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FEBRUARY PROGRAM: Discussion of the Secret NASA Tethered Satellite Mission

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, March 27, 1996 • MEETING TIME: 7:30 p.m. SHARP

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Earth-shattering news as we go to press. In the past we've had "announcement" deadlines come and go with no important announcements, but this time it's a sure thing. On Thursday, March 21, at 9:00 a.m. in Washington DC, a press conference will be held for the National Press Club. Richard Hoagland will be revealing exciting news, and the actual press release is reproduced elsewhere in this Newsletter. At the very moment the news conference takes place it will appear on the Internet and may also be carried live on CNN or C-Span. Be sure to check your TVs on Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m. Washington DC time (7:00 a.m. here).

Another interesting meeting is planned for this month. We'll be discussing the recent failed mission by NASA involving a tethered satellite. As some of you may know, the tethered satellite passed over Phoenix about a week ago. Richard Motzer, Paul Ankney and I drove out to Shea Boulevard at 5:30 a.m. in an

effort to tape the satellite as it passed over Arizona. It was supposed to be in the southwestern sky (according to NASA) at about 5:45. Well, it did show up on time, but it was in the southeastern sky, and our videocameras were dutifully aimed on their tripods at the southwestern sky. We couldn't scramble fast enough to move them to get a shot. Even though the tether was twelve miles long, it was less than one inch in width. Also, the moon was over half full, so there was quite a bit of light in the sky. Needless to say, I didn't even see the satellite as it went over, but Richard and Paul did. Oh, well.

Bill Hamilton's new book, Alien Magic, is now in many bookstores, so you may want to look for that. Bill may bring his book and talk about it at this upcoming meeting.

I got a letter from a new member in southeastern Arizona who expressed interest in being Section Director for that area. Several years ago I was receiving reports of sightings in the vicinity of Portal, and

Fort Huachuca, Arizona, so it is an area where we need representation.

I'm still waiting to hear from Sedona to see if we can get something going in that interesting part of the state.

Don't forget our outing, mentioned elsewhere in this Newsletter, to Painted rock State Park on Saturday, March 30. I've already heard from Doris Barley that MUFON members from Yuma will be there. How about some of you folks in Tucson and other areas of the state? We hope to have a good turnout so we can all meet in person and enjoy each other's company and a nice picnic lunch.

See you at the meeting.

Tom Taylor
State Director

Mankind Is Warned to Prepare For Discovery of Life in Space

Brookings Institution Report Says Earth's Civilization Might Topple if Faced by a Race of Superior Beings

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (UPI)—Discovery of life on other worlds could cause the earth's civilization to collapse, a Federal report said today.

This warning was contained in a research report given to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration with the recommendation that the world prepare itself mentally for the eventuality.

The report, prepared by the Brookings Institution, said "while the discovery of intelligent life in other parts of the universe is not likely in the immediate future, it could nevertheless happen at any time."

Discovery of intelligent beings on other planets could lead to an all-out effort by earth to contact them, or it could lead to sweeping changes or even the downfall of civilization, the report said.

Even on earth, it added, "societies sure of their own place have disintegrated when confronted by a superior society, and others have survived even though changed."

Responding to Crisis

"Clearly, the better we can come to understand the factors involved in responding to such crises the better prepared we may be."

The agency's 190-page report, prepared at a cost of \$96,000, was for the space agency's committee on long-range studies. The authors, headed by Donald N. Michael, also recommended further study of other space activities, including the diplomatic and propaganda effects and the implications of communications and weather satellites.

On the question of life in outer space, the report said that if intelligent or semi-intelligent beings were discovered in the next twenty years they would probably be found by radio communications with other solar systems.

Evidence of such existence "might also be found in artifacts left on the moon or other planets," it said.

An attempt already has been made to contact outer space. Government scientists at Greenbank, W. Va., used radio antennas in an effort to pick up signals that might have been beamed by intelligent beings. They concentrated on a star about fifteen light years away. Signals sent out from Green-

SATELLITE TO MOON DELAYED TILL TODAY

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.

Dec. 14 (AP)—Space scientists hope to try again tomorrow to launch an instrument-packed spacecraft toward an intended orbit around the moon.

The effort was postponed early today after the countdown on the Atlas-Able carrier rocket was within seven minutes of the scheduled lift-off time. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration blamed technical difficulties. If successful, the space craft,

called Pioneer VI, will become the United States' first lunar satellite.

Today was the second day of a five-day period in which the moon is in a favorable position for the launching. If the rocket is not fired by Saturday, the shot will be postponed until the next optimum period, starting Jan. 9.

Cradled in the nose of the ninety-eight-foot Atlas-Able is a 388-pound payload designed to make extensive study of the moon's environment. It is crammed with sensitive elec-

tronic devices to gather and transmit data on radiation, magnetic fields, micrometeorites and other space properties.

The Atlas-Able is geared to propel the space laboratory the 23,200-mile-an-hour needed to put it on the course to the moon, miles away. As Pioneer races toward the moon, additional thrust and mid-course guidance will be provided by a start-and-stop rocket in its load.

REMEMBER THE NEED

New comet to light up northern sky

Newsday

WASHINGTON — A recently discovered comet will make a close pass by Earth in two weeks, and astronomers say it is likely to be visible to the naked eye and among the brightest comets in recent years.

While wary of promising too much, given past comets that proved disappointing (notably Kohoutek in 1973), astronomers say the new comet, called Hyakutake 1996 B2, should be worthwhile.

"It looks like it's going to rival the brightest stars in the sky," Daniel W.E. Green of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory in Cambridge, Mass., said Monday.

The comet, discovered Jan. 31 by a Japanese amateur astronomer, could upstage another comet, called Hale-Bopp, that astronomers have predicted will give a good showing in early 1997.

The Hyakutake comet will approach to within 9.3 million miles of Earth on March 25 and will remain visible during April. From March 23 to March 29, Green said, the comet should be visible in the northern sky virtually all night. On successive nights, the comet will streak by the constellations Big Dipper, Little Dipper, Ursa Major and Perseus. During April, the comet will be visible in the southern sky for several hours shortly after twilight.

Even if the comet continues to brighten as predicted, Green said, the best viewing will be away from the glare of city lights. A bright full moon in early April also could wash out comet viewing for a time. But Joseph Rao, a New York meteorologist and amateur astronomer, said viewers along the Eastern Seaboard should be able to take advantage of a total eclipse of the moon on April 3 shortly after sundown.

"The comet will be hanging in all its glory," Rao said.

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OUTING AT PAINTED ROCK STATE PARK

Only a few days until Saturday, March 30, when MUFON-AZ will sponsor an outing to Painted Rock State Park, located west of Gila Bend, Arizona. The park consists of one of the highest concentrations of petroglyphs found in Arizona. There are ramadas and picnic tables at the park.

To get to Painted Rock State Park, go north on Exit 102 from Interstate 8. That paved road turns to a gravel, well-graded road just a few miles south of Painted Rock Dam. For those who want to carpool or caravan: For those in the east valley, we will meet at Smitty's on the northwest corner of Mill Avenue and Southern in Tempe (in the parking lot next to the Exxon station) and **LEAVE promptly** at 9:00 a.m. [this means have gas in your car, have your drinks/snacks with you, etc. or else arrive EARLIER so you can do those things and not hold everyone else up.] For those in the west valley, we will meet at McDonald's on the southwest corner of 51st Avenue just north of I-10 (take the 51st Ave. exit north and you'll quickly see the McDonald's). We will **LEAVE promptly** at 9:45.

Bring your own food and drink, a camera to record the amazing petroglyphs, and binoculars or telescopes if desired. It's a great chance to socialize and meet other MUFON-AZ members from other parts of the state and explore some very interesting country.

Hope to see you there!

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!

There's lots going on in the news here lately. As mentioned before, Richard Hoagland will be making some type of announcement on Art Bell's "Coast to Coast" program on March 15th. A press conference will be held on Thursday, March 21 at 7 a.m. Phoenix time. See notes in my "Director's Message" above.

We may be able to announce some news concerning Richard Hoagland and a visit to Phoenix soon; keep your fingers crossed!

The March issue of Fate Magazine has an interesting article by Scott Coralles entitled "The Monster That's Terrorizing Puerto Rico." As you "Dreamland" listeners know Linda Howe has been reporting strange mutilations there for months.

"Stargate: The CIA and PSI" by Lloyd Averback is also featured in this month's issue of Fate.

Budd Hopkins was featured on Art Bell's program on February 23. NOVA, featured on PBS, called Art when they heard Budd was going on Art's program. Art told the NOVA folks they could give their side of the picture on the air along with Budd, but they never bothered to follow up.

George Knapp, investigative reporter from Las Vegas, reported on his recent trip to the former Soviet Union when he was the featured guest of Art on "Dreamland" broadcast February 25th.

Peter Davenport from the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle was featured on "Dreamland" on March 3. Several actual tapes were played of UFO sighting reports, several from airline pilots. It was a very interesting.

Arizona Republic reporter Thomas Ropp did an excellent three-page article on remote viewing and UFOs in the Arizona Republic's Sunday, March 3 issue. Courtney Brown, author of Cosmic Voyage, a book on remote viewing, was mentioned in Thomas' article and was a guest on "Dreamland" on March 3rd.

Time Magazine featured an article entitled "Is anybody Out There?" in its February 5 issue.

The New Times paper, February 22-24 issue, featured an article entitled "The Outer Space Underground: International Space Access Society." A Henry Vanderbilt is the director. If anyone can put me in touch with this man, I'd like you to let me know.

"The Origins of Man" program featured on Channel 12 on February 25th, while not concerning UFOs, was very interesting.

Yet another extensive article on Area 51 appears in the March 5th edition of the Sierra Vista Herald/Bisbee Daily Review.

On Friday, March 15 a story concerning the mysterious disappearance of a truck driver in Northern Arizona was featured on "Unsolved Mysteries" on Channel 12. It will be interesting to see if any leads are developed as a result of that story. MUFON-AZ member Charlie Green probably deserves credit for the attention given this story, but he attempted to make a UFO connection when bringing the story to the attention of "Unsolved Mysteries" -- and there was not, in fact, any such connection.

WEEKLY PROGRAMS:

DREAMLAND - KFYI Radio, 910 AM, Sunday evenings, 8:00 p.m. - Art Bell hosts this interesting radio program. The program is aired on the following stations in other cities in Arizona: Globe: 1240 AM; Safford: 1230 AM; Tucson: 1400 AM; Kingman: 1230 AM; and Flagstaff: 600 AM.

UFO AZ/UFO TALKS - Channel 22, Dimension Cable, Monday and Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.; now also in Prescott on Channel 13 Friday nights at 9 p.m. and repeated on Tuesday at 3 p.m. Ted, Peggy and Jim co-host this continuing series featuring interesting guests and topics related to all aspects of the UFO experience. Related radio program in the Tucson area on KTUC, 1400 AM, 10:00 p.m. Sundays (after "Dreamland").

The Extraordinary - Monday MORNINGS, 12:30 - 1:30 a.m. (set your VCRs), Channel 15.

Encounters - Mondays at 7:00 p.m.,
Channel 10.

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

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

Sightings - Saturdays and Sundays at
10:30 p.m., Channel 15.

Classified Ads

Don't forget that we can advertise for you in the newsletter!! Up to three-line ads are \$5.00; business-card sized ads are \$10 [we can reproduce your business card as the ad]. Larger ads -- see Tom Taylor for price. Submit your ad and payment by the first of the month to have it appear in that month's newsletter issue.

MUFON-AZ CAPS

MUFON member Alan Morey is putting our logo on some baseball-type caps for sale to MUFON-AZ members. He showed us one of his caps at the last meeting, and they are quite nice (and would be great at our Painted Rock outing!). They're only \$10 each, so give Alan a call at 602/947-8354 to place an order for yours.

ARTICLE SUBMISSION

We're getting some great articles and book reviews written by our members. If you write your articles on a computer, it saves Mary (who types the Newsletter) a lot of time if you can submit your articles on diskette. However, you need to save your articles in WordPerfect 5.1 format, which is the software she uses. If you cannot do so, please save your document in the ASCII format ("common denominator" text for all software programs) so she can access it to put it in the Newsletter without having to retype it.

Also, if you can't put your articles on diskette to submit them, you can fax your typed articles to Mary at 957-7410 or 852-3688. Please put "for Mary Hart" on your cover sheet. Thanks.

WE'RE ON THE WORLD WIDE WEB!

Thanks to the efforts of Larry Noack, each month's MUFON-AZ Newsletter will now be available to users of the World Wide Web [Internet]. The MUFON-AZ masthead does not appear on the Web, but the text is all there. For those wishing to access the Newsletter on the internet, the "address" is:

<http://www.xroads.com/~noack/mufon.html>

Thanks, Larry, for bringing us "technologically current"!

Calendar

March 30 - Saturday - Pima County MUFON-AZ meeting, Wilmot Library in Tucson, 1-4:30 p.m. Don McCarthy: "Latest Discoveries of New Solar Planets" and Roger Scherrer, "Earth Changes." Call June for info at 520/326-0078.

March 30 - Saturday - MUFON-AZ Painted Rock State Park outing - see details elsewhere in this Newsletter.

April 6 - Saturday - UFO Update Picnic, El Dorado Park, Scottsdale (Ramada East #1), Granada & 77th St. in Scottsdale. Starts at 11 a.m. Call 602/494-9279 for further info.

April 12-14 - 8th Annual Ozark UFO Conference. For details, write Ozark UFO Conference, #2 Caney Valley Drive, Plumeville, AR 72127-8725 or call 501/354-2558.

April 14, Sunday, 1:00 p.m. - Yuma Co. meeting: Desert Lakes Clubhouse in Yuma. Program: Puerto Rico sightings. Call Doris Barley for details.

May 3-5 - Greenville, South Carolina - 2nd Annual UFO Research Conference. For details, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Sharron Kluge, 102 Woodridge Circle, Greenville SC 29607 or call 864/675-9238.

July 5-7, 1996 - MUFON's 27th International Symposium in Greensboro, North Carolina; Holiday Inn, Joseph Koury Convention Center. Advance registration is \$55.00. Send to MUFON 1996 UFO Symposium, P.O. Box 5149,

Greensboro, NC 27403-5149. For room reservations, call 1-800-242-6556. The special room rate is \$72 for one to three people per room per night. Be sure to mention you're going for the MUFON Symposium.

July 18-21, 1996 - International Tesla Symposium, Colorado Springs, CO. For details, write: International Tesla Society, P.O. Box 5639, Colorado Springs, CO 80931 or call 719/475-0918.

CARL SAGAN AND UFOs

Paul Ankney, Arizona Assistant State Director, has provided the following quotes made by UFO skeptic Carl Sagan from several different books which show inconsistencies in Carl's testimony.

Frank Edwards' 1964 book Strange World, page 127:

Dr. Carl Sagan, eminent astronomer at the University of California, is also adviser to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; is a member of the National Academy of Sciences; and, *most important*, is a member of the Armed Forces Panel on Extraterrestrial Life. Speaking to a meeting of the American Rocket Society in the winter of 1962, Dr. Sagan Said:

"The earth probably has been visited by intelligent beings representing an advanced civilization from outer space!"

And he added that these space visitors logically would have built and maintained a base on our moon, on the side which man cannot see.

and from Mysterious Fires and Lights, the 1967 book by Vincent Gaddis, the following is quoted from page 18:

Dr. Carl Sagon [sic], the Harvard astronomer, told a meeting of the American Rocket Society in 1962 that "earth may have been visited many times by various galactic civilizations during geological times, and it is not out of the question that artifacts of these

visits still exist." When asked to comment about UFOs, Dr. Sagon [sic] replied "I do believe there are objects that are unidentified, but I'm not saying whether they come from one place or another."

My, my, Carl -- how easily we change our mind!

Tom Taylor
State Director

NORTHWEST PHOENIX SIGHTING

September 5, 1993, was the Sunday before Labor Day. I had been in Phoenix just over a month after transplanting myself from Southern California. At the time my family and I were living in temporary housing at an apartment complex near MetroCenter, waiting for our house to be built.

Family members and acquaintances had told me about the spectacular Arizona sunsets. Since we seen them for myself, I made it a point when I had free time to watch the last rays of the sunset, enjoying the amber and purple hues as they faded into blackness. I would always go into one of the bedrooms that had a huge bay window that faced west and have a look. This evening's viewing would be different.

I was in the living room watching television when I glanced at a nearby clock. 7:30 p.m. meant that it was time for another viewing. I picked myself up and promptly moved to the window. I pulled back the blinds and noticed that distant street lights were slowly blinking on. I was just in time to see the last rays of the sunset clinging to the cloudless horizon. I saw the usual commercial traffic move off toward their destinations.

As I scanned the sky for start, something strange caught my attention. At first I thought it was another airline, but its characteristics were unusual. It had one white strobe light that blinked in a strange sequence, and it hovered rigidly for a minute. It seemed to have an oval-shaped structure. I immediately called my sister to the window, and we both watched as the object slowly moved to the right and then

back to its original position along the same flight path. It performed this odd maneuver several times.

I rushed into the next room to get my mother to see it from her window, but her view was blocked by a large bush. We could see its glow through the branches. My mother could barely see it from her vantage point. Even though it seemed unusual to her, she decided to accept it for what it was, an unknown, and she continued with her book reading. My father was in the living room and wanted nothing to do with it.

When I realized I was beating a dead horse, I returned to the other room. At that point I saw my sister abruptly move away from the window. "I don't want to see it any more," she said as she left the room. I arrived just in time to see the object as it began to move away slowly, toward the western horizon, disappearing behind some distant trees. When I looked at the clock again, I noticed that seven minutes had passed.

I asked my sister what made her leave the window so suddenly. She told me that as the object was gliding back and forth it slightly faded out or became transparent in some instances, and that was enough for her. When I returned to the window, the object was at its original intensity.

For 20 years I lived near one of the busiest air corridors in the country, the Los Angeles International Airport, and I have seen countless aircraft during the day and at night with their lights on. I have also seen numerous military aircraft. This sighting is not like anything that I have ever encountered.

Rodney C. Washington
MUFON-AZ

MARCH SKYWATCH

Approximately 30 MUFON-AZ members and other interested people showed up for our March Skywatch on Saturday the 16th. We went out to the Sun Valley Parkway and observed the stars and an interesting red light or beacon that we could never find the source for. It was an

interesting and fun evening in great weather. A special thanks to Bill Goodman for providing some of the optical equipment for our outing. We will post upcoming Skywatches in future newsletters.



Impact Jupiter

David H. Levy
(Plenum, \$25.95)

The first one to see it was Carolyn Shoemaker, who described it as a "squashed comet." It was March 25, 1993, and Shoemaker, her husband, Gene, and fellow observer Levy had discovered Shoemaker-Levy 9, a comet set on a collision course with Jupiter. Levy, who has found 21 comets (several with a telescope in his Tucson yard) captures the exhilaration of their find, and gives readers a contagious sense of explorers like himself.

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