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PROGRAM: "Edwards Air Force Base Encounters"

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, July 24, 1996 • MEETING TIME: 7:30 p.m. SHARP

LOCATION: 5636 E. McDowell Road - National Guard Armory
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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

By now, the new film "Independence Day" has opened at the theaters around the country and has been a smashing hit, according to the news reports.

Earlene Ford has offered to make nice blue and white plastic name tags for members to wear at the meetings and other events. The cost for these name tags is \$3.50 each, and each member will be responsible for keeping track of his or her own name tag between meetings. If you want to buy one, call Earlene at 375-1942. You can also order MUFON-AZ T-shirts by calling Earlene at this number; they are \$15.00.

MUFON-AZ member Alan Morey promises to have UFO bumper stickers available at this month's meeting for a small donation.

Jim Ossipov, Maricopa County Section Director, will be giving a report of his attendance at the just-completed MUFON Symposium in North Carolina (pre-Bertha) and an interesting report of a crashed UFO and the capture of several aliens in Brazil.

The article in last month's newsletter entitled "Phoenix Sighting" left out the name of the eyewitness to the sighting. Beth Fike was the name of the eyewitness. Many times eyewitnesses prefer to remain anonymous, but in this sighting that was not the case. In another article, "Franklin Mountain Sighting," Tony Rullen from El Paso, Texas, was erroneously not named as the author of the article.

See you at the meeting!

Tom Taylor
State Director

UFO AWARENESS WEEK

Don't forget our UFO Awareness Week display planned for Christown Mall on August 16, 17 and 18. Be sure to put your name on the sign-up sheet at this month's meeting (or phone Earlene Ford at 375-1942) and help us fill our display booth with members -- it only takes a few hours of time, and it's a very worthwhile way to educate the public on the UFO phenomenon. We welcome members from outside the Phoenix

area as well -- just call me to let me know when you can be at the display, and we'll be happy to give you detailed directions if you need them.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

This was one fantastic chance for publicity, and MUFON-AZ rose to the challenge! On Tuesday, July 2, we were able, with the help of Harkins Theaters, to set up our MUFON display in the lobby of the 700-seat Ciné Capri Theater, which had been chosen for the premiere showing of the smash box-office hit "Independence Day." (The movie did not open in wide release until July 3rd.)

Record crowds attended each and every showing of the movie -- we had MUFON-AZ members present to speak to the public at the first two showings of the film around 6:30 and 9:50 p.m. the first evening, but we later heard even the 1:00 a.m., the 4:00 a.m. and the 7:00 a.m. shows the next morning -- and most of the others following those -- were sellouts as well! We had members

present each of the first three evenings: July 2, 3 and 4.

The first night was the most exciting, of course, and Tom headed up the crew that night consisting of Richard and Susan Motzer, Paul Ankney, Dr. Ruth and Harry Hover, and Mary and Zach Zachary. The crowds were amazing -- those of us who had stood out in the heat "long ago and far away" to see "Star Wars" at that same theater felt the crowds were even larger (which is a technical impossibility!). The heat was just as brutal those many years ago, however. Having arrived hours early to set up the display, we felt pretty special sitting in the relatively cool theater lobby (although the AC system could not properly cool the building once the 700 seats were occupied for each and every showing) looking out at the masses dedicated enough to brave the 100°+ temperatures and stand (or sit) in line for up to two hours in order to get a good seat -- or even a seat at all. Subsequent showings were oversold and people were unable to find seats. The air of excitement and expectation was heavy, and we eagerly set up our MUFON display, including Richard's TV and VCR to play several UFO-related tapes. We had several flyers set out on the tables: one telling about MUFON-AZ and our meetings; one concerning the upcoming UFO Awareness Week and our participation through the display to be set up in Christown Shopping Center again this year, and one concerning Michael Lindemann's program at our August meeting. However, it soon occurred to us that upon being admitted to the theater, the first priority of those teeming masses outside was -- to rush right past us and find themselves a seat!! So several of the "display crew" joined them (leaving the "second wave" out in the lobby to keep an eye on our display) for the first showing, and then when the movie ended those of us who had stayed out in the lobby were able to view the movie while the first group stayed with the display. During the movie, we noted we had never seen so many people sprint to and from the bathrooms so quickly -- so as to not miss any of the movie.

After the first showing, people drifted out the side doors as well as back through the lobby, so not all of them had a chance to see our display. We decided the videos weren't going to be as much of a

draw as they are in shopping centers, so we removed the TV. We discussed a better method to get our flyers out to the moviegoers, and Zach Zachary took flyers outside and handed them out to those awaiting the second showing. He'd given them all out in a matter of minutes, and we found none littering the sidewalk outside, so they were being kept. In subsequent showings, people did stop by the display to read the articles, pick up flyers, and discuss various UFO related subjects with MUFON-AZ members.

If there's anyone reading this who didn't actually see the movie (and it sure seemed like everyone in the world must have seen it that first few days), it is excellent -- both in the scope of special effects and story line. It got great reaction from each audience; it had been years since I heard (and joined in) applause during the movie. Some of us liked the particular type of alien portrayed and the intent of those aliens more than others (considering our various backgrounds), but all agreed the movie was well worth the accolades it was given. According to the papers, never in history has a movie opened to such crowds or done so well in its first release -- and we who are "in the know" are convinced it is because *the time has come* and the general public is more ready than ever to address the subject of visitors from beyond.

All in all, it was a very worthwhile endeavor and got MUFON-AZ much-appreciated exposure among the general public. Many thanks go out to the staff of Harkins Theaters corporate offices, who were so very helpful to us in coordinating our event, and to Michael Rolon, Ciné Capri Manager, who more than had his hands full and still took the time to help. And we certainly appreciate those MUFON-AZ members who helped out with subsequent showings go out to members Regan Hallett, Bill Phillips, Greg Presto, Mary Meyers, Michael Richardson, Ruth Collins, Shari Gackstatter, and Earlene Ford -- and to Dimitri "Jim" Ossipov, who couldn't make it to the premiere to help out due to car trouble, but who played host to a Channel 12 news team who went to his house to interview him about the subject!

For those unable to assist at the MUFON-AZ display and experience the excitement of this movie premiere, we hope you'll be able to

do so when the opportunity arises in the future. It is certainly worthwhile!

Mary Hart
MUFON-AZ

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!

This summer seems to be the summer of UFO films! In addition to "Independence Day," the film "The Arrival" and "Phenomenon" have been released.

Travis Walton's new, long-awaited book Fire In The Sky is finally out. This is probably the best documented case of an abduction to date. The book can be ordered directly from Travis by writing: Travis Walton, P.O. Box 1072, Snowflake, AZ 85937. The cost of the book is \$24.95 plus \$4.95 postage and handling. For an additional \$5.00 Travis will personally autograph your copy.

Art Bell featured author Curt Sutherly of Strange Encounters on "Dreamland" Sunday, July 7. Curt had some very interesting tales to tell.

Art continues to report on the pieces of debris that were sent to him several months ago. Nothing dramatically new, but the person doing some of the testing has had some interesting visits by people who asked him to *shut up*!!

Both Time and Newsweek magazines devoted their July 8, 1996 issues to UFOs and Aliens and featured them on the front cover of the magazine. I am sure these will become collector's items!

Robert Morningsky was featured on Art Bell's "Coast to Coast" radio program Saturday, July 12. I am afraid Mr. Morningsky lost a lot of credibility in my eyes. Last winter he said he had been detained at LAX by FBI officers and announced at that time that he would no longer be giving lectures on the UFO circuit after the one he gave at the Jan Ross Bookstore around that time; then on Art Bell's program he said he was hit by a hit-and-run driver here in Arizona (exact location not given); no police report was taken; he did not seek medical attention following this accident; and that now he plans to discontinue his involvement in the UFO lecture circuit *again*. Strange.

Just a reminder that Mike and Roger Bollinger put out an interesting quarterly publication called UFO Update. To subscribe to this publication, or for more information, call (602) 494-9279.

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.

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.

Mysteries Around Us, KTAR Radio (620 AM), 12 midnight Saturday and 12 midnight Sunday, hosted by Frank Baranowski, a well-known hypnotherapist specializing in regression.

Late Night Cosmic Contact - Thursdays, 9:30 - 10:30 p.m., Channel 63 - TCI Tucson Public Access - starting April 18, this new talk show featuring Chris Maynard and guests who believe they have experienced contact with life from other worlds. Chris also examines national contact cases to evaluate facts, comparisons and trends of this growing phenomenon.

Coming this fall: "Dark Skies" on Channel 12 having to do with the UFO phenomenon -- be sure to check your local listing for day and time when the new TV season starts.

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.

NOTICE

Did anyone copy "Paranormal Borderline?" If so, please contact Michael Landwehr, 1006 Shelly Dr., Deming, NM 88030.

ARTICLE SUBMISSION

Thanks to those submitting articles and book reviews, and if you haven't done so, here's an invitation to add to YOUR newsletter by doing so. Handwritten and typewriter-created articles are fine, but if you do have a computer, it saves time for Mary if you can submit your articles on diskette. However, PLEASE save your articles in WordPerfect 5.1 or ASCII (DOS text) format.

If your articles are not on diskette, you can send them to Tom at 1433 W. Huntington, Tempe, AZ 85282 or fax them to Mary Hart at 907-0609.

WORLD WIDE WEB

Although not always in timely fashion, each month's MUFON-AZ Newsletter is now available to users of the World Wide Web. For those wishing to access the Newsletter on the internet, the "address" is:

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

Calendar

Yuma Group Meeting - no meetings planned for the rest of the summer. Call 520/0570 for details.

August 16-18 - UFO Awareness Week display at Christown Mall (19th Ave. & Bethany Home Road) - everyone is encouraged to participate. Sign up at the June and July meetings.

August 28 (Wednesday) - special MUFON-AZ meeting featuring Michael Lindemann, speaking on "UFOs and the Global Situation," 7:30 p.m. at the National Guard Armory. Special admission price of \$5. for members and \$10 for non-members.

September 14 (Saturday) - Tucson Group Meeting - Tom Taylor will be taking the video "The Visitors" (shown at June's Phoenix meeting) to share with the Tucson group. Call 520/326-0078 for details.

September 15 - New Hampshire MUFON's 6th Annual Conference featuring George Knapp, Travis Walton, Antonio Huneuus, Stanton Friedman. It will take place at Yokens Convention Center, Route 1, Portsmouth, NH. Registration is \$55. For further details write New Hampshire MUFON, P.O. Box 453, Rye, NH 03870.

September 21 - 5th Annual St. Louis UFO Conference featuring Ted Phillips, Richard Sauder (from Sedona, AZ), Stanton Friedman, John Carpenter, and others. Admission is \$48. For further details, write MUFON St. Louis, P.O. Box 643, St. Charles, MO 63302.

October 18-21 - 7th Annual Phoenix Expo/Conference, Mesa Holiday Inn. Details sketchy at this time; for more info. call Global Communications at 212/685-4080.

January 18-24, 1997 - 6th Annual UFO Congress, Laughlin NV at Gold River Resort. This could be a good trip for our group. Fax/phone 303/543-9443 for details; flyers will be available at the meeting.

SUPPLEMENT TO ARIZONA SIGHTINGS LIST

Dimitri is still working hard to compile all possible sightings which have occurred in Arizona. His most recently published list, extending the beginning of the list to 1946 and including sightings to the end of 1995, is reproduced below; the entire list can be purchased from Dimitri or Tom for \$5.00. If you have documented sightings in addition to those listed, please contact Tom or Dimitri.

ARIZONA SIGHTINGS 1946-1996

Compiled by D. "Jim" Ossipov,
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KEY:

CE1-Sighting < 150 m.
DD-Daylight disks
CE2-Physical traces, landings
NL-Nocturnal lights
CE3-Humanoids, aliens
RV-Radar/visual
CE4-Abductions

January 1946 - West of Flagstaff (CE4): Mike Pistula, while driving with Fred Cooper, was abducted but does not remember much. In 1977, while hypnotized, he remembered that his car stopped in front of a "Mexican hat" that covered the entire road. The "hat" had "mechanical eyes." Three beings glided toward the car. They did not seem to have any feet. Around their heads was a radiant glow. Pistula remembers being "put down" the next morning. Source: Letter to T. Bloecher, 25 October 1977.

1 February 1950 - Tucson (DD): Multiple sighting of high-flying flashing object, leaving a trail of smoke. Pilot 1st Lieutenant Roy L. Jones tried to intercept it, but the object was too fast. Source: Tucson Morning Star, 2 February 1950.

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22 March 1950 - Yuma (DD): Lynn Cheney observed 10-12 luminous circular objects flying in a semi-circle. The same was seen by his

uncle. John McCullen observed an aluminum disc; 11 other people saw it also. Some watched it for 1½ hours. Source: Yuma AZ Daily Sun, 22 March 1950.

5 April 1950 - Yuma (DD): James A. Finn, Don Roberts, Bill Fisher, Fred Day and Joe Franks observed an egg-shaped, shiny object for 30 seconds. It moved, turning and twisting. Source: Yuma AZ Daily Sun, 7 April 1950.

15 April 1950 - Spring Creek (DD): Earl Thomas and his highway crew observed a flight of four silver, round objects, flying fast in formation. Then one object headed south, another went east, and the remaining two disappeared. Source: Daily Sun, Flagstaff, 19 April 1950.

2 May 1950 - Flagstaff (DD): Sylvester Garcia observed a fast-flying, long silver disc moving rapidly up and down. The sighting lasted several minutes. Source: Coconino, AZ Sun, 27 May 1950.

11 May 1950 - Flagstaff (DD): Myrtle Playle saw four discs coming from the south. The circled Observatory Hill, then continued south. She heard a slight humming noise. Source: Coconino, AZ Sun, 13 May 1950.

20 May 1950 - Flagstaff (DD): Astronomer Seymour L. Hess, at Lowell Observatory, spotted a disc flying at moderate speed. No noise heard. Sighting lasted five minutes. Source: Daily Sun, Flagstaff, 22 May 1950; Frank Edwards, Flying Saucers: Serious Business.

25 June 1950 - Flagstaff (DD): Mary Lewis and Mr. & Mrs. George Burns observed round, shiny objects hovering near the airport for a few minutes. Source: Daily Sun, Flagstaff, 30 June 1950.

27 June 1950 - Flagstaff (DD): Barney Howard, Marie Esch and Virginia Muse observed 4 to 5 discs floating above the bank of smoke but below the clouds. The discs slowly moved to the northwest and disappeared. The sighting lasted a few minutes. Source: Daily Sun, Flagstaff, 29 June 1950.

29 June 1950 - Phoenix (DD): Ray Booker saw an object moving in jerks toward the west, then

shooting out to the north. Sighting lasted a few minutes. Source: Arizona Republic, 1 July 1950.

29 June 1950 - Tucson (NL): Jack Hermann and Henry Freeman observed a gray, low-flying disc. Observation took place from different parts of the city. Sighting lasted 7 minutes. Source: Arizona Republic, 1 July 1950.

August 1950 - Tucson (NL): Mr. & Mrs. Claus observed a round light arriving from the south. It stopped over their house, then slowly flew toward "A" Mountain. No noise was heard. Sighting lasted a few minutes. Source: Letter to NICAP.

1950 (no month or date) - Ajo (DD): Nick Riggs and his mother were driving on Highway 85 between Ajo and Gila Bend and were paced for several miles by a metallic round object emitting a humming sound. When Riggs entered an abandoned airport, the object then paced other cars coming from the opposite direction. Source: APRO Bulletin, March 1959.

3 April 1952 - Benson (DD): Flight Commanders Chuck Logan and C.M. Jasper, flight instructor Paul Wilkerson, and Skeet Taylor observed a large, oblong object from the Benson Airport. It was an oval metallic object six times the size of a B-29. It hovered for 52 minutes. Source: MUFON Symposium 1983, MUFON Journal, April 1992, NICAP files.

16 or 17 April 1952 - Yuma (DD): Sally Ann Diggs and USAF Lieutenant Gerald Williams observed a disc for 30 seconds. It was self-illuminated with rose and yellow lights around it; the top part rotated. It hovered and maneuvered; then flew away. Source: NICAP files.

March 1953 - Luke Air Force Base (DD): Pilot observed and photographed crescent-shaped object. Sighting lasted 10 minutes. Source: Project 10073 record card.

May 1960 - Tucson (CE4): Charlie Green was abducted from his room by two short, skinny beings with dark eyes and large heads. "Dale" witnessed the abduction from outside, seeing Charlie coming out of the window between two beings and rising up into the UFO, which

was about 30 ft. in diameter. No other details remembered. Source: Charlie Green's letter to Dimitri Ossipov.

April 1965 - North of Tucson (NL) (CE2): Sharon and Donald Clayton were driving, pulling a mobile home on Route 10 north of Tucson. At 7 p.m. they noticed a "star" descending in a diagonal direction and landing behind an orange grove. Suddenly the object rose, crossed over their truck and hovered over the power plant for 45 minutes. The object made no noise; it could take off and change directions instantly. Source: witnesses' letter to Dimitri Ossipov.

29 June 1980 - White Tank Mountains (CE4): Lu, Carol and Laura were abducted by three small, helmeted humanoids into a hovering UFO. Carol remembers undergoing a physical examination, and she communicated with a tall humanoid. Source: William Hamilton III: "Alien Magic."

25 August 1980 - Paradise Valley (CE4): Russell was abducted aboard a UFO and was shown a star map with lines showing routes traveled by aliens. The aliens he saw were humanoids. Source: William Hamilton III: "Alien Magic."

8 May 1981 - Phoenix (NL): Christy observed a light, hovering for over one hour. Sighting confirmed by another witness. Source: William Hamilton III: "Alien Magic."

8 May 1981 - Glendale (CE3): William Hamilton III saw 3 small aliens near his bed. No UFO observed. Source: William Hamilton III: "Alien Magic."

May 1981 - Sedona (DD): Nancy observed a large UFO. It was metallic, domed, with a flat bottom. The dome was filled with lights. Source: William Hamilton III: "Alien Magic."

April 1982 - Sedona (CE4): Nancy, her daughter and granddaughter were abducted from their camping tent after they saw a disc. They had mental communication with aliens, who told Nancy that they were rearranging her molecular structure. Source: William Hamilton III: "Alien Magic."

4 July 1982 - Sedona (DD): Nancy had another UFO sighting (see April 1982 report above). No details. Source: William Hamilton III: "Alien Magic."

1992 (No date) - Cottonwood (NL): William Hamilton III and a group of others watched a light "dancing" over Sedona. Source: William Hamilton III: "Alien Magic."

October 1992 - Tucson (DD): Charlie Green observed a UFO with a raised top and windows. It was 30 ft. in diameter. The sighting was corroborated by another couple, who witnessed the same thing. Source: Charlie Green's letter to Dimitri Ossipov.

5 September 1993 - Phoenix (DD): Rodney C. Washington and his sister watched a hovering object for 7 minutes. It changed in intensity and had white blinking lights. It moved back and forth. Source: MUFON-AZ Newsletter, March 1996.

February 1995 - Yucca (NL): David Nelson and Betty Kavadas, while driving, were paced by a large light. At times it abruptly changed course and direction. It was diamond-shaped, white, with colored lights around its perimeter. Source: MUFON-AZ Newsletter, July 1995.

15 February 1995 - Winslow (NL): Multiple sighting of blue/white fireball falling into the desert. Also seen by Navajo Police officer. Source: MUFON-AZ Newsletter, March 1995.

15 April 1995 - Fountain Hills (NL): A couple observed 2 to 3 "dancing lights" for 2 minutes. Source: Phone call to Dimitri Ossipov and investigation by Diane Hobson.

3 May 1995 - Peoria (NL): M.F. observed a hovering red light. It was star-like and slowly blinking. No noise was heard. The light was the size of a dime to the witness. Aircraft flew north and the object was above the aircraft. Sighting was taken from Bell Rd. & 3rd Avenue and lasted 3 minutes. Source: Phone call to Dimitri Ossipov.

25 May 1995 - Near Gila Bend (NL): While driving to Yuma, Greg observed about 14 amber and red

lights flying and maneuvering in an erratic manner. No sound; lights were flickering. Sighting lasted 8 minutes. Source: MUFON-AZ Newsletter, July 1995.

August 1995 - Superior (NL): A woman and her granddaughter saw a cluster of lights. Source: MUFON-AZ Newsletter, February 1996. (See August/September 1995 sightings in Douglas & Bisbee area; could be same UFO.)

August 1995 - Bisbee (NL): Scott Gidney and a friend observed a light for a few seconds. It disappeared and reappeared several times. Source: MUFON-AZ Newsletter, February 1996.

13 August 1995 - Peoria (NL): A.C. and two others observed a "star" through binoculars. It was a white, rectangular object estimated 2" thick and 1' long. It moved slowly. Sighting lasted 1 hour. (no source listed)

2 September 1995 - Young (NL): R.B. reported that at Q-Ranch Spiritual Retreat seven people decided to call UFO using the "spotlight technique." After half an hour a gold, flaming sphere appeared and after 30 seconds shot toward a ranch. It hovered for 2 minutes, then collapsed into bright, white light and disappeared. Some physical effects and possible telepathic communication were experienced. Source: Phone call to Dimitri Ossipov.

12 September 1995 - Bisbee (NL): On Mule Mountain, John Ortega observed a round object with lights for less than one minute. Source: MUFON-AZ Newsletter, February 1996.

14 September 1995 - Douglas (NL): Heather Castner and Earlene Edinger observed an object with lights. Source: MUFON-AZ Newsletter, February 1996.

30 September - Bisbee (NL): Dan Oldfield and a friend observed a "green Roman candle" with a tail, emitting sparks. Sighting lasted several minutes. Source: MUFON-AZ Newsletter, February 1996.

14 November 1995 - Phoenix (NL): L.R. observed a descending blue light for a few seconds. The sighting took place from I-17

between Thunderbird and Cactus in North Phoenix. Source: Phone call to Dimitri Ossipov.

25 December - Carefree (NL): Ron Kaczor, Perry Ickes and six guests observed a large star coming over them. It stopped and split into two UFOs; then one of them also split in two. All maneuvered for 10 minutes and disappeared. Source: Myron K. Olson investigation; MUFON-AZ.

28 January 1996 - Pleasant Lake (NL): J.R. observed a light flying slower than a meteor but faster than an aircraft, never changing in intensity. Sighting lasted 20 seconds. Source: Phone call to D. Ossipov.

7 February 1996 - Phoenix (NL): Several girls observed 3 orange square objects moving at two-minute intervals. All left a red trail. Observed from Thunderbird and 19th Avenue. Source: Phone call to D. Ossipov.

9 February 1996 - Phoenix (NL): R. observed a stationary light. It changed from red to orange and from bright to dim. Three red objects came out of it, lined up, and then disappeared. The main object hovered for 30 seconds and then flew away. Source: Phone call to D. Ossipov.

17 February 1996 - Tonto Hills (CE2): A couple observed a white, diamond-shaped object with red and green blinking lights. There were 4 other similar objects, two of which landed. The sighting lasted 15 minutes. Source: Myron K. Olson investigation; MUFON-AZ.

February 1996 - Coral Gables, Moon Valley (NL): A couple observed a yellow light with flashing red lights around it. Noise was heard. The object was also observed by two police officers. The object was seen above North Mountain; sighting lasted 20 minutes. Source: Phone call to D. Ossipov.

February 1996 - Phoenix (DD): Multiple sightings of large object over Cortez Park. The object was ring-like, 3 miles in diameter, with an undistinguishable center. Something like an explosion was heard. The sighting lasted 10 minutes. Source: Phone call to D. Ossipov.

16 April - Tonto Hills (CE3): Same couple as 17 February sighting observed a large craft landing nearby. It was white, diamond-shaped, and had green and red lights around it. Three entities walked around it as if searching for something; the sighting lasted 15 minutes. Source: Myron K. Olson investigation; MUFON-AZ.

About 50 miles later, near the Blue Ridge Ranger Station, the 28-year-old Kansas native turned onto remote Forest Service Road 95 and drove into the Buck Springs area. Several miles down the narrow, winding dirt road, the 18-wheeler became stuck and Williams abandoned the truck.

The incident remains a mystery to all.

Why would Williams — a respected married man with three children — drive his truck into a dense wilderness in the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest and vanish without a trace?

'They' did it

Campers in the area told Coconino County Sheriff's Deputy Bruce Cornish that they asked Williams around noon that Sunday why he had driven the truck into the rugged area.

They said he pointed to the truck and yelled, "I didn't do it. They did it." Then he walked back to the truck, they said.

During the course of the investigation, Cornish also interviewed witnesses who said they saw Williams on Monday, May 29, a short distance from the stranded truck and he was barefoot, disoriented and "talking to a tree."

That was the last time Williams was seen, Cornish said.

The highly unusual disappearance immediately attracted the attention of a Texas-based research organization known as MUFON — the Mutual UFO Network.

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THE PAYSON ROUNDUP

Psychic disputes alien abduction

BY MAX FOSTER
REPORTER

They've all tried — law enforcement authorities, a UFO group, a national television show and a Virginia psychic — but none can solve the mysterious disappearance of Devin Williams.

On the morning of Sunday, May 28, 1995, the long-distance truck driver for Flint Hills Transportation in Emporia, Kan., drove his refrigerated truck loaded with salad mix and strawberries off Interstate 40 in Winslow and onto the Beeline Highway.

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"The driver said, 'I didn't do it. THEY did it,'" said MUFON member Charlie Green. "That kind of makes you wonder who 'THEY' is, doesn't it?"

Today, the disappearance remains a topic of interest to both Green and MUFON because it was only five miles away from where Snowflake logger Travis Walton was allegedly abducted in the 1970s.

New leads?

Today, after more than a year of investigation, Cornish said there are still no leads concerning Williams' whereabouts.

But at least two other people think they have the answer.

Soon after the incident, the MUFON organization contacted member and Sedona resident Gerda Gallob, who identifies herself as a retired chemist and archeologist, to investigate the case.

Last summer, 72-year-old Gallob drove into the Buck Springs area above the Mogollon Rim, took extensive pictures and compiled a report for MUFON President Tom Taylor of Tempe.

Gallob also enlisted the help of her friend, Joe McMoneagle, who is a psychic from the Intuitive Intelligence Applications Institute in Nellysford, Va. Gallob sent McMoneagle several pictures she had taken, her MUFON report and "a plea for help."

In January 1996, McMoneagle completed his report, in which he wrote that he sensed that Williams' disappearance was not an alien abduction, but rather a truck driver that "was suffering from delusions... was probably sick with the flu or a severe cold and possibly running a high temperature at the time of his disappearance."

The illness, combined with the flu or cold medicine he was

taking left Williams confused and disoriented, McMoneagle said.

The psychic believes that Williams, in a muddled state of mind, took the wrong route in Winslow and drove dazed through the national forest.

The Virginia psychic said Williams attempted to hike out of the area, and eventually, "lost his balance while on the (Mogollon) rim edge and fell to his death."

In addition, McMoneagle provided Gallob with a location and description of where the body could be found.

Nature interferes

In February, Gallob drove to the area described in the report, but found the forest roads near Buck Springs closed for the winter.

On May 11, she attempted to return to the area. She found the roads closed again, this time by order of the U.S. Forest Service because of extreme fire danger created by drought conditions in northern Arizona.

But Gallob has her own theory. She said that last winter, while waiting for the report from McMoneagle to arrive, she had two dreams about Williams' fate. The dreams were induced, she said, by the cold medication she was taking.

In the first, she said, "Devin Williams was attacked in a trucker's rest station between Kingman and Flagstaff."

In the altercation, he was kicked in the head and suffered either a concussion or serious brain damage, Gallob said.

In the second dream, she said, "I was lured between two vertical rock walls and a bush, which seems to me the place his body can be found."

Mystery unsolved

The drama of Devin Williams continued to unfold on the evening of March 15 when the National Broadcasting Company aired a prime time *Unsolved Mysteries* segment concerning his disappearance. The program did not make

reference to the findings of either McMoneagle or Gallob.

According to *Unsolved Mysteries* producer Mary Pat Carney in Burbank, Calif., NBC received 133 tips immediately after the program was shown.

All of the tips received were forwarded to Cornish in Flagstaff. All were looked into by the sheriff's department, but none proved to be of any value in solving the disappearance.

With information provided in McMoneagle's report and her own investigation, Gallob has been able to compile written directions and sketch a map of the Mogollon Rim location she believes Williams' remains may be found — near Promontory Butte.

However, she has been reluctant to provide authorities with the information, because she does not think they will believe her.

"I think they will not follow up on an old woman's dream or a psychic's premonition, even when the person is well known for his ability," she said.

It's been more than a year since he vanished, but the whereabouts of Williams remains a mystery to all who have tried to solve the bizarre disappearance.

In Emporia, the rumors of alien abductions and other scenarios have circulated, co-worker Kyle Burris said. And now — after a long grieving period — Williams' wife, children and friends are "pretty well resigned that he's not coming back," he added.

However, there is one wish family and friends have:

"We'd all like to know what happened to him," Burris said. "We really don't know if he's alive or dead ... it would be better if we knew."

Roundup writer Max Foster is awaiting permission from the Forest Service to search the area described by Gallob. The authorization should clear this week. If we find anything, we'll let you know.



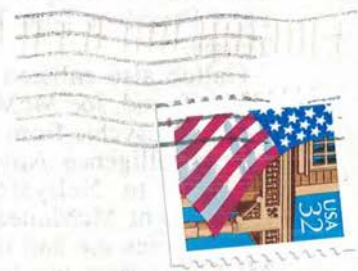
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