

THE 1997 MUFON INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

By Drew Williamson

Some members of the MUFON Ontario group attended the MUFON symposium which ran from July 11-13 this year, in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Eastern Canadians who attended were Tom & Lise Theofanous, Drew Williamson, Peter and Anastasia Arvanitis, and Graham Lightfoot [who came from Ottawa]. Jacques Poulet and Christian Nault, members of OVNI Quebec, were also in attendance.

This was my first symposium,

and it was a great opportunity to meet many of the people whom I had been in communication with over the Internet. People such as; Jan Aldrich & Ed Stewart (Project 1947), Eddie Bullard (Indiana University), Tom Swiatek (Project 1947 and FUFOR), Dominique Weinstein (Project 1947) and others were all in attendance. Someone I always wanted to meet, Phillip Klass, unfortunately was unable to make it this year due to medical reasons.

Apparently the Roswell celebrations had an impact on attendance. From what I was able to ascertain, this was one of the most poorly attended symposia since its inception. Still there were many present which

until now were only faces familiar from television shows.

There were a couple of book dealers displaying their wares along with videos and the ever-present T-shirt concession. CUFOS and FUFOR were also represented selling information of a somewhat better standard than the book dealers.



Back Row, L-R: Drew, Graham and Mike Christol (KY)
 Front: Peter, Anastasia, Lise and Tom

The only one of us from Ontario who attended the symposium on both days was Graham. The rest of us found it more useful to 'network'. On Saturday, 15 of us went

to lunch together, which gave me another opportunity to meet even more people from the UFO research community.

On Sunday I attended lectures. The first by Warren P. Aston, an Australian UFO researcher. He discussed the 1940 Wartena contact case. Wartena was a U.S. immigrant living in Montana in 1940 when he saw a large flying saucer while working out in the wilderness. He approached the craft and was met by human-looking beings who took him on board and gave

him a tour. They apparently stopped there to take on water which they said was very pure at this location. He'd not told his story to anyone for 20 years. Which some may feel would taint his testimony after so many years of contactees and sightings.

The second speaker was Jan Aldrich, instigator of Project 1947. This project's main goal was to screen 1,000 North American and 400 foreign newspapers during the main concentration of UFO activity in 1947, June 24 through July 15. Since its undertaking these numbers have been far exceeded. The final report of Project 1947 will probably be close to the size of the Toronto telephone book and it would have been impossible to cover all the data in the one hour Jan had for his talk.

The main aim of Project 1947 is to document as many sightings as possible, and to show that 1947 was indeed a "wave" year which others have contended it wasn't. Jan selected a few cases from 1947, some pre-dating Arnold's sighting and some from well outside the United States. There were even two

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FROM THE EDITORS

We still are trying to catch up to our commitments to our subscribers and those of you who buy *The Canadian UFOlogist* in bookstores and at our meetings. We've mailed two issues in one envelope this time to save dwindling funds.

On the subject of funds, the board of MUFON Ontario has decided to combine both the membership fee and subscription rate into one price - \$35.00 per year. This will bring MUFON Ontario into line with other UFO organisations, save both you and us two sets of postage each year and will also ease the burden of keeping track of two separate databases for our Secretary and the Treasurer. You'll also notice that our single issue price has risen to \$5.00 - printing costs have increased, while our subscriber-base has remained constant and we'd like to keep the Membership/Subscription fees at the current level for the foreseeable future.

When Sue and I made plans to attend Roswell's 50th, at the end of last year, we thought we had a pretty good idea of what we were in for. The New Mexico desert we knew would be hot. We weren't ready for it being *that* hot! The hotels and motels, we knew, would be very quickly booked solid. They were - with attendees of the



various lectures and workshops commuting daily, from as far as a hundred miles away.

Roswell '97 was, to put it politely, a little commercial. You can't blame a local population - they did what they could to support their local economy. Many ufologists didn't *attend* - governed by a purist ethic. They missed the first excuse for a fine ufo party in fifty years. Most of us were off-duty and enjoyed the high-desert, warm-hearted hosts and splendid camaraderie with fellow ufologists.

Columnists Clay Foley and Hugh Cochrane are on summer hiatus and will be back in the next issue. ☺



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UFO Author/Lecturer

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SAULT STE. MARIE
ABDUCTION CASE

A Report by
Michael Deschamps



On August 11, 1993, I was a guest on a local television morning show and we were discussing the UFO phenomenon, at great length. As soon as I got home, I walked over to my phone and I was delighted to see that I had three messages on my answering machine. Two of the callers simply wanted some information regarding UFOs. But the second caller had left a message saying that she was calling from Sault Ste Marie, Ontario, and that she had seen UFOs on several occasions. I could feel the uneasiness in her voice. She sounded like she really wanted to talk to somebody about something. Later, that evening, I called her and I asked her to tell me what she had witnessed. The more I listened to her story, the more I realised that this was not just a simple case of UFO sightings; We were talking about a possible abduction case involving a Registered Nurse (Ret.) (Rosemary, 53), mother of three and her two daughters ('Kay', 36 and 'Ali', 23).

A window of opportunity finally presented itself and I decided to go and spend the weekend in Sault Ste Marie. The drive took three hours and once I got to the city, I located Rosemary's apartment block where she lived and I stayed there, at her request. The following are excerpts taken from audio-taped recordings that were done on October 16 and 17, 1993. It is important to note that these personal accounts are all conscious recalls and that they are not in any chronological order.

Early that evening, Kay came over. And after she had collected her thoughts, she began telling me about some of the strange events that had

occurred since 1987:

"One morning, my husband and I were late for work. And I looked out the passenger-side door and, hovering above an apartment building was this massive disk! It was a dull-grey. And it was just huge! I couldn't get over it! The first thing that I thought of was that we're being invaded! That morning, it was light out! And here it was...real as life, right there before me! And I asked my husband to stop, but we were in a hurry and he says: "No! No! I'm not stopping! We've got to get to work... we're late!" So, I just kept looking back! I just couldn't get over it...I was in awe! And, all that day, I felt very excited about something! I can't figure out what I was excited about. It was like it was out of the anticipation of something. And that's all I can say about that incident!"

The following is a condensed version of Kay's recollection concerning a strange dream she had, back in 1991:

"One night, my husband and I went to bed about eleven o'clock. And I started to have a dream! And, all of a sudden, I was in this white room! And I couldn't see... out the sides...the side vision of my eyes! It was like I had tunnel vision. And just all of a sudden, I'm on this table and I'm strapped down! I keep struggling and I keep on saying: "Why are you doing this?" And I just keep on crying and struggling! And I guess I was told, in my dream, to look over! So, I looked over to the left of me and there was this little girl...behind a window! And she was looking at me! And her head was moving slowly to each side. And I said: "You can't take her away from me!? You can't do this!? I can't have it! You can't do this to me!?" And I really started to get angry and started to fight! And I seem to believe, in the dream, somebody said to me: "Well, she's yours..and you can name her",



comfort me. And I also seem to think somebody told me that "I would see her again and that she'll be okay". And, I named her Abby. This dream is just so real to me! I will never forget it! And I don't know what to believe about it!? I can't get the dream out of my head! And whenever I talk about it, I get annoyed! I should say that the little girl was very thin. She looked like a two-year old little girl. Her hair was pearly white! And it looked as if it was all at different length. It also looked like somebody just grabbed chunks of her hair in the palms of their hands, in different spots and it stood up from that position. It almost seemed to me that if I had touched her hair, it would fall out...it would just all fall out! She was wearing an opalescent outfit, just draped over her body. Her arms and her legs were thin. Her features on her face were very tiny, except for her eyes. Her eyes were big and they were blue in colour! I just remember saying: "Can I hold her?" And I don't remember the answer. But then, all of a sudden, I woke up! And I'm struggling as I'm waking up. I could feel my body.lashing out! And..me crying!..I'm crying so much! And my husband's laying right beside me and he can't hear nothing. And I don't know what I'm lashing out at!? And I don't know what I'm crying about...so pathetically about!"

In the end, Kay had this to say: "For me to remember this dream, it's so clear and yet, I have feeling about the dream when I talk about it. To have feeling about the little girl and not to forget her! And just keep on thinking

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about her...it just boggles my mind!"

As soon as Kay was finished, I turned my attention to her younger sister. Ali sat down and began telling me about her childhood:

"During my childhood, I've always been rather artistic. I'd draw these people! And they'd have big heads and large, dark almond-shaped eyes! Very sad-looking eyes! And I just remembered recently, that I kept doing that!?"

Later, her mother told me that she couldn't understand why Ali was drawing elfin features. She thought her daughter had some sort of a disability because she was making the heads and the eyes bigger than they should have been.

During the '80s, about the same time her mother had been observing lights in the sky, Ali started experiencing things. She, too, had seen the lights in the sky on several occasions, including the sighting of an orange ball of light, while in the presence of a girlfriend, in May or June '87. Soon after that, she and her mother decided to move to Maple Ridge, B.C. One night, while driving home, they both experienced a period of missing time. Here is Ali's recollection, verbatim, of that event:

"I was working for an agency that hired out extras to companies that produced television series such as *Twenty-one Jumpstreet* and *Wiseguy*. And I was an extra. I was working odd hours like...from 8 in the morning to 3 in the morning, the next day! And it was during one of these times, I was waiting off-set. My mom had to come pick me up from Maple Ridge, B.C., which is just outside of Vancouver. I was on UBC (University of British Columbia) campus. And...I was waiting for my mother to pick me up. And I noticed her car driving up and there was this light up above it! This really bright, white light! And when I went

saw the object! It was quite high in the sky, but close enough for me to see! It was quite large!..as a matter of fact. And it had like what we would call maybe portholes, where the light was coming out of! But the light was really...bright, white light! Hum..I don't know if you've ever been in a nursery in a hospital?! But, when a baby has jaundice, they shine the ultra-violet light on the baby to get rid of the jaundice. And that's the colour of the light this was, but intensified! My mother took one look at my face and she said I'd gone completely white! And I just got in the car and said: "Mom, drive!" Now, the drive from UBC campus to our home in Maple Ridge would have taken maybe an hour and a half, at most. During that whole time, we kept look-

"So, I'm sitting here myself, wondering how in the world I got pregnant when I was near nobody of the opposite sex?! This does bother me, to some extent."

ing out of our windows and it was following us! It was right up above us! And..we noticed that the guy in the car in back, kept looking out his window and wondering what in the world this was...and we could see the expression on his face! And then, nothing! The next moment, I was sitting beside my mom, in the car, and we're driving into our driveway, at our home in Maple Ridge! We got inside and my stepfather at that time, said: "Where in the world have you been? I've been worried sick about you!" And..she picked me up at maybe..2:30 in the morning. And as I said, the drive should have only taken about an hour and a half! We didn't arrive home 'til maybe around 5! Where those extra hours went, I don't know!"

During one of our conversations, Rosemary had mentioned something about Ali having had multiple miscarriages. I really didn't know what to expect until I went to see them and listened to what Ali had to say:

"All through my life, I've had multiple miscarriages. But no foetus, as far as we could tell. I've had it confirmed by doctors that I have had miscarriages but they're still wondering where is the foetus? There is none! And during those times I've had those miscarriages, only twice in my life, did I have boyfriends. And during that time, I did not have sex with anybody else, in between those times. And that's when a couple of the miscarriages occurred. So, I'm sitting here myself, wondering how in the world I got pregnant when I was near nobody of the opposite sex?! This does bother me, to some extent. Because all this time, I thought I was having miscarriages. I've got two confirmations from two doctors saying that because of my tilted womb, my lower cervix, that if I ever conceived, I would never be able to conceive full term or that it would be hard for me to conceive. I have less than 50 percent chance of conceiving. I just know that I have children that are half-human and half-alien. It's not a figment of my imagination. I just know! I'm not apprehensive about UFOs. Well, I am apprehensive but I'm not scared of it. It's just that if they wanted to have children with human kind, I would like consent, first. I would like to know my children. It really hurts to know that you've had a child in you and you've miscarried it and you've lost it. It hurts physically and emotionally. It reacted just like a miscarriage. You know, I'd have the pains of the miscarry and then, I'd have the rush of blood but there'd be no foetus! Nothing to take to the doctor except..blood!"

One time, Rosemary told me that

whenever she gets a flashback, she remembers things in greater detail. And she would usually put down on paper whatever came to mind. And the next time I would call, she'd tell me what she had written down. One night, she mentioned that she once found a tiny object that had fallen out of her nose and she wanted to know if I knew anything about that! At the time, I didn't know what to tell her except to keep writing down every little detail that she could remember. She also told me that her daughter was present, when this took place. Ali describes the event as follow:

"When I was around twelve or thirteen, my mother had been having trouble with colds, migraine headaches, bloody nosebleeds, all through her life! Since I can remember...since I was born, anyway. This one time, she blew her nose and out came this object. It was sort of six-sided but very, very tiny. Maybe about the width a little bigger than a needle. But it was just as long. And the colour of it was sort of translucent amber. Now, you'd figure she'd feel something like this that was shoved up her nose and she'd blow it out!?"

The following is a condensed version of Ali's description of the alien types that she sees, each time she has a flashback:

"I get flashes of an alien. And every time I get these flashes, I get these emotions. I feel them very strongly. He looks very old, very wise...and very sad. I feel the sadness...there's a great sadness in the eyes. Also a curiosity...I feel that he's curious about me. And I keep getting this buzzing noise or humming noise in my head, as if he is trying to communicate to me. The little people are maybe about four foot, at the most. But then, the elfin people tend to be a little taller, skinny, almost anorexic-looking..but very pretty. It's their eyes that get you! You feel the emotion coming from

them!"

It was now Rosemary's turn to speak. She began by telling me of the numerous UFO sightings that she had witnessed during the '80s. I was really looking forward to hear her side of the story concerning that missing time episode that Ali had related to me, earlier. After a few more minutes of discussion, she went on to describe, in her own words, what she saw, the night she and her daughter experienced the missing time:

"It was very late. I thought it was around 10 o'clock at night but Ali tells me it was later. Anyway, as I was going there, something was following me. I got into a line of cars on the direct road to UBC, in Vancouver.

"And this psychiatrist talked to me, and then proceeded to throw me in a 'rubber room', as they call it. And wouldn't let me out 'til I deny these little men and wouldn't talk about them, anymore."

And all these cars, mine included, we were just all stopped, all of a sudden! And there was light beaming down on us. And flashes...red, green and very bright, bright light! And I saw the guy ahead of me trying to look out of his car up at this thing, so I thought: "Well, I'll try!" But I didn't want to stick my head out too far. And I couldn't hear any noise like a helicopter, you know, a traffic helicopter. So, I knew it wasn't that! But what could it be? All of a sudden, we started to move again. And I got into the UBC grounds and got to the building, where my daughter said she'd be waiting for me. And she was standing underneath the lamp post. And her face was chalk-white! I, I couldn't believe it! I've never seen a look like this on my daughter. She was looking

up at the sky, she got into the car and she says: "Drive! Quick, mom! Get out of here!" So I started heading back and I never said much. We were both so upset. We knew they were following us! And three blocks from where we lived, there was a three-way intersection, where we stopped. And from that moment right up to when we were pulling in my driveway where we lived, I don't remember anything! I don't remember driving the rest of the way. We got in the house and my boyfriend said: "Where the hell have you been?" I said: "What do you mean? We've just been driving on the road!" He says: "No, you haven't been driving on the road all this time! Do you know what time it is?" When he told us, we both looked at the clock and we couldn't believe it!"

After she had finished relating this story, Rosemary made a comment regarding her daughter Ali and the period of missing time they both shared:

"Apparently, when we had that missing time in B.C., they took something away from her. A baby. Now, that's very upsetting! She talks about seeing them, at times. Seeing other children. And..I now believe that my family has been interfered with, all of our lives. It's very frightening to think that someone could just come into your house and do what they want with you...without your permission. If they need help, why don't they just ask!"

Then, she goes on to talk about a strange episode that took place at home, sometime, after that experience:

"I backed the car out and we're just about ready to go out onto the highway and something happened! I got really panicky and I couldn't remember how to drive the car; how to do anything with it!? It just completely blocked everything right out! I told

my daughter: "I can't drive! I can't do nothing! I just can't! Bring me back into the house!" I just seem to get worse and she was scared. She phoned a friend and they took me in to see my doctor. Apparently, I was babbling about little people, little men. The doctor sent us to the hospital. It was the Royal Columbian in New Westminster, B.C. And this psychiatrist talked to me, and then proceeded to throw me in a 'rubber room', as they call it. And wouldn't let me out 'til I deny these little men and wouldn't talk about them, anymore. It was some experience, I'll tell you! I think it was just some sort of a panic attack I had and I was really traumatised with whatever had happened that night that we had that missing time and that thing following us".

Rosemary felt relieved when she finally told me about this experience. From her facial expression, I could tell that this one had been an exceptionally traumatic event. For her to be put in a "rubber room" like that, she said, it was a very humiliating and embarrassing situation. Then, she went on to talk about the 'implant':

"I was living in Queensborough, which is not far from Westminster, B.C. And I had a cold. My family was all there except for my eldest daughter. I was rubbing my nose and I sneezed. Then, I blew my nose and this thing came out! It was six-sided and it was very minute..but long. Like a sliver of glass but perfectly formed. Now, you would think that something like this would have bothered me. It would have fell out. It would have showed up in x-rays because I've had cat-scans; I've had EKGs, EEGs. I've had normal x-rays. Well, I took it and I cleaned it up and I fold it in tissue paper. I put it in my jewellery box and put it away for further knowledge, if I ever found someone to show it to. I have a lot of witnesses that know that this happened to me. I've always had

trouble with my nose..I've had nosebleeds as a child. I've had nosebleeds all my adult life. Trouble with my ears. I've had headaches most of my life. And I'm now starting to think: "Well, it could have a lot to do with what's going on!"

Rosemary also told me that something similar had happened to her son, including the recovery of an object identical to the one she had retrieved. Like her, he also suffered nosebleeds as a child. And terrible headaches..for no reason at all! She went on to describe another one of her missing time episodes:

"I was questioned by my family where I had been and I couldn't remember. All I could remember was leaving my doctor's office because I'd had an appointment with him. I think it was 1:30 or 2:00. And I never got home 'til about 5:00. That night, I ended up in the hospital where my husband took me to emergency, to pump my stomach. My husband told them I had tried to commit suicide by taking pills. All they took out of me was my regular medication!"

Here is Rosemary's final consensus on this entire situation:

"I know what I saw. I'm not crazy. I'm sane. And I know my family are. We just want a few things explained. And maybe, us talking about this will help somebody else...who is afraid to talk. Maybe it will help people realise that these things have to be talked about. Something has to be done. And the Government has to stop interfering with everyone. It's too bad that more people can't come forward and speak without being afraid.. that something's going to happen to them from our own government, never mind the aliens. I don't know which is worse".

In conclusion, I'd like to say that there is a lot more to this case than

what I've reported here. Rosemary, the principal witness in this case, has assured me that she is going to try her best to get a copy of the medical report from her doctor in B.C., as well as a copy of the psychiatric evaluation. And as soon as I receive these confirmatory documents, I will do a follow up on this story. As for the recovery of the implant, we aren't as fortunate.

Just recently, Rosemary had an opportunity to go back to B.C. and during that time, she looked for the jewellery box in which she had placed the tiny object, but when she opened it, there was no trace of the 'implant'! We hope to have better luck, next time! ☺

LIFE ON MARS?

Scientists astounded the world recently with the announcement that there might have once been life on Mars. The proof, scientists say, lies in the remains of two meteorites which are thought to have been part of the Martian terrain many millions of years ago.

Scientists have found what appear to be the fossilized remains of bacteria embedded in the meteor's surface.

Other scientists have cautioned the public that the findings may be premature and are insisting that the results be validated.

One unnamed source claimed that along with the fossilized bacteria, the remains of a cigaret e butt and a shot glass were also discovered.

The source was quoted as saying, "Based on the evidence, the only thing we can say for sure is that there mi ht have once been nightlife on Mars".

- An Unnamed Source

THE U.S. AIRFORCE AND ROSWELL

BY

Gary Alevy

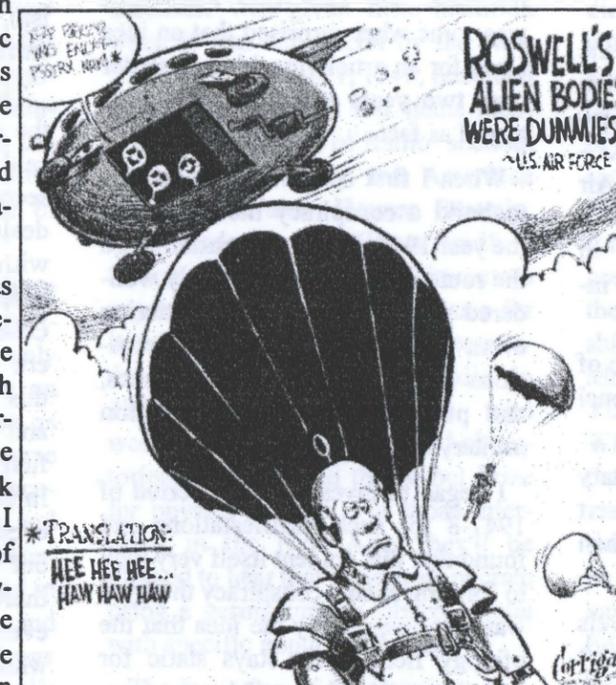
Here is a little episode I'll recount regarding a recent posting to UFO UpDates, judge for yourself if its a mere coincidence or an example of debunkery.

The other day a copyrighted article was posted to UFO Updates which offered an erudite discussion on the application of physiometric polygraph testing and voice stress analysis to UFO cases. This article made several points, one important point was to discredit, based on an appeal to authority, the validity of voice stress analysis.

Interestingly this authority was the DoD, the Department of Defense. Now this might not strike one as a matter of import and with good reason. However, the unheralded appearance of this article and the point it was making struck a chord with me. This is because I had been researching the issue of the validity of Voice Stress Analysis (VSA) - and related it to the appearance of an obscure article published in a tabloid, in which an expert on VSA had analyzed the US Air Force spokesman's recent report on Roswell and declared that the analysis proved that the spokesman was lying.

I think that the underlying reason for the unheralded and timely appearance of this lengthy article 'Lie Detection in UFO Controversies' is really related to the article of which appeared recently in the National Enquirer in which one of the proponents and experts on the use of Voice Stress Analysis - analyzed the speeches of the Air Force spokesmen on Roswell and concluded that they were deliberately deceptive, lying. Now this has not hit any mainstream media I have

seen. In fact it hasn't even hit UFO UpDates, except for this attack on VSA which just happened to come along. In my own research of the web on VSA I found the DoD's attack on VSA. Its unsubstantiated, unscientific and highly publicized, in short debunkery of VSA. If you are wondering about the utility of VSA, ask the law enforcement authorities in your community, you may be surprised at its widespread application and acceptance.



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Is it coincidence that that this material is appearing now? - of course, and I can offer you a 99 year lease on a bridge in the East River...

Would be dangerous to have the yahoos conducting independent tests on recognized authorities using VSA? High speed home computers with a microphone and the appropriate software are capable of performing voice stress analysis. Think about it.

Below is the article on the application of VSA to the Air Force spokesman's statements followed by the DoD's statement.

AIR FORCE IS LYING ABOUT UFO CRASH AT ROSWELL - LIE DETECTOR PROVES

This article excerpted from: National Enquirer, July 28, 1997, page 21.

The U.S. government is *still* lying to the American public about the Roswell UFO crash incident!

That's the stunning conclusion of a top lie-detector expert after analyzing a U.S. Air Force spokesman's recent report on a two-year study into the sensational UFO sightings in Roswell, N. Mexico, in 1947.

Air Force Col. John Haynes debunked the famous incident in a June 24 TV press conference. He claimed the "UFOs" seen by witnesses were actually box kites and test balloons, and that the bulbous-headed "aliens" were Air Force crash-test dummies.

But Col. Haynes was lying and showing deception, says voice stress analyst Alfred F. Starewich - who studied a videotape of the press conference at 'The Enquirer's' request.

Starewich, a licensed private investigator, used the lie-detecting machine. Called the Latern D6000, it pinpoints untruths through stress in the voice.

The machine is so super-sophisticated that it can even detect fluctuations in the heart rate through voice stress alone. Lies show up as square blocks and spikes on the machine's printout.

"Col. Haynes is covering up!" the expert told 'The Enquirer'. "He doesn't even believe what he is saying.

At times his voice is showing so much stress, his heart is fibrillating-it's almost as if he's having a mini

heart attack!"

Here are some of Haynes' key statements, and Starewich's conclusions:

HAYNES: "Bodies observed in the New Mexico desert were probably test dummies that were carried aloft by U.S. Air Force high altitude balloons for scientific research."

STAREWICH: "The colonel's stress levels jump 125 percent on that statement. He doesn't believe the sightings were crash dummies!"

HAYNES: "Claims of bodies at the Roswell Army air field hospital were most likely a combination of two separate incidents. One was a 1956 KC-97 aircraft accident in which 11 Air Force members lost their lives or a 1959 manned balloon mishap in which two Air Force pilots were injured."

STAREWICH: "The high degree of abnormal stress indicates the colonel disbelieved what he was saying."

HAYNES: "The unusual military activities in the New Mexico desert were high-altitude research balloon launch and recovery operations."

STAREWICH: "His stress levels are continuing to build. He doesn't believe any Air Force personnel were engaged in dummy operations."

-Larry Haley

The Department of Defense Polygraph Institute made the following statement in September of 1996:

"To date, we have found no credible evidence in information furnished by the manufacturers, the scientific literature, or in our own research, that voice stress analysis is an effective investigative tool for determining deception. ... The preponderance of evidence indicates the polygraph is far more accurate at detecting deception than is voice stress analysis."

Ask yourself who do you believe and why? ☹

1947: HOW TO BUILD A CONSPIRACY THEORY



Drew Williamson
1995 (Revised 1997)

There has been much discussion of late about the merits, or lack thereof, of the claims made by Philip Corso in his book *'The Day After Roswell'* I was somewhat surprised that an idea I had for an article for this newsletter over two years ago was being portrayed as fact.

When I first conceived of this idea to build a conspiracy theory around the year 1947, I had no intention to go the route of Mr. Corso. I merely wondered that if such an earth-shattering event wouldn't have some repercussions in our technological advances, and perhaps some shuffling within military-intelligence institutions.

I began to investigate the period of 1947-8 for such manifestations and found that this era lent itself very well to forming such a conspiracy theory. I was also inspired by the idea that the ufology field rarely stays static for very long, that the well known promoters of ET as the explanation of UFOs always needed to "up" the ante. Indeed the abduction area of this phenomenon has recently seen its ante upped with the witnessed abduction in the Linda Cortile case.

The following article is essentially unchanged from the original. Some areas of research I have dropped for lack of time or the inability to corroborate dates etc. The field is still wide open for those who wish to pursue the conspiracy theory further, and add on their own facets to the mysterious year of 1947. So for your reading pleasure, here's how I conceived a conspiracy theory long before I had ever heard of Philip Corso.

For most of those involved in ufology, the year 1947 holds a special significance. What is it that makes this year, above all others, so significant? It would seem that this is the year that the media of the time really took notice of what people were claiming to see in the skies. The media frenzy reached its zenith nowhere else as much as it did in America. Could this be a result of the American peoples fascination for sensationalism, or could there be a more down to earth explanation?

The grand-daddy of all sightings, the one that 'started it all', is often said to be the Arnold sighting. It seems that every second book that deals with the UFO subject begins with Kenneth Arnold's sighting of nine crescent shaped objects over the Cascade mountains in the northwestern U.S. on June 24th even though this was not the first sighting of 1947, and certainly this year was not the first in which UFOs were to appear. In fact there were equally great, if not even larger, waves of UFOs throughout the previous five decades. Still there were many other significant events which took place in 1947 which, if we look close enough, will take on a perhaps overly significant meaning, but this is all just part of creating our 1947 conspiracy.

The now famous Roswell 'incident' of a crashed UFO and subsequent recovery of the wreckage was said to occur in early July 1947, and as some have said, bodies of the extraterrestrial crew were recovered as well. Although the evidence of such a stellar event is mostly anecdotal, this case has now become the focal point of many ufologists. If an event of such magnitude did occur in July 1947, then it is logical to look for a ripple effect. This could be apparent in such things as restructuring of intelligence agencies and the military, if containment of this earth shattering news was

considered paramount. If as many claim, we have benefited directly from alien technology then this too should be apparent in sudden leaps forward in our own technology. Such quick strides it could also be argued, may have come from a strong motivation to rapidly increase our technology as in the case of war or when we feel threatened.

The allies were ill-prepared for the technological advancements of 1940's Germany, indeed many British scientists thought it impossible fifty-ton objects to be launched from the continent only to rattle their teacups minutes later when they exploded on impact. The remnants of the V-2 rockets forced them into a new line of thought.

If as many claim, that aliens have been influencing us for perhaps hundreds or thousands of years, not only our progress technologically, but on an evolutionary or genetic sense as well, then it would be fair to assume that their presence would be documented in our myths and religions and indeed many books have been written on this theory. For those interested in the theory of ancient astronauts and UFO's, it might interest you to know that the first of the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in the spring of 1947 and subsequent discoveries were made of more scrolls over the next few years. *The Dead Sea Scrolls* contained many copies of the *Book of Enoch*, which never made it into the contemporary Bible. *The Book of Enoch* is the one that talks about 'Gods from the Sky'. To this day the entire contents of the scrolls have not been made available to the public. What do these documents hold regarding alien intervention in ancient times?

TECHNOLOGY

If one is to believe that much of our technology has actually been lent a helping hand by the recovery of an

advanced technology in 1947, it would be interesting to see if there were any great technological strides forward made in the subsequent years.

In 1946 the invention of the first digital computer, the ENIAC (Electronic Numerical Integrator And Computer), was eschewed as a marvelous invention even with its 18,000 vacuum tubes and incredible bulk. The ENIAC was still given front page coverage while the invention of the transistor was given little attention when it was announced by the New York Times on July 1, 1948, relegated to being one of the last items mentioned in its 'News of Radio' section. It was invented by the American physicists Walter Houser Brattain, John Bardeen, and William Bradford Shockley. The American inventors apparently couldn't foresee a use for it, but the Japanese did with the introduction of the transistor radio in 1954. The three physicists, who worked at the Bell Telephone Laboratories were awarded the Nobel Prize for physics in 1956. For those interested in the New Age, they'll be pleased to hear that transistors operate using a germanium or silicon crystal with specific impurities added.

The invention of the transistor took place at the Bell Labs, home of many remarkable inventions. It is known that Bell Labs was responsible for the production of more than one film that was to promote itself as the producer of technological miracles. Although this could be ascribed to a form of marketing, it also could be said that it was a form of propaganda, preparing the public for rapid, inexplicable advances in our technology.

It also may be useful to look at the years before 1947 for any motivating factors to make rapid advancements in technology, or to be on the alert for invasions from outer space. There are the stories of the 'Foo Fighters' during W.W.II from pilots on both sides of

the conflict. In 1946, and as far back as 1932-37 era, there were the 'Ghost Rockets' and 'Ghost fliers' respectively, seen over Scandinavia and elsewhere. In the late 1890's the U.S. was plagued with mysterious airships flying over cities and rural areas alike. Perhaps the conspiracy started much earlier than anyone has yet anticipated.

Another personality that has been linked to UFOs is Nikola Tesla. Tesla died on January 7, 1943. His papers, which Margaret Cheney states in her book *'Prodigal Genius'* amounted to "tons of papers, barrels and boxes full of them" were released to Ambassador Kosanovic, a relative, by the FBI to the Office of Alien Property for subsequent transportation to Yugoslavia. The papers were stored by the Manhattan Storage Company until shipment was to take place in 1952. Mr. Kosanovic was to have left for Yugoslavia sometime in 1949-'50. When he arrived there he had found that the keys used to lock up the various containers which held the shipment were not in the safe where he had put them. He felt that they may have been tampered with and wrote J. Edgar Hoover regarding this matter and was told that the FBI had not gone through the papers. The custodian at the Manhattan Storage Company had told him however that "a couple of government guys" had been in to microfilm a number of documents. Could some of Tesla's inventions have been used to build UFOs?

It was on October 14th, 1947 in the Bell XS-1 aircraft piloted by Chuck Yeager that the sound barrier was broken. It would be interesting to look at the motivations behind attempting such a feat as it was considered an impossibility. Could the military have been trying to build a craft that could chase down the fast UFOs?

The principles of Holography were discovered by Dennis Gabor in

Britain but had to wait until the 1960's for the invention of the laser to produce a practical hologram. Gordon Gould came up with the idea on how to construct a laser on November 11, 1957. He doesn't apply for a patent until 1959. American physicists Arthur Schawlow and Charles Hard Townes are awarded the credit for inventing the laser at Bell Labs in their 1959 patent, but in 1977 and 1986, Gould is finally recognized as the original inventor.

Many 'modern' inventions have their roots based much further back in time where an inventor or a company failed to capitalize on them, or were unaware of their significance. Tesla is a good example, having discovered the 'wireless' and dismissing it until Marconi developed the idea later on. Tesla was later deemed the original inventor.

Today's indispensable fax machine was in use in 1840, and was used for a number of years but never really caught on. His device was much more bulky than today's machines, but the reproductions were quite good.

In 1880 Alexander Graham Bell invented the 'photophone' which used a modulated light beam and a selenium crystal as its receiver. This was a form of wireless communication that predates the use of radio waves by over 20 years.

MILITARY STRUCTURE

The National Security Act of 1947, which I discuss in greater detail in the next section, gave birth to many new institutions, and changed dramatically how information was collected and disseminated in the U.S. The Army Air Force through the enactment of the National Security Act became the U.S. Air Force. The National Guard,

established in 1947 as well, is unique among the world's reserve military forces. Its missions are similar to those of the Army National Guard in that it also is used in foreign and domestic emergencies. Its strength is now about 114,000 persons, and it is composed of flying squadrons as well as non flying units.

INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES

THE SHELL GAME

Conspiracy theorists will be interested to know that the CIA and it's parent the NSA were established on July 26, 1947 under the National Security Act by President Truman, the first such organizations created in peacetime with the mandate of coordinating all U.S. intelligence activities. Truman disbanded the CIA's predecessor the OSS (Office of Strategic

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Services) which was largely an unregulated body, because he regarded it as an unnecessary evil in peacetime. Truman's intention was to create an intelligence information service which would neither create, nor execute, American policy but simply

gather intelligence on which American foreign policy could be based. This would soon prove not to be the case.

The Director of Central Intelligence was head of all US Intelligence, the President's principle intelligence officer and head of the CIA.

Although the inception of the CIA, approximately three weeks after the alleged crash at Roswell, at first seems to be a startling coincidence, history shows that it would be years before it really had any power to cover up such an incident. The various military intelligence agencies were suspicious and possibly resent-

ful of the new agency, and therefore studying which intelligence agency would have been first at the sight might bear close examination.

The Intelligence Advisory Committee (IAC) was also created in 1947. This agency was created to coordinate and establish priorities for intelligence collection and analysis between the various agencies.

EPILOGUE

The point of this exercise is to show that if we put any period in time under a microscope, it is easy to draw distorted conclusions. Adding to this, the general populace's distancing with the comprehension of technology and how it works, can create an atmosphere where opportunists can take advantage of the naive. As one such opportunist stated to a local investigator, "I'm not interested in the 50% that don't believe, I'm only interested in the 50% that do."

Notable Quote

"..there are objects coming into our atmosphere at very high speeds. No agency in this country or Russia is able to duplicate at this time the speeds and accelerations which radars and observers indicate these flying objects are able to achieve."

"...an intelligence' directs such objects because of the way they fly. They are not entirely actuated by automatic equipment. The way they change position in formations and override each other would indicate that their motion is directed."

- Retired Rear Admiral Delmer S. Fahrney former head and founder of the Navy's guided missile program and NICAP board chairman at at first organizational meeting of NICAP Jan.16, 1957, and reported in The New York Times

ROSWELL '97

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Roswell was, to put it charitably, a sideshow and circus. Some of it was straight out of a Joseph Heller novel, as when the book buyer at the International Roswell UFO Museum and Research Center refused to carry my book in the gift shop because of a single paragraph about Glenn Dennis, even though I was told a minute or two previously that "we like to present both points of view." Just not that one, I guess.



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We lasted only about 20 hours in town. We were charmed, then amused, then annoyed, then screaming to 'Get The Hell-Out!'

Best thing I can equate it to is some town in Idaho holding an annual Potato Festival. Everyone eats potatoes, gets dressed up as potatoes, crowns a Potato Queen. Nothing very deep or useful, just potatoes, and by the end of the day you've had quite enough.

Replace spuds with aliens, and you have the Great Roswell Loonfest of 1997. It was an exercise in alien merchandising and cute alien events no

more substantial than cotton candy. If no UFO ever crashed near Roswell in 1947, then the celebration was a harmless giggle -- equivalent to a potato festival. If, however, the 'Roswell Incident' was real, then this '50th Anniversary' event was one of the saddest displays that humanity has ever put on. This is how we are presenting ourselves to the universe: as a horde of shallow 'Ferengi' whose only manner of relating to other worlds is through the buying and selling of souvenirs.

The array of alien-related merchandise was astounding: Hundreds of

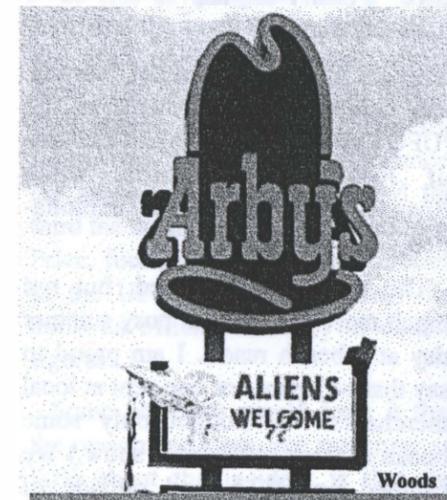


booths selling every conceivable item you can stamp an alien face on. Some items were creative enough to bring a smirk to our face, but the information content was still zero. I did not attend any of the \$10 lectures but heard nothing to indicate that they were worth the cost. Just the usual speakers grinding their usual axes in an environment where nearly every claim is accepted except intelligent ones. (You could have heard the same on Art Bell for free.) I'm sure there were a dozen astounding revelations, but none I would believe.

but



The UFO vendors were clustered around the Roswell Convention Center, with a midway and tons of media outside. Inside the 'Alien Trade Show', I spotted Philip Corso and his son ambling about. Corso's co-writer William Birnes was also in Roswell, although I did not see him. I am told



that he has a prominent affiliation with 'Soldier of Fortune Magazine'. (The owner of it?) What does this say about Corso?

We couldn't get near the International UFO Museum and Research Center, but since I had been there a couple of years ago, I don't think I missed anything. This is also a big alien souvenir outlet. They do sell some books, too, but I was told by a journalist that they decline to sell any books that are critical of the Roswell crash claims. Is this research or religion?

UFO Burgers, UFO drinks, 'Crash With Us' on motel marquees... Driving

ing down Main

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Street was a numbing experience. Turn on the radio, and ninety percent of the local ads - for everything from cars to insurance - made some kind of cutesie alien reference. Doesn't anyone in this town have any dignity?

There is no way that Rachel, Nevada, can compete with Roswell as the 'UFO Capital'. Rachel is just a couple of Joes selling T-shirts, while Roswell is big league alien exploitation.

The town was crowded, but not much more than, say, a busy summer day at a beach resort. I am proud to say that we spent not one cent at local merchants. (I bought only some books & maps at the trade show.) We camped on BLM land outside of town, and saw no one else out there. This was a blessed relief, because Roswell did not give us any reason to love humanity. We needed to visit the Great Loonfest to say we had done it, but I never want to see Roswell again.

We left town by the afternoon of the 4th and headed for Lubbock, Texas, hometown of our Assistant Director. Ah, Lubbock! Paradise on Earth! It was a pleasure to go someplace where there were no alien references.

It's times like this when I realize just how alone we are in the universe -- and here on Earth. ☹



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I don't know how anyone can say that Roswell was a drag. I had a ball, from touch down to take-off. I hope that this little 'review' helps you to feel a little closer to all of the folks mentioned. I know that I do.

It occurred to me that one of the things that made the trip to Roswell so much fun and so gratifying was having had the opportunity to meet, and spend time with some of the folks from our UFO UpDates list. I want to share some of that with all of you guys who couldn't attend yourselves for whatever reasons.

Here are some quick impressions.

Sue Kovios - smart, open, honest, intuitive, warm and (very pretty to boot!) A deadly combination of attributes as a certain large male Canadian I know will testify. My friendship and very warm feelings for Sue were already in place long before this trip.

Rebecca (Shatte) Keith - I've always been impressed with Rebecca. She's as sharp as they come, and with all of the prerequisite intelligence, character and confidence it takes to pull it off successfully. She's also hugable as all get out and I'm grateful that I had a chance to cement a personal friendship that we had already been nurturing.

Dennis Stacy- Not quite as tall as I'd imagined! <G> But the proportions of the man I did get to meet turned out to be as "human" as one could want in a person. I wish I'd had more time to talk with Dennis one on one. He's a guy that has strong convictions, takes the time to think about things, and sticks to his guns when it's time to. The kind of guy you would want next to you if you were belly down in a ditch facing live fire. Someone who doesn't get run off easily.

Stan Friedman - I had two 'encounters' with Stan, both in the Parking lot of the Sally-Port Inn of all places!) and the thing that comes across in waves from him is his personal warmth. Stan Friedman was a genuine pleasure to meet and swap a few lines with.

Kevin Randle - (who was with Russ

Estes, who really is as BIG as Dennis Stacy 'claims to be') was literally the first person that I ran into after checking into my hotel room. Kevin greeted me with a big smile, a warm handshake and the following opening line, "John, you have to stop posting so much to the UpDates list, do you have any idea how much time it takes to trash them all?" and he was smiling in my face the whole time! Now that's either tempered steel cohones, or the guy has an unusual (with a twist) sense of humor. Haven't made up my mind yet which one applies.

Kevin Randle did hold his own with Karl Pflock and on a seperate occasion, Ted Koppel and Kent Jeffrey. He gave an intelligent and sober accounting of himself. (When he presented Karl Pflock with 'Mogul debris', ie; balsa sticks, paper backed foil and tape, during their discussion, he again demonstrated a 'wicked' sense of humor.)

Mike (City tv) and Cathy Woods -



Picture a young, tough, 'Mugs McGinness' from the

old *Bowery Boys* movies of the thirties, only this is a 'Mugsy' that made it in the world!

Mike has a million dollar personality. You would literally have to go out of your way not to like this guy instantly. We're both city brats that grew up in some pretty tough concrete canyons, we had an instant rapport. Mike and Cathy were two of the nicest folks that I met while in Roswell and I hope that our new 'amigoship' thrives long after



Roswell.

MICHAEL LINDEMANN - Sharp, warm guy, very intelligent and articulate. Michael knows his business and represents all of us well



when he speaks publicly. (In the very best sense of the word, 'representative'.) It was a pleasure for me to meet him face to face. I have had some dealings with Mike (an article of mine that he published in *CNN News*, and an 'on air' analysis he performed for *'Strange Universe'* of some daylight UFO video footage that I shot in the skies over NY. All of my interactions with Mike have been pleasant. I respect the guy for all that he contributes and meeting him in person has only served to confirm my good feelings about him. Mike Lindemann was an excellent speaker and moderator while in Roswell.

Mr and Mrs Bill Hamilton - I wanted to spend some time with Bill and his wife, but when I ran into them I was in the middle of a hunt for my 'roomie,' who was wandering around the town of Roswell in the middle of a lightning storm while I was in possession of our rented car! I really wanted to spend more time with Bill and his wife. They are lovely people and it would have been a golden opportunity to get to know them better.

There were others that I was fortunate enough to spend some moments with, Whitley Strieber, John Mack, Bob Dean, Travis Walton and Mike Rogers, Yvonne Smith, Linda Moulton Howe, Jesse Marcel Jr. There are more but I'm starting to sound like that notorious name dropper, Charles Grodin! ☹

Aliens Abduct City's Identity

By Anne Midgette,
The Wall Street Journal

Roswell, N.M. -- When I was preparing to leave for college in the early 80s, I bought a souvenir of my hometown: a T-shirt bearing the legend "Roswell, New Mexico: Known for Absolutely Nothing." How times have changed.

Roswell is known for something now, all right. Its citizens still aren't sure what hit them. I refer not necessarily to the object that struck the ground on July 6, 1947 -- although the debate rages on about whether it was a weather balloon, Soviet weapon, or genuine UFO. I'm talking about the notoriety that has struck the small city (pop. 48,000) with surreal force. The site where the object landed, on Hub Corn's ranch north of town, has returned to earthbound normalcy -- polled Herefords grazing their way toward feedlot mortality with bovine indifference toward anything alien to their alimentary calling.

But on Main Street every second shop window sports an alien; the local Arby's has a new sign proclaiming "Aliens Welcome"; and Bud's, a country dance bar, is billing itself as the "Unofficial UFO Crash Recovery Site." There are even two UFO museums: the modest, original UFO Enigma Museum in the south of town, about to relocate to larger premises, and the UFO Museum and Research Center, in an old movie theater right on Main Street, with an "Alien Cafeine Espresso Bar" consisting of a few cafeteria-style plastic tables and seats. And at the UFO museum in Midway, a couple of miles south, you can view videos of hundreds of onsite UFO sightings from the past three years alone.

This is all new. No one talked about aliens when I went to high school in

Roswell, and if our mascot at Goddard High School was a rocket, it was only because Robert Goddard actually did test his first rocket engines here (his workshops are preserved in the Roswell Museum and Art Center, which has nothing to do with UFOs). Now, I return home to find silver critters and flying saucers at every turn, and the town abuzz with talk of the 50th anniversary week, which drew 150,000..... well, 50,000..... well, maybe 25,000 visitors. The first figure was the projected attendance, the second the official one and the third the actual one, according to John Price, founder and executive director of the UFO Enigma Museum, who notes an official tendency to double figures.

Some believers would have it that the reason residents like me knew so little about the incident is that the government hushed the matter up. According to my sources, one elderly volunteer docent who helped out at the UFO Museum during the anniversary week informed her audiences that the government told Roswellites that if anyone breathed a word, it would kill them all. The government must have undergone a remarkable change of heart, since the Roswell Incident has now appeared everywhere from the cover of Time magazine to Absolut Vodka ads, and since Roswell's UFO museums -- which display mainly press clippings and signed testimonials -- demonstrate that just about anyone with a claim to a story is entitled to speak his mind at length about the events of the night in question. My two personal favorites are the funeral-home employee Glenn Dennis, who remembers Army officers coming in the dead of night to order two child-size coffins, and the freelance cameraman who went out to film the site and saw an Army officer hit a wounded alien over the head with the butt of his rifle to loosen the creature's grasp on the object it was

clutching. These days, Roswell's local government is represented by Mayor Tom Jennings, who seems to believe that

any press is good press. He does, however, bear a grudge against The Wall Street Journal for having thus far overlooked what he sees as a first-rate business story. "This is a marketing feat," he informed me at a cocktail party, having handed me a Roswell lapel pin shaped like a UFO, with a grinning alien poised atop it. "Within three years, we have created an industry in Roswell where there was none before -- the tourist industry. We get 1,000 people a day through Roswell, and those people are buying airplane tickets, eating in restaurants."

Mayor Jennings sees himself as something of a visionary. "I've had this UFO stuff on my letterhead, my business cards, since I was elected in 1994. My predecessor didn't want to hear about UFOs; he said everyone would think we're kooks." Too busy basking in his 15 minutes of renown to worry about whether or not his predecessor was right, Mayor Jennings went off, after our conversation, to open a trade fair in Groeningen, Holland, leaving his secretaries to curate his office, which, with its weight of UFO memorabilia and framed newspaper clippings, could qualify as Roswell's third UFO museum. I'm not the only one with mixed emotions about my town's new fame. While some residents hedge their bets, echoing Mayor Jennings's opinion that "it would be arrogant of our society to assume that we're the only life in the universe," others, like housewife and musician Tina Williams, dismiss the

whole thing, seeing it as a waste of time and refusing point-blank to enter the UFO museums even in the cause of friendship. Some residents are merely indignant that the media portray Roswell as a hick town in the middle of nowhere, when in fact it's the population center of southeastern New Mexico and home to the nation's largest mozzarella factory.

Some people, like my stepfather, Donald B. Anderson, up and left town to avoid the crowds during anniversary week. Mr. Anderson, a resident since 1946 and therefore a first-hand witness of events in Roswell on July 6, 1947, points out that UFO sightings were a common occurrence in America during that particular period: "The only thing different about the Roswell incident is that they actually had some pieces of something."

The Enigma Museum's Mr. Price sums up the ambivalence of many locals. "I've made my wife's dream come true," he says. "We've put Roswell on the map. Everyone used to think we were part of Mexico. On the other hand, it's a circus, all this hype." Mr. Price has not contributed much to the hype, nor has he made a pile from the UFO craze; a genuine and principled believer, he is critical of the way the "other museum" publicizes every new UFO item, however spurious, thereby discrediting the whole incident in the eyes of skeptics. He recently sold his museum for a relatively modest sum, freeing himself up to pursue serious UFO research.

But regrets or no regrets, Roswell is going to be the 'UFO city' for years to come. Plans for next year's July 4th UFO spectacle are in the works, and some, like Barb Sauerman at the mayor's office, are already thinking ahead to the 100th anniversary in 2047. "Wouldn't it be great," she

muses, "if something else landed here before then?"

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SAUCER SMEAR EDITOR ATTENDS THE ROSWELL FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

by
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the founder of the Saucers and Unexplained Celestial Events Research Society (SAUCERS). Since 1954 he has published some variation of 'SAUCER New's. For many years Moseley was the primary mover and shaker in ufology in the New York area. He was a fixture on early talk radio programs, and was an intimate collaborator with the late Gray Barker. The wealthy son of a U.S. Army General, Moseley has always approached the UFO mystery with a note of humor and common-sense skepticism, which has brought him more than a few critics. He has for many years served as Chairman of the National UFO Conference.

Luckily for the Roswell Police Department, the rock concert for "less than 150,000 people" never materialized. William Shattner of Star Trek canceled, and in general the crowds were somewhat smaller than anticipated - in spite of millions of dollars worth of free nationwide publicity. (We never thought we'd see an alien on the cover of Time Magazine.) But those who did show up were treated to a town where nearly every business joined in the light-hearted alien motif.

There was much confusion in regard to where various events were to take place. Some were at the two UFO museums, some at the convention center, some at an auditorium in the New Mexico Military Institute, and some were right at the Roswell Inn, where your humble 'Smear' editor was staying. Of course, many events

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ROSWELL MOMENTS WE WOULDN'T HAVE MISSED.....



CITY tv interviews Roswell Mayor Tom Jennings

Sue & I getting Press Passes as cameraman and production assistant - we shot footage for an upcoming sweeps week *City-Pulse* UFO segment. Those passes got us in everywhere. Thanks for the gig Mike! The flat tire on the Foster Ranch dirt road a 'thousand miles' from nowhere, John Velez necking the alien dummy in the Sally Port Inn lobby, Glenn (Area 51) Campbell realising

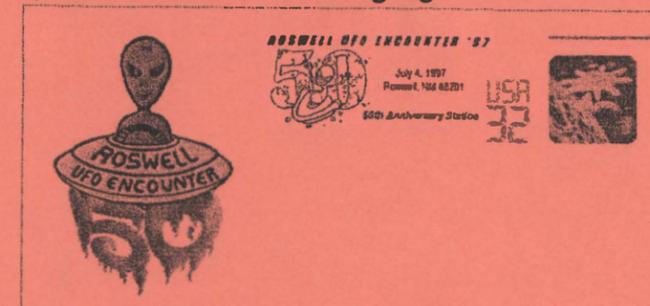
that I was not the "little-guy" he'd assumed I was via the Net - Rebecca (Schatte) Keith of *Fortean Times* 'gunning' Jesse Marcel Jr., 'Roswell: The Movie's' producer Paul Davids being literally cornered by the press after Derrel Sims 'Roswell Metal' findings, the Karl Pflock/Kevin Randle debate (great showbiz Kev.), Mike Woods of *City tv*, trying to avoid the 'hot exhaust' behind his car while waiting for the air-conditioner to cool the interior of his and wife Cathy's car, only to discover that moving away from the car didn't change the hot-blowing wind, the beautiful bride's dress in the bridal shop window modelled by an 'alien' dummy, all the alien mannequins in Wal-Mart, Linda Moulton Howe still swearing by the MJ-12 documents

and the 'autopsy footage' and Michael Lindemann's curtailing of her endlessly-long self-written intro at her talk, John Mack's assertion that an abductee spending 15 minutes with aliens was the equivalent of a lifetime of meditation and John Velez's reaction to that one. Doing a stand-up for the local NBC tv news on "Why we bought half-a-dozen Roswell first-day commemorative stamps and envelopes?" and the snort from the crew when we pointed out how odd it was "that the US Airforce spent 50 years denying that anything had ever happened near Roswell and the US Post Office is selling stamps in celebration of the event". Clifford Stone, Michael & Deborah, Jim



William Birnes and Lt. Col. Philip Corso (Retired)

Moseley, Melanie, Nancy Birnes, Budd & Carol, Tom & Jason, Phil Corso, Michael Hesemann, White Sands, Alamagordo, Socorro, the Very Large Array Radio Telescope dishes (27 of 'em) on the San Augustin Plains - a breathtaking sight



watching them all move in sync. and the 'a la Carte' food on Northwest Airlines - served on cardboard and

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were held simultaneously, so it was not possible to cover everything. But we came away with over one hundred good pictures.

The speakers on the list on the (page 14) photo were those sponsored by the main museum in town, called the International UFO Museum & Research Center, where a tall young lady named Deon Crosby holds sway. Some famous ufologists are on the list, but who the hell is Lance Strong Eagle Crawford?

Second-string speakers, including Karl Pflock, Kevin Randle, and cinematographer Russ Estes spoke at the Roswell Inn and another nearby motel, sponsored by the second-string museum, called The UFO Enigma Museum. This is owned by one John Price, who is being run out of business by one Max Littell, a local Wheel who by strange co-incidence is connected with the International UFO Museum. Enigma may soon be taken over by Clifford Stone, a local man who is a published UFO author.

There were also third-string speakers, in a group of eight from the East, who spoke to pitifully small crowds at the Roswell Inn on Sunday, July 6th, which was the last day of the Festival. We ran into time traveler Al Bielek having breakfast at the Inn (SHOCKING!) with esoteric teacher Chelsea Flor of New Jersey. Bielek told us that their sponsor had gone broke and they were stuck in Roswell till they could raise the money to get out! We don't know what happened after that.

A highlight of the Festival was the debate between Karl Pflock and Kevin Randle, on the question of whether

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sightings by railroad workers in Canada.



Tom, Antonio Huneus and Graham

In the afternoon, Vincent-Juan Ballester Olmos began the sessions with a discussion of the UFO declassification process that has been ongoing in Spain. He spoke very fast and with his strong accent, it made it hard to follow what he was saying, especially since it involved many documents released by the Spanish Air Force.

J. Antonio Huneus, MUFON International Co-ordinator and Fate Magazine UFO Editor, spoke next about his contacts in the Orient and the increasing interest there in UFOs. There is now a UFO publication in the Peoples Republic of China with whose publisher Huneus was able to meet. Much of the material obtained has yet to be translated.

He also discussed the "UFO Museum" in Japan which actually is a space science museum with only 5% of the displays devoted to UFOs. This museum received a lot of attention in the west as a place devoted to UFOs, which turned out not to be the case.

Korea has become a major 'hotspot' for UFO sightings in the last few years, and has sparked a strong interest in the subject. One of the UFO groups there had managed to acquire \$3,000,000 to put on a UFO exhibit and symposium! Huneus among others was to speak at this symposium with flight and hotel and other expenses to be paid by the UFO group.

At the last minute however they had to cancel the symposium part of the exhibit but Huneus and a couple of others got the message too late. So as not to make it a total loss, they went to Korea, saw the exhibit and established some new contacts while they were there.

This was the last of the symposia I attended, and after spending the last two days perusing the literature that was available there, decided to make my purchases at this time.

From Arcturus books I got a reprint of "The Coming of the Saucers" by Kenneth Arnold and Raymond Palmer. This book comes with an audio cassette which includes an radio interview with Mr. Arnold. I also bought one of the issues of the Journal of UFO Studies, a publication printed sporadically by CUFOs. This is the only peer-reviewed journal that I'm aware of.



Dr. David Jacobs & Budd Hopkins

At lunch time on Sunday, I managed to stop into Barnes and Noble to pick up a copy of 'The UFO Evidence' by Richard H. Hall for only \$7.98, and a hard-bound copy of C. G. Jung's, 'Flying Saucers' for only \$2.99, both excellent buys at those prices.

With a bundle of good reading material under my arm, and having met so many people I always hoped to meet, I felt my first symposium was a great success. ☺

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the Roswell Incident was an extraterrestrial event or merely a Mogul balloon. We agreed with Pflock and his Mogul explanation, but mean old Randle won the debate by dramatically ripping up several sheets of balloon-like material from his pocket, and throwing the pieces up into the air like confetti. Ain't science grand!

Another highlight was a presentation in which TV producer Paul Davids, notorious ufologist Derrell Sims & several others, came forth with still another 'authentic' Roswell metal fragment. After the lecture all the principals except Davids left hurriedly before the press could ask questions. We are told that they literally ran out the door and jumped into a car that was waiting for them in the parking lot with the motor running! (Science on the run!)

Still another great event, which we also missed, was a July 4th dinner-lecture by Whitley Strieber, which was interrupted by a very loud and violent thunderstorm. Some say that the famous crash near Roswell occurred at that same time of day, on July 4th exactly fifty years earlier. Others say this theory is nonsense. We say it really doesn't matter. The Roswell Incident is a legend that will never die!

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&
Victor Vigianni
leads an open discussion on
aspects of UFO phenomena**