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# 'Spaceport Earth' beckons galactic visitors to Ashford

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ASHFORD — The homing beacon at the intergalactic landing field near Ashford looks like a wooden tent frame set up in a forest meadow.

But the chromed pipe pyramid atop the 2-by-2 structure is beaming Earth's energy to the stars, according to Mike Eggiman.

Eggiman, a pill-and-pyramid salesman from Oregon City, Ore., said a four-sided pyramid does for energy what a lens does for a camera. "It's like a large hose with a small nozzle," Eggiman said.

Two years ago, Eggiman said, he climbed the Great Pyramid in Egypt, which focuses 13 acres of the earth's surface through the pyramid's 480-foot height. Some consider it an interplanetary homing beacon for galactic travelers.

"It was like something I've never experienced before," Eggiman said, "a rush of very intense energy."

Before that, he had been a skeptic about space travel. Now he considers the earth a scarcely tapped energy cell.

And he uses pyramids for such mundane purposes as drying foods or "charging" water for his plants.

Eggiman is attending the 20th annual Space Age Convention at Wayne Aho's Cedar Park Ranch in the foothills of Mt. Rainier.

The convention opened Wednesday — the 34th anniversary of the first "flying saucer" sightings at Mt. Rainier — with the dedication of the modest, wooden pyramid in the flower-filled clearing.

Yesterday was a work day for the sponsoring New Age Foundation, and brush-burning and bridge repair were among the chores. The big events of the convention are scheduled for tomorrow and Sunday, when the first mayor of Spaceport is to be appointed. A film crew from the television oddities program, *Real People*, is expected during the weekend.

Eggiman was among the early arrivals yesterday. He, his wife, Nancy, and their two children

drove from Oregon City in a classic 1950 Ford sedan. In their party, from Lake Oswego, were two friends, Dr. Winston Morrow, a Portland chiropractor, and his wife, Rani Cowan Morrow.

Dr. Morrow said that while he believes "there is life outside this planet," he remains open-minded on the beliefs of his fellow conventioners.

Undaunted by lack of scientific proof, Dr. Morrow quipped, "We have no evidence there is intelligent life on Earth, either." He said human beings are "intellectual, capable of programmable input, but not intelligent." He cited "the food we eat, the chemicals we breathe in" as evidence of "a lazy, unintelligent world."

He was at Ashford, he said, to enjoy the remote forest scenery. "Besides," he added, "my wife is a 'space cadet'."

Mrs. Morrow said she has believed in space travelers since she saw "a red, cigar-shaped, glowing thing" hovering over her California home 10 years ago.

A fan of pyramid power, she climbed to the Spaceport beacon to "collect white light" in its upward rush to the galaxies.

Eyes closed and arms outstretched, she first saw "reds and purples" that turned to white light. When she rolled her eyes upward, Mrs. Morrow declared, "it went all across my mind."

The secret of energy sensitivity, she said, is to "just try to stay open and feel good."

Also on hand yesterday was Winfield S. Brownell, of Lytle Creek, Calif. Author of *UFO's — Key to Earth's Destiny*, Brownell explained he hoped convention publicity would "try to get a little more belief in the fact that the boys are out there."

Space travelers are biding their time to visit Earth, Brownell said. But "they have the answers to all our problems."

Among their abilities, said Brownell, is the skill to "make our agriculture 2,500 times as great as it is now."

There may still be time to "charge" your water.