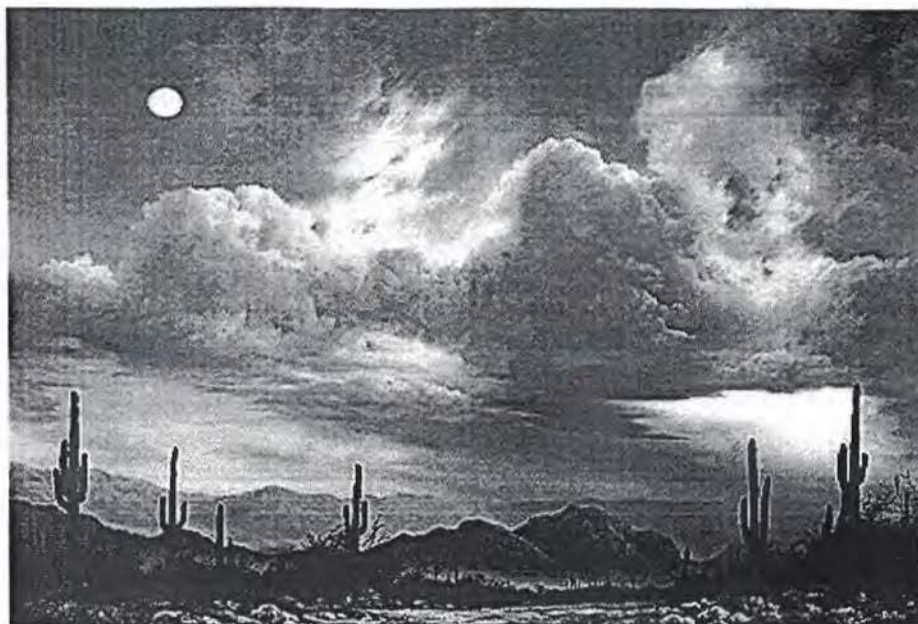


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## NEWSLETTER CHANGES, PLEASE READ!

Beginning with this issue, we have doubled our pages in each issue from 7 to 14! We did this to accommodate our Maricopa County Meetings which will be held every other month. So, you will be receiving your newsletters every other month from now on.

I am excited about this change since we will be able to put out more of the current sighting reports from all over the world in each issue. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 480-945-5582 or e-mail me at [taikman@sprynet.com](mailto:taikman@sprynet.com).

**Jim Kelly**  
Newsletter Editor

## DR. STEVEN GREER LANDS AT MUFON AZ!

Dr. Steven Greer, the International Director and Founder of CSETI, will be our special guest speaker at our next MUFON meeting on Sunday, March 4th, 5:00 PM to 7:30 P.M., (doors open at 4:15 P.M.) at the Scottsdale Civic Center library Auditorium. Please see the promotional flyer for this meeting in this issue. This will be our first meeting at the Scottsdale Library.

### Directions to the auditorium:

North on Scottsdale Rd. to Osborn Rd. Turn right on Osborn Rd. to Drinkwater Blvd. Left on Drinkwater Blvd for about a block until you see the above ground parking garage that leads into the Library. If you go past 2nd street, you have gone too far. See you all at the meeting!

**Jim Kelly**

## MUFON AZ Meeting Information

**Pima County Chapter:** Meetings held at Wilmot Library, 530 N. Wilmot, Tucson. Call George Parks for more information 520/742-6651

**Pinal County Chapter:** Contact Ken Kerber for more information 520/797-2157

**Yuma County Chapter:** Meetings are quarterly. Call Richard King for more information 520/747-7787

**Maricopa County Chapter:** Meetings held every other month. See enclosed flyer for details.

**Experiencer's Meeting:** For information, call Dr. Ruth Hover at 480/837-0446

## Classified Ads

Advertise in the MUFON AZ Newsletter! Ads up to three lines long are \$5.00; business card-sized ads are \$10.00 (we can reproduce your business card in the ad). Call Jim Kelly at (480) 945-5582 for prices on larger ads. Submit your ad and payment by the first of the month to have it in that month's newsletter issue.

## Article Submission

If you have any articles or letters you would like to submit for the newsletter, please call Teri Acton at (480) 945-9589. Suggestions/articles can also be e-mailed to [tlacton@aol.com](mailto:tlacton@aol.com). Your ideas and comments are welcomed and appreciated!

## MUFON Membership Badges

Orders are being taken for your MUFON Membership Badges. These are the 1-3" x 3" blue badges with 3 lines and white print listing your name on the first line, "Arizona MUFON" on the second line, and a title or phrase such as "The Truth is Out There" on the third line. The cost is \$5.00 each, unless we have enough orders to get a price break, then they will be less. See the sign-up sheet in the front lobby at each meeting, or you can fax your order to (602) 837-0094. You may also mail your order to Ruth and Harry Hover, 16714 E. Gunsight #155, Fountain Hills, AZ 85268. For more information, please call the Hovers at (480) 837-0446.

## MUFON Meeting Video Tapes Now Available

We now have video tapes for sale of some of our past meetings! Please contact Chris at Argo Productions at 1-800-576-2745. The following programs can be purchased:

Dr. Nick Begich (July 28, 2000 meeting) - \$10.00  
Don Ecker (October 25, 2000 meeting) \$15.00  
Stanton Friedman (November 15, 2000) \$20.00

Order forms will be available at all future meetings!

*Bufo Calvin lists TV programs of UFO & related subjects, which we try to pass along in this newsletter when we receive them in time. If you would like to receive them from Bufo Calvin directly via e-mail, e-mail him at [BufoCalvin@aol.com](mailto:BufoCalvin@aol.com) and ask him to send you the list.*

## On the Radio

Check local listings for programming changes

**Coast to Coast with Art Bell, 55 KFYI, 10:00 p.m. - 3:00 a.m. Monday through Friday, 1:00 a.m. - 3:00 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.**

**Dreamland with Whitley Strieber, 55 KFYI, 8:00 p.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, 10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Sunday.**

**Mysteries Around Us with Frank Baranowski, 620 KTAR, Saturday and Sunday 10:00 p.m. - Midnight.**

## On Television

Check local listings for programming changes

**Roswell Monday 8:00 p.m. WB Channel 6 (cable) or Channel 61 (antenna).**

**X-Files Sunday 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 a.m., Fox Channel 10 (cable and antenna); Monday through Friday 7:00 p.m. FX (cable).**

## Of Saucers and Pipes in the Sky

By Bonnie Henry  
Arizona Daily Star

January 11, 2001 – It was around midnight, close to 20 years ago.

Charlie was driving the Jeep. Dick was in the back seat.

The men were heading to Tucson after finishing up the swing shift at the mine.

As they were rounding the curve at Oracle Junction they saw it. Hovering.

"It was just sitting above the buildings," says George Parks, the third man in the jeep.

"It looked like a fuselage. We counted seven windows. I said, 'Charlie, that SOB is gonna crash.' Then it went 'phew' and took off."

Forty years earlier, June Scherrer saw her first UFO in Dayton, Ohio.

"It was a giant silver disk over Wright-Patterson Air Base. It was not an airplane."

The next day she saw another one. "I saw a dome on top of a saucer. I did not know what it was."

Two decades later, she was living in Tucson. "I was doing dishes, I saw a light."

She went outside and signaled with a flashlight.

"The next thing I knew, there was this huge disk over me," says the 79-year-old housewife.

It was, she says, the first of more than 40 UFOs she'd see here.

"I've seen huge pipes going through the sky, 50 feet long. I've seen a flight of 12 go over from west to east."

She's also been abducted, she says. Several times.

"I have recall of being on a table with white-robed figures all around me."

Today, Scherrer belongs to a group of people who all claim other-worldly abductions.

She also belongs to MUFON, aka The Mutual UFO Network.

So does Parks, a retired San Manuel copper miner who serves as MUFON's state section director for Pima and Cochise counties.

MUFON counts about 5,000 members worldwide. Close to 150 live in Arizona.

Tucson's chapter, which has been around about 10 years, numbers close to 50.

Free meetings are held once a month at the Wilmot Library. All are welcome.

Recent attendees included a white-haired man who claimed to be an Inca shaman.

But the room also held plenty of ordinary-looking folks, including a woman with a toddler in tow.

Also there was nonmember Patricia Hill, 54.

"I came because of this," says Hill, holding out a photo she took last May near the Picture Rocks petroglyphs.

The photo shows a saguaro and what appears to be a flying saucer hovering above it – something Hill never saw until the film was recently developed.

Her first thought was that someone at the photo lab had played a trick on her.

So she went back to the lab and asked for another print. "I did not tell them what I saw."

Same flying saucer image.

Hill, who describes herself as fairly skeptical, has no explanation.

"Ninety percent of what we see in the sky can be explained," says Bill Morris, MUFON assistant state director and member of the Tucson chapter.

Both he and Parks are also field investigators.

When someone reports a UFO, they get a written report, then call up air towers, astronomers, weather stations, law enforcement.

They also go out to the scene.

"We'll see what the terrain is like, what the horizon looks like," says Morris.

He and Parks also welcome the skeptics who show up from time to time.

"What we're doing is investigating and educating the general public," says Morris.

"Not everything we see is an extraterrestrial. But we believe something is out there."

## Current UFO Cases and Sightings Courtesy of National UFO Reporting Center

Bouse, Arizona

1/4/01

**Flashing blue lights rose out of the desert floor and stationary amber lights appeared...**

((NUFORC Note: We are quite familiar with the witnesses who submitted the two reports from Bouse, AZ, and we consider them to be extremely reliable. They have reported a number of similar events in their area of Arizona, some of which have been reported by others, as well. PD))

"I saw January 4th at 7:20PM MST. Bouse, Arizona. I went out to feed the animals. When looking towards the NE in the "Butler Valley" area, I noticed a bluish light just above the ground, then another appeared. The first light rose very fast at about a 50 degree angle going South off the Desert floor...it grew very faint then my attention gravitated to the second, then third light coming from the same area. After the second and third bluish light, then the usual amber lights came on and went out above the same area where the blue lights appeared. The amber lights always appear most of the time in the N.E. above the "Butler Valley" area and directly East at about 30 degrees above the horizon. When the amber lights came

on, they did so from Right to Left and you could see a thin horizontal gold thread connecting the lights. The thread would disappear and the lights would go out. The duration of the amber lights was about 5 seconds per grouping. I watched the blue lights rise from the desert floor and move southward, all were at different altitudes going south. I noticed all the blue lights were flashing like aircraft lights but the blue lights were two colors. A bright medium blue and a light flashing blue---I have never seen blue lights appear from out of nowhere off the desert floor as it seemed that they just came out of the ground. But never before had I seen the amber lights appear in conjunction with moving and flashing blue lights. The whole episode lasted less than 5 minutes. The last blue flashing light looked to be no more than a couple of hundred yards off the desert floor going South at a fast rate of speed and it made a very loud roaring sound like a roaring train. This last blue light was the only one to make any sound that I could hear. My son and I both saw and heard this together."

**Bouse, Arizona**  
**1/4/01**

"Night of January 4, 2001, Bouse Arizona....My dad had gone out to feed the goats, when he witnessed an unusual group of lights. It was because of this that he called out for someone else to come out to see what he is witnessing. I grabbed my torch, thinking that a goat had got out, and ran out to where my dad stood. I had no idea it was lights he wanted me to see. By the time I got to where my dad stood, most of the lights had gone, but then he pointed to the NE, towards "Butler Valley", which is about 10 or so miles away. Where all of a sudden a bright amber light came on. Stayed on for a few seconds, then went off. As this light went off, two blue lights appeared, seemingly from nowhere, as if they were subterranean in origin. These lights flashed a bright blue, and in between flashes, showed a medium blue. One of the blue lights rose sharply to a medium altitude into the air, and then appeared to stop and hold its position above the ground. I then fixed my attention on this light. This last blue light was heading Southward and could have been a few hundred yards off or so off the ground, as it flew at what could only have been at supersonic speed, which made a rumbling sound, just as if a train was passing by would. After watching for about 10 seconds, I had to take care of something for my dad and when I returned it was all over. That's when dad and I went in to tell mom of what we saw and to call up to report this occurrence."

**Gilbert, Arizona**  
**1/5/01**

Red light floating very high in the sky. The light was 1st sighted southwest over Phoenix then move north then the light pulsing many times and slowly moved downward then fade away!

**Tempe, Arizona**  
**1/8/01**

**A slow moving, vibrant red light began blinking and then accelerated before disappearing...**

"My wife and I observed a brilliant red light suspended in the sky. To the unaided eye, it seemed motionless but with binoculars it was moving in relationship to the stars. We first noticed it just under Orion's Belt heading towards Gemini. With binoculars, it was a vibrant red light with no distinguishable features; just a beautiful red. It was as bright as Jupiter. As it passed between Castor and Pollux, it then turned 90 degrees to the East, began blinking, accelerated and then vanished. I was observing it as it vanished and I'm certain that it didn't disappear into a cloud bank or anything since I could still see stars. It was a single point of light; no other lights were present. I am an amateur astronomer and have witness many things in the Heavens, but this was the strangest event so far in my life."

**Gilbert, Arizona**  
**1/8/01**

"The object was the shape of a sombrero saucer, bigger than an airplane, very quiet but moving. It had all the same size and shaped lights on the bottom of the craft. They were very bright like street lights put together. The color of the craft was very bright. This is a detailed description of my eight year olds eyewitness report to me after she was jumping on her trampoline after dark. She was very emotional after this event and that's why I am posting this listing."



## **Giant Green Fireball Lights Up Western U.S. From UFO Roundup**

On Thursday, January 11, 2001, at 9:53 p.m., a gigantic green fireball lit up the night sky in the USA west of the Mississippi River and was seen by hundreds of witnesses. The glowing object first appeared in the eastern sky and was reported by people in North Dakota and South Dakota. According to Peter B. Davenport, director of the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, the "giant green fireball was seen from locations in Colorado, Montana, Wyoming, New Mexico, Arizona," plus North Dakota and South Dakota. Various reports "were inconsistent" in agreement on the flight path of the object, Davenport added, "And some credible reports suggest that more than one object may have been seen." Several witnesses in Boulder, and (elsewhere) in northern Colorado, report that the apparent diameter of the fireball was approximately equal to two diameters of the full moon." "One witness in north central Kansas was looking almost due west when he allegedly witnessed the fireball, (which was) approximately equal in size to his thumb held at arm's length. It descended almost vertically to the horizon." "Other witnesses report the object reaching the horizon but no one reported hearing a sonic boom." Also, the same evening, residents of Rockford, Illinois reported "witnessing three to 23 lights" over the city at about 9 p.m. "The lights moved in a variable formation and drifted across the sky for approximately 20 to 30 minutes" Rockford, Ill. was the site of a previous UFO overflight in February of the year 2000.

## **Triangular UFO Sighted in Southeastern Ohio From UFO Roundup**

On Wednesday, January 10, 2001, a witness in Wilmington, Ohio "reported that at around 3:5 to 3:7 a.m., a huge boom was heard and 'felt'." Nothing was seen but the witness heard another distant boom, much the way thunder echoes." On Thursday, January 11, 2001, at about 6:30 p.m., two adults and a four-year-old child from Jefferson

County, Ohio were driving "north on (Ohio) Route 151 near Steubenville," when they saw that "a bright light seemed to be moving back and forth and looked like a triangle shape" as they drew closer. "A flashing red light was said to be hovering over a tree and vanished as they approached. Suddenly, a rumbling sound became audible to the threesome."

## **Slow Moving Triangular UFO Spotted in Kentucky From UFO Roundup**

On Saturday, January 6, 2001, at 10:30 p.m., Landy Tucker was driving on Highway 101 in Clifty, Kentucky when he saw "a UFO that came from the northeast." Tucker added, "I was traveling down Highway 101 in Clifty when I noticed something in the sky. I pulled over to look at it. It made no sound but I could feel some sort of vibration as it passed over my head. I watched it for five minutes and then it disappeared over the Kentucky hills." "I don't know what it was, but I was the only person who saw it that night. It was dark in color and V-shaped but made no sound. It flew away to the west southwest." Tucker estimated that the UFO was "12 feet high, 20 feet long, 5 feet wide at the front and 10 feet wide at the back."

## **Dark Disc-shaped UFO Seen in Saginaw, Texas From UFO Roundup**

On Thursday, January 4, 2001, Doug McGinnis and a fellow worker "stepped outside at about 5 p.m." at their workplace in Saginaw, Texas, 14 miles (25 kilometers northwest of Fort Worth, "and we were stating how the sky had been very clear over the last few days when suddenly, we both noticed in the western sky a round black object which seemed to be floating slowly. It was about half the size of a thumbtack held out at arm's length. It then started moving towards the northeast and seemed to shine like a star or something reflecting light and seemed to shrink in size at times. Then it would appear round and black again. This continued for about four to five minutes and then it was gone."

## **Triangular UFO Does a Fast Flyby in California**

**From UFO Roundup**

On Sunday night, December 31, 2000, Allan Ferguson was outdoors in his hometown of Capitol, California (population 17,000) when he spotted a triangle-shaped UFO. "I saw it approaching from the north," Allan reported, "It was a flying V shape with lights on the edges. It was very high. It seemed to be among the stars. The thing suddenly took off to the south at lightning speed. The object was very high and extremely fast."

## **Large, Luminous UFO Taped in Trout Lake, Washington**

**From UFO Roundup**

The Self-Mastery Earth Institute in Trout Lake, Washington state opened its second year of UFO sightings with the taping of a large object near Mount Adams. The institute, also known as the Sanctuary, was the site of UFO events throughout the year 2000. Over 700 sightings have been reported at the ranch, located 49 miles (64 kilometers) northeast of Portland, Oregon. On Sunday, January 7, 2001, ranch owner James A. Gilliland "was driving down Little Mountain Road, which is adjacent to the Sanctuary," on the north side of the Columbia River, "when a very large luminous object caught my eye on the face of Mount Adams, which is approximately 13 miles (24 kilometers) away. It was not yet dark and the object was so bright we could not miss it." "The only possibility might be a large Snow-Cat (a snowmobile the size of a small bus--J.T.) with a bank of Halogen lights. The light was far more brilliant than any (aircraft) landing lights, yet we had to dismiss all possibilities. It was pulsing, going on and off and moving from side to side. It also moved up into the rocks, a large lava flow (on Mount Adams) that was not covered by snow. These boulders are enormous, and there is about eight feet (2.5 meters) of snow up there. The location is also in the Wilderness Area where no motorized vehicles can go." Halting the truck, Jim and his two companions got out to further observe the UFO. Jim grabbed his camcorder and began shooting footage. "I continued to film it, and all of a sudden, it took off, and another brilliant light

appeared directly above that position. It looked equally the same only now it was rising rapidly and moving towards the east." Shortly afterward, "a small jet, most likely military, was vectoring in on it. When the jet came close, it (the UFO) picked up speed and vanished. This we caught on film. As I just centered on the course of the UFO, it disappeared on the mountain." "Then the light appeared again overhead lit up brilliantly and dimmed yet again. I caught the tail end of it on film, due to the slow response of the camera. ." Jim said that ABC and FOX affiliates had visited the ranch and videotaped the phenomena. He added, "Seattle's Evening Magazine also covered the event, yet each time they had to put their twist on the story, like we were filming street lights or meteors. There are no street lights anywhere near the ranch, and 'meteors' do not hover or make right-angle turns."

## **Hovering UFO Sighted in Solon, Maine**

**from UFO Roundup**

On Wednesday, January 10, 2001, Andy Wendell reported, "At approximately 10:50 p.m., my wife happened to look out the window of our house, which faces the south-southeast, and observed a bright shimmering object about 10 to 15 degrees above the horizon. The object appeared stationary and at an unestimable distance" away from their house in Solon, Maine. "It resembled the brightest of stars that shimmer and shine (red, blue, white--A.W.) yet the object at that height above the horizon was absolutely too big to have been a star, and because of the position and the shimmering, it was not Venus. We observed the phenomenon for approximately four minutes, at which point it disappeared, probably by having traveled away from us." Andy and his wife did observe the UFO with a pair of binoculars. "It did not look like a plane, . My binoculars showed only bright and flashing lights at this distance. No definition and no movement until the lights disappeared."

## **Trio Sights Triangular UFO in Southern Germany from UFO Roundup**

On Monday, January 1, 2001, at 12:25 a.m., Dr. Jann Arende, a physician and amateur astronomer, his wife and his sister-in-law were watching the New Year's celebration fireworks from a lofty hillside in the suburbs west of Freiburg, a city in southern Germany. "The sky was almost clear and visibility quite good," Dr. Arende reported, "When walking back down the hill at about 12:25 a.m., we suddenly noticed a flickering object approaching from the east over the city of Freiburg. The object appeared somewhat oval or triangular in shape. The color was yellow or orange, with a glistening or flickering of the color across the object. It then appeared as if the object were hovering up in the sky. The size was about one-quarter of the full moon." "The object moved slowly and stealthily towards us at an approximate great height (altitude). It took one minute for the object to reach a point directly above us. We heard no sounds that we could attribute to the object. The color continued to flow across the object. When the object had reached a point roughly above us, it stopped moving and remained motionless at a point close to the star Capella in (the constellation) Auriga." "After about three to four minutes, it started to move again but it moved in a different direction and went north. The (departure) speed was similar to its speed during approach." "When the object halted above us, we started running home to get our binoculars. Viewing it as it went away, the object seemed smaller in size and retained its flowing orange color. We used 10 X 40 binoculars to observe the object.. The shape appeared to be similar to a triangle with a convex rounded base. At that point, the object disappeared behind a wall of clouds moving in from the north." "The observed event, however, was different from anything I have ever seen," he added. Freiburg is located 100 kilometers (60 miles) southwest of Stuttgart.

## **Incredible UFO Sighting Account From Chile From UFOcity.com**

January 16, 2001 - Sightings and contacts with Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO) are nothing new in Malleco Province. This sector of the 9th region has been defined by experts in the field as a "hot spot"-- a place where UFOs are frequently reported.

This account was extracted from the files of former Carabineros (Chilean state police) officer Raul Gajardo Leopold, a self-taught ufologist who for some years now has been a member of CEFAA, the Center for the Research of Anomalous Aerial Phenomena, a dependency of the Chilean Air Forces Office of Aeronautics.

### **THE STORY**

After several months, agricultural technician Jesus Martin Contreras, 40, told the amazing story that changed his world view.

In late June 1997, at approximately 19:30 hours, as darkness fell inexorably across the land and the clear skies allowed for the stars to be seen, the career worker traveled between Los Sauces to Angol by car accompanied by his friend, Purén municipal functionary Israel Luengo, 46.

With scarcely a kilometer left to go before reaching the town of Trintre on kilometer 22 of the Angol-Los Sauces highway, the car in which they traveled was moving along at some 45 km an hour and its occupants were relaxed and engaged in conversation.

"Suddenly, from the right, we could see that a luminous object was approaching us. It had very nearly a kilometer in diameter and a very bright yellow color whose center was occupied by a powerful red light source," he explained.

The witness told of how the object placed itself at a distance of some 20 meters from the car, obliquely toward the right hand side, at a 45 degree angle. Upon realizing what was going on, the driver neither increased nor lowered the car's rate of speed.

What is truly odd is the fact that as the car progressed, the object moved in the same direction without ever closing the distance between them and bathing the passengers with its glow. The

agricultural technician could see his legs and arms very clearly: "I didn't notice if my feet were also lit up, but when I turned to see my friend Luengo, I couldn't see him. I could only see a dark spot on the seat. He later told me that he couldn't see me either."

The car's occupants continued driving under these circumstances for some 300 meters until the driver pulled the vehicle over to the berm, from which they continued observing the UFO as it held its position and lit the vehicle's interior for approximately 3 minutes.

### THE INEXPLICABLE

"At one point Luengo remarked that he felt very hot, suffocatingly so. I felt neither heat nor cold," he stated.

The driver asked his companion to open the windows and when he tried to do so, discovered that the glass was stuck. Efforts at opening the door were equally fruitless. The drivers' side window and door were also inoperable. Realizing they were trapped, the phenomenon immersed the vehicle's occupants in a sea of fear. But suddenly, the luminous object pulled away and vanished from the place. The travelers, feeling much more composed, resumed their drive at some 50 kilometers an hour.

There is a very strange detail to this account: the driver, who was noted for being very well dressed and groomed, suddenly realized that his beard had grown as if he had gone unshaven for two days. "I'm positive that I was clean shaven when we set out on the trip. My own beard didn't grow," [explained the passenger]. "What happened is simply inexplicable."

"At no point did we lose consciousness. We were lucid and aware of what was going on. We suffered no physical or psychological aftereffects. At no point did the object make any noise or sounds whatsoever," he added.

Two days later, Martin met with Luengo and they discussed the events, analyzing all possible alternatives, but did not really associate them with the UFO phenomenon. "We simply couldn't come up with an answer to what had occurred."

It is worth noting that the second protagonist in this story died in 1998 as the consequence of a heart attack, but there are still doubts as to his death.

## Still No Sense in Signal

By BBC News Online science editor  
Dr. David Whitehouse

A detailed look at the point in space from where an intelligent signal might have come has revealed nothing unusual.

The observations, using the multiple radio dishes of the Very Large Array (VLA) in New Mexico, US, add to the mystery of what has been called the "Wow" event.

In August 1977, radio astronomers detected what could have been a signal from intelligent life in space. But it happened only once.

Now, two researchers, Robert Grey and Kevin Marvel, have used the VLA to look at the source location with unprecedented sensitivity. They saw nothing strange or anything that could explain the signal.

### Narrow band

The Wow signal as it has become known is often described as our best candidate for a signal from an alien intelligence in space.

On 15 August, 1977, a burst of radio waves was detected by the now dismantled Big Ear radio telescope of Ohio State University. The person who spotted it, astronomer Jerry Ehman, was so surprised that he scribbled "Wow" on the print-out.

The event had all the properties that astronomers expected in a signal from an alien intelligence. It was confined to a narrow band of frequencies and it was very close to the "hydrogen line", a natural signpost in the spectrum.

Because the Ohio telescope cannot move, it was only possible to see the signal as it passed across the telescope's field of view. From the way the signal was detected, astronomers were certain it was coming from a point on the sky.

### Mystery remains

It only lasted 72 seconds and although researchers later looked at that same patch of sky over a hundred times, they saw nothing. The signal, if it was a signal, was a one-off event.

Some researchers have said it was man-made interference but others pointed to the signal's characteristics and said it definitely came from the sky. Since 1977, other radio astronomers have looked at that spot on the sky in the hope of a repeat performance, but to no avail.



The latest series of observations, described in the current issue of the *Astrophysical Journal*, are more than a 100 times more sensitive than the original Ohio observations.

Grey and Marvel see two faint radio sources at the position that Wow came from but both are nothing unusual.

So, the mystery of the Wow signal remains.

## **The Arkansas Incident**

**From Citizens Against UFO Secrecy**  
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The UFO Crash in Roswell, New Mexico in 1947 is rightfully considered the paramount case thus far experienced by the public in the history of the UFO enigma. Yet, there was another disc recovery disclosed to me in 1994, and it apparently occurred in the State of Arkansas in October/November, 1946.

A former United States Army Air Force Private stationed at Wright Patterson A. F. B., recently came out of the closet and disclosed his experience witnessing a recovered disc which was being stored at building 18 (not yet called Hangar 18). The Private was delivering documents to the building when a friend in his unit, on guard duty asked him if he wanted to see a strange craft stored in the building. He followed him inside and to his surprise, a disc shaped object was sitting on the deck. It was 15 feet in diameter and about 7 feet in width. He said it looked like two soup bowls sealed together. In the center was an 18 inch divider with 10 x 15 inch rectangular "windows" set about 8 to 10 inches apart circling the disc.

The guard told the Private that several scientists were attempting to gain entry into the interior. They tried to use a diamond drill to penetrate the "glass" yet the drill had no effect on the clear material. There were no visual doors or entry hatches. No insignias, flags, no writing, no numbers. The material appeared to be a mold of one continuous material. It appeared to be brushed aluminum yet it wasn't. The body inside and out had no weld seams, no rivets, no apparent joining of the skin. They both looked into the interior and did not see anything of apparent interest. No control panels, no seats, no hatches, no entities, nothing. A cylinder was in the center and its wall was about 6 feet from the window. The cylinder was about 3 feet in diameter and possibly housed the power unit.

The Private was a Clerk Specialist assigned to interview and classify new recruits to their specialty school on base. The base Commander was Colonel Nathan Twining who would years later be the Chairman of the Joints Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon.

## **Researchers Using Lasers to Scope Out Life in Universe**

**From SpaceNews**

(Original source: Christian Science Monitor)

The Christian Science Monitor (CSM) recently reported that U.S. astronomers are building the nation's first telescope for the sole purpose of searching for E.T.'s optical beacon, thinking that an advanced civilization would use powerful laser beams rather than microwave signals to make contact with other life.

Currently under construction at the Harvard-Smithsonian Oak Ridge Observatory in Harvard, Mass., the 72-inch telescope is one of several efforts to find out once and for all if we are alone in the Universe.

"We've got organic molecules in space, we've got planetary systems, we have life right away on Earth, and microbial life in extreme environments on our planet," Harvard University astrophysicist Paul Horowitz told CSM. "What do you need to convince yourself that this is a normal phenomenon?"

Though no communication with molecules or microbes has been attempted, the galaxy has been around long enough for life to exist and to have evolved to technological levels that could possibly exceed our own.

Scientists searching for extraterrestrial intelligence (SETI) have used radio telescopes for years, looking for signals from alien civilizations. Those efforts will no doubt continue. However, Dr. Horowitz, who heads the new telescope project says that many in the SETI community have come to appreciate the promise that light may hold for making first contact.

"Optical wavelengths have a lot of advantages that would make lasers the method of choice," Horowitz told CSM. "A laser beam, for example, can pack more information than radio. Although galactic dust would block long-haul communications, visible light "works well for regional and local calling" - out to about 1,000 light years."

If humans have the ability to build laser transmitters, it would be easy for more advanced cultures to do the same.

If scientists used the 10-meter Keck scopes in Hawaii to send billionth-of-a-second laser pulses, Horowitz finds that the scopes beam would shine 1,000 times brighter than our sun. Therefore, another 10-meter telescope 1,000 light years away would have no problem picking up the signals. Astronomers estimate that within that distance the sky holds roughly a million sun-like stars.

Because Congress banned the use of federal funds for SETI work in 1993, optical projects remain privately funded. The Planetary Society is funding \$350,000 toward Horowitz's project.

Optical communications between solar systems is not a new thing. In 1958 Arthur Shawlow and Charles Townes announced their invention of the laser. Three years later they published a paper in the journal *Nature* describing how lasers could be used for SETI work. However, the U.S. did not take on the concept as a means of searching for other civilizations.

According to Stuart Kingsley, an electronics engineer who has long championed optical SETI efforts, the reasons were technological prejudices in the SETI community in the 1960s and 1970s. During those two decades, the Russians were using telescopes to look for optical signals from beyond our solar system, while SETI efforts in the US were focused on using large radio telescopes. Dr. Kingsley has spent nearly 11 years developing a back yard optical SETI observatory, using a 10-inch amateur telescope.

Kingsley and Monte Ross, who heads a laser-communications company in St. Louis, are hoping to pull together a relatively inexpensive package of detectors and software that would allow amateur astronomers to take part in a coordinated, Internet-linked optical-SETI project.

Louis Friedman, executive director of the Planetary Society in Pasadena, California, is not surprised that despite their efforts the researchers have found nothing. Over the long term, he says, he gives search efforts a 50-50 chance of success.

However the payback would be huge. "The discovery that we're not alone, that there are other beings close enough to us to have communications technology? There would be few moments like it in human history," he told CSM.

## **First 'Philadelphia Experiment' Crew Reunion - 'It Never Happened'**

**By Lacy McCrary  
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ATLANTIC CITY -- The truth is out here. It is in a hospitality room of a boardwalk hotel, with some old salts sitting around white-clothed tables laughing at reports that their ship was involved in a top-secret World War II experiment.

Sailors who served on the USS Eldridge, the ship that legend says vanished briefly in 1943 at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, met here this week for their

first reunion in 53 years and spent part of their time joking about the so-called Philadelphia Experiment.

The Eldridge, they said yesterday, may well have been invisible to Philadelphia because it was never in Philadelphia.

The ship's log and several veterans who were on the ship from its launching on July 25, 1943, at Port Newark, N.J., say it called on many East Coast ports, but never Philadelphia.

Two movies, two books and several Web sites have kept the myth about the Eldridge alive. As the story goes, the destroyer escort was surrounded by a greenish fog, disappeared for a few minutes, and then reappeared.

But none of the veterans believes it.

"I think it's somebody's pipe dream," said Ed Wise, 74, of Salem, Ind.

Ted Davis, 72, of Grand Island, Neb., was more emphatic. "It never happened," he said.

Bill Van Allen, 84, who was executive officer and then captain of the Eldridge in 1943 and 1944, said he never saw any sign of experiments aboard the ship. "I have not the slightest idea how these stories got started," said Van Allen of Charlotte, N.C.

These former sailors said they sometimes had fun pretending the experiment actually occurred. "When people would ask me about it, I would play along with them and tell them I disappeared. After a while they realized I was pulling their legs," said Ray Perrino, 72, of Cranston, R.I.

None of the 15 at the reunion could explain why writers picked their ship, out of the thousands that sailed in the war, as the site of invisibility experiments. Frankly, some are tired of being asked about it.

"We can't wait to put it to rest. We can't because it keeps coming up," Davis said. "I'm still asked about it now, mostly by younger people."

"I have a Pennsylvania auto license DE-173 [the designation and number of the Eldridge], and every once in a while somebody will stop and ask me if it was really true," said Mike Perlstein, 72, of Warminster.

"I tell them I know nothing about it. I've seen the movie, and it's a good movie, but there's no truth to it," Perlstein said.

The Navy said it had received so many inquiries through the years about the Philadelphia Experiment -- the title of a 1984 movie, a 1993 sequel and two books -- that it prepared and sends out a fact sheet.

The Navy said the myth dated to 1955 with the publication of *The Case for UFO's* by the late Morris K. Jessup. It said Jessup later received letters from a Carlos Miguel Allende, who gave a New Kensington, Pa., address, and claimed he witnessed the ship becoming invisible from another vessel. Allende also said the ship

was "teleported" to and from Norfolk, Va., in a few minutes with some terrible after effects for crew members.

Questions about the experiment probably arose from "quite routine" research at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard during the war, according to the Navy fact sheet.

"It was believed the foundation for the apocryphal stories arose from degaussing [demagnetizing] experiments which have the effect of making a ship undetectable or 'invisible' to magnetic mines," the Navy said.

But the Navy said it had never conducted invisibility experiments, either in 1943 or at any other time.

The legend says the ship became invisible on July 22, 1943, but ship records and the veterans say it was not launched until July 25. The second experiment, in which the Eldridge was sent to Norfolk and back to Philadelphia, was supposed to have occurred on Oct. 28, 1943. The ship's log says it was at the Brooklyn Navy Yard on that date, but did spend two days in the Norfolk Navy Yard in November 1943.

The gray-haired men, some wearing baseball caps with "USS Eldridge" printed on them, chuckled as they ribbed one another about the mental problems the crew supposedly suffered from the experiments.

"The only part of the book I think is true is the part about the crew being a little crazy," said Ed Tempany, 75, of Carteret, N.J. He referred to *The Philadelphia Experiment: Project Invisibility* by William L. Moore in consultation with Charles Berlitz.

"When I get home I'm going to apply for disability," Perrino said, with a smile.

"Beam me up, Scotty," said Tempany.

## Classic UFO Cases: UFO at Falcon Lake

Near Falcon Lake  
Whiteshell Provincial Park  
Manitoba, Canada  
20 May 1967  
12:15 p.m.

During Victoria Day week-end, Canadian Stephen Michalak of Winnipeg, a mechanic by trade, decided to do some prospecting in the Whiteshell Provincial Park. Michalak was an amateur geologist and had been prospecting in the area many times. Others had found several quartz veins near Falcon Lake that were associated with silver deposits, and Michalak had himself found a few promising sites. So, on May 19, 1967, he traveled from Winnipeg to Falcon Lake, where

he spent the night in a motel on the Trans-Canada Highway.

Michalak left his motel at 5:30 that morning and headed north into the wilds of the park. At about 9:00 a.m. he found a quartz vein near a small stream. At 11:00 a.m. he ate lunch, then continued to examine the quartz formation. At 12:15 p.m. Michalak's concentration was disturbed by the cackling of some geese. He looked up and was surprised to see two red, glowing cigar-shaped objects descending at a forty-five degree angle. As they came nearer, their appearance became more oval and then disc-shaped.

As he watched, one of the objects stopped and hovered, while the other one descended and landed on a large, flat rock about 160 feet away from him. After a few moments the object still in the air departed, changing from red to orange to gray as it flew into the west and disappeared behind the clouds. The object on the ground also turned from red to gray and finally to the color of "hot stainless steel" surrounded by a golden-hued glow. He had been wearing welding goggles while chipping at the quartz to protect his eyes from flying rock fragments, and now they served the additional purpose of protecting his eyes from a brilliant purple light that was shining through openings in the object's exterior. The object was making a hissing sound and a whirring noise, and it gave off a sulphurous smell.

For several minutes, Michalak stayed where he was and sketched the object. After about half an hour, a door opened in the side of the object, revealing a lighted interior. Michalak decided to move closer, and when he was approximately sixty feet away from the object, he began to hear two voices over the other sounds coming from the object.

Believing that the object was a secret experimental American craft of some sort, Michalak called out in English. There was no response, so he tried Russian, German, Italian, French, Ukrainian, and then English again. There was still no response.

Summoning his nerve, Michalak approached the open door and stuck his head inside. There he saw a *maze of lights on what appeared to be a panel, and beams of light in horizontal and diagonal patterns. There was also a cluster of lights flashing in a random sequence "like on a computer."*

Not seeing anyone, he pulled back and waited. Suddenly, three panels slid together, closing the opening completely. Michalak then examined the outer surface of the object, noting that it was like highly polished colored glass with no breaks or seams in its surface. He touched it, and it melted his glove.

Without warning, the object moved, and something like an exhaust vent was now in front of him. It was about nine inches high by six inches wide, and

contained a uniform pattern of round holes, each about 1/16 inch in diameter. A blast of hot gas shot from these holes onto his chest, setting his shirt and undershirt on fire and causing him severe pain. He tore off his burning garments and threw them to the ground. He looked up in time to see the craft depart like the first, and felt a rush of air as it ascended.

After the object was gone, Michalak noticed a strong odor of burning electrical insulation along with the sulphurous smell he had noticed earlier. Some moss on the ground had been set on fire by his burning shirts, and so he stamped it out.

The spot where the object had landed looked as if it had been swept clean, but piled up in a 15 foot circle was a collection of pine needles, dirt and leaves. As he looked around, he developed a severe headache, became nauseous, and broke out in a cold sweat. His nausea became worse, and he soon vomited. He decided to head back to the motel, and on the way back he had to stop several times because of vomiting.

Finally, after asking for help from a passing RCMP officer and being refused, he reached the motel. At 4:00 p.m., he entered the coffee shop and asked where he could find a doctor. He was told that the nearest doctor was in Kenora, Ontario, 45 miles east of Falcon Lake. Michalak decided to return to Winnipeg rather than go into Ontario.

The next bus to Winnipeg didn't come through until around 8:45 p.m., so he went to his room and called his wife. He told her not to worry, but that he had had an accident and to send their son to meet him at the bus terminal. He got to Winnipeg at around 10:15 p.m., and his son immediately took him to the Misericordia Hospital, where his headache and nausea were treated and the curious burn marks on his chest in the shape of Over the course of the next two years, Michalak was examined by more than one dozen physicians in the United States and Canada. Site investigations were made by members of the RCMP, RCAF, government officials and numerous civilians. Among those who traveled back to the site with Michalak were representatives of: the RCAF (Royal Canadian Air Force) Training Command Headquarters, CFB (Canadian Forces Base) Winnipeg, RCMP CID (Criminal Investigations Division); the federal Department of Health and Welfare, and the Manitoba provincial Department of Health and Welfare. Also, the University of Colorado Condon Committee investigated the case, Life magazine reporters came to Manitoba and two civilian UFO groups, APRO (Aerial Phenomena Research Organization) and CAPRO (Canadian APRO), became involved. Finally, the federal Department of Mines and Natural Resources got involved to a degree, as did the Whiteshell Nuclear Research Establishment

(WNRE), the Manitoba Cancer Institute, the Mayo Clinic, and a host of other medical establishments.

## Your Guide: Sedona

From About.com

On every continent there are places, sometimes called vortices, that have gained a reputation for being the sites of frequent UFO sightings and paranormal events.

In the United States, there are several of these "anomaly zones". The best known is probably the area off the coast of Florida that is known as the Bermuda Triangle, but there are others that are well-known to students of ufology and of the paranormal. Some of the better known ones are Sedona, Arizona; the San Luis Valley in Southern Colorado and Northern New Mexico; Pine Bush and the Hudson Valley in New York; and the Uinta Basin in Eastern Utah.

Sedona, Arizona sits in a valley surrounded by red rock canyons, buttes and spires that give it an almost otherworldly look. Local landmarks have names like Boynton Canyon, Bell Rock, Cathedral Rock, and Airport Mesa. There are cliff dwellings of the vanished Anasazi near here, and the large Anasazi settlements of Chaco and Four Corners are not far away. It is said that the Native Americans believed that Sedona was the center of the universe and that to them it was sacred land to be used only for special rites and ceremonies. To them, and to the New Agers who flock there today, Sedona is a place where the energies of the Earth converge, a place of power or a *vortex*.

In 1876, the first white settlers arrived Arizona's Verde Valley, of which Sedona is a part. The Native American inhabitants of the valley were not happy with the encroachment of the whites and fought back strongly. They could not prevail against the U.S. Army, however, and were finally forced to move south to the San Carlos Reservation.

By 1902, there were still only 20 families due to the remoteness of the area and to the lack of water in sufficient quantity. In a few years, a postal station was opened by T.C. Schnebly, who began delivering the mail. His wife's name was Sedona, and in her honor he named his new post office, Sedona.

In 1947, the water problem was solved by a man named Carl E. Williams, a geologist and well driller from Oregon. Williams had developed painful arthritis and had been advised by his doctor to move to a warm, dry climate. Everyone told Williams that there was no water under Sedona, but Williams refused to listen. From studying the geological evidence, he believed



there was a large water table at 500 feet and, in 1947 he proved it, changing Sedona forever.

In the 1930's, many artists were attracted by the beauty of Sedona, including the surrealist, Max Ernst. Richard Dannely, who has written extensively about the "vortices" at Sedona, says he learned that Ernst had published a book in French that relates his unusual experiences at Sedona during the time he lived there in the 1930s.

Dannely also says that the earliest date he can place on the "discovery" of the Sedona vortices is 1963, when the founders of the Rainbow Ray Focus established their center next to the Airport Vortex.

Gary Hart of Bloomington, Ill., an investigator of "hyperdimensional" phenomena, has investigated the Sedona area extensively, and he believes there is an "interdimensional doorway" there, as well as at other U.S. locations and elsewhere in the world.

"People in Russia say they're very clear that we are contacting other civilizations and they say that we as humans need to open up to this. We have to get past the fear factor," Hart said. "There are places like this where people can actually see into the next dimension. Some of this is very angular in nature. If you stand in one spot, you see things out around it that you cannot see 100 feet away."

During the 1970s and 1980s, Sedona's image as a center of New Age activity grew, and it burst onto the national consciousness at the time of the "Harmonic Convergence" in August, 1987.

In recent years, Sedona has become known as the site of frequent UFO sightings. The objects seen most frequently there are the "ball of light" type UFOs rather than those that resemble metallic craft.

Some of the local residents have seen so many lights and helicopters at places like Secret Canyon that they believe the military has built a secret base in the area. Some folks claim the secret base is operated by the United Nations.

Glenn Campbell, the *Desert Rat* of Area 51 fame, made a visit to Sedona to check it out, and he found beautiful countryside surrounding a city in which: "The free-wheeling entrepreneurship in Sedona also reminds of a busy market in the Third World, just outside a holy shrine, where fakirs, soothsayers and vendors of religious icons hawk their services. Nearly every business selling crystals, tours and psychic services is a mom-and-pop operation. Money flows freely, but competition is intense and every vendor works very hard to talk the New Age talk that will make the sale. Most of what is being sold is hokum, of course, but that only adds to Sedona's charm."

Your guide hasn't found an exceptional number of "good" UFO sightings on record for the Sedona area, if

one counts the mysterious "balls of light" as a paranormal phenomenon (or a tectonic one) rather than a UFOlogical one. By "good" UFO sightings, I mean objects that appear to be craft piloted by intelligent beings. Even so, there certainly seem to be phenomena at Sedona that merit further study.

## Dead seas

**As temperatures rise, the fate of ocean life hangs in the balance**

**By Peter Hadfield  
New Scientist Magazine**

GLOBAL warming may be creating a "dead zone" in the Sea of Japan. Rising temperatures are shutting down a circulation process that is crucial to life there, say researchers in Japan, and the same problem could affect oceans across the planet.

In winter, oxygen-rich surface water in the Sea of Japan becomes colder than the water below and sinks, taking oxygen with it. The oxygen encourages the growth of bacteria that break down organic matter falling to the seabed. At the same time, the current brings inorganic matter up from the depths, which plant plankton feed on.

When this convection current was first measured in the 1930s, its effects were felt more than 2500 meters below the surface. But Yoon Jong-Hwan, a South Korean marine physicist at the Research Institute for Applied Mechanics on the Japanese island of Kyushu, says the current is now so weak that it doesn't reach down beyond a few hundred meters.

Meanwhile, the oxygen level at 2500 meters is falling at a rate that would reduce it to zero within 350 years. This would choke off life at the bottom of the food chain and extinguish species higher up.

Yoon believes the culprit is global warming. During the past 50 years the average temperature around the northern Sea of Japan has increased by between 1.5 and 3 °C. The surface water stays warmer in winter, which weakens convection currents. Oceans might be affected too, says Yoon. "I suspect the same problem is happening in the open ocean, but we can't find evidence [elsewhere] of convection currents being stopped at the bottom," he says.

Yoon warns that if ocean waters start to circulate less efficiently, the problem will rapidly get worse. As the convection system weakens, fewer inorganic nutrients are brought up from the bottom, cutting off a key food supply for plankton. Not only do plankton form the base of the food chain for the entire ocean, they are also a major carbon dioxide sink. Without them, global warming would accelerate, winding down circulation systems even further.

Other researchers say more work is needed to find out how ocean currents are affected by global warming. "We're now initiating a major program in Britain to study this," says Adrian New of the Southampton Oceanography Center. With

his colleague Jochem Marotzke, he plans to investigate whether rising temperatures around the North Atlantic are affecting the ocean's circulation.

## Scientists to Scour Space for Evidence of Alien Life

By David Montgomery  
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The Scotsman

January 22, 2001 - SCIENTISTS are to scour the galaxy with a powerful purpose-built telescope in a bid to detect alien life in outer space, it will be announced today.

It will be the first ever telescope built with the sole aim of picking up signals from aliens.

The researchers will also be able to create a laser, whose beam is 5,000 times brighter than the Sun, which could be used to "talk" with any life forms detected.

Until now most of the efforts of the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI) project have concentrated on listening for radio signals around the galaxy.

One such scheme was funded by Steven Spielberg, who following the release of his Oscar-winning movie ET, gave £60,000 (British pounds) to the project.

However, the new 1.8m Optical SETI Telescope, now under construction at Harvard University, Massachusetts, will be used to scan the sky for pulsed laser signals.

Professor Paul Horowitz, of Harvard University and the project leader, said the combination of the high-intensity pulsed laser - effectively an interstellar beacon - and the powerful telescope would vastly improve their chances of making contact with other life forms.

"The new Optical SETI Telescope will allow us to search the entire northern sky for such signs of intelligent life elsewhere in the galaxy," he said.

"Using only this technology, we could now generate a beamed laser pulse that appears 5,000 times brighter than our Sun, as seen by a distant civilization in the direction of its slender beam.

"In other words, interstellar laser communication is altogether practicable."

Prof Horowitz and his team have designed the customized telescope, which is to be housed in an observatory at Harvard.

Once operational, the new observatory will search for brief pulses of light, covering the entire northern sky once every 200 clear nights.

Its special camera will stare at a strip of sky with an array of 1,024 ultra fast detectors, seeking flashes of light as short as a billionth of a second.

The announcement will be made today by the Planetary Society in San Jose, California, which is funding the project £230,000 (British pounds) grant.

The search for extraterrestrials was pursued by NASA until the early 1980s when budgetary problems forced the space

agency to cancel the building of the world's largest radio to search for alien civilizations.

The Planetary Society and the SETI Institute now lead the hunt for alien life - the new telescope will be the twelfth SETI project sponsored by the society since it was formed in 1980.

Other projects include several radio telescope searches and the internationally popular SETI@home project - where more than 2.6 million members of the public let their home computers be used to help process SETI data.

Radio signals travel throughout most of our Milky Way galaxy with very little interference. They even pass through thick clouds of dust that prevent us from seeing many stars.

Most scientists who have looked into the problem of communicating between stars believe that radio is the easiest and cheapest way to search for life.

But the new project will search for narrowband laser pulse SETI signals, an idea first suggested by Nobel prize winner Charles Townes of the University of California, Berkeley.

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