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### **Can Alien Craft Morph Into Invisibility?** **By Dick Moss, MUFON MN State Dir.**

In 1944 Air Force pilots began relating accounts of luminous "somethings" which became labeled "foo fighters." Halfway around the earth intelligence groups in the Pacific were confronted by even more baffling observations of formations of invisible flying objects. Prior to the U.S. invasion of Okinawa radars picked up what appeared to be possibly three hundred aircraft approaching the Allied fleet. It was also believed that the objects were moving at speeds greater than the speed of sound. Navy planes were launched from a carrier to intercept but pilots never saw any aircraft even though visibility was perfect. Radar operators watched blips on their screens move over the fleet and disappear.

This event was classified as the "ghost of Nansei-shoto." During the Korean war fighter planes often were sent up after objects that the pilots could not see even though radar indicated that they were directly ahead of the strange objects. Analysis revealed that there was nothing wrong with the radar.

Some conjecture that UFOs are invisible most of the time and are seen only when certain circumstances combine to make it possible. This may not be very likely but it points to the high strangeness of the overall phenomenon even if it happened only once. In 1965 six people said they saw a blinking transparent object on a golf course and three figures could be seen inside. As they moved around they looked like moving silhouettes. When witnesses ran toward the object it supposedly disappeared with a loud bang as it "blew up."

A few UFOs have been described as being clearly transparent at first, but then slowly become opaque in front of astonished witnesses. Others, who have said that as they tried to get close to a landed craft, felt themselves to be up against an invisible wall.

In 1967 an official of the United Nations told of an experience involving himself and two friends. They were in a car driving down a highway when they claimed to hit something in the middle of the road that must of been invisible. They didn't see anything on the road prior to their crashing into it. There is also an account, in 1938, of an airplane flying into something that was both solid and invisible. According to the Chicago Daily News, in June, 1938 nine men were killed in an Army bomber that crashed into something unseen in mid-air. But, a crash with what?



### **Minnesota Mufon Meetings**

**Sat., May 8<sup>th</sup> & Sat., June 12<sup>th</sup>  
1:30pm - 5pm**

**New Brighton Family  
Service Center  
Room 224  
400 - 10th St. NW  
(located 1/4-mile S.W.  
of Hwy 694 and 35W.)**

**PARK FREE! The building is  
designated as non-smoking.**

**See map on back cover**  
**(Note: The building has no  
special security, so you can  
come and go as you please  
and smoke outdoors. There  
is also an elevator.)**

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**Stephen Hawking's Alien Warnings  
Divide UFOlogists**  
**Carl Franzen Contributor, AOL News**  
<http://www.aolnews.com/2010/04/27/hawkings-alien-warnings-divide-ufologists/19454975/>

(April 27) -- This weekend, famed physicist Stephen Hawking rocked the residents of this world with his declaration that aliens are likely to exist but should be avoided at all costs. First contact, he warned, could prove to be "much as when Christopher Columbus first landed in America, which didn't turn out very well for the Native Americans."

Some scientists publicly refuted Hawking, blasting his pessimistic prediction of an extraterrestrial encounter. Meanwhile, other researchers have rallied behind him, offering similarly wary predictions.

AOL News managed to establish contact with four self-described experts in the field of UFOlogy -- the study of unidentified flying objects -- to elicit their takes on the news. They fell roughly into two broad camps:

**ET IS FRIENDLY, BECAUSE ...**

**1. Just Like Us**

Jose Escamilla is a documentary and creative filmmaker by trade, but he joined the ranks of the world's most legendary UFO witnesses thanks to a series of videos he recorded from 1994 to 1998. They appear to show unidentified rod-shaped structures flying over Midway, N.M. (near Roswell), in broad daylight. In previous interviews, Escamilla maintained that the rods are likely living creatures, and friendly ones at that. As he explained to AOL News, the violent aliens are likely to be few and far between:

From my own firsthand experiences when filming UFOs in broad daylight over Roswell, N.M., I can clearly state that just like we have many types of humans among us, there are probably many types of alien beings already among us. There is no reason to think we haven't been visited yet or that aliens have not made contact with us ... As far as aliens being hostile, just like we have violent people, I am certain it's the same with aliens. "On earth as it is in the heavens?"

**2. Would Have Invaded Already**

Dr. Steven Greer is a physician turned UFOlogist who founded The Disclosure Project. His organization seeks to get Congress to "hold open,

secrecy-free hearings on UFO/extraterrestrial presence on and around Earth," which Greer believes is irrefutable, having ostensibly experienced contact firsthand and recorded similar testimony by numerous members of the U.S. Armed Forces and private industry.

In response to Hawking's comments, Greer told AOL News he found it "unfortunate that Stephen Hawking has added his voice to a growing chorus of xenophobia and fear regarding what he terms 'aliens.'" Greer went on to say:

As a scientist, he should know better: Any interstellar civilization would possess such technologies that the meager resources of Earth would be unneeded. If you can travel faster than the speed of light, you can manifest what is needed. Period. Moreover, if they were hostile, since ETs are already visiting Earth (see [www.DisclosureProject.org](http://www.DisclosureProject.org)) this would have been made crystal clear when we detonated the first atomic weapon in 1945. To date, no place on Earth has been invaded or attacked or colonized.

Greer concluded by chastising Hawking for "stirring the war-mongering fear pot" and defending the industrial-military complex. But while Escamilla and Greer and advocate the position that alien life is more likely to be hospitable than threatening to earthlings, others took Hawking's warnings to heart.

**ET DOES NOT COME IN PEACE, BECAUSE ...**

**3. Clear Evidence of Harm**

Dave Cosnette manages the U.K. website "Cosmic Conspiracies," which is self-billed as "Europe's Biggest UFO Database." It logs sightings and offers perspective analysis on the evidence for various alien encounters around the globe. Cosnette and his brother Martin share a "passion for paranormal research" that extends to other subjects including the Apollo hoax, ghosts and psychic phenomena.

Dave told AOL News in an e-mail:

I agree with Hawking, they would be threatening species and they are probably far more advanced than we are. There have been many occasions where people coming into contact with aliens have been harmed. One case in Brazil comes to mind where the person was killed in a horrific manner being skinned and had various body parts removed via some kind of laser.

However, like Escamilla, Cosnette points out that alien life is probably diverse enough to incorporate a variety of personality types: "In our studies so far, we have investigated over 60 different alien species encountered. We must remember the vastness of space; this is probably just the tip of the iceberg ... like here on Earth it would be difficult to imagine many of these would be hostile."

#### 4. Aliens Hide

The expert with arguably the most academic experience studying alien encounters that AOL News spoke with was also the most unequivocal in his support of Hawking's assessment.

David M. Jacobs is a history professor at Temple University who is widely recognized as one of the most pre-eminent UFOlogists in the world. He wrote his dissertation on UFOs in the 1970s and has devoted his professional career to studying them and purported alien abductions ever since, publishing four books on the subject and overseeing the website The International Center for Abduction Research. Jacobs was quick to skewer the other UFOlogists consulted for this story as being unreliable charlatans. "I completely agree with Hawking," he told AOL News. He continued:

Contact with extraterrestrials is not advisable and is to be avoided at all costs. Everything I've seen over the course of my career has lead me to conclude that far from being the kind of benevolent, spectacular first contact scenario that pervades in the media -- thanks to works like "Contact" by Carl Sagan -- humanity's encounters with alien intelligence could be catastrophic for us all.

Jacobs said this dour view of alien/human relations developed as he researched hundreds upon hundreds of abduction stories and found that they shared the commonality of neurological manipulation by distant, super-powerful entities hell-bent on maintaining a cloak of secrecy, to what ends he could only speculate were nefarious.

Indeed, Jacobs said he was grateful for Hawking's seemingly renewed interest and attention to the subject, noting that "there's hardly anything we can do [to prevent alien encounters] as long as the broader scientific community thinks this is nonsense."

So as the search for conclusive proof of intelligent life continues, so too does the debate over how we should greet it. One thing, however, remains as clear as an idyllic night sky: No matter what you

believe about ET, there will be some expert out there with evidence to support your views. 2010 AOL Inc. All Rights Reserved.

### **DARPA and Underwater UFO Tech**

**Posted on July 28, 2009 by dad2059**

<http://dad2059.wordpress.com/2009/07/28/darpa-and-underwater-ufo-tech/>

Our good friends at the high-tech Pentagon company DARPA, has another goody waiting in the pipeline to perpetuate the Empire and bring death and destruction faster and deadlier through-out the world; high speed, deeper diving submarines. The latest class of submarines can travel at more than 25 knots submerged. But what if the Navy had a much smaller submarine that could travel four times as fast?

"The real reason we buy nuclear submarines instead of non-nuclear ones is that we're not protecting the Gulf of Mexico," said retired Navy Capt. James Patton Jr., president of Submarine Tactics and Technology in North Stonington. "We go halfway around the world, real quick. We get there and we stay there. Anything that would allow you to get a platform somewhere a long ways away pretty quickly would have great military value."

That is why the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, which commissions research for the Defense Department, has given Electric Boat millions of dollars to design a vehicle that could potentially transport high-value cargo or small groups of people at 100 knots (about 115 miles an hour) in a program known as "Underwater Express."

The technology, if developed, could revolutionize ocean transportation if it could be adapted to cargo and passenger ships. The vehicle would travel inside a large gas bubble created in the water, a process known as supercavitation. The bubble reduces drag, since the drag is much lower in air than in water, allowing the vehicle to travel at high speeds. Supercavitation is not new. The technology has been applied to weapons, but never to transport vehicles, according to DARPA.

"What we're trying to do is come up with the sweet spot where science meets practicality," said Franz Edson, EB's director of submarine payload integration and strategic weapon systems. "The problem with the technology, the science, was you couldn't go very far, you didn't have any endurance and you couldn't maneuver very well, so it was really kind of limited practicality."

"What these guys here have come up with is a way to dramatically increase the endurance and maneuverability of a body in supercavitating flight, so now you can really start to do things with it."

Blowing out air to create the bubble that envelops the vehicle is wasteful, and a vehicle can only carry so much compressed air, so Jack Chapman, an engineer at EB, came up with a way to "mitigate that issue," Edson said.

Exactly how is the gas-bubble creation process managed efficiently? Well, that's a secret.

"It's revolutionary, but we can't tell you what it is," said Jennifer Panosky, program manager of advanced programs and future payloads at EB.

"It's not something we want other people to be aware of," Edson said. "We've proven it works. We've set records for the longest supercavitating flight in a water tunnel. This has the potential to change ocean transportation.

"Ships would be much more fuel-efficient, or could use the same amount of fuel and instead of taking two weeks to get across the Pacific, they could get across in a matter of days. It's pretty slick."

DARPA has given EB about \$26 million so far for the project, with another \$12 million expected by the end, said Panosky.

EB initially pitted its design against one from Northrop Grumman Electronic Systems in Maryland. EB was chosen to build a quarter-scale unmanned vehicle, based on the concept of a full-scale size of 8 feet in diameter and 100 feet in length, for a demonstration in spring 2010 in the waters off Rhode Island.

The demonstration will include a 10-minute run at speeds of up to 100 knots with maneuvers, including depth control, to show the controllability of the vehicle, according to a DARPA statement. At that point, the program will conclude and the technology will be available to the Navy for use in future systems as desired, according to DARPA.

This 'revolutionary development' interests me a bit. It's like creating an underwater 'warp-bubble' that enables the sub to become more 'aerodynamic' under water so it can go faster. From what I understand from the article, the original method utilizes air to create the bubble that encircles the vessel (torpedo/missile).

I wonder just what this new development entails?

What fascinates me the most, this revelation (revolutionary development) coincides with this tidbit from Russia:

The Russian navy has declassified its records of encounters with unidentified objects technologically surpassing anything humanity ever built, reports Svobodnaya Pressa news website.

The records dating back to soviet times were compiled by a special navy group collecting reports of unexplained incidents delivered by submarines and military ships. The group was headed by deputy Navy commander Admiral Nikolay Smirnov, and the documents reveal numerous cases of possible UFO encounters, the website says.

Vladimir Azhazha, former navy officer and a famous Russian UFO researcher, says the materials are of great value.

*"Fifty percent of UFO encounters are connected with oceans. Fifteen more – with lakes. So UFOs tend to stick to the water,"* he said.

On one occasion a nuclear submarine, which was on a combat mission in the Pacific Ocean, detected six unknown objects. After the crew failed to leave behind their pursuers by maneuvering, the captain ordered to surface. The objects followed suit, took to the air, and flew away.

Many mysterious events happened in the region of Bermuda Triangle, recalls retired submarine commander Rear Admiral Yury Beketov. Instruments malfunctioned with no apparent reason or detected strong interference. The former navy officer says this could be deliberate disruption by UFOs.

"On several occasions the instruments gave reading of material objects moving at incredible speed. Calculations showed speeds of about 230 knots, of 400 kph. Speeding so fast is a challenge even on the surface. But water resistance is much higher. It was like the objects defied the laws of physics. There's only one explanation: the creatures who built them far surpass us in development," Beketov said.

Could it be that these underwater objects utilized the same method that DARPA is studying for future submarines?

Does DARPA/Pentagon have a captured underwater UFO for study to back-engineer? Did the Russians for that matter? And why didn't they copy the technology themselves?



Maybe there's no connection at all and it's just coincidence?

[Hurling Through The Sea At 115 mph](#)

[Russian Navy UFO Records Say Aliens Love Oceans](#)

**UFO Disclosure 2010:  
The Vatican's Key Role  
By Kelly Jad'on, Apr 13, 2010  
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<http://www.basilandspice.com/journal/ufo-disclosure-2010-the-vaticans-key-role.html>

Psalms 19 (1): "The heavens declare the glory of God."

Why is the Vatican supporting the idea of alien/extraterrestrial existence?

Assuming their existence is real and quite factual, can the human race stomach the broad daylight exposure of aliens? Are we ready for the truth?

The Vatican believes that we are. Recent assertions in the Vatican's newspaper Osservatore Romano by Jesuit astronomer and Director of the Vatican Observatory, Father José Gabriel Funes states that the possibility of other life forms exists.

Father Funes follows in the path of former Monsignor Corrado Balducci, (died September 20, 2008 in Italy) who stated, "Let me state very clearly: We can exclude that angels use spaceships." He believed that the possibility of life on other planets could exist, and is in fact "highly probable."

Disclosure Project founder, Steven Greer, MD has written that the Vatican is ready to be open on the subject. In fact, his book, Hidden Truth explains that the Vatican has been involved in UFO research for some time. In a conversation at the Vatican with former Monsignor Balducci, who at the time was a senior theologian to the Pope, Greer asked, "Do you think these extraterrestrials are a threat or hostile in any way?" Mon. Balducci answered, "Oh, not at all!....You know, God cannot be so foolish as to entrust all of his hopes for intelligent beings just on this planet....You know, I could not be saying these things unless I had the approval of Papa," (the Pope). Greer adds (p.229) that within Opus Dei are cells with a "very dark view" regarding the disclosure of ETs and UFOs.

Jim Marrs, author of Alien Agenda, writes that the Reverend James A. Wiseman, chairman of the

Department of Theology at Catholic University, said, "Personally, I've always believed we will find life on other planets." (p.370)

St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina (1887-1968) stated, "The Lord certainly did not limit His glory to this small Earth. On other planets other beings exist who did not sin and fall as we did."

Ufologist Stanton T. Friedman, author of Flying Saucers and Science appreciates the open-mindedness of the Vatican. He wrote, "Father Balducci, who works at the Vatican, has appeared at some UFO conferences and made it clear that there is no fundamental reason to reject the notion of visiting aliens."

Why must the Vatican be involved?

The implications of UFO Disclosure strike at the very heart and nature of humanity. Stanton T. Friedman believes that UFO Disclosure will trigger a rise in church attendance and an increase in mental hospital admissions. The fact that the Vatican has stepped forward on the issue is immensely significant. The disclosure of other races in our Universe is mind-bending, and is indeed a spiritual issue, to the point that it is more of a mind-blowing shock than a disclosure. \*82% of Americans believe in God. They will need informed spiritual leadership to explain the ramifications of other alien races. We will indeed discover that we humans are one, and we'll want explanations regarding creation, faith, and redemption in relation to extraterrestrials.

If this disclosure is to proceed, it must be completed slowly, cautiously, and with an awareness that the eye of God is watching all of His creation.

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**The CE4 Corner – May/June, 2010 – At the  
Threshold of the Martian Gravity Well**  
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MarsCon 2010 is a fascinating gathering of people interested in science fiction of all stripes. Among these are SF and fantasy buffs, writers, readers, actors, and just, simply, partiers. But most interesting of all, from my perspective, some of those attending each year are experiencers. Often, I find that before people become aware of their encounter experiences, event memories tend to surface in metaphorical ways – often taking the form of science fiction. Thus, I find that a relatively high proportion of the attendees at SF conventions tend to have a history of extraordinary experiences.

This year, at this particular Con, author and guest exhibit tables were located in the main hallway, not far from an open space that looks out over the pool, game room, etc. In years past, the creators of the Con have affectionately dubbed this spot the Martian Gravity Well, and this year, the Minnesota MUFON table was not TOO far away from the threshold (event horizon?) of the ‘singularity.’ For me, the location provided a fascinating place to meet new people – skeptics, writers, experiencers and – well, I think you get the idea. And just as every year, it provided me with an interesting shift in reality.

Friday nights at a Sci-Fi con are usually pretty wild and tend to run pretty late. Thus, Saturday started slowly (building to quite a crescendo that evening, of course). The result was that while sitting at the MN MUFON table on Saturday mid-day I had time to begin the first draft of this article, (see my [blog on Blogspot.com](http://blog.onblogspot.com) for the first draft).

Friday evening (loosely defined) lasted until about 2 AM (for several people, I learned later that it ran until about 4 O’clock AM). I did my talk (similar to past years) on close encounters 11PM Friday evening to Midnight. Most of the people in the talk had heard similar presentations from me in the past. However, most of the people in the room were experiencers, so I abbreviated the material in the talk and focused upon discussion among them.

Several experiencers there, I had known for years and had interviewed them extensively. A couple of others I knew had had encounters but I had talked with them little or none. Of the four of us who hung on until about 2AM, two of them described some very interesting anomalies, events I could only describe parallel realities.

In many encounter cases, I hear about reality paradoxes, time shifts and other strange twists in a person’s experiences of an event. In [The Cosmic Bridge](#), I describe a number of such anomalies, including several involving Evelyn, the abductee in the Northwestern Wisconsin experiencer case. Evelyn described instances in which reality apparently shifted during the time of her encounter, details of her surroundings altered from that of normal reality. Specifically, at the close of one encounter, she described the window being open as she watched a light (apparently a craft involved in her abduction) ascending into the sky, eventually disappearing. Later, as she described the event, we noted that in reality, the window doesn’t open.

In another such case, an experiencer and his girlfriend were driving into Saint Paul from Wisconsin, when they suddenly realized that they were on a different (and strange-looking) highway. Thinking they were lost, they exited on the nearest exit. As they did, he noticed that the “world looked unfinished - like an unfinished stage set.” He decided to turn around by going over the bridge and getting back on the freeway in the other direction. As he crossed the bridge, he found that the car conked out. His next memory is being back on I94, back on track as they were entering Saint Paul.

In discussions on that night at MarsCon, I learned of some similar accounts. In one case, an experiencer and her husband found upon arriving home that their house was different. Somehow, that night, the hot and cold water faucets were reversed. In the morning, they found that their world – including the location of their water faucets – had returned to normal order once more.

In another case I heard that evening, an experiencer described an event in his childhood, as he was traveling on a field trip with a church youth group. During the trip, he visited the home of an author whom he followed quite closely.<sup>1</sup> Later on in life, he again met the person and during their conversation, he referred to his visit many years before. The result was a mystified stare. Apparently, at least in this reality, the author had no memory of the person’s visit.

Curious, the witness checked back with the group who had conducted the trip. To his surprise, he found that there was no such trip in their records, or in anybody’s memory. It was as if the trip had

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<sup>1</sup> The details remain sketchy as I only learned this in passing at about 1AM. In addition, any identifying details about the experiencer are obfuscated to preserve confidentiality

never happened and only he remembered it. This particular person also described a several such events in his family history, which had apparently fostered a family tradition of strange events and shifted realities.

To describe such anomalous 'Twilight-Zone' effects, UFO researcher Jenny Randles coined the term, 'the Oz Factor.' In many cases, this seems to involve a 'quieting' of the surroundings - no frogs, crickets, wind in the trees, etc. In other cases, it appears to involve a deeper shift in the experiencer's reality, itself.

What is going on here? Is there a degree of plasticity to the reality of our universe? Are these experiencers actually shifting into some parallel form of reality? Is there an actually an overlay of realities present? Or is there another explanation - perhaps more prosaic? I suspect that the answer to this question will tell us much about both the UFO/CE4 phenomenon and about the nature of reality, itself. My own belief is that we really understand far less than we think about the actual nature of reality. Furthermore, the anomalies associated with the UFO/CE4 phenomenon provide us with some 'in your face' clues about the answers to such questions. Like so many scientific breakthroughs, often the clues to the mystery hide themselves in plain sight.

Earlier, as I was writing the draft of this article, another experiencer, with whom I had talked the previous night, stopped by the table and gave me more details on a sighting I had written up on the MUFON Case Management System a few years before. It was another classic CE1 - at least I think it was a CE1,<sup>2</sup> with the classic 'oz factor' silence. She also described being very psychic and a deep psychic relationship with both her son and her daughter.

As I described above, the reasons I do talks at SF cons like MarsCon is that many experiencers seem to gravitate toward, and on this weekend I was certainly not disappointed. As I finished the first draft of this article, another person stopped by my table to talk. It was another experiencer. She was someone I had known for years and this year as in every past year, she had something new for me to learn.

For me, it was once again time for a meeting of the minds at the threshold of the Martian Gravity Well.

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<sup>2</sup> Subsequent note, after reading the first draft of this article on my blog she indicated that it was a CE1 or Close Encounter of the First Kind, meaning she believed no abduction took place.

## **Ripping Blue Book a new one by Billy Cox, April 30th, 2010**

<http://devoid.blogs.heraldtribune.com/10879/ripping-blue-book-a-new-one/>

In November 2007, a dozen pilots, ex-military and civilian, all with top-drawer credentials, from as far away as Iran and Chile, convened at the National Press Club in Washington to urge the U.S. to launch a long-overdue public research project into UFOs. ([http://www.freedomofinfo.org/national\\_press\\_07/declaration\\_marc\\_h.pdf](http://www.freedomofinfo.org/national_press_07/declaration_marc_h.pdf)) After an extremely limited news-cycle convulsion, the event tapered off into oblivion because the media were still busy chortling over Dennis Kucinich's reluctant UFO eyewitness confession on national TV.

Kucinich, UFOs, unicorns, sea serpents, pull my finger — whatever.

So Robert Hastings knows what he's up against. And he's gone ahead and booked the National Press Club, anyway.

Author Robert Hastings plans to challenge Air Force credibility with veterans' testimony in Washington / CREDIT: [www.darkmattersradio.com](http://www.darkmattersradio.com)

That's where, on Sept. 27, the retired semiconductor lab analyst from New Mexico intends to play a little smashmouth with the Air Force by giving its veterans a forum to tell the world how America can't stop UFOs from snooping around — and, in some cases, disabling — its nuclear arsenal.

Did you get that? With the United States continuing to push for global arms-control agreements, Air Force whistleblowers are ready to talk about how it can't even secure its own WMD from a phenomenon the Pentagon has refused to acknowledge for 40 years.

None of this is new. Reports of UFOs idling over U.S. missile fields have filtered into the public domain for decades. In 2008, Hastings combined those accounts with his own research to produce a 600-page, bluntly titled book, "UFOs and Nukes." He's compiled stories from more than a hundred military veterans since the 1970s.

What's new is this aggressive campaign to bring the eyewitnesses together under one roof. So far, seven have committed, including two former colonels. Should the media attend, the stories they'll tell should rattle taxpayers — multiple ICBM shutdowns, security-team scrambles, ad hoc secrecy oaths, none of which made it into the Air Force

sham called Project Blue Book. There's even quasi-comic relief: One of the guys booked for the press conference was a geodetic surveyor who rolled his truck while attempting to flee a UFO at Malmstrom AFB.

Here's the rub. Exactly how many veterans appear depends largely on money. Hastings has about a dozen willing to talk. He figures it'll take \$15,000 to accommodate them. He's installed a PayPal button at his ufohastings.com Web page. Another option: donating frequent flyer miles or checks to Robert L. Salas — UDP at P.O. Box 1075, Ojai, CA 93204.

Salas, a retired Air Force captain on duty as deputy missile combat crew commander at a Malmstrom silo when UFOs allegedly took more than half a dozen Minuteman warheads offline in 1967. Salas, who went public in on "Sightings" in 1995, says the fund is nonprofit, and that anything left over will be donated to charity.

"I'm under no illusions — I've been doing this since the 1970s," says Hastings, who's been lecturing on his research for almost 30 years. "There's only so much a small group can do against the powers that be."

From WWII fighter pilots on record about UFOs scouting the Hanford plutonium factory months before Hiroshima/Nagasaki in 1945, to reports of UFOs buzzing Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station (rumored to house nukes in its stockpile) as recently as 2009, Hastings says the database points in one direction: "This isn't ancient history. It's an ongoing thing. As long as nuclear weapons exist, it's predictable that UFO events over nuclear sites will occur."

There won't be much wiggle room when Air Force eyewitnesses assemble in Washington. They're either delusional, lying, or telling the truth. If they're delusional, what were these security risks doing policing our nuclear stockpiles? If they're lying, where's the incentive? If they're telling the truth, the scandal isn't in what happened, but in the coverup.

And if the media doesn't bother to hear them out, the scandal spreads exponentially.

## **Do I smell gunpowder?**

### **Notes on the book 'Messages' by Stan Romanek (with J. Allan Danelek)**

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I just finished reading Stan Romanek's book, *Messages* (written with co-author J. Allan Danelek). In a word, I loved it. It was probably one of the cleanest, most concise and at the same time, most extensive narration of the abductee experience I have read. The book is written in a plain style, the narration of an ordinary person undergoing extraordinary experiences. Yet the experiences that the book contains are anything but typical if for only one reason, the intensity of the message. In addition, Romanek claims to have captured evidence - both material samples and photographs - from his experiences. Is this a smoking gun?

Like most experiencers I have met, Romanek's awareness of the phenomenon began with some key event - in his case, a significant UFO sighting. This began a cascade of experiences, explorations and mysteries. Eventually, after a number of hypnotic regressions, the scenario of this one person's interactions with the phenomenon took shape with increasing clarity.

Romanek's narrative generally follows his unfolding awareness of the phenomenon, beginning with the times before he had knowledge of the phenomenon. He describes himself as initially a skeptic, yet also indicates that he had experienced a number of childhood mysteries. Among these were his encounters with what he called, "The Pretty Lady." His description of this event sounds nearly identical to those of many other experiencers, describing human-looking beings appearing to them early in their lives. The beings often look angelic, yet have the large, dark slanting eyes - something that seems to suggest an "alien" nature.

Additionally, the "pretty lady" event occurred at the approximate time of a series of close UFO sightings around the Air Force base at Grand Forks North Dakota. Having personally investigated several sightings in that area, I can concur that this area has historically been a common location for high-strangeness encounters.

Romanek then moves ahead to his sightings in Colorado, especially those at Red Rocks, near Denver. Living in the Denver area at that time, he describes a trip to Red Rocks with the intent to shoot some home video. At that point he observed a craft hovering in plain sight, clearly intending for



him to observe it. He took a considerable amount of video of the craft as it paced his van and appeared to react to his presence in several ways. In addition to what I can only describe as a game of "cat and mouse" between Romanek and the object, he described a feeling of electrical intensity [my term, CL]. Then the object sped away to be lost in the sky - but definitely not forgotten.

Later, Romanek replayed the video and found that he had clearly captured the object on film. In addition, he describes how he subsequently developed electrical sensitivity; streetlights would blink out and electronics would malfunction in his presence. This leads me to suspect that there was far more to the UFO event than a sighting and video recording of a distant object, as many experiencers have described the same thing.

Like most experiencers, Romanek describes feeling torn between worlds - the unknown and the known, the human and the extraordinary, etc. Events continued, intensifying in his life, until he finally decided to get to the bottom of things. He decided to pursue hypnosis as a means to discern what had happened to him 'behind the veil' [my term, CL]. During several sessions with Deborah Lindemann, a hypnotherapist in Fort Collins, Colorado, a classic account of UFO abduction emerged. In the course of several regressions, increasing detail emerged.

Classic among the events during the alien abduction experience is the receipt of a message or vision. Many experiencers describe apocalyptic warnings, along with a torrent of spiritual and/or scientific images cascading into their mind - and Romanek was no exception. One powerful aspect of Romanek's message was a series of equations and diagrams, which he produced during the regressions. They describe increasingly complex equations in physics - including aspects of electromagnetic theory, general relativity, nuclear chemistry, etc. Another aspect was the prediction of a coming apocalypse along with a planetary alignment, apparently intended to give the predicted date of the event - September of 2012.

Subsequently, Romanek had more hypnotic work done with Dr. Leo Sprinkle, a former professor of psychology at the University of Wyoming. While the events and the messages were similar to what emerged in earlier regressions, several additional phenomena occurred; among them was the channeling of the main entity itself. The result was an even deeper message. The entity, which they ultimately referred to as "Grandpa," stated that

humanity is at a crossroads. We are being watched and guided - and judged. Additionally, there is a movement toward enlightenment among us and it is imperative that this movement take hold before it is too late.

The channeling experience, the messages, drawings, etc. - all of these actually emerge relatively frequently in hypnotic regression work with experiencers. I often hear new-age-sounding messages from experiencers - many of whom have no prior background or interest in such topics. Yet what makes Romanek's book unique is the intensity of the message, the claims of physical evidence and the degree of investigation.

Romanek claims that his experiences have corroboration, including physical evidence exceeding that of any case to date. He describes taking material with him from inside the UFO - material, which subsequently analyzed in scientific laboratories with profound results. He refers to this as his smoking gun. Is this true or not? I believe the jury is out. We have heard many of these claims before and few if any of them have survived the light of skepticism. Yet if true, it is indeed a smoking gun.

Several researchers have claimed that Romanek's book has some dubious aspects to it. I am not familiar with the controversy(ies) surrounding it, but I was a bit skeptical of his claims (In an interesting synchronicity, while writing this article, I received an e-mail entitled "The Smoking Gun that Shoots Blanks" - indicating that the e-mail's authors see far less to the book than Romanek states).

In this article, I have only scratched the surface of the book. The book goes into considerable detail about his interactions with the government, military harassment, encounters with apparent human-aliens and men in black, etc. It is a veritable cross-section of the UFO abduction experience. Ultimately, whether it is true or not, it gives an excellent glimpse into what it is like to be an abductee.

If the claims in the book bear out, the case might well be the smoking gun. There are all the right elements in it - a combination of details providing a cross section of the UFO/CE4 phenomenon and possible evidence to back them up. Furthermore, it is similar to what many other abductees tell me. Either the authors have done a whole lot of homework on UFO abduction cases or the

experiences are real. Are there bullets or blanks in the smoking gun? Whichever turns out to be true, my nose definitely detects a whiff of gunpowder in the air.

**Why TV Shows Distort Alternative  
Research: A response to the  
MonsterQuest debacle in which the  
show's producers linked the Starchild  
Skull to the Flatwoods Monster.  
By Lloyd Pye (03/11/2010)**

Despite being a specious comparison between an apple and a watermelon, the show was not really a “debacle.” It was actually just “typical.” However, I am receiving so much outraged email from fans of the Starchild, I can only call it a “debacle” from their point of view. For me it was purely “typical.”

In order to understand why such TV shows are shaped the way they are, you have to be aware of two important points: (1) Scientists, despite all of their virtues and abilities, fundamentally don't know their backsides from third base. I realize that sounds rather harsh, but please bear with me as it unfolds. And: (2) TV is totally hamstrung by the enormous pressures applied by scientists who are very well aware that they don't know their asses from third base.

In addition to understanding those two points, you need to understand two pertinent facts, one recent and one nearly two decades old: The first is an essay in Wired Magazine by Jonah Lehrer (12/21/09) called Accept Defeat: The Neuroscience of Screwing Up. I'll provide a brief overview of it in this report, but the link to its full text is: [http://www.wired.com/magazine/2009/12/fail\\_accept\\_defeat/](http://www.wired.com/magazine/2009/12/fail_accept_defeat/)

The second pertinent fact is the so-called “Sphinx Rule,” which all modern TV shows must follow or face destructive consequences from the collective wrath of mainstream science. This goes back to a famous documentary film called Mystery of the Sphinx, aired in 1993 on NBC. Let's examine that first and cover the Wired article after Mystery of the Sphinx frames the picture.

In 1993, every mainstream scientist, and particularly Egyptologists, believed with a fervent passion what they still proclaim today: that the four outsized monuments on the Giza Plateau—the three great pyramids and the sphinx—were constructed within the lifetimes of the three pharaohs who are alleged to have built them. Experts quibble about

the dates for beginning and ending each monument, but roughly within the 100 years from 2550 to 2450 BCE.

No group of scientists are more hidebound than Egyptologists because it is screamingly obvious that the pyramids are, even today, vastly beyond our physical capacity to duplicate in terms of size and perfection. It requires a great deal of self-delusion to keep that bubble of hot air afloat. Therefore, mainstream Egyptologists were unprepared for the stunning plausibility and effectiveness of the alternative arguments put forth in Mystery of the Sphinx.

A researcher named John Anthony West (deemed a “maverick” because he had no academic degree in Egyptology) teamed up with a young geologist named Robert Schoch to present the idea that the deep marks of weathering on the walls of the Sphinx enclosure, and across the Sphinx itself, had been caused by rain rather than the scouring of wind across the desert. And when was the last time rain fell heavily in Egypt? No less than 10,000 years ago!

Needless to say, if such an ancient date were allowed to stand, mainstream Egyptologists around the world would have to ditch absolutely everything they profess to “know” and start over from scratch. They could never, ever allow that, so they mounted a virulent campaign against NBC for allowing such a destabilizing (to science) show to be presented to millions of people who otherwise would have remained quite happy in complacent ignorance.

Egyptologists everywhere bombarded NBC with complaints about allowing such “unsanctioned” ideas to be presented as if they were facts, even though they clearly were facts. That was followed by threats to never cooperate with NBC in making any other show. Finally, scientists insisted that NBC should refuse to air a rerun of the show scheduled for several weeks later.

NBC considered those complaints and threats, as any big corporation would, but in the end, inevitably, it voted with its pocketbook. Scientists had been complaining so loud and so long, the sheeple became aware of the dispute and were anxious to watch the rerun and see for themselves what all of the commotion was about. Thus, it would have cost NBC millions in revenue to cancel the rerun, which ultimately played to a vastly larger audience than the debut. In the end, as a direct result of their hapless whining and fragile egos,

Egyptologists shot themselves in both feet. They shoulda shut up.....

An interesting side note is that the Mystery of the Sphinx went on to win the Emmy Award in 1993 as the best documentary film. However, the brouhaha surrounding it also taught the television networks that if they wanted to stay out of the crosshairs of enraged mainstream scientists, they could never air shows that made alternative arguments seem in any way plausible or valid. Also, the more convincing an alternative argument might be, the more it had to be trivialized or marginalized by skeptics if it were allowed to be shown.

Have you ever wondered why alternative TV shows even bother trying to present alternative information, when in every instance they have a skeptic appear to denigrate what is said? Well, this explains it: They have no choice! It is an unwritten, undocumented, but strictly enforced rule. No alternative subjects can be presented on TV in the kind of objective light that fell on the Mystery of the Sphinx, which to this day remains one of the most compelling arguments against everything Egyptology has always stood for.

Now, with that explained, let's examine the article in Wired Magazine. Its theme is that scientists live and work in a world of mistaken assumptions. After careful study and analysis of data, a researcher named Kevin Dunbar came to realize that nearly all scientific discovery is a product of mistakes turning into victories. Scientists do experiments looking for one thing and find the result they anticipated is not "right." Often, though, what they find can be turned to advantage and a new "discovery" is made by accident.

Dunbar discusses how this proclivity for constant error haunts scientists, closing tight what should be constantly open minds. Scientists come to be forever seeing what they want to see, what they anticipate seeing, rather than what is actually there. This is why they have developed so many ways to avoid confronting information they don't want to have to deal with. They find endless ways to convince themselves that what they don't already know can't possibly be correct. If, collectively, mainstream science hasn't agreed to accept the reality of something, that thing, whatever it is, can be wiped clean from their mental radar. As in politics, it can be "disappeared."

Bigfoot? Not a chance! UFOs? Absurd! Aliens? Fagettaboutit! And so it goes with the monsters

featured on the MonsterQuest show. Now, let's start focusing on last night's episode, "Lizard Monster," in regard to the Starchild skull. Given the parameters the producers have to work within, they did not do a bad job. The National Geographic Channel did an infinitely worse job in 2007. But to say it wasn't as bad as Nat'l Geo is not to say it was good.

The problem most fans have is that the Starchild was linked in the minds of the viewing audience with the Flatwoods Monster, when a moron could see they have literally nothing in common. So, yes, that's true, but the show is called "MonsterQuest," with the emphasis on monster. There is nothing at all monsterish about the Starchild skull, so a connection to one had to be established, and the Flatwoods Monster apparently drew that assignment.

Let's also keep in mind that the forensic reconstruction by Bill Munn was quite good. Not the way I would have done it in a couple of areas, but we shouldn't quibble. Overall, it was a light year better than the UFO Hunter sculpture that had the face of Lee Harvey Oswald below a greatly enlarged cranium. I think Bill did an outstanding job, and we wouldn't have it now without MonsterQuest producers paying what it cost to have it created.

Returning to the downside, another question many fans ask me is why the Starchild has never had an hour all on its own, a show that examines it in great depth? This has been attempted on three separate occasions, the first being nine years ago. In each case, the network executives to whom the idea was pitched rejected it as a "stand-alone" project. They insisted the Starchild had to be wrapped within a package dealing with odd skulls, or odd relics, or whatever. It can only be presented as part of a larger package, and it must be neutralized by a skeptic or the show can't air. No producer makes any bones to me about why it must be this way. Mainstream science demands it.

Remember, the more likely an alternative subject is to cause mainstream science serious grief, the more it must be marginalized or trivialized. This is, unfortunately, the Starchild's situation. It has the ability to prove beyond any level of scientific protesting that alien life existed on Earth at least once, 900 years ago. Just as with bigfoot tracks, all that is needed is a real one to make it highly likely that most, if not all, of the others are real. Therefore, science and their media toadies have no choice but to keep it out of the limelight.

The last area of fan outrage is how the designated skeptic, Dr. Susan Myster, chose to do her job of marginalizing it and trivializing it. Please understand that Dr. Myster is not some humbug like Joe Nickell, the skeptic brought in to deal with the Flatwoods Monster. She's a topnotch forensic specialist, and I found her to be an absolutely delightful person throughout the day we were together doing our filming. For those of you who want her email address so you can send her disparaging messages, I will not provide that.

Here's why:

She was only doing her job! You have to understand that. Without her, or someone like her, the show could not be aired. Unless somebody goes on camera to say that whatever I've said about the Starchild is wrong, it can't be aired. Thus, her role was vital to have any exposure for the Starchild at all, regardless of how well or poorly it might have come across to its fans.

Please understand that before Dr. Myster was interviewed, I explained to her how the Starchild could not possibly be a child. She understood that. I also explained how the skull could not possibly have been shaped by any kind of deliberate "manipulation," the word she kept using for it. Also, the show was completely wrong about its definition of cradle boarding, confusing it with the photo they showed of head binding, which is completely different. But Dr. Myster had a job to do and she did it. No one should fault her for that.

Also, that hand-held device for testing hardness was designed to test metal, not bone. You may have glimpsed the tiny needle-pointed nub at its bottom. Every time we applied that to the bone with any real vigor, it punched into the bone and the reading stopped! In the end it was essentially useless, but the producers put much time and effort into getting us all together to carry it out, so I can't blame them for wanting to get their money's worth from it.

This brings me to what I want to leave you with today: none of the above matters any more! Because we have found a geneticist willing to do an intermediate analysis of the Starchild's DNA, we are now in position to carry through with the recovery of its genome. That, in turn, will lead to establishing its genetic heritage to a degree that no scientist or skeptic can dispute. It will bring this last quarter of the "great game" about UFO-alien reality to an end, and in this case we, the alternative team, will win.

As of now, the geneticist feels he has isolated the Starchild's mitochondrial DNA, which was also found in 2003. He also feels he has started recovering the nuclear DNA, which could not be accomplished with the technology of 2003. And understand that if he does recover nuclear DNA, we will be ready to prove what we said all along we could prove: that the Starchild's genetic profile is significantly different from a human's. At that point all we'll need is the money needed to recover the entire genome, and money should readily flow toward a project with such enormous financial potential.

If we do prove the Starchild is not entirely of human origin, that will end TV's obligation to protect the feelings of scientists. We'll be able to create and broadcast our case as it stands, without muddying the waters around it with Flatwoods Monsters or any other kind of monsters. The Starchild will at long last move away from the hokum scientists currently lump it with, to stand alongside those of us who care about it now and have cared about it all along, out on the cutting edge of history, bare toes wiggling in the air, ready to make our grand leap into the new reality waiting out there for all of us.

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### **International UFO congress bids adieu to Laughlin By HEATHER SMATHERS The Daily News, February 27, 2010**

<http://www.mohavedailynews.com/articles/2010/02/28/news/local/local3.txt>

LAUGHLIN - Adios. Adieu. Sayonara. No matter what language you use, the International UFO Congress said goodbye to Laughlin for the final time Saturday night.

On Tuesday, the conference will become the property of Open Minds, a Phoenix-based company that purchased the rights to run the conference. Open Minds is a multi-media company that also runs a magazine, a radio show and a Web site devoted to UFO phenomena, said Alejandro Rojas, conference organizer.

"We hope that moving the conference to Scottsdale will allow us to reach more people," Rojas said.



Rojas said feelings this week in Laughlin have been mixed about the venue change. The conference, convention and film festival completed its 19th year Saturday night; it has been a regular visitor to Laughlin for the past decade.

“Many people will miss Laughlin, but people are excited that it will continue to grow,” Rojas said.

Heather Donnelly, whose father, Bob Brown, founded the conference, said it simply became too much work for her, her sister and her father to put the conference on any longer.

“My mother passed away three years ago and my sister and I began to run it,” Donnelly said. “It just doesn’t pay enough for three people to run it.”

Donnelly said she thinks Open Minds has the passion and the financial resources to continue to grow the conference, which this year had 700 people preregistered and between 150-250 walk-ins for any given conference session.

Rojas said next year’s conference will be at the Fort McDowell Resort from Feb. 16-20, slightly shorter than this year’s conference.

“It’s a bit shorter to keep costs down, but it’s still longer than a lot of conferences,” Rojas said. “Hopefully it will grow in attendance.”

## **Colleges should embrace**

### **UFOs as a field of study**

**By John Dodge, Apr 14, 2010**

<http://www.smartplanet.com/technology/blog/thinking-tech/colleges-should-embrace-ufos-as-a-field-of-study/3763/>

Could a bachelor of science in UFOs be in your future? If an anthropology professor from western New York has his way, you could have that option. By the way, UFOs stands for unidentified flying objects.

In an interview in the Buffalo News, professor Philip Haseley of Niagara County Community College is dead serious and why the hell not:

“It happens to millions of people [around the world],” he said in the Buffalo News article – <http://www.buffaloneews.com/2010/04/11/1015782/ufos-theres-plenty-of-evidence.html>.

“It’s about time we looked into this as a worthy area of study. It’s important that the whole subject be brought out in the open and investigated.”

In Googling UFOs, New York State appears to be something of a hotbed of UFO interest. There’s Haseley’s group, the Western New York Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) as well as [nyufo.com](http://nyufo.com) to fire the passions of the Empire State’s UFOers. MUFON is a nationwide network of chapters and western New York appears to be one of them.

Some might argue that UFOs hardly qualify as pure science, but if college curriculum designers held to that notion, religion and philosophy courses would have to be jettisoned. In short, Haseley’s support for college study of UFO shouldn’t be controversial.

Rather, it just should be and could help scientifically explain sightings and rule out the false positives. Maybe, they’re all false positives! We won’t know until we look them scientifically.

We’ve been sending radio signals into space for years and so far, no intelligent being near as we can tell has pinged us back. That’s according to the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence Institute (SETI) whose mission is to reach out to whatever intelligent life might be out there. From SETI’s about page:

“Finding evidence of other technological civilizations however, requires significant effort. Currently the Center for SETI Research develops signal-processing technology and uses it to search for signals from advanced technological civilizations in our galaxy.”

Indeed, SETI’s mission is difficult so not why enlists some help. Maybe radio waves sent deep into space won’t be the first to contact with intelligent life that doesn’t live on earth. It could be somebody sitting in their back yard on a summer day, beer in hand.

Interest in UFOs is huge and includes luminaries such as Nancy and Ronald Reagan, Laurence Rockefeller and T.E. Laurence. Haseley is onto something.

## **Ancient Aliens: The Series**

### **Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo**

[sanchezoccejov@bellsouth.net](mailto:sanchezoccejov@bellsouth.net) , Wed, 21 Apr 2010

I wanted to take a moment to let you know that Ancient Aliens: The Series premieres on the History Channel on Tuesday, April 20th, 2010 at 8PM - Episode I: The Evidence.

I had been involved with this new series from day one, and before as I was also consultant for the pilot "Ancient Aliens" released one year ago, and been the highest rating show in the "history" of The History Channel/A&E.

Look for the last episode, number 5 which is called The Return, where I introduce my subject of the Tayos Expeditions and show unique footage for first time in television about this long lasting mystery. In total, there will be 5 two-hour episodes.

Here are the tentative air dates (which most likely won't change, but there's always a possibility):

**Tuesday, April 20, 2010, 8PM - Episode I: The Evidence**  
**Tuesday, April 27, 2010, 8PM - Episode II: The Visitors**  
**Tuesday, May 04, 2010, 8PM - Episode III: The Mission**  
**Tuesday, May 11, 2010, 8PM - Episode IV: Closer Encounters**  
(Skips week of 5/18 - No new episode airs this week)  
**Tuesday, May 25, 2010, 8PM - Episode V: The Return**

Please check your local listing and/or the History Channel website just to be safe regarding the air dates & times. The link to the Ancient Aliens Series Webpage on History's site is:

<http://www.history.com/shows/ancient-aliens>

Best regards,  
Alex Chionetti, Consulting Researcher/Producer  
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### **Best places to spot UFOs Go beyond Area 51: UFO-spotting hotbeds around the globe**

**By Adrien Glover, April 12, 2010**

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/36099833/ns/travel-destinations/>

It was just another winter night in Stephenville, Texas, when Steve Allen, a 30-year aviation veteran, saw something that defied all logic—an eerily silent, mile-wide craft ringed in lights that would “rearrange themselves” racing across the sky at what he estimated to be 3,000 miles per hour.

“I don’t know if it was a biblical experience or somebody from a different universe, but it was definitely not from around these parts,” Allen told a reporter from the Empire-Tribune after the sighting on Jan. 8, 2008. Similar reports poured in from across Erath County.

The Stephenville Lights incident wasn’t a onetime event—another mass sighting followed in October 2008, and individual reports from the area still trickle in. This corner of Texas along with the eastern Nevada desert are fast emerging as the

U.S.’s newest UFO “hot spots”—places with the best odds of a spotting. Similarly active places exist around the globe, with some even attracting a new kind of tourist.

These days, it seems people can’t get enough of the UFO phenomena. Television shows such as the History Channel’s UFO Hunters and alternative radio programs like Coast to Coast AM—where an estimated three million listeners tune in each night to hear from hardworking UFO investigators, among other thought-provoking interviewees—are more popular than ever.

Best places to spot UFOs:

<http://www.travelandleisure.com/articles/best-places-to-spot-ufos/2>

Sightings, too, are on the rise, according to MUFON, or the Mutual UFO Network, which has more than 3,000 members in 25 countries and 750 trained field investigators worldwide. The 41-year-old organization is one of the go-to places to report a sighting; it receives some 400 a month in the U.S. alone.

“Of course, 80 percent of these sightings can be explained. But 20 percent are truly unidentified objects, and those are the ones that will make your hair curl,” says MUFON’s international director, Clifford Clift.

Believing the time is right, even the famed SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence) Institute is conducting its first-ever public conference this year devoted to the age-old question: are we alone? SETIcon, slated for Aug. 13–15, in Santa Clara, Calif., will also unveil the institute’s newest scientific advances in its ongoing search for intelligent life from other planets.

“Using radio telescopes, we hope to trip across a planet with inhabitants clever enough to build radio transmitters,” says senior SETI astronomer Seth Shostak. “If we do so, then the proof won’t be limited to fuzzy photos, secret government documents, or personal anecdotes. It will be up in the sky—where anyone can check it out.”

But what if you can’t wait for SETI’s antenna array to detect a signal from another planet and want to seek out your own proof? We’ve identified active places across the globe where UFOs like to show themselves.

Mexico City, for example, has been a near-constant sky-watch since the solar eclipse of 1991, when a UFO was captured on video among the cloud shadows. Since then, whole fleets—literally

hundreds of unexplained lights—have appeared over the world's largest city. Or take Warminster, England, near Stonehenge, where for the past 50 years nighttime overhead visitations and mysterious booming noises have been considered ho-hum normal.

And with earthling tourists on the verge of travel into the Milky Way, thanks to Sir Richard Branson's soon-to-be-introduced Virgin Galactic vehicle, perhaps UFO hunters will soon be able to explore the ultimate hot spot of all—space. Copyright © 2010 American Express Publishing Corporation

## MUFON Minnesota May Meeting Agenda

MUFON MN will be meeting Saturday, May 8, 2010 at the New Brighton Family Center, 400 10th St. NW, New Brighton, MN. 1:30 - 5:00 pm. Admission \$3 for MUFON members, \$5 for non-members.

Agenda this month will include a discussion of Stephen Hawking's new TV show on Discovery Channel: "Into the Universe with Stephen Hawking." We should have video of last night's Larry King Live show which featured Hawking, in case you missed it.

Has everyone been following History Channel's "Ancient Alien" series? Do you think disclosure is imminent?

We will also be showing "The Keepers" by Jim Sparks. Sparks was a successful land developer in North Carolina when his abduction experiences began in 1988 and changed his life forever.

Hope to see you all on Saturday.  
Lorna Hunter, MUFON MN

## MUFON Missing?

[http://www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/publications/atpubs/ATC/atc0908.html](http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/atpubs/ATC/atc0908.html) Note: the FAA has a UFO reporting website (above) which recommends Bigelow Aerospace Advanced Space Studies (BAASS) (voice: 1-877-979-7444 or e-mail: [Reporting@baass.org](mailto:Reporting@baass.org)), the National UFO Reporting Center (NUFORC), etc., but fails to recommend the biggest one: MUFON. We have to wonder why.

## Errata

The Minnesota UFO report in MMJ issue #142 was an iridium flare.

For up to date information on MUFON Minnesota meetings and agendas, including special speakers, visit: <http://www.mnmufon.org/agenda.htm> or <http://www.mnmufon.org/event.htm>

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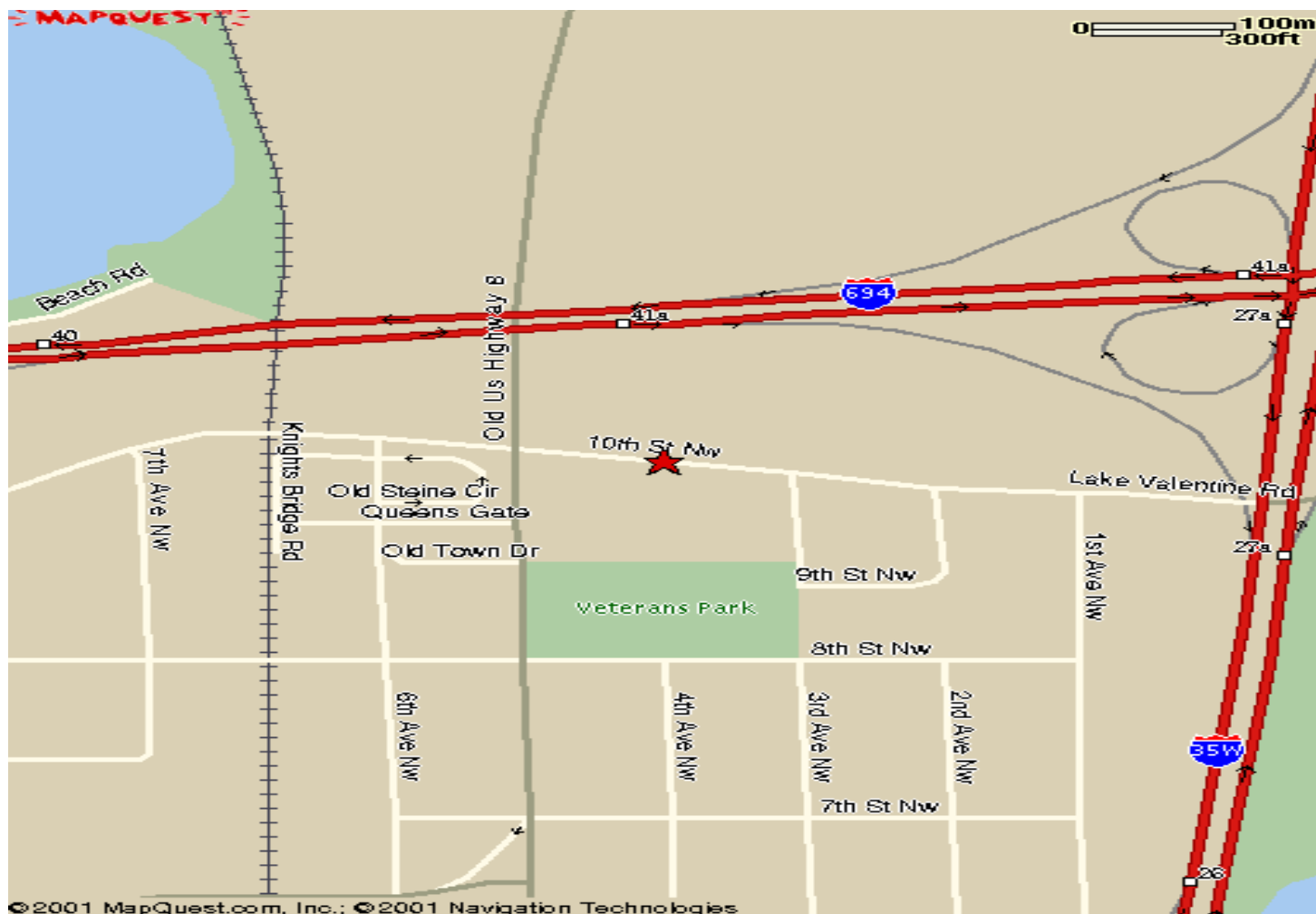
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