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The Truth is Out There . . .

Mary Hart Newsletter Producer

MEETING DATE: Monday, May 15, 1995 ♦ MEETING TIME: 7:30 p.m. SHARP
LOCATION: 8227 E. Orange Blossom, Scottsdale, AZ (Clubhouse)
PROGRAM: Vance Davis Speaking on the "Gulf Breeze Six"

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Rumors and more rumors continue to circulate regarding the alleged film taken at the Roswell crash site in 1947. Several sources seem to think some sort of announcement will be made shortly . . . stay tuned.

I recently received the MUFON application of a new member in Kingman, Arizona. Robert Sivio stated on his application that he had 150 local Kingman residents complete and send in a copy of "The Roswell Declaration"! Thanks, Robert.

Richard Motzer reports that the first session of his Field Investigator Training classes turned out 14 MUFON-AZ members. Richard had only expected around six people to show up! Good work, Richard -- and I hope the members who attended this first class will stick with the training for its entirety.

I was sorry to learn a few weeks ago that Tom Kusczelewicz has stepped down as Section Director for Pima County due to illness in his family and is having to go back east for a period of time. Our best wishes are with Tom and his family.

Tom Taylor
State Director



Naturally, there was a bit of skepticism among the media regarding the official Air Force explanation.

FIELD INVESTIGATION TRAINEE MEETING

The next meeting for Field Investigator Trainees will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 31, at Richard Motzer's home, 6601 E. Clinton St., in north Scottsdale. Please call 998-3966 ("Computer Buddy") with any questions.

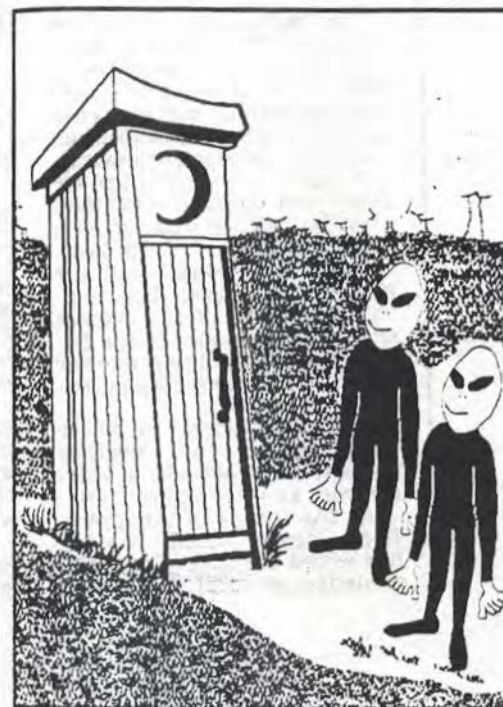
**** NEWS FLASH ****

A tape of two witnesses who viewed the Roswell autopsy film in London recently will be played at the May meeting. **DON'T MISS IT!!!!**

NEW MEXICO CITY TO SPACE OUT IN REMEMBERING 1947

The first Roswell UFO Encounter will be held in Roswell, N.M., on July 1-2. Participants can encounter costume contests, float races, running races, tours, movies, laser-light shows, open forums with leading UFO researchers and live entertainment. Oh yeah, this event is in commemoration of a 1947 incident in which one or more UFOs may have crashed in the Roswell area. For information: 505-623-5695.

The Arizona Republic Sunday, May 7, 1995



"MAYBE IT'S A TEMPLE OF SOME KIND. THE MOON HAS RELIGIOUS SIGNIFICANCE IN THESE PRIMITIVE CULTURES."

UFO believers allege government cover-up

□ Organization says government is hiding documents

By DANA CALVO

Of The Associated Press

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mindy Gerber said the last time she was transported by a disc in the sky she underwent a physical examination and a mind probe by aliens who were attempting to create a hybrid breed of earthlings.

"Hypnotic regression is the only way to access these experiences," she explained.

Gerber, 34, a registered nurse from Windsor, N.J., is a member of Operation Right to Know, which believes the military has covered up evidence of alien life.

The group protested Wednesday outside the General Accounting Office to raise awareness about an examination being conducted by the GAO into the whereabouts of official documents about a weather balloon crash at Roswell, N.M., in 1947.

The military collected the remains of the craft and originally described the downed craft as a flying disc. Later that description was retracted and the craft was described as a weather balloon gone astray.

A report released by the Air Force last August concluded that the balloon was part of a then-classified project. "That's all it was," said Air Force Maj. David Thurston. "The purpose of the project was reconnaissance of the Soviet Union for their nuclear tests. It involved nothing extraterrestrial."

Operation Right to Know believes that the "weather balloon" was actually a vehicle from another planet.

At the urging of the group, Rep. Steven Schiff, R-N.M., has asked the GAO, Congress' investigative arm, to release



Associated Press

Larry Bryant of Alexandria, Va., left, and Robin Bluemthal, right, of New York, protest Wednesday outside the General Accounting Office in

Washington, D.C. The protesters claim the military refuses to discuss the crash of a UFO in New Mexico in 1947.

information on the records kept about the crash.

Barry Bitzer, Schiff's press secretary, said the congressman became suspicious when his request for more information resulted in a bureaucratic runaround.

"It was his opinion that the government was not as forthcoming as it should have been with information," Bitzer said. "He's not after UFOs. He's after answers."

Schiff sits on the Science, Space and Technology Committee and is a member of the

congressional space caucus.

Elaine Douglass, Operation Right to Know's organizer, hopes congressional hearings on the Roswell crash will take place in the summer of 1996. "The Roswell case tells us the government knows," she said.

Operation Right to Know boasts hundreds of supporters. The group has an on-line computer address (alt.alienvisitors), and it costs only \$15 to join.

"If you break this one, everything will come to the surface," said Steve Farelli of

Washington, an electronics student and member of the operation. But Farelli, 30, said the group has to stress "facts" about alien life rather than talking about blinding flashes of light and brainwashing. "I have to measure my words. I want to keep this real rational," he said.

Cleve E. Corlett, a spokesman for the GAO, said the office was examining the Air Force's records about the Roswell crash, but that the audit was not any sort of truth commission.

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 often not notified 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.

Always be sure to check current TV listings before viewing!

Travis Walton and Mike Rogers were recently interviewed by Art Bell on his Sunday night "Dreamland" program. It was very well done, and I hope everyone was able to hear it.

Selman Draves, a witness to the 1947 Paradise Valley crash, was finally interviewed on April 19 on Bill Strauss' "Strauss' Place" program on KTAR Radio.

A recent episode on "Walker, Texas Ranger" was kind of a cross between "Area 51" and "Roswell," but the last few minutes are what I found most interesting . . . old black and white film depicting the autopsy and crash at Roswell was in the script! Seems to me that the stories concerning the alleged actual footage had emerged about a month ago . . . how far in advance are the episodes of "Walker" taped?

Along the lines of "desensitizing the public" where UFOs are concerned -- A company called People's Telephone has a new series of prepaid calling cards depicting UFO events and photos! I received one card as a gift and an accompanying a poster stating there's a series of 12 calling cards "exposing the truth about UFOs." The one I have has one of the more famous Billy Meier UFO photos on the back. Seems to me these would make GREAT collector's items as well as functional calling cards. There is a 1-800 number to call to order more cards, and I'll have my card with me at the meeting to pass that number along to anyone who wants to call about getting one (or more) for themselves.

Destiny in Space continues to play at the Imax Theater in Scottsdale (just south of the old "Galleria" complex

on Scottsdale Road south of Camelback). The feature was filmed by NASA astronauts on various shuttle missions and is well worth attending. Hint: at around 7 and 9 p.m. each night and at certain showings on the weekends you can purchase tickets to see two Imax features instead of just one for about \$2.00 more per ticket. It's well worth it; all the features are excellent. Also, seating is assigned, and the LAST ROWS (J and K) are the best seating in this theater; they are the most even in height with the vertical center of the screen. Call the Imax theater at 945-4629 for details; good tickets will need to be purchased ahead of time.

Sunday evenings, KFYI Radio, 910 AM, 7:00 p.m. - Art Bell's "Dreamland" Radio Program.

Every evening, KTAR Radio, 620 AM, 9:00 p.m. - "Strauss' Place" with Bill Strauss.

UFO AZ/UFO TALKS - Channel 22, Dimension Cable, Monday at 3:30 and Tuesday at 3:30. Ted, Peggy and Jim co-host this continuing series featuring interesting guests and topics related to all aspects of the UFO experience.

This talented group has been asked to do a radio program as well, and now those in the Tucson area can tune into KTUC, 1400 AM, 7-8 p.m. on Sundays (check with them to verify day and time in case of scheduling changes).

UFO Update AZ - Order copies of this publication by Mike and Roger Bollinger by contacting UFO Update AZ, 12629 N. Tatum Blvd., Suite 109; Phoenix, AZ 85032 or calling (602) 494-9279. Subscription price is \$7.95 for 4 issues per year.

Sightings - Saturdays at 10:30 p.m., Channel 15. Saturday, May 6th, featured the theory that UFOs may have had something to do with nuclear missile site shutdowns.

X Files - Fridays at 8:00 p.m., Channel 10.

Unsolved Mysteries - Fridays at 7:00 p.m., Channel 12.

ARIZONA SIGHTINGS LIST

Remember -- our list of Arizona UFO sighting reports (1947-1994), compiled by Dimitri Ossipov, is available for sale for \$5.00 at the

meeting or \$6.50 by mail. See Tom Taylor for details.

Classified Ads

Don't forget that we can advertise for you in the newsletter!! Give us your ad text (please limit size; or give us your business card as the ad) and \$5.00 and we will publish your ad in the following month's newsletter (1 month).

CALENDAR

Tucson MUFON Group - No Information as of date of this newsletter.

Yuma MUFON Group - June 4, 1:00 p.m., Desert Lakes Clubhouse. John Snyder, MUFON member and astronomer, will conduct a training session on optics and astronomy. Contact Doris Barley for Information at (520) 726-0570.

June 22-24 - 16th Annual Rocky Mountain Conference on UFO Investigation, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY. For further info call 1-800-488-7801 or fax (307) 776-3914.

June 23-25 - Whole Life Expo, Santa Fe, NM at Santa Fe Indian School, 1501 Cerillos Rd., Santa Fe. Featured speakers: Linda Howe, Thomas Banyacya, Fred Bell and others. For information call 1/800/332-0099.

July 7, 8 & 9 - MUFON 1995 International UFO Symposium - Red Lion Hotel Seatac, Seattle, Washington. For further information contact Marilyn Childs, P.O. Box 1012, Bothell, WA 98041-1012.

August 12-20 - National UFO Awareness Week.

STATE MEETING VIDEO

Copies of the 4-hour videotape of the proceedings of the February 18th State MUFON meeting will be available for \$15.00 each at the May meeting. They may also be ordered through the mail (First Class) by sending a check or money order

for \$20.00 (shipping & handling) payable to Tom Taylor, 1433 W. Huntington Dr., Tempe, AZ 85282.

THE EARTH CHRONICLES

Continued

[The following is a multi-part "book report" by Dimitri "Jim" Ossipov. It will be presented in installments in this Newsletter -- so don't miss an issue!]

AN ABBREVIATED HISTORY FROM THE BEGINNING TO THE FLOOD

Sumerian texts mention a 12th member of our solar system, if we count the sun and moon as planets. This 12th planet, Nibiru, does not circle the sun like the others but follows an extended elliptical path with our sun as one of its foci. It takes 3,600 of our years to complete one revolution, or, simply, Nibiru's one year equals 3,600 of our years.

At the beginning of recorded time, Nibiru was a dying planet. Its atmosphere was eroding, and life was threatened with extinction. One solution was to create a protective shield and prevent air from escaping. At one time, the ruler of Nibiru, Alalu, was overthrown by Anu, and took refuge on earth. Here he found that the Persian Gulf abounded in golden particles which, when crushed into dust, would be suitable to provide a much-needed shield. Sill a loyal citizen, Alalu communicated his findings to Anu, who promptly sent an expedition to earth. This expedition of 50 Anunnaki was headed by Anu's son, Enki, a brilliant scientist and engineer. They settled on the axis of the Persian Gulf -- Mt. Ararat -- roughly built a spaceport and refining facilities, and began to extract gold from the Gulf. Another 300 Anunnaki were circling the earth, transferring gold dust to cargo airships from Nibiru.

Soon it appeared that this was not enough. Enki found gold ore in Southern Africa, but it had to be mined. Worried by a faltering production, Anu made a visit, bringing along his other son and heir-apparent, Enlil. It was decided that Enlil would take command of the spaceport, by now called Eridu, and Enki would assume the direction of mining operations in Africa. This decision would be an origin of many complications and wars in the future.

Despite available technology, the work of mining the gold was

exhausting, and during the next inspection visit by Anu and Enlil, the Anunnaki revolted. After all, they were astronauts, not miners! Enlil was an excellent administrator, but he was a bureaucrat with little feeling. He was for a radical solution: kill the leaders of the revolt and subdue the rest. Anu conceded that the Anunnakis' grudge was well founded . . . but what to do? Enki came up with a solution: create human-like beings who would do the work. Already he and his half-sister, Ninharsag, a chief medical officer, amused themselves by cross-breeding various earth species with different results, but this time it was a serious business. After some experimentation they decided to extract an egg from an ape-woman, fertilize it with Anunnaki sperm, and implant the whole into a female Anunnaki's womb. This time the result was spectacular -- a human being in their "image." Ninharsag selected 14 female Anunnaki, 7 to produce males and 7 to produce females.

And so the mass production began. But the demand exceeded all possibilities. At one point Enlil raided the mines and captured some of the "humans," taking them to his Eridu in Mesopotamia. These humans were intelligent but naive and obedient servants.

Due to the pressure, Enki and Ninharsag had another idea: instead of keeping 14 Anunnaki girls permanently pregnant, they decided to give the humans the ability to reproduce themselves, and Enki even went one step further. He gave the humans a conscience, an ability to distinguish good from evil, and the ability to judge.

An interesting detail is the fact that Enki's symbol was a serpent, and in the Bible he appears as a bad guy, giving "knowledge" (a delicate term for sex drive) to Adam and Eve. But in Sumerian records, he is a nice fellow, caring for the humans as he will show in the future.

In need of relaxation, Anunnaki began to court human females (Genesis 6:4). Enlil did not like this situation at all. Besides, the humans began to question orders and were not obedient robots as they were intended to be. He was more and more inclined to get rid of the humans one way or another.

The occasion presented itself: the next passage of Nibiru would trigger a tidal wave, causing the ice in Antarctica to melt and water to

submerge the whole earth, drowning all living beings. The Anunnaki Supreme Council decided to keep this secret from the humans, and even swore everyone to secrecy. Then they started packing. But Enki, feeling sorry for the humans, instructed his aide (Noah) to build a submersible ship in order to save himself and his family.

[To be Continued Next Month]

Dimitri "Jim" Ossipov
MUFON-AZ Member

RESPONSE TO SIGHTINGS IN WILLIAMS

Unfortunately, the lighted object which was seen by several people from Williams on February 1, 1995, was very likely one of the infamous "weather balloons" of Roswell fame. I saw one in October 1993 from Sedona at sunset, at a time when the sun just went over the horizon. The object appeared to be a nearly colorless disk and carried something attached to it by ropes. It looked like it was lighted from within by a strong orange light.

Three of us watched this object with binoculars for about two hours. In the beginning, the ropes and something dangling underneath were visible. Especially noticeable was the deformation of the round object which was caused by the weight underneath. We assumed at that time that it must be a balloon. It worked like a lens, making a true picture of the sun onto the back wall of the balloon, which was turned toward us, since we were looking to the west.

When the sun sank deeper, the glow became duller and more reddish in color. I would assume that the plastic became iridescent when the sunlight weakened more, so all colors of the rainbow might have appeared. A self-lighted object would become rather more brilliant as the sky got darker. I called the airport in Sedona and was told that they saw it, too and that they were weather balloons out of Williams and are a common sight in Sedona. The gondola underneath carries instruments which take measurements for the weather service.

Typically, these balloons fly slowly, depending on the wind. In my case, the balloon nearly stood still for a long time, because it was flying away from me. I deduced this from the diameter of the object in earlier

and later photos. If caught by another wind perpendicular to the direction from the viewpoint, the balloon seemed suddenly to move faster. Therefore, it appeared to change speed several times.

In general weather balloons fly much slower than we expect of UFOs.

Gerda Gallob
MUFON Field Investigator, Sedona

I WAS HERE

Part II

[Reprinted from *Outa Limits*
UFO Enigma Museum Newsletter]

When Don Ecker arrived, in informed him I had a first-hand witness to the 1947 crash waiting in our Conference Room and asked if he'd like to talk to him. Don inquired if the witness had been interviewed by other researchers, and I said, "No, I'm the first." He and Dwight Schultz immediately went into the Conference Room, and I introduced them to Thomas Gonzales. As they questioned Mr. Gonzales, I could tell they were very doubtful the entire time Mr. Gonzales was trying to find himself and friends in the 1947 RAAF Annual. Soon Cliff Stone arrived, and Dona nd Dwight had to attend to business at hand; we all went into

the Blue Room to discuss the Midway video footage. Mr. Gonzales' eyesight, at 78 years of age, was not very good, and he has to get within inches of the annual to see it and read, so understandably it took him quite awhile to find the unit he was with in 1947. But when he did, he hollered to the rest of us, "I found myself!" This amazed Don Ecker, as I think he had given up on Mr. Gonzales.

One thing I've learned when I've interviewed people of that age is to spend a lot more time with them to find out all I want to know. They are reliving memories of long ago, and their memory isn't what it used to be. A 30-minute interview won't cut it. They often get off track as they remember things that may or may not be pertinent to the original interview. To me, that's just as important, as it's all part of their character. These people had a life before and after the 1947 Incident, so patience is essential. Also, you want something from this individual that he or she may or may not want to give you -- especially if it's going to turn their life into turmoil. There are no heroes in the UFO circle; most everything is give and take. To make a long story short, Don Ecker made a trip to the home of Mr. Gonzales near Houston, Texas and probably got closer to the Roswell story than

most. While the piece of metal was not at his disposal, he did see pictures of it, which is more than most researchers have seen.

What Don did get was another chunk of the 1947 Flying Saucer History, and for now that will have to suffice. I've since spoken to some of Mr. Gonzales' family, and I have no doubt as to his involvement. Hopefully Thomas Gonzales, Sr. will add another chapter to the 1947 Flying Saucer mystery one day when he and his family feel the time is right. Until then . . . we'll be patient.

John Price
Outa Limits
UFO Enigma Museum
Roswell, NM

MUFON-AZ T-SHIRT UPDATE

Unfortunately, we haven't gotten as much response to our request for ideas and artwork for t-shirts as we had hoped. All suggestions that were made, however, are under consideration; we continue to ask for your input.

Bob Murray made a suggestion to Tom that we include a reference to the Paradise Valley crash on the t-shirts. Good idea; we'll see what our artists can come up with.

Gordon MacRae took UFO secret to grave

O KLAHOMA star Gordon MacRae claimed he saw four dead space aliens at an Air Force base shortly after America's most famous UFO incident — but never told anyone except his wife, Sheila.

And she says the actor, who died in 1986, went to his grave still wondering about the eerie spectacle.

Sheila, who once played Alice on *The Jackie Gleason Show*, is now breaking her silence because she wants the government to investigate UFOs and report on them. Gordon insisted he saw the strange-looking corpses when he was stationed at the Wright-Patterson Air Force base in Dayton, Ohio, in 1947, according to her account.

"He described them as 'little men,'" recalls Sheila. "He said they were the size of dwarfs or midgits.

"And he really believed they were the bodies recovered from a crash of a UFO in Roswell, N.M., which was re-



Singer Gordon MacRae told his wife Sheila his chilling secret: He saw four dead space aliens.

ported by the media that same year."

The so-called Roswell Incident occurred in 1947 when an alleged UFO crashed in the New Mexico desert. Four bodies were reported to have been recovered and spirited away to the Air Force base in Ohio, and stashed for a time at Hangar 18, where MacRae said he saw the four corpses. The official explanation was

that a weather balloon had crashed.

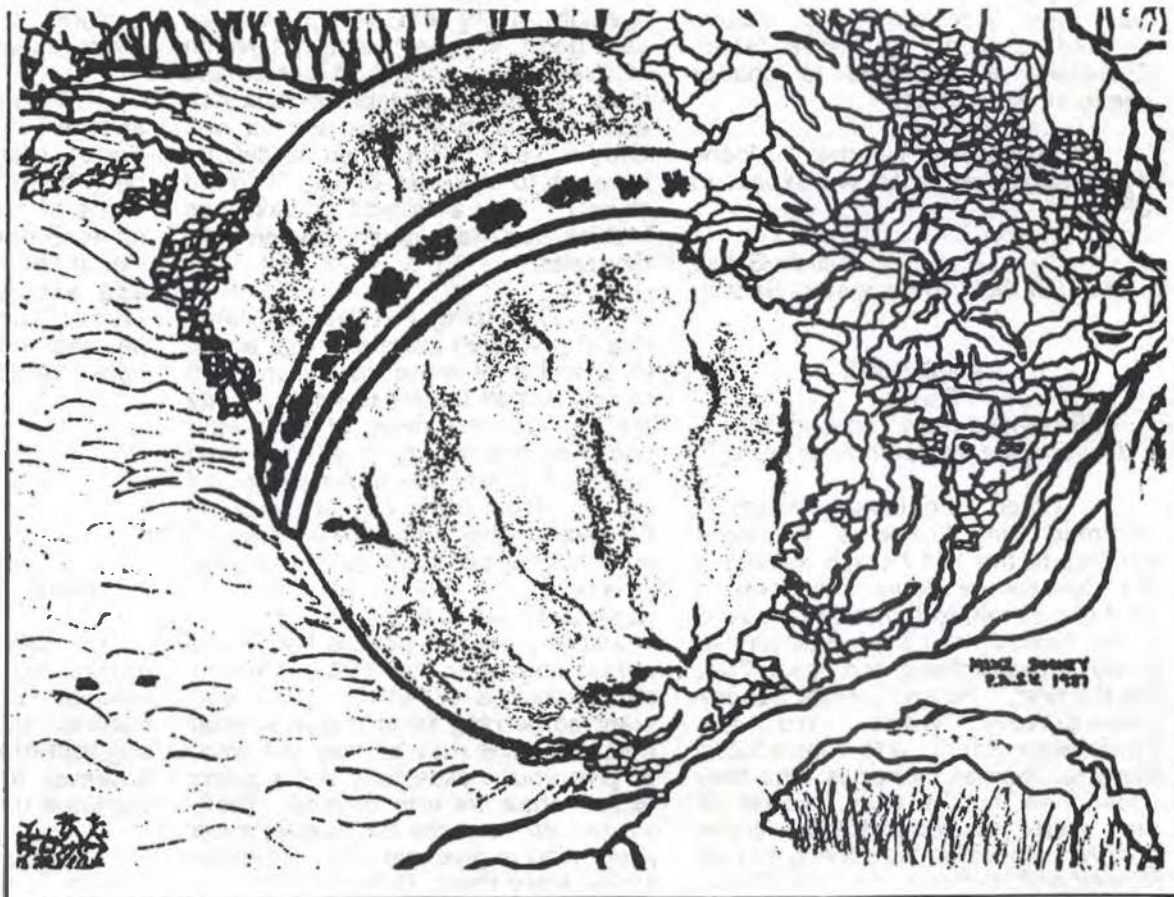
However, the actor was convinced that what he saw were the "space aliens" that were recovered from the crash. Michael Luckman, director of the New York Center for UFO Research, says: "Since the only UFO crash reported in 1947 was the one in Roswell, the bodies MacRae saw were very likely from that crash.

"They are often described as little, gray humanoid-like beings with large heads and large wraparound eyes. They have tiny slits for a nose and mouth.

"The Roswell Incident is definitely the most famous UF case. It's been written about more than any other case — and has been featured recently on shows such as *Unsolved Mysteries*.

"The government's General Accounting Office is currently investigating the incident and its cover-up."

— WILLIAM HELLER



Not everyone agrees meteor fall near Kecksburg

By Dave Lester, Tribune-Review,
Sunday, Dec. 6, 1987

Shortly before sundown Dec. 9, 1965, a fiery bright-orange object was seen hurtling across the western Pennsylvania sky.

One volunteer fireman, who was then a teen-ager, recalls the trail the unidentified flying object created, describing it as a "round ball of fire" that came out of the north with a tall of flame traveling in the direction of Kecksburg. The object, he says, appeared to be making a gliding, controlled descent and moved at about the speed of a fast plane.

Minutes later he was summoned by the fire whistle. The word was that a plane had crashed in the Kecksburg area and searchers were needed to locate the wreckage and rescue any survivors.

But no plane was ever found and military officials were quick to dismiss the occurrence as a meteor.

Not everyone agrees with their conclusion and the interest the military demonstrated in attempting to recover a meteorite has left amateur investigators doubtful that the whole story has ever been told.

Amateur UFO investigators have doggedly pursued a paper trail they contend shows the military was keenly interested in recovering an object from a wooded area and then just as determined to cloak the whole incident in official secrecy.

More than 20 years later these sleuths are still searching for residents able to shed some light on the strange happening. Until recently members of the Pennsyl-

vania Association for the Study of the Unexplained, a statewide clearinghouse for the

UFO reports, has never been able to locate anyone who claims actually to have seen an object. Some of the people investigators have contacted demonstrate a reluctance to comment, perhaps out of fear of being ridiculed or that they would offend a security-conscious military.

Even the fireman who came forward with an eyewitness account 22 years later agreed to speak only on condition that he not be identified.

He says he's convinced an acorn-shaped metallic object he and a handful of others came across was not man-made. PASU investigators won't go that far, declining to draw conclusions about what object if any was recovered.

While they say they have no reason to discount his statement, they hope other witnesses will be encouraged to come forward.

Three-member search parties were organized along the lines of a grid and the searchers were issued flashlights and portable radios before being dropped off at different points along a road.

They had combed about a quarter of a mile of the woods when one of the parties began shouting that they found something. Being close by, the fireman's own search party was the second to arrive at the scene. Whatever came through the trees, he says, sheared off branches at a 20 to 30 degree angle. "It was just like they were taken off with a meat cleaver," he says.

The searchers anticipated seeing the wreckage of a plane. What they found instead was a large acorn-shaped metallic object which appeared to be embedded in a 25- to 30-foot long ditch apparently created by the impact. The ditch was several feet wide and 7 to 8 feet deep at one end.

The team that discovered the object called the command center to report their find. None of the searchers ventured into the ditch to examine the object close up but from their vantage point they could tell it was no conventional aircraft. They could not recognize any part of it. There were no windows, props or wings and no evidence that the craft had been occupied.

Although the fireman says there was no concern voiced about radiation, "none of us," he says, "had the guts to go down into that hole."

They were puzzled, he says, that the object had remained intact after crashing to earth.

"We all assumed it was a plane, but when a plane crashes there are pieces all over." He described it as circular in shape with a bumper around the radius that bore raised markings that reminded him of ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics. The metal, which he described as grayish pale gold in color was crumpled much like a deflated beachball. "It was a color you just don't normally see," he says.

No evidence remained of the fireball that had been observed only hours before. The metal did not even appear to be scorched and the observers could detect no heat or see any glow from the metal.

"We just didn't know what to make of it," he says.

The fireman could not recall who it was that relieved the search teams, but he did remember that a state trooper and another man who appeared to be in authority were there. Shortly after the searchers were able to return to the fire hall, Air Force and Army personnel took control of the station. A command post was set up in a nearby house. The searchers were not permitted to enter the fire hall once the military arrived.

The fireman recalled one non-uniformed man who appeared to be in charge. "He just reeked of authority," says the fireman. "There was military everywhere."

By the time the searchers were dismissed, military guards with sidearms had taken positions outside the fire hall.

It must have been approaching midnight, the fireman says, when a flatbed truck came down the road under heavy military escort. A tarpaulin concealed what appeared to be a large cargo.

"They didn't waste any time getting it out of there," he says.

Even though it was clear to members of the search team that the object they found in the woods was manufactured, they were told by the military it was a meteorite.

"Things weren't jibing," the fireman recalled. "I've seen meteorites and seen pictures of satellites."

The fireman says he is convinced the military offered the ruse of a meteorite so as not to alarm the public. "If it was a meteorite, why the big secret? Knowing what I know now, I would say it was definitely alien," he says. "They knew it and wanted to keep it away from the public to avoid panic."

Although no one ever told him not to discuss what he saw, the fireman says he never considered telling his story until he overheard people discussing the Kecksburg incident at a UFO exhibit at a shopping mall.

The experience, he says, of seeing something close up that he believes is not from this world, changed his whole life in very subtle ways.

The memory of that mysterious object found in the woods, he says, is "something I'll carry to my grave. I saw something that probably changed a lot of the way I think, the way I look at things."

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