

# UFO expert discusses 1965 sighting at Chamber dinner

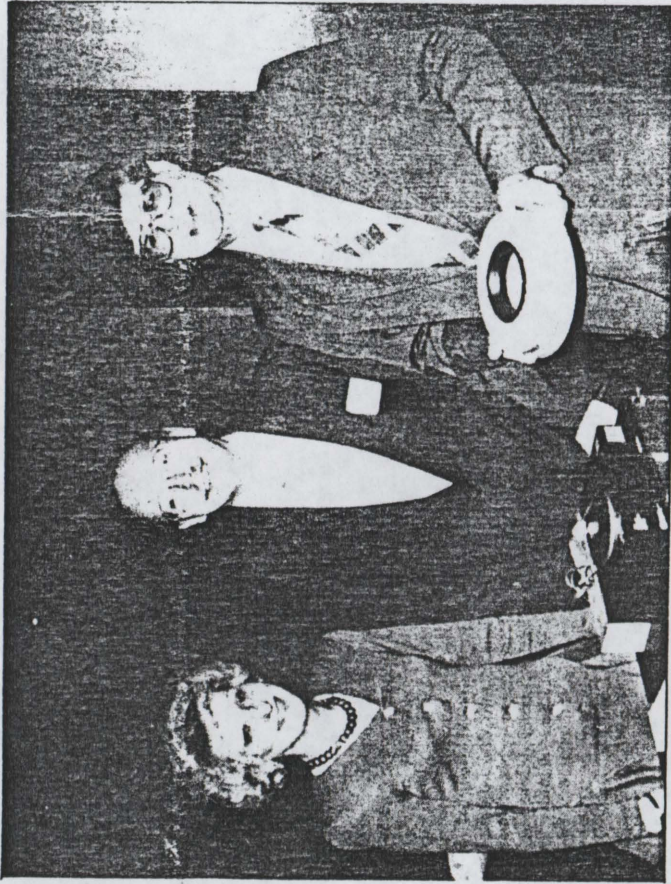
UFO expert Stan Gordon of Greensburg presented a narrated slide program on unexplained phenomena to members of the Mount Pleasant Area Chamber of Commerce at last Wednesday's quarterly dinner-meeting. During the 45-minute program, Gordon discussed some of the circumstances surrounding the alleged UFO landing in Kecksburg on Dec. 9, 1965.

All UFO sightings during the decade of the 1960s were under investigating of the federal government's so-called 'Project Blue Book', which was discontinued in 1969. Gordon said the 1965 crash involved an object crashing into the woods in the Kecksburg area, an occurrence he called "my pet project."

Gordon told the group the object had taken a course from the edge of Canada downward to Pennsylvania at a speed of 1,062 miles per hour. It took a 35-degree turn near Cleveland and landed in this area. The Kecksburg area became a military command post, Gordon said, and the object was quickly discovered and removed by the military.

However, several eyewitnesses had described it as an off-gold saucer-shaped object with no

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Mount Pleasant Chamber Manager Diane Bechtold, Chamber President Chuck Hixson, and UFO expert Stan Gordon discuss Gordon's program for last week's Chamber quarterly dinner at Pleasant Valley County Club. Journal photo

seems. Gordon said witnesses said the object appeared as a huge fireball on its way down, but left no fire, nor shrapnel at the scene. One witness who was said to be an expert in the Russian language, had said the object was not from the Soviet Union, and its writings appeared to be Egyptian. Gordon said the case was tabbed 'Project Moondust', and the object was taken by the military to an air force base in Ohio for study.

According to Gordon, a fireman who saw the object said it was of a material and coloring unlike anything he had ever seen. The dimensions of the object were said to be seven feet high and seven feet wide— or big enough to contain two men.

Gordon spoke of the seeming relationship between UFO sightings and 'Big Foot' sightings coinciding in the same areas. One of the earliest 'Big Foot' sightings, he said, took place in the Indian Head area in 1931.

'Big Foot' is the apelike creature that said to have been seen on numerous occasions across America over the years.

Gordon said he is "pushing for further investigation" and information on the Kecksburg case. He noted that anything that "penetrates our air space" should be looked into. "On a daily basis," he said, "there have been reported UFO sightings over the past several months. I have never before seen so many unexplained sightings. Many involve 'landings' or sightings near power lines, and some reports involve car chases."

Gordon has pursued the investigation of unidentified flying objects for 30 years.

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