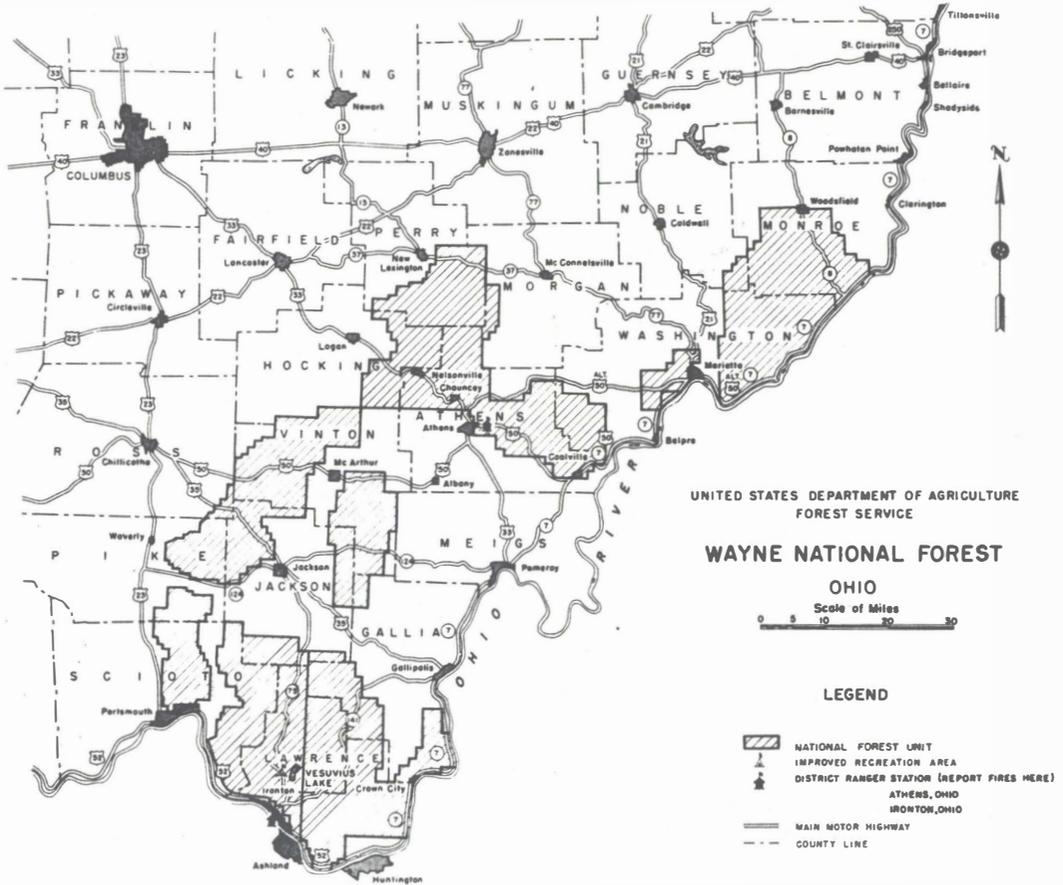


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The time is now to make plans to attend the 1968 Congress! The coming year should be one of decision for the UFO movement what with the Condon project due to make a statement of what they have found regarding the UFO mystery. There are many other matters of importance for our field; the growing number of mysterious "three men"-type cases being reported; the growing boldness of the saucers themselves coming closer to witnesses than ever before; the alarming contraction of UFO publicity and interest by the news media. All these matters urgently deserve discussion by an interested and sincere body of Ufologists. We must concede the point that the 1967 Congress at New York unfortunately did little discussion of the pressing matters. Although it has been said time and time again, action must be taken now if we ever hope to start worthwhile work in the field. "Ufology" today stands as a body of "fans", each with his own little hangup trying to boost his prestige. We are the first to admit guilt on this point, but also first to cry for coherent discussion and action. We will now get off our soap box and ask if you care enough about this enigma of the elusive disks to attend the fifth Congress this June? Write us today if you do.

We must admit that we are worried over an associate who has not answered our letters for several months. This same associate experienced several rather frightening and strange encounters with a mysterious individual during the summer. On one occasion with this eerie visitor our friend was knocked down without the mystery man ever touching him when the intruder was caught in the act of spying. We have always thought stories of this type were some sort of fantasy either resulting from a mental disorder or a wish for monetary gain. However, we know this person too well to suspect either and are now beginning to wonder.

Readers ask us if we can recommend other saucer publications to them, and since we cannot answer all these letters we will publish several now. SAUCER NEWS P.O. Box 163 Fort Lee, New Jersey. SAUCER SCOOP 6464 34th Avenue North St. Petersburg, Florida. FLYING SAUCER DIGEST Box 9811 Cleveland, Ohio 44142.

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STRUCTURALISM AND THE INTERPLANETARY THEORY

Edward Biebel

This article should not be interpreted as "the answer", but rather as a guidepost and reassurance for those Ufologists who want to believe in the interplanetary theory or those who do believe in the interplanetary theory, but still find large holes in some of the evidence that "backs" their conclusions.

There are three major theories probably the most discussed outside of the one that there is nothing at all to UFOs. The theory that UFOs are a hitherto unknown natural phenomena does not take in the seemingly intelligent maneuvers of the UFOs. The theory that UFOs are actually secret weapons, either Russian or American does not take into account that UFOs were seen long before aircraft were invented, and it would be impossible to keep a secret about a machine that has the capabilities UFOs seem to possess.

The most likely theory is, then, the interplanetary theory--UFOs are alien spaceships visiting earth for some undetected or only suspected purpose. The problem arises when certain evidence about the UFOs does not fit in with what "we" would consider "normal" behavior of alien beings.

UFOs have been seen everywhere: near military bases, science centers, industrial centers, rural areas, urban areas, etc. Investigation of this planet by UFOs has been going on for upwards of seventy years and probably longer.

Anything that can be positively stated about UFOs can be negatively rebutted. I don't mean saying they do or do not exist. Take the fact of supposed sightings of beings on or around the ships. Some are said to be tall and blond, others have been described as short and swarthy.

The answer to the problem of the lack of positive rules about UFOs may come in two widely different articles written by two widely different authors--one who is in the field of Ufology and one who is not.

Claude Lévi-Strauss is a professor of social anthropology at Paris' College de France. He has a theory about society and civilization called "structuralism". This theory deals with the fact that about 1,000,000 years ago man reached his potential and that all men are intellectually equal. It is only man's artificial societies that seem to make them different.

Lévi-Strauss' theories are long and involved, but there are certain parts of them that pertain to man's ability to reason and for the purpose of my article to man's ability to discern the motive behind alien presence on this planet. Lévi-Strauss talks about a "tenet that the mind may be the prisoner of a secret code, locked in the unconscious, that often has little to do with the conscious reality--as the rules of grammar have to do with the functions of speech. If order exists anywhere--in the behavior of the atom, the dance of heated particles, the orbit of the stars--then, say the structuralists, order must exist everywhere, even in the brain. Just as the law of gravity determined the fall of Newton's

apple, so the laws of the intellect imperiously mold human thought."

How the above excerpt pertains to Ufology is this, man can only think in certain patterns and seeks to find patterns in the universe around him. Hence, Ufologists' problems lie in trying to find an answer to something that is neither human or logical, but alien in thought and action.

The second writer is right at home in the field of Ufology. He is Brinsley Le Poer Trench. Part of the foreword of Trench's, The Sky People, deals with the problem that ideas are not transferable or negotiable. Education is caused by one person holding up an idea and another person accepting it because the second person has something in his memory which he can refer to.

"Challenge-and Proof," according to Trench, "is an act of combat, and proves only which is stronger, which ran out of data first--and, so was wrong!" Science has many limitations on what it can do. According to one leading science writer, science is many times misinterpreted as an end in itself, rather than a tool to further understanding.

We have seen that man's mind works in certain pre-prescribed patterns, seeks logic, and can only accept ideas with which he has something to relate--because of lack of proof he believes that problems are unsolvable and therefore wrong. Man has also made science (with its technological advances) into some kind of omnipotent god that will solve all the world's problems.

Ufologists should not give up the fight for the answer, (most probably the interplanetary theory) but should continue their search in new directions. If it is possible they should look for the illogical, they should just accept new ideas on faith and fully investigate them before passing any judgement and then taking into account that their inbron search for related ideas may make them reject the new one.

If there is indeed life on other planets and they do come to earth in what we call UFOs, then Ufologists are in a unique position. Astronomers deal with conventional science in their star gazing, the physicist deals with problems of a highly theoretical nature in his laboratory, the botanist or biologist deals with plants or animals which may or may not have alien origin, but it is only the Ufologist, through trying to find an answer to UFOs, who finds himself in direct confrontation with alien intelligence and is unable to make any headway toward a solution.

RE THE OHIO UFO EXPEDITION : a letter from John Keel

Editor's note: In our last issue we presented an article by Ed Biebel on an expedition he and several friends made to the Wayne National Forest in southern Ohio in search of saucer bases. He learned of these alleged areas from Bob Easley who questioned John Keel about them while at the 1967 Congress in New York. The following is a letter received by Biebel on August 18, 1967, dated the 16th.....

Dear Mr. Biebel:

Thanks for your letter of Aug. 11th. I wish you had given me a call before dashing off on a wild goose chase into the Wayne National Forest. This kind of search must be viewed from the ait before you go plunging ahead.

First you should have made a through study of all the Indian legends of the region. These always supply invaluable clues. Then you should have pinpointed the locations of all the "so-called" Indian mounds in the area. They are frequent sites of UFO activity. In fact, UFO activity is often constant around such mounds. There is an ancient petroglyph outside of Coalton, Ohio and you should have visited it. Then you should have made a study of all caves and adandoned mines in the area and pinpointed them on your maps. Next you should have gotten magnetic maps of the area and determined the centers of magnetic deviations, and a topographical map showing elevations so you could find the high ground. You would find a relationship of all of these factors which could triangulate to a specific center of possible activity.

Obviously you were too far west. I definitely told Easley that the main activity runs from the Ohio valley, north from Marietta, to Zanesville and south to Chillicothe, then east from Chillicothe to Huntington W. Va. This encompasses hundreds of square miles and you must do a lot of research before you can select precise spots for investigation.

Power lines, atomic energy stations, etc. are variables. I am primarily concerned in constants. They visit the former, but they base themselves in the latter. They select inaccessible high ground and when viewed from the air such "bases" appear as faint circular rust-colored spots. When you near a UFO "base" you will discover that all wild life... rabbits, etc.... are stumbling around in a groggy, dazed condition. You will find burned out automobiles in such areas, often in clumps of trees where it would be impossible for men to deposit them. In aerial searches we always look for signs of such automobiles. They often form a kind of ring around the site itself. The center of this ring is usually marked by a spiral of magnetic deviation.

I triangulated the Wayne County area from the W. Va. side of the river and confirmed my conclusions with trips throughout the above-mentioned quadrants collecting UFO data and directions in which the objects were seen. When you go back and review the available data from 1952 you find that the major part of all activity was confined in this same region.

UFO base areas are extremely dangerous and should be approached by well-trained, well-equipped groups who know exactly what they are doing. Maybe you were lucky you went to the wrong place. I recommend that you wear shoes or boots with metal cleats when visiting such spots, and that you should never carry a compass or other magnetic item on your person. Also, if you carry any kind of firearms you reduce your chances of encountering anything. Furthermore, you must dress casually and each member of the group must be dressed differently from the others. Brown, blue, or khaki-like clothes might make you appear to be uniformed when seen from a distance. If one of you is wearing a plad hunting jacket, the others should be dressed differently. If you all wore plad hunting jackets it might be interpreted as some kind of uniform. Old Army clothes, surplus gear, etc. should never be used.

As you can see, this is a darned complicated business. When in field you should operate in total darkness... don't show any kind of light or campfire. If you happen to hit upon the right spot and wait in total darkness you will be able to see very faint luminous purple spots moving just above tree-top level. This will be your first tip-off that you are headed in the right direction. Do not flash lights at these "spots". Further on you should be able to see flickering red lights. Crystal-clear white lights with red lights on top are vehicles and they will often respond to ground signals from flashlights. Use Morse code. Ultra-sonic sounds can sometimes be sensed (by a ringing in the ears) but not actually heard. If the objects are hostile, they will sneak up on you and you will never even know they are there until they are mere yards away. Tall figures can sometimes be seen in the distance, on the ground near the hovering lights. Do not call out to them or attempt to approach them. They will know you are there and they will approach you if that is their intention.

The famous "little men" are both very stupid and very dangerous. If you should encounter them you should retreat hastily. Large hairy "abominable snowman" type of creatures are often in the immediate vicinity of UFO landing sites. Their job is to scare away any one who stumbles onto the area. They are extremely dangerous... killers.

If you plan further expeditions I suggest that you do a lot of solid research first and then follow the above directions carefully. Do not take any kind of chances. The UFOs can be hostile. They do not want their locations known. If you should be unlucky enough to blunder into the very center of one of their "bases" you would probably never be heard from again.

So take care and keep me posted on your activities.

Best...

(signed)

John A. Keel

AROUND AND ABOUT THE SAUCER WORLD

by Rick Hilberg

To those of you who have sent congratulations on our wedding, we can only send all our sincere thanks. We are still in a tizzy with moving into a new apartment with strange new neighbors. We are late as usual with this issue but I hope things can be put on schedule soon.

It is a lot of fun editing this magazine, but sometimes we look at the state of the field and get rather ill. Right now, for example, public interest in saucers is on the decline. I suspect that the whole field may collapse as it did in the late fifties if some important discoveries aren't made about the field soon. If the Condon group comes out with a negative answer, that would itself effectively kill the whole show. And while, on the Condon investigation, why do they think a solution to the UFO mystery can be found in under two years? Such a complex enigma would need at least five years investigation to just evaluate what has happened in the past! What can we do? I really don't know, possibly we can carry on when the field does go under as we have in the past. But that would only be keeping a movement alive for its own sake. I should think that a hard core of investigators would start an "underground" scientific investigation. This could be done through the Congress organization. Do you agree with me? Do you see a declining trend in the saucer field? Come to the congress here in Cleveland this June and let's talk it over, ok?

We hear that Desmond Leslie is holding a saucer convention at either Castle Leslie or Castle Crom this year over in England. We understand that Desmond will have lectures much like those at our own American Congresses.

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