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NEWSLETTER

Message from the Director by William E. Jones

On Line MUFON State Newsletters

Two more MUFON state newsletters are going on-line. With their 112th issue, Minnesota MUFON now publishes their *Minnesota MUFON Journal* on line at <http://www.mnmufon.org>. You will need Adobe Acrobat reader to access their current and some past issues. You can get this reader free from the Adobe website at <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>.

The Indiana Observer, published by the Indiana Chapter of MUFON, will go on line as of their Issue Number 11. They are doing this "due to difficulties publishing a newsletter on a regular schedule." Their website address is <http://indianamufon.homestead.com>.

This seems to be a trend within MUFON, and probably in other areas of ufology as well. One wonders what this trend will mean with regard to maintaining the long term history of our field. Most people will not print the newsletters as they read them, and those who do will probably not maintain a file for long term storage. Websites come and go with great regularity. Given that over the years, most UFO newsletters, journals, magazines and other publications have been published in small numbers, the history of ufology will now become even harder to document as the years pass. Ufologists of the future, or whatever they will call themselves, will probably have little information about what we accomplished in the final days of the 20th Century and the first few years of the 21st. This is sad to consider because we have done a lot of work that should be remembered.

Roswell – A New Twist in the Story

I was browsing through the books at my local Barnes and Noble bookstore on Sunday, June 12, when I came across one copy of a new book by Nick Redfern entitled *Body Snatchers in the Desert*. Redfern has written several UFO books, so he is knowledgeable of the UFO field and of the Roswell story as we have come to know it. This book puts an entirely new twist on that story.

According to Redfern, Roswell involved the crash of a developmental aircraft/balloon system that resulted from Japanese efforts to advance the Fugo balloon technology. Yeah, I know what you are going to say to that. But read the book. All I can say is that the story it

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MUFON of Ohio Meeting

By Del Anderson,
MUFON State Section Director for Ohio
and Roundtown UFO Society

On Saturday, May 28, 2005 the semi-annual meeting of MUFON of Ohio was held at the Whetstone Library in Columbus, Ohio. The meeting was hosted by Bill Jones, MUFON's State Director for Ohio. Donnie Blessing was the featured speaker.

Donnie, who is from Cincinnati, Ohio, is the Director of the Southern Ohio Alien Abduction Research organization (SOAAR) and is also a MUFON State Section Director for Ohio. She gave an interesting presentation on the state of alien abduction research as she sees it. Accompanying Donnie were two researchers from Northern Ohio, Susan Greenwald and Cass Klesch, who do abduction research in that area of the state.

During the presentation all three researchers made the point that the abduction researcher soon begins to question his or her own concept of reality as their research begins, and this only becomes more pronounced as they continue with their work.



Abduction Researcher Donnie Blessing, above.

Donnie has had 12 of her 35 abductees hypnotically regressed to determine if any patterns in the abduction experience would become apparent. Donnie has found out some interesting things. For example, 75% of the abductees she has studied are 25% or more of Native American descent. This is an impressive statistic, even if based on such a small sample.

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presents sounds at least plausible. One of the reasons for this research was to determine if a nuclear powered aircraft was possible and safe. The problem is that the research included the use of live human beings, and this is the reason for the extreme security and concern. With the Nuremberg trials going on in Europe at the end of World War II the concern for the legal ramifications for the research was high.

I have a feeling this book will reopen the Roswell case, certainly within ufology. And if Congress becomes aware of the story, who knows what will happen? With all of the claims of human rights violations resulting from the Iraq War, this story could be thrown into the pot with interesting results. I am not saying that this is the answer to the Roswell mystery story, but as a knowledgeable person interested in the subject of UFOs, you need to familiarize yourself with this new twist in that mystery.

I am certain Stanton Friedman will have a lot to say, not only because of his interest in Roswell, but because he was involved in early research that was directed toward developing a nuclear powered aircraft.

Here is what author Nick Redfern wrote to me about his book:

Hey Bill:

Good to hear from you and thanks for the comments re the book. That's my main hope: that it will stimulate debate and encourage people to dig further, as - since writing the book, I have uncovered more than 20 other people who have knowledge of this story in one way or another. In fact, there are a few people in the official world that have the book and are looking to open doors - at an official level re an inquiry into the data, etc.

Yes I have seen Stan's [Stan Friedman] review. Basically, he disagrees with it; however, he offers the opinion that possibly this was a cover story put in place years by the Government years before the Mogul story, and so in Stan's opinion the scenario is that while the interviewees believe that they have the correct story, they don't realize that this was a cover. That's an interesting scenario, but I don't buy it. But I do think that if it provokes further debate and inquiry, that can only be a good thing. UFO Magazine asked me to do a response to Stan's piece so both will run together.

Editor's Note: Nick Redfern will be speaking at a MUFON meeting in Michigan. See page 5 for details.

UFOs Serious Business? Absolutely!

Over the past two months or so I created two volumes that carried the above title, one with the sub-title of *Classic Cases* and the other *Hints of the Reality*. These were small in size (4 ¼ x 5 ½) and 32 pages in length. Both volumes included cases and other information that argue well (in my opinion) for the position that UFOs are a subject worthy of serious study. This booklet can be printed for less than \$1.50. Its purpose is not to be sold but to be sent or given to people within government, the media, and elsewhere who you are trying to convince of this position. It is hoped that the booklet won't be throwaway. So, even if you aren't given the courtesy of an immedi-

ate response, with your business card taped or stapled inside, if some information about UFOs becomes available to this person weeks or months later, that person will still have the booklet and card, and may think to give you a call. In short, it is a promotional item for the subject of UFOs, MUFON of Ohio, and yourself.

I have sent over 50 copies to MUFON of Ohio members, selected ufologists around the country and world, 15 to Franklin county police chiefs, 6 copies to selected people at the *Columbus Dispatch*, 5 to local TV meteorologists, several to local weekly news papers, and an uncertain number to other local people. So far as a result, *This Week* newspaper did an excellent full page spread on MUFON of Ohio, which included interviews with me, Frank Reams and John Timmerman.

The first two volumes are no longer available. A single combined volume of 44 pages is in production. It combines the best of the first two volumes plus some additional materials. If there is a demand for this volume by the MUFON of Ohio membership, copies will be printed and provided to you essentially at cost. Then you can use these as part of your own promotional efforts within your own communities.

Additional volumes are planned. I would like to do a *Reader's Digest* type volume that will include good cases from the UFO literature that have been essentially forgotten. An all Ohio volume is possible, although the present volume includes some classic Ohio cases. A volume of cases that CUFOs board member Michael Swords believes are the best cases of all time is being discussed, as is a similar volume of New Zealand cases that Murray Bott believes are his best. The possibilities of presenting quality UFO cases to the public via this medium seem endless. And this can be done very inexpensively. Now if WBNS-TV's Mike Davis would just answer my four letters (including these two booklets and the Hynek book about the Hudson Valley UFO wave)...maybe we could start getting somewhere with local TV coverage for the subject of UFOs.

Three E's

Some of you may not know much about Paul Althouse and his wife Terry. Paul is the creator and Webmaster of the MUFON of Ohio website. His official title is "Internet Information Director." Paul and Terry are musicians, and Paul also has a website for his record and entertainment business, "Eclectic Electric Entertainment." The title of his business is the source of the somewhat confusing word containing three letter e's in the Internet address, "threeemusic." Both websites share the same Internet address.

Paul's site contains originally composed music and cover songs which are all performed by Paul and Terry. The styles are eclectic, from Classical and New Age to Progressive Rock and Blues. Visitors to the site can sample selections from their works. They have just released their second album which is called "Another." Their first album is called "Gravity / Diversity." The couple's CDs can be purchased by printing out the form found on the website and sending it by post. Paul is planning an all instrumental guitar album as his next project.

Both sites can be found at <http://home.columbus.rr.com/threeemusic/>

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Donnie had a woman abductee and the woman's son accompany her to the meeting so that they could talk about their experiences. The woman reported that she had observed partially transparent blue entities come into her bedroom during some of her abduction like experiences. The entities seemed to communicate with her using mentally telepathy instead of sounds from their mouths. Her son reported seeing similar entities in his bedroom.

The woman commented that her somewhat rural neighborhood, located west of Portsmouth, Ohio, seems to be a hotspot for UFO and abduction related activity. She and others have observed an unusual number of black SUVs in the area, not owned by the people who live there. Men resembling the notorious Men in Black have also been seen. They are described as being Asian or cadaver looking. This woman and others have reported that personal items such as silverware (in particular forks), jewelry and film have turned up missing from their homes, to be replaced with a rock or other similar mundane item. These items are later exchanged again. For example, this woman reported losing a necklace from her jewelry box that had some sentimental value to her. A rock was left in its place. She later found the necklace hanging outside on a fence post, to discover that the rock that had earlier replaced it had disappeared.



Abductees speaking about their experiences, above.

High frequency sounds are being heard on the telephones in the neighborhood. Black helicopters are being seen. Animals, such as owls, deer and raccoons are seen in the neighborhood acting in odd ways. On occasion people have taken this woman's picture, only to hurry away immediately afterwards. (For those that haven't heard of this, author John Keel has dubbed this as "the phantom photographer" mystery. This activity was reported during the time of the Mothman sightings and related events from the Point Pleasant, West Virginia area in 1967. Keel mentions this mystery in his book *The Mothman Prophecies* and has written about it elsewhere as well.)

At one point, this woman was stopped by a local police officer in an official cruiser, accompanied by people who were in a black SUV. The officer gave her a minor traffic ticket. The fact that an SUV seemed to be with the officer made the woman uncomfortable.

Donnie pointed out that some children in homes where abductions were reported to be taking place told of seeing cartoon-like characters during their own abduction or close encounter experiences.

Many of Donnie's abductees report being told by their abductors, "You will know when the time is right." No meaning is given to this statement.

One of the stranger aspects that many of Donnie's abductees have reported to her is that after the abduction experiences begin, they start craving vinegar. They don't know why this occurs, nor what this means. None reported having an interest in consuming vinegar before the experiences started. The woman accompanying Donnie said that she wanted to drink some vinegar at that time during the meeting. She laughed at that saying she realized it didn't make sense, but still she had a slight craving nevertheless.

Donnie discussed the concept of Star Children or Indigo Children. The term "Indigo" comes from the hue of their auras. As small children, Indigos are easy to recognize by their unusually large, clear eyes. They are extremely bright, precocious children with an amazing memory and a strong desire to live instinctively. Allegedly, these children often exhibit psychic skills. A large number of such children have been born in the last 10 years and the phenomenon is happening globally. Donnie found that a number of children among the families of her abductees seem to exhibit some of these characteristics. These children may have been genetically changed by some means, they may be alien-human hybrids, or they may simply be a sign that the human race is getting brighter and more psychic. Donnie hasn't focused her research on this area.

Donnie's presentation caused almost everyone in the audience to participate in the discussions that took place. It was perhaps the liveliest meeting that MFUON of Ohio has ever had, certainly in the last several years. Donnie's willingness to share the results of her research and her thoughts about the abduction phenomenon were much appreciated by all who attended this meeting.

Alien Abduction Support Group

This group is for those individuals
who believe you have had an alien encounter,
an unexplainable incident or have seen a ufo.

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Affiliated with the Southern Ohio Alien Abduction Research
Staff are certified and licensed

MUFON OF OHIO and SOAAR PROUDLY PRESENTS:

Dolores Cannon, in person at the Kenton County Library in Covington, Kentucky on August 13th, 2005. The library is located at the corner of 5th and Scott St. in Covington, Kentucky. Parking is available.

Program time: 10:30 AM till 4 PM.

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

The program is free and open to the public.

Current Ohio Investigations

By Frank Reams

This will be a new section in future newsletters to keep members informed about the latest investigations in Ohio. I am Director of Investigations for MUFON of Ohio. My position was created last fall and we're still in the process of developing all its responsibilities. I am responsible for keeping a record of all active investigations and making sure that they are completed as far as possible. All MUFON members engaging in investigations should become accustomed to providing interim progress reports on their investigations, along with a thorough final report.

I apologize in advance if reports have already been submitted on some of the cases below where I say they are incomplete. I may not have received word that the final report has been submitted. If this is the case, please let me know. If you do not have my email address, here it is: freams@mail.com.

Investigations since I took over:

1. Sept. 24, 2002- Cleveland, OH
Several sightings of unusual lights, movements in the sky, and contrails. Found to be most likely a military exercise of some sort. Investigators: Kenny Young, Phyllis Budinger, and George Pindroh.
2. Sept. 27, 2004- Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Bright light changing colors and shapes. Investigation revealed most likely the planet Venus. Investigator: Richard Lee.
3. Oct. 25, 2004- Cambridge, OH
Large dark cylinder going from horizon to horizon with no noise. No report yet. Investigator: Alan Zerla.
4. Oct. 24, 2004- Wilmington, OH
Lights going west to east and then down. Not much to go on after calling witness. Investigator: Donnie Blessing.
5. Oct. 26, 2004- Lexington, KY
Witness traveling toward Cincinnati saw light beam of layered colors and sparks. Investigation determined most likely meteor. Several meteor reports occurred during this time. Investigator: Donnie Blessing.
6. Oct. 26, 2004- Cincinnati to Dayton
Two bright white lights going from horizon to horizon. Not much to go on after calling witness. Investigator: Donnie Blessing.
7. Oct. 24, 2004- Newcomerstown, OH
Three foot red horizontal lines in sky separated by blue dots. Smoke all around lines. Disappeared in 15-20 seconds. Static on phone line during and shortly after sighting. Investigator: Donnie Blessing.
8. Oct. 27, 2004- Elyria, OH
Bright light then turned greenish color and lit up sky. Investigator: George Pindroh.
9. Sept. 6, 2004- Cleveland, OH
Black triangle (size of 747) with smaller diamond shaped craft next to it. Investigator: George Pindroh.
10. Oct 9, 2004- Medina, OH
Fifty foot diameter saucer with red and green lights 100 yards above witness. Unable to contact witness. Investigator: Scott Santa.
11. July 12, 2004- Circleville, OH
Light beam from UFO on witness while using telephone outside. Excellent report by Pete Hartinger and Jon Fry. See report in the MUFON UFO Journal.
12. Jan. 14, 2004- Hicksville, OH
UFO video. Witness would not respond to calls and unwilling to send copy of video. Investigator: Todd Lemire.
13. Jan., 2005 -Dublin, OH
Three landed UFO's near place of business was reported to the National UFO Reporting Center. Follow up found witness denied any involvement. Either his friends played a practical joke on him or he got frightened of publicity. Investigator: Frank Reams
14. Mar. 4, 2005- Geneva, OH
Photos of UFO's taken at an unknown time right now. Investigation in progress. Investigator: Phyllis Budinger.
15. 2002- Columbus, OH
Sighting of triangle near Polaris Mall. Witness is in school in Athens, OH. He has filled out forms but has not been contacted in person. See this newsletter for a report on the case. Investigator: Frank Reams
16. Mar., 2005 Cincinnati, OH
Unusual aircraft in area. Hovers, no sound, no visible engine. Active investigation. Other reports of triangular craft in this area also. Investigator: Donnie Blessing.
17. 1982- Kansas
Woman now lives in Dayton area. Daughter and her involved in possible abduction. Investigator: Donnie Blessing.
18. 6 years ago- Cincinnati, OH
Denny Penny (Henny Penny?) saw beach ball sized UFO that requested to be repaired by witness. Witness determined to be unreliable. Investigator: Donnie Blessing.
19. Jan. 18, 2005- Cleveland, OH
Three daylight discs. Third disc did zig-zag motion and stopped at one point. New investigation by George Pindroh.
20. Feb. 23, 2005- Olmstead Falls, OH
UFO above airplane reported. Photo taken. No further follow up planned. Investigator: George Pindroh.
21. Sep., 2004-Dec., 2005- Bedford, OH
Pictures taken of large triangle. 100 ft. long, 200- 300 ft. in air. Active case. Investigator: George Pindroh
22. Dec., 2004- Medina, OH
While taking pictures of ice storm, picture shows 4 objects not seen by witness. Witness will not respond. Investigator: Scott Santa
23. Some of George Ritter's pictures were reviewed by George Pindroh who also visited with Mr. Ritter at his home. For now no further follow up planned. MUFON of Ohio does not have the resources to analyze the photographs.
24. 1995- Columbiana, OH
Supposed dueling UFO's on videotape. When contacted witness says mother taped over the UFOs. Investigator: Mary Lynn Quinnan Zahler.

See page 8 for a witness report on case number 15.

Cleveland Ufology Project Website: <http://www.clevelandufo.com>
CUP Meetings are held the third Saturday of each month at 7:30PM and are open to the public.

Madison County UFO Sighting – 1981

by William E. Jones

I recently came across an old report taken by Richard Seifried in 1984. Richard is a past MUFON State Director for Ohio. I don't know what value the report has since I wasn't involved in the investigation and Richard did not write up his assessment on the document that I found. However, I am reporting on it here because it may open up a possible avenue of investigation for Madison County.

The area where these events occurred on July 17, 1981 is east of and across Big Darby Creek from the Battelle Memorial Institute research location in Madison County. The person making the report was Betty Powell; she gave Richard permission to use her name.

The witness and her older son went out on the screened in porch of the family home around 1:30 am after they had finished watching a late movie on television. They are interested in paranormal type phenomena and had reason to think that several animals that are referred to as "Bigfoot" had been in the area. They had found tracks and had set up a feeding station in hopes that they would see them.

As she sat on the porch she noticed "some bright lights in the sky." She described them as "gobs of lights about the size of car head lights...on bright beam." The lights appeared to be attached to a disc shaped "craft" and they settled down in the creek bed behind a tree on their property. Her son went for a flashlight so they could go out on the property to investigate, but to her surprise Mrs. Powell found that she was "numb from the waist down." She couldn't get up. She sensed that she and her son "were to stay away" from where the craft came down.

The lights on the craft stayed on for five minutes and then went out. She noted that no noise came from the craft. There was "total silence" in the area. She stayed awake much of the night, but saw nothing further. She finally fell asleep on the porch. Later the next day the family checked the area where it appeared that the craft had come down, but they found nothing. Several neighbors reported to the family about seeing lights in that area as well and asked if the family youngsters had been having a party that night.

Possibly because of the reported presence of Bigfoot in this secluded area, Mrs. Powell believed that this object had something to do with these animals, probably picking them up or dropping them off. She feels that the Earth is "a [rail road] station" for these beings and their craft. Interestingly, long time UFO and paranormal investigator Jim Moseley had been staying with the Powell family at this time to do a story on Bigfoot for his *Saucer Smear* publication. Unfortunately, he had left the day before to visit friends "up north." He was upset when he returned to find out what he had missed.

She noted to Mr. Seifried that during an 18 month time period the normal sounds that animals make in the woods were absent from their property. She assumes that this was because of the presence of Bigfoot.

A few other UFO reports have been taken from this rural area over the years. Presently the area is becoming less secluded as people buy large lots and build homes all around the Battelle property. Perhaps the days of paranormal activity in the area are numbered. Does someone want to go out there in an attempt to document what has gone on in the past, and may still be going on now? Don't stop and ask the

Battelle security people, however. Since 9/11 the security of their site has become quite tight. I would think that even Bigfoot would have a problem getting on that property now.

We asked our own Rick Hilberg if he knew about this case because he has known Jim Moseley for many years and we suspected that he was one of the friends "up north" that Jim went off to visit. Here is what Rick had to say in his response: "Yes, I do indeed remember this case. Jim Moseley spent quite a lot of time investigating this unusual case; unusual in the fact that many of the witnesses in the area thought that they were in mental contact of some sort with the alleged Bigfoot creature. One of the female witnesses even claimed some sort of sexual encounter with the creature! Indeed, the actions and interactions with the alleged Bigfoot have a strong paranormal slant to them, something not unknown in many other Fortean and UFO cases.

"We are indeed the people up north, and Jim wrote an article for us that was published in FSD [Flying Saucer Digest], and also spoke at length about the case at the 1982 NUFOC which was held in a Cleveland suburb. Jim did a very fine job in his investigations, and really believed that something was indeed going on there. Not too many people know that up until the late 1980s or so Jim would travel to various locations to conduct serious investigations into UFO and/or Fortean cases. Many of them were written up by Jim himself, and sometimes those who accompanied him on these treks would write the articles in different magazines (Allen Greenfield, Eugene Steinberg, Jack Robinson etc.). Jim did indeed take this case seriously, even with the sexual aspects of it."

*See page 10 for a story about the
17th Annual Bigfoot Conference by Del Anderson*

**Michigan MUFON presents:
UFO Investigator Author Nick Redfern
at Oakland Community College Campus in Michigan
-Friday, September 16, 2005, 7pm-**

Redfern will be delivering a thought-provoking presentation on the subject of his new book "Body Snatchers in the Desert : The Horrible Truth at the Heart of the Roswell Story," as well as an array of other intriguing UFO topics he has researched. He will also be selling and signing his books at the event.

Time: Friday, September 16, 7pm

Location:

Oakland Community College

Royal Oak Campus

739 S. Washington

Royal Oak, MI 48067-3898

<http://www.oaklandcc.edu/Campuses/RO.htm>

Lila R. Jones-Johnson Theater (room D14) - capacity: 380

Tickets: \$10.

Advance tickets will be made available via PayPal through Michigan MUFON at their website www.mimufon.org.

Please direct event questions to MIMUFON State Director Bill Konkolesky at wjk@mimufon.org.



The following is text from a letter which Bill Jones wrote to Tom Burns. Mr. Burns is the author of an astronomy column in the Columbus Dispatch. Bill made many good points which are worth presenting to our members.

Dear Mr. Burns:

I read your article in the *Columbus Dispatch* this week with great interest. I must admit that I read all of your articles this way. I guess you could call me a fan. But I must say that I don't always see things your way.

In your article you wrote about an amateur astronomer Yukio Sakurai who is apparently the only person who has seen what you called "the last flash of a dying star." It was such an important observation that astronomy now refers to this strange burst of light as "Sakurai's object." This was an interesting and important observation.

What I found more interesting was that apparently no one in astronomy questioned this observation. Mr. Sakurai was not a professional scientist. He apparently made no recording of this burst of light, understandably because it didn't last long. So he has no "evidence" of the event other than his testimony. No one else saw the light to back up his story. And yet, apparently, no one claimed that Mr. Sakurai had created a hoax, was delusional, misinterpreted what he saw as something else more conventional, or attacked him personally as an untrustworthy individual. His account was taken at face value.

What if this same Mr. Sakurai, upon leaving the observatory after his historic observation, had reported seeing a glowing 30 foot diameter disk shaped object pass over his car within 50 feet, which caused his car engine to quit? What if he also said that this disk shaped object landed in a field beside the road, leaving an area of crushed and burnt grass? Better yet, what if he had his wife, 17 year old son, and a competent research associate with him who all confirmed his report? Do you honestly think that the same astronomers, who believe his report of an event that has never been seen by anyone else, would take seriously his report of a "flying saucer?" No, you probably wouldn't.

What we have here is a double standard. Science, for reasons that perhaps only some of its adherents know, can accept one type of observation but not another of a similar nature. Other than Mr. Sakurai, no one in the history of mankind, as far as we know, has ever seen "the last flash", and yet he is believed. Yet, thousands of believable people, including astronomers and other scientists, military and civilian pilots, police officers, ministers, teachers and others have seen *close up* these disk shaped objects, often with confirming witnesses, and science doesn't take their reports seriously. I hope you see a problem with this logic.

I will not argue with you that Mr. Sakurai's observation was anything but what he said it was. Certainly the observation is taken seriously by science, even if the interpretation is up for further consideration. So I hope that you won't argue with me that his later sighting of a "flying saucer" (if it had occurred) shouldn't be taken seriously, even if its interpretation might also be open for further consideration.

If you study the UFO data seriously, you will discover that most sightings can be explained, usually as misinterpreted or misperceived natural or man made phenomena. But as the data included in the

sighting reports go up in strangeness – the object is seen up close, it affects the environment, it appears to be a material craft with windows, seams and other construction like aspects, it reflects the sun, or (and don't cringe at this) humanoid like creatures are seen through the windows or close by a landed craft – the more difficult the sighting is to explain as misinterpreted natural phenomena or anything else. In short, the more strange the sighting report, the more difficult it is to explain. This counters the usual argument that the sightings of the so called "unknowns" could be explained only if more data was available. The problem is that too much data is available, thus making the unknowns unexplainable.

I am not going to argue with you before I end this letter that "flying saucers" – I like "UFOs" or even "UAOs" (unidentified aerial objects) better – are extraterrestrial. I won't do that because I can't prove that. Oh, they might be. I can certainly hypothesize that they are. But I don't have the ultimate evidence for that argument. (Some would argue that extraordinary evidence is needed.) However, what I do have, I believe, is evidence that UFOs are a subject that should be taken seriously, and extraordinary evidence is not needed for that. My evidence is thousands of very good (strange) UFO reports. Just like Mr. Sakurai's report is evidence that the "last flash" should be taken seriously, these sighting reports are evidence that UFOs should be taken seriously.

Enclosed is a booklet that describes just a few of these very good UFO reports. I hope you will read the booklet and consider this evidence.

After you do this, if in the future you hear from credible people who want to report an incredible sighting, as you most certainly must on occasion at the Perkins Observatory, please direct those people to me. I would very much like to talk with them. I can be reached at home at 614-442-1598. That will be my award for writing this letter. Your award is learning more about the subject of UFOs.

Sincerely,
William E. Jones, JD

Little Green Men Festival 50th Anniversary Celebration

Hopkinsville, Kentucky — August 19-21, 2005

This well documented event occurred on August 21, 1955, in the rural town of Kelly, KY near Hopkinsville. What actually occurred on that fateful night is still being investigated, but this has not prevented a yearly celebration in the town. Plus, the creatures that were reported were silver in color, not green.

Some of the events include a movie, a parade, and a trade show, a panel discussion, a UFO symposium, and a documentary based on the Kelly Green Men, "Monsters of the UFO."

Kelly Green Men Festival
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tourism@commercecenter.org
<http://www.kellygreenmen.com/>



Featured Photo

1964 Lecture for CUP, Cleveland, Ohio From the Collection of Rick Hilberg



Allan J. Manak and Major Donald E. Keyhoe

Back in the summer of 1964 famed UFO writer and director of NICAP, Major Donald E. Keyhoe made a trip to Cleveland to give a major lecture on the UFO subject. The Cleveland UFOlogy Project sponsored said lecture which was held at the Lakewood Civic Auditorium, and with lots of publicity in the newspapers and on several of the talk radio programs was able to attract a crowd of almost a thousand people. Keyhoe spoke at length about the workings of NICAP as well as giving a rundown on some of the better cases from recent years. This was just a few months after the much publicized Lonnie Zamora case from Socorro, New Mexico, and interest in the subject was beginning to grow after a "dry spell" of some seven years. The audience really enjoyed Keyhoe's presentation, as the question and answer time afterward ran for almost an hour!

The photo shows Allan J. Manak, CUP chairman at the time, with Major Keyhoe at Earl Neff's house just after the three of us picked up Major Keyhoe at the airport. I recall that Mrs. Neff had a wonderful dinner awaiting us, followed by a tour of the Neff's huge and wonderfully planned garden where we all had coffee after dinner. This gave us all the opportunity to ask Keyhoe scores of questions about classic UFO cases and personalities in the UFO field.

For me it was one of those wonderful moments in life which I will always fondly remember. Sadly, Manak, Neff and Keyhoe are no longer with us, but their individual work in the UFO field will be long remembered.

Rick Hilberg

George Pindroh Speaking at Lakewood Library

George Pindroh, MUFON State Section Director for Cuyahoga and Lorain County, will be speaking on UFOs at the Lakewood Public Library Tuesday, October 11, 2005, from 7-8 PM.

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Summer 2003 – Delaware County

Anonymous Ohio State University Student
Investigator: Frank Reams

During the summer of 2003 I worked at a Meijers department and food store on Route 23 in southern Delaware County, Ohio. I would typically leave for work around 4:30 am. As I was driving to work on the morning of August 25, 2003 I stopped at the intersection of Wilson Road and North Galena Road in Berkshire Township. I then made a left turn to go south bound on Galena toward US 36/37 to get over to Interstate 71. I happened to look over my left shoulder, out the driver's side window, across an empty field and saw a very large red triangle. It appeared to be 1.5 miles east of my location.

The triangular shape of the object was distinct. The edges were highlighted by a luminous band of red lights. The lights did not flash and no other lights were observed on the object. The object appeared to be hovering at first, but then it appeared to be slowly moving to the south. It was just above the treetops of a densely wooded area. At first I thought it was an airplane, but I concluded it was moving too slowly and was far larger than any aircraft I had ever seen.

Upon seeing the object, I slowed down considerably to confirm what I was seeing. I recall being fearful at first and I know I broke out into a sweat and my heart was racing. At the same time, I was curious and considered stopping for a better look, but I could not afford the time. As I continued south along Galena Road, I lost sight of the object due to nearby homes and trees. I stopped at the intersection of US 36/37 and Galena Road and made a right turn to go west on 36/37. I did notice one pickup truck passing through the intersection going east on 36/37, presumably toward the object. I continued to drive and got on I-71 going southbound. I did not see the object during this time and there was light traffic on the Interstate. I then got off on the Polaris exit and made a right turn on Polaris Parkway going west toward Route 23. I arrived at work a few minutes later.

When I pulled into the parking lot at work at about 5:00 am I again saw the same triangle in the eastern sky, this time at a much higher elevation, probably half the way up from the horizon. It was much further in the distance, probably four miles to the east. After looking at it for a few seconds, it seemed to fade away into the clear night sky. I later reported the sighting to the National UFO Reporting Center.

This report was taken from the subject's written report. Investigator Frank Reams is still trying to get a face to face interview with the witness. Since the witness is a working student this has been hard to arrange.

Phyllis Budinger presents

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

Our own Phyllis Budinger, an 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.

Out there

Ohio State University's UFO collection attracts researchers and the curious alike

Tuesday, September 07, 2004

Renee Schaefer

FOR THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

Theirs is not your ordinary boy-meets-girl story.

Michelle LaVigne met her future husband, Paul Wedel, aboard, well, an alien spaceship.

"We exchanged numbers of sorts," said LaVigne, a New Hampshire resident.

Then the two made plans to meet on Earth.

"There's no way we could have known each other," she said. "I've received phone calls from people that I couldn't have met another way."

That's right, LaVigne has been snatched up by aliens before. So many times that she wrote *The Alien Abduction Survival Guide: How to Cope With Your ET Experience*, a how-to of sorts "to help other abductees deal with the exceedingly unusual events of their lives."

LaVigne's book is one of more than 1,000 items in the William E. Jones Unidentified Flying Object Collection, part of Ohio State University's main library's rare books and manuscripts division.

The assortment of periodicals, reports and books ranges from the hard-to-believe (think alien invasions) to the maybebelievable (think Roswell).

The collection is one of the largest compilations of UFO material in the country, said Elva Griffith, a library associate. At least six times a year, the rare-books division receives a box full of items from Jones, a Columbus lawyer.

Jones has donated material to Ohio State for the past 15 years. Although he said he has never seen a UFO and is not sure if they even exist, he thinks as science continues to expand, the collection will become more valuable.

"It's part of our history, part of our society," Jones said, adding that the historical, sociological and psychological aspects of UFOs are worth documenting and preserving.

In 100 years, when more is known, the collection will give researchers information dating from the 1940s, Jones said.

"Then old literature takes importance."

Jones' interest in aliens and UFOs started in the 1960s while he was a student at West High School in Columbus. The 62-year-old said he was reading the book *Flying Saucers Have Landed* and became captivated by the pictures.

"They were the neatest pictures — probably fakes, but it got your attention," he said of the book written in the mid-1950s.

Though his interest fluctuated throughout the years, he returned to



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The books in Ohio State's collection range from difficult-to-believe tales, such as the alien invasion depicted here, to UFO encounters that are more plausible.



The UFO collection at Ohio State is one of the largest collections of its kind in the country and includes many copies of *UFO Magazine*.

UFOs in the early 1990s. Through subscriptions and published works, Jones acquired a vast amount of information on the subject.

Needing a larger place to store his collection, he contacted Ohio State. The collection, or as Jones refers to it, “my closet,” is so large that it is hard to get an accurate count of materials. The OSU depository on Kenny Road houses the majority of the collection, Griffith said.

Jones, a member of the board of directors of the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies in Chicago — Hynek once was an OSU astronomer — said he has lost track of the items he has donated.

The Roundtown UFO Society of Circleville has contributed its quarterly newsletter to the collection since the early 1990s.

“We have been under observation for many, many years,” said director Pete Hartinger, who added that he saw a UFO in the late 1950s.

Hartinger founded the society, of which Jones is a member, in 1989 to discuss “one of the biggest stories there is, to put it mildly.”

The organization works to document UFO sightings, raise public awareness and serve as a means for exchanging information between members, “ufologists,” and those with more intimate UFO experiences.

The OSU collection encompasses a wide spectrum of topics. Interested in crop circles? Check out *Circles of Note: A Reader's Guide to the Crop Circle Phenomenon*.

Wondering about the connection between religion and UFOs? There's *Flying Saucers in the Bible*.

Australian Aboriginal Culture and Possible UFO Connections, *Tom Slick and the Search for the Yeti* and *UFO Healings* round out a diverse offering.

Although each piece is not necessarily rare, the collection is not circulated in order to keep it in good quality. The rare-books division practices strict security precautions to protect it and other collections.

Visitors must first request to see a piece of the collection. Then they are buzzed into Room 327 — the Thurber Reading Room — must sign in, show ID, hang their bags on a coat rack and use only pencils while perusing one book at a time.

The same goes for reading Thurber or Chaucer.

Although the UFO collection attracts visitors from around the globe, Jones notes, “It's not the best in the world.”

Like Jones, Griffith said the collection will be more valuable in the future.

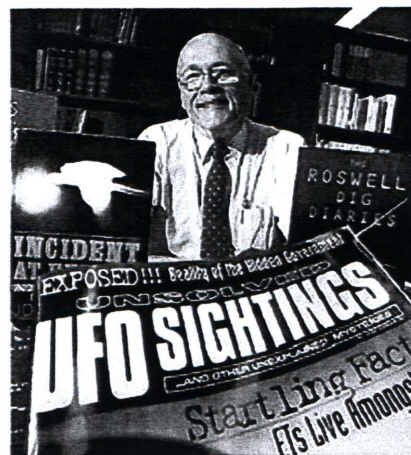
For now, the Jones collection continues to grow, allowing the curious few to learn about things that seldom reach the airwaves.

“It's a perspective that I'd rather not lose. A broader vision that's a lot more than the confines of a neighborhood, state or country,” abductee LaVigne said.

“It's a window to something that most people don't have, but it's too scary for the media to deal with.”

Curious? Check out *The Media and UFOs* or *Media Cover-Up: Then and Now*.

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Although he's never seen a UFO and is not sure if they even exist, William E. Jones continues to donate books to his Unidentified Flying Object Collection at Ohio State University.

17TH ANNUAL BIGFOOT CONFERENCE/EXPO

by Del Anderson

My wife Vickie and I attended our first Bigfoot Conference on May 7, 2005 at Salt Fork State Park near Cambridge, Ohio. The park is located on about 20,000 acres of beautifully forested land and it has all kinds of recreational activities and is host to about 1 million visitors annually. Many Bigfoot reports have come out of the Salt Fork State Park area, so this was an appropriate venue for the conference.

The conference was supposed to start at about 4 pm so we went into the conference room at about 3:30 just to see if we needed to get seats early. There were about 15 or 20 people in this big room, so we went outside to shop in the gift store and get a soft drink, thinking that there weren't going to be many people in attendance. We went back to the conference room at 3:55 and there were about 200 people there. We found two seats, sat down, and then the guy sitting next to us started telling us his Bigfoot story from a camping trip to the Wayne National Forest. That's the way this conference went, stories between attendees as well as talks by the panel of experts.

Don Keating was the host for the panel discussion and lectures. Don is well known for his longtime interest and investigation into the Bigfoot phenomena.

The first speakers were a couple, Mike and Lisa, who had a Bigfoot sighting on Wednesday August 18, 2004 at about 7:00 pm in the park. They were on a picnic with their little white dog in a remote area. Their dog was usually a good eater, but on this day it wouldn't touch a bite of food and it kept looking at the woods. Mike and Lisa thought this was odd behavior but really didn't think anything more about it. They decided to take a walk along one of the paths leading from the picnic area. They hadn't gone very far when they got the feeling something was moving along with them inside the forest. Then they heard a lot of noise and some terrible screams. A huge creature stepped out onto the trail in front of them and then roared again. They said the creature was 7 to 8 feet tall and of a dark color. That was all that registered in their minds because they started running for their car, which was probably about 100 yards or more away. They got to their car and left the park along with their dog. The couple now believes in Bigfoot. Mike is a photographer and he said of all the times to not have a camera with him, this was the worst.

The first official speaker was Dr. Paul Johnson, a chemistry professor who got his start in Bigfoot investigations by the UFO investigator route. Some of the points Paul made were that Bigfoot reports often occur in "flaps," just as UFO reports often do. Saturday and Sunday are the peak days for Bigfoot reports, compared to Wednesday for UFOs. Bigfoot appears to be a physical phenomenon because it leaves footprints and can be heard. Paul also thinks Bigfoot could be a paranormal phenomena as well because there are no reports of these animals being killed by vehicles on the road, and none have been taken by hunters. Bigfoot creatures are sometimes reported as seeming to float, and some people report them as being transparent or translucent. Many sightings occur in suburban areas, but the creatures are usually not seen entering or leaving an area. They just appear and later disappear.

Some questions Dr. Paul Johnson raised were; Is Bigfoot associated to the witness or the area? Does Bigfoot move from the quantum world to ours or visa versa?

The next speaker was Ron Schaffner who has written "Strange Creatures from the Ohio Valley." Ron spoke of the many different creatures that have been reported in Ohio throughout recorded history. From the Frog-like creatures seen near some Ohio lakes and streams, to the so-called "Bighead" seen in Richland Co., to a marsupial-like creature seen in Adams Co. in 1997. Some of the places where these unusual animals have been seen are the Wayne National Forest, the Shawnee State Forest area, in Vinton County, and the area near Big Bone, Kentucky.

The next speaker was Joedy Cook, the director of the Ohio Center of Bigfoot Studies in Cincinnati, Ohio. He reported on a sighting of Bigfoot in the Shawnee State Forest in Southern Ohio. Two county workers reported spotting a Bigfoot there, and during his investigation Ron was able to get a look at some really good tracks, one of which was 18 inches long. Ron said that the Wayne National Forest is a hotspot for sightings.

Apparently, the State of Ohio has an official office staffed with two people who handle unusual animal reports. That handle reports of normal animals acting in unusual ways, as well as reports of Big Black Cats, and the more unusual reports of Bigfoot and related creatures. There has apparently been at least one park closure lasting a few days, reportedly because of several Bigfoot sightings in the park. The reason given for this temporary closing was that the state feared it would lose revenue if visitors were hurt or frightened. Also that the state didn't want to attract hunters to the park, who might mistakenly shoot visitors or each other.

The next speaker was Eric Altman, the director of the Pennsylvania Bigfoot Society, who has been interested in Bigfoot since he was 10 years old. Eric mentioned several Bigfoot sighting reports. During his talk he noted that people often said that they had the feeling of being watched prior to their sighting. That is a fact also reported in many UFO cases. He also reported that there were some cases of UFOs being sighted and then Bigfoot appearing near the UFO or in the area where the UFO was seen. He described a Bigfoot scream as starting at a very low frequency and moving to a very high pitch. Altman also reported that Bigfoot seems to have the ability to mimic the sounds of other animals. He added that the US government might have about 2000 documents related to Bigfoot reports, but that most have not been released. Reports that have been released have all or most of the material blacked out.

My wife and I had great fun at this conference. Anyone who hasn't been to one of these conferences should attend because they will be in for a fun time. The next conference, which will be the 18th, has been tentatively scheduled to be held at the Salt Fork State Park sometime next spring.

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Roundtown UFO Society (RUFOS)

www.roundtownufosociety.com. The group meets monthly at the Pickaway Public Library in Circleville, Ohio. Contact Pete Hartinger at rufos@roundtownufosociety.com for information.

