Hill case where Dr. Simons attempted to lead them both *away* from the alien abduction scenario by suggesting their experience may have been something else. Nothing was mentioned about similar experiments by Budd Hopkins. In those cases, the abductee would have no part of the hypnotist's leading suggestions and stuck to their story while under hypnosis. Hopkins has further asserted that thirty percent of his cases did not require hypnosis – the subjects had conscious recall of most or all of their frightening episodes.

MiMUFON State Director, Bill Konkolesky, wrote to ABC with the following critique:

"I was surprised and appalled at the mean-spirited demeanor of Juju Chang on the Tuesday, August 17th episode of Prime-time. She was barely able to restrain her personal contempt for the people she interviewed who were invited on the program to share their stories of being the victims of alien abduction. Regardless of one's views on the controversial subject, the controversy shouldn't be how aggressive the interviewer can get without bringing the guests to tears.

"Possibly the worst was Juju spitefully telling a supportive wife of one abductee that the woman was "the biggest fool" and that she should leave her husband. This woman was someone who was sought out by ABC to appear on the program, only to be ambushed and humiliated."

Bill passed this email on to MUFON members and added: "If you also watched this awful program, I encourage you to share your thoughts with ABC, as well. This is the page to submit comments to them on their news programming: <http://abcnews.go.com/Site/page?id=3271346>

If you missed this show, you were lucky. If you wish to torture yourselves, you may go to <http://abcnews.go.com/Primetime/story?id=8330290&page=1>"

Interestingly enough, at the above website, ABC offered a poll asking the question "Do you believe in Alien Abduction?" As of September 9, 2009, there were 1,260 responses:

Yes = 716.

No but I believe in extraterrestrial life = 369.

No, UFOs and crop circles are bologna = 175.

Whoops! It looks like Juju Chang and the ABC Network have missed the mark again!

David Twichell

MiMUFON Newsletter Editor



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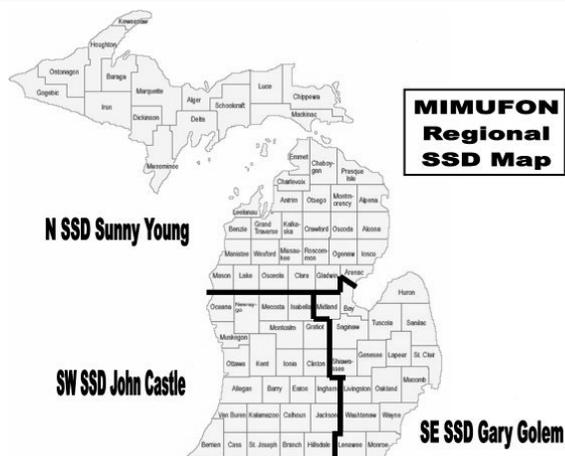
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