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Earth to Mars: UFO's may land here!

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Thomas Weber hopes to draw intergalactic attention to a western Wisconsin village of 1,000 earthlings.

As president and founder of the UFO Site Center Corp., Weber, 50, a businessman, plans to build a UFO

landing site and research center outside Elmwood, Wisc.

The center would include a light transmitter relaying a visual message to extraterrestrial life: "Members of your society and our society will meet here."

"The members of the advanced society that has our planet under observation will see the message and recognize it as being meant for them,"

Weber says. "They're interested in us, and we suspect they're waiting for a collective response from mankind. That hasn't come yet."

Weber says he's trying to contact the aliens for the benefit of humanity, arguing that an advanced civilization would share some of its technology.

The U.S. government knows about the UFOs, Weber says, but is trying to keep the public from learning about them.

Weber's group of nine members plans to buy two square miles of land outside Elmwood for a landing pad, a light transmitter and eventually housing and labs for up to 100 scientists.

The project would take \$25 million, Weber says, and money would come from private contributors. Although fund-

raising efforts have barely begun, Weber says he'd like to start construction next year and start transmitting visual messages within two years.

The Elmwood area was chosen because of the "many high-quality (UFO) sightings," Weber says. Residents reporting sightings include a former police chief and a former schoolteacher.

And the village has celebrated Elmwood UFO Days for 10 years, this year starting July 29. Weber's UFO group will have an office there.

The three-day event includes dances, parades, food tents, a softball tournament and foot races.

UFO Days normally attracts 3,500. But Feiler says this year "we've gotten calls from all over the world."

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