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The Truth is Out There . . .



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MEETING DATE: Monday, May 16, 1994 ♦ ♦ MEETING TIME: 7:30 Sharp

LOCATION: 8227 E. Orange Blossom, Scottsdale, AZ (Clubhouse)

**PROGRAM: Summer Reruns - Repeat of Richard Hoagland's
"Monuments on Mars" Videotape in Light of Recent Media Blitz**

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Well, we finally did it!! We are no longer the "fringe." This last month we became *mainstream*. The CBS show "48 Hours" did a terrific job of presenting the UFO phenomenon in a professional, objective manner. They interviewed some of the best spokespersons with an objective, factual approach to the subject. They had some very up-to-date information, including a military eyewitness to the Rowell craft, who stated *on prime time national television* that he saw not only the craft but the alien bodies as well! This show was the 10th most-viewed TV show for the week. The other aspect of the show that impressed me was the fact that they did not throw in the typical kook who spends his weekends on Venus. Even the critics were professional, not the normal flaky Philip Klass response.

That same week had a short segment on the ABC News with Peter Jennings concerning Area 51. Oprah did a very good show with Dr. John Mack. Then this last week KTAR had a 3-hour special featuring Richard Hoagland and the Mars mission. US News and World Report had an article stating that the books that are most popular right now deal with spirituality and self-improvement. Not too long ago they referred to that same subject matter as "Occult" or "New Age."

So the net of all this is that we need to keep the pressure on. If you have been thinking about writing your congressman but haven't done so, *do so now!* I received a call from the MUFON national director asking if I would like to get the chapter more politically involved. Well -- it's up to YOU! Any flower children ready to reactivate?

As always, I look forward to your input and comments.

Ray Maurer
State Director

ROSWELL DECLARATION

For those of you who do not receive the MUFON Journal (national MUFON publication), be sure to see the "Roswell Declaration" elsewhere in this newsletter. Make copies, sign the original, give the copies to your friends and ask them to sign, and then bring the signed Declarations to the next meeting and give them to Tom Taylor. He will be directed by National MUFON to send them in at a later date.

WRITE YOUR CONGRESSMEN!

Need the addresses for writing to Congress concerning the UFO and government coverup situation? Here they are. (Congressman Schiff's address is included so you can write letters of encouragement.)

Congressman Steve Schiff
625 Silver Ave. SW
Suite 140
Albuquerque, NM 87102

Congressman Jon Kyl
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Congressman Ed Pastor
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Congressman John J. Rhodes
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Congressman Bob Stump
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Senator Dennis DeConcini
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Senator John McCain
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Please Write!!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

This month we are beginning publication of a specific monthly calendar to update members on upcoming events (meetings, outings, etc.) If you hear of a meeting or event that would be of interest to members, call the Hotline Number (at top of this Newsletter) and advise us of the date and time. *Be sure to leave your name and number so we can call you back with any questions we might have concerning your information.* Thanks.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 20-22: UFO Friendship Campout, Little A 'Le' Inn, Highway 375 - Rachel, Nevada. Call 702/729-2515 for details.

June 3-5: Whole Life Expo, Albuquerque, NM, Albuquerque Convention Center, 401 Second St. NW. 150 speakers including Charles Thomas Cayce, Ken Carey, Thomas Banyacya (Hopi prophecy), Timothy Leary, and Budd Hopkins! For a free catalog of events call 1-800-332-0099.

FIRE OFFICIALS GUIDE

When several of us attended a taping in Tucson of UFO-AZ (the night's show featured Bob and Cecilia Dean as guests), Bob Dean brought with him a copy of the newly released Fire Officials Guide to Disaster Control. This hardcover manual, approximately 8-1/2 x 11" in size and over 1" thick, contained a very important Chapter 13 dealing with UFO crashes. It took us awhile, but we were able to get copies of Chapter 13 of this book, which proved to be *most* interesting.

For those of you interested in getting your own copy of Chapter 13, the address is as follows:

AMU-PBG
P.O. Box 5402
North Hollywood, CA 91616

You will need to enclose \$5.95 to cover the cost of the copy and handling.

Tom Taylor

NATIONAL UFO INFORMATION WEEK

Part of the MUFON purpose is to educate the public. Since August 13-21 has been designated as National UFO Information Week, let's set up a display at one of the local shopping malls in the Valley. Surely, with all the members we have, someone has a contact with one of the malls who would let us set up something like this for one or two days during that week. We will need volunteers for the display as well -- people who would like to inform the public about UFOs and MUFON. If you can help, contact Tom Taylor or call the Hotline number to volunteer. Thanks.

CLEANUP HELP STILL NEEDED

Jere and Joann Castor, Tom Taylor and others come to the MUFON-AZ meeting location up to an hour early each month for the express purpose of setting up the room for our meetings. It takes time and effort to prepare the seating arrangements and get the refreshments ready (and we still need help every month with donations of refreshments!), and they put in a lot of extra work to do this for us.

It would be a big help to them if those of you who are able can help out after the meetings by helping to put the meeting room back in order. This consists of folding up any folding chairs and placing them against the back wall so they can be put away; disposing of cups left around the room; and repositioning the couches in their original locations (which we'll be glad to show you). When no one helps, it often takes over half an hour after the meeting ends for the "weary few" to get the meeting room back in order.

Please help the group by doing what you can to get things cleaned up after the meetings. It will be very much appreciated!

MEDIA WATCH

by Tom Taylor

In the interest of keeping the UFO topic before the public, the following is a list of programs on the subject recently aired via television, radio and newspaper in recent weeks. We will attempt to list programs ahead of time whenever possible; unfortunately, we are not notified of the majority of programs until it is too late to publish them in the Newsletter in time for members to view, hear or read them. In the case of TV and radio programs, ask at MUFON meetings to see if anyone is aware of someone who may have taped them to share.

Tuesdays, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m., Local Public Access Cable [Dimension Channel 22 in some areas] - UFO-AZ/UFO TALKS. Ted Loman, Jim Nichols and Rick Keefe host this continuing series featuring interesting guests and topics related to all aspects of the UFO experience.

KTAR RADIO, 620 AM, April 27, 9pm - midnight Bill Strauss hosted the show featuring Richard Hoagland as his guest -- Mr. Strauss stated that this was the first time his entire 3-hour show was devoted to one subject. Many thanks to Mr. Strauss and Mr. Hoagland for making this information available to literally thousands of Arizona residents!

FOX 15: The "Encounters" program was run again Friday, May 6, right before the "X FILES."

Hard Copy, Channel 3, 11:05 p.m. Friday, May 6: Several short video clips of daylight disks taken by a family in Roswell, NM just weeks ago. Pretty good stuff!

Sunday, May 8; Channel 12, 7-8 p.m. The "Sea Quest" story this week involved an underwater UFO which had been on the sea floor for centuries.

AN EXPLANATION OF THE ROSWELL DECLARATION

The "Roswell Declaration" is part of a worldwide effort to end U.S. Government secrecy surrounding the 1947 Roswell incident. It contains an appeal to the Administration for an Executive Order to declassify any U.S. Government information on UFOs or extraterrestrial intelligence. You can help by signing and returning a copy of the declaration.

The effort is being supported by three independent nonprofit organizations devoted to the serious study of the UFO phenomenon. The membership of the governing committees of these organizations consists primarily of researchers, scientists, and Ph.D.s. The three organizations are the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), 103 Oldtowne Road, Seguin, TX 78155; the Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS), 2457 W. Peterson Avenue, Chicago, IL 60659; and the Fund for UFO Research (FUFOR), P.O. Box 277, Mt. Ranier, MD 20712.

Additionally, UFO organizations throughout the world are involved in a drive to obtain signatures from scientists, professionals, and the general public in support of the "Roswell Declaration." On a yet-to-be-determined day later this year, the news media in different countries around the world will be notified and furnished with material about the Roswell incident in an effort to bring international attention to the Roswell case.

On that same day, a copy of the "Roswell Declaration," along with a listing of the total number of signatories from each of the fifty states as well as from other countries, will be delivered to the offices of all members of Congress and to the White House. Also on that day, if finances permit, a copy of the "Roswell Declaration" will be placed in the first section of the national edition of a major U.S. newspaper as well as in other major newspapers around the world.

Polls have shown that more than fifty percent of the people in the United States believe in the reality of UFOs and extraterrestrial intelligence. Unfortunately, that interest has never been galvanized into a large-scale grassroots movement. With the "Roswell Declaration," this may now become a reality.

Since this will be primarily a word-of-mouth, grassroots effort, your help in making copies of the declaration and distributing them to as many people as possible will be of great importance. The declaration is being made available on computer bulletin boards throughout the world. A five-page position paper, "Time for the Truth About Roswell," from which the declaration is derived, will also be made available. The position paper includes a detailed summary of the Roswell event, an analysis of the media and government treatment of it, and arguments for allowing the public to know the truth.

The position paper and the declaration were written by Kent Jeffrey of Fairfax, California. Mr. Jeffrey has researched the Roswell event extensively, worked with several of the leading investigators, and interviewed a number of the Roswell witnesses. He is an international airline pilot whose interest in the Roswell case stems in part from the fact that his father, a retired colonel and former air force pilot (and WWII fighter ace), at one time knew and worked with one of the key Roswell figures, General William Blanchard.

Although it is felt by the organizers of this effort that there is a high degree of probability the U.S. Government is withholding information regarding the existence of extraterrestrial intelligence, the primary goal is to get the matter into the open so that the truth can be conclusively determined, one way or the other. It is hoped, therefore, that all individuals, no matter what their opinion on the subject, will support this effort.

ROSWELL DECLARATION 1994

Forty-seven years ago an incident occurred in the southwestern desert of the United States that could have significant implications for all mankind. It involved the recovery by the U.S. Military of material alleged to be of extraterrestrial origin. The event was announced by the U.S. Military on July 8, 1947, through a press release that was carried by newspapers throughout the country. It was subsequently denied by what is now believed to be a cover story claiming the material was nothing more than a weather balloon. It has remained veiled in government secrecy ever since.

The press release announcing the unusual event was issued by the Commander of the 509th Bomb Group at Roswell Army Air Field, Colonel William Blanchard, who later went on to become a four-star general and Vice Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force. That the weather balloon story was a coverup has been confirmed by individuals directly involved, including the late General Thomas DuBose who took the telephone call from Washington, D.C., ordering the coverup. Numerous other credible military and civilian witnesses have testified that the original press release was correct and that the Roswell wreckage was of extraterrestrial origin. One such individual was Major Jesse Marcel, the Intelligence Officer of the 509th Bomb Group and one of the first military officers at the scene.

On January 12, 1994, United States Congressman Steven Schiff of Albuquerque, New Mexico, announced to the press that he had been stonewalled by the Defense Department when requesting information on the 1947 Roswell event on behalf of constituents and witnesses. Indicating that he was seeking further investigation into the matter, Congressman Schiff called the Defense Department's lack of response "astounding" and concluded it was apparently "another government coverup."

History has shown that unsubstantiated official assurances or denials by government are often meaningless. Nevertheless, there is a logical and straightforward way to ensure that the truth about Roswell will emerge: *an Executive Order declassifying any information regarding UFOs or extraterrestrial intelligence*. Because this is a unique issue of universal concern, such an action would be appropriate and warranted. To provide positive assurance for all potential witnesses, it would need to be clearly stated and written into law. Such a measure is essentially what presidential candidate Jimmy Carter promised and then failed to deliver to the American people eighteen years ago in 1976.

If, as is officially claimed, no information on Roswell, UFOs, or extraterrestrial intelligence is being withheld, an Executive Order declassifying it would be a mere formality, as there would be nothing to disclose. The Order would, however, have the positive effect of setting the record straight once and for all. Years of controversy and suspicion would be ended, both in the eyes of the United States' own citizens and in the eyes of the world.

If, on the other hand, the Roswell witnesses are telling the truth and information on extraterrestrial intelligence does exist, it is not something to which a privileged few in the United States Government should have exclusive rights. It is knowledge of profound importance to which all people throughout the world should have an inalienable right. Its release would unquestionably be universally acknowledged as an historic act of honesty and goodwill.

I support the request, as outlined above, for an Executive Order declassifying any U.S. Government information regarding UFOs or extraterrestrial intelligence. Whether such information exists or whether it does not, I feel that the people of the world have a right to know the truth about this issue and that it is time to put an end to the controversy surrounding it.

Signature

Date

Name (Please print)

Occupation / Title

Street

City

State

Zip

Degrees / Credentials (If applicable)

U.S. Representative (If known)

UFO FRIENDSHIP CAMPOUT
May 20, 21, 22
Little A 'Le' Inn
Highway 375 - Rachel, Nevada
702/729-2515

Sidney Herald-Leader, Sidney, MT 9/29/93

PROGRAM: Friday, May 20: Program begins at 5 p.m. with dinner from 5-8 p.m. Get acquainted time from 8-11:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 21: Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Speakers start at 9 a.m. (several first-time speakers). You are invited to speak (call the number above for details). Lunch from noon to 2 p.m. More speakers from 2-5 p.m. Dinner from 5-8 p.m. Campfire talks after dinner or Skywatch at Mailbox.

Sunday, May 22: Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. You are welcome to take the podium to share your experiences. This is a weekend for people interested in UFO activity to get together and talk about their sightings, abductions, etc. At this time the names of all speakers are not confirmed, but there will be a multitude of information and lots of fun and friendship.

To register in advance (per person), send \$50 check or money order to: Little A 'Le' Inn, HCR Box 45, Rachel, NV 89001 before May 17. \$60.00 at the door.

Buffalos made 'UFO circles,' rancher says

By FLYNN J. ELL
Staff Writer

Mysterious circles found growing in the Sidney area have been called UFO circles and "fairy rings," but a former resident says both opinions are wrong.

Eighty-year-old Waldemar Sorensen, born and raised in Sidney and now living in Billings, said his homesteading father told him the mysterious rings are "buffalo circles."

A California UFO researcher, Dr. Laszlo Steiner, earlier this month said the circles were left by visitors from outer space.

And Richland County Extension Agent Red Lovec said the circles may have been made by UFOs, but they were also fairy rings, which were caused by a fungus that leaves behind telltale mushrooms.

Sorensen, who used to be the Sidney trail-ride wagonmaster, said he didn't think anyone would believe his report, so he sought a book about the animals and finally found, "The American Bison," in a Billings library.

Sure enough, on page 39 of the book written by Martin S. Carretson in 1938, Sorensen found the following passage:

"One of the strange sights on the prairies every spring, soon after the grass had sprouted, was the thousands of circles where the earth had been trodden bare."

"Early travelers, not knowing what caused them, called them 'fairy rings.' They were formed during the buffalo calving period. To keep off the gray wolves that singly or in great packs hunted over the prairies, the buffalo

bulls formed regular beats to keep guard over the cows and walked around and around them, until circular paths were formed."

Sorensen said there are still circles 75 feet in diameter visible in a pasture just northwest of Sidney.

"We had them in our pasture," said the son of homesteader Chris Sorensen. As the bulls guarded the calves and cows, they pounded their dung deep into the soil, which fertilized the grass and made it appear taller and greener.

"I think that's a lot of baloney," Sorensen said of reports that the circles were made by UFOs.

Steiner has returned to California where he is studying for a doctorate in UFOlogy.

Lovec, who identified the circles as fairy rings, says they may also be UFO circles and even buffalo circles.

"Anything is possible," said the Extension agent, but he has doubts that the effects of parading buffalo bulls protecting cows and calves from wolves 100 to 80 years ago would still be visible today.

"If that buffalo dung is that potent, we ought to get into it," Lovec said.

A circle worn in the ground by the buffalo would be more acceptable as evidence, the Extension agent said.

However, Lovec said the mushrooms associated with fairy rings are the result of a band of soil high in nutrients, probably from decaying vegetative material that could include old buffalo dung.

Fairy rings can be identified because they expand in growth outward, and this can be checked by marking the edge from one season to the next. Lovec said.



Henry never knew what hit him.

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