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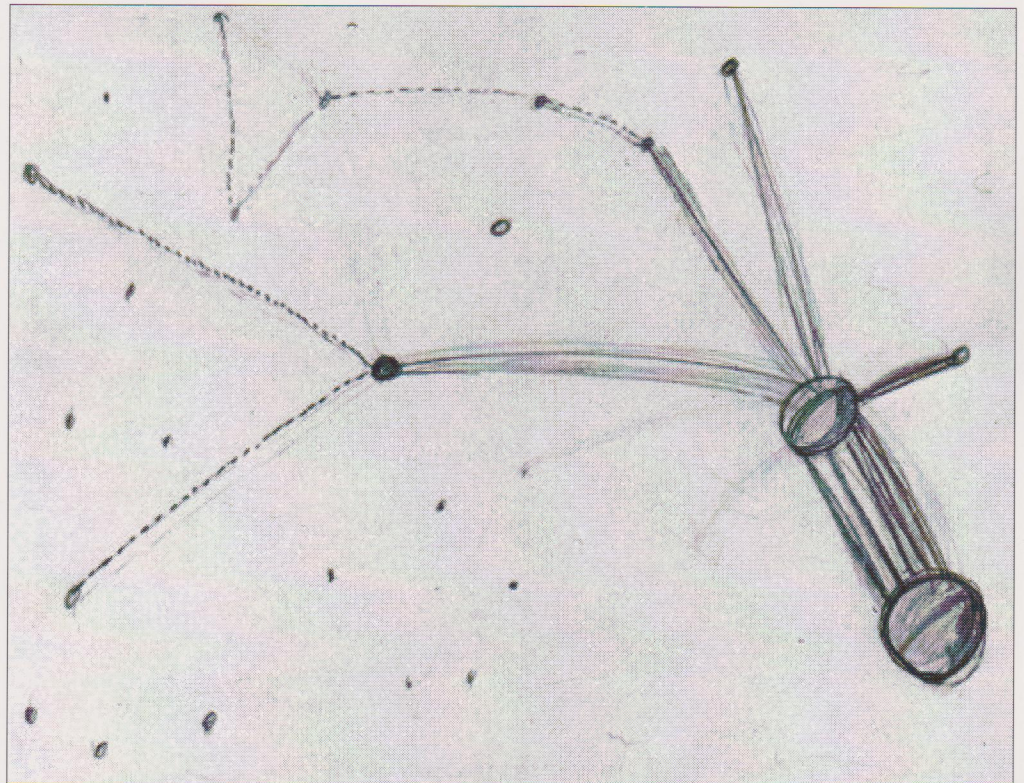
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Director's Message

By James Carrion

New developments, Symposium News

There are some very exciting changes in store for MUFON in the coming year. For starters, MUFON will be completely revamping its web site to make it more user-friendly and to incorporate the latest technological innovations that will make it one of the most dynamic UFO web sites on the Internet. MUFON is committed to providing quality information to a public that is eager to learn more about the phenomenon but find themselves lost in a sea of information and misinformation.

MUFON is also hiring a dedicated public relations manager to promote MUFON to the public as well as to our internal membership. The more people who become aware of MUFON's mission and goals, the more sightings will be reported to MUFON and the quantity and quality of investigations will be increased accordingly.

2009 Symposium

The 2009 Symposium in Denver was a great success despite the economic recession and was one of the best Symposiums I have ever attended. Not only were we fortunate to have past directors Walt Andrus and John Schuessler present but we were privileged to host Robert Bigelow and Colm Kelleher of BAASS. If you did not attend, remember you can order the speaker presentations from the MUFON web store. I highly recommend



James Carrion

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Update on Fish's Zeta Reticuli Theory

By Steve Pearse

In the April 2009 issue of the *MUFON UFO Journal*, Stanton Friedman wrote a very interesting article that was titled "Keep an open mind; New ideas replace old ones." He eloquently wrote that "Just as the sciences have made impressive gains, our understanding of the local galactic neighborhood has changed drastically."

Stanton is correct, and today I would like this opportunity to continue this discussion of how new ideas end up replacing old ones, as we continue the discussion on new developments in the advancement in astronomy which also includes the stars that Marjorie Fish selected to be in her Zeta Reticuli interpretation of Betty Hill's star map. He hit the bull's eye when he said that enormous changes have occurred in the last 200 years, with many coming in the last 70 years. Now we'll speak about the continued changes in the last 35 years since Marjorie Fish told us that she believed that the "Greys" come from Zeta Reticuli. As Friedman said, "If one isn't fully aware of the changes in the recent past, then one may not be ready to accept the notion that there will still be many more in the future."

The Star Map and the ZR theory

In December 1969, *The Catalogue of Nearby Stars*, Edition 1969, by Wilhelm Gliese was published; this was the primary source of information that Fish used in the creation of her Zeta Reticuli theory. Fish, who did not have access to a computer at the time, had to hand copy all the coordinates by hand at the Ohio State University library, as it would not allow the catalogs to be borrowed. As Jeffrey Kretsch said in "The Age of Nearby Stars," "The data for some of the stars seems to be very reliable, but a few of the pattern stars are not well observed and data on them is somewhat conflicting." Keep in mind that all astronomical data have uncertainties. Distances can be especially problematic, and it is vital to know what the uncertainties are.

In Betty Hill's star map there are two large nickel-sized stars which Marjorie Fish identified as the binary star system of Zeta Reticuli, that were thought to be 37 light years from Earth in 1974. The star map showed 6 trade and 6 expedition positions, and the triangle of stars—which Betty Hill described as being quite prominent—is an integral feature of the star map. The central focus of this article is the triangle itself, because it plays such a prominent role of the overall layout of the star map, that in turn is given added emphasis verbally by Fish to its significance within the star map.

Because the triangle stars were being described as being quite prominent, Marjorie Fish decided to place them in the forefront of the 3D model—named "Psyche"—which she

constructed based upon the theory that all the stars in the star map were all within 55 light years of Sol/Earth. The two overly large stars then became the central feature of her Zeta Reticuli theory; she identifies this binary star system as her "base stars".

Fish makes several remarks that are of critical importance to this discussion, so we will focus our attention on the background support data used in the promotion of the ZR Theory. This specifically involves her comments about the triangle as a key feature of the star map.

It wasn't until the updated 1969 *Gliese Catalogue of Nearby Stars* (2nd Edition) became available to Fish that the last three stars with connecting lines, as well as the stars in the triangle, could be pinned down and identified in the Constellation Fornax. The triangle stars are identified by the Gliese numbers of 86.1, 95, and 97. Quote: "With that specific star data, Marjorie had all the proof she needed to confirm that Betty's map could only have been drawn at the time as the result of contact with extraterrestrials!"

According to Fish:

"No astronomer on Earth could have known that the triangle of background stars existed in its present geometric design—only UFO-nauts coming toward our system from the Constellation Reticulum could have known those three shining stars existed in that position and would have plotted them in on their star map for visual orientation."

The statement that no astronomer on Earth could have known that the triangle of background stars existed is absolutely false. Stars have many identifying numbers, and the *Gliese Number* one of the many numbers used to identify a star. The star Gl 86.1 has nineteen different identifiers and Gl 138 (Zet2) for example has even more at 32 identifiers.

What is significant in this case is their Henry Draper number (HD). All three of Fish's triangle stars have HD numbers. The *Henry Draper Catalogue* (HD) is an astronomical star catalog published between the years 1918 and 1924, giving spectroscopic classifications for 225,300 stars. In the HD, her triangle stars are identified as HD13435, HD14412, and HD14802, disproving her claims that no astronomer on Earth could have known that the triangle stars existed in its present geometric design. This is an error saying that no astronomer could have known about them. I'd have to blame her science advisors who should have caught this. As we will see, the Zeta Reticuli theory trips up in the test of time.

In 1974, Mark Steggart also made a very interesting comment about Fish's ZR theory noting, "The fact that measurements of most of the stars in question can only be made at the relatively poor equipped southern hemisphere

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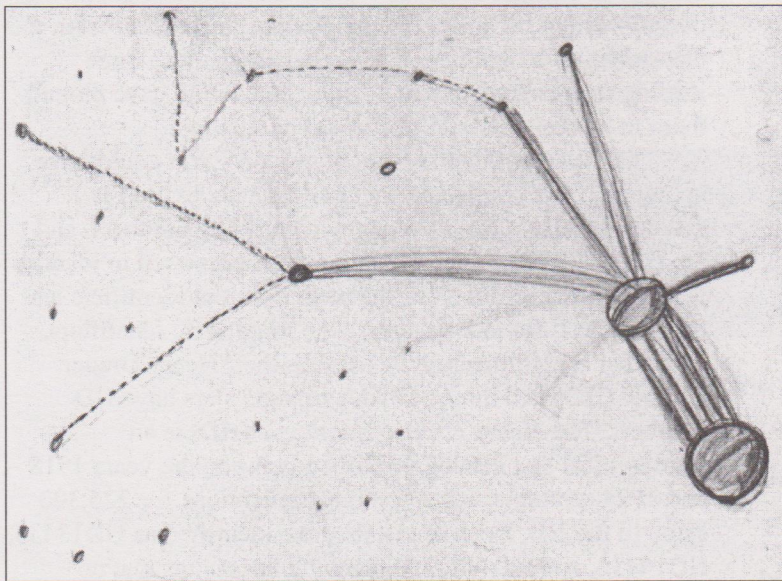
observatories accounts for the less reliable data. The data on some of the stars may not be accurate enough for us to make definitive conclusions." This is where the problem starts. There is no dispute that the Gliese catalog was one of the best available data sources at that time, so the real problem is revealed due to the advancement in our knowledge base compared to what was known 35 years ago. Stanton Friedman also acknowledged the problem saying that, "The distance data was in pretty poor shape back then. You look at five different star catalogs and you get five different distances."

Since 1974, astronomy has advanced by leaps and bounds, and much of what we thought we knew has turned out to be wrong. The passage of time hasn't helped Marjorie Fish's interpretation of the star map, and the end result is the fact that Fish's star map has simply failed to keep pace with the science of astronomy, thus leaving major holes in her star map interpretation. Major discrepancies have come to light in regards to Fish's positions number #13 and #15 which have now been proven to be much farther away, and out of bounds of Fish's "Psyche" model that proclaimed that all of the stars were within 55 light years of the Sun. It was a

valiant effort on her part to try to break the secrets of the star map, and I admire her for her efforts; but now we must go forward without her because today's science is tolling a bell on her work.

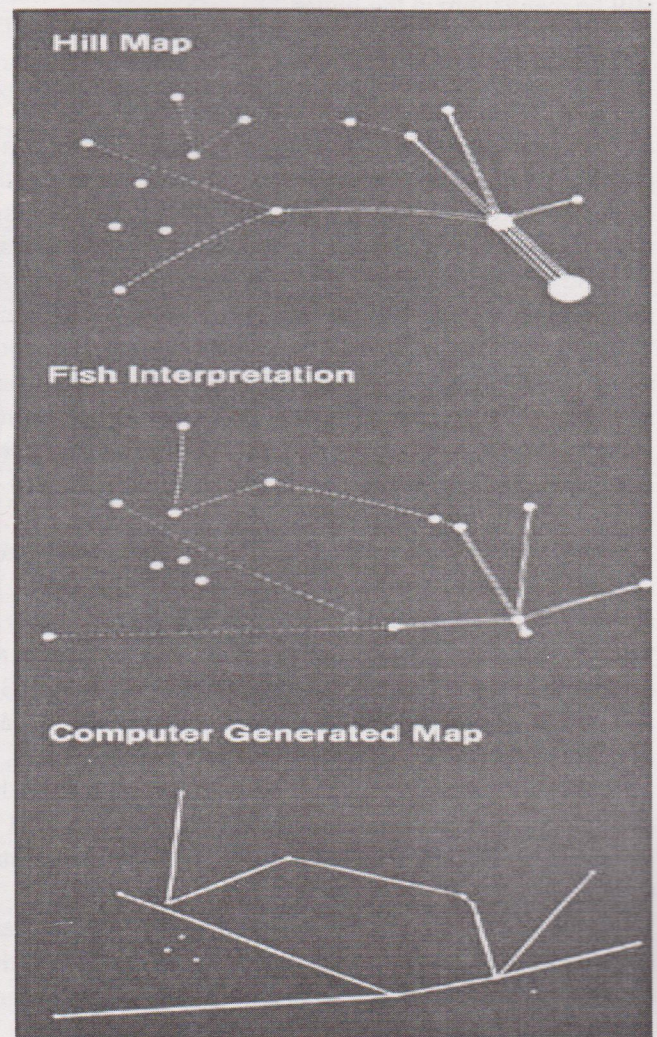
The distance of Gl 86.1 was previously thought to be 41.30 light years in 1969, and now HIPPARCOS has determined that the correct distance is actually 183.651 light years which puts this star far outside the boundary of Fish's model "Psyche" model limits of within 55 light years from the sun. We still have visibility issues too since this star is a very faint 7.10 Vmag star. Neither is it in the close position that Fish originally thought, nor is it a bright and shining star as she proclaimed in her dissertation so many years ago. This is simply scientific fact.

Another major problem for Fish's Triangle is that Kappa Fornacis (GL97)—one of the closest 46 stars on the list—was thought to be 42 light years distant in 1969; today HIPPARCOS has put this star at 71.49 light years. This now puts its true position outside of the boundary of Fish's model "Psyche" also, and closeness to the front of Fish's 3D



Above, a picture of Betty Hill's original star map. The triangle appears in the middle on the left side of the star map. The two nickel-sized stars are on the right side, showing heavy lines between them. Fish claimed that there were the "base stars" Zeta Reticuli 1 and 2.

At right Betty Hill's star map is shown with Fish's below. Hill's triangle from the start has always been a very poor rendition, and as I mention in the article, we know now that it's not really there at all, plus the fact that position #10 is supposed to be directly to the right of the triangle.



model. The remaining star, GL 95, was thought to be 45 light years in 1969 and has been subsequently corrected to 12.68pc (41.33 ly).

This effectively destroys the placement of Fish's Triangle as being part of the star map. Ironically, Gl 97 has a better chance of hosting a habitable planet than most of Fish's primary selections. Today the reality is the fact that her ZR theory no longer has a triangle, which simply compounds the problem. The triangle is a key feature of the star map. The importance of the triangle is the fact that it's an integral part of the star map and a critical element. It takes on even more importance because Betty is quoted saying that "*these triangle stars appeared quite prominent.*"

It's true that the triangle is not a primary star, and not one of the 6 trade or 6 expedition destinations, but its positional relationship and position within the star map is of great importance. If you look at Betty Hill's star map, one can clearly see that Positions #10 and # 3 fall between the upper portion of the triangle and the two lower bottom stars. Fish's triangle was based upon information from 1969 that has been proven to be unreliable and simply wrong.

The bottom line to this story is the fact that Fish's Zeta Reticuli theory doesn't have a valid triangle anymore, which has always been a key feature of the star map. So the question now is can we really continue to believe that they come from Zeta Reticuli? Perhaps not.

If they really did, one might think that this mystery would be behind us. Saying that Marjorie Fish had all the proof she needed to confirm that Betty's map could have only been drawn at the time as the result of contact with extraterrestrials is a mistaken assumption, because the stars are not really where she said they were.

There is a process of arriving at some degree of probability, and logic dictates that we equate the statement that the triangle stars appear to be quite prominent to their actual naked eye magnitudes as seen on Earth's celestial sphere. Saying that the triangle stars appeared to be quite prominent is a clear inference to the logical conclusion that naked-eye magnitudes of the triangle stars is an important consideration when we look at the star map. The bottom line is that it should be visible according to our standard stellar magnitudes, and be able to live up to Betty Hill's testimony calling them quite prominent.

The Past Expert Testimony

Dr. Walter Mitchell of the Astronomy department at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, helped Marjorie Fish develop her Zeta Reticuli theory prior to going public at the MUFON symposium in 1974. Stanton Friedman and Kathy Marden point out his comments from this era saying "He assured us that her work was very accurate, and that he could find no problems with it. (*CAPTURED!* p. 237). That

statement was made over 35 years ago, but the fact still remains that it was an opinion based upon what they knew back then which was assumed to be correct. Today many of Fish's primary stars have faced their own unique set of problems, as our knowledge about the neighborhood stars has greatly increased, casting doubt about their ability to host a habitable planet. Today the label claiming that Fish's selection of stars are all "Sunlike" is a significant problem, which will be discussed in length in the future.

In the examination of the Fish ZR theory I was fortunate enough to make the acquaintance of Charles A. Huffer, one of the world's most knowledgeable people of the Betty Hill star map. We had the opportunity to exchange information about our mutual interest in the Betty Hill star map prior to his untimely death in December 2008. Charles too concurred that the Fish model had major problems saying, "Gliese 86.1, with coordinate (136.22, 87.36, -119.84) can no longer be plotted on my models. This star is far away from the other stars. Gliese 97 is also problematic. I have left all former triangle stars out of my current models."

The New Reality

The Director's Message by James Carrion in the April issue of the *MUFON UFO Journal* points out a ugly situation that he called "The sad state of Ufology." He wrote, "I cringe every time I hear that a UFO researcher had become the victim of character assassination, but unfortunately, personal attacks seem to be common when you are in this line of work. Unfortunately it is not only the debunkers who take this tact but other UFO researchers and personalities as well. That is the sad state that ufology finds itself in. If we are ever going to resolve this mystery all of us who call ourselves truth seekers need to adhere to a higher standard and focus on the data and not the person behind the data."

Director Carrion challenged all MUFON members to keep these principles in mind whenever confronted with opposing viewpoints or challenged about their research. In ufology there are no sacred cows. All viewpoints should be respectfully considered while at the same time intensely scrutinized. Friedman's article was about keeping an open mind as new ideas replace old ones; now I'm discussing with you events that involve a favored theory that the extra-terrestrial beings who abducted Betty and Barney Hill came from Zeta Reticuli, which I'm boldly now labeling as the old theory.

The Announcement

The beings never told Betty Hill where they came from, but years later during a different UFO experience by a different observer, the beings did give us an amazing clue in a conversation about where they really came from. As new

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ideas replace old ones, one man's luck can be another's misfortune. You could call it a serendipitous discovery. According to M.K. Stoskopf, it should be recognized that "serendipitous discoveries are of significant value in the advancement of science and often present the foundation for important intellectual leaps of understanding." This is where we are at currently.

Information from a relatively unknown CE-5 case contained vital clues that were then used to find what we believe to be the true origin of entities who appear to have come from the same area in the cosmos that was described by Betty Hill. The witness saw a triangular-shaped craft prior to his conversation with the entity. The entity seen in this case—described as a Grey Being—gave highly specific information in a one-on-one conversation about where they come from. The Being told the witness, Erik Wilson, to look at the constellation Ursa Major (Big Dipper), then said, "The star cluster to the right and below. The one with the triangle to the left and the little stars in between...we're from that one. The fourth planet from our sun."

The "triangle" was investigated and proven to be an exact match to the famous triangle in Betty Hill's star map, thus allowing us to formally connect the two cases together. Seeing that triangle was a perfect match allowed us to further deduce that the star map was actually Earth-based and fairly accurate with minor corrections. They are essentially telling us where they come from. Our intended purpose is to build a bridge to the scientific world, in hope that we can finally identify this solar system which is capable of hosting a habitable planet with life.

The conversation between the witness and the Grey—which took place in Portland, Oregon, on the witness's deck—was posted on the www.alienjigsaw.com website by Erik's wife, Katharina Wilson. For the last several years I've had the pleasure of working directly with Katharina in developing this new theory; which is appropriately called the Hill/Wilson Star map. The Hill/Wilson star map is the culmination of eight years of meticulous research into the star map that was inspired by this extraordinary conversation. In the coming months I look forward to updating you more about this new exciting announcement.

Of course bringing out a new theory hasn't been the easiest thing to do, as Director James Carrion has testified to; so we are in a sense, putting out our "help wanted" sign for other researchers who might want to join us in our quest to get this information vetted within the UFO community to help further our understanding of extraterrestrial intelligence.

I look forward to talking with any interested parties who might join us in our effort to unlock the secrets of the star map.

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Dr. Bruce Maccabee Receives MUFON's highest award for Excellence in Ufology

The award was presented at the 2009 Annual International UFO Symposium on August 7 in Denver by Tom Deuley, a MUFON corporate trustee and board member. His speech:

Each year the MUFON Board of Directors nominates and chooses a recipient for the "MUFON Excellence in Ufology Award." We give the award to a person who has shown an overwhelming long-term interest and accomplishment in the UFO field. The recipient has demonstrated a continuous participation in the work, and has been known to demonstrate 'hard work' and good science as they complete original research, which they then unselfishly share through presentations, papers, and publishing their findings.

We also look at how broadly the recipient has participated with other interested parties, and the extent of their involvement in research, investigations and leadership roles.

Lastly we consider the person as a person and how they work in the UFO community, in their home community and in their professional community.

This year's recipient not only fulfills every criteria, but in his life's contribution to the world, his work goes far beyond just being involved in the UFO solution movement.

He has served as a MUFON State Director; he helped form and then manage, for a number of years, a separate UFO organization, while still being a state director. He has traveled in and out of the United States to do definitive UFO case research, and was one of the earliest to take advantage of the government's FOIA program. He is one of very few to have become an expert in a narrow and import aspect of UFO research, that of photo analysis.

This year's winner of the MUFON Excellence in Ufology Award is my long time friend, cohort and companion in UFO work, a photo analysis expert and UFO researcher extraordinaire, Dr. Bruce Maccabee.

Bruce is a speaker this year at the Symposium, for probably the tenth time or more before a MUFON audience.

A native of Vermont, Bruce received a BS degree in Physics from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts in 1964, and earned his MS in 1967 and PhD in 1970, both in Physics, from American University in Washington D.C.

He has been active in Ufology since the late 1960s when he joined the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) and was active in research and investigation for NICAP until its demise in 1980. In 1975 he became a member of MUFON and was subsequently appointed to the position of state Director for Maryland, a position he held until just recently.

During his work as a State Director he became involved with and was a founding member of The Fund for UFO Research, and was President of FUFOR for 13 years, where he presently continues to serve on the National Board of the Fund. In addition he is a member of the Scientific Board of the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS).

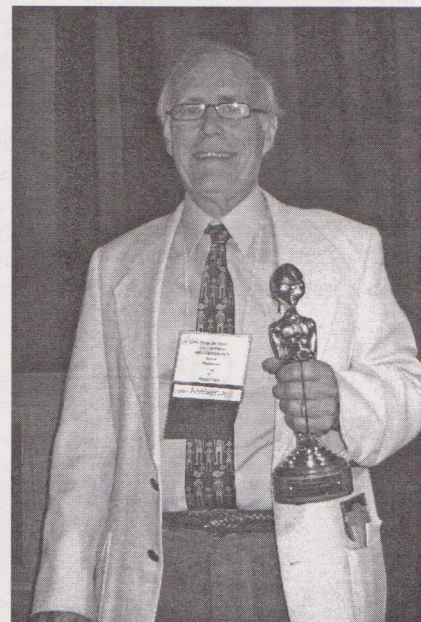
He has written over 100 papers on various aspects of the UFO, including the McMinnville photos, the Australian Valentich case, the New Zealand UFO case, the Japan Airlines (JAL1628) sighting, and the Gulf Breeze case, about which he also co-edited a book on the case with Ed Walters. He has published several books on UFOs including *The UFO-FBI Connection*, and the novel *Abduction in my Life: A Novel of Alien Encounters*. He has appeared on numerous radio and TV shows and has been a consultant to *National Geographic*, *Reader's Digest*, and *Time-Life* books, among others.

Those of you who have been with MUFON for a while will remember that Bruce has been not only a speaker, but has also provided entertainment as a concert pianist for us on at least three occasions, at the 1997 and 1999 MUFON symposia, as well as this evening, including his playing of a piano composition he has written with UFOs as the theme. He also played the organ in a small dance band. The only funny thing I can say about Bruce is that he is the only guy I know who cut his organ in half so he could get it in the back seat of his car—the first portable electronic organ!

Dr. Maccabee has worked as a physicist since he graduated, with the majority of his career working for the Navy, which he joined as a civilian in 1972, at what is now the Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division, in Dahlgren, Virginia. He retired from government service in 2008. He has worked on optical data processing, generation of underwater sound with lasers and various aspects of the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) and Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) using high power lasers. Bruce is the author or coauthor of about three dozen technical articles.

Finally, I must stop here, although I could go on for sometime. If you would like to know more about this year's MUFON Excellence in Ufology Award winner, put his name into an internet search where you will find 131,000 hits that contain his name.

Bruce, it is with greatest personal pleasure that I speak for the MUFON Board to honor you with this, our most distinguished award.



Bruce Maccabee, PhD

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The SIP Project - STAR Team Report

The STAR Impact Project (SIP) is a program funded by Bigelow Aerospace Advanced Space Studies (BAASS) whereby MUFON is subcontracted to provide information on the UFO phenomenon. The SIP project, operational since April 2009, will help us get us closer to understanding the UFO phenomenon. (STAR stands for Strike Team Area Research; it is MUFON's Rapid Response Special Unit.)

We now have a Dispatch Operation which works continuous shifts throughout the day. The Dispatchers monitor CMS and review all the new cases coming in. (CMS is MUFON's online Case Management System.) By mid-April, our operation was in full swing and Deployments involving paid Field Investigators began occurring on a regular basis.

The purpose of this report is to keep the MUFON membership informed about the activities and deployments of the STAR Team.

Each month we will be featuring an article about one of the more compelling cases we deployed on during that month. We will also provide a case listing of all SIP STAR Team deployments for that month, and the respective Investigators involved.

Richard Lang
MUFON (Mutual UFO Network)
STAR Team Manager
SIP Project Coordinator

Featured Case Report...

Retired Deputy Sheriff sees, hears large UFO

By Richard Lang

Case Report: MUFON SIP CAT 2 Deployment

Case number: 17546

Field Investigators: Charles Modlin, Vicki LeBlanc

Location: Poynette, Wisconsin

Date of Event: 18 June, 2009

On 6/19/09, a STAR team Category 2 Deployment was activated and STAR Team Investigator Chuck Modlin was assigned as lead investigator. STAR Team Investigator Vicki LeBlanc assisted. (The following contains excerpts taken from the original case report written by Charles Modlin and Vicki LeBlanc.)

Background: The primary witness in this case is a female in her early 50s. She is retired from a law enforcement career, having served over 10 years as a Deputy Sheriff. She lives in a very nice home that is located 200 feet from a river with her fiancée, who is currently working overseas for the US Government. She is in good health and does not use any medications that would impair her state of mind or ability to recognize objects. Both MUFON STAR Team Investigators found her to be extremely credible. She described herself to investigators as open minded, not a skeptic and not a believer. She told them she has been shot at in the line of duty and does not get upset easily.

The event occurred on June 18, 2009, shortly after midnight. The witness had gone to bed at about 12:30 AM. She was in the master bedroom on the second floor of her house, which faces the road. The drapes were closed. Her two dogs were with her and she was just falling off to sleep.

She heard a hovering noise that awoke her. She described it to the investigators as sounding something like a helicopter, but she said it was a low humming sound. Her dogs had been sleeping on the bed with her, heard the noise as well, got up and were standing by the window. She went to the window and looked out.

Her first thought was someone was out in the driveway. She realized the noise seemed to be getting louder as she went into the bathroom, where she could see better and get a better perspective of the driveway.

She saw that the light in the driveway, which is controlled by a motion sensor, had been activated and the light was on, but she did not see anything in her driveway. Investigators examined the motion sensor and determined it activates when motion occurs at 30 feet proximity.

Then she looked up and thought "what in God's name is that?" There appeared to be three very bright white lights in perfect alignment in a straight line. The fourth light, which was red/white and flashing, was a bit off to the left rear of the line. Her driveway is approximately 400 feet in length and the lights extended almost the entire length of it. She stated to investigators that It did appear that the lights were attached to some flat metal gray object (as if she was viewing the underside of something).

The object moved very slowly and she could hear what she described as sounding like an engine noise but lower (not a helicopter). It moved consistently south over the meadow (next to her driveway) toward the hill.

Her impression was that she was seeing the underside of a very large object. She saw no markings anywhere on it and

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told investigators that it was slightly above the tree line. It took several moments for it to disappear over the hillside.

The entire time the red/white flashing lights continued to follow it. She was not sure whether the red/white lights were physically attached to the object (her impression was that it was not attached). She confided to investigators that she has never seen anything like this before.

Investigators obtained GPS coordinates of the location of the driveway. They checked radiation levels in driveway and

on a car tarp removed from the vehicle in the driveway, which were normal compared to the control area.

Investigators also checked for magnetic anomalies around the garage with no abnormal results. They obtained distances with laser range finder. The driveway faces south and is 415 feet long. Investigators examined the sensor for the driveway light, which is mounted on the garage facing south; the range was set for 30 feet proximity.

Featured Case Report...

Woman and dog observe multiple lights, orbs

By Richard Lang

Case Report MUFON SIP CAT 2 Deployment

Case number: 17780

Investigator: Glen Means

State Coordinator: Danielle Baker

Location: Fort Wayne, Indiana (county of Allen)

Date of Event: June 28, 2009

On June 29, 2009, a STAR team Category 2 Deployment was activated. STAR Team Investigator Glen Means was assigned as lead investigator. (The following contains excerpts taken from the original case report written by Glen Means.)

Background: the primary witness is a 50-year-old female who wants to remain anonymous. She is a personal fitness instructor with a BA degree and she is in good health. She has not had previous sightings. The location is a heavily wooded 50-acre tract with two houses which are separated from each other by thick woods.

The event occurred early 4:30 AM on the morning of Sunday, 28 June 2009. The Witness was awakened by her dog who wanted to go out at approximately 4:25 am. She let the dog out and went to get some water. After a few minutes when the dog hadn't returned, she stepped to the front door and called his name, then put on her shoes and stepped out onto the front porch to call for the dog. She noticed small, round white lights in the woods surrounding her home.

She reported to the investigator that she was observing multiple (as many as 20) small white orbs (golf ball to baseball to basketball sized) and one large red orb (approx.



The witness's English Bulldog exhibited a possible injury to his eyes after observing the lights

10 feet across) moving around in the thick woods outside of her front door.

According to the witness' testimony, some of the lights were high and others lower to the ground. She became aware that the lights were moving towards her and felt a little frightened. The dog came around the house and she told him to hurry. The lights were still moving towards her and becoming closer. The dog saw the lights and stopped and looked towards them. She called him to come and they hurried into the house, closing the storm door behind them. She turned back to the door and noticed some of the lights were quite close to her and the door. One went right over where she had been standing. She realized a breeze had come up and that some drops of fluid appeared on the glass of the door. She couldn't figure out what she was seeing but

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though it was odd and scary. She said she couldn't move away from the door and she continued to watch the round, white lights. There seemed to be a pattern to them, almost an ebb and flow.

She changed her position slightly and saw deeper into the woods, and noticed a fairly large red light. She initially thought it was a police car and then realized the red light was not blinking like the lights of a patrol car. Then she heard the sound of car brakes screeching, looked towards the highway and saw a car come to a quick stop. She remembered thinking whoever was in the car was seeing the same thing as she was, which was a big relief to her! After several minutes the car on the highway pulled away.

The investigator noted that the event lasted roughly half an hour, and involved possible injury to her dog's eyes. (The dog was much closer to the orbs than witness.) The witness also reported when several of the white orbs approached her and the dog (at her front door during the event) she noted a distinct temperature drop at their approach, and that small amounts of an unknown liquid fell from them and collected on her front door window.

Animal Effects: Investigator noted that the dog is suffering from obvious eye trauma, as they are mostly



Investigator Glen Means gathers a sample of the residue from the witness' door.

swollen shut and continually weeping. Further, the dog trembles a lot now, and refuses to go outside after dark, and when carried outside, will relieve himself on the front door step and want back inside immediately. Investigator believes the dog involved in this case has suffered physical injury to his eyes and is exhibiting strong signs of emotional stress.

Samples of the residue (unknown liquid) on the door were taken by the investigator for analysis.

SIP Cases for June 2009

Case # 17582. CAT 2

Investigators: Chuck Fetterman & Steve Reichmuth

State Coordinator: Ruben Uriarte

Location: Grass Valley, California (Nevada County)

Date of Event: May 28, 2009

Time of Event: 8:00 PM Pacific Daylight Time (PDT)

Case #s 17360, 17478. CAT 2

Investigators: Charles Modlin, Vicki LeBlanc

State Coordinator: Nathan Tomisich

Deployment Date: June 14, 2009

Case # 17526. CAT 3

Investigator: Devlin Rugne

State Coordinator: Tom Bowden

Location: Grants Pass, Oregon

Date of Event: June 16, 2009

Time of Event: 10:30 PM (Pacific Time)

Case # 17546. CAT 2 (Featured Case)

Investigators: Charles Modlin, Vicki LeBlanc

State Coordinator: Nathan Tomisich

Location: Poynette, Wisconsin

Date of Event: June 18, 2009

Time of Event: 12:54 AM

Case # 17653. CAT 2

Deployment Investigator: David MacDonald

State Coordinator: David MacDonald

Location: Louisville, Kentucky, on the premises of Louisville International Airport

Date of Event: June 24, 2009

Time of Event: 1:55 PM (local)

Note: Case in Progress: Numerous airport personnel sighted object

Case #17780. Case Type (Featured Case)

SIP Investigator: Glen Means

State Coordinator: Danielle Baker

Location: Fort Wayne, Indiana

Date of Event: Sunday, June 28, 2009

Time of Event: 4:25 AM

Appalachian Case Study: UFO Sightings, Alien Encounters and Unexplained Phenomena

Appalachian Case Study: UFO Sighting, Alien Encounters and Unexplained Phenomena, by Kyle Lovern. 2008. Woodland Press, LLC, Chapmanville, West Virginia. 98 pages. \$12.95.

Reviewed by Sally Petersen

Journalist Kyle Lovern, a native of West Virginia, focuses on UFO sightings in his home state in this well-written collection of sixteen sightings. West Virginia has a prominent history of unexplained happenings and bizarre sightings of UFOs and other mysteries, such as the Braxton County monster and the “Mothman” sightings. The Mothman was a tall winged man-like creature with large reflective eyes seen around the Point Pleasant area in the mid-1960s by many observers. It is believed to be tied to UFO sightings.

Lovern speculates that perhaps West Virginia is a hotbed of UFO activity because it is a rural state, notable for its harsh mountains, rolling hills and sparse population. Or perhaps its close proximity to Washington, D.C. and to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, makes sightings more probable.

Interested in UFOs since his first sighting at age 8, Lovern has kept his eyes to the sky and continued to research the subject of UFOs. In his introduction, he outlines West Virginia’s legacy of prominent UFO investigators and authors; Gary Barker, John Keel and Budd Hopkins are all West Virginia natives.

Lovern used his skills as a long-time newspaper and radio reporter to interview a number of West Virginians who

have had UFO sightings. In the book, he “shares stories that [he has] gathered over the years.” He notes that he was selective in choosing the sixteen accounts included in the book, saying that he published “only those accounts that could be substantiated, or could pass my ‘believability’ test.” However, he does not discuss how the cases were substantiated, or whether they have been investigated at all.

Neither does he relate how he found the people who shared the stories. Nonetheless, the stories are compelling, brief, and very readable.

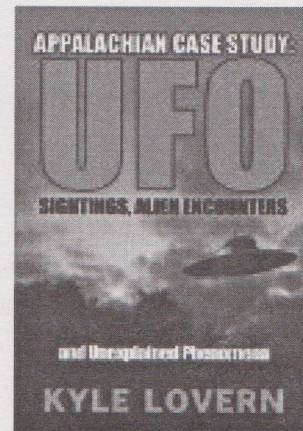
One teenage hunter, Dave, recounts the sighting of a large triangular flying craft floating just above the treetops only thirty yards away in 1968. Almost twenty years later, he saw another craft while driving to work in the early morning hours. His car stalled and he experienced nearly an hour of missed time.

Bill and Jane sighted a cigar-shaped object in Mingo County while driving home in his old pickup truck. Afterward, his truck had strange electrical problems, even shocking a passenger through his feet on the floorboards. Soon after, he got rid of the pickup.

One woman relates how she and her mother saw the Mothman jump on the back end of a bus—when she was about 6 years old in the summer of 1966, a few months before the “first officially recorded sighting” in November 1966. At the time, the mother told her daughter never to speak of it, but later, just before she died, the mother encouraged the daughter to tell the tale after all.

Lovern concludes the book with a 2008 interview with noted ufologist Stanton Friedman discussing UFO sightings in West Virginia. While Friedman agrees that certainly West Virginia has had its share of reports,” he adds, “But every part of the country seems to think they have more sightings than anyone else.”

Appalachian Case Study could be improved with the addition of a Table of Contents. Including a map of the West Virginia regions where the UFO viewings occurred would be helpful for those readers who are not already familiar with the state. At only 98 pages, the book is an easy, quick entertaining read of sixteen stories about UFO sightings.



Volunteer of the Month

Sharon McGee was recognized as the Volunteer of the Month for July, along with her husband, David MacDonald. Her photo was not available in time for the July issue.



Calendar. . .

September 5. *Exeter UFO Festival.*

Ted Loder, Peter Geremia, Kathleen Marden, Peter Robbins
Bill Foster. Exeter, NH. Molly, 603-772-2411 or
www.exeterarea.org.

September 11-13. 2009 Paranormal Symposium at Angel Fire. D. Balthaser, G. Bishop, D. Burleson, M. Halpin, N. Hayakawa, N.T. Isley, G. Knapp, M. Many, G. Malone, N. Redfern and more. Angel Fire, NM. www.aspefiles.org

September 25-27. *A Galactic Gathering.*

Norma Milanovich, Arthur David Horn, Leo Sprinkle,
Wendelle Stevens, Sheldon Nidle, Stan Romanek, Rainbow
Eagle. Denver, CO. www.GalacticCivilizations.org

October 9-10. *Philadelphia UFO Conference.*

B. Witkowski, B. Barnes, B. Downing, W. Allen, J. Stein, J.
Ventre, T. Carey, P. Robbins, C. Feindt, S. Swiatek, R.
Swiatek, R.E. Guiley. Blue Bell, Pennsylvania. Call John
Ventre 724-836-1266 or www.pamufon.com

October 16. *4th Annual Mass UFO Show.*

Watertown, MA. www.ufoshow.org

October 17. *Pittsburgh UFO Conference.*

B. Witkowski, E. Altman, S. Gordon, J. Ventre, B. Downing, B.
Birnes, D. Jacobs, P. Wilson. Youngwood, PA. Call John Ventre
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October 24. *Mysteries of Space & Sky VI.*

Col. Charles Halt, Capt. Robert Durant, Rob & Sue Swiatek,
Rosemary Ellen Guiley and more. Baltimore, MD. Contact Dr.
Peter S. Resta at spr100@aol.com

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Jennifer Stein, Crop Circles

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John Ventre, 2008 Pennsylvania UFO Flap
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Bill Birnes, UFO Hunters and UFO Magazine
Dr. David Jacobs, Alien Abductions and Hybrids
Patty Wilson, Paranormal Investigator

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Scenes from the Symposium

Photos by Lynda Wood



Above: Enjoying the Benefactors' Social Hour are Bob Wood, John LeMaster, Stanton Friedman, Kathleen Marden, and John Whitley

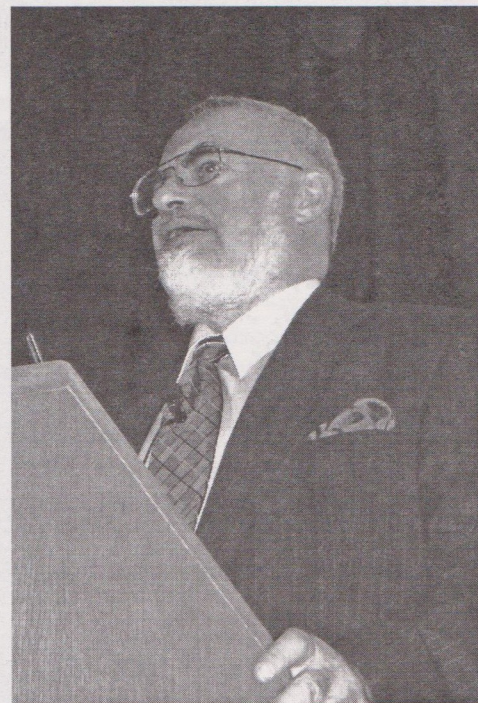


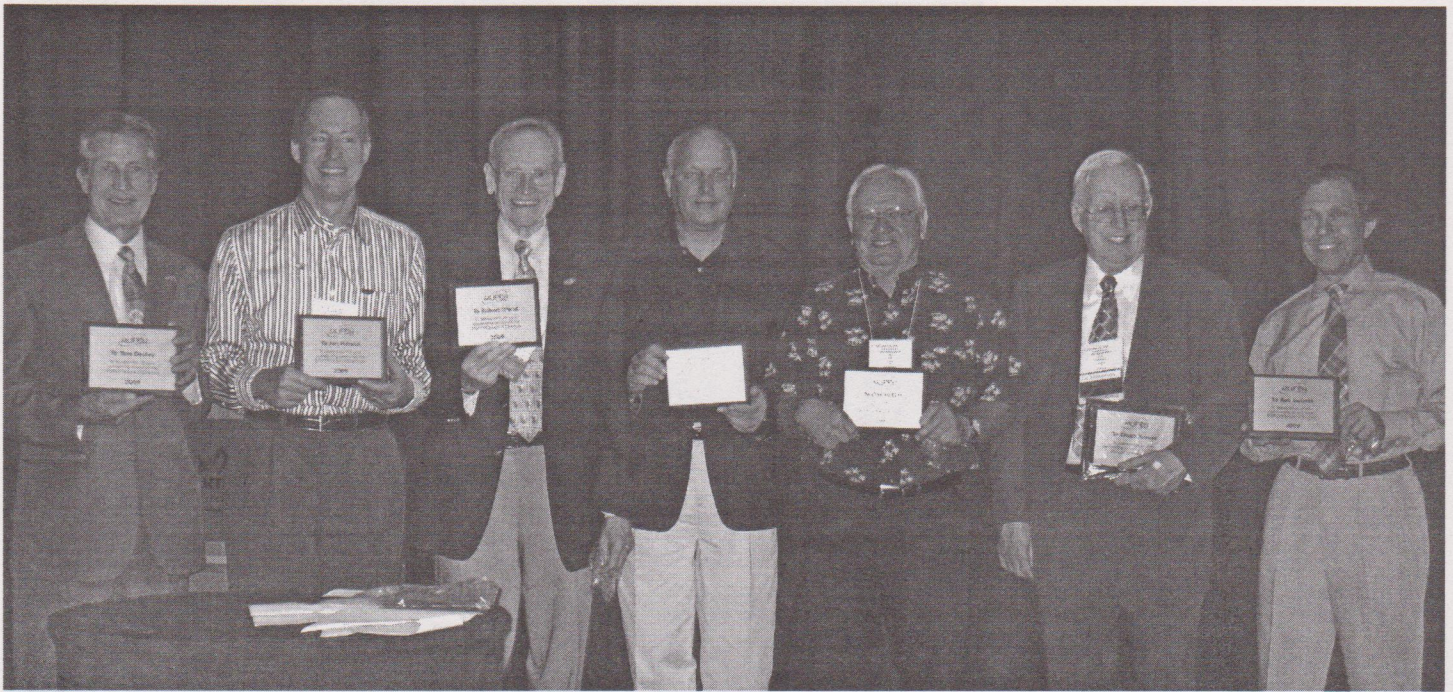
At left: Chuck Modlin, Vicki LeBlanc, former MUFON Director Walt Andrus and his wife Ruth, Lynda and Bob Wood



Left: John Greenewald, creator of the Black Vault, was the emcee and the luncheon speaker.

Right: Stanton Friedman spoke at the banquet on "The Pseudoscience of Anti-Ufology."





The Board of Directors received plaques of appreciation. From left: Tom Deuley, Jan Harzan, Bob Wood, Tom Whitmore, Cliff Clift, John Schuessler, and Rob Swiatek. Not present: Chuck Reeve.



“John and Walt’s Most Excellent Adventure”

Headquarters office employees Kim Combs (as the Man in Black) and Lori Rae Steele (as the tall blonde alien) joined John Greenewald and Peter Robbins (playing MUFON founders and former International Directors) Walt Andrus and John Schuessler) in a skit for the evening banquet crowd.

International Director James Carrion wrote the script.

Right: Cliff Clift, Tom Whitmore, Bob Bigelow, Nic Roesler, John Ventre, Chris Rutkowski, Bob Wood, Rob Swiatek



Lang, Johnson honored for STAR Team Impact Project (SIP)

Thanks to a collaborative effort between MUFON and Bigelow Aerospace Advanced Space Studies (BAASS), MUFON is now able to rapidly respond to a UFO event and collect quality evidence. When a UFO report comes in, it is immediately evaluated by a defined set of criteria, and if determined to be a Category 2 or 3 (as defined by the classification system devised by researcher Jacques Vallee), an specially trained rapid response investigative team is immediately deployed to the scene.

Read some of the monthly reports of investigated cases on pages 8–10 of this issue.



Richard Lang, SIP Coordination Manager, Jess Johnson, SIP Operations Manager were honored by Director James Carrion at the MUFON Symposium

In memoriam: Noted Ufologist Richard H. Hall

One of ufology's best, Richard H. Hall, 78, of Brentwood, Maryland, passed away on July 17, 2009. He was born on Christmas day, 1930 in Hartford, Connecticut.

Dick was a UFO scholar ufologist and a proponent of the extraterrestrial hypothesis to explain UFO sightings.

Richard enlisted in the fledgling U.S. Air Force in 1949 and served into early 1951, followed by six years in the Air Force Reserve. During his time at Keesler AFB, Mississippi, he worked in the base athletic department and other areas of Personnel Services.

After returning to civilian life he tried several pursuits, and then enrolled at Tulane University in New Orleans in 1954. Originally a mathematics major, he tired of that discipline and switched to a major in philosophy and a minor in mathematics. Because of his generally high grades (A-/B+) he was wooed by Phi Beta Kappa but didn't care to participate in what seemed to him snobbish activities. Instead, attracted by then emerging news about sightings of "flying saucers" (UFOs) in the 1950s he opted to make himself available to the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) then being formed.

From 1958 to 1969 he worked for NICAP first as executive secretary, and eventually becoming its assistant director. Working with NICAP director Donald Keyhoe, he helped lobby the US Congress to hold public hearings and investigations into the UFO phenomenon.

Hall resigned from NICAP in 1969 to find "honest" (i.e., paying) work as a technical writer and editor, because of

impending marriage. For a number of years, he worked for various trade associations in Washington, D.C., and for some "Beltway Bandit" consulting firms as a writer-editor. His final formal job before semi-retirement was as an abstractor-indexer at Congressional Information Service, Bethesda, Maryland for about 10 years. His primary specialties were: aviation, aerospace and environmental issues.

He continued to work in the UFO field, serving as the director of the Fund for UFO Research, which provides grant money to legitimate researchers, and also was at one time the editor of the MUFON Journal, this very publication. Hall served as Chairman of the Fund for UFO Research, 1993-1998. He also published the Journal of UFO History.

Dick Hill wrote several books, including *The UFO Evidence* (1964) and *The UFO Evidence, Volume II: A Thirty-Year Report* (2001), and others. A copy of the 1964 edition—a compendium of the best UFO sightings and incidents of the 1940s through early 1960s—was sent to every member of Congress in 1964. He also wrote several books and articles about women in the Civil War. He was a member of the Authors Guild.

He is also a founding member of the Church of Equine Velocity and holds the title of magister velocitatis equinae.

Richard Hall was a consummate scholar and he will be missed.

As of this writing, Dick's website remains accessible at: www.hallrichard.com.

Perceptions

By Stanton T. Friedman

Abductions Intent

Every so often I run into comments from people claiming that abductions of Earthlings by aliens make no sense. If aliens were looking to make hybrids, they would just supposedly get a few samples of our DNA and clone them. This wholesale grabbing and testing makes no sense, they claim. In the first place, these people have no information at all about what aliens want and why they do what they do. In the second place, surely they can imagine a number of scenarios that do make sense.

For example, we ourselves do many surveys of earthlings. Some are for instant information. Think of all those Roper and Nielsen and Gallup polls. Repeated surveys are done asking similar questions and keeping track of changing trends in attitudes. Telephone surveys are done. Written replies to questionnaires are sought. Great care is taken to try to obtain a random sampling of possible subjects.

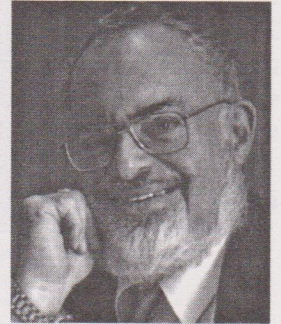
But we also do long term longitudinal studies to see how important various factors are. One of the most famous is the Framingham, Massachusetts, Heart study of cardiovascular problems begun in 1948. A total of 5209 residents were physically tested every two years. One problem of course was being able to find them as time went on. People do move a lot in our society. Also testing procedures, sensitivity, and accuracy have all probably improved. The focus was on heart disease, but it was deemed desirable to know if there were any biological changes that would in time make it possible to predict a heart attack. Smoking? Alcohol intake? Obesity? Diabetes, hypertension? Did dietary intake of nutrients or nutrient supplements or alcohol or caffeine influence the health status later? A

serious effort was made to obtain death certificates with details of the causes of death.

A companion study was the Framingham nurses study... also longitudinal. What factors influenced the development of cancer or heart disease? Did input of various hormones result in a higher or lower level of other factors? One obvious benefit of longitudinal testing is that one is not depending entirely on memory. In some nutritional studies food intake logs are kept, again to avoid total dependence on memory.

One related subject of interest is the discovery of small implants often in nasal cavities, hands, feet, of abductees. Does this make any sense? Note that terms like in vitro fertilization and embryo implantation would have made no sense 100 years ago. Dr. Roger Leir has removed a number of implants. In a recent paper he discussed the fact that not only were the isotope ratios for the elements used in an implant different from those found for the same elements on earth, but radio signals from the implant were also noted. Obviously such devices could also provide instant location as well as physiological data when interrogated by various transponders. It has been possible for many years for Earthlings to purchase tiny devices for insertion under the skin of cattle, dogs, people, etc., which, when properly interrogated, provide identification of the animal. They were smaller than BBs. If we could build such devices less than 75 years into the electronic age and the development of tiny microcircuits, imagine what aliens could do with thousands or millions of years of development time.

An entirely different sort of longitudinal study was done by Lewis Terman and associates with people determined to have high IQs, by testing at a fairly early age. Again there was the problem of locating test subjects over a long period of time. One of the



Stanton Friedman

surprising findings was that IQ alone was not enough to determine success in life, even though IQs seem to remain quite stable over a lifetime. There have been many discussions as to whether nurture or nature determined success. Eugenacists thought that defective people should be sterilized or even euthanized to develop a super race. It became clear that having a high IQ whether inherited or not was not enough to guarantee success later on.

If we think about it for a while, we can of course suggest a number of other reasons for aliens to abduct earthlings. In many cases there have been repeated abductions not only of an individual over time but multigenerational. Do note how much more sophisticated we have become about DNA testing. The DNA research for which Francis Crick and James Watson received a Nobel Prize was first published in 1953. We have also come to realize that there are genetic components to many diseases as well as for such traits as skin color, height, eye color, etc. There are the obvious genetic diseases such as hemophilia. It is a sex linked genetic defect resulting

in the inability to manufacture enough Factor VIII, one of a dozen or so blood clotting factors. Hemophilic men have it; transmitted to them by their mothers. The daughters of the sons who have hemophilia are carriers, but don't have the disease. Some of their daughters will be carriers and some of their sons will have the condition. But hemophilia occurs over a spread of concentrations of the missing factor. About one in 5000 males have it. There are a host of other genetic conditions. We are also slowly moving in the direction of trying to use genetics to have the body correct its own problems perhaps with the use of stem cells.

If aliens were looking for a detailed picture of human genetics catching both the diseases and their possible means of correction, a huge number of specimens would have to be examined. A herd of prize cattle might all have been the result of artificial insemination of sperm from one prize bull. With humans there is an enormous variation. If aliens have data about different genetic characteristics from thousands of years ago, they may be here to study what happened to characteristics that were more or less prevalent then than now. They also might be interested in those cases of genetic diseases produced by mutation in the parent. About 30% of hemophiliacs, for example have no family history of the disease. Radiation is one cause of such mutations. The Earth—the densest planet in the solar system—has more radioactive heavy uranium and other heavy metals than all other local planets.

What if the visitors have data about genetics, mutations, etc. from a few thousand years ago and want to understand the differences? What if they are gathering data for when the time comes to confront us and to tell us the errors of our tribal warfare attitudes? Maybe there are thesis projects dealing with such questions as why are there several different but intermixable races? Are we the result of past colonizations by various aliens from different

places? I have often suggested that perhaps Earth is the Devil's Island of this corner of the galaxy and they left the bad boys and girls here, much as Australia and the state of Georgia were originally settled by convicts. Is this why we are so fixated on tribal warfare?

One fascinating aspect of the abduction phenomena is the apparent ability of the abductors to control the actions of the abductee somewhat remotely and to paralyze a group of people also present when the abduction is ongoing, to induce amnesia. We know how to do that with the injection of appropriate drugs, but the aliens seem not to need the drugs. They might be studying if there are genetic differences between those easily controlled and those much more difficult to control.

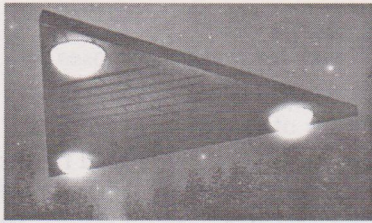
It is easy to forget how much our capacity for collecting, storing, and receiving data has improved. What did we do before lasers were enabled to read bar codes? I recently received a package via UPS Courier from California. There was a tracking number. I went on line and followed its progress. Put in the tracking number, and out pops a list of dates, times, and places where the package was scanned. Twenty-one scans from California to New Brunswick, Canada. Think of how many packages those big brown trucks move every day. Obviously aliens may have a far more sophisticated system for keeping track of abductees over longer periods of time. I have suggested some motives they may have; at some point they could say we know all about your genetic diseases and how to cure them. We have done 17 PhD theses on Earthlings. We have found X new combinations of interest, and so forth.

They could say: We have studied brain wave patterns, variations in all sorts of biological parameters. We are planning on using some of you, those deemed appropriate, to resettle planets that have had natural catastrophes. We

need slaves for mining purposes on distant asteroids, etc. Get the idea? Thousands of people went west in search of gold during the gold rushes of 1849 and 1898. Millions migrated from Europe to North America between 1880 and 1912, for a host of reasons. Why should we Earthlings have to provide motivations for all the alien visitors? Maybe high pay for spending time on a dangerous planet like Earth? Maybe sorting out who will run what district when the big invasion comes? Maybe being punished for past transgressions? We mete out penalties of hundreds of hours of community service....

The simple fact is that abductions of Earthlings are ongoing, whether we like it or not, and whether we know what purposes, benign or nefarious, the aliens have in mind. Don't forget that absence of evidence is not evidence for absence, but often evidence for ignorance. I can't say I know for sure why Betty and Barney Hill were abducted in 1961. (The tale is told in detail in *Captured! The Betty and Barney Hill UFO Experience*.) I can say for sure that they were abducted by aliens doing their thing—whatever that thing might be, but certainly including physical examinations. We can certainly say the aliens were curious (why did Barney's teeth come out and Betty's didn't? they asked), trying to avoid giving pain (the leader stopped Betty's pain when a needle was inserted in her navel), desirous of Betty and Barney not recalling the experience (a "book" was taken back, and amnesia was induced). They had a job to do and they did it. I sometimes wonder what specimens of polar bears or whales tell their buddies about being anesthetized while a radio transmitter is being attached by strange beings to track their meanderings by sending signals to a satellite.

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Filer's Files

By George Filer
Director, MUFON Eastern Region



Soviet Submarines Pursued by UFOs

Dr. Bruce Maccabee writes, *"The following story was told to me by Dr. Vladimir Azhazha, (One of the leading Russian experts on UFOs) while we were both attending a UFO symposium in Japan in 1990."*

"On one occasion a Soviet nuclear submarine, which was on a combat mission in the Pacific Ocean, detected six unknown objects. After the crew failed to leave behind their pursuers by maneuvering, the captain ordered to surface. The objects followed suit, took to the air, and flew away."

Azhazha said that the captain of this sub assumed the objects were American subs. When he couldn't shake them by maneuvering he decided to surface under the assumption that they would also and there would be communication during which time the captain could tell the Americans to "get lost." Instead, when the captain and a crew member reached the sail (top) of the surfaced submarine he was astonished to see the objects rise out of the water and fly away. According to Azhazha the captain eventually became an admiral. He would not say the admiral's name, but said it began with the letter "K".

The Navy article stated: *"On several occasions the instruments gave reading of material objects moving at incredible speed. Calculations showed speeds of about 230 knots, of 400 kph. Speeding so fast is a challenge even on the surface. But water resistance is much higher. It was like the objects defied the laws of physics. There's only one explanation: the creatures who built them far surpass us in development,"* Beketov said. Thanks to Dr. Bruce Maccabee. Editor's Note: Russian

Submarines are now patrolling off the US Eastern Coast where an underwater UFO base is alleged to be located.

UFO Lightning Above Carrier

Curtis Cooperman writes, I am interested in lightning because Tesla found it to be a gift to us on Earth.

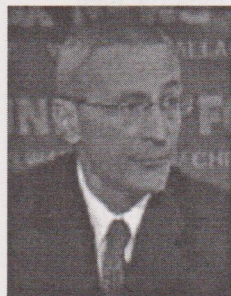


These lightning photos came by 'Victor the Wizard.' I checked out all these photos of lightning... then [in comment #16] ... they said UFO... looks like an alien visitor to me.

At sea aboard *USS Abraham Lincoln* on Nov. 2, 2002, lightning fills the horizon, and lights up the flight deck and air wing aircraft parked on the ship's forward elevator and bow. (Lt. Troy Wilcox/U.S. Navy) Then see where it's coming from. That is why it is... strange lightning. UFOs can make lightning just like Tesla did. Close up.

<http://www.boston.com/bigpicture/2009/07/lightning.html> Thanks to Curtis and visit www.helloearth.info

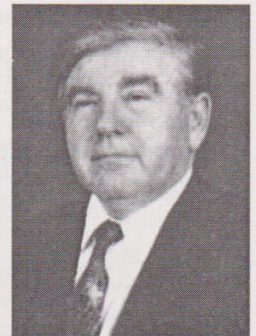
John Podesta: "It's Time to find the truth about UFOs"



John Podesta was co-chairman of the President Obama - Biden Transition Project. Speaking at the National Press Club he stated, *"I think it is time to open the books about the*

questions that have remained in the dark about government investigations of UFOs. It's time to find out the truth about what is really out there. We ought to do it because it's right.

The American people quite frankly can handle the truth; we ought to do it because it's the law."
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R2Sz-MgoFos>



George Filer

Arizona Video of Disc

LAKE HAVASU — A spectacular disc shown here was videotaped on July 31, 2009, over the lake. Lake Havasu is a large reservoir behind Parker Dam on the



Colorado River, on the border between California and Arizona. Lake Havasu City sits on the lake's eastern shore. The entire video can be seen at <http://22050hz.blogspot.com/2009/08/spectacular-video-footage-of-ufo-in.html>

California Round Body With a Boomerang

WEST ROSEVILLE — My wife and kids were in our swimming pool on July 27, 2009, at 7:40 PM, and noticed an airplane flying southwesterly near an object hovering in the sky. It was completely stationary about two miles up for ten minutes. It was white/silver in appearance and was definitely not

any kind of balloon, helicopter, blimp, or airplane. I grew up on Air Force bases so I am very familiar with all known modern aircraft.

My wife and I both saw this object and she suggested I take pictures of it after watching it for about 5 or 6 minutes. I retrieved my camera, a Canon Rebel XTI with a 28-235mm Lens. I took two pictures of the object, but they did not show up for some reason. All you see when you look at the pictures is clear blue sky. After about ten minutes the object appeared to slowly move off at an angle in a northwesterly direction. Thanks to MUFON CMS

Connecticut Giant Flying Triangle

NEW LONDON — I was coming home from work and noticed lighting in the sky on July 6, 2009, at 1120 PM, but it had a deep red glow to it. As the object got closer I noticed it was a huge triangle that covered my whole apartment complex which is about 1 mile in either direction. It had a dark grey shiny metallic surface. It made me feel sick to my stomach, I don't know if it was just nerves or what, but I was shaking. As it got closer I noticed it was about two stories thick with a deep red glow coming from the center at the bottom, with electrical discharges from rear sparks. The air felt electric like static electricity. It moved very quickly without a sound except for the snapping sounds of the discharges at the rear.

I watched it from a dot in the sky and it went right overhead and disappeared in about 15 minutes. I couldn't sleep that night and my body has a static charge. Anything I touch creates a spark; and I have never experienced anything like it in my life. I had a camera in my house but was frozen and could not move to get it. It was just amazing and I am not truly a believer. It could it have been military, and I just have never seen anything so close in the sky? I felt I could reach out and touch it. I still have a very strange feeling inside and having problems sleeping. A STAR team Deployment was made by Ken Pfeifer to investigate further. Thanks to MUFON

Florida Two Objects Spotted

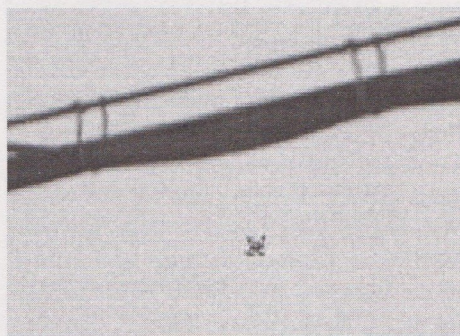
CLEARWATER — On July 27, 2009, the witness called and stated that he saw two lights (objects), one at 10:30 and another at 10:40 PM. The first object was of orange-

red color and moved straight from the northwest towards the southeast. The object then flashed a brighter color (about the same brightness as Venus), ascended and became dimmer and was no longer visible. Ten minutes later an object similar in appearance was seen except that it moved from west towards the east. This object displayed similar behavior. The witness lives close to the airport and is convinced that he did not see aircraft. Listen to Recording of Witness Report (MP3)

Note: The space station was not visible at the time of this sighting. We plan to contact this witness to obtain additional information. Thanks to William Puckett UFOS Northwest <http://ufosnw.com>

Maryland Flying Object Photographed

BALTIMORE — On the way to Carroll County Airport (15 miles west!) for our first Maryland MUFON meeting, when I noticed this object hovering at 1500 to 2000 feet AGL. I was at a stop light looking north at Security Boulevard and got out to get my



camera out of my trunk and snapped four shots of this object. It had four distinct protrusions on all sides. I shot it with Sony Power Shotsx1015. Shown here was the closest first shot through windshield. We pulled off ASAP and I shot three more. We followed the noiseless object on a straight line north trajectory for about three miles at an estimated 30 mph. The object was at times motionless, and consistently ascending.

Winds at Carroll County were 160 degrees at 5 knots. As a jet approached from the south the object just vanished. I was passenger in front seat of vehicle and had visual contact with object at all times. This object was in the outer Class B veil of BWI 2500/10000. This object's trajectory would have put it very close to our meeting area at the time. This case will be deposed by David Lyle and Don Borton. Thanks to Ron Fink

State Director for Maryland MUFON.

Utah Brightly Lit Disc

BONNEVILLE SALT FLATS — I am a MUFON investigator I was driving my new bike on July 27, 2009, on I-80; the wind was blowing about 30 knots, which caused my bike to lean as I drove at about 80 miles per hour. I was looking up at the stars and the blinking lights of many planes traversing the sky as I drove in the darkness. A white light then appeared to the south at very high altitude at 15,000 feet at 10 to 15 miles out with a halo effect. As I drove, the ultra bright white light descended and was moving towards me. Two minutes later, the light appeared again, at a much lower altitude and much closer. This kept happening about every few minutes, the light would power up, SHINE in my direction, then slowly turn off like a river barge light. The light lit up about 6 to 7 times, each time, closer, brighter, lower and was keeping pace with me, which was very disturbing. Then two other lights to its left came on with the same luminosity, same distance, moving with me making it appear as a very flat pyramidal grouping of three white, brilliant, lights about 1 mile away from me.

The three lights then turned off, vaporizing down like a river barge's lights. Then from half a mile away I saw what looked like LCD, brilliant orangish/reddish, lights scrolling from way behind the light, to the left in a huge circle. As it came around the circle, I could see more of the colored light, exactly as if it were a VEGAS LCD scrolling around the circumference of a huge, circular disk. About 6 to 10 of these very fast pulsations of colored light came from the exact same spot way behind the light, circled around a huge disk shaped object and came in to full view to me and ended at the light that was still showing at me. This was one giant pulse of about 6 to 8 individual scrolling lights which made the outline of a circular disk. But the disk was on a tilt slightly, about 15 degrees, so the lights went slightly up, over and downward and then abruptly ended at the white light that had stayed on the entire time, about 10 to 12 seconds.

I was so shocked by this.... I pulled the bike over on the shoulder of the highway. Some time went by as I had resumed riding and the light never appeared close to me

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again. The last even pulsation was absolutely beautiful. It revealed a disk shape, 180 degrees of a half circle, in the most brilliant orange and red light I have ever seen. Thanks to MUFON CMS

Worldwide Sightings

Argentina Beings of Light

ONGAMIRA — Ana Luisa Cid writes, "Ongamira is a valley located 25 kilometers distant from Capilla del Monte, Argentina. It is renowned for its caves and abundant vegetation." It is also a place of interest to scholars of the paranormal, who claim that "dimensional doorways" exist in the area



and that UFOs and luminous beings have been seen there on repeated occasions. And it was precisely here in Ongamira that this photo was taken, sent to me by Pablo Dessy, who says it was given to him by a friend who lives in the region. We know very little about this photo or the photographer who—supposedly—pointed his camera toward the cave and was not aware of the phenomenon at the time.

According to Pablo, a male and female entity is visible. According to the EXIF file, the photo was modified on 23 August 2008 with Photoshop and could be a sign of digital trickery and the question remains, are there beings of light in Ongamira? (Translation (c) 2009, S. Corrales, IHU) Thanks to Ana Luisa Cid Source: www.analuisacid.com

PUELCHES — In July 2009, seven bovines were found mutilated in a farm in southwest La Pampa. Local cattleman expressed their concern at the new incidents and stated, "they took place throughout the week" while a ranch owner, added that "strange lights were seen maneuvering over

the area for several nights throughout the region." The presence of "lights" and "vehicles" is so common that on several occasions, local residents contacted CEUFO to witness the maneuvers of the strange vehicles that are even visible over the area during the daytime hours. The eyewitnesses include police officers and community authorities. Long-time rural residents marvel at the precision of the cuts, and are even more startled that other creatures refuse to approach animals slain in this fashion. It is only now that carrion animals are timidly starting to approach a carcass that has lain exposed for ten to twelve days.

An officer of the Cattle Theft Division of the La Pampa Police has said: "Although no reports are called in when the events occur, investigation has found the animals apparent proximity to water deposits, high voltage wires, and some trees show signs of incisions and other marks."

Finally, the definitive report, by the School of Veterinary Medicine of the University of La Pampa determined the incisions were mechanical — that is to say, produced by an element having nothing to do with the teeth of rodents or carrion animals. CEUFO obtained an eyewitness account from a cattleman of La Pampa, who said: "I witnessed a stampede produced by a circular beam of light, measuring two meters in diameter issued by an object that traveled at a normal altitude and speed, shaped like two soup-bowls joined at their edges." (Translation (c) 2009, S. Corrales, IHU. Special thanks to CEUFO.

Canada Strange Light Crashes Into River

OTTAWA — The strange light in the sky Monday night could have been a meteorite, a Manitoba UFO researcher says. But Chris Rutkowski said he would be



curious to talk to witnesses to know exactly what they saw.

"I can't imagine what it might be," he said, adding he finds it "very strange" that

witnesses reported the light going into the water, which is a rare occurrence. "I'd want to talk to the people who saw the lights," Rutkowski said, noting that the loud sound people reported was probably coincidental. Rutkowski said the Ottawa River has seen odd incidents going back as far as the 1960s. <http://cnews.canoe.ca/CNEWS/Canada/2009/07/29/10296271-sun.html>

Mexico Fireball or UFO

XOCHITEPEC — Residents were treated to the sight of a "ball of fire" over Avenida Aeropuerto at 10:15 PM, on July 23 2009. The witnesses fixed their eyes on a brilliant object in the sky for five minutes, before the sighting ended in a lightning-like flash and disappeared. Many videotaped and photographed the "ball of fire" that seemed to fall very slowly from the heavens under clear skies.

Some heard a buzzing sound, stating unequivocally that it was not an airplane and its descent was slow and perpendicular. Several minutes into the sighting, people were shocked to see the object fire a bright light, resembling a beam or a bolt of lightning. After this, the object commenced its slow ascent until it vanished from sight. (Translation (c) 2009 S. Corrales, IHU. Special thanks to Prof. Ana Luisa Cid)

New Zealand Several Lights

NEW PLYMOUTH, NORTH ISLAND — On Saturday night, June 20, 2009, at about 10 PM, I was looking at the stars when a sudden star just dropped straight down that literally fell out of the sky. It had no trail behind it and was very very fast. I would say it took about a second. I thought it was a shooting star but as I say it had no trail behind it and didn't fall on an angle just straight down.

DANNEMORA, AUCKLAND — At 7:23 AM, on June 26, 2009, I'm sure it's not a plane, and not a helicopter. It's got more lights, and moves vertically and very fast towards the sky and is lost into a cloud. Thanks to www.ufoinfo.com

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Field Investigator's Corner: CMS Rankings

By Chuck Reeve

MUFON Director of Investigations

Here is July's CMS Ranking Report for all State Directors. Congratulations to **David McDonald** (Kentucky), **William Konkolesky** (Michigan), **Steve Firmani** (New Hampshire and Maine), **Cheryl Ann Gilmore** (South Carolina), **Eddie Middleton** (Tennessee), **Ruben Uriarte** (California), **John Ventre** (West Virginia), **John Skare** (Kansas), **Donald Burleson** (New Mexico), and **Jim King** (Iowa) for being at 100%!!! The top 10 State Directors are highlighted.

The report is based on our two measures of UFO Investigation effectiveness: assigning reports within 72 hours of receipt, and completing all investigations within 90 days of being assigned.

The "Assigned" column is a six-month running average of the number of cases assigned within 72 hours divided by the total number of cases received in that six month period.

The "Completed" column is the number of cases completed beginning sixty-two (62) days back and going back six months from there (for a total of eight months back) divided by the total number of cases reported in the same period.

The "Weighted Rank" is just the average of the two columns expressed as a percent.

State Directors can improve their scores by assigning all cases within 72 hours, and following up with their Field Investigators to ensure all reports are completed within 90 days. To be considered complete, a report must have been investigated and placed in one of the three completed status codes (Unknown, Hoax or IFO) by the State Director.

If you have any questions or need help with your investigations please contact me, Chuck Reeve, at 530-414-4341 or 530-582-8339 or via e-mail at merlin@suddenlink.net.

Rank	State	Director	Weighted Rank (50/50)	Assigned	Completed
1	Kentucky	David MacDonald	100 %	31/31	35/35
2	Michigan	William J. Konkolesky	100 %	87/87	98/98
3	New Hampshire	Steve Firmani	100 %	13/13	23/23
4	South Carolina	Cheryl Ann Gilmore	100 %	16/16	26/26
5	Tennessee	Eddie Middleton	100 %	47/47	58/58
6	California	Ruben J. Uriarte	100 %	80/80	130/130
7	West Virginia	John Ventre	100 %	9/9	13/13
8	Kansas	John Skare	100 %	17/17	23/23
9	New Mexico	Donald R. Burleson	100 %	34/34	24/24
10	Iowa	Jim King	100 %	19/19	28/28
11	Maine	Steve Firmani	100 %	18/18	21/21
12	Missouri	Debbie A. Ziegelmeyer	99 %	52/53	54/54
13	Pennsylvania	John Ventre	99 %	165/165	217/221
14	California	Georgeanne Cifarelli	99 %	176/176	218/221
15	Florida	Bland Pugh	99 %	161/162	213/213
16	Georgia	Walter Sheets	98 %	67/67	81/84
17	Connecticut	Steve Firmani	98 %	27/27	26/27
18	New Jersey	George A. Filer, III	97 %	47/49	69/70
19	Texas	Kenneth E. Cherry	97 %	164/173	350/351
20	Ohio	William Jones	96 %	72/78	105/105
21	Minnesota	Richard D. Moss	96 %	30/30	31/33
22	Massachusetts	Steve Firmani	96 %	26/27	38/39
23	Utah	Elaine Douglass	96 %	27/29	35/35
24	Idaho	Augustine B. Fawkes	96 %	12/13	6/6
25	Indiana	Jerry L. Sievers	95 %	91/97	106/110
26	Washington	Marilyn Childs	95 %	57/63	67/67
27	Vermont	Steve Firmani	95 %	9/10	9/9
28	North Carolina	Richard Lang	90 %	36/44	59/59
29	South Dakota	Lorna Hunter	90 %	5/5	4/5
30	Wyoming	Richard Beckwith	89 %	6/7	12/13
31	Alaska	Brent Mitchel	88 %	7/9	13/13
32	Arizona	George C. Parks	87 %	126/151	132/145
33	Colorado	Leslie H. Varnicle	80 %	114/114	66/109
34	Rhode Island	Steve Firmani	75 %	6/12	13/13
35	Montana	Augustine Fawkes	72 %	4/9	11/11
36	Oklahoma	Charles L. Pine	70 %	11/27	37/37
37	Delaware	Carl W. Feindt	70 %	5/12	10/10
38	Oregon	Thomas Bowden	58 %	32/52	34/62
39	New York	James G. Bouck, Jr.	56 %	60/87	45/103
40	Illinois	Samuel Maranto	56 %	38/77	69/109
41	Maryland	Ron Fink	50 %	13/33	23/37
42	Nebraska	John C. Kasher	49 %	8/18	7/13
43	Mississippi	Bobby Lee Walker	48 %	8/9	1/13
44	Louisiana	Michael D. Sandras	45 %	16/30	13/35
45	Nevada	Mark Easter	44 %	7/41	25/35
46	Alabama	Roy E. Patterson, Jr.	41 %	3/24	21/30
47	Wisconsin	Nathan Tomisich	31 %	12/26	4/24
48	North Dakota	Kurt Pfleger	29 %	1/7	4/9
49	Virginia	Susan L. Swiatek	22 %	4/57	26/67
50	Arkansas	Norman D. Walker	22 %	9/24	3/42

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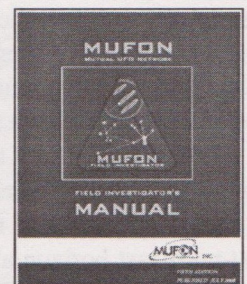
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watching the Friday night banquet that featured a comedic skit that featured Lori Steele, Kim Freeman, Peter Robbins and John Greenwald. It was hilarious.

The MUFON Symposium is intended to showcase the latest UFO research and also acts as a forum for meeting and talking to like-minded individuals who have a common interest in the phenomenon—and it's also a great way to meet up with old friends and colleagues. The MUFON 2010 Symposium will be held in Denver again but in 2011 it will be held in Orange County, California.

Position Announcements

Alejandro Rojas has resigned as the MUFON Director of Public Education to take a new position with Open Minds Productions in Phoenix, Arizona. We wish Alejandro success in his new position.

New Field Investigators

Samuel Myers of Palmdale, CA; **Richard Bjorge** of Wilton, CA; **Kim Combs** of Fort Collins, CO; **Donald Sparry** of Griffin, GA; **Sarah Livingston** of Indianapolis, IN; **John Bentz** of Saugus, MA; **Paul Ciano** of

Silver City, NM; **Dale Brown** of Bismark, ND; **Matthew Goodrich** of Mingo Junction, OH; **Robert Wayson** of Columbia, SC; **Dean Troili** of Roy, UT.

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and will be standing high above the eastern horizon at sunrise; by month's end Venus will be rising above the eastern horizon about 2 hours before sunrise and will be standing above the eastern horizon at sunrise. For southern hemisphere observers, Venus will begin month rising above the east-northeast horizon about 1 ½ hours before sunrise and will be standing very low over the northeast horizon at sunrise; as the month passes Venus will slowly move toward the horizon until, by month's end Venus will be rising over the east-northeast horizon about ½ hour before sunrise and will be standing very low over the east-northeast horizon at sunrise.

Mars (magnitude 1.0 to 0.9): In Gemini. For northern hemisphere observers, Mars will begin the month rising above the east-northeast horizon about 5 ½ hours before sunrise and will be found standing high above the southeast horizon at sunrise; by the end of the month Mars will rise above the east-northeast horizon about 6 ½ hours before the Sun and will be found standing very high above the southeast horizon at sunrise. For southern

hemisphere observers, Mars will begin the month rising above the northeast horizon about 4 hours before sunrise and will be found standing above the north-northeast horizon at sunrise; by the end of the month Mars will rise above the northeast horizon about 3 hours before the Sun and will be found standing above the north-northeast horizon at sunrise.

Saturn (magnitude 1.1): In Virgo. For northern hemisphere observers, Saturn begin the last week of the month rising out of the glare of the morning Sun and by month's end will rise above the eastern horizon about 1 hour before sunrise and will be standing very low over the eastern horizon at sunrise. For southern hemisphere observers, Saturn be lost in the glare of the morning Sun until month's end when it will rise above the eastern horizon just before sunrise and will be standing just above the eastern horizon at sunrise.

Other Celestial Phenomena

Zodiacal Light

Zodiacal light will be visible in northern latitudes in the East before the

start of morning twilight from September 16th to September 30th. The phenomenon is only visible from very dark locations.

Zodiacal light is sunlight bouncing off dust grains in our solar system. These grains lie mostly in the plane of the solar system.

Look for a pyramid of light in the morning sky somewhat in appearance to the light from a city or town just over the horizon.

Autumnal Equinox

September 22nd.

Conjunctions and Occultations

September 1st: Jupiter 3 degrees south of the Moon.

September 13th: Mars 1.1 degrees south of the Moon.

September 16th: Venus 3 degrees north of the Moon.

September 20th: Venus 0.5 degrees north of Regulus.

September 30th: Jupiter 3 degrees south of the Moon.



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The Night Sky

By Gavin A. J. McLeod

September 2009

Moon Phases

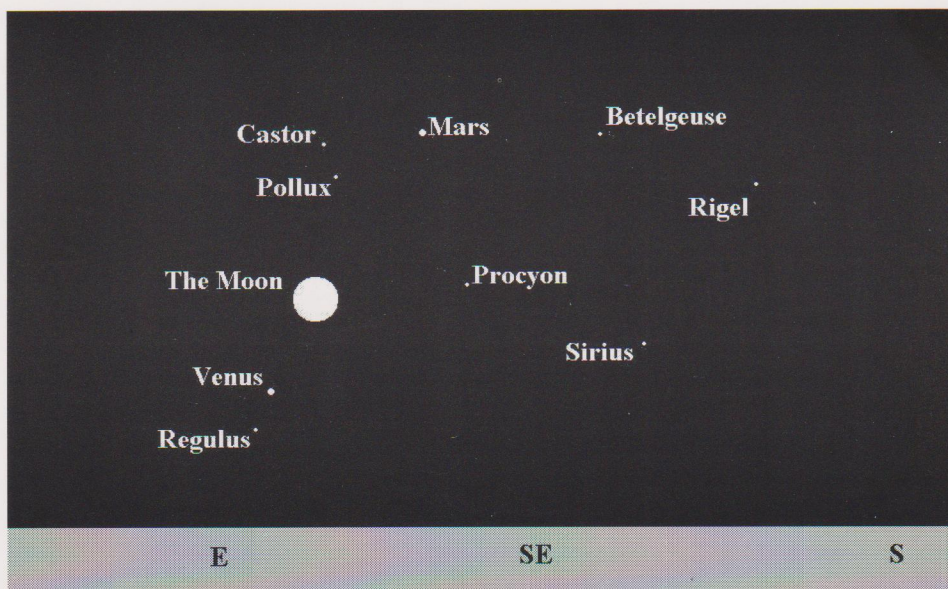
Full Moon September 4th
Last Quarter September 12th
New Moon September 18th
First Quarter September 26th

Bright Planets (Evening Sky)

Mercury (magnitude 0.5 to 1.7 to 5.5): From Virgo into Leo. For northern hemisphere observers, Mercury will begin the month above the west-southwest horizon at sunset and will set about ½ hour later; by midmonth Mercury will have descended into the glare of the Sun. For southern hemisphere observers, Mercury will begin the month high above the west-northwest horizon at sunset and will set about 2 hours later; as the month passes Mercury will descend toward the western horizon and will disappear into the glare of the Sun by the third week of September.

Jupiter (magnitude -2.8 to -2.7): In Capricornus. For northern hemisphere observers, Jupiter will begin the month low over the east-southeast horizon at sunset and will set below the west-southwest horizon about 1 ½ hours before sunrise; by the end of the month Jupiter will be found above the southeast horizon at sunset and will set below the west-southwest horizon about 4 hours before sunrise. For southern hemisphere observers, Jupiter will begin the month above the eastern horizon at sunset and will set below the west-southwest horizon just before sunrise; by the end of the month Jupiter will be found high above the northeast horizon at sunset and will set below the west-southwest horizon about 1 ½ hours before sunrise.

Saturn (magnitude 1.1): In Virgo. For northern hemisphere observers,



Planetary Grouping: The Moon, Venus and Mars; Looking low above the eastern horizon before sunrise on September 15, 2009

Saturn will begin the month standing very low over the western horizon at sunset and will set about 1/2 hour later; before midmonth Saturn will have dropped into the glare of the setting Sun to reemerge in the morning sky by the end of the month. For southern hemisphere observers, Saturn will begin the month standing over the west-northwest horizon at sunset and will set about 1 hour later; by midmonth Saturn will have dropped into the glare of the setting Sun.

Bright Planets (Morning Sky)

Mercury (magnitude 0.5 to 1.7 to 5.5): From Virgo into Leo. For northern hemisphere observers, Mercury will become visible in the morning sky after the third week and by month's end will rise above the eastern horizon about 1 ½ hours before sunrise and will be standing above the eastern horizon at sunrise. For southern hemisphere observers, Mercury will become visible in the morning sky after the third week and by month's end will rise above the eastern horizon about ½ hour before

sunrise and will be standing very low over the eastern horizon at sunrise.

Venus (magnitude -3.8): From Cancer into Leo. For northern hemisphere observers, Venus will begin month rising above the east-northeast horizon about 2 ¾ hours before sunrise

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