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## NEWSLETTER

### **M**essage from the Director by William E. Jones

Things "ufological" in Ohio keep changing, like most everything else in life. I knew that I hadn't seen a copy of the Roundtown UFO Society Newsletter for some time, but I hadn't thought much about it. I just assumed that the next issue would be coming soon. I attended their meeting in Circleville, Ohio on February 10, 2005 where Pete Hartinger happened to note that their last newsletter was issued during the Fourth Quarter of 2003. The editor had to resign the position and no one else was available to continue the effort. Pete said that the Society's efforts are now going into their website which you can see at the following address: <http://roundtownufosociety.com>. Thus, another Ohio UFO publication passes into history. Sets of this newsletter can be found at The Ohio State University Main Library, in the Ohio Historical Society archives, and in the Circleville, Ohio library. We wish RUFOS good luck with their website.

Speaking of Ohio UFO publications passing into history, our own Ohio UFO Notebook may cease to be published with the 2005 membership issue. Expanding the size of our newsletters to replace the Notebook is under discussion. It is believed that the use of the newsletter for regular communication with our membership is important. Enlarging and diversifying its content by including reports of our

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### **Donnie Blessing Scheduled for May 28 Meeting**

A MUFON of Ohio meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, May 28, 2005, at the Whetstone Library in Columbus. The room will be available at noon for a quick setup and light refreshments before the presentation. Short remarks by MUFON of Ohio officers will begin at 1:00, followed by the featured speaker, Donnie Blessing. Donnie's presentation is entitled "Are Alien Abductions a Real Phenomena?"

The library is located at 3903 N. High Street, at the Park of Roses. Donations will be accepted at the door.

To read more about Donnie, please see page 6.

There is a map on page 10. If you need more information, contact Jennifer at 740-965-6656 or email [thomas2@bright.net](mailto:thomas2@bright.net).

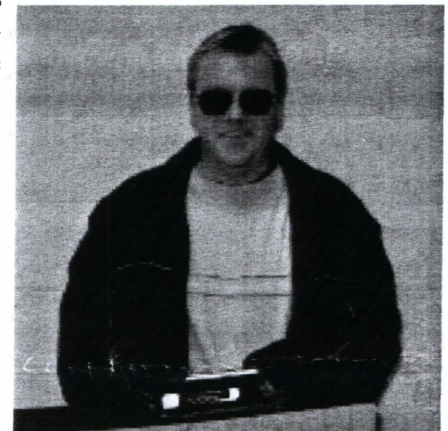
### **Kenny Young (1966-2005) Dies at Age 38 - Veteran UFO and Unusual Phenomena Researcher** by Ron Schaffner

It is with deep regret that I announce the passing of my friend Kenny Young.

I met Kenny back in 1994 after I got back into research after a two-year sabbatical. I didn't even have to introduce myself to him - he knew who I was and offered me a warm welcome back when I first came on board to the local cable access show out of Cincinnati: UFO Update Live.

I knew that Kenny was going to be something special to Ufology. His early reports were very detailed and resembled legal briefs and police reports. He was very objective in his reporting which is something one doesn't see much of. His report on the Lebanon Correctional Facility UFO case was very complete in every aspect, as well as his Clermont County video case.

A small group of us who were affiliated with the cable show decided to start another Ohio group here. It was headed by the late Pat Packard and called Advocates for Scientific Knowledge. After Pat's untimely death, we changed the name to Tri-State Advocates for Scientific Knowledge. Kenny was named as public relations director.



*Kenny Young, above.*

One of the most celebrated cases of TASK was the 1996 and 1997 UFO flap in southern Ohio. Kenny was very active at this time and retrieved so much information that we couldn't have solved the case without him.

After the agreed reconstruction of TASK, Kenny went on to do some important research in such areas of Monsanto, Peebles, Ohio GE/Northrop plant and the Norwood, Ohio searchlight case of 1949, which was initiated by the late Leonard Stringfield.

Kenny had a natural instinct for working with local law enforcement

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*"The UFO research and investigation business is a cruel and shallow money trench, a long plastic hallway where thieves and pimps of corrupt ideology run free, agenda dictates, delusion is rampant and ignorance prevails. The infestation of wrongful motivation and the beggarly depths of belief reign supreme amidst a universal disregard for truth and factual actuality... where good men die like dogs. There's also a negative side..."*

Kenny Young  
UFO Watch Dog Website

### Message... (continued from page 1)

own investigations and other items of interest will make the newsletter more interesting to read. Finally, it is estimated that this change will save the organization money.

The Ohio UFO Notebook will have been published 28 times on an irregular basis since the release of the August 1991 issue. In addition, three unnumbered Notebooks have been published with single subject content. The subjects covered by these issues were, (1) "The Testimony of Jesse Marcel," by Robert J. Durant, (2) a new release of "The Fitzgerald Report," about a classic close encounter case from Sheffield Lake, Ohio that occurred on September 21, 1958, and (3) a new release of "The Carbondale UFO Crash – The Reality, the Hoaxes and the Legend" by Matthew Graeber. The use of the Notebook for this purpose may be continued occasionally in the future. If you have any thoughts about this change, contact our Secretary, Jennifer Thomas at [thomas2@bright.net](mailto:thomas2@bright.net). Sets of the Notebook can be found at The Ohio State University Main Library, in the Ohio Historical Society archives, and at the Ohioana Library Association, 274 East First Avenue in Columbus.

For those investigators and MUFON State Section Directors (SSDs) who come across a lead to a UFO case in a county that is assigned to another SSD, I urge you to use the common courtesy of calling that SSD to let her/him know that you have the lead and that you either, (1) want to investigate the case and ask for the SSD's help, or (2) you want to turn it over to that person for her/his own investigation. You aren't expected to turn it over completely, but it is only common courtesy to notify the SSD and ask for help. After all, that person will probably know the county better than you do.

**Copies of "Delphos: A Close Encounter of the Second Kind." are still available from MUFON of Ohio for \$20.00.**

**These have been signed by the author, Ted Phillips.**

### George Pindroh Speaking at Lakewood Library

George Pindroh, MUFON State Section Director for Cuyahoga & Lorain County, will be speaking on UFOs at the Lakewood Public Library Tuesday, October 11, 2005, from 7-8 PM. George says he has a lot to say about this subject, so this promises to be a good presentation. The Lakewood Library is very interested in the topic of UFOs and requested a speaker. Hopefully, it will be the beginning of many such talks in the future.

The Lakewood Library is in a western suburb of Cleveland and George describes it as one of the best libraries in the United States.

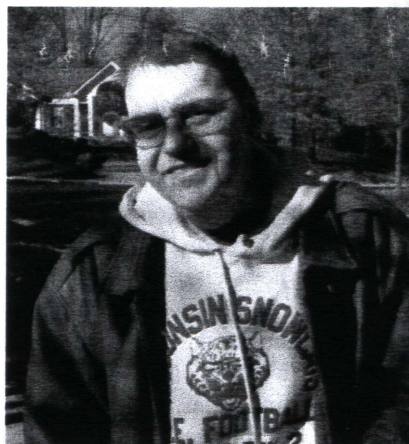
If anyone needs directions to the library, please email George at [pindroh@en.com](mailto:pindroh@en.com)

### Kenny Young (continued from Page 1)

and retrieving 9/11 emergency dispatch tapes, when a possible UFO or Bigfoot report was called in. I can remember helping him with his first FOIA request, as I told him how to get around the fees that some agencies wanted. After that, it was him that I turned to, to ask questions about this process.

Perhaps his best retrieval was the Trumbull County, Ohio sightings by law enforcement, which chased a UFO in their cruisers and reported back to dispatch.

Whenever there was case that needed more attention, Kenny was always there. I often wondered how he could afford all the long distance phone calls, but that didn't matter to him, as long as he received the information he was looking for. If anybody ever needed a favor, you could always count on Kenny.



Kenny always loved a great conspiracy story. He didn't believe in all of them, but enjoyed researching them anyway. I spent a lot of time talking with him about the "Federal Hypothesis", Area 51 and Roswell.

Kenny also enjoyed the Bigfoot phenomena, as he worked with me on some reports, such as the 1997 case that occurred in Adams County, Ohio. He investigated

a few intriguing reports from the same area on his own and was the first to report and debunk the alleged Bigfoot "Campground Closures" of Salt Fork State Park in Northeastern Ohio.

Mr. Young was very active in assisting Natural Light productions (Bob Leibold) in producing the UFO LIVE UPDATE programs that were viewed in the Cincinnati area. Kenny would become a live panelist on this show and we won several awards. Kenny's video clips were always a welcome sight. It was his idea to start a 'point-counterpoint' type of program to achieve 100% objectivity. Kenny was the advocate on the show and I would play the skeptic. It always worked out great and gave the audience the option to make up their own minds on the information we set forth. We had some real fun with this and some thought we were bitter at each other. That was far from the truth, as we always worked out the script before hand and laughed at each other about the acts we put on.

There will always be more to say about this brilliant researcher and investigator. I have only touched on a few of his accomplishments.

We will all miss you, Kenny. Hope you meet up with Pat and Leonard.

Kenny Young's website has been secured and added to the Anomaly Response Network. It is now called "The Kenny Young Archives." <http://www.anomalyresponse.org/>. You can also access it from links on SOAAR. <http://soaar.anomalyresponse.org/>





# Critic's Corner

**Critic: Scott J. Santa**

*State Section Director, Medina County*

**Book Title: The Alien Files: The Secrets of Extraterrestrial Encounters and Abductions**

**(1997) - Element Books**

**Author : Gregory Van Dyk**

There aren't any secrets divulged in this book for veteran UFO/Abduction readers. This book addresses the overall abduction experience very well, with a touch of spirituality lacking in most books of its kind. Generally speaking, the author's main scope seems to be an all out disparagement of mainstream science and it's inability to define or even recognize anything it can't explain or control; "A scientific view of the world is bankrupt in appreciating or understanding the non-material, whether it is human emotions or communications from distant extraterrestrial intelligences. Phenomena which are beyond the purview of scientists' ability to explain are dumped into a special category called paranormal. The very need to create such a category suggests that science holds center stage in determining what is normal and deciding what is abnormal. It is a form of intellectual trickery that makes a mockery of almost everything that is human. The term paranormal also indicates the failure of science by indicating that which it cannot explain."

I found the book to be rather tired in that the author covered the UFO/Abduction theme with "old" cases that are previously documented and already existing in the literature. For example, he covers the ROSWELL scenario, Lonnie Zamora's Socorro report, Betty and Barney Hill, Betty Andreasson, Travis Walton, and Billy Meier, all well known subjects in the field, without really adding anything of value or new.

Where the book really turns off the road is the latter section(s) dealing with channeling. With respect to gathering information from ET Intelligence(s). Mr. Van Dyk seems to take for granted that channeling is real, without any of the documentation that the science he disavows earlier in the book seems to necessitate. Though I can agree with his attack on mainstream science inability and or refusal to seriously consider the UFO and/or abduction experience. The context of his message seems to imply implicit belief in channeled information:

"Channelling represents a source of information and contact with ET's not otherwise available to us. Ufologists who believe in scientifically determined physical reality as the predominant reality, as opposed to any kind of spirit-based reality, are concerned primarily with spacecraft and metallic objects - chasing the getaway car, as Budd Hopkins so aptly puts it. Channellers by contrast provide a ready access to the occupants of the spacecraft insofar as they receive direct communications from ET sources - by spiritual mobile phone, as it were." Really?

How does one view channeled information? I believe it has to be taken with a huge dose of skeptical sugar. Can channeling or channeled information be proven or disproven? I'll leave that to the reader to figure out.

The author then goes on to relate various channeled information on the nature of UFO's and alleged aliens such as the Lyrans and the Vegan's and how humanity carries the genetic material of the original humanoid race, and they are here trying to get some of it back! Then a few chapters on spiritual dimensions and the nature of reality, which overall were related in simple terms, with food for thought from the final paragraph:

"Given our conventional view of the world as a physical, tangible thing, many people are likely to find the concept of ET entities as part spirit-beings, with different energy vibrations to ourselves, as difficult to accept. *The problem, I suggest, lies not in the paradoxical nature of these ET phenomena, but the obdurate nature of the Western mind that only acknowledges one-dimensional reality [ emphasis mine ]*.

For a reader new to the subject, I could recommend the first half of this book as good historical introductory material, but not the second half. These latter chapters are easily recognizable to veteran and experienced subject matter readers, but would, I feel, confuse and possibly lose, any reader looking for solid and factual information on either UFO's or Abductions, or both.

I cannot in good conscience recommend this book. The author hasn't convinced this reader that he has stumbled upon anything new or revelatory, unlocked any "secrets," or that he has added anything of real interest to the field of either UFO's or Abductions.

## Phyllis Budinger presents

### **"UFOs: A Search for Physical Evidence, Abductions" at the 2005 MUFON Symposium**

Our own Phyllis Budinger, a analytic chemist, has been invited to speak at the 2005 Denver MUFON Symposium in Denver, Colorado. The symposium takes place on July 22 - 24.

Her talk will be titled "UFOs: A search for Physical Evidence, Abductions." Phyllis will discuss the analysis she did on samples from two high profile abduction cases - one old and one new.

The old case deals with the now very famous abduction of Betty and Barney Hill, which happened in 1961. Phyllis has done analysis on the dress worn by Betty Hill during their experience.

The new case deals with one bizarre event from the ongoing many experiences of Stan Romanek. Phyllis did analysis of particulates he found in his hand after one strange event.

She will present what was found by her examination but will also talk about the power and importance of analytical science in examining old and new physical traces related to the UFO phenomena.

Other speakers include Edgar Mitchell, the 6th astronaut to walk on the moon, Stanton T. Friedman, Richard Dolan, Frank Feschino, Jr., Elaine Douglas, and Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle.

"Good Luck" Phyllis! We're proud of you!

## George Pindroh Investigates the George Ritter Case by George Pindroh

MUFON of Ohio State Section Director George Pindroh has started an investigation of the claims of Mr. George Ritter of Fostoria, Ohio who has become famous in some UFO circles for his ability to photograph UFOs on his VHS cameras. Ritter has appeared on George Noory's Coast to Coast AM radio program. He has been mentioned many times in George Filer's Internet UFO newsletter. He has appeared on Jeff Rense's radio program on the west coast. Other countries are sending film crews to cover with video exactly what is happening at George Fostoria house. Something major in ufology may be occurring in Northern Ohio.

On June 13, 2004 George Pindroh, Mel Reckling, "Capitan Chuck" Eppolito and Aaron Clark visited Mr. Ritter on a beautiful summer Sunday afternoon. Mr. Ritter showed us his hundreds of VHS videos depicting many UFOs and displayed the several different cameras and other equipment that he owns. George points his camera at a silo on a farm several hundred yards away and lets it run for hours. Upon completion of the taping he views the results looking for objects racing across the screen at incredibility high speeds, unseen by the naked eye. Having the ability to track frame by frame, one can see a craft seemingly going into the ground or out of the ground on the screen. One might think that George is photographing birds and bugs, but apparently this is not so. George showed us birds and bugs and what they look like on his videotape. There is a big difference.

On this afternoon, Aaron Clark set up a digital camera along side of George's VHS camera. With George using a brand new out-of-the-box tape, both filmed for several hours. Within twelve minutes of starting up, an object appeared on George's tape when it was reviewed, several hours later. Something similar showed up at about the same time when Aaron's results were reviewed, after he got back home.

In my opinion, what is occurring at George Ritter's home warrants further investigation by a college, university or private company/foundation using more sophisticated equipment. We all found Mr. Ritter very credible and cooperative, as has MUFON's Eastern Director, Mr. George Filer, on past occasions. Mr. Ritter has given a talk at a meeting of the Cleveland Ufology Project where he captivated his audience. We hope to have him to speak before a MUFON of Ohio meeting sometime in the future.



*Video Frame of UFO, taken by George Ritter, above.*

## Strange Phenomena in Mar del Plata, Argentina

### INEXPLICATA

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology

February 11, 2005

Source: Planeta UFO

Christian Quintero writes: "In spite of the fact that the print media seems to have chosen to ignore the case, several television channels have been reporting—for a number of days now—the strange events taking place in the city of Mar del Plata (Buenos Aires province). National stations like America 2 (La Plata) and Canal 9 (Buenos Aires) and some cable channels like Cronica TV are reporting on strange impressions that have appeared in the soil of this beach resort community.

The various reports suggest that the initial events took place in the early hours of Monday (02.07.05) at the "El Paraiso" sector of Sierra de los Padres, some 20 km away from downtown Mar del Plata (for those lacking firsthand knowledge of the site, it can be described as an undeveloped area filled with orchards and farms). Around midnight Sunday or early morning on Monday, some residents noticed that dogs and farm animals were exhibiting an unusually high state of nervousness, howling and braying as though aware of a strange presence.

Romelio Tapia, a local resident, reports hearing a strange noise around 2 a.m. "similar to that of a strong wind or turbine" and he raised the blinds in his bedroom to see what was going on. At that time he noticed a pair of yellowish lights - similar to mercury vapor lamps—floating above the top of a copse [a stand of trees in the middle of an open space] not far from his home. Tapia estimates that the lights were some 3-4 meters above the ground. The lights seemed diffused, as though surrounded by a mist, and they rose into the air until they vanished. This information is corroborated by other local residents, like Mrs. Carmen Aranga.

Upon examining the terrain at first light, locals discovered that two strange circular marks of equal diameter (some meters) had appeared at the Tapia Farm. Upon closer examination, they ascertained that it was some kind of ash that leaved a greasy black residue upon contact with the skin.

After the corresponding report to the local authorities, elements of the forensic police arrived at the site to collect samples of the ash and the grass, but they subsequently decided to remove the entirety of the affected property, leaving it utterly bare.

It is interesting to note that in the days prior to the incident, the daughter of one of the residents suffered nightmares in which a luminous object "was after her". Upon awakening she would make drawings of the object, which showed a typical saucer-shape with a central dome and legs, in some cases. This story was shared with trustworthy individuals days before the imprints appeared.

After this case became public knowledge, it was learned that marks



on the grass had also appeared elsewhere in the city. This time it involved a business establishment located on Route 88, some 10 km from the Tapia Farm. No lights or sounds were reported in this case, since the facility is closed at night, but at least 10 marks were found the following day, featuring the same type of grayish ash. Unlike the event at Sierra de los Padres, the circles were only marked in their outline and several of them were not completely finished. For this reason they more closely resembled the phenomenon known as "fairy rings."

February 14, 2005

Carlos A. Lurchuk, a distinguished Argentinean UFO researcher and long-time collaborator of INEXPLICATA, has sent us the following communiqué from Carlos Ferguson, Coordinator of the Red Argentina de Ovnilogia (RAO - Argentinean Ufology Network), regarding the apparition of the odd marks or indentations last week. Mr. Ferguson is a resident of Mar del Plata.

The discovery of fungi in the Sierra de los Padres imprints does not invalidate the UFO alternative.

Researcher Carlos Ferguson, director of the Mar del Plata UFO Research Commission and President of the Red Argentina de Ovnilogia (RAO), has spoken out on the events made public and involving the imprints found in Sierra de los Padres and Parque Palermo, Mar del Plata, stressing the following:

Every case has a certain research time that allows for a final verdict on the event. However, according to the data received only a few hours after the events took place, it can be said with a reasonable amount of certainty that an UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT appeared in the early hours of February 8 of this year, causing at least a pair of prints at Sierra de los Padres. Furthermore, we have already received word on 10 new prints in the Route 88 area, although it is worth noting that these are not related to any UFO sighting whatsoever.

Returning to the Sierra de los Padres case, the testimony of Mr. Romelio Tapia is convincing with regard to the details of what happened. This person, without being influenced or having preconceived notions, restricted himself to describing his observation.

We are then faced with a CLOSE ENCOUNTER OF THE 2ND KIND event: on the one hand, the witness was alerted by the fear evinced by local animals. Without Tapia's testimony, the case would be limited to the appearance of the prints themselves, which shows the relevance of his experience. He saw a luminous white sphere (the most reported in these cases). When the UFO took off, marks were left behind that usually have a similar diameter. Similar cases have already taken place in Mar del Plata and elsewhere, as our statistics will show.

- 1) 20 August 1965: Outskirts of Mar del Plata = Burn mark.
- 2) 14 June 1968: El Boqueron = Burn Mark.
- 3) July/ August 1968: Parque Camet = Re-greening mark.
- 4) 2 March 1973: Golf Club MDP = 30 charring marks and residue in the form of grayish dust.
- 9) March 1989: En Playa Dorada = One 14 meter diam. dehydration mark.
- 10) October 1989: Santa Clara del Mar = One 4.70 meter diam.

dehydration mark.

- 11) February 1990: Caisamar = 1 print measuring 5 m./diam. with grayish dust.
- 12) February 1990: Sierra de los Padres = 2 circles, one measuring 4m and another 2 m, containing a sort of grayish dust and fungi.
- 13) February 1990: Port = 2 circles (One measuring 5 meters/diameter and smaller one) of grayish dust
- 14) 8 February de 2005: Sierra de los Padres.
- 15) 8 February 2005: Parque Palermo.

Generally speaking, some scorching, dehydration and a fine grayish dust have been found in these prints. The residues are usually found among some very small fungi. Some are already saying that if fungi are found in the Sierra de los Padres case, the case would be invalidated. Nothing could be further from the truth. These microscopic fungi are generated by something that activates them externally, adding to this the temperature present in the area (high humidity). But this would not invalidate at all the report on the presence of a UFO, which - as we know - possesses electromagnetic energy that could have well been the source of these prints.

This has nothing at all to do with another type of ground mark that UFO researchers know very well and that are known as FAIRY RINGS. These are indeed a mere disease that occurs in the fields and have nothing to do with UFO prints, but fairy rings are not present in the Sierra de los Padres case.

In summary: We have not had ground marks of this sort in Mar del Plata since 1990 (at least publicly known). On the other hand, the "Pearl of the Atlantic" has a long history of UFO cases, ranking it 5th among Argentinean locales. We cannot make predictions, since it isn't an objective way of dealing with the situation. One thing is certain: according to the statistics in our files, and according to the phenomenon's activity over the past 2 years, we could be facing an intensification of UFO activity in this region.

Translation (c) 2005. Scott Corrales, IHU. Special thanks to Christian Quintero.

## **The U.S.S. Maury Geodesic Ship – 1957**

by William E. Jones

In 1957 a Columbus man was in the U.S. Navy as a crew member aboard the U.S.S. Maury survey ship in the South Atlantic. Sputnik had been launched not long before and his ship had just left Ascension Island after conducting a scientific survey mission. It was in the evening and the ship's watch spotted a large glowing object that kept changing colors hovering over the ocean. Nothing showed up on radar. The ship's commander ordered a course change to get closer to the object, but the object kept its distance before finally leaving the area. Westinghouse civilian scientists were aboard the ship, and many of them witnessed this object.

Some of the crew was told later that the object was labeled as an "unidentified object" in the ship's log.

Attempts will be made to further interview the Columbus man who initially reported this event. If any of our readers knows if this sighting has been reported in the UFO literature, please contact myself or our Director of Investigations, Frank Reams.

## 1970 Ohio Landing And "Creature" Case by Rick Hilberg

I first learned about the following case at the 1971 National UFO Conference in Cleveland when the late Gray Barker gave me details on it that he received from a UFO investigator in the Detroit area. At the time I put it in my files and generally forgot about it until we moved to our present house in Berea in 1978. It turns out that the site of this encounter is just three blocks from where we live. Over the years I have tried to contact any possible witnesses, but have generally hit a dead end as the people from the house mentioned in the account have moved away from the area many years ago, as has apparently the primary witness.

Here is the account by the primary witness, Raymond L. ( name on file ): It was 6:35 a.m., Monday August 24, 1970. Location: Lindberg and West Road, Olmsted Falls, Ohio.

"Three of us had just arrived at the bus stop when we saw two strange figures approaching on the road which crossed our bus route. "The two figures were dressed in glowing orange suits from head to foot; only their faces were uncovered. Their skin was yellowish. The head-dresses were conical and they were carrying a disk-like object above their heads. They were about five feet tall.

"They approached within about fifty feet of a small house, then walked side-by-side away from us to a railroad ( crossing ) about six hundred feet from our corner. As they stood at the railroad, a car stopped in front of them for about ten seconds, then sped away. The figures then walked a short distance toward us and as we were boarding the bus, one of them extended his arm upward. We could see that it was wearing a cape. I would have approached them, but was unsure of the consequences.

"Later that night I checked the area and found a spot near the road about one hundred feet beyond the place they were seen that morning where the high grass was quite disturbed. It was twisted and matted, and there were two fresh paths going to this spot. A few days later I talked with the children who lived in the house which the figures approached. A girl, about nine years of age, said that at about nine o'clock that Monday morning she saw an object like a huge bubble come down from the sky to that very same place I found. She said two figures were waiting there. When the vehicle landed, they entered. It then rose quickly and disappeared."

**MUFON OF OHIO and SOAAR PROUDLY PRESENTS:**  
**Dolores Cannon, in person at the Kenton County Library in**  
**Covington, Kentucky on August 13th, 2005.**

Program time: 10:30 AM till 4 PM.

The library is located at the corner of 5th and Scott St. in Covington, Kentucky. Parking is available.

Additional speakers include UFO and alien abduction researcher Donnie Blessing, who is the Southern Ohio Section Director for MUFON and Director of SOAR.

The program is free and open to the public. Dolores will be signing and selling her books.

**Spring 2005**

**MUFON of Ohio Newsletter**

## Featured Photo

### 1978 UFO Meeting in Lima, Ohio From the Collection of Rick Hilberg



*John P. Timmerman, Rick Hilberg and Dr. J. Allen Hynek, above.*

The photo above was taken at a fall 1978 UFO meeting in Lima, Ohio at a local bank's community room hosted by John Timmerman. We are shown at a reception held after the well attended event.

Dr. Hynek spoke at length about his years of involvement investigating UFOs for the Air Force and CUFOS. He cited many of the high strangeness cases that he personally investigated, as well as a detailed explanation of how the various Air Force UFO projects were not scientific searches for answers to the UFO mystery, but rather were nothing more than public relations exercises.

For my part, I showed several UFO films taken over the years from my collection, one being taken in Newark, Ohio back in 1961. In the days before VCRs and Power Point, these film showings were extremely popular. I almost didn't make it to the lecture, however, as our barely six-month-old new car broke down on the way to Lima and had to be towed to one of the few open auto repair garages in Findlay that Sunday afternoon. Better late than never, as the old saying goes...

Rick Hilberg  
Treasurer, MUFON of Ohio

## About Donnie Blessing

Donnie Blessing is the Southern Ohio Section Director for MUFON and the Director of the newly formed SOAAR, Southern Ohio Alien Abduction Research.

Donnie often works with hypnotherapist Peggy Gorsuch, who has regressed most of the people Donnie has interviewed about their possible alien abduction. Many times, these interviews have revealed second generation contact with aliens and "screen memories" of how the beings presented themselves to the abductees when they were children.



**Filer's Files #11 – 2005,  
Skywatch Investigations**  
George A. Filer, Director MUFON Eastern

**Army Report from Iraq**

*Army Colonel Jess Marcel, Jr., Age 69 writes, "I am doing ok and happy with my assignment although the extreme heat has not arrived yet. I fly at least once or twice a week in a Blackhawk and had seven hours flying time yesterday going from Baghdad to Mosel, to Tikrit, Urbil and Kirkut. I have to say it is gratifying to see the folks in the countryside (shepherds) wave a greeting to us as we fly low level no higher than 50 feet unless you have to clear wires. We also do "candy bombs" where packages of candy are dropped out when kids are seen. We had to 'orbit' over Kirkut for 15 minutes yesterday and had some rocks thrown at us but we got the hell out before bullets were launched but that is an exception.*

*Locally the daily mortar barrages on the camp have declined to only three or four attacks a week, a decided improvement since the elections, so we are winning although it is a very dangerous place yet. My old Humvee was replaced with an armored Humvee with bullet proof windows to drive (it is like driving a tank) but I feel a lot better since I do drive along the periphery of the camp where the bad guys are. I know the windows work because there is a bullet impact on the passenger side that occurred before the vehicle was assigned to me. Hopefully, there will not be any other 'tests' of the window integrity. No, I feel we are winning although we will be here for a long time."*

Thanks to Jess Marcel and Bond Johnson. Jess is famous for picking up pieces of a UFO, brought home by his Dad in Roswell, NM in 1947.

**Items needed for UFO Sale Table**

There will be a UFO Sale Table at the meeting on May 18, proceeds which will benefit MUFON of Ohio. If you have any items for the sale, please bring them to the meeting or give them to a member who will be attending. Please put a price on your items beforehand.

**Phyllis Budinger speaking  
at Cleveland Ufology Project meeting.**

Phyllis Budinger, of Frontier Analysis, will be speaking at the Cleveland Ufology Project meeting on April 16th, 2005. The meeting will take place in the community building at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Parma, Ohio. The community building is at the back of the parking lot. The meeting will start at 7:30 PM and is open to the public. A \$3.00 donation is requested for nonmembers of CUP.

Phyllis is speaking at the MUFON Symposium in Denver Colorado this year (see page 3) and has had articles published in the MUFON UFO Journal. A photo taken by her was on the cover of the Journal's February issue and a discussion of her analysis of "angel hair" was presented within the featured article.

Her talk for April 16 is entitled "UFOs, A Search for Physical Evidence: Chemical Analysis of Traces from Two Abductions," and is similar to what she will present at the MUFON Symposium.

*Considering the comments made by SETI project members and other "scientists" on the recent ABC special, I felt that it was a good time to reprint the following article. - Jennifer Thomas, Secretary*

**The Frosty Factor in Ufology**

by William E. Jones  
MUFON Director for the State of Ohio

Once I had a wonderful white female cat named Frosty who had one blue and one yellow eye. She was stone deaf, like almost all white female cats with these colors of eyes. She loved to chase the light from a flashlight shown on a floor, wall, and ceiling. She would run all over the room chasing it to near exhaustion. During one of these play times I realized that this light was her UFO.

No matter how many times she saw it, and no matter how many times she would come close to catching it, she would never be successful at determining what this light was all about. She could form a kitty flashlight study group with the other cats in the household. They could gather and document sighting reports. Have meetings. Issue monthly flashlight sighting newsletters. Hold symposiums concerning flashlight sightings. But no matter how hard she and the other cats tried, they could never understand what that light is or how it was created. If they ever captured a crashed flashlight, they would never be able to figure out how it worked, repair it, or to make another working copy. It would forever remain a mystery because their minds aren't sufficient to these tasks.

It was at this point that my UFO cynicism began to set in. I think we humans are in a similar position. No matter how hard we try and no matter what a human Frosty (perhaps Stanton Friedman) might have to say, we just don't have the brain-power to figure out what UFOs are all about.

Frosty passed on to kitty heaven a few years ago. I still miss our playtime together. And I sometimes wonder if she now understands what her UFO was and who was behind those sightings. And I also sometimes wonder if I will know about my UFO when I pass on. I can only hope.

"The Universe is not only stranger than we know, it's stranger than we *can* know." - Arthur C. Clark

**Other Ohio UFO Groups**

You can find the **Roundtown UFO Society (RUFOS)** website at [www.roundtownufosociety.com](http://www.roundtownufosociety.com). The group meets monthly at the Pickaway Public Library in Circleville, Ohio. Contact Pete Hartinger at [rufos@roundtownufosociety.com](mailto:rufos@roundtownufosociety.com) for information.

The **Cleveland Ufology Project (CUP)** website can be found at [www.clevelandufo.com](http://www.clevelandufo.com). Their meetings are held the third Saturday of each month. Contact them at [info@clevelandufo.com](mailto:info@clevelandufo.com)

The **Tri-County UFO Study Group** meets in Alliance, Ohio. They can be contacted by emailing [nightsky\\_us@yahoo.com](mailto:nightsky_us@yahoo.com).

**Ohio Big Foot Conference in May**

The 17th Annual Big Foot Conference will be held on May 7th, 2005 at Salt Fork State Park, near Cambridge, Ohio. Their site has been recently updated with more information about the speakers and times. <http://www.angelfire.com/oh/ohiobigfoot/abc.html>



## Iranian UFOs?

In the Sunday, February 13, 2005 issue of the Columbus Dispatch on page A-9 was something that some ufologists may not tell you. Over the past few months, a big deal has been made about UFOs being seen in Iran. Under a headline reading "U.S. spy drones flying over Iran, officials say," you will read the following: "The Bush administration has been flying surveillance drones over Iran for nearly a year to seek out evidence of nuclear-weapons programs and detect weaknesses in air defenses, say three U.S. officials with detailed knowledge of the secret effort... The drones were spotted by dozens of Iranians and set off a national newspaper frenzy in late December over whether the country was being visited by UFOs.

"In late December, Iranians living along the Caspian Sea and on the Iraq border began reporting sightings of red flashes in the sky, streaks of green and blue and low, racing lights that disappeared moments after being spotted. The Iranian space agency was called in to investigate, astronomy experts were consulted and an agreement was quickly signed with Russian officials eager to learn more about the phenomena.

"But the mystery was laid to rest by Iranian air-force commanders, some of whom were trained more than 25 years ago in the United States and are familiar with U.S. tactics. They identified the drones early last month, a senior Iranian official said, and Iran's National Security Council decided not to engage the pilotless aircraft. That action is considered a major policy decision and reflects Iran's belief that an attack is unlikely anytime soon."

Fox News reported on February 14, 2005 that Senior Defense Department officials said they have no knowledge of any U.S. drone flights over Iran, and U.S. intelligence officials would not comment on any such flights.

The responses came one day after the Washington Post ran a story saying that the United States has been running unmanned spy flights over Iran for the past year for evidence of nuclear weapons programs and to probe air defenses.

But a defense official at the Pentagon told FOX News that "the story has a lot of people scratching their heads in this building. We're not the only ones who fly those things," the official said. The U.S. intelligence community has its own fleet of unmanned drones. The U.S. military did confirm that it has been operating unmanned and manned flights along the Iraq-Iran border to assist local border patrol in Iraq.

Iranians living along the Caspian Sea and on the Iraq border had first started reporting sightings of UFOs in late December, according to Iranian newspaper reports. Eyewitnesses commonly reported red flashes, streaks of green and blue and low lights that quickly disappeared. The Iranian air force determined from the reports that the lights were spy drones, the Post reported.

U.S. military commanders point out that the flights would be very risky since Predator and other drones are very slow and could easily be shot down. A crash, which is not uncommon for drones, could also present a host of problems.

UFOs or drone aircraft over Iran? Who knows? Stay tuned.

See the Winter 2005 issue of this newsletter to read the first report of these Iranian UFOs, which now are most likely US spy planes.

## Noted Authors Report Opinions on ABC Special

Most of us eagerly anticipated the UFO special presented by ABC, "Seeing is Believing," presented by Peter Jennings. When the show ended, most of us admitted disappointment.

After the show, opinions written by well-known authors and UFO investigators appeared on the Internet. Some authors pointed out how poorly done the show was, while others conjectured that the show's purpose was pure "spin." Some authors believe that Peter Jennings and ABC News were willing and knowing pawns of the government, whereas others believe that the producers simply did not have the talent to do a well-balanced story. Whitley Strieber, author of a number of books on the abduction phenomenon, says about Jennings, "He's a prostitute to the establishment, nothing more or less..."

Richard Dolan, UFO author and researcher, wrote, "Mr. Jennings repeats the U.S. government position (a lie) that it is not in the business of investigating UFOs." Dr. Steven Greer, of the Disclosure Project, calls the government position "an absolute false statement."

John Schuessler wrote that he and his staff at the MUFON, Inc. headquarters had spent many hours working with the producers, giving them total access to the MUFON files. The end result was that MUFON was not mentioned once. The special reported that the National UFO Reporting Center was the only place in the U.S. to report sightings. They portrayed Peter Davenport as a single "nut" in a lonely occupation.

Bud Hopkins, noted author and researcher of the abduction phenomenon, reported that he also worked many hours with the producers and "made, as a preemptive strike, a number of careful, highly specific observations about the UFO abduction phenomenon." His major points were that many abduction events happen when the victim is not asleep, that many people are abducted in groups, and that there is physical evidence in the form of marks on the victim's body and implants. The special reported only that abductions can be written off as "sleep paralysis." The late Harvard professor and abduction researcher, John Mack, was interviewed for the show but was left out altogether.

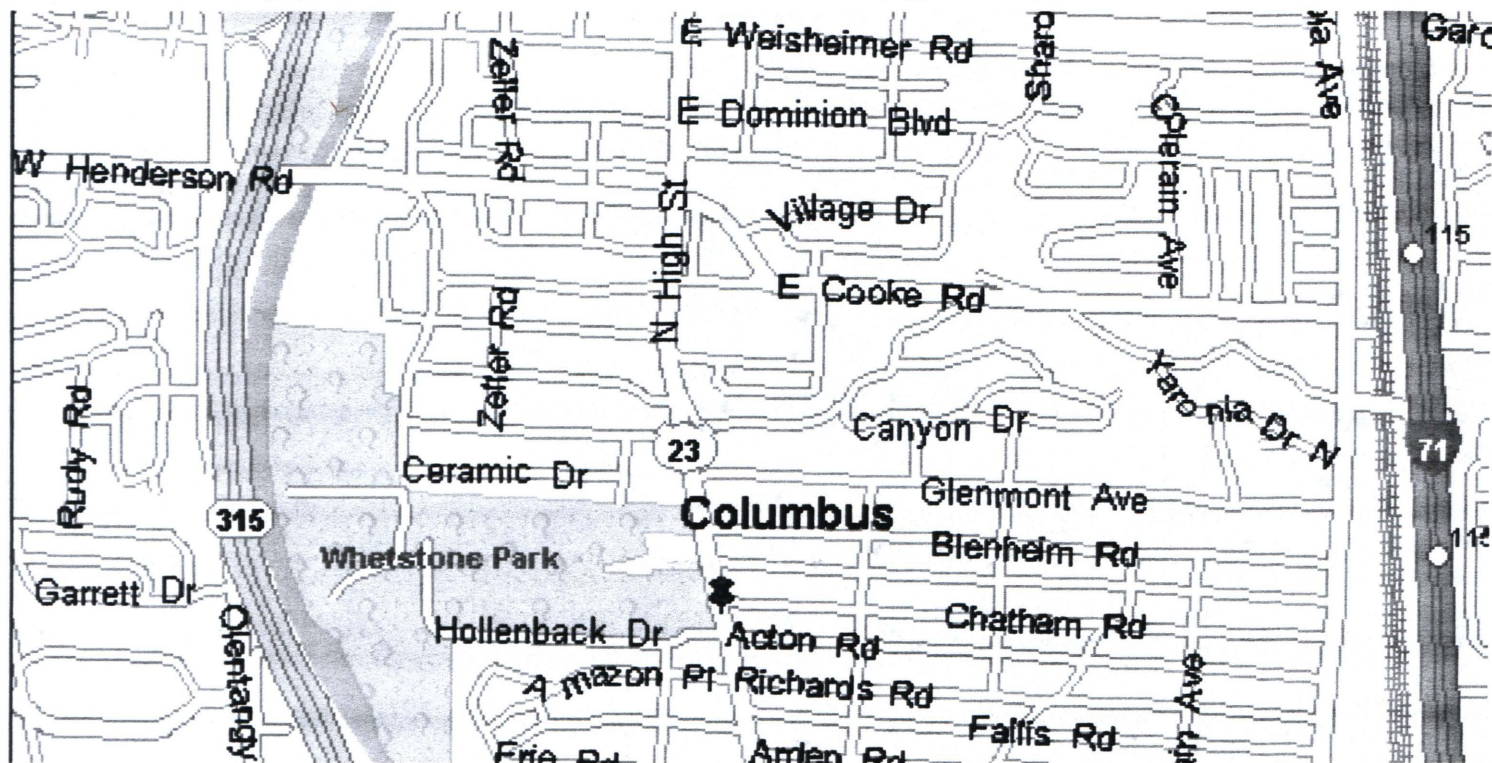
The Roswell crash was repeatedly called a "myth" by Peter Jennings. Richard Dolan's response was that this is an insult to the many dedicated researchers and investigators who have spent thousands of hours on this case. Whitley Strieber says that the Roswell presentation was "classic disinformation." Another author thinks that the government is trying to cover up that fact that they "really blew it" with the way the incident was handled. The Roswell incident could have propelled us into a more open relationship with whatever civilization is visiting us. We could have benefited from the relationship instead of suffering through decades of secrecy.

What about those advertisements during the breaks? Richard Dolan writes, "And what was going on with those commercials? Infomercials that sold products for losers - LoserWare? The message is clear: people who watch UFO specials are morons."

So, was this debunking at its best or merely a job done poorly? Steven Greer reports that one producer stated that he was hoping to make ground breaking history with this special, so at least one person was interested in the truth. Someone must have reined him in.



## Map of Whetstone Park Area - 3903 N. High Street, Columbus, Ohio



From 315, exit Henderson Road and head east to High St.

From I-71, exit Cooke Road and head west. There is a bit of a jog to the right on Indianola Ave. and then a quick left to continue on Cooke Road to High St.

These exits are located south of I-270 but North of downtown Columbus.

### Death of Earl D. Jones

by Ron Schaffner, [ronschaffner@fuse.net](mailto:ronschaffner@fuse.net)

I have just been informed today (August 24, 2004) that former UFO and Bigfoot investigator, Earl D. Jones died last Saturday of cancer. He was a Vietnam veteran. Many of you might not recognize this name, so allow me to shed some light on the contributions that Earl accomplished during the late 1970's and early 80's.

I met Earl in 1976 during one of the regular meetings of the Ohio UFO Investigator's League. He had been investigating some follow-ups to Northern Kentucky UFO reports from the great 1973 wave. His reports that were given to the group were very detailed in every aspect. He was willing to do all the hard work to get to the truth of any particular report.

As this time, I was the principal Bigfoot (and other strange creature) investigator for OUFOIL. Back in the 70's there were no real Bigfoot groups in the east. Most Bigfoot reports were investigated by the UFO groups. Earl was very anxious to get involved with this research too. After all, in theory, it should be easier to document and obtain evidence that was ground level.

In the course of several years, Earl and I traveled all over Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and West Virginia investigating, interviewing and documenting reports of that time period, including the great flaps of 1977, 1978 and 1980. Earl was very instrumental in the investigations of several high profile cases of that time.

### From the Website of Donnie Blessing

<http://soaar.anomalyresponse.org/>

Subject: White pyramid shaped object seen

Date: December 16th, 2004 - 8:15 PM

Location: Bethel, Ohio

Witness: Barbara C.; Age: 56; Occupation: Housewife, student

#### Summary:

Barbara C. called me to relate her UFO sighting of December 16th at around 8:15 PM. Barbara says she was looking out her window which faced a field behind her house. There is around an acre of land between her and the tree line where the object was seen. She states that she saw an object just above the tree line. It was like a triangle standing with the point facing up. She first thought it looked like a pyramid but it was only three sided. In the center of the object was a white light. The object looked all white. She does not know if this was due the center light or if the object was really white. On the three corners were red and green flashing lights. Barbara says this object moved very slowly and began to rise up higher as it went out of view heading from the East going to the Northwest. It made no noise. The object was in sight for about... She said that the object was about the size of your thumb at arms length which would have made this object very large. Clermont County sheriff's Dept. was called and the Bethel police. Nothing had been reported to them.

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## Brazilian Air Force admits investigation about UFOs

27 years later, the UFO phenomenon is still taboo to the Brazilian military, but a petition requires Brazilian president Lula da Silva to open the UFO secret files.

Article by Carlos Mendes.

from the Brazilian UFO Magazine: [www.ufo.com.br](http://www.ufo.com.br)

See more at:

[www.ufo.com.br/materiaespecial/brazilianairforce.htm](http://www.ufo.com.br/materiaespecial/brazilianairforce.htm)

### Introduction

In the months of October, November and December of 1977, and during the first half of 1978, the Brazilian state of Pará has been invaded by UFOs. And it wasn't simply sightings. Nothing to do with mysterious lights wandering at high altitudes. It was about bright objects, in several shapes and sizes, flying over the Marajó Bay region at low altitude, a few meters above the trees and firing strong light beams at the people. The people harmed by the phenomenon - one of the most important ones of the world's ufology and still under research nowadays - gave several names to the silent and bright objects: "vampire light," "bug," "the thing," and mainly "chupa-chupa" (the sucker). They said the objects pilots were beings with the height of 1.20 or 1.30 meter.

The people called it chupa-chupa because of the weird scars the victims bore on their body. The light beam used to leave tiny holes on the skin. Among women, the scars were on their breasts. They seemed to loose blood during the attack. Men and women complained of giddiness, body numbing and headache after the attacks. The inhabitants of the cities of Colares, Santo Antonio do Tauá, Mosqueiro and Baía do Sol panicked on these days of bitter remembrance. The panic took over even the state's capital, Belém, with a sequence of strange lights reports and chupa-chupa attacks in several quarters of the city, astonishing the authorities.

### High mystery

In the end of the 70s, scientists from all over the world came to Pará, Brazil, but they all failed to explain the phenomenon. Twenty-seven years later, documents from the Brazilian Air Force's secret service reveal that these lights from space were something much more unsettling than we can imagine. The explanation to the phenomenon is: there's no explanation. It is still a big mystery and a huge challenge to the science and to the Air Force's experts. Ufologists, scientists and researchers from Brazilian universities are collecting signatures to a petition that will be delivered to the Brazilian president Lula da Silva. It requires the Air Force to reveal the conclusions of the investigation on the chupa-chupa case. The petition already has thousands of signatures: physicists, biologists, journalists, officers and politicians among them. The campaign is called UFOs: Freedom of Information Now: [www.ufo.com.br/secretcy.php](http://www.ufo.com.br/secretcy.php).

The military report, called Operation Saucer, has 2,000 pages, 500 photographs and some 16 hours of films. It has been sent to the highest rank officers of the Air Force. At that time, the country had a dictatorship government and, because of this, these documents have been kept classified for more than 23 years. The report's conclusion wasn't revealed. The military were afraid of some relationship between the objects' invasion and the communists, maybe a new weapon

to destabilize the military regime. The national information service (note: SNI in Portuguese) and the Air Force's secret service decided to keep the results classified.

But through a brave Air Force's officer, captain Uyrangê Hollanda, part of this report came to the public, through an interview he gave to Brazilian UFO Magazine's editor A. J. Gevaerd in 1997, just a few months before the military died. He was the operation commander, sent by the government to this secret operation to investigate the facts and interview the chupa-chupa victims. Researchers got a copy of the report, and from all the victims told to the officer, the most interesting story was one from a farmer called Claudomira Paixão. She lived in Baía do Sol and told that, in the night of October 18th, 1977, she woke up when a strong light appeared through her house's window. *"The air got warmer. At first, the light was green, touched my head and crossed my face. I woke up completely and the light became red. I could see a creature, like a man, wearing something like a diver's clothe. It had a device like a pistol. It aimed at me and the object blinked three times, as if shooting at my breast, almost always on the same place. It was hot and hurted me. I felt like there were needles piercing me. I think they collected my blood. I was terrified. I couldn't even move my legs. I was shocked."*

What she said to the military was very important because, for the first time, someone mentions a being leaving the flying object to extract blood. Almost all stories talk about lights causing giddiness, weakness and "body shivering." The only exception is a case, also in Baía do Sol, talking about the appearance of a space couple that shot at a fisherman with a light-beam pistol, leaving him fainted for several minutes.

### Carpenter shoot at flying saucer

The captain, Uyrangê Hollanda, on his Operation Saucer report, said that the alien aircraft flying over the region caused panic among the locals and drove some people to despair. They used to use fireworks to warn the neighborhood when chupa-chupa was coming. They often shot, with their hunting rifles, at the UFOs, said the captain to the Brazilian UFO Magazine [[www.ufo.com.br](http://www.ufo.com.br)]. "We always told them: don't shoot, don't shoot. Once, a strong light has been aimed at a carpenter. The man was 50 or 60 years old. He took his rifle and shot at the flying saucer. The light surrounded him and he fell to the ground, almost paralyzed. For 15 days, the carpenter could hardly move. In the first day the man didn't move at all. He could see, hear and speak but it was very difficult for him to move," said the captain in an interview to the Brazilian UFO Magazine, the only magazine interested in hearing his impressive story.

A Colares fishermen also saw UFOs coming in and out from the waters of the Marajó bay. Sometimes, they could see their bluish light moving under the water. "Once, I was sleeping when the sergeants - members of the operation - told me they took a photograph of a flying saucer diving into the water close to a boat. I went to the beach and waited for the fisherman. When he came back he told me what happened. He was terrified. Several weeks later I saw a light close to a fishing-boat. It was blue and surrounded the boat once or twice, by 300 meters, then it dived into the water. There wasn't any sound. It was like a blade passing through the water," said the captain.

