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NEWSLETTER

Editorial

by Bill Jones, Director

The year of 2004 was a tough one for MUFON of Ohio. We continued to have, for the want of a better description, "bad luck" as far as the Secretary and the Treasurer positions are concerned. But the year ended on a high-note. Two of our members stepped forward to fill each of these positions, and they have since done an excellent job at getting the membership records reconstructed and a new bank account established with financial records that will make sense.

In November Phyllis and Bruce Budinger hosted a MUFON of Ohio state meeting. (See the article at right.) This meeting was well attended and was perhaps the best such meeting that this organization has ever had. It was informative and also fun for those who attended. Ted Phillips is one of the best story tellers that I have ever met, and in the truest sense is living the life of Indiana Jones in his efforts to discover the secret of the Tatra Mountains. (Again, see the article at right.)

Frank Reams has accepted the position of MUFON of Ohio Director of Investigations. As such, Frank will be the focal point of all sighting reports that are funneled through the organization. He has a tough problem to help solve that I first described in the July 2004 Newsletter. In 2004 we received numerous leads to UFO sightings from around the State of Ohio. I think we were very fortunate to have gotten all of these leads. These leads were passed on to the appropriate State Section Directors for follow up. All too often after the leads were sent forward, nothing more was heard, even when follow-up was attempted. Where responses were received from the State Section Di-

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2005 Membership

Membership forms went out by mail and by internet back in November. If you have not already done so, please consider renewing by sending in the form enclosed with your newsletter.

"Welcome" to those of you who have joined for the first time. We hope to see you at some of the meetings being planned for 2005.

Since taking the position of secretary in August, 2004, I have tried to reconstruct the membership list. I am finding that some people are not correctly listed as members, which makes me wonder if some people might be missing from the list altogether. If you know of someone who has been accidentally left out of the mailings, or if you know of any potential new members I should contact, please let me know by writing to our PO Box or emailing thomas2@bright.net.

Jennifer Thomas, Secretary

November Meeting

by Jennifer Thomas & Bill Jones

Between 60 and 65 people attended the MUFON of Ohio State Meeting on November 6th 2004, which took place in the meeting room at the beautiful Eagle Creek Garden Center in Bainbridge, Ohio.

People began arriving around noon. Some brought additions to the food table, others, additions to the UFO sale table, profits from which went to defray costs of the meeting. Many enjoyed a sandwich and snacks while they chatted with old friends and fellow members. The meeting started at 1:00 PM with a few welcoming words by MUFON State Director Bill Jones. Pete Hartinger spoke next, telling the group about the items he brought with him for display, his concern about the lack of public awareness concerning UFO facts, the possibility of having a MUFON of Ohio booth at the Ohio State Fair in 2005, and the new Roundtown UFO Society web site. George Pindroh then spoke for a few minutes about the Cleveland Ufology Project and their upcoming meetings. Phyllis Budinger rose to introduce the main speaker, noted UFO investigator Ted Phillips.



Ted Phillips, above.

Phillips was introduced as a civil engineer, photographer, musician, spelunker, race car driver, and former colleague of the late J. Allen Hynek. He stated that his mission was to get information about UFO incidents out into the public and the UFO research community so that these could be compared to new incidents. Using a projector and a portable computer, he provided photos and diagrams throughout his talk. His first illustration was a chart detailing the number of UFO landing trace incidents worldwide (3,089) that divided these into various defined types.

Ted spoke about J. Allen Hynek, discussing his personality as well as speaking about what it was like to work with him. Ted said that Dr. Hynek loved to get out into the field to investigate cases. Dr. Hynek was an animal lover and would pick up turtles he found on the road as he was driving around the country. He put them in the trunk of his

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rectors, many of the leads went nowhere. This is understandable, and such negative reports are expected and necessary to help clear the books. A few of the leads have inspired further investigations, many of which are still underway. However, all too often, our State Section Directors have not responded at all. I am puzzled why this problem continues, and it calls into question the organization's ability to be an investigative arm of the national MUFON organization. Frank will be working hard to help correct this problem and to encourage people to report back on leads that are sent to them. If these people can't undertake any follow-up, they should at least let Frank and others know about their situation so that someone else might be assigned the case.

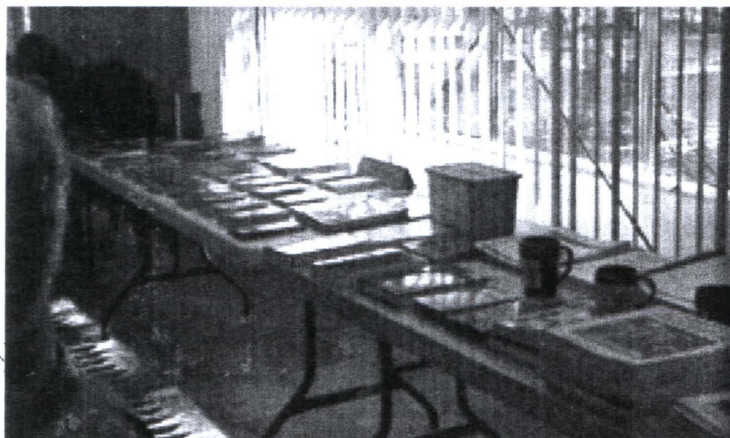
I think it is worth noting that Pete Hartinger, along with Delbert Anderson and Jon Fry, did an excellent job of follow-up in 2004. Several reports were received from these folks, who are both members of MUFON of Ohio, as well as their own local Roundtown UFO Society. Also, George Pindroh is investigating a number of large triangle sightings from the Cleveland area. His final report should be very interesting, and we hope to publish it in the next *Ohio UFO Notebook*.

So as we dig out from Ohio's first winter storm, we look forward to 2005. It should be a much better year for MUFON of Ohio. Planning for a state meeting in Columbus in the spring is underway, as is the planning for another "up north" state meeting in the October/November 2005 time frame. Thanks to all of you who helped bring our organization back to life.

Year's End Treasurer's Report

from Treasurer Rick Hilberg

*Opening Balance 9/25/04	\$491.38
*Deposits - From memberships, book sales, etc.	\$845.00
*Interest Paid on Checking Account	\$.24
*Paid Out - Printing, postage, supplies, book purchases, postal box rent, etc.	(\$585.78)
*Balance as of 12/29/04	\$750.84



The UFO Sale Table at the November Meeting

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car, fed them bits of hamburger, and then released them into waterways. Ted recalled the foul smell of the car's trunk after such trips. The two first met in 1966 when Phillips was asked to analyze the negative of a photo of a UFO taken by campers. The UFO burned up their tent, melting the cots inside and setting nearby trees on fire as it rose and sped away while issuing a humming noise.

The first UFO case Phillips investigated was in 1967, when a farmer witnessed a hovering dome shaped craft with 8 or 10 individuals walking around underneath. The farmer thought these beings were robotic in nature. Ted then went on to discuss a number of physical trace cases from different parts of the world. These include the well known Socorro Mexico sighting, the Ethiopian case where an unknown object destroyed parts of a village, and other cases in France, Canada and Russia.

Ted spent time discussing the Delphos, Kansas case of 1971, which



Pete Hartinger speaking about getting UFO information out to the public, above. (Photo by Richard Lee)

he investigated and subsequently wrote a book about it entitled "Delphos: A Close Encounter of the Second Kind." This book is still available from the Fund for UFO Research and was on sale at the meeting.

(MUFON of Ohio still has copies for sale.) In the Delphos case a domed object was seen by a young man, Ron Johnson, who was tending animals on his family's farm one night. This object rose and moved away, issuing a rumbling and whistling sound. The object was also seen by other members of the family just before it disappeared into the distance. The object left behind a ring of luminous material where it had hovered over the ground, and then deposited some of the same material along its flight path as it left the immediate area. When the father and mother touched the material the skin on their hands became numb. Mrs. Johnson touched her leg with an affected hand and that spot has remained numb to this day.

The family reported that the ring was so bright that a person could have read a newspaper by its light. A Polaroid photo was taken of the ring roughly an hour after the incident, and examination does not show the photo to be hoaxed. Ted took samples of the soil and had the samples analyzed by several laboratories over the years. He described some of the results of these tests. The one striking finding was that the soil was severely dehydrated. Germination tests showed that the soil supported growth to a lesser degree than soil collected from outside the area over which the object hovered, and nothing would grow on the site itself for many years afterwards.

The family dog that was with Ron when the object left the area was temporarily blinded by this event, apparently as the

object took off. A veterinarian subsequently removed a rod like growth from one of the dog's eyes that looked organic and had appendages that appeared like legs. The veterinarian saved this growth, saying that he didn't know what it was. He has since died and the whereabouts of this material is unknown. Whether this strange growth was caused by the event is unknown.

Debunkers have tried to explain away this event, but in Ted's opinion it defies explanation. Ron has been profoundly affected by this event and is reticent to speak much about it to this day, saying that he fears for the safety of his children, but giving no other details. However, when Ron became older and he and Ted were talking about the event, Ted pressed him for more information. Ted wanted to know if anything else happened to him that night before the object took off and the arrival of Ron's parents who responded to Ron's excited call. Ron at first refused to say anything, and then asked Ted if he had ever investigated cases where balls of light came out of a UFO and talked to people. After Ted's reply, Ron said no more. Ted is almost positive that something else happened to Ron that night, but has concluded that Ron may never say any more about this matter.



Frontier Analysis, above. This photo was taken in 2003 after the meeting featuring Nancy Talbot. (Photo by Richard Lee)

After a short break in the proceedings, Phyllis Budinger, of Frontier Analysis, Ltd., gave a report on her independent chemical analysis of six samples of soil from the Delphos site, three of which were control samples taken from outside the affected area. All of these samples were taken by Ted Phillips two months after the event occurred. Her analysis was done in 1999. She states that earlier analyses on the soil provided limited information regarding the molecular composition of the release, and of course lacked the use of developments in scientific procedures that have occurred since they were done. She found the soil to contain high quantities of fulvic acids. Also present is a high level of calcium oxalate, which she speculates was deposited as free oxalic acid that combined with calcium in the ground. Both oxalic acid and calcium oxalate (to a lesser extent) would irritate the skin. She states that oxalic acid would not have been readily available to a Kansas farmer in 1971. She further found the soil still retains its hydrophobic properties after all these years.

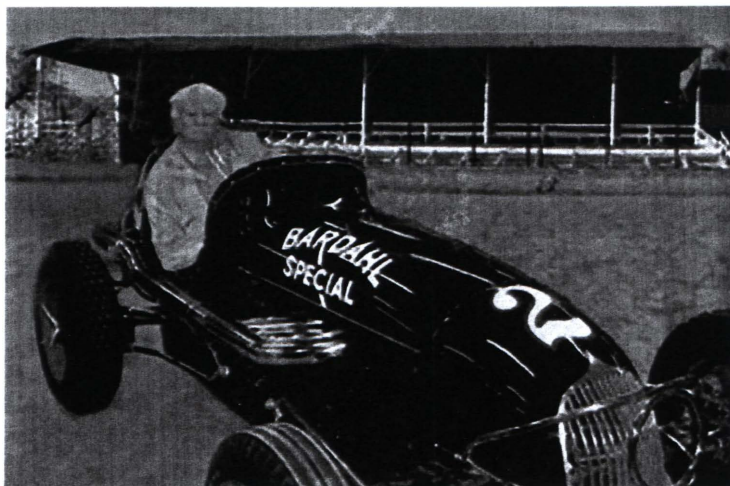
After Phyllis' presentation, Ted spoke about what he calls the "Slovakian Artifact," which he has also been investigating. He had heard stories about a man by the name of Dr. Antonin T. Horak, a

graduate engineer, spelunker and partisan, who fought against the Germans in battle in the area during World War II. Dr. Horak was wounded during one large battle and then subsequently hidden (along with two other partisans) by a local farmer in a cave high up in the Tatra Mountains of Czechoslovakia. At the start of his several day stay in the cave, he was warned by the farmer not to explore the cave because it was "haunted" and dangerous. Of course he became curious and eventually went deep into the cave to look around. He encountered what he described as a large black, glass and Teflon® like smooth "silo" embedded in the rock. He made a number of trips to the back of the cave trying to figure out what the artifact was. On several of these trips, he wiggled through a crack in the structure, exploring and measuring the object. He found a grate-like area, felt heat rising through it, and heard a sound such as a turbine would make.

Dr. Horak had kept a diary during his experience, which he translated and sent to Ted. There was an early attempt to find this cave, but the Russians soon took over Czechoslovakia, making the project too dangerous. It would be 29 years before another try was made.

Ted has since made two trips to the region. He failed to find the cave on his first trip but located it the second time, however not until the last day of his stay. The cave is located in a wooded, nearly inaccessible mountainous region, behind a barbed wired security area still maintained by the Russians. Reportedly the area is sealed off because of the presence of an immense amount of unexploded munitions from World War II. It took seven hours to walk to the site from the village where Ted stayed. When he explored the cave, he found initials and a calendar etched on the walls that Dr. Horak had described, indicating that Dr. Horak had indeed been in the cave and that his story was likely true. Unfortunately, the cave had collapsed, probably due to bombing during WWII. Ted took along an electromagnetic device to the area above the location of the cave, and it registered an EM pulse every two seconds, which might indicate the existence of the turbine-like device which Dr. Horak reported hearing. Ted is hoping to return to Slovakia in the near future, hopefully in 2005, to resume his investigation.

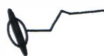
Ted has put some of the documentation of his investigation on CD in



The day after Ted Phillips spoke at MUFON of Ohio's November meeting, he had an opportunity to drive a vintage Bardahl racing car. This is Ted in the car, above.

PDF format, called "Project Tatra." The CD contains a copy of Dr. Horak's diary, describing his exploration of the artifact.

Ted also brought CDs with him featuring other investigations that he has undertaken: "Strange Days in the Marley Woods" about an ongoing investigation in Missouri, "Ghost Lights," about the Joplin Light, Senath Light, Dover Lights and other mysterious lights, and "Physical Traces" presenting 11 of his best UFO physical trace cases.



Phyllis Budinger, Nancy Talbot, and Nick Reiter at Frontier Analysis, Ltd. after the 2003 meeting. (photo by Richard Lee)

Dublin, Ohio Landing – Strange Ending

by Frank Reams and Bill Jones

The following report was made to the UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Washington and it appeared on their Internet site in mid-December, 2004.

The witness reports on December 1, 2004, "It was like something out of a movie; an egg shaped craft actually landed 500 yards away off in a field at 9 AM. I am at work and can't talk, but give me a call and I will give you the rest of the story, You've got to hear this."

Frank Reams found this story and asked me to see if I could get Peter Davenport's help at the Center. I contacted Peter and he gave us the contact information. Frank then sent the identified witness two email messages. He finally responded by denying that he had made the report. Since we had his email and work telephone number, it is unlikely that the report was not made by him. Go figure!

He apparently doesn't want to be involved any further. He has that right, so we are not going to try talking to him again. We have a strange ending to a very intriguing sounding story.

May Meeting Scheduled for May 28, 2005.

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The Journal of Hispanic Ufology

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[Dear readers: this is our fifth year of providing you with on-line reports of "news as it happens". It would not have been possible without your unwavering support. Many thanks and best wishes for the coming year.]

MEXICO: UFOs OVER MEXICO CITY AIRPORT

Aviation technician and UFO researcher Alfonso Salazar Mendoza has informed [sic] reported the following sightings:

On December 20, 2004, the staff at the Mexico City International Airport witnessed a strange flying object shaped like a black-colored saucer with what resembled "a golden spinning top" located on its upper section. It was observed at an altitude of approximately 200 meters at 12:00 hrs.

On December 24, 2004, an aviation technician located unknown traffic flying from east to west, passing very close to an airliner inbound from South America. According to the witness, the UFO stopped and then ascended before vanishing into the heights. This event occurred at 4:30 a.m.

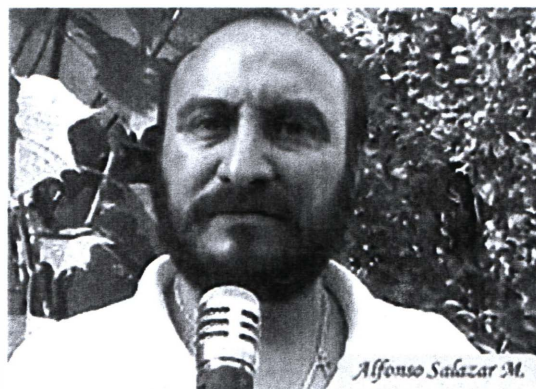
Subsequently, Horacio Rodríguez shot video of a cylindrical object having a metallic appearance to the east of Mexico City.

On December 27, 2004 and at 15:00 hours, a spherical white flying object was seen suspended in the sky for several minutes near the Control Tower at Mexico City International Airport..

All these reports were published in the "La Prensa" newspaper dated November 30, 2004 and written by Pablo Chávez in the General Information Section.

Alfonso Salazar believes that UFO phenomenon to be real, since the airport's radar has detected them repeatedly and he himself has been an eyewitness to unidentified flying objects.

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Alfonso Salazar Mendoza, UFO researcher, above.



UFO Sightings Over Iranian Nuclear Installations

Source: India Daily

<http://216.132.172.10/indiadaily/editorial/12-26a-04.asp>

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UFO Sightings over Iranian nuclear installations =96 Iranian Air Force orders shoot at sight but admits technical inability

Kiran Chaube

Special Correspondent

Iranians complained about Unidentified Flying Objects at very low altitudes around its nuclear installations all around the country. United States has excellent satellite imagery and hence do not need low altitude spy planes to monitor the activities as the Iranian nuclear scientists and engineers as they assemble their nukes.

Sources in Iran say, the Iranian Air Force have admitted these sighting and assuming these are US spy crafts, directed Iranian Air Force to shoot them down at sight.

Sources also reveal that Iranian Air Force have failed shoot down even a single UFO and many in Iranian Air Force are complaining about lack of technical ability in shooting these UFOs down.

Based on current arsenals in Iranian Air Force there is no reason for its inability of shooting down the low flying spy planes.

Iran's air force has been ordered to shoot down any unknown or suspicious flying objects in Iran's airspace, an air force spokesman said today, amid state-media reports of sightings of flying objects near Iran's nuclear installations. "All anti-aircraft units and jet fighters have been ordered to shoot down the flying objects over Iran's airspace," spokesman of the Regular Army Air Force Colonel Salman Mahini said.

Flying object fever has gripped Iran after dozens of reported sightings in the summer and in recent weeks. State-run media has reported sightings of unknown objects flying over parts of Iran where nuclear facilities are located. "The unidentified flying objects could be satellites, comets or spying or reconnaissance crafts trying to monitor Iran's

nuclear installations," Mahini said. "Flights of unknown objects in the country's airspace have increased in recent weeks ... (they) have been seen over Bushehr and Isfahan provinces," the daily Resalat reported today. There are nuclear facilities in both provinces. The timing of the reported increase in sightings, which comes as the United States is urging allies to confront Iran over its nuclear program, has strengthened Iranian public perceptions that the objects are surveillance or hostile aircrafts monitoring Iran. Iran's Air Force chief Gen. Karim Ghavami was quoted in Iranian newspapers Saturday as saying that Iran was fully prepared to defend any threat to its nuclear installations.

But Iranians may be chasing the higher technology extra terrestrial UFOs that they can never shoot down, says some from inside the Iranian Air Force.

It is also a big rumor in Teheran that these UFO sightings started only after Iran secretly started assembling the Nukes in specific facilities.

The UFOs are being seen by military and civilian population but they are only around the nuclear installations that can be used to assemble nuclear bombs.

Notes on Other Ohio UFO Groups

The Roundtown UFO Society (RUFOS) has a new website. You can find it at www.roundtownufosociety.com. The group meets monthly at the Pickaway Public Library in Circleville, Ohio. Contact Pete Hartinger at rufos@roundtownufosociety.com for information.

The Cleveland UFO Project has a website which can be found at www.clevelandufo.com. Their meetings are held the third Saturday of each month. They can be contacted at info@clevelandufo.com

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

17th Annual Big Foot Conference in Ohio

The Conference will be held on May 7th, 2005 at Salt Fork State Park, near Cambridge, Ohio, time to be announced. Larry Lund and Ron Schaffner will be speaking. Keep an eye out for more information at <http://www.angelfire.com/oh/ohiobigfoot/abc.html>

Membership Cards?

This is your chance to voice your opinion

Officers of MUFON of Ohio have been having conversations about whether to issue membership cards, as has been the custom in previous years. Most people who are asked say that their cards are not used and are an unnecessary expenditure. However, one member has expressed a wish to have a card.

What do you think? Please contact the secretary or any of the other office holders to express your opinion one way or the other. If you want to have a card issued to you, please let the secretary know. The cards have been designed but not printed. You can write the secretary at MUFON of Ohio's address or email her at thomas2@bright.net.



The photo above shows the beautiful meeting room at Eagle Creek Garden center, where some MUFON of Ohio meetings have taken place. (photo by Richard Lee)



CHIHUAHUA RESIDENTS EXPERIMENT WITH UFOs

by Ing. Gilberto E. Rivera

INEXPLICATA, The Journal of Hispanic Ufology

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Source: www.elpueblo.com.mx

In mid-April 1997, one Sunday night, a group of girls aged between 15 and 16 decided to tour the outskirts of Aldama, since it is customary among the locals to go out on weekends and have a good time. Riding in a truck, Rosana Madrid and Berenice Lucero Ontiveros, both 15 years of age (at the time), accompanied by 4 girlfriends of similar age and two 10 year-old girls, drove their vehicle along the Aldama-Ojinaga road at approximately 21:40 hours. They noticed that a luminous object was following them — apparently an airplane, and for this reason they didn't pay it much attention.

However, upon approaching the 31.5 km marker, they decided to pull over and take an unimproved road off to the left. Having gone some 200 meters along this road, they turned the engine off to remain there for a while. They then became aware that the object following them was now directly overhead, some 15 meters up in the air.

Rosana and Berenice, who were in the rear of the truck, were able to make a detailed observation in spite of the shock and fear of facing the unknown. The object was bell-shaped, measuring approximately 10 meters in diameter, was metallic and grey-colored and spun on its axis. The object had a rhomboid-shaped base and projected a greenish beam of light that was spinning in a 360-degree angle (sic) and startled the young women with its intensity.

What also drew their attention was the strange noise issuing from the object—a sound they compared with “how air is interrupted due to the wind.” The UFO remained only some 20 seconds above their vehicle when it suddenly ascended into the sky, leaving only a whitish luminescence in its wake.

After interviewing the girls and inspecting the sighting area, Jose Luis Balcorta and Gilberto Rivera, who writes this, reached the conclusion that it would have been impossible for an airplane or airliner be in the area, given the existence of pine trees and the altitude at which the object was hovering.

In the Sierra Tarahumara

Mr. Ramón Murillo Betancourt, a retired Chihuahua railway worker, says that in 1964 he worked and traveled aboard the Topolobampo line (Ch-P) with other co-workers. The time was approximately 23:00 hours when the train was approaching the Sánchez station in the Creel-Divisadero region of Barranca del Cobre. Suddenly, they noticed that at a certain distance ahead on the track, above the pine trees, there was a silvery, disk-shaped UFO measuring some 25 meters in diameter. The view was spectacular for the passengers, since this region is very dark.

Mr. Murillo says that an intense bluish-white, triangular-shaped light descended from the object without touching the ground, but able to illuminate even the train. The sighting time was approximately 3 minutes. The object then moved away to vanish, leaving behind only a triangular luminescence. Among the witnesses to this event he could name Antonio Espinosa Benavides, assistant porter; Humberto

Méndez Pérez, pullman conductor, Alberto Reza Loya and other workers aboard the Ch-P train at the time.

Over Coyame

Mr. Murillo remarks about having had other sightings. In 1966 the Topolobampo line suffered a derailment while on the way from Ojinaga toward the Sierra Tarahumara, between Coyame and Aldama, exactly by the Chapo Station between La Mula and Falomir. The train was carrying some 120 passengers, including a band of norteño musicians.

While the crew awaited the rescue train at approximately 23:00 hours, Mr. Murillo, accompanied by Jesús Villalobos Quinónez, the Express's engineer, witnessed how the train was lit from outer space by a power beam of light, resembling a giant neon projector that shot down from above.

The GIFAE group is currently investigating some very important cases related to the UFO phenomenon, such as the CE-3 experience by a hearing and speech impaired 11 year-old boy, who showed in pictures his encounter with a small Grey-type humanoid. Standing beneath a disk-shaped object, the being gave him a message, apparently through telepathy. This message is written on the drawing and GIFAE is attempting to decipher it to ascertain its content (this case is in the advanced stages of research).

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May Meeting Scheduled with Featured Speaker Donnie Blessing

A MUFON of Ohio meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, May 28, 2005, at the Whetstone Library in Columbus. The meeting itself is tentatively scheduled to start at 1:00 PM, but setup will start at noon. The room has been booked until 6:00 PM. The library is located at 3903 N. High Street, at the Park of Roses.

Donnie's presentation is entitled “Are Alien Abductions a Real Phenomena?”

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

Over the course of the last year Donnie has worked with over a dozen people claiming alien abduction. Most are from Ohio. Donnie works with Peggy Gorsuch, a certified hypnotherapist who has regressed most of Donnie's contacts with amazing results.

Donnie has interviewed these claimants going back in their early childhood and family history. The end result of these interviews has brought forth such information as second generation contact with aliens and “screen memories” of how the beings presented themselves to the abductees when they were children.

Donnie also asks the question, is there a connection between alien contact and Native Americans? To find out the intriguing answers to these and other questions on the subject, please be sure to attend this meeting.