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The CE4 Corner

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The last month or so since the MUFON conference has been a powerful time in my life, and in the lives of many around me. For whatever reason, the currents of events in peoples' lives have seemed to reach a turbulent point. No less true for the close encounter phenomenon.

I have gotten a number of calls from experiencers, frightened and traumatized, sometimes calling late at night. What happened? I can only guess. Memories are usually fragmentary yet the experiences were powerfully and painfully real. This was coupled with a set of experiences that I was apparently part of, which occurred at the conference itself, which demonstrate the impact that encounters with the unexplained can have on a person's life.

Friday night of the conference, we had a great time, one of those let-your-hair-down evenings spent on the dance floor. It lasted into the night. Then, with a few beers in my system and a lot of energy burned on the dance floor I packed it in, looking forward to another great day at the conference. The next day, I learned that one of the people at the conference had had a somewhat different experience that evening - a rather unearthly one.

Since we were both conference attendees, I was able to interview the experiencer several times the following day. She described the event in increasing detail during the day as memories of the event emerged within her mind. Sometime late in the day, she described how she had been taken aboard a craft hovering over the hotel. She also described seeing others from the conference aboard the craft, apparently taken in the same manner she had been. Were the people she observed actually present or were they screen memories? Was this event a classic abduction or did something else happen that we do not understand? I don't know. Since I was apparently one of the people, the suggestion I might have been there took me by surprise - I had no memory or indication of any CE4 event that evening. Yet whatever the truth may be, it was clear something frightening and powerful did happen to her, and perhaps to others.

The last day of the conference, it happened again - only this time, the event was even more terrifying for the experiencer. She described a frightening encounter, again involving people that she first saw as familiar faces. The effect was powerful, leaving her traumatized all morning as she left on the flight home from the conference.



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I learned of the events after I arrived home myself, talking with her soon thereafter. I interviewed her once more, as did a couple of other investigators. And as she described the events it was apparent that much of what she recalled was likely also screen memories. Once again, what happened to her is not known. But we know that a powerful event occurred and left a lasting traumatic effect on her psyche.

Over the next week, I received several other unrelated calls from experiencers, also very frightened. The experiences they described were similarly cryptic and traumatic. In more than one case, the experiencer described people resembling people she knew, being part of the abduction. In each case, they were either being taken at the same time, or were somehow in league with the visitors. In at least one case, the vision of people she knew being involved in these events left the experiencer with a deep feeling of mistrust - feeling betrayed by the very people she most trusted. The end result was confused, disoriented thinking and intense fear, life turned upside down.

What do we do when the frightening and unexplained happens to someone? What can we say? How can we help the person who has had such unwelcome attention from "Them"? Probably the best thing we can do is to listen. Offer an ear, and any support we can. Most importantly, we must not judge - we must avoid drawing any conclusions regarding what happened.

The phenomenon can present us with a hall of mirrors. What we see on the surface, familiar faces involved with "Them", often turns into illusion. Yet we do not know what the reality is. Seldom is there any physical evidence. Even though in several cases there have been tantalizing suggestions of traces, the phenomenon remains frustratingly and elusive.

The phenomenon presents us with paradoxes, impossible memories and illogical sequences of events - trauma with little or no evidence. It brings us a full spectrum of mystery. Yet what to one person might be an interesting puzzle or even a source of wonder, to another can be an object of terror. Hearing the voice of an experiencer shortly after an encounter can quickly remind us how the phenomenon is far more than an object of curiosity. Rather, it can be a devastating monkey wrench in the gears of life. At a time like this, to the experiencer the mystery can get very, very real.

Strange light from space could have been left over from a neighboring universe.

Neel V. Patel, October 29, 2015

<https://www.inverse.com/article/7403-scientists-may-have-just-discovered-a-parallel-universe-leaking-into-ours>

We may have, for the first time ever, just glimpsed another universe. A new analysis of data from the European Space Agency's Planck telescope suggests that a peculiar glow out in deep space could well originate from a separate universe residing just next to ours.

The existence of [multiple universes — a multiverse](#) — has been considered scientifically plausible. If all these universes emerged from the same Big Bang, then they're likely sitting together like ducks in a row, vibrating. If these universes touch one another, the thinking goes, the resulting collision would leave some sort of trace evidence. Which brings us to the Planck telescope's map of the cosmic microwave background (CMB) — leftover light from the violent, swirling beginnings of the early universe. [In a new paper](#), Caltech cosmologist Ranga-Ram Chary compared the CMB with a picture of the entire night sky also taken by the Planck telescope, and found a weird patch of bright light that could be the result of universes colliding.

The data suggests that the other universe rubbing up against ours would look very different than anything we're used to and would have hit our universe just a few hundred thousand years after the Big Bang.

A multiverse would be the consequence of cosmic inflation — the idea that the universe is constantly expanding. The eternal inflation would produce "a number of pocket universes," Alan Guth, an MIT cosmologist and pioneer of the multiverse theory, [told *New Scientist*](#). This is because hidden energy in empty spaces would drive inflation forward at an intense speed, creating new bubbles of energy that could eventually blow up into smaller pocket universes that continue to expand.

Each universe would possess a unique type of physics that could be entirely unsustainable, or look similar to our world.

The biggest obstacle to studying these other universes is that the bubbles would be constantly expanding — and so would the space between them. Light wouldn't be traveling fast enough to carry much information from one to another. In order to

actually observe physical properties, astronomers would have to wait for collisions or look for evidence of cosmic bruising.

Thus the reason this new data is so intriguing. If our universe has bumped into another one, it would probably create an anomalous light signature — like what Chary seems to have found. These new spots are 4,500 times brighter than what conventional theory predicts they should be. One explanation could be that the other universe is gushing with protons and electrons, making the light from the collision much brighter.

While the discovery of a new universe would be Earth-shattering, it's important to approach the new study with caution. Scientists have had their hopes continuously stoked by new data suggesting evidence of a multiverse, only to be burned time and time again by rational explanations. This new data could be the exception, or it could be no different. There's a high burden of proof to establish, and that's not helped by the fact that Planck was never intended to measure the kinds of spectral distortions Chary has built his case on.

NASA might soon be dishing out something that could remediate that problem. Scientists at Goddard Space Flight Center are looking for funding for [PIXIE](#), the Primordial Inflation Explorer whose instruments could more accurately observe and analyze Chary's light signals and procure more data about cosmic inflation. But that funding might not be awarded till the end of 2016.

Man reports Rochester UFO sighting to online database

Josh Moniz, jmoniz@postbulletin.com, 10/2/2015

http://www.postbulletin.com/news/local/man-reports-rochester-ufo-sighting-to-online-database/article_20eaa4c7-4bf8-5742-a40b-fff93c8cfc2e.html

A Rochester man reported seeing a "large, black, arrowhead-shaped craft" floating in the sky around 2 p.m. Sept. 21 near the Marion Road and Eastwood Road intersection in southeast Rochester. He said he and his brother observed it for 10 seconds from their moving car before trees obscured their view. He said it didn't make any sound while flying and didn't move.

"It was a totally clear day and I would not be surprised to see others report on it. It was just there in the sky and so easy to see. If you looked up there is no way you could miss it," the man said in a

report. He declined to share his name, and said he has experienced other UFO sightings.

So far, nobody else has reported seeing the strange object.

The man reported his alleged sighting to the Mutual UFO Network, or MUFON, a national nonprofit that investigates UFO incidents.

MUFON processed his report, dispatched a Minnesota branch investigator and completed a basic forensic investigation, said Craig Lang, MUFON's Minnesota director. The report of the incident was quickly added to MUFON's database of over 70,000 alleged UFO sightings and subsequently shared worldwide by other UFO enthusiast sites, Lang said.

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MUFON, founded in 1969 as a Midwest-focused UFO organization, grew into a national organization and gained prominence its subculture when many of the major 1950s UFO organizations fell by the wayside. The Internet has allowed the organization to grow from 2,500 members approximately two years ago to over 6,000 members, Lang said. He said bumps in membership have occurred when MUFON has appeared on TV shows about UFOs and scientific discoveries, such as water on Mars, renews public interest in extraterrestrial life.

The Internet also allowed the organization to effectively "crowd source" sightings from the public and raise more than \$361,000 last year, according to the organization's 990 tax form. The funds primarily go towards funding research and organization since all of MUFON's state leadership and investigators are volunteers.

Lang said MUFON considers itself the "hard science" wing of the UFO community. He said the organization's ultimate goal is to make its database

available to the public so it can find patterns in the phenomena it investigates and maybe learn the purpose of the appearances.

When asked about people who are skeptical about UFOs, Lang said he believes those people simply haven't done enough research. Similarly, when asked why UFOs would not have made direct contact with people, he said it's possible they have already and humans have simply not fully understood it yet.

He said investigating UFOs has been a life-long passion of his that he enjoys being able to pursue during his semi-retirement. Lang previously worked in the biomedical field, including several years at Medtronic and Boston Scientific. He said he's glad modern technology has allowed people that share his interests to become more ambitious about what they want to achieve.

"I've always been interested in weird stuff. Fundamentally, I'm a curiosity junky," Lang said.

Minnesota is an active state for UFO sightings, according to Lang, and his chapter averages between 50 to 100 sightings per year. He said the chapter's rigorous investigations to cross out any possible natural or man-made causes, means that they disqualify about 50 percent of those cases.

The organization's data on southeastern Minnesota alleges at least one "confirmed" UFO report in each county over the last two years, with Rochester receiving eight sightings and Winona receiving two sightings.

CANDIDATES FOR BEST MINNESOTA UFO PHOTOS IN 2015

By William I. McNeff, MNMUFON ASD

On November 6, 2015, I sent an email to MUFON's Chief Photo Analyst, Marc D'Antonio, an email which contained the following:

"Hello, Marc: Of all the photos I have seen in Minnesota purported to be of UFOs, this is one of the two most compelling that I can recall. Please give it a look when you have time."

These photos were submitted with other information in Case 69503. Two of them are shown here:



The witnesses in this case live in the Duluth area.

The witness who submitted the report to MUFON is a grandmother. Here slightly abbreviated is her account: *"It was very hot out, and the grandchildren were staying with us so we took them to the lake to swim. When we got out to the island we were going to, they asked what that light in the sky was...we did not know...It was a ways east of the sun and bright, but we could look at it without hurting our eyes. It did not move. I took pictures of it anyway. I tried to get one with the top of a tree or something in it, but it was so high up I couldn't get anything else in the pictures. We watched for about 10 minutes, but nothing was happening, so we went about our business. I checked every once in a while--it was there for a little while, then when I looked again, it was just gone--didn't see it leave. When we got home I put them on the computer..."*

Notice that the prime witness was very savvy about what makes the best UFO picture, and tried but was unable to include another object in the pictures, which would allow measurement of azimuth and elevation angles.

This case was investigated by one of our newest Field Investigators, Peter Collins. In his Field Investigator Report he wrote:

"[The prime witness] used a Camera Power Shot ELPH 1501s 10x 200 zoom to take the pictures. After about 10 minutes the object disappeared...."

Bill McNeff did a comparison between the four images of the main object. He concluded there is a low probability that it was a lens flare, and he noticed a dark "rim" on the right side of each image. This may represent a part of a dark body belonging to the "object", or it may be a camera artifact. Also, the photos show that the object moved away or

shrank during the 3 minutes between photos. Bill feels this is strong evidence that these photos are of a real object which I do agree with. “

UFOlogy at the Hotel California - Notes from the 2015 MUFON Conference ©2015 Craig R. Lang, MS CHt

*"Relax said the night man, we are
programmed to receive. You can
check out any time you like, but you
can never leave..."*

At the time of writing this article I've been home from the 2015 MUFON conference for over a month. The conference was held at the Hotel Irvine, Thursday September 24th through Sunday September 27th and it was one hell of a weekend. I learned a lot of stuff, met a lot of great people and experienced some fascinating mysteries. I attended the field investigation workshop on Thursday, then the state directors meeting on Friday, followed by lectures on Saturday and Sunday. This article talks about a few of the talks at the conference I found to be the most interesting and useful. It also touches on a frightening darker element of the mystery that emerged during the weekend.

Thursday, I learned (reviewed, actually) some fascinating new tools for use during field investigations, and refreshed my understanding of some of the latest procedures. Much of this was actually a review of what we learned in October, at the advanced Field Investigator boot camp. But it was very useful and covered a lot of ground. Especially for the new FI's in the room (and there were a lot of them), it was a great opportunity to learn more about how the FI process works, what the steps are, and what the paperwork entails. So far, I didn't see too many grimaces of panic at the thought of paperwork. But then it's only been a few days since the conference... :-)

The state director's meeting was another time to see the inner workings of the MUFON organization. And I came away from the meeting with a tremendous sense of optimism. The organization is growing. We are undertaking some very interesting work - including the development of a new, upgraded UFO reporting and database system, and a monitoring and analysis system which we will eventually deploy around the country (and world?) to catch 'em in flight.

Dubbed UFOTOG2, this will include a set of cameras, field detection and measurement, radiation sensors, etc. The intent will be to observe UFOs in real time, and to some extent, confirm how they just might work - which gets us back to the physics topic described above.

Some of the biggest wake-up moments for me occurred during the two lectures I went to on physics. For the last few months, I've been trying to re-ramp-up on things I learned in my undergraduate years - far longer ago than I want to think about. This included relativity, quantum mechanics, Maxwell's equations, etc.

So in the last few months I have been trying to re-learn the math behind relativity. To say the least it's mind-bending. So I thought the talk on UFO physics really hit the point - at least for me. He talked about an older theory - Kaluza Klein or KK theory - behind gravity and electromagnetics. KK theory is something that contemporary physicists have discounted but which ultimately has led to string theory. It turns out that the 'discounting' may have been a bit premature, to say the least.

KK theory postulates that we live in a five-dimensional universe - four dimensions being our space-time continuum, with a fifth being another spatial dimension we cannot perceive. Kaluza first came up with the theory at about the time of Einstein's general relativity. Yet, since we do not perceive the 5th dimension, scientists of the day needed a way to explain that away. So along came Oscar Klein, who explained how higher dimensions could exist but not be observed.

The process is called compactification - essentially, these dimensions are rolled up into closed spheres or cylinders, too small for us to notice. But one problem with that idea is that the size of the 'roll-ups' is arbitrary - how small are the tiny cylinders, and what determines that? (In an ideal theory of physics, nothing is left to chance - as physicists would say, a free parameter, undetermined by the theory itself. This is one of the "Holy Grail's of theoretical physics.)

KK theory has the advantage that, while formulated in five dimensions, when viewed in four dimensions (space + time), the mathematics of relativity and electromagnetism fall out of the equations. This is a big insight, and many physicists have never given up on KK theory for just this reason.

In addition, a third field besides gravity and EM also shows up - what we call the "scalar field" (Note: I had always wondered just what the scalar field or 'scalar waves' were. Now, I see that this is where they come from). Contemporary physics has largely discounted this as no apparent particle has been observed corresponding to this scalar field. Yet perhaps they are present in a way not yet understood. This is another big adventure for many in the new science community.

The biggest breakthrough has been in the last year, where a new version of "M" theory (M meaning membrane). It postulates that ours and other universes are four dimensional surfaces (or 'branes') in higher dimensional space-time. This gives us our fifth dimension (and/or more), and nicely solves what I call "the rollup problem".

In the talk on UFO physics, Dr. Schroeder used KK theory and the 5D as a backdrop of his ideas on how a field propulsion mechanism could work. He briefly flashed up the Einstein field equations (General Relativity in all its brutal glory), and then said we could stop panicking now... He was done with the ugly math. The rest was pretty intuitive.

Bottom line - at least in principle, field propulsion is possible, so is interstellar flight. Many descriptions of UFO close sightings describe behavior with would make sense according to this model. So, my interpretation of this is that if they can do it, so can we.

Note: I know the critics of 'nuts and bolts' are going to come down on me. And in a sense they would be right. This describes some UFO manifestations. But it does not explain the more metaphysical cases. IT merely describes how a large piece of metal and electronics could travel between our pale blue dot, and other dots (of various colors) out there in the cosmos. But the biggest take-away for me was the core of the nuts and bolts engineering idea: "we can do this too..."

Another talk I attended was on "How to talk to an alien". In this talk, the speaker described her research into reports throughout the world UFO-encounter of different forms of communication with (and among) "Them". She discussed writing, telepathy, spoken language, and other areas of alien interaction. But again, the bottom line to me was that this is something we can (at least in principal) understand.

I was most struck with her examples of alien writing. In work with experiencers, I have asked them to sketch some of the symbols and writing they have seen while onboard the - well, whatever they go onboard of. As a result, a number of experiencers have sketched some pretty extensive script. Furthermore, at least one experiencer I have worked with appears to have been able to read the script written by another experiencer.

After her talk, went up to her table and in addition to buying her book, getting her signature on it, and chatting for a while (to the annoyance of the people behind me in line), I showed her the writing samples on my website. She told me they looked remarkably similar to the script in the files of the late Budd Hopkins, as well as of David Jacobs and numerous other researchers. I have seen indications of this, but so far linguistic analysis is still one of those things on the to-do list.

The final, and probably the ultimate aspect of the weekend was a series of close encounters, yes real ones, that at least one person (possibly more) had during the weekend. I discuss this in my CE4 Corner article for this month, "The mystery gets real." It shows that while UFOlogy is a science in itself, we are probably not the only scientists. The intelligence behind phenomenon is studying us just as intensely, or maybe even more so, than we are studying it. Regardless of the outcome of the (currently ongoing) investigations to these events, they add a new urgency to the question of what is going on. And they remind us that for some the phenomenon is a real inescapable presence in their life.

So what are we to make of all this? I don't know. To me, it's yet another fascinating, powerfully-real, in-your-face twist in the mystery.

After the conference on Sunday, we were also treated to another show - the super-moon and total eclipse. The moon turned into a deep blood-red disk that almost looked like it would disappear. Then, right on schedule, God returned the moon to us as we watched from the roof observation deck of the Irvine Hotel. It seemed like a fitting ending to the events of the weekend. And with the anomaly events of the weekend, the blood red moon seemed to mark for me the beginning of a new, deepening chapter in the mystery of close encounters.

I came away from the conference even more deeply dedicated to exploring both the hard realities, and

the subjective experience that together make up the UFO mystery. As the song says, "you can check out any time you like, but you can never leave..."

UFO Hunters ‘Discover’ Crashed Alien UFO Drone In NASA Mars Rover Photo National UFO Center in Mars, 11/4/15

http://nationalufocenter.com/2015/11/ufo-hunters-discover-crashed-alien-ufo-drone-in-nasa-mars-rover-photo/?utm_source=wysija&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Weekly+Updates

Online alien and UFO hunters claim they have sighted a UFO drone in a photo of the Gale Crater region of Mars captured by a NASA Mars rover. According to the YouTube UFO hunter Paranormal Crucible, a photo of the Martian terrain snapped by a Mars rover — presumably Curiosity — on Sol 64 shows an object that looks like a metallic chunk of machinery dumped on the Martian surface.

Paranormal Crucible notes that the discovery was first made a few years back. But in a new set of photos uploaded to YouTube on November 1, 2015, the UFO hunter revisits the remarkable discovery that set the entire online UFO community buzzing with excitement when it was first discovered. This time around, Paranormal Crucible attempts to “clean up the photo” by enhancing features of the alleged metallic object that could help UFO researchers gain fresh insights and “shed new light” into its nature and construction. UFO Sightings Daily editor Scott Waring points out that the “cleaned up photo” gives a “new perspective” by enhancing features that give clues about what the object looked like when it was made, and what it was probably used for.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jL1w1fWSKJc>

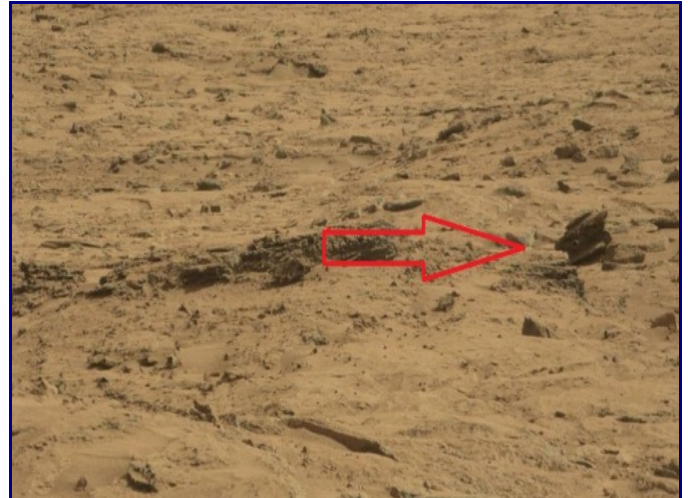
“I really like his cleaned up photo of the object and his new perspective. It gives us a chance to look at it as it was when it was made, and how it might have been used.”

Scott Waring agrees with Paranormal Crucible that the photographic evidence suggests an object of “intelligent design,” photographed presumably by Curiosity rover, in the Gale Crater region.

According to Paranormal Crucible, “In my opinion this object is an extraterrestrial drone possibly built by the indigenous Martian populace or perhaps it

was deployed by an off world alien species who were exploring the Martian surface.”

However, other UFO enthusiasts who have studied the image claim that the object could be part of a bigger spacecraft, such as a component of a spacecraft’s engine or propulsion system.



Is This A UFO Drone Crashed On Mars? (Image via NASA)

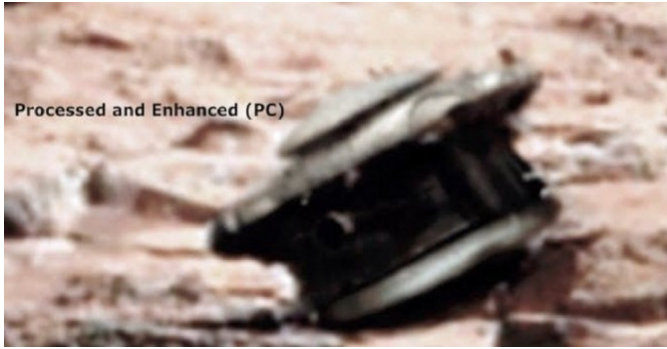
Regardless, UFO and Mars anomaly hunters are unanimous that millions of years ago, Mars was home to indigenous alien races with advanced culture and civilization. While some Mars anomaly hunters believe that the ancient civilizations reached sufficient levels of scientific and technological development to build flying machines and possibly space ships, others insist that ancient Mars civilizations attained only modest standards of scientific and technological development.



UFO Bloggers: Alien UFO Drone Found Crashed On Mars (Image via Scott Waring/UFO Sightings Daily)

But all anomaly hunters agree that ancient Martians created a young bustling civilization that generated sufficient “noise” to attract the attention of hostile aliens possessing advanced nuclear technological culture. The hostile aliens wiped out

the bustling Mars civilizations by detonating a series of powerful thermonuclear devices.



Enhanced Image Of Alleged Crashed UFO Drone On Mars (Image via Paranormal Crucible/YouTube)

These startling claims about Mars civilization were first made by a U.S. physicist, Dr. John Brandenburg, who obtained his Ph.D. from the University of California, Davis.

In a paper, titled “Evidence of Massive Thermonuclear Explosions in Mars Past, The Cydonian Hypothesis and Fermi’s Paradox,” presented at the 2014 Annual Fall meeting of the American Physical Society Prairie Section in Monmouth, Illinois, Brandenburg argued that data from gamma ray spectrometry conducted by NASA orbiters show evidence of radiation fallout consistent with two massive nuclear explosions on Mars. The explosions occurred on two sites on Mars where two civilizations — the Cydonian and Utopian — flourished millions of years ago, according to Brandenburg.

“Taken together, the data requires that the hypothesis of Mars as the site of an ancient planetary nuclear massacre must now be considered. Fermi’s Paradox, the unexpected silence of the stars, may be solved at Mars. Providentially, we are forewarned of this possible aspect of the cosmos.”

Mars anomaly hunters claim that evidence of eroded archaeological remains on Mars — including technological artifacts — support Brandenburg’s claim that Mars was the site of bustling ancient civilizations and culture.

UFO hunters have reported discovering remains of crashed UFOs on different sites on Mars.

In March, Mars anomaly hunters Mars Moon Space Photo Zoom Club (MMSPZC) reported sighting a flying saucer UFO abandoned on rugged Martian terrain in the Aram Chaos region of the planet.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DZRpAfjVeRM>

In August, 2015, Waring reported that he sighted in a photo of the Martian terrain, snapped by NASA’s Mars Curiosity rover, a black object that looked like a space shuttle.

Some UFO enthusiasts compared the alleged spacecraft to a Star Destroyer from the *Star Wars* movie franchise. [Image via [Paranormal Crucible](#) / YouTube]

For the cost of a New Year's Eve bash ... By Billy Cox, Herald-Tribune, 10/19/15

<http://devoid.blogs.heraldtribune.com/15393/for-the-cost-of-a-new-years-eve-bash/>

So a new 501(c)3 called UFO Detection and Tracking, or UFODATA, is making the latest bid to chase The Great Taboo with state-of-the-art technology. Board member Leslie Kean, best-selling author of *UFOs: Generals, Pilots and Government Officials Go On the Record*, made the announcement in Huffington Post last week, and you can read all about it at:

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/leslie-kean/very-local-seti-the-launch_b_8295426.html?1444861771

Featuring more than a dozen engineers, scientists and academics -- including the project controller of the European Space Agency’s Space Research and Technology Centre -- the multinational UFODATA joins other fledgling initiatives like the Mutual UFO Network’s “Project Allsky” and UFOTOG, the brainstorm of Hollywood special effects whiz Douglas Trumbull. Not to mention a grass-roots lone-wolf German initiative, Project Connecting Evidence, currently developing downloadable motion-sensor software to activate PC webcams in the event of anomalous aerial activity.

What all of these groups have in common are Herculean enthusiasm, forward-looking instrumentation packages, and an absence of government or corporate backing. Hate to play the broken record, but the \$100 million that Russian physicist tycoon Yuri Milner decided to give to radioastronomy’s never-ending SETI hunt for alien civilizations over the next decade should invigorate debates over the confounding disparity between the

pursuit of evidence versus the pursuit of a theory with no evidence at all. As Kean pointed out in an email to De Void, should UFODATA attain funding, logging quantifiable results from our own atmosphere would be a far less daunting task than SETI's half century of futility: "It's hard to say how long that will take, but it should be a lot shorter than the decades that SETI has been waiting for a signal from far away."

As scientific director and president of the Center for UFO Studies, Mark Rodeghier is sitting on reams of UFO old records in Chicago. But he and Ohio State political science professor Alexander Wendt (co-author of the groundbreaking ["Sovereignty and the UFO"](#)) decided to establish UFODATA in an effort to shake up the inertia. "I appreciate UFO history," Rodeghier says, "but all that history is not going to solve the UFO mystery, and the next 10,000 sighting reports aren't, either."

Consequently, with the support of a diverse cast of researchers, most of whom have extensive field experience, UFODATA aims to build a computerized prototype surveillance station with a capacity for high-speed optics, radiation detection, magnetometers, electrostatic detection, and other modes for wringing details from The Great Taboo. Rodeghier estimates prototype startup costs could run up to \$20,000; throw in the inevitable unforeseen expenses that come with working out the kinks and maybe it gets up to \$35K-\$40K.

"Initially, we considered crowd-funding on the front end, but we decided it would work better if we could show people something concrete first," he says. Because the ultimate goal – to establish a global array of surveillance stations to sweep the skies for UFO activity – will cost a lot more. If only they could find a Yuri Milner to get the ball rolling. "With SETI, nobody's a volunteer – they're all getting paid," says Rodeghier. "If we could get a fraction of that, one percent of \$100 million, we would be set for years and we could do a bangup job."

Likewise, Trumbull's [UFOTOG](#) is intent on developing and deploying a similar sky-monitoring network, but it's been in the R&D phase for several years now. The Academy Award winner most recently made headlines at the Toronto Film Festival in 2014 when he rolled out a 10-minute 3-D feature shot at a blazing 120 frames per second, or five times the speed of conventional movies.

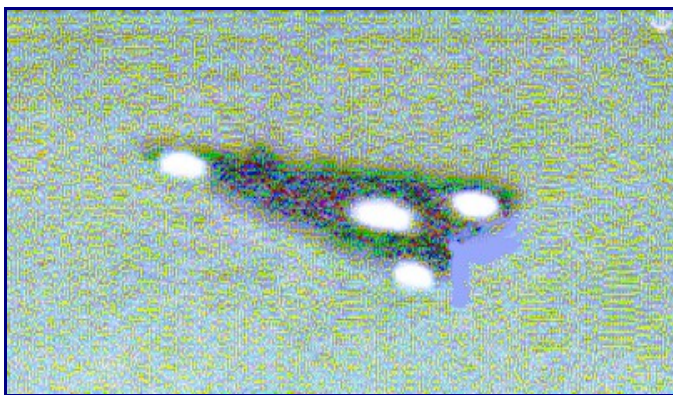
Unlike UFODATA, according to project partner Marc D'Antonio, UFOTOG is seeking major investors and foregoing crowd-sourcing altogether, at least for now. MUFON's top photo/video analyst says "Doug and I want certain people to fund it outright, because when you crowd-fund, you're answerable to everybody." The immediate holdup is a pricey computer chip, which he declines to discuss on the record. "We already have the technology in hand, we just need the chipmakers on board."

UFOTOG doesn't have a website, so there's no way to get a quick comparative sketch. However, D'Antonio sees no conflict with UFODATA or any other group hoping to collect UFO signatures. "I'm totally open to collaboration and new ideas," he says. "But we'd want to have the same system so there's no mismatch in functionality. And you'd have to some skin in the game, you've got to be part of it – nobody gets a free ride."

With Kepler Space Telescope data prompting some analysts to project the existence of 40 billion Earth-like planets in the Milky Way galaxy alone, D'Antonio says it's myopic – if not downright counterintuitive – for institutional science to dump all its eggs in the SETI basket when it comes to verifying off-world intelligence. And who knows, maybe these imminent, relatively low-budget innovations in spectrometric technologies will be enough to lure the MSM off the reservation and into the forbidden land of The Great Taboo. Get a load of [today's UFODATA story in Mother Jones](#) -- they actually played it straight.

Still, the question remains: Who's going to step up? Mutassim Gadhafi – slain son of the slain Libyan dictator – blew \$1M in a single night on a New Year's Eve party on St. Barts just before The Reckoning. And he was just a punk. It's not hard to imagine somebody with marginally more substance, with that kind of lunch money lying around, funneling it into systematic UFO surveillance just to see if he or she could make history quicker than Yuri Milner.

Minnesota Black Arrowhead



NOTE: The above image is a rendering. Thanks to Ken Pfeifer MUFON NJ worldUFOphotos

Rochester — On September 21 2015. I had an incredible sighting at 2 pm, while heading west down a hill and saw a huge black arrowhead shaped craft. My brother saw it at the same moment. It was larger than a commercial jet, hovering and not making any noise. It was so easy to see if you looked up. After looking at it for about 10 seconds trees started to obstruct my view. By the time I got back in the clear, it was gone. The craft was flat black and did not reflect the sun. From my angle to it, I saw the back left side. At first, I thought it was a triangle shape, but it was slightly angled so I could see the back was cut out. I suppose you could say it was boomerang, but it was much thicker and more arrowhead-like. It was stationary and a clear sighting that I am still in awe.

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There were 5,579 invention secrecy orders in effect at the end of fiscal year 2015. This was an increase from 5,520 the year before and is the highest number of such secrecy orders in more than a decade. <http://www.fas.org/sgp/othergov/invention/stats.html>

Under the Invention Secrecy Act of 1951, secrecy orders may be imposed on patent applications when a government agency finds that granting the patent and publishing it would be "detrimental" to national security.

Most of the current invention secrecy orders were renewals of orders granted in past years. According to statistics released under the Freedom of

Information Act by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, there were 95 new secrecy orders imposed last year, while 36 prior orders were rescinded. More information on the newly rescinded orders is forthcoming.

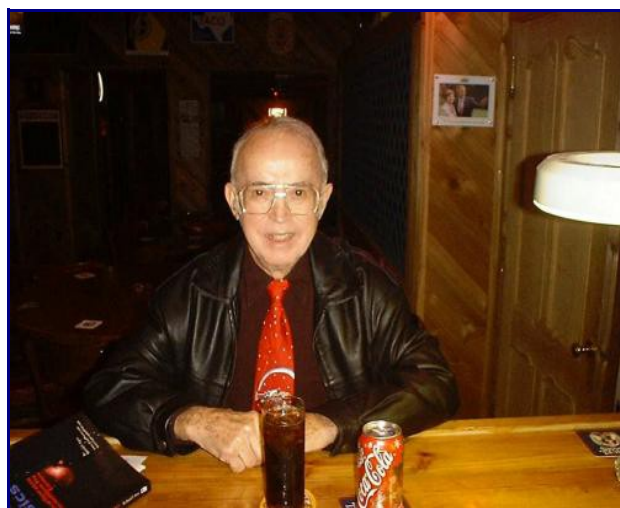
Of the 95 new orders, 15 were so-called "John Doe" secrecy orders, meaning that they were imposed on private inventors in cases where the government had no property claim on the invention. The prohibition on disclosure in such cases therefore raises potential First Amendment issues.

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End of an Era: MUFON Founder Passes Away

Posted by red pill junkie, 19 Sep 2015



The largest UFO organization in the world (MUFON) is mourning the loss of its founder, **Walter H. Andrus Jr. (1920-2015).**

Born in Des Moines, Iowa, Andrus's life-long interest in UFOs began in 1948, when he along with his wife and son had a daylight sighting of four objects flying in formation over downtown Phoenix, Arizona. He then became a regional officer of APRO, one of the leading UFO organizations in the United States back in the day.

In 1969, one year after the infamous Condon Report had given the Air Force the excuse they

needed to end their official involvement in the study of UFOs, Andrus founded the then-called Midwest UFO Network --later renamed Mutual UFO Network-- based out in Seguin, Texas, taking a bunch of APRO members with him along also with disenfranchised members of NICAP --the other major UFO organization in the United States-- after their original founder Major Donald Keyhoe was forced to resign and the group came in the hands of a new leadership. In his two books *UFOs and the National Security State* [Amazon [US](#) & [UK](#)]

Richard Dolan explains how this internal coup in NICAP seemed to have been orchestrated by the American intelligence community, as a way to finally neutralize a feisty civilian organization which had always protested the official cover-up maintained by the government on the UFO phenomenon. At the same time, APRO was also infiltrated and undermined, most notably when one of his directors --Bill Moore-- become involved with Richard Doty in the disinformation campaign which eventually caused the nervous breakdown of Paul Bennewitz, as described in Greg Bishop's book Project Beta [Amazon [US](#) & [UK](#)] and Mark Pilkington's [Mirage Men](#).

(Speaking about undercover neutralization of UFO groups, I've always suspected Robert Bigelow's involvement with MUFON, during the time when [James Carrion](#) was International Director, was an attempt to repeat the same undermining cycle)

NICAP slowly fizzled and died under the new administration, and APRO didn't survive after the death of its founders, Jim and Coral Lorenzen --who never forgave Andrus for what they considered a personal betrayal after he left and founded MUFON; the same could also be said about Dr. Hynek's CUFOS --even though *technically* it still exists. Andrus on the other hand, lead his group from 1970 to July of 2000, when he retired from his position as International Director, and was succeeded by John F. Schuessler.

Despite my personal caveats with MUFON for its bias towards the extraterrestrial hypothesis (ETH), one cannot deny Walter Andrus succeeded where his peers clearly did not: Creating a well-established civilian organization robust enough to survive the passing of its original founder(s); an organization with visibility *outside* the small niche of UFOlogy, comprised of dedicated members and hard-working field investigators, who try (as best they can) to apply a structured methodology when researching a phenomenon which challenges many

of the most basic principles of the scientific method.

Here's hoping MUFON --or other organizations rising to the challenge UFOs pose-- will try to learn from the mistakes of the past, embrace new technologies AS WELL as different perspectives, and continue to honor the efforts of those pioneers who dedicated their lives in the search for answers. Rest in Peace.

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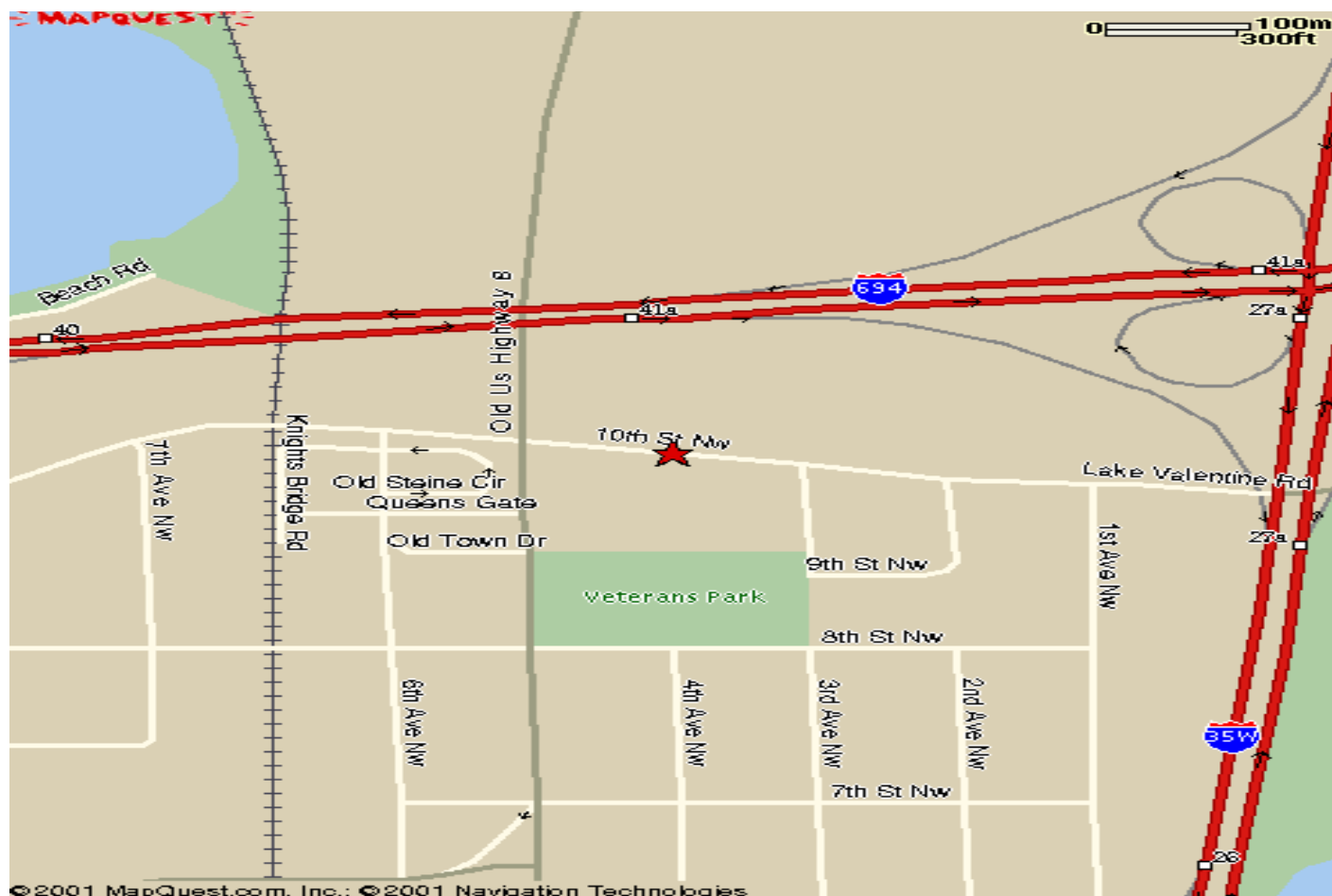
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