

## Stanton Friedman Lecture a Success !

### Words From the State Director



What a great presentation by Stanton Friedman! Although his September 22<sup>nd</sup> talk at Henry Ford Community College didn't sell out, MIMUFON did turn a small profit of a few hundred dollars, including the store, and the organization picked up a couple of new members and got some visibility. Thank you to Jay Korinek and our other friends at WHFR, as well as all of our MIMUFON volunteers for all your hard work at making this event successful.

A limited number of DVDs of Friedman's presentation will be available at our November meeting for \$10. Thank you Gary Golem and David Twichell for producing the DVD. Also, MIMUFON Store Manager and Field Investigator Patty Donahue gave a stunning presentation on her personal UFO and other paranormal experiences at Mystiques West in Westland on October 6. Way to go, Patty.

I will also be presenting at Mystiques West on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. My topic will be UFO encounters with aliens who appear to be human (men-in-black, hybrids, and even the milab phenomenon). Some really bizarre stuff. Presentation begins at 6:30pm and tickets are \$10.

Our presenters for our upcoming November 4 meeting at Walli's East will be biophysicist Dr. William C. Levengood, assisted by Marilyn Ruben (of abduct.com). Levengood will be covering some of the highlights of his many years of research into orbs, crop circles (for which he is world famous), and subtle energies.

Our morning Field Investigator training will begin at 10am with a group review of some interesting recent cases. Hope to see you there.

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Our membership for 2008 will remain at \$25 per household and meeting admission will remain \$13 for members and \$15 for non-members. Please consider this November meeting a good opportunity to renew for another great year.

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Lastly, for those of you who were aware that all my email (over 8000 messages) mysteriously disappeared from the online server where I access it on October 2<sup>nd</sup> ...well...it all came back, exactly two weeks later. In my conversations with the company who hosts my email, they claim that they didn't have anything to do with my emails disappearance, that they were unable to retrieve it for me when I asked them to please help me with that and, when it all came back, that they couldn't take credit for that, either. Very strange, indeed. In any case, I can still be reached at [wjk@mimufon.org](mailto:wjk@mimufon.org). My email forwards somewhere else, now.

See you at Walli's East on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> for Dr. William C. Levengood and Marilyn Ruben.



## Romney and Giuliani Get Asked About UFOs on the Campaign Trail

**Bill Konkolesky**  
State Director Michigan MUFON Inc



An opportunity to bring up the topic of UFOs to a high-profile politician, especially one running for our nation's highest elected office, is simply something anyone serious about governmental UFO disclosure should not pass up.

I am not speaking here of the highly laudable hard work of organized efforts like the Disclosure Project or Exopolitics movement, either, but stressing that a little help from the MUFON man or woman on the street during the Presidential campaign season might just go a long way to aid the cause.

I begin on a personal note. When I heard that Republican Presidential contender, former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney, would be visiting a local diner during my work lunch hour to shake hands and ask for votes, I was there.

It was the late morning of October 10<sup>th</sup> as I entered Jimi's Restaurant in Royal Oak Michigan, a suburb of Detroit. An individual greeted me at the door and asked if I'd please wear a sticker in support of the candidate. Although I am uncommitted to any candidate at the moment, I duly applied the sticker as I saw this as a way to make me more approachable, especially since I was sporting a notably casual appearance, that day.

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# Former Ohio Resident Relates 1963 Sighting

By David Twichell

A former Ohio teacher, Mr. Raymond Gottfried, now residing in Florida, happened to catch my radio show on the web and emailed me with his following 1963 sphere-shaped UFO sighting:

Hello David,

This message is coming to you from northwest side of Tampa, FL. My name is Ray D. Gottfried. I have been down here from northwest Ohio since Dec. of 2000. I lived in Ohio 65 years and now I am 72 years young. Since 1961 my wife Sally & I lived six miles north of the village of Upper Sandusky, exactly half way between the towns of Toledo and Columbus, Ohio, in the rural farm land of the area.

We were both teachers in the Public School system. North of our country home about 3 miles lived another young teacher named Donald Roszman. In heading to his school in the morning of April 23, 1963 on a dense foggy roadway, he collided with the back of a stone-hauling dump truck and was killed in the accident.

On April 26, 1963, at 6:30 p.m. we left the house to go to the Funeral Home in Upper Sandusky for visiting the family of the deceased teacher. In approaching our car on our driveway, we noticed a large faded Orange sphere positioned above a neighbor's house - a distance of about two miles east of our location. We both stood looking at it for 3 or 4 minutes, trying to figure out what it was. No Sun or Moon above this house at 6:30 P.M. We got in our car and instead of going straight south to Upper Sandusky, we turned east toward State route 53 north. As we quickly traveled the two miles, the Orange sphere held steady over this house. As we stopped at route 53, as quick as one could snap their thumb & finger, suddenly it went horizontally east to the point of infinity- about 7 miles distance that would put it over the village of Sycamore, Ohio all in 3 to 5 seconds!!! Then, Sally says wait, it is coming back towards us. And it was and gaining a higher altitude at the same time. In only a couple seconds it was directly over head of us with our car on State route 53. Having the window down, I looked up and the sphere had two very bright lights pointing down to earth! I immediately headed directly west toward the crossroad intersection at our home. I estimate that at route 53, the sphere's height at nearly 30,000 ft. The UFO round Sphere traveled out of our sight in the western horizon so fast before we could even get 1/2 mile west on county road 4!

All together time wise, we had this UFO in our sight for about 12 minutes total time. Nothing in the USA had any speed range to match its speed in 1963! And not any today - well, maybe the Space shuttle rockets..??!!

We had the car windows down during those 12 minutes and there was no movement sounds being heard at all from that sphere! Totally silent to our ears. And then on to the Funeral Home. We did not report to any local county sheriff's office the sight that Sally and I had witnessed. Nor to the local newspaper office. But what we saw, truly existed on that evening.

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This farm home owned by Larry & Jennie Sweigard & they were unaware that we had witnessed this scene and possibly were not even home at the time.

This past June, 2007, we were back visiting the area. I took several pictures of this house across the fields. To the photos I have added round Orange spheres to show what the scene was that we witnessed. From the Courthouse photo, the front is to the left side. The street that is in front of the courthouse runs north & south. North is to the left of the picture and is state route 53 running north to Tiffin, Ohio. The top photo is from county road 4- a distance of about 1,000 feet to the south side of the house. I would estimate the Orange sphere to be about 26 to 30 ft. in diameter. Sphere's height above the land- about 135 feet. I taught Industrial Arts for 30 yrs, so am always dealing in measurements! These photos were all taken around 1:30 pm. during bright sun. This house is 300+ Ft. west of route 53 (which you can see to the far right of the front of the house - 2 spots).

Top: Ray & Sally in 1963,  
lower pic Ray & Sally in 2003.

This is not Fodder for the Comedians, but true and factual information from the hearts of Honest people!! Oh, the home is just 6 miles north of the Courthouse.

Ever hear of any other stories of a Sphere UFO?? We wonder??

Ray D. Gottfried.



## WE ARE NOT ALONE:



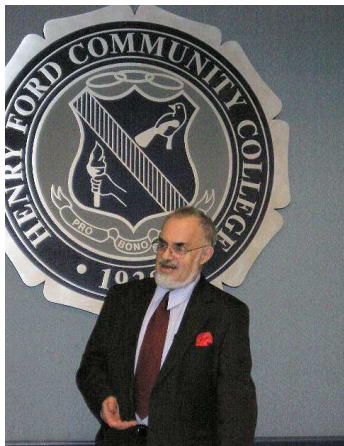
David Twichell's local cable TV show is now a one-hour radio show. Broadcast from Henry Ford Community College, **WHFR (89.3 FM)** is commercial free, non-profit, public radio - hosting the best in alternative music and programming.

**Ryan Wood, author of Majic Eyes Only.** will be the guest on **November 3rd**. **Budd Hopkins (Intruders & Witnessed)** guests on December 1st. Tune in on the first **Saturday of each month at 10:00 AM (EST)** with a new show each month. **Show repeats the next day at 5:00 PM.**

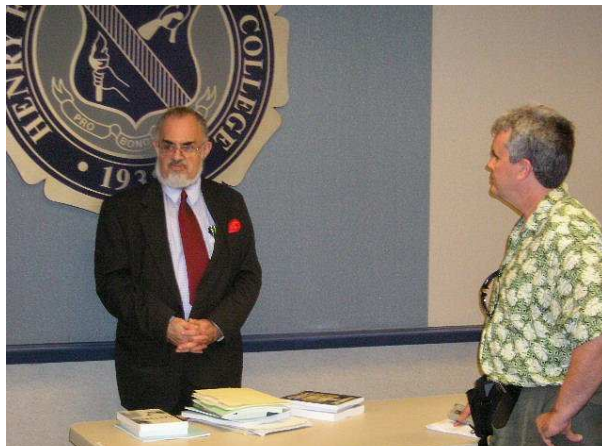
Out of the area? Go to: **WHFR.FM** and click on "tune in Live".

# Stanton Friedman Photo Album

Below are a few pictures as MiMUFON members meet and greet with Stanton Friedman before his lecture at Henry Ford Community College on September 22, 2007.



Friedman greets the press.



News Herald reporter, Klint Lowery interviews Stan.



WHFR Station Advisor & MUFON member Jay Korinek & Friedman.



Friedman & MiMUFON Newsletter Editor David Twichell.



SSD Gary Golem & wife Judy with Stan.



Michigan State Director Bill and Becky Konkolesky pose with Stan before the evening's activities.

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# SGRA's Jon Nowinski Work Hits CNN

WESTPORT, CT (4 OCT 07) – For the past several years, Jon Nowinski, the founder and director of the Smoking Gun Research Agency (SGRA) has been warning people through articles, editorials, and lectures, about the dangers of biological research labs operated by the government with terrible oversight and deadly accidents waiting to happen (and in some cases, which may have already). Finally, the mainstream media in the form of CNN has taken notice.

The SGRA is a nonprofit watchdog group researching controversial activities of the government. This has included everything from the Central Intelligence Agency's MKULTRA research into mind control to the National Security Agency's controversial eavesdropping programs used on American citizens without any Congressional oversight. Nowinski, who studied Government & Politics out of an interest for these more "hidden aspects" rather than the "textbook" government we see on a regular basis, has written numerous articles on these questionable areas of our very own government. The danger from some of these government labs is only the beginning.

Throughout the day today CNN has been broadcasting stories about the security lapses and other risks that government biological research labs are being asked to account for. During some of these broadcasts, Nowinski's research was used by producers, and some of his quotes and information was also presented in the clips. In 2002 the SGRA distributed a report to Congress entitled "The Nightmare Scenario," which outlined the very information CNN was covering this afternoon. This report received no response at the time, but in some of today's broadcasts was being used as evidence that these details were public as far back as then.

When asked this afternoon what it means to him that his information was used Nowinski responded, "I think it's good that someone's taking a look at it... but I wish it were sooner." He added, "The issues and concerns brought to attention in that report were from 2002. It hasn't been updated by our organization, and if it takes this long for them to notice what it says, I'd hate to think of where the problems have gotten to today."

Nowinski continues to conduct research into this aspect of the government, and says the SGRA is already in the process of revamping the previous report to meet current concerns. He expects that report to be available around the New Year, and hopes it gets quicker attention than the last. When asked how he felt about CNN quoting the report, he modestly replied, "at least they've held on to it this long, and someone noticed that it had meaning." We contacted CNN to ask about the inclusion of the report in their broadcasts, and they said that producers hope to follow up with Nowinski in the near future, and perhaps have him as a guest on one of the programs.

Jon Nowinski and the Smoking Gun Research Agency can be reached at [www.sgra-media.org](http://www.sgra-media.org), and if you're looking for solid, truthful, and factual-based research into a wide range of "fringe" topics, they are the source to go to.

Editor's note: The updated version of the report "The Nightmare Scenario" will be published in January 2008, and will be made available to anyone who would like a copy. Contact Jon Nowinski, Director, Smoking Gun Research Agency, 24 Oakview Circle, Westport, CT 06880-4171 [www.sgra-media.org](http://www.sgra-media.org)



## Monthly Statistical MUFON Report for August & September 2007:

CMS continues to amass sighting reports from around the globe.

In August 2007 there were 225 sightings reported to MUFON through CMS. There were 180 reports in the United States, of which 7 were from Michigan. Most impressively there were 13 Landings, Hovering, or Takeoffs reported and 25 Entities observed.

In September 2007 there were 226 sightings reported to MUFON through CMS. There were 176 reports in the United States, of which 5 were from Michigan. Most impressively there were 12 Landings, Hovering, or Takeoffs reported and 25 Entities observed.

To review the CMS data yourself go to [www.mufon.com](http://www.mufon.com) and click on "UFO Case Files" to 1.) Easily look at the Last 20 Sightings, or 2.) Do a customized search of the CMS database by date and/or location, or 3.) Logon to CMS for even more detailed UFO sighting information about your State and the World.

# U.N. to debate contact with extraterrestrial civilizations

For the first time in almost 27 years, the United Nations General Assembly will be debating the issue of establishing diplomatic relations with advanced Extraterrestrial Civilizations that may now be visiting Earth.

On December 16, 2005, a Resolution to establish a United Nations Decade of Contact was formally transmitted to the incoming President of the General Assembly, H.E. Jan Eliasson of Sweden by the Institute for Cooperation in Space (ICIS), a Non-Governmental Organization. President Eliasson was Sweden's Ambassador to the United Nations from 2000 to 2005.

Almost to the day twenty-seven years ago, on December 18, 1978, the United Nations General Assembly voted to approve decision 33/426, inviting U.N. Member States "to take appropriate steps to coordinate on a national level scientific research and investigation into extraterrestrial life, including unidentified flying objects, and to inform the Secretary-General of the observations, research and evaluation of such activities."

Then U.S. President Jimmy Carter then supported the U.N. General Assembly's decision. Carter himself had a close Encounter of the First Kind with a UFO (Night Light) in October 1969, in the company of 10 members of the Leary, Georgia Lion's Club while he was running for Governor of Georgia. Four years later, while Governor of Georgia, Carter filed a public UFO sighting report, dated September 18, 1973.

## UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF CONTACT

Former Canadian Minister of Defence, Hon. Paul Hellyer has requested that the Canadian Parliament hold hearings on the issue of relations with Extraterrestrial civilizations. On September 25, 2005, at the Toronto Exopolitics Symposium held at Convocation Hall, University of Toronto, former Minister of National Defence Hellyer stated: "UFOs, are as real as the airplanes that fly over your head."

He stated, "The United States military are preparing weapons which could be used against the aliens, and they could get us into an intergalactic war without us ever having any warning. The time has come to lift the veil of secrecy, and let the truth emerge, so there can be a real and informed debate, about one of the most important problems facing our planet today."

Over 630,000 registered journalists and 283,000 registered media outlets world-wide have downloaded a November 24, 2005 Thanksgiving Day (USA) Yahoo News story of Mr. Hellyer's request to the Canadian Parliament.

Mr. Hellyer, Canada's former Minister of Defence, supports a United Nations Decade of Contact. In the introduction to a recent book, EXOPOLITICS: POLITICS GOVERNMENT AND LAW IN THE UNIVERSE, by ICIS International Director Alfred Lambremont Webre, Mr. Hellyer writes, "To turn us in the direction of re-unification with the rest of creation Alfred Lambremont Webre is proposing a 'Decade of Contact' - an 'era of openness, public hearings, public funded research, and education about extraterrestrial reality.' That could just be the antidote the world needs to end its greed-driven, power-centered madness."

<http://www.ufodigest.com/unufo2.html>

Thanks to MiMUFON member Betty Reid for submitting this article.

**BRIDGETON, NJ** -- Charles A. Stone writes, "I was in my observatory with the intention of photographing certain nebulosity on or about October 13, 2006, at 12: 45 AM when I spotted a very bright light shining behind a tree line in the distance." Since I live in farmland, I thought it might be farm equipment but it was much brighter than any farm equipment. The light began moving slowly north and started rising less than a mile away. Within thirty seconds the light slowly rose above the tree line heading in my direction. As the object approached my neighbors house the lights went out and I thought it was gone. The suddenly, I was confronted with an enormous object clearly defined by ambient light. I thought it was crashing but as it approached my observatory it began to rise.

This thing was barely moving forward now, and could not be more than 200 feet above me, probably less. I could make out detail of rivets and bolts in its construction. As the objects rounded nose began to approach me, I was really taken back by its brightly lit windows. I was shocked to see a humanoid form moving as if it were pacing back and forth, in the large port window. As it got closer the figure moved away from the window to the center of the craft. I thought there was no one at the controls. I got the impression it was getting ready to hover as its open hatch moved directly over me and I was entertaining some negative thoughts regarding my own safety.

Details of the object are: It was at least two stories high with two large windows, port and starboard, it had a rounded nose, there were three opaque light type structures, two large turbo type structures, larger in diameter and shorter in length than those on commercial aircraft. Eight flap or stabilizer type structures aft, a very large square black container type structure protruding off center from its belly. An open hatch, and other bulky geometric shapes that I saw but I can only remember they were thick, huge, bulky with an incredible amount of drag that it could not be an aerodynamic possibility. Almost immediately I felt a surge of static electricity that tingled my face and hair on my arms and head. As its tail section was about to pass over me I quickly swung the dome and heard a low pitched roar with the sound of bacon sizzling in a frying pan. Suddenly it was gone, no sound, and I did a 360 degree search but it suddenly there was nothing there.

Thanks to Charles A. Stone. Thanks to George Filer, Filer's Files #23, 2007



# Are They Coming and If So, What Do We Do?

## by Whitley Strieber

30-Mar-2007-It is possible that the visitors are about to show up. I am not saying that this will happen, but only that this is a time when it could happen, and there are some indications that it may be about to happen.

The indications are these: First, the large number of UFO sightings around the world, capped most recently by a report that there is an active UFO on the ground in southern Somalia. Is this report true? So far, it has not been possible to follow up, and probably the only way to get confirmation would be from a US military satellite, and we can forget that. Second, the sudden upsurge in official and semi-official statements, with the latest being Gov. Fife Symington's reiteration on Good Morning America that he had seen a UFO.

So, all of the activity and public pronouncement suggest change. Interestingly, conditions within our society suggest that a basis of rational response to contact that has not been present in the past is present now. For example, this website now reaches a million people every month with its sophisticated and sensible view of the UFO and close encounter phenomena. Even five years ago, nothing like it existed. Public reaction to UFOs is now muted. The appearance of even extensive UFO activity in a given area does not cause panic or sensational press response. They are more-or-less taken for granted as a relatively benign mystery of interest to some but not most people.

This is a profile that is conducive to a more productive form of contact than has been possible in the past. It will not be the way the world at first presents itself to the visitors, but it is there, and behind it there lies the potential for a rational response.

At first, the media will likely go to all the wrong authorities: to scientists who know nothing of the history of the phenomenon and will look upon whatever is happening now as the beginning of a process of contact and not what it is, which is the culmination of many years of effort; to religious leaders who will contend that their own beliefs must be reflected in the culture of the visitors, and, if not, that they are somehow fallen, or 'not saved' or otherwise ignorant; to government officials who might make false claims about what has happened in the past; and to various UFO researchers, probably the ones with the most sensationalistic theories, or who assert their leadership most forcefully, and are therefore ego-driven and least capable.

Later, though, cooler heads will hopefully prevail, and we will begin to explore how contact can help us. Initially, this will be a matter of looking back over the past 60 years at a higher level of scientific analysis, and seeing what it has already left behind that can be of use to us. Then learning to communicate with the visitors, which will involve using our minds in a new way, and accepting that such things as what we call 'telepathy' are merely aspects of nature and perfectly detectable and measurable.

It will take human culture many years to evolve an efficient organ of communication and exchange with them, and they will not be in a hurry. There will turn out to be people, as it were, hidden away in our societies all over the world who have already been prepared and will together provide a useful beginning.

This will unfold outside of the context of current religious and governmental structures. The planet is dying, which is why the visitors are showing up now, to try to offer us a new perspective. They will not lay out a plan of action. But observing their presence, the knowledge they have left behind already, and whatever messages we can glean from early attempts at communication, will provide us with a rich new source of ideas.

Depending on how serious our situation actually is, they may intervene in the cultural milieu in some very surprising ways, by taking specific action to deflect or curtail the activities of those most unwilling to try to live in a way that will sustain the planet's functioning long term. If that happens, then we will see interventions that will cause a good deal of consternation, although I cannot even begin to guess the exact form they may take.

They will not at first address the species' various religious ideas except in very general terms, by communicating with us in triads, with a positive thrust and a negative thrust, leaving us to evolve the message by reconciling its two parts. I know that this is very, very different from the way we communicate, but it works and if they do show up it will become familiar enough.

Face-to-face communication, if the experience of close encounter witnesses so far is any example, will be extremely varied. Not only will there be many different physical forms involved, they will be presenting us with sometimes radically different views of the way they should approach us.

Imagine what it would be like on another planet if human spacefarers showed up, some from the US, others from Brazil, others from Borneo, from France, from India and China, and you can get a very minor idea of what this will be like.

What we are apt to see are many different variants of known forms as well as some we have never seen, or hardly seen, and some of these will be quite frightening, with a combination of toughness and capabilities that will make it very hard to face them. But not impossible.

I did it alone in the woods in the middle of the night, so it certainly can be done.

There are also going to be more human forms. It turns out that physical evolution follows similar patterns on worlds with similar mineral content and similar stars. There is something about the stars themselves that determines what sort of creature will evolve on their planets, and so the mix of forms is tremendous, but also strangely familiar, and, in some cases, shockingly so.

People ask me what I will do under the circumstances of contact. I already know my role, very precisely. I will not volunteer myself, but I do have a lot of knowledge that will be freely available to anybody who asks. I am not ego-driven, in the sense that I will want to take some place that I might think I deserve.

In this, we are all equal. Nobody knows much more than another and nobody deserves any special place in regard to the contact process. Those who seek to impose their presence between the visitors and the rest of us will find that they have made a grave mistake, in that they will be among the first human beings called to task for violating laws created elsewhere, that now also pertain to us.

What I will be eager to do is to help evolve effective human institutions of contact. These will be scientific and cultural. In my work on this subject in fiction and in the movies, I am already struggling with the cultural aspect. I am not trying to use fiction to disguise what I believe to be factually true, but to offer stories that are emotionally true, and give a taste of the wonder, fear and sense of question the actual experience involves.

Once contact comes, my primary work will change. It will be to offer perspectives and guidance in the development of a useful scientific response to this new model of the universe, as an entity that contains a certain amount of intelligent life beyond our own, and knowledge associated with it that we can integrate into our own understanding.

This is what I have been unable to do so far, because official denial has led to a broader culture of denial within educated human circles. Right now, it is as dangerous to a scientist's career to propose that money be spent on the study of UFOs as it was in the fifteenth century for him to propose that the earth revolves around the sun.

But the earth does revolve around the sun, and when we faced that reality, we embarked upon a five hundred year journey into science that has culminated in all the magnificent knowledge we possess today.

Similarly, when science acknowledges that the visitors are real and therefore that communication with them and use of the knowledge we get from that is possible, a second, and even greater scientific revolution will unfold.

At the end of the first scientific revolution, we are sending instantaneous messages around the world, feeding billions more than we ever dreamed possible, flying, and doing so much more. It has been a triumph.

The next scientific revolution begins when the scientific community acknowledges that other intelligence is here and that it has unknown origins. When we look back from the perspective of another five hundred years, we will find that this second scientific revolution has been even more profound, and the triumph great beyond the most hopeful imaginings of today.

Source & References:

<http://www.unknowncountry.com/journal/>

Thanks to MiMUFON members Betty Reid and John Castle for both submitting this article.



"When four college professors, a geologist, a chemist, a physicist and a petroleum engineer report seeing the same UFOs on fourteen different occasions, the event can be classified as, at least, unusual. Add the fact that hundreds of other people saw these UFOs and that they were photographed, and the story gets even better. Add a few more facts - that these UFOs were picked up on radar and that a few people got a close look at one of them, and the story begins to convince even the most ardent skeptic."

(Ruppelt, Edward J., The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects, New York: Doubleday, 1956.)

# Bill Murphy's Column

It's an amazingly warm Saturday in early October; Summer is still fighting a valiant rearguard action against Fall. With the change of the seasons and the passing of two huge MUFON events, it seemed like a good time to do some reflecting on the state of the discipline.

## Thoughts from Stanton Friedman

Linda and I have had the good fortune to spend some time with others chatting at length with Stanton Friedman, both at the Denver International Symposium and when Stan came to Dearborn to present for MIMUFON. Incidentally, congratulations to Bill Konkolesky and the MIMUFON officers for their decision to bring the world's most prominent ufologist here. It's always somewhat of a financial gamble to go all-out to do something both dramatic and worthwhile, and here's hoping the effort brings in more knowledge, interest, and potential members from the local Michigan area. Stanton Friedman is always entertaining, and as he updates his core material continuously, his presentations remain fresh, even after 40 years on the ufological circuit.

As a ufologist of four decades' standing, Friedman's experiences, opinions and perspectives command especial weight. Some points in this regard should be mentioned. I was struck in his two presentations and conversation by Friedman's particular passion about ufologists going on the offensive, of not being "apologist ufologists", as one of his favorite expressions goes. Probably the greatest ufologist ever, in Friedman's considered opinion, was James McDonald, the epitome of the aggressive, scientific approach to the subject and to getting it recognized as a worthwhile scientific endeavor. Like so many of us, Friedman became interested in ufology after an encounter (in 1967) with Captain Edward J. Ruppelt's Report on Unidentified Flying Objects. While he does adduce several classic UFO photos as evidence for the reality of "flying saucers", Friedman casts a wary eye towards recent photographic evidence – any 14-year-old with a computer can create pictures that will challenge the experts. Friedman thinks his usual audiences haven't changed much over the years he's been presenting, and that there is still a great core – the middle of a "Bell Curve" – of intelligent, interested people to whom his lectures reach out on the subject. At the extremes of this Normal Distribution of people are the "True Believers" (not Friedman's words) who are convinced that aliens are everywhere, and the "skeptics" (Friedman's label), who have their heads in the sand and won't believe anything, no matter how great the evidence. Friedman seemed to me to see little difference between "skeptic" as here used and "debunker". I observed to Friedman that the current lack of intelligent skeptics – in the sense of open-minded but unconvinced scientific people who will actually look at and debate the data – results in a lowering of the level of the debate. It may be entertaining to see Stan completely overwhelm a Michael Shermer, but the latter's tactics are so puerile and argumentation so weak that nothing of real value is gained by watching such a spectacle. I asked Friedman, in the relative absence of credible and creditable skeptical criticism, who should help keep ufology rigorous, and his answer was the ufologists themselves. Something I just read this past Thursday is I think very complementary to Friedman's point. In the Spring 2007 Journal of Scientific Exploration Dr. Henry H. Bauer describes the ideal for scientific peer review: "The scientific method is not some abstract protocol for posing and answering questions, it is the concrete interactions among interested people who keep each other honest through mutual criticism based on substantive criteria. Those interactions create a 'knowledge filter' that winnows the valid from the unreliable among the mass of competing claims." ("Science: Past, Present, and Future", p. 144). It is in this spirit that I will be commenting in this and future columns.

## CMS Rankings

I want to say a few words about the practice of ranking State Directors in the MUFON UFO Journal by how well the guidelines for success in the Case Management System are followed in their respective states. First of all, I understand the importance of using quantitative metrics for performance evaluation, and Linda has recently noted that the MUFON practice of doing so goes back quite a few years, but I do think that too much emphasis is being placed upon the CMS rankings as the sole consistent, visual performance measure. I have two major points to make in this regard:

1) CMS Ranking is just one of many important criteria by which State Director performance may be judged. As a former State Co-Director, my experience is that there is much more to the job than case investigations. Media and other Public Appearances made, State Meetings held, Members Recruited and Retained, and State Newsletter Distribution are also very important. Holding International Symposia, having cases and articles published in the MUFON UFO Journal, and bringing in outstanding speakers probably does more to advance the cause of ufology and "Mufology" than getting some cases turned in per a schedule. While Michigan, and Colorado, too, as another example, rank about mid-pack in CMS rankings, their active organizations are in the forefront of promoting the interests of MUFON.

2) CMS Rankings as a "fair" metric suffer from several inherent weaknesses. Large, geographically-rich states can be placed at a disadvantage against relatively smaller states. For example, Colorado and Michigan are both large states that are split into two halves, the one by a mountain range, the other by water. The metric fails to consider the number of available investigators, and



the time each has to devote on a running basis to these tasks. Getting cases assigned within 48 hours of notification, and turned in with some conclusion within 60 days may seem appropriate measures of case management, but many cases will not lend themselves to such easy treatment. For instance, in the March 2007 MUFON UFO Journal article on “UFHs – Mexico’s Flying Humanoids”, authors Ruben Uriarte and Steven Reichmuth stated (page 5):

“For now, we have more questions than answers and must collect more data on this new phenomenon before drawing *any* [emphasis mine] conclusions.” The sightings in question occurred between March and October 1, 2000. I would argue that a State Director must plan his/her vacations with a certain degree of precognition, so as to avoid missing 48-hour deadlines on cases during their absence, and hope that most cases they get are easily-identified misperceptions of Venus or Sirius, to be able to appear at the top of the CMS list and receive favorable mention in the Journal. And I would hate to have been the fictional New Mexico MUFON State Director in 1947 when news broke about some odd wreckage scattered near a place called Roswell! The ranking therefore does not by itself guarantee the quick collection of accurate case information, and militates against careful consideration of cases, especially those that are more complicated than a simple stellar misperception. Quality may thus be sacrificed for quantity, by increasing the number of false or ill-considered conclusions. This compromises the quality of the database, the reputation of the organization, and ultimately the self-esteem of its members. Naming the State Director along with the State gives the impression, which is not always accurate, that the State Director has direct control over the prosecution of investigations.

Now, the above may seem a small matter to some, but MUFON is a volunteer organization, whose officers work in the belief they are advancing the total goals of MUFON. Each State Director has his/her own unique set of constraints, and their effectiveness in fulfilling the totality of their responsibilities depends upon numerous factors, some of which are beyond their control. Linda and I strongly believe that focusing upon only one of these major responsibilities in this manner, and holding up individual State Directors for praise or opprobrium, is not a productive strategy.

### **A Ufological Mystery**

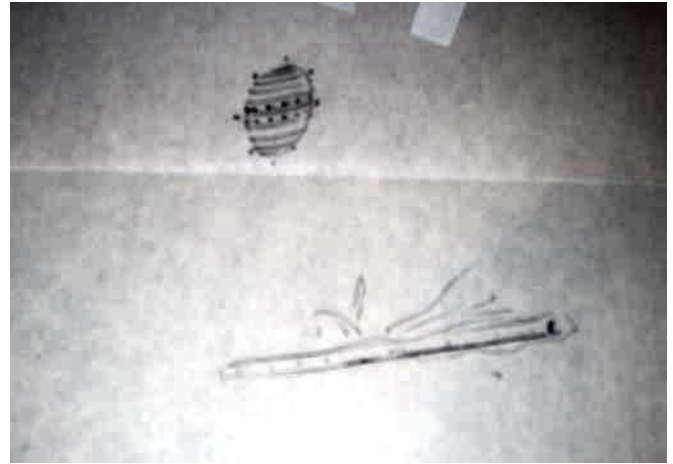
I cannot say that I have consciously ever seen anything that I, upon reflection, was able to “identify” as an “Unidentified Flying Object”. My father used to say that he didn’t “believe” in UFOs, but that he had seen some. These sightings form part of what I consider an amazing set of circumstances.

The first of my parents’ sightings occurred back in the late ‘60s or very early ‘70s, when we were driving back from a family vacation. We were nearly home, just south of Lansing, and I was driving when my father and mother both exclaimed something like “What .. did you see that?!! Look up in the sky!!” Well, I did look, as best as I could without ending the trip twenty miles too soon, but didn’t see anything. From what my father (who was, I believe, in the front seat with me), and my mother (in back, with my brother) told us, something had “swung” out of the clouds into view like it was on the end of a string, had swung back into the clouds, and then had swung back out again into view, before vanishing back into the clouds. The effect would be like a clock pendulum, only seen from the side, the motion not being left-right-left, but appearing to be down-up-down-up. The thing my parents saw was rather round, with fuzzy edges to it, but with rows and rows of rectangular “windows” (my father was quite specific about how regular and artificially-made they appeared). After we got home, I called up the Capital City Airport to see whether they had received any reports, and of course they said they hadn’t, and that what the family had seen was probably a “cold air funnel”.

The next sighting occurred on a country road just north of Lansing, and happened some time in the 1980s, I believe. A huge, saucer-shaped object rose up out of a field west of my parents’ car as they were traveling north, but was quickly lost to view. I was not present at this sighting, but I believe that my brother was.

The last sighting was far the most dramatic of the three. Sometime in the summer of about 1993, my parents were traveling north, again, probably twenty or more miles north of Lansing along US-27, when their attention was drawn to several cylindrical, metallic-appearing objects, hanging at an angle in the sky to the east of the highway. Their curiosity piqued, in spite of the fact that Dad didn’t “believe” in UFOs and I think my Mom thought there was something to them but viewed the subject as a bit scary, the two (no children, this time) left the main highway and headed east on a connecting dirt road to try to get closer to the apparitions. There were about three of these objects, and their shapes now seemed to be rather cut off at the ends, more like hanging thin pencils than true cylinders. My parents were struck not only by the strange appearance of these things, and the presence of apparent windows in them, but by the fact that no one else had seemed to notice them. At some time during the sighting, my parents came to the opinion that the objects had taken notice of them, and were beginning to approach them. Mom noticed that one of the objects had dropped down out of the sky to a position directly behind their car – she could see it in the rear-view mirror – so she told Dad to “step on it” and they took off back towards the highway (this may be one of the few times that my Dad ever exceeded the local speed limit). My parents ended up at their cottage more than a half hour late after this adventure (Linda and I were waiting for them), with my mother literally as white as a sheet as she recounted the story.

So far these are fairly standard, if a little dramatic, sighting stories, made significant more by the fact that they happened to near-relatives than by anything else. The rather unusual conformations of the UFOs were noteworthy, and I wish that I had set down the facts sooner in writing, but this all transpired before I had exposure to real field investigation discipline. But a very odd thing brought me into the tale. In the late 1980s and early 1990s business took me to a manufacturing plant on the Ohio/Pennsylvania border. When I had time, I would visit a great used bookstore in Youngstown, Ohio, called "Twice-Loved Books". It's gone, now, like the Summer; but the memory of that wonderful place lingers on like a warm autumn day. There was a scholarly book on the shelves at "Twice-Loved", The Stone Circles of the British Isles, by Aubrey Burl (Yale University Press, 1976), that for several years I had looked at wistfully, but hadn't purchased, due to its price and the fact that it was outside my main area of interest, classical Mediterranean history.

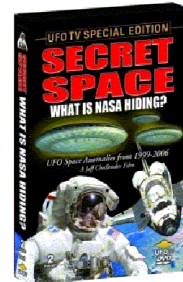


Finally, I decided to buy the book, in I believe 1994, as my job took another course away from periodic contact with the Youngstown area. Just after I decided to pay the money for the book – it may have been even before I paid for the thing – I was leafing through the text and came upon a single sheet of typewriter paper that gave me a profound start. As soon as I had a chance, I showed the paper to both my parents separately, and they confirmed what I had suspected: there, on the paper that was folded in half and placed between pages 100 and 101 of the book, was a pen-sketch of the two types of objects my parents saw in their first and third UFO sightings (see the picture above). As these two objects had such unusual shapes, the occurrence of this single sheet with their depictions in an unrelated book that I subsequently purchased amazed me. Whether there is any greater meaning than this, I leave to others to ponder, but I do find it an interesting coincidence.

Bill Murphy.



## Jeff Challender of Project Prove Passes Away



Jeff Challender a great and kind man passed away last week due to a massive sudden heart attack. Jeff will always be remembered for obtaining extraordinary evidence for the proof of unidentified flying objects in our atmosphere and near space. He tirelessly reviewed

NASA Shuttle video to find anomalies and founded Project Prove. He had remarkable understanding of NASA operations and unidentified objects in space. Jeff was a cherished friend and God will bless him and his family in this time of sorrow.

I often spoke with Jeff and exchanged ideas. He revealed many NASA personnel had contacted him telling him of much higher quality close up space ship like anomalies that the public was not shown. Jeff's revelations from shuttle videos are remarkable and some can be seen at his web site. He often wondered if they were hiding experimental craft that will eventually replace the shuttle. Jeff worked hundreds of hours reviewing shuttle film and developing his web site for the world's benefit. I was blessed to know Jeff and someday he will be honored for his great findings.

Jeff was a leader and best in the UFO field for finding real evidence to prove anomalies existed in space. He produced and directed his own DVD called "Secret Space, What is NASA Hiding" that is now available in most stores. He has stored many treasures in heaven and will be greatly missed. Buy his DVD to help his wife, Janet and family at this time. <http://projectprove.com/Arts/store/store.php>

Thanks to Filer's Files # 41 2007

Minutes after receiving my meal, Governor Romney bounded in and started to make his rounds of the restaurant, table by table. When he got to me, he asked how my meatloaf was and I told him it was fine and then I asked to have my picture taken with him. After the picture, I said to him, "If there is one issue that interests me that I haven't yet heard addressed yet by any of the candidates, it's this: If elected, I would hope that you would consider lessening any possible government cover-up of what it knows about UFOs."

All things considered, he handled it pretty well, wincing only very slightly and saying, "Sounds like a good idea. I agree. I'd like to know, too" before briskly moving on to the next table. His tone was warm and polite, but, well, I'll just say that I didn't get a sense of burning passion from him that he intended to tackle this issue in his first hundred days in office.

Although the local ABC affiliate filmed our exchange and an AP reporter asked me to comment on what I'd just said to Romney, nothing came of it. This was the day of the Chrysler UAW strike and, being in the Detroit area, that story owned the TV news that day. Also, for whatever reason, any story by the AP reporter never materialized. Oh, well.

Fast forward a few days to Sunday, October 14, at a town hall style campaign stop by another Republican Presidential candidate, former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani in Exeter, New Hampshire where a young boy asked Giuliani "If we find that there's something living on another planet and it's bad and it comes over here, what would you do?"

After the laughter in the room died down and Giuliani went on briefly about how no one had asked him that question before, with a big grin, he replied to the boy, "How do we get prepared for an outer space attack? Well, if we're properly prepared for all the different things that can happen to us, we'll be prepared for that, as well. Right? We'll be prepared for anything that happens." He then commented that the boy might be the next Steven Spielberg and asked him if he wanted to maybe be a science fiction writer or a scientist. The boy replied he wanted to be a sculptor and Giuliani moved on to the next question with the comment "Shall we take one question about this planet?"

With his playfully dismissive tone, it rather begs the question of whether Giuliani, New York City Mayor from 1993 to 2001, is aware of high-profile UFO events in his own city. For example, in 1989, the U.N. Secretary General at that time, Javier Perez Cuellar, is said to have witnessed an abduction event in Manhattan, along with several other witnesses (the events detailed publicly in Budd Hopkins 1996 book "Witnessed").

What adds a bit of humorous irony to Giuliani's exchange with the boy in New Hampshire is that it was in Exeter, where the infamous UFO events of September 1965 took place that included a dramatic lengthy sighting by a young man and two police officers, recounted in John G. Fuller's classic 1966 book "Incident at Exeter."

In any case, do isolated questions to stumping Presidential candidates move the ball forward at all with regards to governmental disclosure of UFO information?

Well, as part of Giuliani's response to the boy that he hadn't been asked a question like his before, he explained to the Exeter audience how he gets asked the same questions from people over and over again, from all over the country and that it indicated to him how Americans everywhere are interested in the same issues.

Giuliani appears to have hit it on the head. How will our Presidential candidates wake up to the concerns some Americans have about the high volume of unexplained UFO sightings and any governmental cover-up of this if they speak with voters, day in and day out, all across our nation and nobody's asking them about it?

In other words, it is vital that if one meets a Presidential candidate and UFO disclosure is an issue that truly matters to that person, the opportunity must be seized. So, realistically, what effect might this have?

Well, for one, while the candidates are campaigning, they have to be polite and listen to those who might vote for them. After they get elected, good luck trying to bend their ear.

Also, if you can ask a candidate about UFOs on camera or on the radio, and it gets widely broadcast, it can reach many other voters who may have never considered this a political issue and, better yet, others may want to ask this same candidate or other candidates a similar question, if given the chance.

And, in the scenario that a candidate asked about UFOs does get elected President and, upon entering office, the curtain is drawn back even slightly for him or her about the UFO reality, he or she won't think that all of the American populace is somehow oblivious to this truly monumental issue.

Admittedly, this isn't to say they'll tell us if elected (recent Presidents like Ford, Carter, Reagan, and Clinton all made provocative statements about UFOs at some point in their political careers that got some people excited that they'd actually spill the beans). The thought here is just that, if asked about UFOs on the campaign trail, a future President will understand that the issue is alive and well in public sentiment.

To voters who do not believe that UFOs are traversing our skies and, worse yet, paying house calls, a chuckle and a one-liner by a Presidential candidate is more than enough to handle these rare questions on the campaign trail, but, to those voters who have experienced the UFO phenomenon first-hand, how chilling it is to hear candidates laugh it off.

Romney and Giuliani were, at the very least, good sports and, to his credit, Romney didn't even play the giggle-factor card.

There are a good many other candidates out there. Concerned MUFON voters should get out there and ask them about UFOs now while they can (and ask often!) until those running for our nation's highest office understand this is an issue of substance to several Americans. Good luck.





# Recent Michigan Sightings

## Cylindrical UFO Sighting in Wisconsin

My neighbor and good friend Mary called me on Wednesday, October 3rd from the highway to report having seen a cylindrical UFO float over the highway on the highway while driving eastbound on I-90 between Rochester and LaCrosse, Wisconsin at 8:57 a.m. Central Time. She was traveling home to Michigan.

The object was about half the size of a semi-truck and was a very bright light in the sky. It was approximately 2 or 3 times higher up than the tree line and was moving silently in a north to south direction across all lanes of traffic at mile marker 265 where there were 4 lanes in each direction. The UFO should have been visible to anyone driving on the interstate for about a minute before it vanished. Please send reports or confirmations from other witnesses to Marilyn Ruben at [mjruben@aol.com](mailto:mjruben@aol.com).

**ANN ARBOR --** I was coming home from work at 1 AM on September 6, 2007, traveling east from Dexter on I-94 toward Ann Arbor when I noticed off to my left a group of several quite rapidly strobing red lights. These were perhaps at an altitude of 2000 feet and moving very slowly. I turned onto Route 14 heading north and again observed the cluster of strobing red lights, and as I did so I saw a smaller, bright white light separate from the group of red lights and travel at high speed in the opposite direction of its course, back toward Ann Arbor. It was quickly lost to my sight, so I looked back at the cluster of red lights while trying to stay on the road.

As I watched, the group of red strobing lights moved slowly in seeming increments along I-94 in a westerly direction and about a mile north of the freeway. As I continued on 14, I lost sight of it. I considered the smaller bright white light that had come out of it and the speed at which it had left, its lack of any navigation lights, and thought that perhaps the two observed objects were not ours.

Of the cluster of rapidly strobing red lights, I observed that it in no way complied with our standard aircraft lighting conventions. There were only red lights, with a rapid strobing. The acceleration of the small bright white light was quite beyond anything we can do with a manned aircraft, so all of this was pretty non-conventional.

Thanks to Brian Vike - Director of HBCC UFO Research and radio host of the Vike Report. <http://www.hbccufo.org>. and Filer's Files #44 2007

Boyne Falls, MI Occurred : 10/4/2007 11:00 PM.

A perfectly shaped triangle craft glided horizontally over M-75 S, across US 131. It was lower to the ground, maybe just a little higher in elevation, than the local ski resort's highest point. There was no sound, nor were there any lights on the craft. The light pollution from the roads and stores reflected on the bottom of the craft, allowing it to be seen. Duration: 8 seconds.

Thanks to [www.nuforc.com](http://www.nuforc.com)

Flint, MI. Occurred: 9/13/2007 5:00 PM

ON THURSDAY SEPT.13TH 2007 AROUND 1700 HRS, MY WIFE AND I WITNESSED A DISK SHAPE CRAFT IN OUR LINE OF SIGHT WHILE DRIVING. WE WERE NEAR OUR AIRPORT IN FLINT GOING TO A LOCAL MALL WHEN THE INCIDENT OCCURED. MY WIFE AND I NOTICED THE STRANGE CRAFT (AT FIRST THINKING IT WAS A STRANGE AIRPLANE) ABOUT 2000 FT. MOTIONLESS IN FRONT OF US, IN THE N/WEST (CLEAR) SKY. THE CRAFT APPEARED TO BE METALLIC AND SILVERISH (DISK SHAPE) IN APPEARANCE, AND IN A FLASH OF BRIGHT LIGHT IT VANISHED WITHIN SECONDS. MY WIFE AND I WERE STUNNED BY WHAT BOTH OF US HAD JUST WITNESSED. WE COULDN'T BELIEVE WHAT HAD JUST HAPPEN? WE ARE BOTH RETIRED SENIORS IN OUR EARLY 70'S, WITH STILL GOOD VISION! I HAD BEEN IN THE NAVY IN THE LATE 50'S,VISITED MOST OF THE WORLD DURING MY TOUR OF DUTY, WORKED 30 YEARS IN GENERAL MOTORS AND IN MOST PART A NON-BELIEVER IN UFO'S AND THE PARANORMAL. WE BOTH HAVE NEVER ENCOUNTERED ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE -GRANTED: I DO BELIEVE THAT THERE'S LIFE IN THE HEAVENS. Duration:2 minutes.

BY MY SON'S URGING: HE REQUESTED MY WIFE AND I REPORT THIS INCIDENT TO NUFORC. PLEASE CHECK OUT "UFO" ON PAGE 1 ON GOOGLE YOUTUBE POSSIBLY FROM CHINA.(18 SECONDS DURATION ) AUGUST 22, 2006. THIS VIDEO IS ALMOST WHAT WE WITNESSED IN FLINT MI..... WHAT WE WITNESSED WAS MUCH CLOSER AND BRIGHTER TO US!

Thanks to [www.nuforc.com](http://www.nuforc.com)



## Biophysicist Dr. William C. Levensgood & Marilyn Ruben To Present at Nov. 4th Meeting in Flint, MI



Dr. William C. Levensgood, assisted by MiMUFON's own Marilyn Ruben, will be our guest speaker at the November 4th meeting in Flint, MI.

Dr. Levensgood is presenting a variety of interesting cases involving unusual energy fields. These energy fields have left their mark on the ground, on crops, in fields, yards, or have influenced other changes around us. Some of the cases discussed include crop formations, altered corn crops, disappearing earrings, long distance energy, and more. Dr. Levensgood wants people to realize the nature of this subtle energy is such that it interacts with people and their surroundings. Anomalous events such as these, often leave physical trace evidence

which can be tested and examined in the laboratory. There will be pictures for everyone to see and charts explaining some of the phenomena and its significance.

Dr. Levensgood has devoted his life to scientific discovery. His methods for determining anomalies found in genuine crop formations has become the worldwide standard for cerealologists.

His work with Linda Moulton Howe involving mysterious animal excisions in the field has revealed evidence of surgical precision requiring equipment and methods that would be impossible to conduct under the conditions in which the animals have been discovered. He has long proclaimed that "microwave energies" and "plasma vortexes" are involved with these and other seemingly anomalous phenomenon but only recently has he admitted that, all along, he suspects these energies to be intelligently directed as opposed to random. When asked why he is finally making his beliefs public, he said, "I'm tired of beating around the bush about it."

Marilyn Ruben of the Alien Abduction Experience and Research website (<http://abduct.com/>) has assisted Dr. Levensgood in many experiments throughout the years and will be at his side to assist him in at the November 4th presentation in Flint, MI.



### MUFON Field Investigator's Training

**Our morning Field Investigator training will begin at 10am with a group review of some interesting recent cases. Hope to see you there.**

**MiMUFON State Director, Bill Konkolesky.**

## Make Your Meeting Reservations Today!

Phone in your reservations to State Director Bill Konkolesky at (248) 515-9568 or email at [wjk@mimufon.org](mailto:wjk@mimufon.org) no later than **Wednesday, Oct.31**. Please leave your name, number attending in your party, and a telephone number where you can be reached, in case we need to contact you. Please let us know as soon as possible, whether you will be attending. Thank you.

# Michigan MUFON Meeting

at Walli's East Restaurant

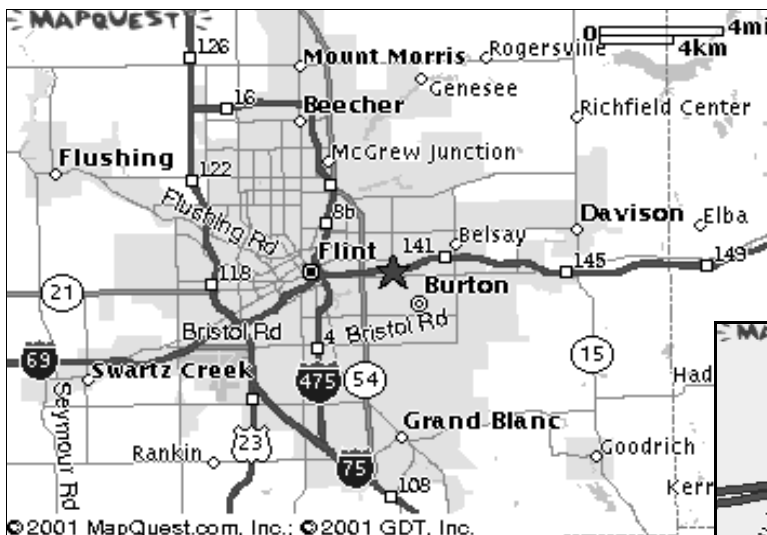
Sunday, Nov. 4, 2007

Members \$13.00 / Non-Members \$15.00

First time guests are \$5.00.

<b>10am</b>	<b>FI Training: Review of recent cases.</b>
<b>12pm</b>	<b>Buffet Lunch</b>
<b>1:30pm</b>	<b>Dr. W. C. Levengood &amp; Marilyn Ruben</b>
<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>MIMUFON Announcements &amp; Necessary Business</b>

**MIMUFON Board members: Please plan to attend the brief meeting following the guest speaker.**



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## From the Editor's Desk: UFO Acceptance Takes Time

Stanton Friedman's lecture at Henry Ford Community College this September set me to thinking on how long it has taken for the world to start coming around to the fact that we humans just might not be the only thing going in this vast universe.

When the Roswell incident occurred in 1947, it took little persuasion by the government and Air Force to convince the general public that nothing more sinister than a weather balloon had crashed in the New Mexico desert. Anyone who believed that an alien spacecraft (the Air Force's original report) had fallen out of the sky and its occupants had been whisked away into hiding, were simply gullible, science fiction buffs unable to distinguish fantasy from reality. Nothing short of official disclosure or a personal close encounter would be sufficient to change their minds.

Today, half of Americans believe that extraterrestrial visitation is either a scientific fact or a very viable possibility. As Friedman demonstrated in his lecture, the higher the educational level of the individual, the more likely they were to accept the UFO reality – completely contrary to what the skeptics had predicted.

But what would constitute "official disclosure"? Friedman used the Queen and the Pope as examples. Some say it would take the President's confirmation to validate the phenomenon. Others would suggest that a Presidential confirmation of the UFO phenomenon would do more to demean the UFO community than the debunkers could ever do.

Although Stanton Friedman is one of the most revered researchers on the subject, many others have been sharing their scientific data for years. Friedman has given lectures on the subject for the past thirty-odd years to more than 600 colleges and 100 professional groups in all fifty states, 9 Canadian Provinces and 16 other countries. I believe even he has lost count of the television and radio programs in which he has appeared . . . to say nothing of his books. Still the debunkers persist.

A maxim of law is: if you see a cow walking through a field, it is direct evidence. If you see a cow's footprints in the field, it is circumstantial evidence that a cow has walked through it. Both direct and circumstantial evidence exists in abundance to support UFOlogy's claims.

As Friedman pointed out, "just about any 14-year-old can hoax a UFO photo on his computer today". That is why he only uses old photos that were known to be in existence before computers and Paint Shop programs existed. But these same computer programs may now be used to identify a hoax.

Ted Phillips has investigated over four thousand trace landing cases with evidence that baffles scientific minds, providing they include all the elements of the data and don't just assign a prosaic explanation.

W. C. Levengood has proven through laboratory analysis that genuine crop formations can not have resulted by a person using a board and a rope and that cattle mutilations (excisions) are not the result of predators, cultists or mad scientists with laser scalpels.

Dr. Roger Leir has proven that some foreign bodies excised from alleged alien abductees exhibit characteristics unlike those found in most patients and properties not found on any periodic table known to man.

The list goes on and on. And yet, despite all the evidence to the contrary, there are those who claim that extraterrestrial visitation cannot exist.

In the mid 1970's some brave scientists observed an accelerated global warming trend and the gradual depletion of the Earth's ozone layer and speculated that human activities since the beginning of the industrial age was the major contributor to the problem. Most of the scientific community dismissed these claims. Today, according to an article in USA Today: "The IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) concluded in 1990 that there was broad international consensus that climate change was human-induced. That report led way to an international convention for climate change, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), signed by over 150 countries at the Rio Earth Summit in 1992." Source: [http://www.usatoday.com/weather/climate/2007-02-02-climatechange\\_x.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/weather/climate/2007-02-02-climatechange_x.htm)

CNN reports: Many scientists and experts who have studied global warming believe the increase is primarily the result of human activities, like the burning of fossil fuels, emissions from vehicles and the clearing of forests. "For the last 30 years, there's no way there's anything natural that can explain it," Stephen Schneider, a professor of environmental studies at Stanford University in California, said. Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2007/TECH/science/07/11/globalwarming.overview/index.html>

Despite all the evidence to the contrary, there are still those who refuse to remove their rose-colored glasses long enough to see that business as usual will no longer work. I have even heard the argument that "the expulsion of methane gas by cows is more harmful to the atmosphere than all the automobile exhaust in the world".

Despite all the evidence to the contrary, there are still those who believe that man never reached the moon. Despite all the evidence to the contrary, there are still those who believe that the holocaust never happened. Despite all the evidence to the contrary, there are those who believe mankind is the only intelligent beings in the universe.

It took time to convince the masses that the world is round and is not the center of the universe. it will take time to convince them that we are not alone in it.

I may never see that day – but it is coming.

David Twichell, FI MiMUFON Newsletter Editor.

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