
The George Fawcett and Elmer Sabo Collection

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Description

In 1998, Jan Aldrich, Loren Gross and Wendy Connors spent four days going through the collection. Approximately ¼ of the collection has been copied and resides at P-47, UFO Project and Project SIGN Research Center Archives. Much has been added to the collection since that time and an updated listing will follow when the new material is reviewed.

The George Fawcett and Elmer Sabo Collection is an interesting hodge-podge of early saucer memories. The collection is lacking in official documents, but does contain many interesting catalogs, etc. of Ufo/Space type literature. Mr. Fawcett was also into the Fortean issues and a large amount of space is devoted to Bigfoot, Nessie, etc.

The collection consists of the following:

- Approximately 300 color slides comprising images of various personalities from the 1950s through the 1970s. Many images from the Giant Rock Conventions, which are copies from the Max B. Miller collection.
- Approximately 75 reel-to-reel tape recordings of various newscasts, radio shows and interviews of UFO personalities, etc. Cassettes number approximately 50. Wendy Connors dubbed many of these reel-to-reel recordings and copies reside at the Project SIGN Research Center Archives where they are available to researchers.
- A large assortment of early UFO organizational bulletins and magazines are housed in the collection. However, the early 1950s bulletins are not complete. The *MUFON* and *IUR* collections are fairly complete through the 1980s.
- Personal correspondence files between George Fawcett and many early luminaries in ufology are extensive and provide an excellent overview of the state of early ufology.
- Case files are not as numerous as the correspondence files, but Fawcett did a credible job of gathering sighting cases from the North Carolina and Florida regions. These files are not in chronological order, but are found under the various categories such as DD, NL, Saucers, Discs, etc.
- Books collected by Fawcett and Sabo are plentiful but nothing out of the ordinary.
- Fawcett collected many examples of early UFO models, toys, etc. and these are now housed in display cases.
- Scrapbook collections in the Fawcett and Sabo Collection are extensive for the early years, but do not rival those of many other collections. There are several volumes of old news clippings.
- Photos are combined in a short volume and Mr. Fawcett was a consummate collector of UFO cartoons. It would not be too outlandish to suggest that the collections of UFO cartoons are one of the best in the county.

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(Source: Wendy Connors)

