

Happy New Year!

Words From the State Director



2008 was another successful year for our Michigan MUFON, highlighted by the addition of several new field investigators to tackle a growing flurry of new UFO sightings...in 2007, Michigan MUFON had 84 sightings reported to us...in 2008 (drum roll please) we had 176! That's right; the number of sightings reported to us more than doubled the previous year. I believe growing public awareness of MUFON played the largest part in the equation, as more and more people are finding out about the best place to report their UFO sightings...us.

Thanks so much to Sunny Young, Gary Golem, and our dedicated team of Field Investigators for all your time and effort in taking on the greatest scientific mystery of our time – whether or not we are alone in the universe.

I wish to personally thank all officers and investigators, in fact, for your hard work in 2008, as well as say thank you to members old and new for attending our meetings.

Most everyone has already signed up for the new year, but if you haven't already done so, please remember to pay your 2009 MIMUFON membership dues at this time (\$25 per family). Otherwise, this will unfortunately be the last newsletter you receive until payment is received. You can renew membership by:

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Our meetings (including buffet) remain \$13 for members and \$15 for non-members and \$5 for anyone under 18 accompanied by an adult.

And, remember, as an effort to invite in new potential members, anyone who is attending his or her first ever MIMUFON meeting will only have to pay \$5 (including buffet) for that first meeting. So, please take advantage of this opportunity to invite your friends and family to their first MIMUFON meeting!

Some of you might remember from last fall that there was a consideration of holding our January meeting at a library in the Lansing area, however, due to a scheduling snafu on the part of the library, they were unfortunately unable to accommodate us (perhaps at some point in the future).

Our first meeting of 2009 will be January 25 at Wallis in Flint. There is no NFL football on TV that Sunday, so, come on out.

New member Kurt Kohl will have on display an art gallery of UFO and abduction work he's done. Kohl will be on-hand for the meeting and even say a few words about his pieces in the afternoon.

Our morning session will be a viewing and discussion of the fascinating UFO documentary *Capturing the Light: The Dorothy Izzat Phenomenon*. This film highlights a grandmother in Canada who has regularly caught UFOs on 8mm film for more than 30 years. No less than the late legend J. Allen Hynek has investigated her sightings.

Our afternoon presentation will be various Michigan MUFON members sharing their personal sighting experiences. Those of you who've attended one of these sessions know that these can be quite eye-opening.

In the way of other upcoming events, my personal winter line-up of library presentations promoting Michigan MUFON includes the Novi Library (Jan 15, 7pm), Roseville Library (Feb 21, 2pm), and Ann Arbor District Library (Feb 26, 7pm). Hopefully, I can entice some new attendees to our meetings.

On that note, let me just please ask that if you see someone you don't know at our meetings, please take a minute to introduce yourself. Especially if you know that it's that person's first meeting. Coming to a UFO meeting can understandably be a big step outside the comfort zone for many and a friendly face and welcoming attitude much appreciated. Thanks so much.

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See you Sunday, January 25 at Walli's for the film *Capturing the Light* and hear riveting sightings of Michigan MUFON members.



Monthly Statistical MUFON Report - for November – December 2008:

CMS continues to amass sighting reports from around the globe. In November 2008 there were 692 sightings reported to MUFON through CMS worldwide. Of these, 618 were in the United States, of which 16 were in Michigan. Most impressively there were 31 Landings, Hovering, or Takeoffs reported and 55 Entities observed worldwide.

In December 2008 there were 449 sightings reported. Of these, 404 were in the United States, of which 17 were in Michigan. Most impressively there were 28 Landings, Hovering, or Takeoffs reported and 27 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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Sweet! Galactic Molecule Could Point to Alien Life

Universe Today: November 26th, 2008



An organic sugar molecule which is directly linked to the origin of life has been detected in a region of our galaxy where habitable planets could exist. Using the IRAM radio telescope in France, an international team of scientists found the molecule in a massive star forming region of space, about 26,000 light years from Earth. "This is an important discovery, as it is the first time glycolaldehyde, a basic sugar, has been detected near a star-forming region where planets that could potentially harbour life may exist," said Dr. Serena Viti, one of the paper's authors. Glycolaldehyde can react to form ribose, a key constituent of the nucleic acid RNA, thought to be the central molecule in the origin of life.

Glycolaldehyde has previously only been detected near the center of our galaxy, where conditions are extreme compared to the rest of the galaxy. But its discovery in an area far from the galactic center in an area known as

'G31.41+0.31' suggests that the production of this key ingredient for life could be common throughout the galaxy. This is good news in our search for alien life, because a wide spread of the molecule improves the chances of its existing alongside other molecules vital to life, and in regions where Earth-like planets may exist.

Professor Keith Mason, Chief Executive of the STFC, said that "the discovery of an organic sugar molecule in a star-forming region of space is very exciting and will provide incredibly useful information in our search for alien life. Research like this, combined with the vast array of other astronomical projects involving UK researchers, is continually expanding our knowledge of the Universe and keeping the UK at the forefront of astronomy."

Source: <http://www.universetoday.com/2008/11/26/sweet-galactic-molecule-could-point-to-alien-life/#more-21528>



The Sun was yesterday handed dramatic footage of the mysterious craft hovering over Bristol. Shellie Williams, 20, and her mum Betty, 53, filmed it on their mobile phones. When they zoomed in, they also caught red and white vertical beams not visible to the naked eye.

Care worker Shellie, who watched from outside her home in nearby Hartcliffe, said: "It was bizarre and I was quite frightened."

Betty said: "Through binoculars you could see clusters of lights. They seemed to form a circle and were attached to something. It freaked us out."

What's zap?

By JOHN COLES
The SUN 06 Nov 2008

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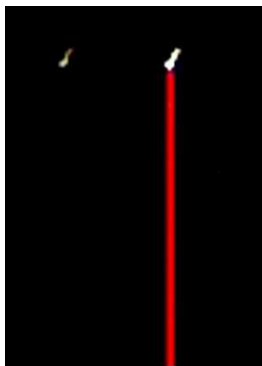
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A RED beam of light shoots to the ground from what is believed to be a UFO.

Neighbor Tony Jefferies said he had seen the lights on and off for two weeks. In daylight yesterday, Shellie and Betty pinpointed the lights as being close to a radio mast on Dundry Hill.

Air traffic control at Bristol International Airport said it had no reports of "unusual activity". Avon & Somerset police said their helicopter was not out and they had not had UFO reports.

Source: <http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/article1898597.ece>

Thanks to MiMUFON member Fred Varner for submitting this article. Video at the above site is quite compelling.

UFO enthusiasts call on Obama to release X-Files

By Tim Shipman in Washington: 30 Nov 2008

UFO enthusiasts are pressing Barack Obama to release classified documents about sightings of alien spacecraft, encouraged by support from within the President-Elect's own White House team.

Desperate to see the US emulate the British Government and disclose reported "contact" with UFOs, the enthusiasts have written to Mr. Obama to ask that his administration comes clean about the contents of America's "X-Files".

They believe they have good prospects of success after public statements of support from both John Podesta, who is running Mr. Obama's White House transition team, and Bill Richardson, the Governor of New Mexico - a UFO sighting hotspot - who is expected to secure a cabinet post.

In the letter to Mr. Obama, the Extraterrestrial Phenomenon Political Action Committee calls on the President-Elect to "end the six-decade truth embargo regarding an extraterrestrial presence engaging the human race".

The group wants the incoming president to insist on a "full briefing from your military services and intelligence agencies regarding what they know" and to open congressional hearings "to take testimony from scores of government witnesses who have already come forward with extraordinary evidence and are prepared to testify under oath."

The campaigners, who resent their common portrayal as nuts and conspiracy theorists, have high hopes of success due to their inside track with Mr. Obama.

When he was the White House chief of staff under Bill Clinton, Mr. Podesta led a project to declassify 800 million pages of intelligence documents. In a press conference, still available to watch on the YouTube website, Mr. Podesta said: "It is time for the government to declassify records that are more than 25 years old and to provide scientists with data that will assist in determining the real nature of this phenomenon."

Gov Richardson, a former presidential candidate and fellow UFO aficionado, has written a forward to a book on the so-called Roswell Incident in New Mexico, where campaigners believe an alien spacecraft crash landed near the town of Roswell in 1947 and that the corpses of humanoid aliens have been kept hidden under lock and key by the government.

He has called for full disclosure by the Pentagon of what really occurred and reiterated his belief that there had been a "cover-up" during a presidential debate last year.

The campaigners, who want the truth "out there", believe that the British Government's decision to declassify thousands of UFO sighting documents this year has made it untenable for the US to maintain its policy of non-disclosure.

Only last week a US Air Force pilot, Milton Torres, whose testimony was released from the British archives, appeared on US television explaining how he was ordered to shoot down a large UFO over the UK in 1957 and then silenced by military officials, who told him never to speak of the incident.

Stephen Bassett, Executive Director of the Extraterrestrial Phenomenon Political Action Committee, expects to have gathered 40,000 signatures via email and fax by Mr. Obama's inauguration day on Jan 20 in support of his calls for openness.

He told *The Sunday Telegraph*: "The truth embargo is now at the end of the line. The release of documents in Britain and France has put huge pressure on the US. It makes the government here look pretty stupid.

"I think we are seeing the Democrats moving towards disclosure. John Podesta has outed himself as an enthusiast. He thinks the American public can handle the truth. Bill Richardson thinks there was a cover-up."

Mr. Bassett also believes that military and intelligence officials have studied the technology of alien spacecraft, material that would help the US develop new energy resources, as Mr. Obama wishes, that will lessen US dependency on Middle Eastern oil.

Source: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newstoppers/howaboutthat/3536229/UFO-enthusiasts-call-on-Obama-to-release-X-Files.html>



President Obama and UFOs

President Elect Obama appears to have very little interest in UFOs or outer space. During a news flap over statements made by Shirley MacLaine last year about a UFO sighting that former Presidential Candidate Dennis Kucinich had, a number of other Democratic Candidates were asked how they felt about UFOs. Barack Obama told the late Tim Russert of NBC News that he was more concerned about improving the quality of people's lives here on Earth, than space aliens.

Obviously preferring to focus his attention on solving the terrestrial economic problems of U.S. Citizens, Barack Obama has also sent strong signals to NASA that he has little interest in spending billions of tax dollars on space exploration. He stood with Florida Senator and former Astronaut Bill Nelson at the Kennedy Space Center this past summer to declare that although he would support continued "basic research and development" at NASA over the long term, he would need to find ways to pay for it that would not take money away from programs that help people here on Earth in the short term.

Obama and many other democrats believe that promises made by President Bush regarding future NASA programs involving the Moon and Mars have always been strong on rhetoric and short on funding. Unlike the funded mandate outlined in his famous "We shall go to the Moon..." speech that the late President John F. Kennedy delivered to NASA's doorstep, the most that Bush and the various incarnations of the U.S. Congress that have existed during his Administration have done is sent the space agency a few dollars to develop vehicles needed to get to those places.

Apart from the fact that big money for space programs has been a hard sell even during the best of economic times in recent years, it's doubtful that President Elect Obama will be motivated to do much more than just keep the lights on at NASA and allow current plans for the International Space Station to go forward as long as they don't require too much funding. The real question is what will happen after he is sworn in as the forty-fourth President of the United States.

I don't imagine that there were too many Campaign corks popping at the Pentagon after Obama won the 2008 U.S. Presidential Election. President Elect Obama is known to prefer diplomacy to military solutions. Whether he will go as far as former President Jimmy Carter did by trying to dismantle the CIA and cut military spending by billions when he got into office remains to be seen. What does seem to be certain is that not all U.S. Presidents receive the real E.T. briefing. Carter tried to get it from former CIA Director George H. Bush before he replaced Bush with a new director, but was turned down.

Times have changed and it's entirely possible that Obama will receive a briefing about UFOs and Aliens whether anyone in the military or intelligence gathering community wants him to have it or not. Given the number of UFOs seen worldwide over the past few years and the obvious military responses in the form of jet and helicopter chases, Obama may have to simply join a show already in progress. If that happens, look for the tell-tale changes in Obama's attitude towards UFOs, Aliens or Space Programs. A sudden and unexpected dependency on the military, a lack of interest in cutting their budget and overall adjustment of his political views may be one sign, but probably not the biggest.

I would expect a world-minded politician like Barack Obama to support UFO disclosure given the diplomatic and international relations possibilities such a move would offer our nation. Especially if he was convinced that extraterrestrials were really visiting our planet and impacting worldwide economies and technologies. Knowing that he could not affect change overnight, Obama might consider supporting disclosure with the hope that he could force the ultimate unveiling of alternative energy sources and new energy efficient technologies that have may have been developed as a result of captured or bartered UFO technology.

Several staff members working for movers and shakers in the Democratic Party have already claimed that some sort of 'summit' took place shortly after the Dennis Kucinich UFO affair last year to discuss how the Party faithful would react to UFO incidents in the future. However, most of these Party players probably do not have the clout needed to find out what's really happening with ET's and our government. Their responses would merely offer preplanned, politically correct lip service to the subject and Obama doesn't seem to be interested in that.

KEEPING IT LIGHT

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



As President, Barack Obama's disinterest in UFOs may serve him better than Bill Clinton's interest in the subject. Bill and Hilary went out of their way to dig up information about extraterrestrials and the government during their time in the White House. The result was lackluster at best. Military members sent them several reports and briefing statements indicating that there was nothing to the Roswell UFO incident and political cronies were stonewalled at every turn as they tried to unravel the UFO mystery from inside the Oval Office.

I think it's possible that some UFO insiders in the government may look at President Elect Obama as a sort of 'clean slate' type of politician given his statements about change. At best, they will trust him with the UFO secret and look for him to promote disclosure and provide positive leadership in that direction. At worst, they'll tell him their own version of the E.T. story and use his ability to sway public opinion to maintain control over all things extraterrestrial.

Source: <http://www.opednews.com/maxwrite/diarypage.php?did=10633>



Another unexplained sighting in Stephenville

By **Angelia Joiner**

Special to the Reporter-News Thursday, November 20, 2008



[Similar carousel-shaped object photographed by a law enforcement officer in Waterbury, CT in 1987.]

What in the world continues to fly in the skies over Stephenville? Or maybe it's out of this world.

On the heels of multiple UFO sightings in the area on Oct. 23, Tuesday proved just as noteworthy for local residents. Michael Corn, 27, a former member of the Army assigned to a Patriot Missile unit, said while at his home at 7:15 p.m. at the intersection of Highway 377 Business and U.S. Highway 281, friends called him outside. He saw what appeared to be a brightly lit object in the sky.

"It looked really close to Stephenville, like it was almost over the courthouse," Corn said. He said the amber/orange lights pulsed in a right-to-left direction. "I could see the bottom of the object from the illumination of those lights and the city lights," Corn said. "The bottom (of the object) looked smooth. There is no way you could be outside and look up in the sky and not notice this thing. It was just weird."

Corn said he observed the object for about 15 seconds, and then it disappeared without a sound. "It just vanished," he said.

When questioned about the possibility of the object being an experimental military project, he said: "I know that we couldn't make it. I don't believe it's ours. I got the impression that it has technology that we are not capable of understanding."

Corn said he is familiar with all types of aircraft because of his experience in the Army and his childhood near the Dallas-Fort Worth airport. "It was very unnerving -- you can't come up with a reasonable explanation for what it was," Corn said.

Corn's girlfriend, Ashley Couch, also saw the object. "It reminded me of a carousel lying over on its side," Couch said.

Another observer at U.S. Highway 281 and North Loop 377 said she could not explain what she saw. The 20-year-old woman, who asked not to be identified, was traveling north on Loop 377 when her boyfriend called her attention to the vehicle just ahead that seemed to be strangely illuminated. "He asked me if I saw those weird lights," she said. "But I hadn't noticed anything."

WE ARE NOT ALONE:



Tune in to David Twichell's one-hour radio talk show, **"We Are Not Alone"** on **WHFR**, broadcast from Henry Ford Community College (**89.3 FM**).

Bill Birnes of History Channel's UFO Hunters will guest **Feb. 7, 2009**. **Dr. Robert Wood** is tentatively the guest for **March 7, 2009**.

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She said they pulled into a gas station at the intersection. When they exited their vehicle, a man pulled in and asked if they had seen the lights. "He said he was a pilot, and after my boyfriend had just asked me about lights so that got my attention," the woman said.

Entering back into traffic headed north, they both saw an object. "It was coming down at a slight angle -- slowly -- it had a bright, big light, a steady light and a blinking light," she said, "for a total of three. One was red, and maybe that was the one that was blinking ... I'm not sure."

The couple was so mesmerized they slowed down to almost a stop in the road. "It pivoted to our left side, maybe 50 yards away and 75 yards up in the air," she said. "It looked almost like it was hovering. The lights were so bright it was hard to see the shape."

The woman said they passed the object, and she looked back to see if it was going to land at the airport, Clark Field. But she was unable to see it.

"We turned around and went back" to the gas station, she said. "There we saw it again, but this time it was on our right moving left across in front of us," she said. "It turned again and looked like it was about to stop, and went back the other way. The lights were so bright it was almost hard to look at it. I think it might have been blimp-shaped and about the size of two school buses. It was hard to tell."

Area law enforcement officers said about 10 calls were received reporting a craft or lights. While some of the callers may have seen flares, one officer said not all of the calls were related to flares dropped in the Brownwood Military Operating Area just before 7 p.m.

Source: <http://reporternews.com/news/2008/nov/20/another-unexplained-sighting-in-stephenville/>



One Year Old Indiana Sighting w/Photo



Indiana-01-31-2008

I was home alone and decided to go to the kitchen to get a glass of water and maybe find a snack. Just as I approached the kitchen/dining room area (they're the same room and we have a bay-window/patio door there) I noticed what I immediately thought was a helicopter about 300-400 feet away, just across the street and above the tree-line. Because we kind of live in the country, I thought that was unusual... then it hit me that I couldn't hear any noise at all! And then the obvious shape difference hit me like a bag of rocks and I ran for my camera - literally (I almost tripped over a rug).

I don't know how long it was there before I saw it, but it hung around for 2 or 3 minutes after I noticed it... not moving or flashing or anything. The only thing I noticed was a sort of waviness of the air surrounding the object - that's probably what stuck me most, actually. It resembled kind of what you see over a hot

road on a summer day. It was getting dark, but I distinctly remember the dark tree line shimmering just below the object, against the sky-glow.

I had just enough time to take a picture on my camera (before the batteries died), and then I got one on my cell phone right before it "disappeared" --- I say that, because I believe it just went directly away from me at a high speed very suddenly... it actually appeared to grow smaller and disappear, but curve up slightly as it was doing so. The direction was about directly westward I believe.

Long ago, when I was a young kid, I remember seeing a funny light in the sky (from very far away) and watching it do all sorts of "tricks" ~ but I couldn't actually see it as an object. This is the only other time that I have seen something this close, that I know from my own eyes what I saw in a detailed manner. Very exciting indeed (although the first couple nights were difficult to sleep well!)

Source: MUFON submitter 9511



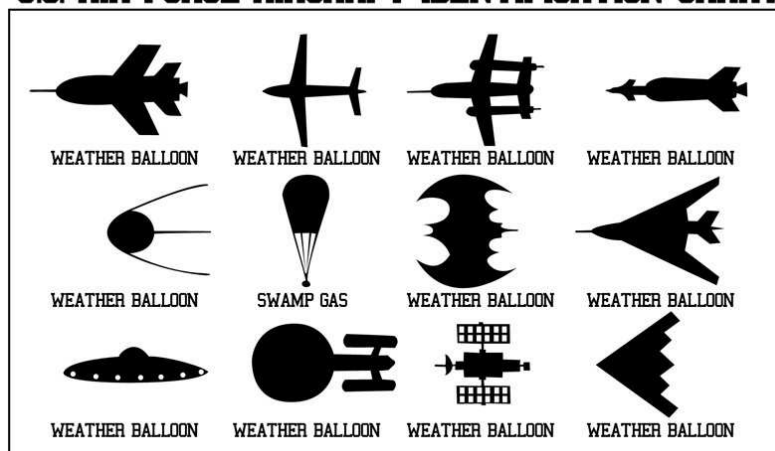
Attention All UFO Investigators

In an attempt to assist UFO investigators identify IFOs from true unknown flying objects, the US Air Force has released this helpful chart.

Sleep well tonight – your Air Force is awake!

Thanks to MiMUFON member John Castle for this submission.

U.S. AIR FORCE AIRCRAFT IDENTIFICATION CHART



Mysteries of Space and Sky V Continues to be a Premiere Venue Bill Murphy's Column



From left to right, Don Berliner, Dr. David M. Jacobs, Richard Hall, Ted Bloecher, Dr. Bruce Maccabee, and Dr. John B. Carlson. 200+ Years in Ufology, taken after the Mysteries of Space and Sky V Conference, November 1st, 2008

Once again, the sprawling Arnold, Maryland campus of Anne Arundel Community College was the setting for the 2008 “Mysteries of Space & Sky” conference, held from 9:30 am until about 6 pm on this past November 1st. The title of “Mysteries V” was “The UFO Phenomenon”, with a bit over half of this year’s program given over to the matter of Abductions. Again, an overflow crowd heard top researchers in the field deliver presentations from their original research for a bargain-basement price.

The registration fee of \$40 gained access to seven presentations, by Dr. S. Peter Resta, Rob and Sue Swiatek, Keith Chester, Don Berliner, Anna Jamerson, and Dr. David M. Jacobs. As with last year, the level of the talks was on par with Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) Symposia I have attended. Dr. Resta opened and handled speaker introductions, and Steven Hickey (www.luinness.com) provided background synthesizer music. In addition to the regular presenters, Richard Hall and Dr. Bruce Maccabee were back again, and both had some of their excellent materials to sell. Dr. John B. Carlson, editor of Archaeoastronomy: The Journal of Astronomy in Culture, also had materials and information. Lastly, Carl Feindt, of

the underwater UFO website and catalogue, and ufology “lion” Ted Bloecher were in attendance.

Dr. Resta began the presentations with “The Pascagoula Abduction Case: 35 Years Later”. Originally skeptical about the account of an August 31, 1973 abduction of two fishermen, Dr. Resta was influenced by a subsequent happenstance conversation with a member of the Pascagoula police department. The officer maintained that there was no possible way that Charlie Hickson and Calvin Parker could have known that their jailhouse conversation was being monitored by the suspicious Sheriff Fred Diamond, who himself later came to believe they were telling the truth as they knew it. Dr. Resta played portions of a tape of an interview he conducted with Hickson, just two weeks before this Maryland conference. Among the fascinating items on this tape are Hickson’s intimation that he has had an additional experience, which he may write about some day, that he has had no hassles from M.I.B.s, black helicopters, or the regular U.S. military, and that he believes that he was in contact with living beings that were controlling the “robots” who performed the actual physical portion of his abduction. Also, Hickson believes he was given a message, which he has never revealed but may before he dies (he is 80 years old and not in good health); he has thought almost every day about the meaning of it all, and believes that what was done to him and Calvin Parker was for a purpose.

Virginia MUFON State Director Sue Swiatek presented a talk titled “They’re Real and They’re Local: The Area’s Best UFO Investigations”. Sue altered her original remarks to consider cases from the “Pandora Files” recently-released by the Mutual UFO Network. She also brought the audience up to date on an extremely strange and disturbing case of a local man whose lungs were, basi

cally, “fried” by mistake during a physical examination conducted by his alien captors. A Lexington Park, Maryland abduction case featured the nearly unique element of a room full of hundreds of chairs, each with a framed picture of a person propped up against its seatback. Sue also played portions of a dramatic tape by the witness in a 1992 suburban Annapolis, Maryland case that was seminal in turning Dr. David Jacobs’ attention to the role of human-alien “hybrids” in the abduction phenomenon.

Sue’s presentation was followed by her husband Rob’s talk on “The Case of the Brass Cartridge and Other UFO Events of 2008”. Rob, of the Fund for UFO Research as well as MUFON, gave the audience an update on the Stephenville, Texas, sightings of January, 2008, and their investigatory aftermath. Rob noted that the Stephenville residents weren’t satisfied with the MUFON report that explained many of the sightings; however, Rob emphasized that there was a residue of cases that resisted conventional explanations, even before the “bomb” of the radar reports exploded. It’s interesting that, in contrast to the Hickson-Parker sighting, at least one of the Stephenville witnesses has experienced F-16 and helicopter over-flights of his property that he ascribes to his having “talked” about his sighting. The “brass cartridge” refers to a 25:06 bullet the witness found after a night encounter with an apparent M.I.B. Rob explained several key features of the radar reports. Another fascinating aspect to the Stephenville case was the “locking people up” done by the television networks, so that their information could not be given to others until it was aired on TV, which stymied the MUFON investigators on the case. Rob tied in the Texas cases with this year’s British release of many of the U.K. UFO files, one of which contained a 1980s letter from a woman abductee who chided the MoD for actions very similar to those of the USAF to the Stephenville incidents.

After a Close Encounter of the Food Kind (lunch), Keith Chester, author of Strange Company: Military Encounters with UFOs in W. W. II, spoke on this subject. Beginning in 1999, Chester researched the National Archives for UFO-related material from World War II. Much of Chester’s presentation interwove the movements of several key U.S. and British experts with dramatic reports of WWII aerial encounters from August, 1940 onwards. Among the more dramatic cases was a January 15, 1942 encounter with a copper-colored object, the size of a full moon, that demonstrated radical movements, and absorbed machine-gun fire with no effect, a May 27/28, 1943 case involving a silvery-gold, cylindrical object with windows that seemed to climb at a rate of thousands of miles per hour, an enormous disc seen over France on August 11, 1944, and a November 26 sighting of that year of a round amber object that followed a plane for 50 miles, then passed the aircraft, emanating “unbearable” heat as it did so.

FUFOR Chairman Don Berliner gave a presentation titled “The UFO Phenomenon: Personal Reflections”. As with last year’s talk, Berliner provided a first-person perspective of some of the most famous and important events in ufology. He began his talk with the statement that he still believes we do not have “proof” that UFOs are alien craft. We have a lot of evidence, but nothing that one can hold in her hands. As a result, we must deal with second-hand information – but, of course, there is a lot of that. Among the interesting points Don made dealt with the April 24, 1964 Socorro, New Mexico, sighting of a landed craft and two occupants by police officer Lonnie Zamora. Berliner recalled the phone call he took from a NASA engineer and NICAP supporter alerting NICAP to the case, and how he and Richard Hall agreed that either there was nothing to the story, or there was a great deal to it. Don pointed out, in favor of officer Zamora’s credibility, that Zamora had worked with Dr. Lincoln LaPaz, who had studied the famous “green fireballs”, and that Zamora consistently refused to embellish his own account, or to speculate beyond what he had actually seen. Don further believes that the UFO phenomenon, whatever it is, has experienced a major shift, away from the substantive cases of the early days, to a preponderance of night-time sightings such as we have now. He avers that the Mars Phoenix Lander mission has uncovered something that is being held from public exposure until it is published in a scholarly journal.

Another break transpired following Don’s talk, and the theme turned back to UFO abductions with Anna Jamerson’s “A Lifetime of Abductions: What Does it All Mean?” Anna was co-author with Beth Collings (both names pseudonyms) of Connections: Solving our Alien Abduction Mystery, and her talk and visuals dealt with the events and reactions described in that fascinating and important book. Unlike some investigators, Anna’s personal experience with the abduction phenomenon makes her mistrust much of what she was told by her captors: “They lie – a lot. So I’ve gotten to the point where I think everything they tell me is a lie”. However, she does believe the work of abductologists has been useful in putting her experiences into context, and she also described, for those in the audience who might not have been familiar with it, the elements of a typical abduction event. Among the many intriguing observations Anna made is that she is a bit ambivalent about her experiences: some stuff was really neat, like floating through windows, piloting some spacecraft, and the people she’s met. She also has a drawer at home of stuff that is not hers that was put on her during her abductions. Linda and I were fortunate to spend some time with Anna aside from listening to her presentation, and we found her to be a warm, caring, and grounded individual – a truly inspiring person.

The last presentation was Dr. David M. Jacobs’ “The Hybrid Presence on Earth”. As indicated, the talk dealt with the challenging issue of alien-human hybrids, and Dr. Jacobs’ contention that he has discovered the true purpose of the alien abduction agenda. Jacobs has worked with about 150 abductees, some for more than twenty years. Jacobs says everything we used to think was bizarre about the abduction phenomenon just means that we were ignorant about the data, and that everything that occurs within an abduction is done for a well-planned reason – and it’s not the “experimental model” of learning about humans, as he had proposed in his book The Threat. Jacobs now, as Hopkins, believes that there has always been a central reproductive focus to abductions, from Vilas-

Boas and the Hills to the present, and that beginning in 2003 he (Jacobs) began to hear from his abductees something that he had never heard before, something that had to do with abductees being tasked to help hybrids integrate into society. Jacobs believes that this integration activity is far more extensive than he or anyone else had thought, and that it's well along. Jacobs bases this belief of a huge acclimatization program on the reports of seven abductees, less than 5% of those he has followed, but sees support in one British and a German woman's claim that she was required to take hybrids to a local store and teach them how to buy things. Jacobs instanced some darkly humorous situations recounted by his five witnesses, in which the hybrids seem not to learn just by being told and thus avoiding mistakes, but by having to be chastised when they do make a mistake. One abductee noted that the furniture brought into a living/dining room by a set of hybrids was all placed in a corner of the room, while the rest of the room was bare. The end game of all this? Jacobs is unsure, but he is concerned that traditional humans will become "second-class citizens" as a result of this activity.

Among Jacobs' other startling assertions are that only information extracted under hypnosis is truly valid, something that runs counter to the beliefs of most other abduction researchers, and that a key to believing abductees' stories is that all communication they receive is through telepathy, which would not be the case if the tales were internally generated by the individuals' psyche – Jacobs believes that psychologically-created abductions would include at least some audio communication. Jacobs' logic also leads him to claim that if elements of the U.S. government or military were truly involved in abductions, then there would be no Iranian President Ahmadinejad, and Saddam Hussein would have been dealt with well before the Second Iraqi War – that the world would truly be "a different place".

As with last year, the "Mysteries: V" program schedule ran overtime, and presentations were affected by a recalcitrant sound system that should have been fully pre-tested. Instead of a larger lecture room that, I understand, had originally been promised, the conference was held in the same comfortable, but size-wise barely adequate hall. Yet overall, "Mysteries of Space and Sky" continues to emphasize original research rather than derivative speculation, to bring in the best available speakers, and I continue to believe it is the best value for money of any one-day UFO symposium in the country.



Massive UFO reported in Ohio

by Steve Hammons



Cell phone image No. 3, another minute later around 3:48 AM, October 23, 2008 on Route 7 near W. H. Sammis coal power plant between Empire and Stratton, Ohio, along Ohio River. Image © 2008 by Tim Comstock.

Along the Ohio River, at the nexus of the borders of Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania, a huge object said to be "about the size of a large shopping mall and parking lot" was reportedly sighted in the early morning hours of Friday, Oct. 24, by a military veteran who worked in the helicopter aviation field while in the military.

According to a report by Emmy Award-winning TV producer, investigative reporter and author Linda Moulton Howe on her Web site Earthfiles.com, truck driver Tim Comstock was on Route 7 north of the town of Empire, Ohio, at 3:45 a.m. The area is in Jefferson County (named after Thomas Jefferson).

After first seeing a brightly lit object the size of a large pickup truck apparently slowly rising above the tree line, Comstock noticed a much larger dark object that included three bluish lights in a triangular pattern. The bright object seemed to be rising toward the larger object, Comstock told Howe.

Comstock said he took three photos with his cell phone camera that caught both the brightly-lit object and the three bluish lights in the triangular formation. The photos are posted on Earthfiles.com.

The encounter started as Comstock was driving and saw other cars pulled over on the side of the road.

Howe quoted Comstock as saying, "As I was driving along the route, I noticed there were a couple of cars alongside the road with their lights still on.

People were standing outside their car and that peaked my curiosity about what was going on. I looked in the direction that they were looking, which was toward the top of a rather large hill."

Comstock told Howe, "I looked up and there was a very bright object just above the tree level. I can't really say for sure what it was because I've never seen anything like it."

"It seemed self-luminescent. It was about the size of a large pickup truck and it was very bright whenever I looked at it. That's really what caught my attention."

"Five or six cars" were pulled over, Comstock stated. "The people standing there looked like they were stuck, just transfixed watching the objects. They weren't moving. They were just standing almost completely still."

"They were pretty awestruck. And it was extremely close to the small town of Empire, Ohio. I don't know if people there saw it. Maybe it was too late at night."

'SOMETHING ORGANIC'

"It didn't look like anything mechanical by any means. To me, it looked like a cocoon," Comstock told Howe.

"When I saw it, I was trying to take everything in and that's immediately what I thought when I saw it – that it was organic. That's the feeling that I got. I didn't think it could be anything else. It just came across as something organic."

Comstock said that as the object rose, he was able to see the larger object from the light given off by the smaller ascending object. The larger object with the bluish lights seemed to be basically stationary, Comstock said.

"As long as I had it [brightly-lit smaller object] in my field of vision, it seemed like it might have risen from above the tree line, I would say a couple thousand feet."

"It was a white light with a little bit of orange inside of it. It had a little bit of red and the shape just seemed so strange to me because it seemed like a biological shape. As I watched that shape, it was rising upward," Comstock stated.

"As I looked above that, I saw a pattern of three bluish-colored lights. They weren't flickering like a star. They were in some kind of sequence, but they were all in tune with each other. They were very large lights. They were definitely not stars."

"I'm judging this because I was in the military and worked on helicopters, so I can tell this was pretty low because a couple of thousand feet seems like a lot, but it's really not," he said.

"It seemed like it rose a few thousand feet and then the craft – by the time I lost sight of it – it seems like it might have been maybe 500 feet from whatever the object was above it. So it was definitely getting closer to the triangular craft that was drawing it in," Comstock told Howe.

"As the large white-orange object was rising up, it looked like it was going into the center of the triangle of blue lights. At first glance when I saw the triangle of lights and rising, glowing object, I could not process what was going on."

"As the white-orange object got closer to the triangle of lights, I could see from reflected light that the underside of the inside of the triangle pattern of blue lights was one object – one very, very large object. When I saw it with my naked eye, I saw the bottom of the craft and it looked like it was very flat."

Comstock described the color of the larger craft above to Howe as being dark gray or black. He said he thought it had a crystalline type of surface that reminded him of a "cracked open piece of coal."

"It was big. About the size of a large shopping mall and parking lot."

PHOTOS AND FEELINGS

"As I was driving, I actually slowed down to about 2 mph and there was no safe place on the side of the road. I slowed down almost to a stop and I was able to get a really good look the whole time everything was happening just above my head. I was able to slow down enough to hold the phone outside my window and still have a view inside the window frame and I was able to take the three pictures there."

But Comstock's feelings about the encounter are puzzling even to himself.

Comstock told Howe, "I gave the photos to a couple of my friends to look at. I still have the photos on my phone. I sent them to my wife. I went home this week and I would not look at them on the computer. My friends were telling me about how amazing they are to look at in the larger size and I just can't bring myself to look at them."

"I don't think I'm afraid of it. It's something that is such an awesome thing that I just can't wrap my head around it. It's one of those things that if I see it again – whatever I saw, I started trembling and the hair on my arms stood up and I knew I was in the presence of something beautiful and much larger than I could possibly fathom. It was just the most beautiful thing I've ever seen."

"It's a very strange feeling. I don't know. I can't explain it 100%. I can't really fathom why I would feel this way about it, but it was something that struck me as beautiful and awesome at the same time," Comstock said.

"I suppose that once I've calmed down on the inside, I'll be able to look at them, but like I told you earlier, when you called this morning, I've even had trouble looking up at the stars because, as you said, it's a paradigm shift. It's something that completely changes the way I think about life and the universe – completely!" Howe reported Comstock as saying.

"If this, indeed, is something that's not from Earth, it's definitely something of great significance."

Source: <http://www.ufodigest.com/news/1108/massive-ufo.html>



"It is my view that this situation (UFOs) has possible implications for our national security which transcend the interests of a single service. A broader, coordinated effort should be initiated to develop a firm scientific understanding of the several phenomena which apparently are involved in these reports..." (1952 memorandum to the National Security Council.)

Oklahoma – Disk



TULSA -- On November 26, 2008, I did not see or hear them; on the picture they appear as bright dots - four with some kind of wing like structure. I was on a parking garage looking west. When I was perusing the picture I noticed the lights and thought they were aircraft, but they do not look like it. I have never seen or thought I saw a UFO before in my entire life and this is the second experience in the past month; the other I documented on October 31 - three weeks before this picture was taken.

Thanks to MUFON CMS and Filer's Files # 51 December, 2008



In Their Own Words: Apollo Astronauts say "We Went to the Moon"

Written by Nancy Atkinson: Universe Today November 7th, 2008



Someone approached me recently and wanted to ask about how the U.S. faked going to the Moon back in the 1960's and 70's. I was so shocked, appalled and dumb-founded; I really didn't know what to say. I just directed them to Phil Plait's Moon Hoax Hoax info. Then I wondered, what do the Apollo astronauts say if someone asks them the same question? Now I know. I just finished watching "In the Shadow of the Moon," a documentary of the Apollo era by director Ron Howard. And the end, as the credits are rolling, each of the astronauts responds to an unsaid question about those who think this greatest adventure in human history was a hoax:

In Their Own Words: Apollo Astronauts say, "WE WENT TO THE MOON!"

CHARLIE DUKE: "We've been to the moon nine times. If we faked it, why did we fake it nine times?"

DAVE SCOTT: "Any significant event in history, somebody has had a conspiracy theory one way or the other about it."

GENE CERNAN: "Truth needs no defense. Nobody, nobody can ever take those footprints that I made on the surface of the moon away from me."

ALAN BEAN: "Some of the tabloids are saying that we did this in a hanger in Arizona. Maybe that would have been a good idea!" (Meaning, it would have been a lot safer)

And BUZZ ALDRIN said, this on a UK TV show, "Where Are They Now? I'm an honest person. If I tell you I was on the moon and you choose not to believe it, forget it."

MIKE COLLINS: "I would grab someone by the collar who didn't believe and shake them and somehow change their mind." And later Collins added, "I don't know two Americans who could have a fantastic secret without one of them blurting it out to the press. Can you imagine thousands of people being able to keep this secret?"

I CAN HARDLY WAIT for the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter's launch early next year. LRO will carry a powerful camera into low orbit over the Moon's surface. While its primary mission is not to photograph old Apollo landing sites, it will probably photograph them, many times, providing the first recognizable images of Apollo relics since 1972. The spacecraft's high-resolution camera, the LROC, or Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter Camera, has a resolution of about half a meter. That means that a half-meter square on the Moon's surface would fill a single pixel in its digital images.

Written by Nancy Atkinson

Source: <http://www.universetoday.com/2008/11/07/in-their-own-words-apollo-astronauts-say-we-went-to-the-moon/#more-20813>



Michigan MUFON

State Section Directors Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2008

The November 16th state meeting was held at Walli's Restaurant in Flint, Michigan.

Bill Konkolesky, State Director, called the Section Directors' meeting to order at 3:30 PM. In attendance were David Twichell, Darlene and David Bleicher, Linda and Bill Murphy, Patty Donahue, Gary Golem and Wendy Smith.

Bill opened the gathering with a discussion of the MUFON International Symposium, in 2009 and beyond, requesting opinions about Michigan's possible involvement in the 2010 event. Gary felt that current economic conditions precluded Michigan's involvement. Bill Murphy suggested that Michigan possibly work with Illinois, Indiana and Ohio on a smaller scale event.

David Twichell reported that he had recorded UFOs Over Earth and the UFO Hunters version of the Holland MI case to include in the library.

2009 meeting dates have been established as March 15 and either May 3 or May 17, dependent on the availability of Walli's second floor meeting room. The March meeting will feature Craig Lang, a Minnesota MUFON abduction investigator. Craig may also conduct the morning Field Investigator training. Bill will provide overnight accommodations for Craig, which will limit MIMUFON expenses to Craig's transportation costs.

David Twichell discussed the status of his UFO themed television program. After the digital conversion scheduled for February 2009, his 30 minute show will be aired state-wide. Production costs are \$50 per month, and David requested that MIMUFON consider sponsorship of this program.

David Bleicher asked MIMUFON to consider purchasing a copy of the recently reissued Field Investigator's Manual for resale at state meetings.

Patty reported that the MIMUFON store sold \$33.00 worth of merchandise. She also asked that the Newsletter include the subject of the Field Investigator training portion of the state meetings.

Wendy reported that the November meeting had 43 attendees including eight first time visitors, and two new state members.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Wendy Smith, January 4, 2009.



Henry Ford II (September 4, 1917 — September 29, 1987)

Henry Ford sees UFO

The Saucer News Summer of 1969 reports: The fact of the matter was that most who reported sightings seemed to be very ordinary people who were often solid pillars of their community. One of these people was not so ordinary, but he could hardly be a nut in view of the money he was making for his company. That person was none other than Henry Ford II, who observed a saucer for half an hour and reported the incident to the Detroit News. Ford the CEO of Ford Motors from 1960-79 was one of a plane load of Ford executives who had the experience during a trip back from Texas a few months previously.

"We saw something round and white," Ford said, "It looked like a dish. It stayed beside us, but some distance away. "I asked our pilot to radio the Air Force to send a fighter plane up for a look. He didn't want to because he was afraid they would think he was a kook. Ford didn't issue any press announcements on it at the time, but he was willing to talk about the experience. "I really saw this," he said, "It was quite a thing." "I guess you could call it an unidentified flying object," he said "It stayed with us for 30 minutes to an hour. I got bored looking at it. Ask the others about it. One of the others said , "It looked like big silver dollar; I could see it from every window on the plane" Another commented, "It's a true story we all saw it, it's a true story!"

Thanks to the Saucer News Summer of 1969, Page 20.

Recent Michigan Sightings

Southgate, MI. December 28, 2008. Approximately 8:30 PM:

After leaving dinner with my Fiancée we pulled onto Fort Street, between Pennsylvania and Eureka roads, on the border of Southgate and Wyandotte, MI, heading north to go home. It was approximately 8:15 pm on Sunday, December 28th, 2008.

I then spotted out of the windshield of our vehicle to the northeast, four bright, solid orange points of light high in the sky in a type of V formation. They were slowly traveling easterly (toward Canada). I first assumed that they were helicopters from Selfridge AFB but they started to loop around each other (as if tumbling) and go in different directions relative to each other but generally staying close together. I then pulled the vehicle over and got out of the car. I listened for any noise of engines or such. It was totally quiet. There were no noises to be heard. We then proceeded to watch the four lights as they progressed eastward, continually looping and turning around each other until one by one they faded out of sight. They never changed color nor did they blink at all. This went on for approx. 3-5 minutes.

When they faded out I got back into the car and we headed home. I have seen a lot of meteors, space debris, shooting stars, etc. in my life but I have never seen anything like this. It was quite fascinating. I'm not saying that this was definitely a UFO or not, but we still seen these lights in the sky that I could not explain and I wanted to pass this along to you.

Thanks to MUFON CMS.

Feltham, MI January 1, 2009 12:16 AM. Shape: Circle. Duration: 0.30

HEARD ON LOCAL AND NATIONAL RADIO STATION THAT PEOPLE HAD SEEN THE SAME THING IN OTHER TOWNS AT SAME TIME

5 ORANGE LIGHTS IN THE SKY. NO FLASHING LIGHTS AND WAS TOO HIGH FOR THEM TO HAVE BEEN FIREWORKS AND SEEMED TO VANISH AS QUICK AS THEY CAME.

Thanks to www.nuforc.com

Jackson, MI December 21, 2008 6:56 PM. Shape: Triangle

I was just driving down a highway and the craft was flying with the car above and then turned to the left not lowering its left side, it just turned, then it went north away from me and my wife.

We did not see the craft but, just the lights. There were 4 lights, one at the top and 2 at the sides. Then there was a red light directly in the middle.

Thanks to www.nuforc.com

Rochester Hills, MI December 7, 2008 12:30 PM.

This event happened in the bright, cloudless afternoon sky of Michigan- metro Detroit. I was fueling my car with everyone else under the gas station canopy roof. I was standing at the edge of the canopy and with the fuel running I jumped over quick to look at the paper headline in the box then went back to tend the fueling and on the way back something caught my eye high up in the sky. I had to look again to see if it was moving at all. It was. It was drifting slowly in my direction and now it looked closer to the Earth then when I first noticed it about 20 seconds ago. It looked fairly small (2-5 feet across). About 200-300 feet up. The object made no sounds. It was drifting in the wind direction basically but not completely. It was if the wind was not affecting it. It moved much slower than the winds which were fairly heavy this day. The sky was cloudless as the wind had blown everything away.

The object looked at first like a flying wing. But it had more than one wing. It had wings which changed shape, position and in number about once or twice a second not in a mechanical way but almost in a random way. The wings also were colored in sections and these sections continually changed like a prism changes in the sunlight. They would also stay one color in the wing and then a new wing shape and direction sprouted and a new color came up. Sometimes there would be two or more stripes of color in the same wing until the new shape came in. When this object was the closest to me I could see a streaky gray plasma type cloud hanging from it like a tail. The bottom of it came to a point and there was movement in it like a swirling effect from bottom to top. As it passed overhead the plasma tail became invisible to me.

The object left my view as it passed over the rain canopy I was fueling my car under. This event up till now has taken about 60 seconds.

I had paid with a credit card so I didn't have to go in and pay. I pulled the car around and out from under the canopy and stuck my head out the window to see it again and it was still up there drifting away and now looked slightly higher again. The plasma tail was visible again. It was still heading slowly in the same direction but still seemed to wander slightly unaffected by the wind speed. I watched it for another 20-30 seconds before it left my sight.



Sunday, Jan. 25th. Meeting

The 10:00 field investigator's training offers a special treat – a UFO documentary by a lifelong contactee.

In "Capturing the Light" Dorothy Izatt has made claims of UFO sightings and alien abductions that her friends and loved ones dismissed as imagination. So she decided to video tape her visitations. 30 years and 30,000 feet of film later, this documentary vindicated her.

This blogger from <http://www.abovetopsecret.com/forum/thread319622/pg1> offers a brief review:

"Altogether, I personally have viewed eight different films on two occasions. They are rewarding, but hard to watch for an extended period. The films I saw had been selected by Dorothy as she felt they contained something of particular visual value. After seeing them all, I had to agree she was correct. Some of the images captured are not only impressive but, to put it mildly, rather extraordinary. Principally, the projected light sequences that have been filmed show a dark blue pulsating object, filmed at an unknown distance but whose elevation could no doubt be estimated from known heights of familiar objects in the center foreground. A similarly shaped red dot executes flight patterns and pulsations that come close to that of its blue partner. The star of the show is what the film-maker refers to as her "golden ball." For sheer spectacle this UFO (if that is what it is) takes some beating. Not only does it come in close, or so it would appear, but it radiates energy to such a remarkable extent that I felt convinced that if I approached the screen I could surely feel the heat that was being emitted. The energy output is seen as waving hair-like lines that stand out from this shimmering sphere. These lights proceed across the screen generally at a fairly slow pace, pulsating on and off as they go. Sometimes the red and blue might be seen on the screen together. At other times a light will appear to elongate as if its intention was to spawn another craft (amoebae fashion) then change and revert to its original sphere. Another short scene captures a third object as it passes close to the camera on a horizontal or vertical plane. Suddenly the viewer is dazzled by a flash of light and he/she mentally dismisses this as overexposure for some reason. Dorothy chuckles and patiently rewinds the film, frame by frame, until on the screen is the outlined path of the object you were watching proceed at what seemed to be a snail's pace, a second before. Only on this single frame of film is captured what can best be described as a lighting-type maneuver, with each stop, and next movement, then stop again, shown as a necklace of beads made from light. Always the pattern outlined is complete on the screen. It never runs off."

Afternoon:

New member Kurt Kohl will have on display an art gallery of UFO and abduction work he's done. Kohl will be on-hand for the meeting and even say a few words about his pieces in the afternoon.

Various MiMUFON members will take the microphone to share their own personal sighting experiences. This is NOT an "open mic" presentation, however, as predetermined presenters have been selected to address the meeting.

For anyone who has not yet attended a Michigan MUFON meeting (and present members also) this type of presentation can be very advantageous as it will demonstrate that they are not the only ones who have had these experiences.



REMEMBER: If your 2009 MiMUFON dues are not paid after this month, you will not be receiving the full newsletter next time, only an invitation via email.

MUFON Field Investigator's Training

10:00 AM. The video "Capturing the Light" will be presented. How would you investigate this case?

Make Your Meeting Reservations Today!

Phone in your reservations to State Director Bill Konkolesky at (248) 515-9568 or email at wjk@mimufon.org no later than **Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2009**. 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

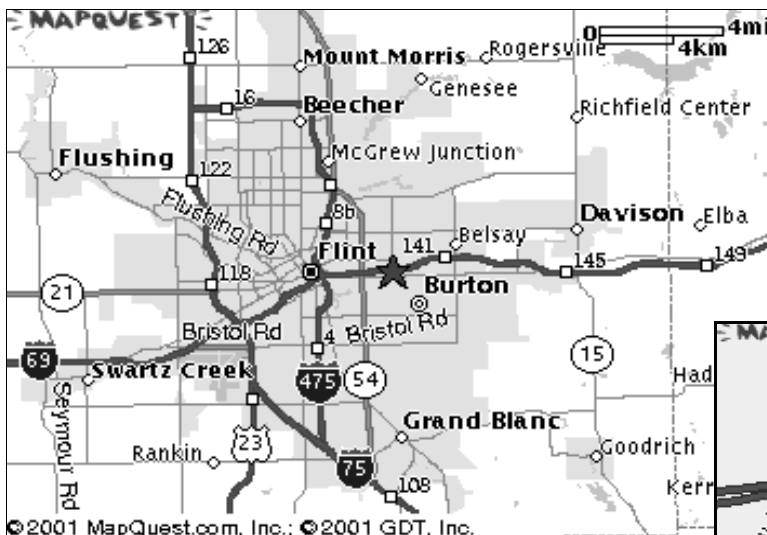
Sunday, January 25, 2009

Members \$13.00 / Non-Members \$15.00

First time guests are \$5.00.

10am	FI Training: Capturing the Light
12pm	Buffet Lunch
1:30pm	Various presenters
4:00pm	MIMUFON Announcements & Necessary Business

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



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From The Editor's Desk



David Twichell

Dear Mr. President Elect

Stephen Bassett's "Million Fax on Washington" project has apparently hit its mark. Tens of thousands of letters, emails and faxes have poured into the office of the President Elect. So many that it has been deemed newsworthy by major concerns such as Fox News, CNN, the Washington Times, UK Daily Mail, UK Telegraph, Wired Magazine and The Sarasota Herald-Tribune, just to name a few.

How much good they will do remains to be seen but at least we can rest assured that our new President is aware of the public's attitude concerning the UFO phenomenon and their sincere desire for disclosure.

I thought I would share my own letter to Barack Obama with our readers:

{Dear Mr. President Elect;

First, let me congratulate you on your hard earned and well deserved election to the highest office of our great country.

I write to you today regarding a matter that has been my passion since I was 14 in 1962: the UFO phenomenon.

I am not a "believer" – I am a witness.

Many countries have released documented evidence in support of the UFO reality while the standard for democracy has continued their "denial and ridicule" policy. I ask, sir, that you personally bring that deceptive practice to an end.

The biggest hurdle you will have to contend with is the NSA and black operations that consider it a matter of Above Top Secret (Cosmic Secret to be exact). Presidents Clinton and Carter were stonewalled in their efforts to garner information on this subject. You may well know that Carter and Regan had their own UFO sightings.

There is a lot of silliness out there – most of which has its origins in the government's disinformation campaign. But I urge you to separate the wheat from the chaff by going to organizations like The Mutual UFO Network <http://mufon.com/>; The Center for UFO Studies <http://www.cufos.org/>; The Disclosure Project <http://disclosureproject.com/> with more than 400 high ranking government, military and corporate insiders who are breaking their oath of silence and coming forward with personal testimonies and indisputable evidence to back it up, and Washington insider Stephen Bassett of PGR (Paradigm Research Group) <http://www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/> who will direct you to even more credible witnesses.

These are just a few of the groups and individuals that will take the subject out of the tabloids and into the light of science.

After at least sixty years of the truth embargo on the extraterrestrial presence that has been and is engaging our planet, it is time for that truth to be introduced to the American people and the world. It is a truth that belongs to the human race and not just a handful of the self-proclaimed initiated.

There are devices that would provide safe, free, non-polluting energies to the world that have been back engineered from crashed disks of unknown origin. They too belong to our world, but the oil companies are not yet through exploiting the masses. Some argue that our economy would be adversely affected by the introduction of such technologies. I invite you to witness these technologies firsthand and make them prove their ability to foster more jobs and profitability to all concerned. They will do just that.

Mr. Obama, we are not alone in this vast sea of space. It is time the world knows that all important truth. I entrust you as my President to bring us out of the scientific dark ages and assume our rightful place in the universe by disclosing the facts about the UFO phenomenon that most Americans already accept as fact.

Some of your advisors will argue that we mere humans are not prepared to handle this sensitive knowledge. To them I can only say . . . YES WE CAN!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely Yours,

David E. Twichell}

If the reader would like to participate in making their plea for UFO disclosure to the President Elect, there is still time. Snail mail letters are best but emails are good too. Send your own thoughts to:

The Honorable Barack Obama, President Elect of the United States, Washington Transition Headquarters, 451 6th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001

Email: www.change.gov/page/s/contact

Of course, if January 20, 2009 comes and goes before you get around to it, I'm sure you will know where to find him after that.

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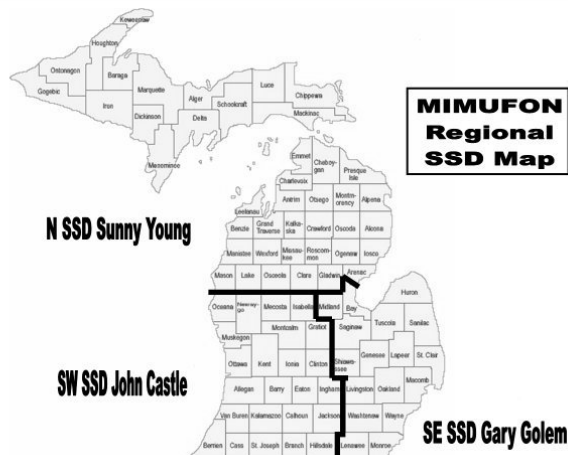
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