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## NEWSLETTER

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

#### **Neil Armstrong, Len Stringfield and UFO Crash Retrievals**

In the winter 2006 issue of this newsletter I wrote about a story that was told to me by the late Leonard Springfield, who seriously investigated crash retrieval stories back before the public's interest in the Roswell story gave the study of this subject some public validity. During his years of research, Len talked to over 50 people who told him first hand accounts of their involvement with UFO crash retrieval events, the investigation of alien technology, work on alien life forms and so forth. Len kept the identities of these people secret because he promised them he would and a concern that if he violated those promises people would no longer tell him of their experiences.

According to Len, he was approached by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, the astronomy consultant to the US Air Force's Project Bluebook and later the founder of the Center for UFO Studies, and Neil Armstrong, the first man to land on the Moon. They made a request that Len share the identities of his informants with them after his death through the use of his will and a lock box at the bank where Mr. Armstrong served on the board of directors. Len turned them down.

The alleged involvement of Neil Armstrong in this matter and the possibility that his interest was more than just personal caught my attention. I tried to find a way to approach Mr. Armstrong to ask if the story was true. Finally, after attending a meeting at the Ohio Historical Society in Columbus, Ohio on November 10, 2005 where Armstrong biographer Dr. James R. Hansen discussed his book I found my way to Armstrong. I asked Dr. Hansen, and a boyhood friend of Mr. Armstrong who was also at the meeting Mr. Konstantine "Kotcho" Solacoff, to ask him if the story was true. Both replied that they would do this. And so I waited.

Finally on February 16, 2006 I received an email message from Dr. Hansen that read, "Neil tells me he never talked to Hynek or Stringfield. His only encounter with a UFO is the one (during Apollo 11) that I detail in the book."

Before Dr. Hansen wrote this email I had sent him a copy of the winter 2006 issue of this newsletter and an article concerning other astronauts who had seen and/or expressed an interest in UFOs. These

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### **MUFON and SOAAR is proud to present Derrel Sims**

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### **THE ALIEN HUNTER**

Derrel Sims is a Certified Master Hypnotherapist, Certified Hypnotic Anesthetist, Certified Master Neurolinguistic Practitioner, international speaker, licensed private investigator in the state of Texas and researcher of alleged human/alien encounters. His discoveries of the alleged alien implantation and fluorescence found on abductees, following reported contact by alien entities, are but two finds that his Medical/Scientific Team explores.

In 1994, a writer reviewing his work originated the name, "Alien Hunter." Mr. Sims' primary work is gathering physical evidence from cases of alleged human/alien contact. He is an advisor/investigator for the PARSEC organization. This is an Italy based organization of medical doctors, physicists, psychotherapists, and other professionals who invited Sims to come on board in 2000 to use his skills to complete professional investigations in psychological and physical evidence in this work. His presentations to medical, scientific and college conferences as well as the public at large, show compelling approaches to human/alien encounters. His extensive training and experience in investigative approaches and therapeutic interventions allows him to select the right approach for the individual.



*Derrel Sims, above.*

Seating is on a first come first serve basis. No preregistration is required. The program is open to the public.

## Director's Message (continued from page 1)

items hadn't arrived by the time he sent that message, so he assumed that I hadn't received it. So, on February 27, 2006 he followed up with a short letter that read, "Apparently my email messages have not gotten through to you. Both Kotcho Solacoff and I did ask Neil about Leonard Stringfield, and he was emphatic that he never met or talked with him. That is the best I can offer you, I'm afraid. Best of luck in your research. I deeply appreciate the sincerity and kindness of your messages to me."

Thus, this matter is seemingly closed. What are we to make of it? I truly think Leonard Stringfield was as honest as anyone I have ever met, so I don't think he made up the story. I have no reason to believe that Neil Armstrong is any less honest than Len. And I don't think I misunderstood what Len told me or that my memories about this matter are seriously defective. Thus, something is missing here. The only thing that makes sense to me is that, like with Len and his informants, Mr. Armstrong feels duty-bound to not talk about the matter. Thus, what might be considered by some to be a white lie (any other response would be confirmatory) is ethically justified. Thus, because Len and Dr. Hynek are dead, the only confirmation of the story must come from Mr. Armstrong, and that isn't likely to happen.

I did ask Dr. Mark. Rodeghier, Director of the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies, if Dr. Hynek had left any private journals or diaries wherein he might have written comments about Len or Mr. Armstrong. Mark replied, "No, Allen didn't leave anything like a diary, at least that we have at the Center. But there is at least one letter between Allen and Armstrong that makes it clear that they have communicated, if not met."

So, unless some reliable and persuasive evidence is uncovered, this is one more enticing story from the field of ufology that will never be confirmed.

### New Books of Interest

I will leave book reviews to our accomplished expert at this Jon Fry. However, there are several new UFO related books that I can heartily recommend as providing more than a rehash of ufological history or a recantation of UFO sightings. These books each offer something new, and thus are well worth reading.

- (1) Bennett, Colin, *An American Demonology – Flying Saucers Over the White House, Captain Edward J. Ruppelt and the Official UFO Investigation of the United States Air Force*, Headpress/Critical Vision, 2005.
- (2) Redfern, Nick, *On the Trail of the Saucer Spies: UFOs and Government Surveillance*, Anomalist Books, 2006.
- (3) Kelleher, Colm A., Ph.D. and George Knapp, *Hunt for the Skinwalker – Science Confronts the Unexplained at a Remote Ranch in Utah*, Paraview Pocket Books, 2005.
- (4) Willis, James A., Andrew Henderson, and Loren Coleman, *Weird Ohio – Your Travel Guide to Ohio's Local Legends and Best Kept Secrets*, Sterling Publishing Company, Inc., 2005.

### UFO Archives in France

Another archive for the preservation of the UFO literature has been identified. As with the collection that has been established at The

Ohio State University in the Rare Books and Manuscripts division of the main library with the assistance of MUFON of Ohio members, others are working to preserve the UFO literature to make it available to future generations of UFO researchers.

SCEAU is the French acronym for "Preservation and conservation of ufological studies and archives." This association, of which all collaborators are voluntary, has as its goal the long-term preservation of the ufological literature, i.e. the preservation of all books, magazines, letters, investigation reports, newspaper clippings and any other documents (written, audiovisual or electronic) related to UFO research. SCEAU was founded in 1990 in consideration of the fact that, all too often, when someone who has engaged in studying the UFO phenomena dies or ceases being interested, or when a UFO group is disbanded, their documents are dispersed, disappear or are even destroyed by the person's heirs.

SCEAU therefore has undertaken to contact all the persons and groups known to them who are interested in UFOs or related phenomena in France and proposed to them an "archives transfer contract". Under this contract, the donor transfers all or part of his/her archives to SCEAU at the time of his or her choice. This can be immediately, later, or after his or her death. This contract defines the legal conditions of the transfer.

After classification and a detailed inventory of recovered documents, SCEAU places them in the French Public Records network, where everyone has access to the documents, under conditions set by French Law on Archives (notably for protecting privacy) or at more restrictive conditions if so desired by the donor. As for books and magazines that the Public Records are not legally bound to accept, they are deposited in public libraries. A great public library at Metz was given an important collection of several hundred books and magazines on UFOs and related topics. 120 UFO books have been deposited in a university library (at Nice-Sophia Antipolis) and about a hundred in the Maison d'Ailleurs (science fiction museum) at Yverdon (Switzerland). All these "SCEAU libraries" are gradually augmented with other books newly acquired by SCEAU. For all deposits, a contract is signed with the archives centre or the library, ensuring the durability of the deposit and defining the consultation conditions. SCEAU stands as an intermediary between the donor and the archives centre or the library.

This association publishes a yearly bulletin giving the complete inventory of archives preserved during the year. SCEAU has established links with the SHG (Sign Historical Group: [www.project1947.com/shg](http://www.project1947.com/shg)) and the AFU (Archives for UFO Research Foundation: [www.afu.info](http://www.afu.info)), which pursue similar aims in the United States and Sweden, and maintains contacts with foreign searchers, notably in Belgium, Italy and Switzerland.

Paper mail address: SCEAU/Archives OVNI, B.P. 19, F 91801 BRUNOY CEDEX, France. E-mail address: [sceauarchivovni@yahoo.fr](mailto:sceauarchivovni@yahoo.fr)

We in MUFON of Ohio welcome SCEAU to this most important endeavor.

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## The Exchange of MUFON State Newsletters

MUFON of Ohio is working to get agreement with other state and regional MUFON organizations that issue electronic newsletters to exchange their newsletter for ours so that they can be made available to our respective members as another "perk" of membership. By exchanging newsletters, each state or region will learn more about what the other organization is doing, will encourage interstate cooperation, and will promote international MUFON.

Agreement has already been reached with Michigan MUFON for the exchange, and talks have been initiated with Minnesota MUFON. We have contacted MUFON Hq. to determine if other MUFON state and regional organizations have electronic newsletters. As soon as the details can be worked out each Ohio member with email capability will be periodically receiving other state newsletters. The unknown at this point is the number of such newsletters. As of now, we know of our own, Michigan's and Minnesota's. We will keep you informed of how this initiative progresses.

## Shoe Shaped UFO Seen Over Circleville, Ohio

By Pete Hartinger, Jon Fry and Delbert Anderson  
Roundtown UFO Society and MUFON of Ohio

Mr. Glenn Cook lives in the Elesa Mobile Home Court at 210 Villa Court in Circleville. He reported to Pete Hartinger within a few hours of the sighting that he saw a strange object from the bedroom of his mobile home on February 14, 2006 at around 4:30 am.

Mr. Cook usually awakes up at about 5:30 am every morning, but for some reason he awakened early on this morning. As is his usual pattern when he awakes, he looked out the window of his bedroom mobile home, which faces southwest. As he was looking around he saw a dark stationary object over a pine tree in his yard. It was at an elevation of 45 degrees. Mr. Cook thought it was an airplane at first and then realized that the shape wasn't right for an airplane. It was shaped like a squared off shoe. After watching it for ten minutes or so he decided to get out of bed to try to get a better look at it.

Before his feet hit the floor several lights appeared. They were very bright and white in color. They didn't appear to have beams, but looked more like bright lights behind portholes on a ship. These lights were visible for 15 or 20 seconds and then went out. They and the dark object, which may have been behind whatever held the lights, were gone. Mr. Cook sat on his bed for about an hour trying to figure out what he had seen and waiting for its possible return.

No sound was heard during the event. The lights appeared to be about the size of a quarter held at arms length. The dark object was smaller.

A check of star charts revealed that the Moon was about 15 degrees to the west of the object, which the witness said that he saw at the time. The sky was somewhat overcast. The only other bright object in that general area of the sky at that time was the star Spica in the constellation Virgo. It would have been east of the object.

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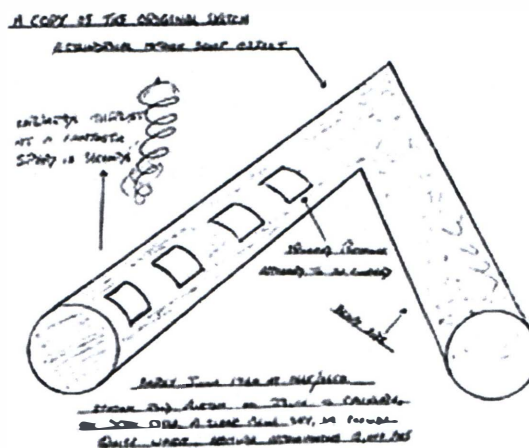
## MUFON of Ohio Member Recalls Sighting

by Scott Santa

Although I've been an active member of MUFON since 1983 and submitted a sighting report to CUFOs in 1984, this is the first time I've ever related my UFO experience in narrative form. I have discussed it with less than a handful of people. This usually happens when people find out I'm a MUFON investigator and independent researcher, and they ask the obvious, "Have I've ever seen one?" Rarely, if ever, have I answered that question with the details that follow. But before I start, let me give the reader some background.

My interest in this subject goes back to my earliest memories. In fact it was the 1956 United Artists' movie titled *UFO - The True Story of UFO's*, with actor Tom Towers portraying Al Chop that really introduced me to the subject of UFOs. I may have been around 7 or 8 years old, say in 1962/63 when I saw that movie on late night TV, and I haven't looked back since I was entirely and absolutely hooked. I read what books I could find, even comics such as, "Flying Saucers Comics, UFO & Outer Space, and UFO Flying Saucers. I continued to read UFO related articles and books throughout my childhood and on through high school.

On February 20th of this year I received an email from Bill Jones asking for help, along with other Ohio MUFON members, in an investigation by the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies of a 1973 sighting in the Columbus Ohio area. The artist's rendition that was attached to the email is the closest approximation that I have EVER seen in the literature of the object I was privy to witness in the summer of 1974. I told Bill about it and he asked me to write about my experience.



Artist's sketch of object seen in Columbus in 1973.

It was during my first year of college at the University of Akron in 1974 I saw "something" that is as vivid today as it was when I first saw it (even though I had a memory lapse immediately following the sighting). It was August I believe; I do not recall the exact date. I was at the Ascot Drive-In movie theater in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio that has since been torn down and replaced by housing. I was with a friend, who will remain anonymous mainly because I lost contact with him shortly after the event.

The cars were facing in a NNW

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direction. It was a beautiful summer evening, absolutely clear, lots of stars, just perfect! At some point during the first movie I heard cars blowing their horns and then the movie stopped, the screen went completely blank and the concessions stand went dark. At this point I exited my car and saw an object coming directly over top of the drive-in screen from a NW direction. I yelled at my friend to get out and look, which he did.

I also noticed most of the other patrons were out of their vehicles and looking upwards at the object. After the lights went "dark" I got a really strange feeling, which I believe has since been identified as the "OZ" effect. The environment became totally silent. I could not even hear anyone talking. My eyes were glued to this object, and I felt as if I were in a vacuum of sorts. It is a feeling difficult to describe.

What I saw was a chevron boomerang type craft. It was completely black, like a black hole in the night sky. There were no external lights, but there was a "hint" of windows or portholes on the front part of the object as it was facing me. The object appeared to be "floating" rather than flying. It floated extremely slowly in a direct manner; it did not change its path of flight from the moment I first saw it. It gave me the impression that it was huge. The typical description of 3 football fields would be a good approximation. It was difficult to gauge the altitude, but I had the feeling that I may have been able to hit it with a rock. It appeared to be that close!

At this point in time I had a realization that what I was seeing was NOT fitting into my frame of reference, meaning that I could not identify it and it resembled nothing from my prior experience. The intrusion of this object into my psyche and my inability to define it or put a name to it puzzled me, and gave me the big-time creeps! I was momentarily more than a little scared. The object's flight path took it directly over the top of my car. I recall asking my friend if he was seeing what I was and he replied in the affirmative, although I never took my eyes off the object while I asked. The object moved over the back fence of the theater. I watched the object continue on until I lost sight of it at the horizon as it was moving in a SSE direction. I estimate the duration of the sighting to be around 15-20 minutes. The speed of the object remained constant throughout the event.

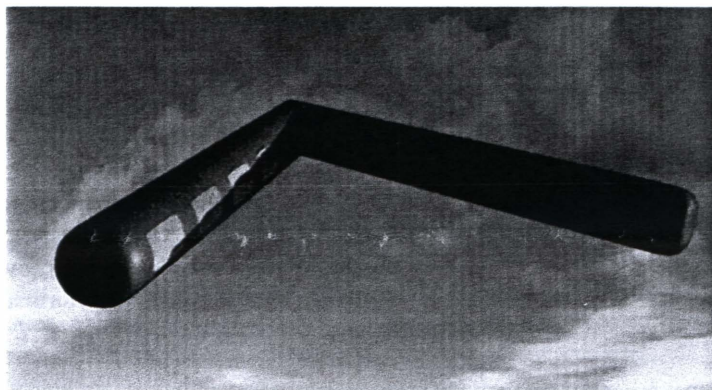
After I lost sight of the object, I got back into my car and sat down. At this point, the movie flicked back on, the concession stand and all associated lights came on and it was as if nothing had ever happened. None of the other patrons came out to talk about what they had seen. It was as if everyone just returned to their cars and went back to watching the movie. My friend and I never spoke about the sighting for the rest of the evening. I recall feeling rather robotic as we left the movie. Strangely I seemed to have forgotten the entire incident for about 2 years.

As best I can recall, I remember seeing a copy of Brad Steiger's book "Project Blue Book" in a store in 1976, which I purchased. Reading this book seemed to bring the recollection of this incident back to the forefront of my memory, where it has remained.

I have often wondered if something more than just a sighting occurred that night. I've even considered putting an ad in the local paper to see if anyone else in Cuyahoga Falls, where I still live, may have been there that night and could corroborate my experience. But after considering this for some years, I'm not sure I'm either ready or

willing to see what responses an ad like that would precipitate in this day and age. I've decided to content myself with the experience and count myself lucky to have witnessed something extremely strange.

According to UFO researcher David Sankey, a similar object was seen in England in June of 1960. It was observed on by a Tommy Dunford on Cricklade Road, Purton, Wiltshire, England. It was a cylindrical shaped silver object, with what appeared to be square port-hole type windows. Only the one side was observed.



*Rendering of Object seen in the UK. This has similarities to the object seen by Scott Santa.*

David Sankey, along with John Hanson and Dawn Holloway, are working on a book with the working title of Haunted Skies, will feature this sighting in the book, which will include accounts of unexplained objects in the sky over the United Kingdom. It is found that this publication will eventually consist of five volumes. Mr. Sankey's website with wonderful drawings of sightings can be found at [www.davidsankey.com](http://www.davidsankey.com).

## Indy UFO Conference

### Hosted by Bookman Publishing & Marketing

The INDY UFO Conference will take place on May 21, 2005. You can find more information at [www.indyufo.com](http://www.indyufo.com). Speakers are being added daily; *John Greenewald*; [www.blackvault.com](http://www.blackvault.com) was recently added.

## Death of James Bond Johnson

James Bond Johnson passed away recently. Bond was the photographer of the 1947 Roswell UFO Crash wreckage which was taken in the office of General Ramey in Fort Worth, Texas. He was a former UFO UpDates List member and contributor.

## Other Ohio UFO Groups

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

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

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





## Oberlin University's Connection to Ufology and Introduction to the Lecture by Richard Dolan

By Cassandra Klesch

*Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio* - On April 9, 2006 The Cleveland Ufology Project, (CUP), and The Mutual UFO Network of Ohio (MUFON of Ohio), hosted Richard Dolan author of *UFOs and the National Security State, Chronology of a Cover-up 1941-1973*, a thorough history of the cloak and dagger behavior of our government regarding UFOs. The program was organized by Aaron Clark, an Oberlin College staff member. Clark teaches a ufology class at Oberlin as part of the college's experimental programs. The lecture was geared to enhance Clark's students' awareness of government deception regarding ufology to his students.

Clark opened the program with enlightening information directly linking ufology to Oberlin. Both Dr. John Mack, Pulitzer Prize winner and Professor of Psychiatry at the Harvard Medical School, and author of *Passport to the Cosmos*, and Budd Hopkins, author of *Intruders* and *Witnessed*, are former students at Oberlin College. Edward Condon was a visiting professor of physics. Condon was the director of the dismissive 1968 Condon Report, based on data collected by Project Blue Book, 1951 - 1969.

As a student of the Cold War, Dolan has an interest in government cover-ups and clandestine operations. His interest in ufology was peaked by Timothy Good's book *Above Top Secret*.

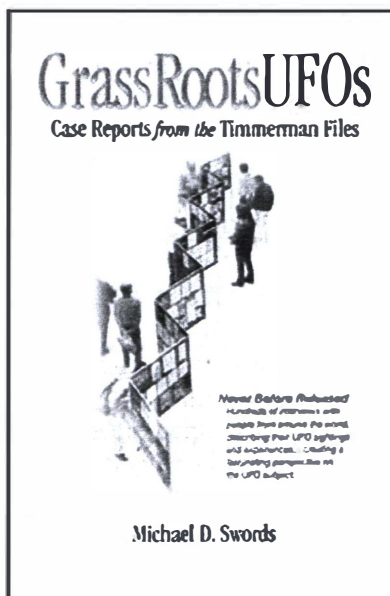
Dolan's lecture delivered some basic information enhancing Clark's students' core of knowledge. Substantiating the conspiratorial tone of government operations with layer upon layer of cloak and dagger type infrastructures, Dolan began his talk with a real shocker. Catherine Austin Fitts, a Wharton graduate and Assistant Secretary of Housing and Federal Housing Commissioner during the first Bush Administration, discovered \$313 trillion, unaccounted for in govern-

ment "black budgets." According to Dolan, NASA has billions of dollars unaccounted for and the money is buried in private bank accounts and "deep black" projects. "What happened to the money? Where did it go?" Is this the funding source for exotic technology, and biological and technological recovery of alien life?

*editor's note: There will be a report on the lecture in the summer, 2006 issue of the newsletter.*

### Members to Receive Earl Neff Booklet

Bill Jones, our Director, will be mailing out a reprint of a booklet by UFO Legend Earl Neff to members. The booklet was put together with help from our Treasurer, Rick Hilberg. Bill is heading for Australia for a vacation soon, so the mailing will take place in June.



*John Timmerman is a long-time MUFON of Ohio member as well as a member of CUFOS (Center for UFO Studies). This book may be ordered through CUFOS for \$20.00 plus \$2.00 P&H. The CUFOS website is [www.cufos.org](http://www.cufos.org). If you aren't connected to the Internet and are interested in an order form, you can contact Jennifer Thomas, at 740-965-6656. Other items associated with the book, such as copies of audiotaped voices and typed conversations, are also available.*

### 2006 Membership Application MUFON of Ohio

To join, send \$25.00 in annual membership dues and this form to:

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Check or money order only, please  
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**Please answer the following questions about email and enter your email address above.**

Will you accept announcements and notices about future events and meetings by email?    Y / N (circle one)

Will you agree to receive an electronic version of the newsletter?    Y / N (circle one)

If you answer "N" to the above, you will receive that item via US Postal Service.

# The UFO Wave Of October 1973

by Pete Hartinger,

Roundtown UFO Society, Circleville, Ohio

www.roundtownufosociety.com

31 years ago, there were massive sightings of UFOs from a large part of the United States. A few years ago, MUFON of Ohio collected newspaper articles from around the state of Ohio that were written during the UFO wave of October, 1973. I have the 133 pages of these Ohio newspaper articles.

One interesting newspaper article stated that Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, near Dayton, Ohio, kept the official Air Force log on UFOs for 23 years, until the project ended in 1969. In those years, 12,618 UFO sightings were reported and 701 were never identified. "None of these," the study said, "gave any indication of a threat to our national security."

Many Circleville residents will remember this time period because this was the year that Pat Boone visited the Pumpkin Show. Massive UFO sightings also occurred during the time of the Yom Kippur War in the Middle East.

In the early morning hours of Oct. 16, area residents and two city police officers saw a strange phenomenon near Circleville. A local resident called authorities at 4:23 a.m. to report a large golden object in the sky southwest of the city. The two police officers were dispatched to the scene and both reported seeing a large gold object in the sky. It appeared to be emitting a large red plume and was moving in circles.

One of the best documented military UFO sightings on public record occurred on the night of Oct. 18, 1973. It was carried in many of the country's newspapers at that time.

An U.S. Army Captain and three Army reservists saw a mysterious craft (UFO) that flew past their helicopter. The helicopter was flying

about 2,500 feet. Coyne said crew members saw a cigar-shaped object "unlike anything produced on earth." It had a glowing, steady red light on its leading edge. A green light emitted from the rear of the craft which filled their cabin with a green glow. The crew first thought it was a radio tower. Suddenly, they realized the light was coming toward them. Captain Lawrence J. Coyne grabbed the controls and dropped the helicopter in a shallow dive. Crew members estimated that the object was moving at more than 600 miles per hour, twice the legal speed limit in the controlled space at that level. "It looked like a fighter plane coming straight for us," said Coyne, a veteran of 19 years in military flying. "I took immediate evasive action. I cut the power and dropped into a shallow dive. We dropped to 2,000 feet and we braced for impact." Coyne said the approaching craft appeared to stop momentarily about 500 feet overhead and banked to one side. He said he glanced at the altimeter and noticed that the helicopter had risen to 3,800 feet. None of the crew felt the gravitational pull normally felt when a helicopter rises, he added. "We felt a bounce, and then the other craft took off to the northeast."

Coyne's helicopter was near Ashland County during the UFO encounter. Ashland County Sheriff's deputies also had a UFO sighting that night. Later, ground witnesses in the vicinity of the sighting reported either seeing the helicopter and UFO or the strange green light. They also heard the helicopter noise overhead at the same time.

Ironically, Captain Coyne was later promoted to Lieutenant Colonel (two grades) before he retired. Apparently the military felt he was very competent. He also was part of a concerned group of people who made a special presentation about unidentified flying objects to the United Nations on Nov. 27, 1978.

Another famous case occurred during this 1973 time period. Two men claimed they were taken aboard a UFO near Pascagoula, Mississippi. To this day they have stuck to their story.

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## MUFON OF OHIO

## 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)

MUFON of Ohio Newsletter

Lectures/Presentations

Group research projects

Individual research projects

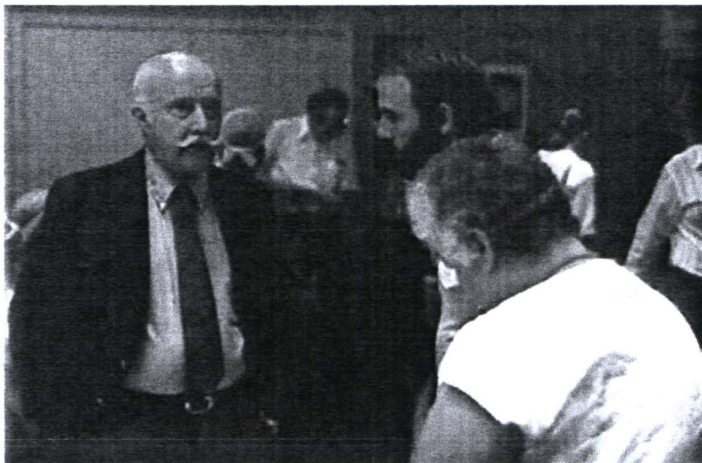
County responsibility for monitoring UFO events

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## Featured Photo - 1990



*Charles Berlitz at the 1990 NUFOC*

Charles Berlitz is shown speaking with several of the attendees at the 1990 National UFO Conference in Miami Beach, Florida. One of the featured speakers at the convention, Berlitz is probably known for his best selling "The Bermuda Triangle", the first book propel the "Triangle Mystery" to prominence during the 1970s. Even though that by 1990 most of the key cases regarding the Bermuda Triangle had been generally solved to the satisfaction of most researchers, Berlitz continued to lecture on the subject at numerous UFO and fortean gatherings all around the country, Miami Beach being no exception. Although the Triangle was indeed old news, most in attendance generally enjoyed his presentation.

After "The Bermuda Triangle" was published in 1974, Berlitz went on to pen several other books on the Bermuda Triangle theme, as well as collaboration with William Moore on "The Roswell Incident" and "The Philadelphia Experiment: Project Invisibility."

Other speakers at the 1990 NUFOC included Ed and Frances Walters of Gulf Breeze fame, William Nash of the famous 1952 Nash - Fortenberry airline UFO encounter as well as 1950s "contactees" Howard Menger and Frank Stranges.

Perhaps the thing that I remember most about the 1990 NUFOC is the midnight skywatch held on the beach itself, attended by at least a hundred people and hosted by Ed and Frances Walters. No, nobody saw anything other than aircraft and stars, but it was a wonderful time for general fellowship and talking about our favorite subject.

- Rick Hilberg

### 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.

## DENTAL TECHNICIAN SAYS "MANDIBLE" MAY BE ALIEN

By CNI News — Vol. 2, No. 16, Part 2 — November 1, 1996

### Part Two

**MUFON of Ohio Editor's note:** The first part of this story appeared in the winter 2006 newsletter and was an interview with the main witness. Part Two is the interview with two other individuals, who also claim to be familiar with the object.

#### Introduction:

*John K. Mosgrove is a former dental technician. In 1979, while working at a Veterans Administration hospital in Dayton, Ohio, he was assigned the task of replicating a strange mandible. Under orders to remain silent, he told no one about these events for over 14 years.*

*In early October, 1996, CNI News editor Michael Lindemann interviewed John Mosgrove by phone, then interviewed newsman Carl Day and another dental technician, Bruce Phillips, who is also familiar with the mandible.*

*Michael Lindemann's comments are in brackets. All other text is directly quoted from the interview subjects.*

[After interviewing John Mosgrove, Michael Lindemann talked with Dayton television newsman Carl Day about his own investigation of the mandible case. Day said that Mosgrove had first called him after Day broadcast a news report on "legends of Wright Patterson." Day interviewed Mosgrove on camera in February of 1995. However, in the news special that he later broadcast, he did not show Mosgrove's face or use his true name. Following are excerpts of Carl Day's remarks to Michael Lindemann.]

Carl Day: I took an open minded view of everything. I checked John out, talked with people who'd worked with him, double checked at the VA hospital (Brown Hospital in Dayton). Yes indeed, he had worked there during that time period. Yes, people remembered him. No, he was not crazy — things like this. Then when I spent time with John in his home, I just let him talk, and it was an absolutely amazing story. He was the first to admit he didn't have any idea what [the mandible] was.

[By the time Day met Mosgrove], Len Stringfield was dead, so I thought somebody's got to pick up the ball and see if we can get some more answers. So I told [John] I would, and he gave me a copy of [the mandible]. I've since taken it around to anthropologists, archeologists, forensic dentists — and to date, nobody has really given me an answer as to what it is. At one of the museums where I was talking to several anthropologists, we went through all of their books together, trying to find a match. The closest we could find was a lemur. But the teeth don't match. The shape of the jaw also does not match. There's a lot of stuff that doesn't match. I don't know what it is. And the circumstances around it... it is either a very elaborate hoax — perpetrated in this case not by John, but by whoever the officers were, for whatever purpose — or he's on to something, and somebody goofed. It still raises a heck of a lot of questions.

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## **Mandible (continued from page 7)**

A friend of mine is one of the leading dentists in Ohio. He's seen it and he's fascinated by it. Can't come up with anything there. I've got an appointment in the next few weeks with a gentleman who specializes in reconstruction — they find bones out in the field somewhere, and it's his job to reconstruct it to what it probably was. He's anxiously waiting to look at it. But so far nobody has been able to give me any answers.

At this point, the weight is still toward the unknown, rather than toward the known... A lot of these people I've talked to are very reliable individuals, and there is something going on. I don't know what. There's a lot going on at Wright-Pat. I had sources at Wright-Pat that were pretty reliable who really wanted to get to the bottom of it. Even with their clearances, they couldn't find anything.

[At the urging of John Mosgrove, Michael Lindemann also interviewed another dental technician, Bruce Phillips, who lives in Richmond, Indiana, and has seen the mandible. Following are excerpts from that interview.]

Bruce Phillips: I came in contact with the mandible from John. He showed it to me one day and asked me to take a look at it to see if I've ever seen anything that looked like it, like a chimpanzee or a gorilla mandible or whatever. I looked at it real well and looked into some books to see if anything could possibly resemble the shape of this mandible, and I haven't come across anything yet. I do have my degree in dental technology. We did study a bit about different mandibles.

I don't think anyone knows what it is for sure. With the story John has, it being so secretive, I have to think it would be something in the classified area. There's no other reason for the officer to come back in and destroy the impression, crumple it up.

I was stationed at Wright-Pat from the latter part of 1971 to 1975. I have a suspicion that they were keeping evidence of ...crashes there. When I was stationed there and working in the dental clinic — this would be late 1974, probably — I was cleaning teeth then, and I got people from all different parts of the base as patients. I had an officer, a Major, come in. And [at that time] there was speculation in the local paper that there were aliens being kept on base to be analyzed. I was not a believer then. I just kind of made a joke with that officer who came in, because it was supposed to be in his area — I think it was the AFIT organization — where they were supposed to be kept. And I was joking with him. I said, "What about those little green men you're supposed to be hiding? Is there any truth to that?" He got a real serious look on his face, looked over at me and said, "I'm not going to say that it is true, and I'm definitely not going to say that it's not true." He was totally serious. Why he said that to me, I have no idea. I think he was wanting to tell somebody. That's the only thing I can think of. I said, "Can you give me a little bit further... Are you serious?" He said, "That's really all I can say." I said, "Jeez, you're saying that if it definitely wasn't true, you would say it wasn't true." And he said, "Yes." I could not believe what I was hearing, actually. That kind of stuck with me.

That kind of relates back to John's story of the mandible. He was

working at the VA in Dayton at that time. It would make sense that if anything was going to be poured up, they would not do it in the dental clinic [on base], because it would just spread all through the organization. So they took this thing off base to the VA center to get poured up, hoping that no one would think anything of it. That's the only thing I can come up with.

They had a wonderful dental facility on base. But with the rumors going on base, if we bring something that they're not used to seeing, and be all secretive, it would spread like wildfire. This is only my speculation.

I would say [the creature] was a vegetarian. The teeth that were left in the mandible were all flat-planed, which would mean that there was no reason for incisors to tear. Just a kind of grinding was all they would need, which would mean to me that they were plant eaters. The most striking part of the thing was the shape of the mandible. If you would put tissue on this — you know how you see on TV when people have drawn aliens and they all have little, real pointed chins — that's exactly how it would look. You would have a pointed, very small chin area, and wider where it connected to the temporal mandibular arch.

Nothing I've ever seen looks like it. Can I say it's alien? No. But I have to say there is something hush-hush about this mandible. Putting two and two together, that makes me very suspicious.

*Editorial Comment:* This is an old story that seems to have dropped off of the UFO radar screen in recent years. We are offering this article at this time so that, (1) those people who are new to ufology will be aware of the story, (2) in case anyone out there has new information about the story, and (3) most importantly because of its Ohio connection. I hope you will find the story of interest and possibly decide to investigate the story further. (WEJ)

## **UFO Wave (continued from page 7)**

In the middle of October, several witnesses observed UFOs over or near Greenfield, Ohio. These UFO sightings went on for a few days and included a police officer that observed them. He described his UFO, as being egg shaped with a glow around it. This was covered by front page headlines in the Greenfield Daily Times newspaper.

Governor Gilligan of Ohio also reported seeing a UFO one night while driving home from Michigan. He described it as an amber colored vertical beam of light.

The Associated Press reported on Oct. 19, 1973 that the 2 Skylab astronauts in debriefing sessions told of seeing a mysterious red-disk object in space, the space agency reported. The disclosure came amid a new nationwide rash of sightings of unexplained aerial objects.

The Center for UFO Studies reported that they had close to one thousand UFO sighting reports during this month of October, the highest amount received in such a short time. Since October 1973 there have been thousands of UFO sighting reports from around the world, but none have had the newspaper coverage like the Wave of October 1973.

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