



## MUTUAL UFO NETWORK OF OHIO (MUFON OF OHIO)

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### Mutual UFO Network of Ohio Formed

The Mutual UFO Network of Ohio was formed at an organizational meeting on November 14, 1998, as a nonprofit organization to represent the Mutual UFO Network, Inc. (MUFON, Inc.) of Seguin, Texas in Ohio. At the kickoff meeting, eleven initial members joined, the bylaws were accepted, and officers were appointed. The following individuals are founding members:

Wendy Ban  
Bruce Budinger  
Phyllis Budinger

Terry Hamilton  
Pete Hartinger  
Bill Jones

Ted Kreit  
Richard Lee  
John Timmerman

Richard Thielmann  
Don Weatherby

### Purpose

The Mutual UFO Network of Ohio is dedicated to conduct research into the UFO phenomenon and to provide educational programs and publications to the public. Our specific objectives are to:

- Establish an active network of people in Ohio interested in objective examination of the UFO phenomenon and related matters.
- Conduct investigations of possible UFO-related event and claims, both historical and current.
- Hold meetings and conduct objective educational programs on the subject of UFOs for members and the public.
- Publish a quarterly membership newsletter, a journal, and other publications to make the results of investigations available to members and the public.
- Monitor the news media in Ohio to help ensure that coverage of UFO-related material is objective and fair.
- Provide a forum for non-MUFON and independent researchers to present and publish information as guest speakers or contributors to Mutual UFO Network of Ohio publications.

### Membership Benefits

Besides having the opportunity to participate in group projects, to network with Ohio-based UFO investigators, and to help revitalize ufology in Ohio, members receive the following benefits:

- Free admission to the three yearly State Meetings, which will be held in various geographic locations around Ohio, and to other organization-sponsored events.
- The quarterly *Mutual UFO Network of Ohio Newsletter*, describing activities and announcing meetings and other events.
- An annual special Member's Issue of the *Ohio UFO Notebook*, MidOhio Research Associates (see below).

### March 13 State Meeting — Rick Hilberg, Featured Speaker

The March 13 State Meeting will be held from noon to 3:00 p.m. in Cuyahoga Falls (Akron area) and will feature a lecture by veteran Cleveland-area ufologist Rick Hilberg entitled *UFOs: The First Three Decades*.

**See the attached Meeting Announcement for complete details on the meeting agenda and speaker.**

### About the *Ohio UFO Notebook*

Now in its 18th issue, the *Ohio UFO Notebook* has been published since 1991 by MidOhio Research Associates, an independent UFO investigative group spearheaded by Bill Jones, MUFON, Inc. Ohio State Director and Mutual UFO Network of Ohio Director. Over the years, the *Ohio UFO Notebook* has published scores of sighting reports as well as selected articles, including such notable examples as "Astronauts Speak Out About UFOs" (#12), and "Interview With Retired Project Blue Book Director" (#11). The most recent issue (with introduction by ufologist Robert J. Durant) features a reprint of "The Fitzgerald Report," an in-depth account of a classic multiple-witness close encounter in Sheffield Lake, OH, and arguments that an official Air Force investigation was mishandled.

**The Ohio UFO Notebook encourages submission of material for publication.**

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## Group Research Project — Project Ohio: October 1973

Project Ohio: October 1973 has been designed to take advantage of the resources offered by an active group distributed over a fairly wide geographic area. Bill Jones will manage this project, which will be the focus of the organization for 1999.

The year 1973 marks what was historically the last major UFO wave in the United States to gain significant media attention. Although the wave actually extended into 1974, the goal of Project Ohio: October 1973 is to find and document as many Ohio UFO reports as possible from the peak month of the wave. The true scope and extent of this wave is not known because sighting reports have not been fully unearthed.

The project is modeled after researcher Jan Aldrich's Project 1947, a grass-roots effort to document the origins of the modern UFO phenomenon by having large numbers of investigators collect newspaper articles, documents, and personal accounts. Phase 1 of Project Ohio: October 1973 will involve collecting Ohio media material from the peak of the wave. In subsequent phases, the project will expand across the entire wave and will include efforts to interview the reporting witnesses. Results of the research will be published in the *Ohio UFO Notebook* and on the World-Wide Web.

The project involves visiting your local newspaper office, library, or historical society to get copies of printed materials that document the October 1973 UFO wave in Ohio. Newspapers often have collections (called "morgues") that may include UFO reports. The collections can consist of entire newspapers archived on microfilm or in bound copies, or clipping files organized by subject. Many libraries and historical societies also have extensive newspaper collections and subject files.

UFO material may be filed under a variety of subjects, including: *UFOs, unidentified flying objects, flying saucers, aeronautics, airships, astronomy, extraterrestrial life, meteors, space events, spook lights, ball lightning, fireballs, flying discs, ghost lights, odd occurrences, strange events*. UFO material may even be filed under topics associated with parapsychology, such as *apparitions, ghosts*. Or, the material may simply be filed under *phenomena*.

Privately held scrapbook collections often contain valuable information available nowhere else. For instance, clippings from now-defunct newspapers may be almost impossible to find except in such a collection.

Complete bibliographic references are needed for *each* document, including:

- Name of the newspaper (or periodical, newsletter, etc.)
- Section
- Page number
- Date (including volume number, issue number, etc., as applicable)

**Bill Jones will discuss in detail how you can participate in Project Ohio: October 1973 at the March 13 meeting.**

## Other Projects

- Profiles of Ohio ufologists —  
Ohio is home base for several nationally and internationally regarded ufologists, many of whom are not as well known locally as they should be. Irena Scott and Wendy Ban will attempt to publish in the Ohio UFO Notebook a biographical profile and research synopsis for each of these ufologists.
- Physical Trace Research —  
Phyllis Budinger has been engaged in an independent research project to perform chemical analysis of UFO physical trace material from historically famous cases.
- Sightings Report Database —  
Don Weatherby is investigating creating our own report database and establishing relationships with existing databases.
- Educational videos
- Billboard to be placed near Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
- A pipe dream? — hosting a future MUFON, Inc. annual Symposium

## How to Join

Membership is open to all MUFON, Inc. member. Membership is also open to a limited number of members who do not belong to MUFON, Inc. (not to exceed 35% of the total membership).

The annual dues for 1999 are \$20.00. To join, please use the enclosed Membership Application form. (The rate is \$15.00 for members who already contributed \$5.00 in initial dues.)

**Can't attend meetings? Consider joining Mutual UFO Network of Ohio to receive our publications.**





## STATE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Don't miss this opportunity to tour the Frontier Analysis lab!

**Date:** Oct. 7, 2000 — Saturday  
**Time:** Noon to 5:00 P.M.  
**Place:** Bainbridge branch of the Geauga Co. library system  
17222 Snyder Rd. (Snyder Rd. and E. Washington St.)  
Chagrin Falls, OH 44023 Phone: (440) 543-5611  
**Lecture:** Phyllis Budinger, Analytical Chemist  
**Lab Tour:** Frontier Analysis (near the library)  
17100 Wood Acre Trail  
Chagrin Falls, OH 44023 Phone: (440) 543-4241  
**Directions:** There are two Bainbridges in Ohio. This is the NE one (not the S one), east of the Cleveland metro area. See maps on reverse. Take I-80 E or I-71 N or I-77 N to I-480 E, to Rt. 422(A) E (toward Warren/Solon), to Rt. 306 N (Bainbridge), to E. Washington St. W, to Snyder Rd. Turn left on Snyder and look for the Bainbridge library on the left side of the road.  
(\$5 donation suggested for nonmembers to help defray costs)

### Agenda

- 11:30** Doors open, meet and greet.
- 12:00** **Bill Jones** — New MUFON, Inc. bylaws; new State Section Directors in Ohio (and open SSD positions); other news and events
- Pete Hartinger** — High points of the 2000 national MUFON Symposium in St. Louis (Ohio was well represented); restructuring of Central Region; plans for regional meeting; other news and events
- Don Weatherby** — Rollout of MUFON's Worldwide UFO Database (and new website) — and  
**Wendy Ban** — Sampling of WUFOD reports (many reports already logged); *MUFON Journal* article
- George Pindroh** — Information/referral sheet developed with Rick Dell'Aquila, and Chuck Eppolito for contacting law enforcement and other reporting agencies; suggestions on how to deliver
- Open discussion** — Bring your issues, news, reports
- 1:15** BREAK
- 1:30** **Phyllis Budinger** — *UFOs: A Search for Physical Evidence*  
Question and answer
- 3:00** **Frontier Analysis lab tour** — Refreshments

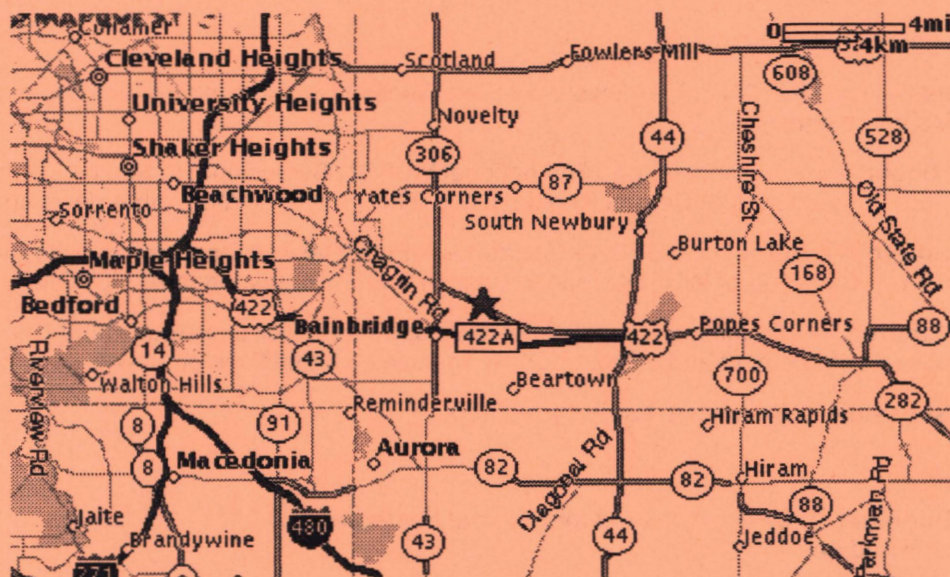
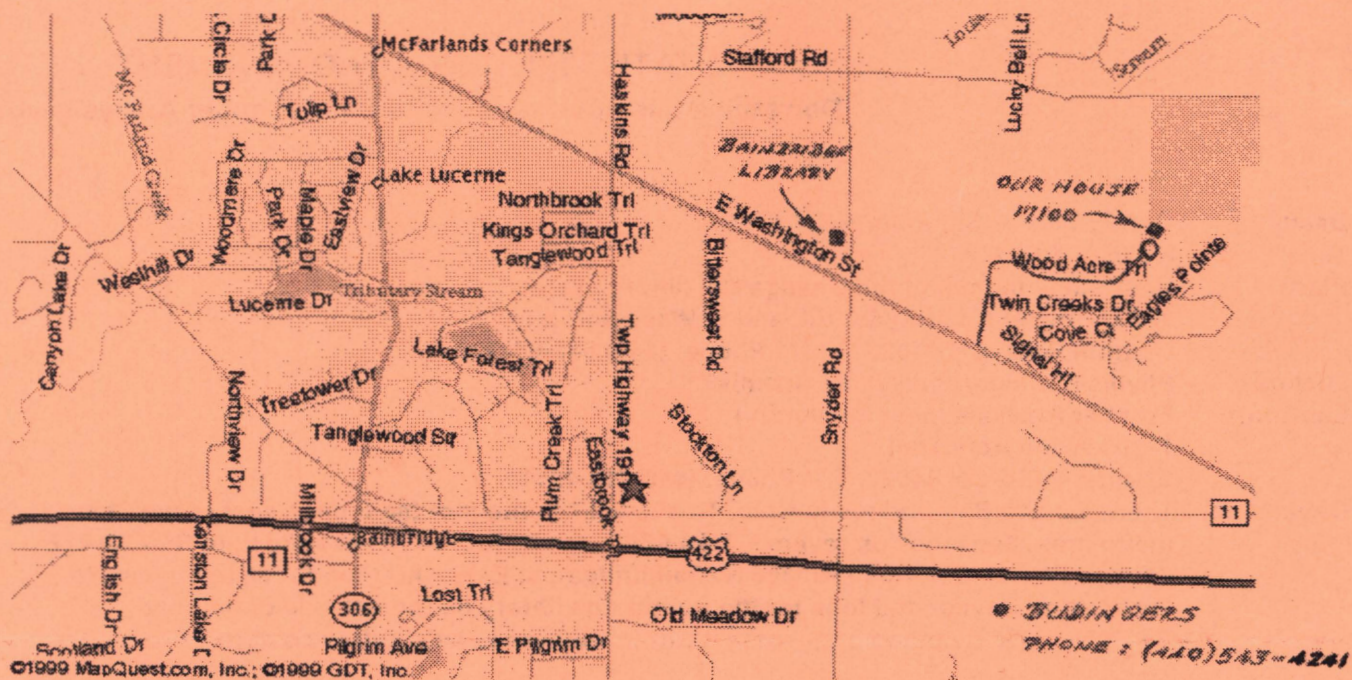
### SPEAKER

In her profession as an industrial chemist, Phyllis Budinger has specialized in the analysis of unknown materials to identify their composition. Her lab, Frontier Analysis, has analyzed physical trace evidence associated with UFO events, including soil samples, angel hair, residue from a cattle mutilation, and stains from an abductee's skin. Her lecture will cover the mission and goals of Frontier Analysis physical trace research, and the problems and pitfalls encountered in this sort of work. She will describe what has been discovered to date in the field, and will present real cases. She will also talk about the positive future of physical trace research, a field that Ted Phillips of the Center for Physical Trace Research has described as an "embarrassment of riches" since, though many significant samples have been collected and preserved through the decades, relatively little professional analysis has been done.

### LAB

Frontier Analysis is located very near the meeting site (see map on reverse). After the lecture, all are welcome to visit. Phyllis will conduct tours of the lab facility, and explain the equipment and processes she uses. Space is somewhat limited, so the lab tour may be done in groups while others enjoy **refreshments** provided courtesy of Frontier Analysis.





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