

U.F.O. landing pad may be

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built by local community

I don't claim to believe in U.F.O.'s. But then again, I won't say that I don't. So, I listened with amusement to the tale of the U.F.O. landing site that will be built outside of the quiet Wisconsin farming community of Elmwood, just southeast of Hudson.

Businessman Tom Weber announced a few weeks ago that he was seriously hoping to build a U.F.O. landing site, which because of numerous U.F.O. in

the area seemed like a perfect site for extraterrestrial contact.

Weber, 50, of Chippewa Falls, is the founder of the U.F.O. Site Center Corp., a non-profit group which is dedicated to contacting and establishing dialogue and relationships with extraterrestrial beings. Says Weber, "We think they want a relationship. We believe they are waiting for an invitation." He intends the site will portray mankind in a friendly posture.

If you think this is an entirely

outlandish idea, wait just a minute. From the moment the project was announced, the sleepy little town has been deluged with calls from all over the country as well as from numerous foreign countries. Many are offering their support, many others are relating their encounter experiences. The media too, is getting on the bandwagon with "The Geraldo Rivera Show" recently airing discussion on the proposal.

The site is planned to include approximately two square miles with landing lights all around. In the center of the strip will appear the image of a spacecraft in a landing mode. It is believed that upon recognizing their own image, the airborne visitors will be compelled to land and establish contact.

The non-profit organization that has been set up for this project will solicit donations to cover the several million dollars necessary to open the facility within the next couple of years. And anyone who is interested in forming support groups in their own areas will be kept informed of progress and results in the form of a newsletter that will soon be regularly published. Please do not contact them to help with the project as they do not need any more volunteers at this time.

One has to wonder. Are they serious? Is this just a Public Relations Coup to coincide with their summer U.F.O. Days Festival? Is Mr. Weber looking to make a name for himself?

All I know for sure is that the proposed project, whether or not it will ever be completed, has definitely put the 991 inhabitants of Elmwood in the news and on the map. And I must confess, if some little green men do decide to alight in our world, I guess I would just as soon they choose Wisconsin to do it in. If they are friendly, of course.

Earth to Spacemen, Elmwood calling. Can you hear us?

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