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Directors Message

Seasons greetings to all. May you and yours enjoy this holiday season and have a wonderful and prosperous New Year. The September conference was a great success thanks again to the work of our volunteers. I would like to take this opportunity to give a special thanks to our conference volunteers and to those who promoted our event by telling their friends. Many thanks to all. We are hard at work on next year.



Peter R. Geremia

STATE MEETING

As many of you know we try to get speakers who have demonstrated an ability to research the UFO subject with an open mind and a scientific approach. To that end we have invited Mr. Charles Wyckoff to speak at our next state meeting. Mr. Wyckoff is the photographic director of research of the Academy of Applied Science expeditions to Lock Ness. Granted the search for Nessie is not UFO related. The search to prove beyond a shadow of doubt that a creature is living in the Ness does parallel our task of proving UFO's exist to the "scientific community". And many of us would love to see the Nessie debunkers found to be foolishly wrong. Mr. Wyckoff will present a slide lecture at our **January 11th meeting** at the Comfort Inn in Portsmouth. The Meeting will start at 1:00 PM sharp. Get first hand information on what was found this past summer at the Ness. We will also show a video of Astronaut Gordon Cooper's presentation at our September conference. It will be a great meeting so plan to attend and ask a friend to come with you. As usual all our meetings are open to the public and are free.

Speaking of debunkers.

Would you believe arch "NASA" UFO debunker Jim Oberg contacted NH Mufon via E-Mail asking about Gordon Cooper's presentation. It looks as if the debunkers are getting nervous about all these high profile witnesses coming forward. For those of you who wish to contact Mr. Oberg he is at:

JamesOberg@aol.com

I am pleased to announce that Larry Clow has been appointed to the position of Junior Associate Director for NH Mufon. Larry has a keen interest in the subject and would like to hear from other junior members. If you have younger members in your family interested in the UFO subject please have them contact Larry at the N H Mufon Address.

A photograph was submitted to NH Mufon by a Raymond, NH man. It was taken in early November. The photographer was trying to take time exposures of the night sky when he saw a bright ball of light. His time exposures show stars with what looks like a bright ball about twenty times the size of a star. We are researching it.

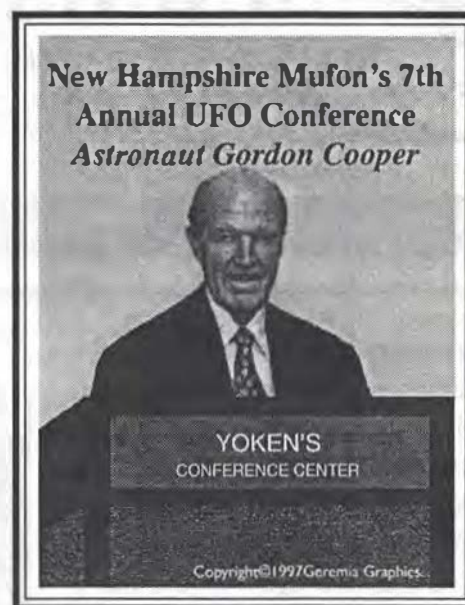
Sandra Black Coos County Section Director was one of two witnesses to a November 3rd sighting in Stewartstown, NH. At 9:00 PM EST.

It was a clear, dark, starry night however a strange white glow would cross the sky with no sound. Somewhat like lightning. This glow did not look like the northern lights frequently seen in the north country nor did it look like regular lightning. A light was spotted in the southeast that seemed unusual. It then blinked out only to reappear a little to the right. At this point Sandra got two pairs of binoculars so they could observe this thing. Eventually they saw what looked like a triangle craft with the bottom or back corners angled off. Four lights were noticed. One red which may have been strobing and three white lights which were strobing. Some sort of projectile may have been ejected before they lost sight of it behind a mountain. Total sighting duration was about ten minutes. Sandra states the craft was off at quite a distance and could have been some type of military operation.

The Manchester Union Leader of Friday December 5, 1997 reported on a couple who spotted a very bright light moving from the south toward Hooksett. One of the witnesses said you could bundle five airplanes together and it wouldn't come close to that much light. The sighting lasted about a minute. Section Director Ruth Michaud is checking it out and will get back to us with a report.

NH MUFON STATE MEETING
January 11, 1997
1:00 PM Sharp
The Comfort Inn
Portsmouth, NH
SPEAKER
Mr. Charles Wyckoff
"Expeditions to Lock Ness"

Astronaut Gordon Cooper by Peter R. Geremia



United States Astronaut L. Gordon Cooper better known as "Coop" was special guest speaker at the 1997 New Hampshire Mufon conference. Sunday, September 14th 1997 was a typical sunny day in Portsmouth, New Hampshire with one exception. At the Yoken's Convention Center former astronaut and now president and CEO of his own aircraft design company, Gordon Cooper was preparing to address more than four hundred people. They came from all over New England and far beyond to attend the 7th annual NH Mufon UFO conference. If anyone would have suggested a world renowned United States astronaut, one of the original seven would even think about addressing a UFO research group, I would have laughed and said "not in my lifetime". But here he was sitting at the speakers table taking notes and signing an occasional autograph. How, or better yet, why was he here?

I had been in contact with Mr. Cooper for more than two years trying to work out a time frame when he would be able to make it to New Hampshire and spend a weekend with us. This proved to be an almost impossible task with his unbelievable work schedule. He is involved in many enterprises besides his aircraft design company. I was stunned when he said he was able to move other commitments to be with us. The "why" became apparent as we talked later at the speakers dinner held at Saunder's Restaurant at Rye Harbor.

Mr. Cooper is now a very successful business entrepreneur and private citizen but he is as passionate about the need for UFO research to continue now as he was when he tried to get the United Nations to do it years ago. Given his personal sightings and his involvement in developing film of a UFO taken by his film crew at Edward's Air Force Base, it is no wonder why he has the attitude of, "I know what I saw so let's check it out." As I watched this world famous astronaut sitting next to me calmly taking notes I was reminded of his reputation during the Mercury program of the man with nerves of steel. And now he was

about to address a gathering of UFO researchers, people who are just curious about UFOs and people who believe the government has all the answers and just won't tell us. Mixed feelings hit me all at once. How would he be received? What would he say? How would the question and answer session turn out?

Walter Friesendorf our assistant State Director called the group back from our break and began introducing Mr. Cooper. Everyone settled down and as Walt spoke I watched a very interested, calm and confident former astronaut take the stage. A thunderous applause and instant standing ovation greeted our speaker and continued for what seemed like several minutes. At this point I knew everyone shared my deep appreciation for the historic event taking place. We were about to hear all about the Right Stuff from the most credible source possible. We were treated to a no nonsense description of how in 1950 for two days in southern Germany, UFOs were sighted from the ground and in the air flying outside the performance envelope of American and allied fighter planes. About a film crew at Edward's Air Force base who sighted a UFO flying at low altitude over head. They were filming operational events when the sighting occurred. They immediately trained still cameras and a movie camera on the craft while it extended three landing gear and settled down on the desert floor close to the runway. Cameras still running they approached the object and were within yards when the craft rose up, retracted the landing gear, tipped up and shot out of sight at a high rate of speed. All of this captured on film. He described how an Air Force General instructed him on the procedure he was to follow and where to send the film. He was later disappointed when this event was not reported in the now infamous Blue Book report.

Astronaut Cooper received a round of applause when he stated "Unofficially in my opinion I think blue book was a whitewash". When asked where the films might now be, he indicated that they were probably lost in some storage facility. He was quick to dismiss stories about landing sites in Florida as untrue and said astronauts don't talk about what they have seen due to fake stories printed about them.

During the speaker panel question and answer session, Col. Cooper was asked about the response from the United Nations when he questioned them about UFOs. He said, Initially it was very positive. It was felt the data collected world wide should be gathered in one place and standardized for research. He along with others met with the United Nations executive committee but the project died on the vine. Col. Cooper also remarked that he still believes the United Nations is the best organization to do such a study.

I shall never forget my conversations with Gordon Cooper. Not only because he was so forthcoming with firsthand knowledge of his UFO related events but also, and more importantly, he renewed my faith in the knowledge that very credible people in influential positions are willing to come forward about the existence of Unidentified Flying Objects. And that these objects are intelligently controlled and exhibit operational parameters beyond our capabilities. All we can do at this point is ask those people to take the lead of Gordon Cooper and come forward. Humanity is ready for the truth, and now is the time.



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