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## ARIZONA CHAPTER

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*The Truth is Out There .*

**MEETING DATE: Wednesday, September 24, 1997 ♦ MEETING TIME: 7:30 p.m. SHARP**

**PROGRAM: "UFOs — Just the Facts" CD-ROM**

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

Our September meeting featuring Richard Boyland was a huge success. People were waiting in line to enter the auditorium.

It was interesting to hear a report given to me on the phone by a person relating a possible abduction and landing of UFO in the Table Top Mountain, the same mountains mentioned by our Pinal County Section Director, Ken Kerber, of unusual lights and beams in the Table Top Mountain area. The Table Top Mountains are located just south of I-8 west of the Stanfield exit.

If additional information is received, you will be kept posted.

An interesting comment taken from Preston Bennett, another of "a new book" want to see a UFO," that appeared in the September *Fate* magazine stated that 11:10 p.m. was the most common time for UFO to be seen.

The March 13, 1997 event here in Phoenix is not the first unusual sighting. A photo copy of an article from the Arizona Republic June 30, 1950. The photocopy isn't too good, but will try and have it in the next issue of the newsletter.

Congratulations to Francis Barwood for winning in the City of Phoenix, City Counsel election. If you remember she is the lone public official in the state to inquire about the UFO event on March 13th. It takes a lot of courage to go publicly and inquire. Just what it was we still don't have the answer, but maybe someday.

For those of you who follow the Art Bell radio talk show, the article and photo which appeared on the front page of the Arizona Republic in July 1947, of an object passing over Phoenix and which may be the same one or a similar object which crashed in Rowswell, NM! I discovered this article and photo four years ago while doing some research at the Phoenix Library. Richard Hoagland and Art Bell just NOW discovered it...

Keep your eyes to the sky!

Tom Taylor  
State Director



### Media Watch

*by Tom Taylor*

We received a phone call several weeks ago and it now appears that "Unsolved Mysteries," will be out here to do yet another story on the "Phoenix Lights."

In the September issue of *Fate* magazine, Antonio Huneus in his section "UFO Chronicles" has a very fascinating story concerning ufology in communist China.

The "Flying Trains" cases reported in 1994 and 1995 are most interesting. Seems a spot-light changes from yellow to green or red, cuts trees one to two yards above the ground in a swath three kilometers long and 150-300 yards wide.

The China UFO Research Organization was found in 1981 and Antonio was a featured speaker at its first meeting that drew barely 100 people. Today that same organization has 4,000 active members and 40,000 members, making it the world's largest UFO organization!

The same issue of *Fate* features an article by Thomas Carroll "The

Secret World of Freemasons." Those who are familiar with the whole UFO picture will find it a most interesting article.

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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. *If you know of additions, deletions or changes to the list of programs presented, please notify Tom Taylor in time for the listing to be changed for the next newsletter.* 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!*

#### WEEKLY RADIO 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; Yuma: 560 AM; and Flagstaff: 600 AM. Art also hosts "Coast to Coast" weeknights at 11 p.m. and often features UFO related guests and/or topics. A "Dreamland" repeat is also broadcast at 8 p.m. on Saturdays.

**Erskin Overnight**, KXAM Radio, 1310 on the AM dial, Saturdays from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m.

**UFO-AZ Radio Show** - In the Tucson area on KTUC, 1400 AM, 10:00 p.m. Sundays (after "Dreamland").

**Mysteries Around Us**, KTAR Radio (620 AM), 10:00 p.m. Sunday (*note day/time change*), hosted by Frank Baranowski, a well-known hypnotherapist specializing in regression.

#### WEEKLY TV PROGRAMS:

**UFO AZ/UFO TALKS**: Scottsdale TCI Cable, Channel 28, Thursdays, 4:00-5:00 p.m. and 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. Co-produced by Alan Morey. Ted, Peggy and Jim co-host this continuing series featuring interesting guests and topics related to all aspects of the UFO experience.

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

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

**Sightings** (cable only - SciFi Channel) moved to Wednesdays, 8 p.m. and 12 midnight according to a MUFON member and viewer in California. Be sure to check your local cable guide for this broadcast.

**Strange Universe** - every weeknight at 11:00 p.m. on Channel 45 and repeated at 1:00 p.m.

**Late Night Cosmic Contact** - Saturdays, 9:00 - 10:00 p.m., Channel 61 [TCI Tucson Public Access]. This new talk show features host 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.

#### 50+ YEARS OF ARIZONA SIGHTINGS 1946-1997

Jim Ossipov has given us yet more updates to his comprehensive listing of reported Arizona sightings since 1946. New copies containing these updates may be purchased at MUFON-AZ meetings for \$6.00 or ordered by mail for \$7.50. Contact Tom Taylor for details.

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## Calendar

**Cochise County Chapter - Meeting on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Sierra Vista City Library, 2950 E. Tacoma St., Sierra Vista, AZ. Call Herb at 520/378-3024 for more information.**

**Pima County Chapter - Call June at 520/326-0078 for information.**

**Yuma County Chapter - Next Meeting Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m., call Doris Barley (520) 726-0570.**

**Maricopa County Chapter - Meeting Wednesday, September 23, usual place and time (see page 1).**

**Oct. 10-12, "The Prophets," Phoenix Carona Ranch, 29th Ave. & Baseline, Zecharia Sitchin; Dr. Edgar Mitchell, Ted Lomn, David John Oates, many, many more. Three-day pass \$100, one day pass \$60. Conference only \$15 — info (888) 777-5981.**

**October 22, 1997 — CASA GRANDE NAT'L MONUMENT Mufon Outing**  
Oct. 22nd, Leave 9:30 a.m. from NW corner of Mill & Southern, next to abandoned gas station. There is a Circle K across street for coffee. Bring picnic lunch.



We apologize for the abbreviated newsletter this month due to circumstances beyond our control. Will make up for it next month.



# Mysterious thunder echoes through time

**By Thomas Ropp**  
The Arizona Republic

A blast from the past has haunted Shirley Wallace for 17 years.

The moment frozen in her life happened in Maryvale around 6 p.m. on a Sunday when Wallace was 18. Most of her family had gone to church that evening. She stayed at home with her father and baby brother.

"We were just sitting around in the kitchen when there was a tremendous explosion," Wallace said. "The whole house shook violently like a cardboard box. It wasn't like a sonic boom or an earthquake. I had felt earthquakes before, and this was more violent. My dad had been in the service twice, and he said it felt like an artillery shell."

But when Wallace and her father went outside to inspect the damage, nothing looked out of the ordinary.

"There was no smoke or fumes or anything," Wallace said. "Even the dog was acting quite normal."

They walked around to the front and were met by another curiosity.

"When we went out in the front yard, all the people from around the block and surrounding streets were standing there looking at our house like it had blown off the face of the Earth. It was sort of like a scene from *The Twilight Zone*."

Wallace never did find out what caused the blast. She's considered all kinds of exotic possibilities, including the collision of parallel universes.

Then it happened again. This time, last December while Wallace was shopping with her three sons and a girlfriend at Metrocenter. She was returning a rent-a-stroller when a sound like a gunshot erupted from the stroller rack.

"My friend and I looked at each other like, 'What was that?' Others in the mall stopped and stared at us. One man started running."

Wallace later called Metrocenter to find out what had happened. She may have found out more from Stephen King.

"They didn't know of anything out of the ordinary."

Have a story that is weird, offbeat or simply defies the odds? We'd like to hear from you. Call our Offramp PressLine at 271-5656 and press 1144.

## OFF RAMP

# Government lied to public about UFO reports, CIA says

## Many sightings really secret U.S. spy planes

By William J. Broad  
New York Times

In the darkest days of the Cold War, the military lied to the American public about the true nature of many unidentified flying objects in an effort to hide its growing fleets of spy planes, a CIA study says.

The deceptions were made in the 1950s and '60s amid a wave of UFO sightings that alarmed the public and parts of official Washington.

The CIA study says the Air Force knew that most reports by citizens and aviation experts were based on fleeting glimpses of U-2 and SR-71 spy planes, which fly extremely high.

Those planes were developed in the 1950s and '60s to photograph enemy targets. From secret bases, mainly in California and Nevada, the aircraft repeatedly flew across the country and eventually overseas to bases in countries that included Britain, West Germany and Taiwan.

While commercial airliners in the 1950s flew at altitudes of up to 30,000 feet, the U-2 soared to more than 60,000 feet and the SR-71 to more than 80,000 feet, or 15 miles, nearly the edge of space.

The planes carried powerful cameras to spy on foreign military installations and sensitive electronic gear to capture radio and radar transmissions. The spy craft were developed by the intelligence agency and often flown by the Air Force.

Rather than acknowledging the existence of the top-secret flights or saying nothing about the UFOs publicly, the Air Force decided to put out false cover stories, the CIA study says. For instance, unusual observations that were spy flights were attributed to atmospheric phenomena like ice crystals and temperature inversions.

"Over half of all UFO reports from the late 1950s through the 1960s were accounted for by manned reconnaissance flights" over the United States, the CIA study says. "This led the Air Force to make misleading and deceptive statements to the public in order to allay public fears and to protect an extraordinarily sensitive national secu-



Associated Press

Many of the UFO reports dismissed by the military were actually glimpses of top-secret spy planes such as the U-2 (top) and the SR-71 Blackbird, the CIA says. The planes flew so high that they could be seen only by the light reflecting from them.

city project."

The study, "CIA's Role in the Study of UFOs, 1947-90," was written by Gerald Haines and appears in *Studies of Intelligence*, a secret CIA journal. Five years ago, the agency began releasing unclassified versions of the journal yearly. The 1997 edition, with the study on unidentified objects, is at <http://www.odci.gov/csi/studies/97uncclas/ on the World Wide Web>.

Haines is a historian at the National Reconnaissance Office, the intelligence agency that builds and runs the nation's spy satellites.

The admission of federal deception on the issue appears to be a first, experts said in interviews.

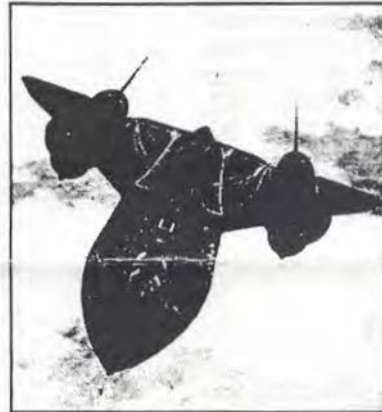
"It's very significant," said Richard Hall, chairman of the Fund for UFO Research, a group in Washington. "Certainly they've lied about not having any interest in the subject. But I don't know of any other deception like this."

John Pike, head of space policy at the Federation of American Scientists, also based in Washington, said the admission raised questions about other federal cover-ups involving UFOs.

"The flying-saucer community is definitely onto something," in charging that the military is hiding something, Pike said.

There are two schools of thought on the nature of such a cover-up. One, from Pike and other aerospace experts, holds that many sightings over the decades involved secret federal projects featuring advanced aircraft and reconnaissance missions. The new admission strengthens that view.

The other school holds that the government has come into possession of extraterrestrial craft and beings and is hiding them from the public, partly to avoid causing panic. That view was celebrated last month on the 50th anniversary of an incident in Roswell,



N.M., in which conspiracy theorists say a saucer crashed to Earth and was seized by the government.

The deceptions about the spy flights were issued in some of the tensest days of the Cold War. The Soviet Union exploded its first hydrogen bomb in 1955, the year that the U-2 flew for the first time.

In 1960, a U-2 was shot down over the Soviet Union, leading to the cancellation of an East-West peace conference. In 1962, a U-2 spotted a buildup of Soviet nuclear arms in Cuba, precipitating the diplomatic crisis regarded by some experts as the closest the superpowers came to nuclear war.

To make the spy planes harder to see and less likely to prompt UFO reports, they were eventually painted black. The CIA study said U-2s initially had silver bodies "and reflected the rays from the sun, especially at sunrise and sunset."

The report added that "they often appeared as fiery objects to observers below."

But the SR-71, which first flew in 1964, was apparently painted black from the start. Its nickname was the Blackbird.





# Extraterrestrial search group organizing chapter here

By **SANDRA VALDEZ-GERDES**

Staff Writer

If there was a group of professionals dedicated to the serious investigation of extraterrestrial life, and making contact with it, would you be interested in joining?

According to one local woman, the Center for the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence, otherwise known as CSETI, is that group.

The group goes beyond just documenting reports from people who claim to have seen unidentified flying objects or been abducted by aliens. CSETI operates what is called CE-5, or close encounters of the fifth kind — human-initiated contact with extraterrestrial beings.

The group should not be confused with SETI, the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence, the organization popularized by astronomer Carl Sagan and privately funded since it was cut from the government purse in 1993.

CSETI is described as an international nonprofit scientific research and education organization dedicated to the understanding of extraterrestrial intelligence, said Trudy Schuett, local organizer of the group.

CSETI will host a training session next month in Yuma to build

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a local team of researchers. Interested Yumans should contact Schuett by Wednesday at 726-6200.

"The focus of CSETI is, if possible, to create a relationship with extraterrestrials," Schuett said.

Schuett, founder of the Desert Light Metaphysical Society in 1995, said the universe is too big for there not to be extraterrestrial life.

She became interested in UFOs about four years ago, as a hobby she and her husband could share. But with all the hype and information out on the subject, and her own unexplained sighting, Schuett wants to find out for herself what is really going on, she said.

Schuett said CSETI is a well-respected national organization with about 500 members worldwide.

The organization was founded in 1991 in Asheville, N.C., by Dr. Steven M. Greer, an emergency-room physician. Greer wanted to change the focus of UFO research from investigating past sightings to researching sightings themselves.

To do this, he used information gathered from years of sighting reports to develop ways to attract extraterrestrials, and he trains teams of observers to take notes. The methods include using strobe lights, lasers and tones that match those recorded from ET craft. CSETI also trains its members in directed thought and remote-viewing techniques.

CSETI reports it has been successful in making contact with extraterrestrials. Since 1991, sightings by CSETI research teams have been reported in the United States, Mexico, Belgium, England, Scotland and Finland.

Schuett said people are beginning to realize you don't have to be a nut case to have a sighting or believe extraterrestrial civilizations really exist, she said.

A statewide poll taken last month revealed that one in 10 Arizonans say they have seen objects in the sky they believe are alien spacecraft. Half of those people say they've seen spaceships more than once, and in Pima County, 7 percent said they know somebody who has been abducted by aliens, according to the poll.

CSETI's Project Starlight is an effort to get officials in government, military and intelligence to come forward and disclose information they have on ETs.

Schuett said she had her own sighting a few years ago. She was with her son when they saw a triangular object moving slowly up in the sky above Somerton Avenue at County 8th Street. She initially thought it was a stealth bomber, but later learned it was not. The sighting was never explained, she said.

"I have no idea what's going to happen, but I'm hoping for actual physical things that we can document."

She said skepticism doesn't bother her, "it just goes with the territory."

Schuett, a writer, said potential members of the Yuma group include a real estate agent, an astronomer and a retired person.

To host the training at least 10 people must sign up. The cost is \$85, which covers a one-year membership in CSETI and the training.

Schuett said the cost isn't high when you consider some new-age organizations charge \$200 to \$300 for an afternoon. The daylong training will be followed by a night session in the desert.



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