
The Loren E. Gross Collection

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My collection comprises mainly the pre-1960 period of UFO history. There is considerable material dated later, but no great effort has been made to collect information beyond 1959.

Unlike most houses in eastern U.S., my home here in California has no basement. Room is limited; therefore it is difficult to keep things in proper order. In another year I will retire and have much more time to work on the problem of organization. The good news is that I have a photocopier.

My collection is not an archive in the usual sense of the word but, rather, is set up with one purpose in mind—to turn out my history monographs. To save time, issues of various publications were set-aside with articles of interest marked with slips of paper. Another way would be to write out notes or photocopy the item; making sure source data was also included. Since speed is essential, I opted for slips of paper. Currently, any material, once used, is placed in various odds and ends boxes.

Description

- Small bookcase: Contactee books circa 1950-60s.
- UFO toys & collectables (a few old & rare).
- Air Force BLUE BOOK files (all reels).
- Large bookcases: Nearly all of the UFO books published before 1960.
- Many UFO books published after 1960, especially if they deal with pre-1960 information.
- UFO Newsclipping Service. (Many early issues).
- Ten small metal file boxes. Odds & ends. Mostly 1950s stuff.
- Plastic file box containing early pulp sci-fi magazines.
- Plastic file box containing Canadian “non-meteoritic” sightings 1965-68.
- Plastic file box containing UFO comics. (Some rare).

File Cabinets

- File cabinet One: NICAP material; *Canadian UFO Report*; *Focus*; *Eyewitness*; Ray Palmer’s *Flying Saucers*; *Just Cause*; *Skeptical Inquirer*; *Orbit*.
- File cabinet Two: *UFO magazine*; *UFO Library*; *Far Out*; *Amateur UFOlogy*; *UFO Encounters*; *Fate*, and various Government documents.
- File cabinet Three: Center for UFO Studies material.
- File cabinet Four: Non-UFO magazines with UFO article monographs by various authorities.
- File cabinet Five: MUFON material CSI New York.
- File cabinet Six & Seven: UFO “saucer-zines” Odds & ends.
- File cabinet Eight: News clippings 1940-50 (unsorted).
- File cabinet Nine: News clippings 1980s (unsorted).
- File cabinet Ten: News clippings 1970s (unsorted).
- File cabinet Eleven: News clippings 1960s (unsorted).

Monograph Revision Materials

24 boxes of 1900-1958 unsorted revision material, which is kept separate from the rest of the collection.

Primarily news clippings; Government documents supplied by Barry Greenwood and Jan Aldrich; and a number of microfilm reels provided by Ed Stewart. Considerable material from Jan Aldrich including the 'Ghost Rocket' materials and books and articles concerning Roswell

Additional

James McDonald's materials with the information regarding the 1900-1959 period removed. The rest of the file is not in strict order. Three additional boxes of 1959 materials. Large black file cabinet contains: *Skylook*, *MUFON Journal*, *Flying Saucer Review*, *APRO Bulletin* (unsorted).

Some items of special interest:

Camp Six by F.S. Smythe.

Journey to Other Worlds by J.J. Astor.

The Outcast Manufacturers by Charles Fort.

Altai-Himalaya by Nicholas Roerich.

The Flying Saucer by Bernard Newman.

War of the Worlds (first edition).

Space Review Vol. I - Vol. II No. 1.

Al Bender (originals).

The Flying Saucers Are Real, in True by Keyhoe.

Great World Mysteries by Eric Frank Russell.

Curiosities of the Sky by Garreit Serviss.

Mars by Percival Lowell.

Flying With Lindbergh by Donald Keyhoe.

The Earths in the Universe by Richard Proctor.

Astounding Science Fiction, October 1947 (UFO article).

Flying Saucers Are Real by Keyhoe (hardback - England).

Incident At Exeter, galleys proof copy. [Incomplete (goes to page 187). Spiral binding. J. Allen Hynek's copy, with his underlining and marginalia. Signed by Hynek on half title.]

JUSA-CISAAF TR publications, ed. R.F. Haines (3 issues).

New York Times, July 1947 (bound volume).

Bullard's Airship File.

Flying Aces magazine, 1930s. Early fiction stories by Keyhoe. 3 issues.

A Survey of Press Coverage of Unidentified Flying Objects, 1947-1966, by Herbert Strentz.

A Trip to Mars by Fenton Ash, 1909 (fiction).

The Flying Saucer Story, 33-RPM LP record.

UFOs: The Credibility Factor, 33-RPM LP record.

