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2006 Membership Form on Page Five

We are currently accepting memberships for 2006. There is a form in this newsletter at the bottom of page five. Please be sure to fill out the back side with any comments that you might have. If members take advantage of this opportunity now, we will not have to print and pay postage to send a form at a later date. I hope to see all of your names on the roster for 2006.

- Your Secretary

Hidden History: The Battle of L.A.

By Pete Hartinger, *The Circleville Herald* Aug 16, 2005

On the morning of June 20th of this year I received a book entitled, "UFOs Over California" by Preston Dennett. I briefly glanced at the book and noticed the reference to the Battle of Los Angeles or the Los Angeles Air Raid. According to the book, this event marked the first recorded occasion in which the United States military opened fire upon a UFO. The date was February 24, 1942. I had heard about this event through my research. I knew the skeptics or debunkers had tried to explain the event as having been caused by trigger-happy anti-aircraft gunners who never really saw anything at all.

About three hours after receiving the book, the *Circleville Herald* newspaper was on my porch. On the front page was the story about a friend of mine, Harold Hoffman. He and my father-in-law, Bob Quincel, are good friends and fought in the South Pacific during World War II. In the article, Harold talked about what happened to him on the night of February 24, 1942. He stated that while on patrol at the Long Beach Municipal Airport in California, anti-aircraft fire suddenly came up as what he thought were three Japanese Zeros flew over him. Only 24 hours earlier, a Japanese submarine had shelled oil fields at Santa Barbara, California to try and disrupt oil production.

In late June of 2005, Jon Fry and I interviewed Harold at his home. He showed us the 40th Infantry Division unit book in which the incident of February 24, 1942 is discussed. We showed Harold the famous picture from the front page of the *Los Angeles Times* of February 25, 1942. It depicts at least eight spotlights shining on an unknown object hovering over the city. From the book, "UFOs Over California," the story line is as follows. At 2 a.m. air raid sirens sounded throughout Los Angeles warning of a possible Japanese at

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Dolores Cannon Speaks to SOAAR/Ohio MUFON – My Perspective

by William E. Jones

Ms. Donnie Blessing, MUFON of Ohio's Southern State Section Director and founder of SOAAR, was the organizer and host of a talk by Mrs. Dolores Cannon at the Mary Ann Morgan Library in Covington, Kentucky on Saturday, August 13, 2005. Mrs. Cannon is a hypnotist whose practice goes back to the 1960s. She started out helping people resolve problems using hypnosis. In doing so she discovered that past life regression was possible. She did this for some time, then branching out by doing research using hypnosis to study the writings of Nostradamus, the life of Jesus, and for the past 20 years, UFOs. She has written numerous books on these subjects, including four on UFOs, and travels all over the world to lecture, give classes and appear on TV. Some of her books have been translated into 20 languages.



Dolores Cannon with Donnie Blessing, above.

According to her, by taking people into a lower level hypnotic trance she can gain information about their past lives and their UFO abduction experiences. In addition, she claims that she can sometimes communicate directly with the people and the alien entities that her subject has been with in their present and past lives. She tries to confirm the information given to her in these sessions by doing traditional library and archival research.

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tack. Several unknown objects moved overhead, followed by a huge disk-shaped object. The mysterious object stayed in place for several hours. The military converged underneath, training numerous searchlights upon the object. Fourteen hundred thirty rounds of ammunition were fired at the craft. Unreal, it suffered no visible damage. However, six people on the ground were killed by falling shrapnel and having heart attacks, and damage to buildings totaled in the thousands of dollars. The objects were witnessed by several thousand people and were last seen over Long Beach.

Harold told us that he saw at least three objects in a V formation overhead. They were too high for the anti-aircraft fire to reach. He remembered thinking it was odd for them to be going so slow, and he could not see the shape of an airplane; they were just lights high in the sky. He took it for granted that they were Japanese planes. It is important to note that Harold did not know that these objects had been seen over Los Angeles earlier and were fired upon. He just knew what had happened in his area. Afterwards, everything was hushed up because of the wartime blackout.

After the *Los Angeles Times*' initial headline story and a few stories soon thereafter, nothing else appeared in the newspapers. I can understand that in war time news like this should be censored. However, after all these years there should be an open investigation to rule out any possibility of Japanese aircraft. There is no question that the Battle of Los Angeles happened. It is clearly remembered because of the accidental deaths and property destruction. Several notable aspects of the event stand out. No bombs were dropped nor were other hostilities shown by the unknown craft. Why? If they were Japanese, how did they get over Los Angeles? Were they from Japanese aircraft carriers? If the Japanese or U.S. governments know the answer, they haven't told the public.

There have been similar incidents in the past that gave rise to the idea that the nation was under attack when it wasn't. In 1952, Bob Quincel, another longtime Circleville, Ohio resident, spotted a strange saucer shaped craft swooping down low over the U.S. Army Depot, now DSCS in Columbus, Ohio, while working there. He suggested to a couple of his co-workers who also saw the saucer that it must be one of ours because it was daytime and the saucer was low over a populated area. Only years later did he realize he had probably seen a genuine UFO. His story and another similar story from the same time period are both contained in the book titled "*Ohio UFOs*" by fellow researcher, Dr. Irena Scott, who is a former Ohio State University researcher and instructor. I recommend Dr. Scott's book and the book "*UFOs Over California*" by Preston Dennett to all who want to follow up on these kinds of events.

For Sale – Ohio UFO Notebooks

Limited numbers of copies of five issues are available. Numbers 15, 19/20 (a double issue), 21, 24, 25 and 28 (the last issue). Contact Aaron Clark (aclarck@core.com) if you are interested.

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After her husband was left disabled by an automobile accident, they moved to rural Arkansas. Her family of four children and her numerous grand and great-grand children keep her grounded in this reality, which she says is very important. She asserts that doing research into the paranormal, the mystical, and the alien requires that the researcher be in balance with everyday life.

After giving us some background information about her overall work, she then delved into the subject of UFOs. Here is some of what she told us.

She asserts that, "You won't understand the UFO phenomena if you don't understand metaphysics."

She started doing abduction regressions before MUFON state meetings in Arkansas, but found that doing this before a large, and sometimes skeptical group was not a good idea. She now does sessions one-on-one or with just a few people present.

One of her first cases involved the nighttime abduction of a woman and her car from a well-traveled highway. The aliens told the woman that they took the car so that she wouldn't be missed. Another abductee was driving from the airport in Honolulu, Hawaii looking for her hotel. She missed the hotel and turned around in a mobile home park. The next thing she knew, she and her car were on the other side of the island. Under hypnosis she learned that it was not a mobile home park that she turned into, but a landed UFO. The aliens made her think it was the mobile home park so that she wouldn't be scarred.

The aliens say that not remembering the abduction is best, but they are not always successful at accomplishing this because of differing human brain chemistries.

She is often told by aliens that time doesn't exist, but is invented by us. Missing time is not the only effect of an abduction, but "condensed time" and "distorted time" is also reported. This sort of experience is where the abductee experiences the abduction event over a shorter period of time than it should have been experienced. One of her subjects was abducted near Little Rock, Arkansas about an hour drive from home. She was on a six lane highway. Just before the event she noted no traffic anywhere, which she thought odd. Then she arrived home 15 minutes later. She had seen a big bright light that blinked out just before she lost memory. She later learned through a hypnosis session with Mrs. Cannon that she had been abducted.

Many of her abductees report what she and others refer to as the "Oz Factor." Just before an abduction, the environment just isn't "right" with factors such as no traffic where traffic should be, no sounds, no people, no lights in nearby houses at night, and street lights going out sequentially as the person drives down the street. Some abductees refer to the environment as a "dead zone." Some have reported to her that when sound returns, it "crashes in."

According to Mrs. Cannon, the aliens are here to help us. They hold human beings no ill will. After all, according to her, the aliens say that they created us using genetic engineering on our simian ancestors. According to the aliens, natural evolution on all planets would take too long to bring an intelligent species to the point where a

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ceed. Mrs. Cannon refers to the aliens as “our gardeners.” They have told Mrs. Cannon that “the world is ours and it always has been.” The aliens take directions for what they do with us from “the Source.” The source seems to be what we would call “God.”

The aliens gave us freewill, something that not every intelligent species has. Often they contact us only briefly to make adjustments to our bodies. Not every contact results in an abduction. For example, one young woman under hypnosis reported that when she was a child a UFO with windows came down over her while she was near a railroad track. While she was standing there they scanned her body from the craft, checking out her health. Then they left, never having taken her aboard the craft and possibly never to return. When she got home she wanted to tell her mother what happened. However, before she could do this she forgot about the experience. She didn't remember this experience until placed under hypnosis by Mrs. Cannon as part of a therapy session.

During the question and answer session Frank Reams noted that the late Dr. Karla Turner, an “experimenter” and abduction researcher of much renown, often said that “aliens lie;” aliens can't be trusted. Frank asked Mrs. Cannon why she believes the aliens so uncritically. Mrs. Cannon replied that they have never lied to her. When asked how she knows, she replied that to get to the truth a hypnotist must take a person deep. If this isn't done the person being hypnotized may experience negative emotions and remember their experiences in a negative way. She says this is where people like Budd Hopkins and David Jacobs take their subjects, thus getting negative reports. According to Mrs. Cannon they don't take their subjects deep enough. For me, this is like saying that a female experimenter who reports rape at one level of hypnosis will report passionate lovemaking at another. Frankly, I can't buy that.

I came away from her presentation thinking charitably that she might be onto something. I can't in all fairness say that Mrs. Cannon is making all of this up. She appears to be trying hard to get to the truth, but I am not convinced that she is any closer to the truth about the alien presence in our environment than the rest of us. She may in fact be totally deluded and wrong. For me her presentation was very unsatisfying.

Donnie's Reply:

“I plan to write an article for the SOAAR website including quotes from SOAAR members...I want their opinions too. I hope I can get both sides of the coin on this. Thanks you for your honesty...As I told you at the meeting I try to present all sides of an issue.

“I agree that Delores is not for everyone. However many people did like her...Delores was picked because Peggy, my hypnotherapist, is her biggest fan and took classes from her years ago in California...I won't claim that I know [everything] about any of this, I only investigate. I leave hypnotherapy to the people who know how to do it.”

MUFON of Ohio thanks Donnie Blessing for organizing this event, which was well attended. She is one of our most active and productive members, and she and SOAAR deserve support.

Mrs. Cannon's website is www.ozarkmt.com.

RICK HILBERG: A SENSE OF WONDER, A SENSE OF HISTORY by Ray X

Four decades later Rick Hilberg hasn't found the answer — but at least he knows he is asking the right question.

Hilberg is a conservative ufologist. He doesn't buy into the recent trends in the study of UFOs such as abductions by gray aliens or a great government conspiracy to hide the truth from the public.

“The younger UFO buffs of today,” he explained in a recent email interview, “don't seem to have a real grasp of the implications of the UFO mythos. They look at abductions, implants, MJ-12 and Roswell, etc. and lose grasp of the really phenomenological aspects of the [subject]. They lack what many of us had way back then, a sense of what I call the wonder, dreaming and awe of the whole bundle that we call ufology.”

It was a sense of wonder that attracted Hilberg to the study of unidentified flying objects, or as they were better known in his younger years, flying saucers. His like-minded friend, Allan Manak, formed the United Aerial Phenomena Agency (UAPA) back in 1966. Manak published Flying Saucer Digest, a fully illustrated UFO newsletter, while Hilberg had his own publication, “UFO Magazine” (no relation, he pointed out, to the same-titled “rag” now appearing on the newsstands).

“Al and I both had about the same approach,” said Hilberg, “in that we both were willing to take in the whole phenomenon rather than just looking for some specific facets of it all.”

As ufology has changed over time, Hilberg finds himself in the middle ground between skeptics and uncritical believers. He's not ready to believe any wild fad theories that have caught on. For example, he used to belong to a UFO group whose viewpoints have followed popular trends. The consensus of its membership today is that the government is keeping the lid on a terrible secret: aliens are abducting humans as part of a scheme to create a hybrid being.

“I really believe that the newer ufologists do not generally have a sense of the history of the whole UFO phenomenon and its many implications,” said Hilberg. “After all, the gray alien hordes kidnapping and fooling around with humankind's DNA is a romantic notion that's really hard to beat, even if the cultural implications are no less sensational and mysterious.”

He points out that investigators like Jacques Vallee have noticed that what is now called the UFO phenomena seems to have been around for centuries, the encounters fitting within the context of a particular time-period in human history. Today someone has an unearthly experience and thinks in terms of spaceships and aliens. Long ago when magical, not scientific, thinking was prevalent, the abductors were called the “Gentry” or the “Good Neighbors,” beings from a supernatural world. Such experiences also involved missing time and sexual aspects.

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"We find these same general motifs going back for hundreds if not thousands of years," Hilberg pointed out.

He believes that younger ufologists are spending too much time trying to define the UFO phenomena in terms of objective realities. There is too much concentration, he said, on such aspects as the alleged MJ-12 papers or Roswell and other rumored crashes.

"My point about the wonder, dreaming and awe that many of us had years ago," said Hilberg, "is that they [modern ufologists] fail to see just what the UFO mythos implies to our species." There should be more concentration on the phenomenological aspects, i.e. "meta-ufology."

"Maybe," he continues, "not just asking WHAT UFOs are versus asking WHY UFOs are."

While Hilberg's viewpoints have remained essentially the same, the world keeps changing. He and his wife Carol publish "Flying Saucer Digest," carrying on the work begun by his friend Allan Manak who passed away in 1999.

"Allan Manak definitely had that sense of wonder regarding the whole UFO spectrum," remembered Hilberg. "He was very easy to work with, and over the years we both thought of ourselves as being like family. He literally became the big brother that I never had."

In recent years Hilberg's focus has shifted from UFO investigations to writing about the historical aspects of ufology. He wants those to come after him to also have a sense of history. That way the next generation of ufologists will have their eyes on the sky and hopefully their feet on something besides metaphysical quicksand.

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You can see the entire issue at xrayr.com.

For more information on "Flying Saucer Digest" and other publications produced by Rick Hilberg, write to him at:

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Hilberg's latest publication is "A Flying Saucer Scrapbook," a collection of classic articles and items from the ufological past.

Other Ohio UFO Groups

You can find the **Roundtown UFO Society (RUFOS)** website at www.roundtownufosociety.com. The group meets in Circleville, Ohio. Contact them at rufos@roundtownufosociety.com.

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

The **Tri-County UFO Study Group** meets in Alliance, Ohio. They can be contacted by emailing nightsky_us@yahoo.com.

editor's note: A review of "Body Snatchers in the Desert" was printed in the MUFON of Ohio Summer 2005 newsletter.

Response to Redfern's Book

THIS IS AN "OPEN LETTER" AND MAY BE POSTED OR OTHERWISE PUBLISHED ANYWHERE. - - KARL PFLOCK NICK - Thanks for the inscribed copy of BODY SNATCHERS IN THE DESERT, and my apologies for taking so long to acknowledge it. Unfortunately, these days my priorities have to be such mundane things as achieving and learning how to maintain basic mobility and eating without wearing myself out.

I've read the book, sampled the online chatter about it, and waded through your pre-publication interview with "UFO Review." The latter (<http://www.uforeview.net>) puts your book in enlightening and illuminating context and is must reading for anyone who wants to assess your brief seriously. Here are some thoughts on BS IN THE DESERT and my decision about the future of our collaboration on the Aztec project.

Congratulations! You may have pulled off a ufological/ufological trifecta with a bonus: (1) you offer a semi-new, non-UFO Roswell "explanation" that (2) could allow all but the most hard-core crashed-saucer advocates and even the squishier pro-Mogulists a way to save face ("We were right. There were bodies. There was a nearly intact craft. We were just wrong about their origin." And "Mogul was one of the secret projects operating in the area at the time, but it looks like it wasn't the answer to Roswell") and (3) extends to and allows practically every phony, crook, and crank who helped create or has taken advantage of the Roswell legend to claim varying degrees of legitimacy for their yarns, "research," and revelations. The bonus: You give the America- -or at least the American government, especially the military- -Stinks! characters who infest UFOdom an answer almost as satisfying as a crashed-saucer cover-up and one far more compatible with their socio-political prejudices than a cover story used to maintain security for Mogul, a legitimately classified, non-nefarious military research and development project. Of course, once all the implications of your thinking sink in, you may well find yourself persona non grata in ufological circles, but this should be more than offset by a rise to big frog status in the conspiratorialist fever swamps.

There are many problems with BS IN THE DESERT, but this one is central: Your sources, well versed in the Roswell mythology, have sold you an alternative, earthly explanation for the features central to Roswell's mysterious glamour: strange bodies and an unusual, crashed but virtually intact flying machine. Unfortunately for you and them, the "witnesses" responsible for introducing or providing allegedly corroborative testimony about these elements of the saucer-and-bodies version of Roswell have been shown by me and others not to be credible, and several among them, including the key players, are proven liars. None of this depends upon buying into Mogul as the answer to Roswell, and it has been accepted even by many of the most vigorous crashed-saucer advocates, some of whom participated in exposing the phonies. Yet you and your sources seem to be entirely in the dark about it.

With the original stories discredited, there is no foundation

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Sightings Over Lake Erie Near Lakeside

By William E. Jones

In spite of the fact that it has been over 40 years and the sighting lasted for only seconds, the event is still vividly remembered by Ruby Anderson of Clintonville, a neighborhood of Columbus, Ohio.

Two young mothers on vacation were driving west bound toward East Harbor along the shore of Lake Erie. It was early in the morning of a sunny week day, probably before 10 AM. Their husbands had gone off earlier to play golf. The women were taking their children to the beach for a couple of hours of sun and play. Mrs. Anderson was driving and her friend was in the passenger seat beside her. The lake was off to their right and it was in view, although buildings and trees were located in the direction of the lake at various places.

Suddenly Mrs. Anderson's friend called out and pointed toward the lake, "Do you see what I see?" She glanced in that direction and was surprised to see a saucer shaped object hovering over a lone shade tree that stood out in a field. The saucer looked like a tea cup saucer turned upside down. The tree was about 80 feet high and the object was as big as the tree crown, or about 30 feet in diameter. The object was silver in color and made no sound. It cast a shadow onto the ground nearby. The tree was located close enough to the road that they could have stopped the car and walked to it in a minute or so.

Wanting to see more, they turned down a side road that led back into the field. They lost sight of the object for some few seconds. When they got the tree in sight again, the object was gone. They were more than surprised. They drove back to the highway and continued for a short distance, and then drove down to the nearby beach. There was a man on a dock there and they asked him if he had seen anything. He replied that he had not.

The women got the kids settled on the beach about 50 or so yards

from the shade tree. There were few, if any other people, nearby. The young children saw the object from the car too, but no one was particularly upset about the experience. Mrs. Anderson said that she felt rather nonchalant. She had no feeling of fear, just regret that she hadn't seen the object for a longer period of time.

A few minutes after arriving on the beach they looked out over the lake and suddenly noticed three cigar shaped objects. The edges of these objects were "not clear." Mrs. Anderson could not tell how far away these objects were, but from her perspective and position each was the size of a quarter held at arms length. Suddenly each of the objects nosed over at the same time and fell into the lake. Three large splashes resulted.

Nothing unusual was seen after that.

Later when the women got back together with their husbands and told them of the day's events, the husbands did not really believe their wives. Nothing appeared in the paper about the event as well. Thus it seems that the reactions of people to such stories by family, friends and acquaintances hasn't changed much over the years.

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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Another October 1973 Case – Probably

by William E. Jones

Recently MUFON of Ohio got a lead to a UFO sighting report from the great mid-western UFO wave of October 1973 as a result of an article about our organization that appeared in a local Columbus newspaper. MUFON of Ohio Secretary Jennifer Thomas and I soon set up an interview with the witness. He lives about one mile north of Route 161 in northwestern Columbus, near The Ohio State University Airport, otherwise known as Don Scott Airfield. The airport is just across Route 161 from the neighborhood where our witness lives.

The sighting took place during the first week of October on a beautiful fall evening, right after he watched the Cincinnati Reds defeat the Oakland A's in a game of the World Series. The sky was blue, clear and sunny. There were no clouds. It was about 7 PM. He decided to stretch his legs. As he walked out of the front door of his house, which faced north, he proceeded down the driveway and then toward the west side of the house. As he got to the corner of his house, he happened to look up into the sky to the south in the direction of Route 161 and the airport. What he saw amazed him.

"It was right in front of me." At first he thought it was the Goodyear blimp, but he quickly realized that he was wrong. It seemed to be 200 to 300 feet up in the air, and perhaps over or near 161. The object was oblong, "just floating, and undulating." It was silver metallic in color. The sunlight coming from the west reflected off it.

"It had a dark gray [horizontal] band around the center." There were things like windows inside this band, but he couldn't quite make out what they were. A "straw like tubing [was seen] sticking out the back, emitting a clear white smoke like you used to see [coming] from steam engines. It was just pure white. It disappeared as soon as it hit the atmosphere."

The object was moving slowly to the southwest, and then it stopped.

As it hung there in the sky, "these beautiful red lights came on along the bottom of the craft. They were like the lights on a police car. But they were a cherry red, almost a black red. A beautiful red. They flashed on and off." Suddenly the object did a "herky jerky" motion, back and forth, up and down. "I thought if anybody is in that thing they must be thrown from side to side." There was no wind in the area at the time. Then the object stopped again after 25 or 30 seconds and hung in the air once more. Then, as if to prove it wasn't a blimp, the object took off to the southwest "in one split second" and was soon out of view.

Our witness viewed this object from 12 to 15 minutes. The neighborhood was suburban and houses were reasonably close by all around. At no point during this sighting was anyone seen who could have provided supporting testimony as to what our witness had seen. Even though the weather was beautiful, no one was in any of the nearby yards or walked by on the streets to the north and west of the house. Was this one of those "Oz factor" unnatural events that is sometimes part of a sighting, or was the lack of people just by chance? We will never know.

Investigating any UFO sighting can be frustrating because of a lack of final certainty as to what was seen. Older cases can be even more frustrating. When I looked into our witness's report, I discovered that the World Series was not played during the first week of October that year. Thus the timing of the event isn't accurate, even to a given week. To add more uncertainty is the fact that the Reds didn't play the A's at all that year. The New York Mets played the A's in 1973. Cincinnati played the A's in the World Series of 1972, but again not in the first week of the month. Does that make the story illegitimate? No, but it proves that a witness's memory, especially after 32 years is not accurate. What did this witness see and when did he see it? We aren't sure, which is representative of all of our efforts to determine what the UFO phenomenon is all about. The truth may be out there, but it is hard to find.

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2006 Membership Application

Please help us organize and plan better. If you have any comments or suggestions, please let us know.

What is your interest in the UFO phenomenon and MUFON of Ohio?

What kind of events and information are you hoping to get through MUFON of Ohio? (Please circle)

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Lectures/Presentations

Group research projects

Individual research projects

County responsibility for monitoring UFO events

Other (Please specify)



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for what you recount. In sum, Nick, you have been fed a large helping of BS repackaged from the rotten banquet of Roswell BS and smothered in a tasty new conspiracy sauce, and you have uncritically swallowed and regurgitated it.

But you say there is testimony and documentation backing up what you were told. What sort of stuff is this and from whom does it come? First, of course, there are the tales of the discredited Roswell witnesses. Then we have official documents that provide absolutely no support for your version of Roswell, to most if not all of which you were guided by your sources. Adding further bogus substance (and, not incidentally, enough extra words to make a book), there's interesting but not new historical material about Japanese "medical" atrocities, biological warfare experiments and plans, and Fugo balloon operations and schemes; reprehensible- -in many cases even by the standards of the time- -American medical research practices; and of course the obligatory captured exotic German experimental aircraft. Rounding things out, you turn to Don "Lyn' King" Schmitt and Tom "I Want DESPERATELY! to Believe" Carey and their cast of New Witnesses of the Month; Tim "The Human Doctored Documents Factory" Cooper; Ray "Show Me the Money" Santilli, his laughable film, and his nonexistent cameraman; Phil "I'm NOT Just Another Obscure Retired O-5" Corso; David "Through the Looking Glass" Rudiak; Bill "Double Agent" Moore and his sidekicks, defrocked Air Force OSI agent Richard Doty and erstwhile TV documentary producer Jamie Shandera ("Who us, fake the MJ-12 and other documents?"); and so, on and on, up to and including our old friend master conman Silas Newton and even by sly implication Yours Truly.

Here in no particular order are some further comments on just a few of the issues of varying degrees of importance that raised red flags about the credibility of your work and your capacity for critical judgment as I read your book and interview:

All of your tiny handful of sources- -four, count 'em, four- -except the highly questionable Brit know and are in touch with each other, a critically important piece of information you leave out of your book, mentioning it only in the interview. Moreover, in the book you give the false impression that one of them, "the Colonel," your key source for what allegedly is actually behind the Roswell story, surfaced out of the blue, independently of the others.

Your sources claim a much greater depth and breadth of knowledge about far too much highly sensitive classified information far beyond their "need to know," and virtually all of it supposedly gained all too casually. Of course, this is something of a ufological tradition. In addition, all of their information about what allegedly happened at Roswell is by their own accounts second- or third-hand. Further, only "the Black Widow" claims to have seen strange bodies. Given what was going on at the time in the study of radiation effects, she may well have seen unusual cadavers at Oak Ridge, but the only link between her claim and Roswell is what she says she was told about the origin of the bodies.

You repeat as fact Corso's assertion that science writer Willy Ley was part of von Braun's Paperclip gang. In fact, Ley fled Nazi Germany in the 1930s and had nothing to do with von Braun's activities in New Mexico.

When discussing test flights in which one of the experimental aircraft is towed, the Colonel, supposedly a former military man, makes a couple of odd flubs. He refers to the Army Air Forces tow plane as a DC-3 (civilian airliner) rather than by the correct military designation C-47. He also says the pilots of that aircraft had been in the 82nd Airborne during World War II. In fact, the planes that carried the 82nd and towed its gliders and the aviators who flew them were assigned to transport units of the AAF's 8th Air Force.

The LeMay 1 July 1947 memo concerning plans for radiation-effects research in Japan from which you draw sinister implications about Asian bodies allegedly found in New Mexico shortly thereafter: It's perfectly obvious this refers to studying the horrible effects from the atom bomb attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

According to the Colonel, the crew of the ill-fated Roswell "saucer" were captured Japanese kamikaze Fugo pilots, in the Colonel's words, "fierce little fuckers." If you were running the operation, would you let such dedicated fanatics fly one of your precious test articles, especially when there was a very good chance they'd use it for one last glorious suicide mission for their Emperor- -probably with you and your staff in the bulls eye?

Contrary to your interpretation, the 25 August 1947 classified memo from AMC technical intelligence to Air Staff intelligence included in your book doesn't show the level of security at Roswell went far beyond what was justified to keep something like Mogul under wraps. First, the security efforts brought to bear in connection with Roswell were not even close to being as dramatic and draconian as the legend suggests. What measures were taken were in response to the worldwide publicity, which threatened to compromise the project. Second, after the Roswell flap, Mogul project managers and their superiors decided it would be wise to inform officials in the intelligence community who were working the flying saucer problem and senior officers at military facilities in the area where Mogul operations were being conducted that their project might well generate flying saucer reports and in fact had already done so. This included a visit to Roswell Army Air Field in September '47. You would know all this and much more that should have given you pause about the credibility of your sources had you read my ROSWELL: INCONVENIENT FACTS AND THE WILL TO BELIEVE.

You quote McAndrew's observation that the Air Force had flown balloons as high as 170,000 feet with payloads of as much as 15,000 pounds. Then you suggest such balloons would be more than adequate to lift a small experimental aircraft with a diminutive crew and be far more than what was needed to carry a small "radiation-" (actually, sound-) detection device, i.e., for Mogul. You seem to have missed the fact that McAndrew was referring to capabilities and operations that didn't exist and didn't take place until well after the Roswell incident.

Lincoln LaPaz, Fugo, and Roswell: You offer the fact that LaPaz worked on the Fugo problem during World War II as though it were some sort of significant revelation. Yet this has been known for years. LaPaz wrote an article about it for a popular magazine back in the 1950s. His alleged involvement in the Roswell case arose from a jumble of mistaken and conflated memories, as, again, you



UFOLOGY Crosses Over

A Report Card

by Paul Althouse

Over 50 years of research and investigations during the “modern” era of Ufology have given researchers a new perspective on the UFO enigma. We’ve gone from “lights in the sky” to “alien abductions,” “cattle mutilations,” “crop circles,” and “congressional hearings.” Have any researchers gotten closer to removing the enigma? I submit that “some” have. Consider this ‘hypothetical’ construct...

With the usual twisting of his chin, John Edward turned to the bleachers where I was sitting. They were bleachers just like the ones at my granddaughter’s softball game, but now they provided a TV studio sheltered perch from which John would single out an anxious audience member with his personalized messages from those who had “crossed over.”

“Do the initials JAH mean anything? I’m focusing on this section right in here,” John said, circling my area of the bleachers like a duck hunter zeroing in his retriever.

“They’re showing me a pipe. A smoking pipe; curved stem.” He blurted.

Everyone around me wore the same blank expressions. I didn’t know anyone who smoked a pipe. Hardly anyone did anymore. Yet he seemed to be getting closer and closer to me. “JAH? I don’t know any JAH,” I thought to myself.

“Now he’s showing me swamp gas,” John blurted.

“Swamp gas?” I thought. “JAH? J. Allen Hynek?” I was pretty sure I was the only UFO researcher sitting in those bleachers that day; and probably in the entire studio; maybe in all of West LA. “Me,” I blurted out. “JAH Stands for J. Allen Hynek and swamp gas was a famous or infamous solution to a UFO sighting many years ago that no one really believed anyway.”

“OK,” John shot back at me. “He’s showing me a ‘thumbs up’ so this must be for you!”

“Unbelievable,” I thought to myself. Here I was in direct contact with one of the most renowned UFO researchers of all time. He had seen it all, “crossed over,” and now he knew the answers and he was communicating with me. At last,” I thought, “we will all know the answers.”

“He’s wanting you to know something,” John said, firmly pausing to again wrestle his chin. “Now he’s laughing. Wait, I am hearing several people laughing. He says Leonard, John, and Karla are there with him and they are all doubled over laughing. This is definitely a happy bunch!” John editorializes. “OK, things are quieting down now and I am getting more...” said John, putting his hand up as if ordering everyone to pause with him. “They say you’re no closer.”

“No closer?” I repeated. “To what?”

“The answers to the UFO question. They say you will not find the answers because you can’t ask the right questions.”

“But the government knows,” I shot back. “They have volumes and volumes of documents hidden away. They must certainly have a good reason to keep all that information secret. They don’t want the truth

revealed!”

John ponders the floor a moment then takes a deep breath of air. I expect a long response. “They’re telling me that the government doesn’t know the answers either,” John begins. “They’re just clouding the issues; protecting the public from a greater mystery by covering up their own inability to reach a resolution because they don’t know either. Why do you think UFOs, the paranormal, ghost chasing, remote viewing, Bigfoot, channeling messages, and every other “scientific” mystery remain unresolved? You can’t comprehend these mysteries deeply enough from your point of reference. There are things that are not revealed to you. Without those pieces, the puzzle will remain incomplete and misunderstood. Take all the videos and sound recordings you want; even soil samples and depositions and you still can not assemble a complete picture. The truth may be out there but that doesn’t mean you can find it or even comprehend it.”

“Wait a minute,” I replied to them through John. “You mean to tell me that you don’t know the truth now?”

As if on cue, John Edward turned his back to me and started talking to one of the cameras that had been stalking him from behind. “We’ll be right back with more Crossing Over.”

Where are we after 50 years of research in the modern era of Ufology? Researchers come and go, and will continue to do so, I expect. Some will explore new ground and others will retrace paths already taken. That there is more “truth” to be known in our universe is a given, but how much of it will we ever know, or comprehend?

That the efforts of researchers is worthwhile is a “gimme.” A desire for answers is one of our most valuable traits; but are researchers “open” enough to consider that what we know, or are capable of knowing in this plane of existence, is not enough to bring the answers to the UFO enigma, or any enigma we face, to light?

There is a time to gather information on these mysteries and there is a time to draw conclusions. Perhaps the most important conclusion we can draw right now is that we do not know enough to draw a conclusion. We must remain open to the possibility that there are things that remain unknowable, at least for now, that are vital pieces of the puzzle.

I was discussing this subject with a friend recently and they made this observation: Does explaining to a primitive tribesman how a turbojet engine works bring that tribesman any closer to knowing what a jet aircraft is or where it comes from? If his perceptions are simply outside his scope of understanding, can he reach a valid conclusion about that shiny silver birdlike creature making the thunder noises?

Perhaps those that have “crossed over” fully understand the universe in which they now exist, or perhaps not. That certainly is another conclusion too pre-mature to draw.

Humans are a curious species and that trait has served us well, for the most part. The desire for answers; “the truth”, pushes us forward to new insights each day. Let’s hope that being “human” doesn’t also flaw our desire to know the truth by bringing “truth” to things we do not yet fully understand. The truth is out there, but are we ready to know it when we see it?

An open mind is a terrible thing to waste.



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UFOs IN SOUTHERN BAJA CALIFORNIA

SANTA ROSALIA, B.C.S - On Thursday night we saw something new and strange that amazed this reporter. The time was 8:30 pm when a plate-shaped luminous object appeared over Sierra de la Reforma, spinning at high speed and heading east from the western reaches of the Gulf of California toward the location known as Las Tres Virgenes. It subsequently vanished as if a large noiseless explosion had occurred. It produced a large, fog-like cloud which covered part of the mountain range in a matter of minutes, which reached this port before dispersing.

This luminous object and its colored lights moved noiselessly, leaving behind a wake similar to that of a comet. It is similar to some cases that have taken place in other countries and have been presented on TV by journalist Jaime Maussan, who speaks of them as extraterrestrial spacecraft.

According to several local witnesses, this is not the first time that [the object] has been seen in the vicinity of ranches adjacent to the Las Virgenes volcano, Santa Rosalia and San Jose de Magdalena. Even some of the parties interviewed after the event agree that they have seen it on other occasions in locations other than the areas indicated.

Yesterday morning, some residents of this port claimed to have seen the same phenomenon described by this reporter; even the Sonora radio station made reference to phone calls received from eyewitnesses claiming to have seen a strange light crossing the skies, coinciding with the characteristics and the time at which the UFO sighting took place, causing controversy in Santa Rosalia and its environs.

In the photos taken by this reporter yesterday it was possible to make out the colors and strange shape of the luminous wake left behind by the object. It was not possible to capture the saucer's image through the lens — this was possibly due to its intense light and speed. What could well have been an alien spacecraft, by mutual agreement of those of us who saw it, occurred over a region to the north of this port city, which can easily be observed from the higher end of the town.

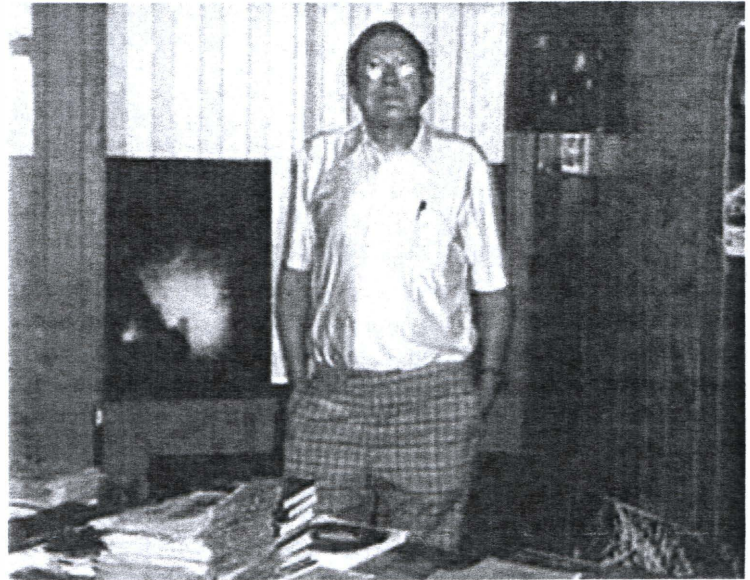
According to our experience, and from what we have seen on television for years, the object was very similar to the vessels that argue for the presence of beings from elsewhere in the universe -- a fact that our minds struggle against accepting until a sighting occurs, like the one experienced by this reporter, and of which we have proof.

(eyewitness report by Nicolás Chaidez)

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Featured Photo



Gray Barker speaks at the 1982 UFO conference in Parma

The late Gray Barker of West Virginia is shown at his Saucerian Publications sales table at the 1982 National UFO Conference, which was held May 29th and 30th at the Parma Memorial Hall. Gray was one of the many featured speakers at the conference which was well attended by the public in spite of tornado warnings and watches on both days. Some of his publications that are to be seen on the table are now quite rare and almost impossible to purchase at any price today.

Gray was one of the early pioneers of the UFO field, having investigated the September 12, 1952 Flatwoods, West Virginia "monster" for FATE magazine. In early 1953 Gray began publishing his SAUCERIAN newsletter for the growing number of people who found the idea of "flying saucers" and possible visitors from outer space fascinating. The SAUCERIAN was always filled with reports of UFOs, speculation as to their origin and Gray's always good natured humor, and continued on in several different versions up until the time of his untimely death in 1984. In 1956, he wrote the best-selling book "They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers" which featured the stories of Albert K. Bender and other UFO investigators who were allegedly "hushed-up" by what we today call the Men In Black. Over the years, Gray also published a good number of books by himself as well as other UFO writers and investigators, all under the umbrella of his Saucerian Publications.

Gray at one time ran a movie theater film booking business, an educational audio/visual equipment business as well as owning several movie theaters. These "regular jobs" helped finance his newsletter and book publishing projects.

One of the other featured speakers was Jim Moseley, who gave a talk regarding his investigation of the 1981 Big Darby Creek Bigfoot and UFO case that was featured in the summer 2005 issue of the MUFON of Ohio newsletter.

— Rick Hilberg

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would have known had you read my ROSWELL and the results of the investigations of Robert Todd.

You cite my 1994 conviction that there were strange bodies involved in the Roswell affair and that they might have been the product of something akin to the radiation experiments that were just then coming to light, conveniently failing to mention this was based exclusively upon my misplaced faith in the truth of Glenn Dennis' claims. Also left unmentioned is all the evidence I (and others) subsequently uncovered and published seven years later in my ROSWELL, revealing the sources and inspiration for Dennis' (and Frank Kaufmann's) convincing, crucially important to the Roswell legend, but bogus stories. Much of this evidence should have but apparently didn't embarrass the hell out of a certain very prominent ufologist.

Silas Newton and Aztec: First a couple of things in themselves minor, but in this context telling. No matter how many times I have told you that J.P. Cahn's second TRUE article about this hoax-scam was published in 1956 (August, "Flying Saucer Swindlers," pp. 36-37, 69-71), you persist in saying it appeared in 1953. Similarly, like the FBI and despite my pointing it out to you, you continue to spell the name of Newton's partner in crime incorrectly. It's GeBauer, not Gebauer.

More important, in your "UFO Review" interview you say that as far as you know, despite his lifelong career as a conman, Newton was never convicted of anything. Yet you know perfectly well he and GeBauer were convicted on fraud charges in December 1953 as a result of their peddling phony oil-finding gadgets supposedly based upon technology recovered from a flying saucer that fell to earth near Aztec, New Mexico.

Still more important, in BS IN THE DESERT and your interview you refer to the handwritten notes (not a diary or journal) made by Newton that I was shown in 1998, in which he claimed to have been contacted by two mysterious agents of the U.S. government who encouraged him to continue telling his tall tales about crashed saucers. You advance this as evidence in support of your notion that crashed-saucer stories were created and have been and still are being used to keep the lid on the truth about Roswell. But it isn't evidence of anything. We don't have the notes. Even if we did, they are the unsubstantiated writings of a totally unscrupulous con artist who most likely was making his agents up out of whole cloth, probably in anticipation of writing a book. At best, this is an interesting addition to the Aztec story and a potential lead to something more.

Which brings me to our collaboration on the book about Newton and Aztec, SILAS THE MAGNIFICENT. Collaboration requires trust. I'm not sure if BS IN THE DESERT reflects amazing credulity, reckless opportunism, or something of both on your part. Whatever may be the case, it hardly inspires trust. Add to this the fact that you didn't even do me the courtesy of letting me know you were working on a project so closely related to ours, not to mention my Roswell work, and "trust" is last word that comes to mind.

Nick, I have no interest in playing Kevin Randle to your Don Schmitt. I am hereby terminating our collaboration. Also, you will recall that I

alone wrote our proposal package, with nary a word contributed by you other than your bio blurb. That proposal is my creation, so if you decide to do an Aztec/Newton book on your own, you may not use anything from it for any purpose.

Finally, a suggestion concerning the sale of movie rights to BS IN THE DESERT: Try Michael Moore first. The quality of your research, rigor of your logic, and spin on your content are right down to his standards.- Regretfully and most sincerely, KARL

Perhaps UFOs Are Really Too Big A Story

by Steven Kaeser, UFO UpDates, September 19, 2005

[The Chairman of the Fund for UFO Research, Don Berliner, is an avid UpDates reader, and uses the Archive to follow posts. He wanted to have the following posted.]

Those of you accusing the press of anti-UFO bias and thus of involvement in some sort of world-wide conspiracy, might consider this:

Several years ago, a columnist for the Washington Post who had shown some interest in UFOs, described to me his and others' lack of serious, objective writing on the subject as the result of concern that UFOs might be too big a story.

He felt that any professional journalist who took a careful look at the subject would almost certainly conclude that there was at least 1 chance in 100 that some UFOs were alien craft. The potential implications of this - professional and personal - would be so great that all other assignments would pale by comparison. He would have little choice but to put all of his effort into digging out this story, and ignore his other responsibilities, be they local news, national news, sports, etc.

This would bring him into direct conflict with his editors, who had not looked into UFOs and seen what he had seen. He would then be faced with a very large decision: should he stick with what could be the biggest story in history and, along the way, lose his professional standing and probably his job? Or should he place his professional and personal obligations (such as feeding his family) first, and set aside this terribly tempting story?

In view of the decades that have passed without the story being broken, a practical reporter would almost certainly set UFOs aside and do the job for which he was hired.

While the concept of any story being too big is anathema to any reporter, the magnitude of this one places it in a unique position."

Roger Sugden, below, was the featured speaker at the MUFON of Ohio meeting October 8th. The story will appear in the Winter 2006 newsletter.

