

39th Annual MUFON UFO Symposium; Another Success!

Words From the State Director



Let me start with a big thanks to Jerry and Judy Kulka for your generous monetary donation to Michigan MUFON. Much appreciated!

The 39th Annual MUFON UFO Symposium in San Jose July 25-28 was a real treat this year. In addition to the many presenters from outside the United States who shared their research, the event featured an additional full day workshop for Field Investigator training where the new edition of the Field Investigators Manual made its debut. For those attending our MIMUFON FI training session at our upcoming September meeting, there will be much to show and tell from the Symposium.

Our officer line-up has seen some exciting changes over the summer, enabling us to better take on the growth in

membership and increase in sighting reports our organization is now witnessing...

Patty Donahue is now an Assistant State Director: Administration. Patty's expansive ties to the greater MUFON community outside of Michigan and her motivation and hard work for our Michigan MUFON organization make her a valuable role model for our group. She was also named MUFON International's Volunteer of the Month for July. Congratulations Patty!

In addition to our regular County State Section Directors, we are rolling out the position of Regional State Section Directors: Sunny Young (Northern Michigan), Gary Golem (Southeast Michigan), and John Castle (Southwest Michigan) – please see map P-19. Regional SSDs cover the many counties

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not otherwise held by our current handful of County SSDs and oversee their respective regions in general. Please respect these individuals as supervisors to County SSDs and Field Investigators in their respective regions

Also, Linda and Bill Murphy are now MIMUFON Consultants. In this position, they have the welcome capacity to advise to our board and make organizational suggestions to its members, based upon the many years of administration experience they've had with Michigan MUFON.

Our September 14 speaker will actually be our own Bill Murphy, discussing the barriers we must clear to mainstream scientific attention to the UFO issue as well as taking the dismissive ramblings of UFO debunkers head-on.

I will be delivering the morning Field Investigators training. The session will begin with a debriefing of important investigation information from the Symposium, including an outline of changes made to the Field Investigation manual, as well as update of on-line investigation tools now available. An hour video of one of the Symposium Field Investigation Workshop presentations, "Scientific Evidence" by Citizens Against UFO Secrecy cofounder Brad Sparks, will then be shown. Sparks' overview of what constitutes valid evidence is refreshing common sense.

Our November 16 Speaker will be Dr. Charles Lietzau who will approach some classic UFO cases in a new light.

Also, coming up, I will be delivering a presentation on "Best UFO Cases" at the Detroit Public Library on Saturday October 11 at 2pm.

And, in October, Michigan MUFON will have a vendors table at the Michigan Paranormal Conference, hosted by the Michigan Ghost Watchers. The conference runs October 18-19 at the Garden City Historical Museum and details can be found at ghost-watchers.org. I will be presenting on 'UFOs over Michigan' that Sunday afternoon (2:30pm) at the event, as well.

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Monthly Statistical MUFON Report - for June – August 2008:

CMS continues to amass sighting reports from around the globe. In June 2008 there were 372 sightings reported to MUFON through CMS worldwide. Of these, 329 were in the United States, of which 8 were in Michigan. Most impressively there were 21 Landings, Hovering, or Takeoffs reported and 35 Entities observed worldwide.

In July 2008 there were 486 sightings reported. Of these, 411 were in the United States, of which 23 were in Michigan. Most impressively there were 27 Landings, Hovering, or Takeoffs reported and 40 Entities observed worldwide.

In August 2008 there were 443 sightings reported. Of these, 380 were in the United States, of which 20 were in Michigan. Most impressively there were 26 Landings, Hovering, or Takeoffs reported and 31 Entities observed worldwide.

To review the CMS data yourself go to 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.

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**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MICHIGAN MUTUAL UFO NETWORK, INC.
TO THE INTERNATIONAL MUTUAL UFO NETWORK, INC.
PERIOD JUNE 1, 2007 THROUGH MAY 31, 2008**

SUMMARY:

Membership:

- International Mutual UFO Network, Inc. members in Michigan per list by central office: 75
- Michigan MUFON, Inc. Membership: 101

- State Section Directors: 13
Covering: 34 counties of 83 in Michigan (reports in counties outside of SSD jurisdiction are handled on a situational basis)

Investigation:

- 107 UFO sightings reported
- 101 investigations into those sightings completed

Treasury:

- Bank Balance \$3863.10
- Merchandise in stock for sale \$1150.00
- Estimated current value of office equipment and supplies \$548.14
- Estimated current value of library \$2264.00
- Grand total: \$7825.24

Our MIMUFON lending library currently officially has counted 475 books, 38 audiocassettes, 43 CDs, 344 periodicals, and 302 videocassettes/DVDs. The video material, in part, includes copies of presenters we have hosted, as well as MIMUFON field investigator training.

Income sources: dues, (\$25.00 per mailing address, annually), sale of merchandise such as clothing, books, video tapes, newsletters, etc., speaker presentation and luncheon fees for membership meetings.

Disbursements: membership meetings luncheon, speaker fees and expenses, newsletter printing, postage, state director incurred expenses, equipment rentals for membership meetings, office equipment and supply purchases, and deposits for contract on meeting place.

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Meetings:

State membership meetings were held in November 2007, January 2008, March 2008, and May 2008, with Field Investigator training before each except January's meeting, and quality speakers on the agenda for the afternoon session. In September, rather than hold our regularly scheduled meeting for that month, we held a high-profile fund-raiser event at Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn Michigan, featuring Stanton Friedman. The general meeting schedule is available to the membership several months in advance so everyone can plan ahead.

The cost of our general meetings is \$13 for MUFON and/or MIMUFON members, \$15 for non-members, and \$5 for first-time meeting attendees (regardless of membership status)

State Officer / Section Director Meetings were held as part of each of our state membership meetings. These meetings are for planning and finalizing meetings, general business, and for reports of treasury, special committees, and investigations.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Michigan MUFON Inc proudly maintains its 501(c)(3) status, due chiefly to the hard work and efforts of Assistant State Director Wendy Smith. Several members have taken advantage of this status to offer our organization generous tax-deductible donations, as well.
- MIMUFON Inc, in conjunction with Henry Ford Community College radio station WHFR hosted a successful and profitable public presentation with Stanton Friedman in September 2007 at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn, as part of our drive for youth membership in MUFON and public visibility for the organization. We gained several new members as a direct result of this event.
- Michigan MUFON Chief Investigator Sunny Young has stepped up our investigative team's motivation and kept on them track with their efforts. Our driven investigators completed a highly impressive 101 sighting reports out of 107 sightings received.
- Gary Golem has led our training of Field Investigation to great success. Several dedicated members are on track to becoming new Investigators.
- Presentations by State Director Bill Konkolesky on the topic of MUFON and UFOs were given to audiences at Mystiques West Metaphysical Shop in Westland. These presentations were well attended and the subject of UFOs was quite well received.
- Michigan MUFON is in the process of assisting the History Channel's UFO Hunters for a segment in their upcoming fall season based upon the Holland MI 1994 flap.
- Due to technology initiatives over recent years, Michigan MUFON possesses and/or has readily available, equipment including: laptop computers, a digital projector, overhead projector, DVD, VCR, 5' movie screen, professional microphone, studio grade amplifier, webcam, portable thermal computer printer, laminator, and fax machine. Our guest presenters at our meetings and our members in the audience enjoy the robust audio-visual support we are able to provide.
- The Michigan MUFON website, mimufon.org, updated and run for most of the year by our Electronic Data Manager Jean Waskiewicz, then handled by State Director Bill Konkolesky, continues to stay fresh and relevant with regular updates on current officer contact information, meeting details, plus news and other information that is important to our members, as well information necessary and helpful to those outside the organization who may want to know about us and/or need to reach us. Also, at our website, through the PayPal online payment service, MIMUFON store purchases can be made, dues can be paid, and meeting fees paid in advance.
- We continue to heartily increase the size of our Michigan MUFON library with books, tapes and DVDs. This was accomplished chiefly this year by donations from members and video recording our guest speakers. These items are kept in our library available for all MUFON members by our librarians David and Darlene Bleicher.

- Our MIMUFON store, run by Patty Donahue, proves to be a continued success. We sell t-shirts, sweatshirts, caps, stickers, etc. with our Michigan MUFON logo. In addition, we also sell new and used books, periodicals, journals, and tapes.
- We continue to issue Michigan MUFON membership cards so that membership can be verified for internal uses like library lending and also for the value of promoting credibility of the organization to those outside of Michigan MUFON. These cards are laminated for durability.
- MIMUFON's regularly scheduled Field Investigator training at our March, May, September, and November meetings and open to all MUFON members, has continued to be popular (September held no training this year due to the Friedman presentation). Those individuals not a member of the Michigan MUFON are allowed to attend without paying MIMUFON dues. This enables all MUFON members to continue training and attend meetings to benefit from our speakers and to relate with others in MUFON.
- Due to geographic concentration of the membership, as well as budgetary considerations, the meeting place for all meetings is in the area of the city of Flint, not far from the Detroit Metro area. The restaurant where we meet is the best centralized location for the majority of the members. Our current average attendance is 30-40 people. There is a commitment from the facility to host us on a regularly scheduled program, which also includes a guarantee of meal cost per person.
- In 2007-2008 we continued with a management team that includes many state officers involved in various decision-making processes.

GOALS:

- Identify and implement advantages of our newly attained 501(c)(3) status to help Michigan MUFON grow. Already, we have enjoyed tax free meals at our meeting place Walli's and solicited for tax-deductible donations of library materials, office equipment, and money for Michigan MUFON from our members.
- Increase membership in both MUFON International and Michigan MUFON Inc.
- Identify methods to attract members and promote MUFON in underrepresented areas of Michigan.
- Carefully develop leadership in the counties of Michigan that have no State Section Director and appoint quality leadership.
- Expand our utilization of the Computer Management System (CMS) online sighting database.
- Identify and implement methods of improving and comprehensively completing a greater number of sighting and abduction investigations.

KEEPING IT LIGHT

Special thanks to **Connie O'Very** of **Mi-MUFON** for the "musical aliens"



- Promote the professional investigation of UFO sightings and/ or abductions by maintaining open communication with local law enforcement and news media across the state of Michigan.
- Continue to inform the public about UFOlogy and promote MUFON through public relations efforts and participation in interviews and speaking engagements. Several of our Michigan members have in the past and continue to further engage in these activities. As just one successful entrepreneurial example of this, Michigan MUFON Newsletter Editor David Twichell continues to maintain his local UFO radio program "We Are Not Alone" through Henry Ford Community College.
- Continue to support smaller local MUFON gatherings for members and others who may seek to discuss UFOlogy in a smaller, more personal environment.
- Update our MIMUFON store with new and different appealing items for purchase.
- Maintain a positive administrative attitude to continue full participation of all MUFON members, state officers and State Section Directors.
- Maintain open communication with the International Director, the International Board of Directors, and their support staff.
- Continue open lines of communication with all MUFON members.

Michigan is in strong shape and optimistically geared toward cooperative further growth. We are healthy financially and are blessed with an active team of officers and general membership.

In short, Michigan MUFON looks forward to another good year.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Konkolesky
State Director Michigan Mutual UFO Network, Inc.



"Francis Crick, the discoverer of DNA, although an atheist published a book which subscribed to the theory of intelligent design, that our universe was not simply the result of a series of chemical accidents. He states, *"Life did not evolve first on Earth, a highly advanced civilization became threatened so they devised a way to pass on their existence. They genetically-modified their DNA and sent it out from their planet on bacteria or meteorites with the hope that it would collide with another planet. It did, and that's why we're here."*

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Gary McKinnon claims NASA has documents recording 40 UFOs

Because of his search for evidence on the existence of UFOs, British hacker Gary McKinnon is in trouble. He had raided official NASA site and is facing a 70-year prison sentence, Wired reports. This 40-year-old Briton is waiting extradition to the USA from his London home. Gary claims he saw photos of alien space crafts on NASA's site.

The hacker believes UFO secrets should not be secret. McKinnon's search of the American Internet web lasted from February 2001 until March 2002. He says he was inspired for this action by Hugh Cornwall's Guide for Hackers and his main interest are secrets of the American government on alien space crafts and high technology. Gary believes that such information should not be hidden from the public. He claims he has found documents recording 400 testimonies of unidentified flying objects.

Flight controllers and persons in charge of controlling nuclear missiles wrote down their unusual encounters with UFOs. According to Gary's claims, witnesses spoke of up to date technology which they took over from UFOs or destroyed it. According to the hacker, NASA is in possession of a large amount of photos and processed and unprocessed documents. When asked if this was just another strategic game of the American Army or a reconstruction of a hypothetic situation, Gary responded that anything was possible because it is widely known that the army wants complete sky domination. <http://www.javno.com/en/world/clanak.php?id=161796>



Radar Data Supports Stephenville, Texas UFO Sightings

Radar data obtained by MUFON confirms that there were Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) flying above Stephenville, Texas, January 8th, 2008, just as many eyewitnesses had reported and which made headlines worldwide.

MUFON's analysis of the radar data obtained through freedom of information act (FOIA) requests to the National Weather Service and the FAA show that unknown flying objects were on a direct course to President Bush's Crawford ranch and were separate from the known F-16 jets the same radar data confirmed were flying in the area that night.

The unknown radar targets, which did not have required identification transponders, exhibited strange flight characteristics beyond that of known civilian or military aircraft.

BUENOS AIRES (Inforcosta) Alejandro Napuri, a Pehuajo veterinarian investigated a dead, mutilated yearling at the "El Martillo" farm on July 1, 2008 reports. "The incisions were irregular but not serrated and similar to the ones detected a few years ago in this area. Furthermore, there wasn't a single drop of blood at the site," explained the vet, adding: "Its tongue had been ripped out and the bone was exposed. This isn't an easy thing to achieve."

The event occurred exactly six years to the date of July 1, 2002, when Bernardo Cane, the head of SENASA, tried to extinguish the animal mutilation stories by pinning the slayings on **the red-muzzled mouse**. Napuri said that "the incisions observed have nothing to do with any mouse or predator." Cattlemen claimed of "seeing lights" prior to coming across the mutilated bovine. (Translation (c) 2008, S. Corrales, IHU. Special thanks to Guillermo Gimenez, Planeta UFO and Diario Inforcosta)

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Apollo 14 Astronaut Claims Aliens Have Made Contact - But it Has Been Covered Up For 60 Years

24th July 2008



Edgar Mitchell was the Lunar Module Pilot for Apollo 14

Aliens have contacted humans several times but governments have hidden the truth for 60 years, the sixth man to walk on the moon has claimed.

Apollo 14 astronaut Dr Edgar Mitchell said he was aware of many UFO visits to Earth during his career with NASA but each one was covered up.

Dr Mitchell, 77, said during a radio interview that sources at the space agency who had had contact with aliens described the beings as 'little people who look strange to us.'

He said supposedly real-life ET's were similar to the traditional image of a small frame, large eyes and head.

Chillingly, he claimed our technology is 'not nearly as sophisticated' as theirs and "had they been hostile", he warned 'we would be gone by now'.

Dr Mitchell, along with Apollo 14 commander Alan Shepard, holds the record for the longest ever moon walk, at nine hours and 17 minutes following their 1971 mission.

'I happen to have been privileged enough to be in on the fact that we've been visited on this planet and the UFO phenomenon is real,' Dr Mitchell said.

'It's been well covered up by all our governments for the last 60 years or so, but slowly it's leaked out and some of us have been privileged to have been briefed on some of it

UFO theorists believe Roswell in New Mexico was the site of an alien crash in 1947

I've been in military and intelligence circles, who know that beneath the surface of what has been public knowledge, yes - we have been visited. Reading the papers recently, it's been happening quite a bit.'

Dr Mitchell, who has a Bachelor of Science degree in aeronautical engineering and a Doctor of Science degree in Aeronautics and Astronautics claimed Roswell was real and similar alien visits continue to be investigated.

He told the astonished Kerrang radio host Nick Margerrison: "This is really starting to open up. I think we're headed for real disclosure and some serious organizations are moving in that direction.'

Mr Margerrison said: 'I thought I'd stumbled on some sort of astronaut humor but he was absolutely serious that aliens are definitely out there and there's no debating it.'

Officials from NASA, however, were quick to play the comments down.

In a statement, a spokesman said: "NASA does not track UFOs. NASA is not involved in any sort of cover up about alien life on this planet or anywhere in the universe.

'Dr Mitchell is a great American, but we do not share his opinions on this issue.'

Source: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-1037471/Apollo-14-astronaut-claims-aliens-HAVE-contact--covered-60-years.html#>



Discovery Channel's Irene Klotz interviewed Dr. Edgar Mitchell after the radio interview that sparked worldwide attention. Here is an excerpt from that interview:

IK: Well first of all thanks very much for making a little time. I wanted to ask you if there was anything about the radio interview you did that was different from what you've said in the past.

EM: No, there's nothing different. Several of (the reports of the interview) that I've seen come around have some flaws in them. Some of the reports pushed it or spun it incorrectly. NASA had nothing to do with anything I've done. I wasn't briefed by NASA. There haven't been any sightings as a result of my flight service there, so if that part of it comes out on anything you've seen it is just totally wrong.

IK: Yes, I did want to clarify that.

EM: My major knowledge comes from what I call the old-timers, people who were at Roswell and subsequent who wanted to clear the things up and tell somebody credible even though they were under severe threats and things -- this was back in the Roswell days. Having gone to the moon and being a local citizen out in the Roswell area some of them thought I would be a safe choice to tell their story to, which they did. Even though the government put real clamps on everybody, it got out anyhow.

Subsequent to that, I did take my story to the Pentagon -- not NASA, but the Pentagon -- and asked for a meeting with the Intelligence Committee of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and got it. And told them my story and what I know and eventually had that confirmed by the admiral that I spoke with, that indeed what I was saying was true.

IK: You mean what had been told to you was true?

EM: Yup, in other words. There was a UFO crash. There was an alien spacecraft. This gentleman tried his damndest to get me in and like so many others in the administration over the last 60 years, since JFK's time, was unable to. He was told 'Admiral, you don't have a need to know, and therefore go get lost,' essentially.

IK: Have you ever come out and said who this person was who briefed you?

EM: No, I have not.

IK: Would you at some point?

EM: No, it is out and around but I don't feel like I have the liberty to do that.

IK: When did you have your meeting at the Pentagon?

EM: It was in the late '90s in Washington when I was there working with The Disclosure Project, trying to get all those opened up with another Naval officer by the name of Will Miller and Steven Greer, who you probably heard of. Steven and I don't really work on this anymore together, but we did at that point and getting to the Pentagon and seeing what we could do there to try to get this opened up.

IK: Why do you think the government hasn't acknowledged that there is life outside of Earth? I thought that was sort of the point of NASA.

EM: Well most people in government don't know. The government is highly compartmentalized. You could work next door to somebody for 30 years not knowing what they're doing in certain areas. The whole point of all of this ... goes back to World War II. This Roswell incident took place right at the aftermath of World War II when the U.S. Army Air Corps was split off and became the Air Force and the OSS (Office of Strategic Services), which was the intelligence service of World War II, was disbanded and eventually became the CIA. At that point the Cold War was just starting to move under way and we were at odds with the Soviets.

The Air Force was brand new and supposedly in control of the skies and didn't know what they were doing, and the CIA didn't know what they were doing, so Pres. Truman was in a big problem here: Here people were telling him there were aliens around and nobody knew if they were hostile or what they were and what was he going to do about it?

So he formed a committee, a very high-level military and academic and intelligent people -- politically powerful people -- and said 'You guys work on this.' And that was called ... the MAJIC 12. And they did pass a National Security Act, or so I'm told, under highly classified auspices, that gave this committee virtually unlimited power to deal with this issue, which they have done for the last 60 years, slowly excluding everybody -- including presidents.

You may remember that Pres. Clinton tried to send (Webster) Hubbell to find out about this at Wright Patterson. He got rejected. And Barry Goldwater, back in the '60s when he was getting ready to run for the presidency and who was a brigadier general in the Air Force Reserve tried to get information about it. He got rejected. And I'm told that Gerry Ford tried to do some finding out and he got rejected.

Jimmy Carter announced his observation of UFOs, but that never went anywhere so obviously he made no progress. Only in recent years has the public interest become acute enough and enough stories leaked out so that people are starting to believe that it's all real. And the fact of the matter is, it is.

They're still around and there's a lot of stuff going on.

Are you aware of the so-called Phoenix Lights Incident? That wasn't our stuff.

IK: I'm sorry. Can you say that again?

EM: Lights. Just a few years ago. Three humongous craft flew over Phoenix, very slowly in the middle of the night that clearly were not -- I happened to be on the phone with people out there when that happened and have had pictures of it -- clearly those were not, to those of us who know aviation and spacecraft, clearly those were not local stuff, home-grown stuff.

IK: So you're saying the incidences are becoming more prevalent among the general public? People are having their own sightings?

EM: Just several weeks ago, this so-called incident at Stephenville, in Stephenville, Texas. Another one. And naturally a lot of discounting and unfortunately the press, the giggle factor got up and the press tended to ignore it, but the fact of the matter is this is the real stuff we're dealing with. We're not alone in the universe. And it has nothing to do with NASA. As far as I know it has to do with what's going on and has been going on for a long time.

IK: As a man of science and engineering, how did you make this leap from doing what you needed to do to be an astronaut to what you're doing today?

EM: Because I was told by people who were utterly sworn to secrecy under severe penalty if they talked and because I'd been to the moon, because I was a local resident of Roswell when the so-called Roswell incident took place, some of them thought I was a safe person to tell before they passed on so that the knowledge didn't die. There are others like me, people out here who have done an enormous amount of investigation who have seen through the facade and seen through the cover-up and can talk chapter and verse, better than I can. We know it's real.



Military Elements in Abductions? A Series of Recent Events

By Bill & Linda Murphy

An apparently human military presence in certain alien abduction scenarios adds another dimension of complexity to an already puzzling and challenging phenomenon. Whether this is evidence for human-alien collusion, or a contest between humans and aliens, the details have invited a spectrum of speculation by abductees, by those who love them and ufologists in general. The following presents a series of past and very recent events in the hopes of contributing to the fund of information on the subject, helping others who may be experiencing such activities know that they are not alone, and perhaps eventually assisting in a fuller understanding of this mystery within the UFO mystery.

In the late 1980s, spurred on by a series of dramatic new experiences, Linda Murphy began to link together a chain of memories that had resisted explanation, eventually to come to grips with an explanation that she would have dismissed without examination earlier. An extremely strong skeptic on the subject of UFOs and alien visitation, Linda finally accepted the possibility after an “escalation of explanations”; hers was no instant “conversion” based upon hypnosis, as is so often claimed to be the case by debunkers. Some facets of Linda’s abduction events over the years did display a possible military element, and she was moved to publish such a 1995 experience early in April, 2008, in an article co-authored with abductee and abduction researcher Katharina Wilson. The events that have transpired since that publication, involving the return of apparent military helicopters after a more than ten year hiatus of these in her experiences, strengthen the likelihood of such a military component.



The following is taken in the third-person from Linda’s first-person journal entries of a 1995 abduction experience, recovered entirely without hypnosis. Linda remembers being escorted through a large room by a person she couldn’t see who was next to her. The room was filled with tables or desks, with men in military uniforms seated behind, two men to each table. All the men were wearing khaki uniforms, and Linda was aware that none of these individuals so much as glanced at her. This gave her the impression that they had been instructed not to acknowledge her presence. There was an air of seriousness about the room and its occupants that also struck Linda, although she had no idea what was going on. Linda did not notice any windows, but the walls had what appeared to be vertical lines. Whether these were a decorative pattern, or some kind of drapery, is uncertain.



Linda remembers, as she was walking through the room, that one man was wearing glasses. But the most noteworthy detail of this experience may be the arm patch that all of the operatives wore. The patch (see picture) takes the form of a shield with a bird, likely an eagle, with wings spread behind a central circle that may have represented a globe or sphere.

Atop this circle and extending part way down its left side were two rows of rope or braid, of different length, but the same golden color. Two pointed areas or protrusions coming off from the globe or sphere, toward the lower left or upper right, appeared to be triangles, but could also have been stylized thunderbolts. Linda does not remember any specific colors other than the gold braid, although she allows that since the gold color stood out so much from the rest of the patch, the background color was likely darker, perhaps a dark blue. The “eagle” was probably a more medium color, the triangles or

“thunderbolts” a light to medium color and the circle/sphere lighter in hue. She now wishes that she had recorded the colors when she wrote her journal entry, and thinks that her believing no one would believe her story anyway was a factor in her not doing so.

Most of the web article, “A Deeper Shade of Black”, represents the results of the extensive research that Katharina Wilson did on this remembered experience, and particularly the possible meaning of the apparent military “patch”. Please refer to this article at http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Articles/Shade_of_Black.html. Katharina’s review of the data compels her to conclude, against her initial predisposition, that some terrestrial military group involved in a covert military operation abducted Linda. The analysis process and findings deserve praise and attention as an excellent example of the attempts researchers make to make some sense out of these enigmatic events.

Just a few weeks after the appearance of the article on Katharina’s website, Linda had a dramatic set of experiences involving an unmarked helicopter. On April 22nd Linda was returning from an errand, and stopped at a shopping center near our home for a couple of quick purchases before another appointment. Linda reached the shopping center shortly after 2 pm, spending only a few minutes inside the first store; after which she walked to her car. It was then that Linda first noticed the sound of a helicopter flying low overhead. This did not bother her, as she figured the helicopter must be a traffic helicopter, on its job scoping out the beginnings of the afternoon rush hour on two major highways in the area. Linda drove her car to the other side of the shopping center,

stopping at a hardware store for another quick purchase. Upon leaving this store and walking back to her car, Linda was somewhat startled to note that the helicopter was still in the area – in fact, directly overhead – and again traveling quite slowly over now this other portion of the shopping center parking lot. Her curiosity raised by this coincidence, Linda looked more closely at the helicopter and noted that it was very dark in appearance, without any visible letters or markings. This was, admittedly, rather strange, but as an electrical engineer by training and rational by disposition, Linda was not about to begin assigning any especial significance to the event. The time was now approximately 2:15 pm.

As Linda pulled out of the shopping center to head the final two miles north and home, she saw the helicopter appear to move off, which somewhat relieved her – for a moment. Driving the rest of the way home, Linda could still hear the helicopter behind her. She decided that if the darn thing followed her home, then that would be another matter; the coincidences would really be piling up. When she pulled into our driveway about five minutes after leaving the shopping center and got out of the car, she was amazed to see the helicopter approaching, deliberately, on a direct path towards her and our house. Linda reflexively got back in the car and watched the aerial machine as it came right over a large pond in the subdivision. Now galvanized into action, Linda ran into the house and upstairs to get her camera. Over the next several minutes she snapped pictures of the helicopter as it banked left and then several times made tight circles over and around the house.



Once Linda even ran out onto the deck in the rear of the house to take her pictures; she also called me on the cell phone while she was snapping views. After about five minutes of this, the helicopter, still flying slow and low, moved off in a giant arc and away from the neighborhood. Thus, this initial intriguing event took about 20 minutes' time.

It was now time for her next appointment, a trip to and from a veterinary office about four miles to the east. Linda not only took her feline charge, but the camera also, with her on this jaunt, but nothing untoward occurred. Returning home somewhere before 3:30, Linda hooked up her camera to the computer and downloaded the pictures she had taken earlier. Besides the 'copter itself, one of the frames showed an odd

"object" that appeared rectangular and taller than it was wide. The thing was very small and seemed to be at a high altitude, and did not look like an airplane or a bird, but could just have been due to some image defect. In fact, a photo analytical expert later pronounced that the image was not clear enough to show significant details. However, it should be noted that an additional photograph Linda took of the helicopter showed apparently the same more mysterious object in another part of the sky, and an image enhancement by MIMUFON Newsletter Editor Dave Twichell showed what appeared to be an unconventional structured object.



Enhanced Contrast



UFO Embossed

In any event, at this moment matters were getting "curiouser and curiouser", and Linda began to doubt her objectivity, that perhaps she was seeing things that weren't really there, so she called me again at work. At this moment, the helicopter returned and once again began to circle around the house. It performed this circuit at least three more times, during which time Linda took as many pictures, and asked me to listen to how close the helicopter was. I will tell you frankly that I cannot ever recall hearing a helicopter that close, save for once when I actually took a ride in one; the thing literally sounded as if it were landing on our deck. The sound of the rotor blades actually seemed to pound through the telephone line into my ears.



Shot taken through screen door.

Two days after this unsettling experience, Linda noted another odd coincidence. Checking her cell phone messages, Linda found one from an Army Sergeant, a recruiting message with a telephone number to call. Since the message began with something that was either “This is James” or “Hey, James”, it seemed highly likely that this was just an errant call to the wrong person. But upon Linda and Katharina Wilson doing some checking on the actual number, it was determined that the address was not an Army but an Air Force recruiting office, about 20 miles distant from our home.

Further research by Katharina Wilson of the photographs that Linda had taken uncovered the identity of the helicopter itself as an AS355 Twinstar; a twin engine helicopter from the French company Aerospatiale/Eurocopter. This is a six-seat machine used by

different governments, military, law enforcement agencies, and radio and television companies. The lack of colorful decoration and, indeed, identifying characters on the helicopter’s skin would argue for some kind of governmental and/or military use in this particular instance. Her investigative experience operating, Katharina found a tantalizing indication that the CIA has, for instance, used this type of helicopter on clandestine missions – a tantalizing indication, because the web page that had been linked to this initial information had been removed.

More information came from the efforts of two of Linda’s friends who visited a nearby airport in an attempt to “nail down” or at least hone in on the possible agency that owned and operated the helicopter that Linda had photographed. One airport worker opined that the object in the photos (the investigators had enlarged copies of some of Linda’s snapshots) might be the County Sheriff’s helicopter. However, another worker whom the two researchers later talked to definitely nixed the Sheriff’s identification because the helicopter in Linda’s pictures showed no camera hanging down from its front, as would be the case for a Sheriff’s or, for that matter, news helicopter. According to the first worker, the only helicopters that would be flying below 500 feet would be a Sheriff’s or a military helicopter, or someone who had been given permission by the military. And, in the opinion of the second, independent worker, the helicopter was probably some kind of military helicopter. The tentative conclusion would therefore seem clearly to be that this unmarked helicopter, that showed purposeful intent and an FAA-disturbing altitude, that did not seem to display any concern over its being photographed as it followed a civilian car’s homeward course and then itself coursed slowly over a suburban neighborhood several times on two successive occasions, belonged either to a military or possibly even covert organization. The full article recounting this “Unusual Helicopter Activity” may be found on Katharina Wilson’s website at www.alienjigsaw.com/Articles/UnusualHelicopter.html

These events transpired the day before I took a business trip out of state. On the first evening that I was away from home, no overflights were noted in Linda’s journal, but on the next three successive days, at different times – morning, afternoon, and evening – helicopters appeared over the Murphy household. While the ‘choppers that flew over on Thursday and Friday seemed identical to the one that had seemed to follow her home, Linda identified the helicopter that came over Saturday after 8 pm as a Vietnam-era “Huey”. But events now took another turn.



One week after her initial experience, on April 29th two more helicopter flybys of the subdivision occurred, one in the morning and one around 8:30 pm. But these perhaps coincidental missions take a back seat to a more terrestrial encounter Linda had with an unusual vehicle. It is claimed that some abductees are “tailed” by military or covert organizations, using multiple vehicles so as not to arouse overt suspicion. While such suspicions might seem to have an air of paranoia to them, the following facts give pause. Linda decided to take the car out for an hour or so on a cold but beautiful, sunny Michigan day. Returning home from a series of errands, Linda was at a stoplight, behind a white Ford Crown Victoria that was waiting to make a left hand turn, when she noticed a patch/emblem on the rear

of the vehicle. The symbol looked rather like the insignia that Katharina and she had co-written about in their March article. Her interest piqued by this symbol, by the Buffalo, New York identification surrounding the license plate, and a metal plate stating “Police Interceptor” on the back, Linda got out her digital camera and attempted to take a picture, but by this time the light had turned and the vehicle took off very quickly. Linda was able to glimpse that the side of the vehicle showed no identifying characteristics of a police car. The car gave the appearance of wanting to travel much faster than it was able, and to attempt to get by a much slower vehicle, but the road was too narrow. Since she was driving a sports car, Linda was able to maintain a relatively close distance as the vehicle in front of her made another turn, this time to the right, and immediately sped up. The white “Crown Vic”

passed a fast-moving truck on its right side, contrary to appropriate road manners, and Linda kept close, but in the right lane, until the truck slowed somewhat and she was able to slide back into the left-hand lane, behind the car. The white car ran a yellow light at a large intersection, with Linda right on its tail, then both vehicles had to stop at a red light, just for a couple of seconds. Linda now saw her chance; raising her camera, she took a quick picture before the light turned green and both vehicles went back into motion. The pursued car made a fast right into what Linda knew to be a dead-end street; realizing that discretion was the better part of valor and that she had captured an image of this odd vehicle, Linda proceeded home.

When Linda hooked the camera up to her computer and was able to examine her prize picture, she noted that the occupant of the vehicle, a man with militarily-short-cropped hair and wearing sunglasses, was clearly looking at her through his rear view mirror. He was well aware that she had taken his picture. Linda's Internet research revealed to her that the "Police Interceptor" plate designation must be removed from vehicles prior to vending them to the public. Katharina suggested the possibility that the car and its occupant were not on nefarious governmental business but the man could be attempting to pose as a police officer to stop and accost unsuspecting women motorists, an unfortunately highly plausible theory, given that some of this activity has been recently reported from this general area. In any event, this car chase added another dimension to the recent spate of odd circumstances.



Enlarged emblem on back right of car.

Helicopter flyovers continued off and on from this point forward. One consistency to the events was that they, until this very evening that we have begun composing this account (August 22nd), have transpired in my absence. In one instance the helicopters seem to have scheduled their flyby to coincide with my preferred Sunday church habits. Several more flybys occurred during another of my business trips. In one instance, two large attack-type helicopters flew so close to the house that they rocked its foundations, rattling windows while Linda was on the phone with her mother. Linda believes these aerial vehicles were only about 100 feet up, as they were just above two Weeping Willow trees immediately behind the house at the borders of our property. Again, individually these events seem innocuous, unremarkable; whether the linkage of them into a pattern is tenable, is for the reader to judge, but in light of the facts recounted at the beginning of this article and many more left unsaid, their occurrence perhaps takes on a more intelligible meaning.

For additional information on the human impact of alien abductions, access Linda's two powerful essays on Katharina's website:

http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Abductees/An_Essay_On_Hope.html

http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Abductees/An_Essay_On_Screens.html

Also, <http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Milabs/milabs.html> contains more of Katharina's research upon this subject, and upon a variety of other topics in the alien abduction arena. Katharina recommends the book MILABS: Military Mind Control & Alien Abduction, by Dr. Helmut Lammer and Marion Lammer, as a concise, well-researched and documented, and very informative study.

Special thanks go to Katharina Wilson, a heroic and compassionate researcher in a tangled land, and to the two energetic and resourceful investigators who helped Linda by looking into the local helicopter angle.



Recent Michigan Sightings

JACKSON -- On July 4, 2008, at about 10:15 PM, on a very dark night at a Greenwood Acres campground ten of us spotted a round orange/red light moving east to west. The light could have been made up of five separate lights. The object was not very high when it came over the tree line. As it moved west, it gained altitude. The strangest thing we all noticed was that there wasn't a sound. Very bright and not a bit of noise. Thanks to Brian Vike, Director HBCC UFO <http://www.hbccufo.org>

(Although this one is not recent, it was just recently reported to CMS and is worthy of note.)
KINCHLOE AIR FORCE BASE -- I was a Weapons Tech and trained in Nuclear and Strategic Munitions in the active Air Force and was called to Alert Status, on November 15, 1975. I left my domicile in Brilmey and proceeded to Kinchloe AFB on the back roads to achieve better time. This short cut took me through farmland, and as I proceeded down the road I came across a saucer shaped object in the farmer's field. It hovered below tree top level 30 feet or so off the ground.

I stopped my vehicle about 3:30 AM, and got partially out the car with one foot in and one foot out and watched the craft. It was silver metallic and made no noise. It was no aircraft that I was trained to recognize. It was dark a dark night and I flashed my vehicle lights off then on. The craft turned on a cowl light that shone to the ground, on then off. I repeated the same process; the hovering craft did the same. I waited several minutes and noticed two more craft just past a tree line to my right lifting off the ground beyond the tree line. There were three craft total. As the other two craft climbed to tree top level, I realized that I could stay no longer as I would be AWOL if not there with in the time limit of Alert status. Very few people know of this.

Thanks to MUFON CMS

(Follow up to this case):

I spoke with the witness via telephone on Wednesday, July 30, 2008. He reiterated the details of his 33 year old sighting as per his MUFON report. He stated that he had been reluctant to share his story for so many years for fear of ridicule.

The witness was assigned to the 449th Bomb Wing in Kincheloe AFB, in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. He had resided in Brimley, MI, a short drive north of the base. The details of his sighting were consistent with the above report. He had turned his car lights on and off three or four times and the UFO mimicked his signal with its light. The object was a classic metallic, disk-shaped UFO about forty feet in diameter with "some type of appendages" coming out of it and perfectly silent. The witness could not recall the various colors of lights that the object sported but said it had various colored lights plus its main white light. Two other UFOs then rose from the ground and caught his attention. They were also silent and of the same shape and size as the first.

The witness did not stay to watch the objects depart as he had been called onto the base in the early morning hours on an "alert". I asked if the alert had anything to do with the objects he had witnessed and he replied that he didn't know as one would have to have a need to know for that information. However, although the base periodically conducted an Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI), this was not such an occasion. In other words, this was "not" a drill.

The witness is a fifty-four year old man today. As a US Air Force member for so many years, he insists that he was quite familiar with all types of conventional aircraft and the objects he witnessed that morning would not qualify as one. He is presently a member of Member of The AFA (American Air Force Association).

The witness also related an event that occurred in 1966 when he was twelve years old. He was riding his bicycle when he noticed a similar disk-shaped craft in the sky. He watched as the object hovered, then sped off making a ninety degree turn and was chased by two Air Force fighter planes. He continued home and put his bike in the garage. When he came out, he looked up to watch an object speeding from his right to left on the horizon. In retrospect, he realized that the object must have been going about 12,000 miles per hour.

The witness struck me as a very sincere and intelligent individual. I would have to classify this case as a true unknown.

David Twichell
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Bill Murphy “*Making the Case for Ufology*”: Sept. 14 Meeting



Bill Murphy is currently a member of the MUFON History Project Team, a MUFON Research Specialist in both History and Quality Control, and a MUFON Field Investigator, as well as a columnist for the Michigan MUFON Newsletter and a staff writer for the Illinois MUFON Newsletter “*Visitors*.” He is a Board Member of both the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies and Illinois MUFON, and was leadoff speaker and co-Master of Ceremonies at the August 17th “UFO Symposium 3: Truth ... If You Dare”, held in Tinley Park, Illinois, that also included Stanton Friedman, Donald Schmitt, and Ted Phillips. Bill is past Co-State and Co-Section Director for Michigan MUFON, positions he shared with his wife Linda; he is also a former Editor of the MIMUFON Newsletter. Interested in UFOs since the 1960s, Bill brings 30 years of experience in the academic and technical worlds, as well as his fascination with unidentified flying objects, to this presentation.

Debunkers have largely enjoyed the offensive against ufology, by dismissively explaining away UFO reports and lampooning ufologists and their subject. “*Making the Case for Ufology*” turns the tables on the debunkers. This expands upon the August 17th leadoff presentation at “UFO Symposium 3: Truth ... If You Dare” in Tinley Park, Illinois. I show that flaws which debunkers identify in ufology are also part of the practice of the Science that the debunkers claim to defend. My presentation examines barriers that make it difficult for the mainstream intellectual community to “stomach” unidentified flying objects. I also point out areas where ufology and traditional science can engage in honest and reasoned debate. The debunkers’ own proclamations are turned against them as their obstructive antics are exposed. I also propose ways to improve the situation. For I believe that we, collectively, have the opportunity to make a difference, and that the time has never been better. This presentation speaks to those who are somewhat skeptical of the UFO subject, those who have an interest and would like to learn more, and those who are actively engaged in this fascinating and ultimately critically important field.

A Speaker’s Table will feature items for purchase from the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies. Books, journals, CDs, and DVDs dealing with Roswell, flying triangles, alien abductions, CEIIs and CEIIIs will be among the items for sale. These are some of the best materials ever developed on the UFO subject.



MUFON Field Investigator’s Training

Field Investigator training to start at 10:00 AM with Bill Konkolesky. The session will begin with a debriefing of important investigation information from the Symposium, including an outline of changes made to the Field Investigation manual, as well as update of online investigation tools now available. An hour video of one of the Symposium Field Investigation Workshop presentations, “Scientific Evidence” by Citizens Against UFO Secrecy cofounder Brad Sparks, will then be shown. Sparks’ overview of what constitutes valid evidence is refreshing common sense.

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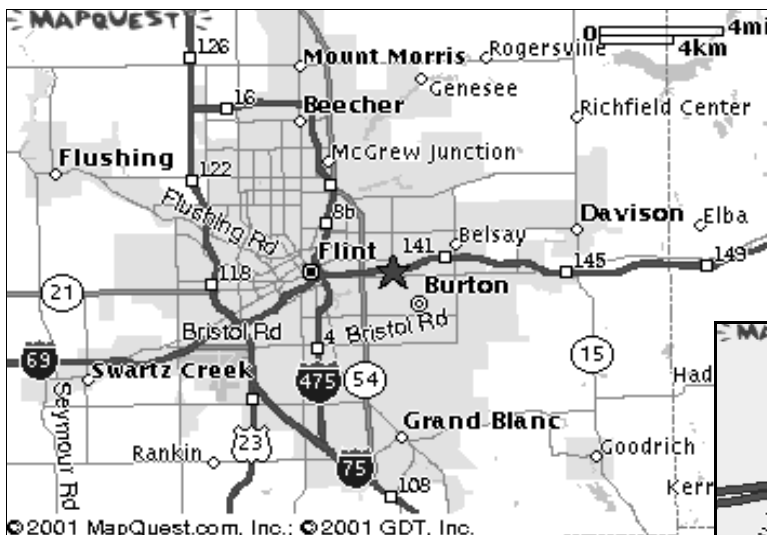
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From The Editor's Desk



David Twichell

UFOlogy Enjoys Increasing Visibility

In 2007 O'Hare International Airport in Chicago, Illinois received worldwide attention when a disk-shaped UFO hovered over a terminal, disrupting air traffic and the nerves of pilots in the air and maintenance workers on the ground, before punching a hole in the cloud cover and disappearing into space.

This year saw sleepy Stephenville, Texas morph from the "Dairy Capital" to the "UFO Capital" of the world when strange lights and at least one gigantic low-hovering boomerang-shaped object was observed over the small town.

CNN's Larry King Live has aired an inordinate number of shows dedicated to the UFO phenomenon with a decidedly slanted view toward the "pro" side. I had the honor of interviewing "Out of the Blue" producer James Fox on my radio show that aired on September 6th 2008 on WHFR.FM. Mr. Fox has been a member of the panel guests on the King show on several occasions. I asked him what Larry King's view on the subject was to which he replied: "During one of the commercial breaks, King looked at us and said 'this stuff is real, isn't it?' And we said "'Yup, it's real.' And King said 'My God, why don't they tell us?'"

The sixth man to walk on the moon, Dr. Edgar Mitchell recently made international news after he casually informed a startled radio host in England that UFOs are real. Some of his key quotes were:

- Roswell really happened.
- "UFOs are real and we have been visited on this planet although it has been covered up by governments for quite a long time."
- Contact has been made and is ongoing.
- Not all UFOs are "theirs", some of them are ours.
- When asked whether he was afraid for talking about this, Mitchell replied: "I think those days are gone, that used to be a concern among the people on the inside, but I don't think they are knocking anybody off for that anymore or doing drastic things to them".

Later Dr. Mitchell told another newsman, "I've been saying the same thing for the past ten years." For some reason, after all this time, Mitchell's unconventional declaration struck an international chord with the UK radio interview.

Of course the naysayers came out in full force. Such a revelation by a well-respected American hero could not be ignored. One astute reporter observed that going into space changed people's views in strange ways. One blogger stated that "going into space scrambled people's brains". Others suggested that Mitchell's statements were a promotion for the upcoming new "X-Files" movie. WOW! Is Dr. Mitchell being paid to put his good reputation on the line to promote a movie?! Good work if you can get it.

UFO reports continue to come in to MUFON exponentially. The recent UFO activity seems to have inspired the public's awareness and loosened their tongues when it comes to reporting anomalous aerial phenomenon. When I follow up on a Michigan report, I always ask if the witness would be interested in receiving an invitation to our next meeting. 90% of them say "yes". This is how our own Patty Donahue started attending meetings and now is in charge of the MiMUFON store as well as a field investigator and conducts the FI MUFON Forum, which is a most demanding job. In fact, she has done such a fine job in such a short span of time that she was honored in the July 2008 International MUFON Journal as "MUFON Volunteer of the Month".



Patty Donahue

On behalf of all MiMUFON members I extend congratulation to Patty for her good work and dedication. I would also extend our best wishes and prayers to her due to her recent hospital stay. Fortunately, she is home now and on the mend. In an email to me Patty explained:

"Approx 2 weeks before vacation I was diagnosed with 'superficial' blood clots (which means they are NOT in the main veins/artries . . . NOT life threatening). However, after 2 & 1/2 days on vacation (which was supposed to be 2 weeks vacation), I noticed that something was just not right and had to turn around and head back to Michigan. My 16 year old drove all the way back for 2 days (with her driving permit), as I could not put my leg down without intense pain. We arrived home very late that Friday evening and Saturday morning, from advice of my family physician, I was taken into emergency at St. Lawrence Hospital, who then transferred me to Sparrow Hospital and had been hospitalized ever since with what was now deep vein thrombosis (DVT-blood clots, which were now life threatening).

"Good news is, I was released from the hospital late last night, (Friday, 8-15-08) and am now home."

Keep up the good work, Patty, and stay healthy.

David Twichell

MiMUFON Newsletter Editor.



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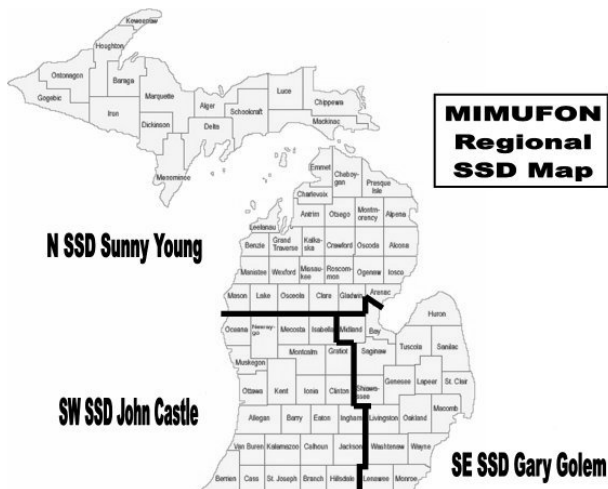
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