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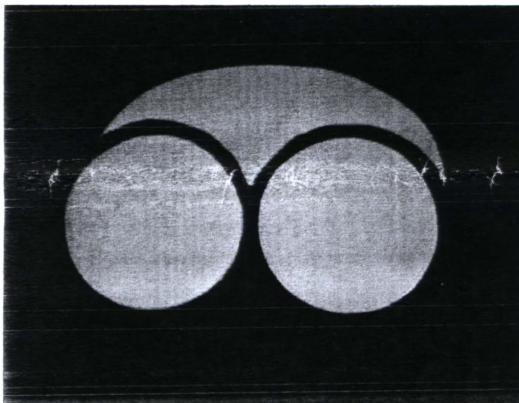
NEWSLETTER

Unusual Object Seen in Texas

By Tom Bowman

My experience with a UFO happened just after dusk on Saturday, January 8th, 2006 at Destination South Padre RV Resort located almost at the south tip of South Padre Island, Texas, across the causeway bridge from Port Isabel.

I was walking through the campground with my wife and friends, Stan and Rita Zylowski of Atlanta, Georgia, on our way to a bay side restaurant called "Fish Bones." I happened, for no reason, to look up to the north toward the bridge. At an estimated 30-40 degrees above the horizon, I saw two large (I estimate 4 feet in diameter, but could have been 6 feet as I later thought about it), bright lime green circles and a matching eyebrow stationary in the sky. There was no sound and no motion to the object. I probably watched the object for an estimated five seconds when it descended into the south bay area approximately 2/10's mile north of where I was walking. From the land position I had, and because of other RV's in the campground, I did not see the object hit the surface. I felt it must have come down in the water as the bay is adjacent to the campground.



Tom Bowman's illustration of the object he saw.

I hate to admit that during these few seconds I did not mention what I was experiencing to any of those walking with me. A cardinal sin, I know. I had fallen a few steps behind the others and was totally awe struck with what I was observing. When the object disappeared at the surface there was no sound, no splash, no crash, and no change in the night lighting.

I later checked with the campground office and was advised the area coast guard station sometimes have night rescue missions and this

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OCCUPANT ENCOUNTER OF 1967 -

A Homegrown Event!

by Scott J. Santa

While discoursing on UFO's with Bill Jones and Rick Hilberg, a 1967 UFO landing event that took place approximately 2 1/2 miles from my home came to the forefront of my memory and Bill encouraged me to write an article about this event for our newsletter. Here is the story.

This is the account of a Mr. David Morris of Munroe Falls, Ohio of what may be the first case on record to involve physical injury to an occupant of a disc. A case that Rick Hilberg feels "never received the publicity and attention it deserved," although Rick was quick to point out, the reason was probably that the event may have been too "way out" for the era in which it took place.

The year was 1967, March 28th. Mr. David Morris, 20 years of age, a finish grinder at Lamb Electric in Kent, OH ended his shift at 2 a.m., and headed for home, driving Rt. 59 West, making a left onto Marsh Road, heading south on a short cut to N. River Road, a route he customarily took to avoid RT 59 traffic, which would take him directly into Munroe Falls. After turning right onto N. River Road, David Morris' world changed.

Morris stated he was driving slower than usual this night due to foggy conditions. After driving down into a small gully, the road begins to rise, then levels out. At approximately 2:20 a.m. after coming up out of the gully, Morris spotted an orangish-red glow off to his left, which Morris said he thought it might be a house or barn on fire. He automatically slowed his 1964 Chevy. Perhaps a home had been struck by lightning, as there were electrical storms the evening before. When he topped the crest of the hill he saw a glowing 'wedge or cone-shaped' object 25 to 30 yards off to his left and south of the road, in a wheat field. It appeared to Morris to be about 25 feet tall and 12 feet wide at the base. On top of the object where the triangular shape came to a point, was what appeared to be a ball-shaped object. The object appeared to be translucent, as though the light, intense yet soft and uniform throughout, were being viewed through frosted glass. As Morris pulled his eyes from the object and looked back at the road, his curiosity turned to horror. About 45 to 50 feet in front of his car were 4 or 5 small figures approximately 3 to 4 feet tall with oversized or disproportionately large heads, which gave off the same

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may be what I observed. I went over to the coast guard station and talked with them regarding the incident. They did not have any missions that night, but did contact the station at Corpus Christi, who said they had a "Falcon" chopper up that night but not in that location or at that time. (I had estimated the time as after 6:30 P.M. as best I can recall but do know it was dark in the sky.) I would have heard the sound of a chopper, noticed lights from a parachute, or noticed its horizontal movement during the descent, but this object was stationary. There was no movement at all as it hung in the sky for some seconds before it descended. I can best describe the descent of the object as that of an elevator, slow but steady.

PORT ISABEL, TX.

SOUTH BAY

OCEAN MARINA CATHWAY

LAGUNA MADRE

SOUTH MADRE ISLAND

Immediately after the object disappeared I asked the small group of people with me, "Did you see that?" Sadly, no one had. When talking to John Timmerman about the event, we commented that when you experience something like this, and it is so close, that all you can think of is just to watch, not to speak or take photographs, to just enjoy the moment.

340' MI.

30-35°

QUEEN ISABELLA CAUSEWAY

SOUTH

ELEVATION.

orangish-reddish glow as the object sitting in the wheat field. Morris stated that he did not know if the little beings had headpieces on or not, but that their heads were abnormally large. The bodies appeared to be of stocky build and were definitely humanoid in form. He could not distinguish the clothing, but had the impression that they were wearing an all-encompassing piece, such as a coverall.

That afternoon, accompanied by a friend, Morris went back to the spot, but found no evidence of the previous night's occurrence except his car's skid marks. The field where the cone shaped object had been seen yielded no evidence of it's presence. There were no footprint or other indications of the little creatures, or of the one that had been struck down. There were 3 dents in the front bumper and right headlight ring, all of which had been inflicted with the previous 24 hours, Morris stated, because he washes his car daily, and the dents had not been there the day before.

- a) Morris had the impression that the cone-shaped object was hovering 2 to 3 feet above the ground.
- b) That its light came from within the object.
- c) The object did not move, nor did the glow change in intensity.
- d) No markings were observed, no windows, no doors, and no sound.
- e) He did recall an odor resembling "hot brass," admitting it could have come from his car, but did not believe that was the case.
- f) Morris' car was not affected by the object, lights and engine functioned normally.
- g) No sensation of heat, but he felt "cold and clammy" after the experience of seeing the beings.

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Encounter of 1967 (continued from page 2)

Everyone who was questioned about Morris' honesty and reliability gave him high marks. It was the consensus of his friends, co-workers, and the investigator that he was describing an actual experience. NICAP's Occupant panel review included the following;

"The reaction of the boy [Morris] is very believable, especially to the hit-and-run sequence," said Dr. Norman S. Wolf. The reddish color of the figures could have been a reflection of the glow from the ship if they were suited in reflective metallic suits"

Psychologist Dr. Allen S. Mariner concurred that "the witness' emotional reaction appeared believable. The overall picture of this witness does not suggest any significant psychological aberration." He also felt that the witness' reactions were believable.

The incident was investigated by Charles E. Toner and Roy Wiley of the Pittsburgh NICAP Subcommittee.

I recall reading about this case some years ago, while in the midst of my military career, being surprised that it took place in Munroe Falls, Oh, a town next to the town I grew up in, Cuyahoga Falls. I now work in Munroe Falls as a Letter Carrier for the U.S. Postal Service and deliver along North River Road, and have a reasonable certainty that I know exactly where this event took place, even though it's now nearly 30 years later!

Prior to writing this, I duplicated Dave Morris' drive home on the night in question. I turned from Route 59 onto Marsh road and followed it to the end. Marsh road ends at North River Road, at which point one can either turn left (heading towards the city of Kent, or right, towards Munroe Falls (several of the reports called North River road, Munroe Falls Road, or Little River Road). Immediately after making a right-hand turn onto N. River road you come to a gully, driving down below the horizon, then come back up level with the horizon, exactly as Morris stated. But now, where Morris saw the object in a wheat field, there is a golf course, Roses Run Country Club, and an upscale housing development called Pambi Farms. Off to the right hand side, there are a couple of older farm style homes, probably 30-50 years old, and in still open, undeveloped field(s) is the Kent State Airport, about 1/2 mile beyond the immediate field. It's a very small airport, not in the sense that we use the word airport today, mainly single engine propellers, and private planes for private lessons.

I have the intuition that in 1967, this locale was fairly desolate, and isolated, with few homes in the area besides the ones mentioned above. This event could definitely have occurred without anyone else having observed it, especially in the stated time frame. As a post script, there is a Morris family on my route - they are very elderly and I see them only periodically, but I don't have any intentions of asking them about this ~ Let us just ponder the wonderment of the case as it is. It is my hope that the reader enjoyed this journey into Ohio Ufological History!

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Time to Renew for 2007

Change in Membership Fee

It's time to renew membership for 2007. A form can be found on the bottom of pages 5 and 6. There is a change in the fee this year. It has been reduced to \$20.00.

It has become increasingly difficult to find enough interesting material to fill four newsletters per year. It had always been the hope that the newsletter would contain mostly articles submitted by members. However, there has not been enough original material being submitted for inclusion. This being the case, the officers have decided to reduce publication of the newsletter to two issues per year and to reduce the membership fee accordingly.

In late November, officers voted to subscribe to "Filer's Files" online. Subscribers are given permission to use the articles and reports on the site for their own purposes. The site will be a good source for filling space in the newsletter as needed.

In an odd coincidence, a lot of original material started coming in at the last moment. We had held back the fall newsletter, searching for material, which proved to be a good move. This issue has more member submissions than any issue previously. "Thanks" to those who helped make this issue a very good one.

Comments from Members

Perhaps you think that no one reads the comments you make on the back of your membership forms. Most people who respond have indicated that they are becoming a member because they are interested in getting together with people who also have an interest in ufology. They also want to get a newsletter so they can stay in touch with what is going on and to have access to lectures and presentations. The following are some of the additional written comments that we got. These may not be exact quotes, but the meaning is close to what was expressed.

- ◆ We haven't seen a UFO, since we moved here from New Mexico, where we saw them all the time. "Heck."
- ◆ I would really like to purchase a VHS tape of the Dolan presentation, if you could direct me how to do so. (Aaron Clark has made DVDs)
- ◆ I am interested in alien abductions and social patterns of aliens.
- ◆ I would like a current roster of Ohio MUFON members.
- ◆ I am interested in Roswell and Hanger 15 at Wright Patterson Air Base.
- ◆ I like sharing a common interest with others, many who are very knowledgeable about the subject.
- ◆ My husband and I have seen UFOs in El Paso, Texas, and Las Cruces, New Mexico. We have seen at least ten out west [but none here in Ohio].



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Prince Philip and Royal Family Believe in UFOs

Prince William is the newest member of the Royal Family to become obsessed with researching space aliens, keeping alive a family precedent started in the 1950's by his grandfather, Prince Philip, a serious UFO believer, and continued by William's father, Prince Charles, whose airplane was buzzed by a mysterious UFO in 1986, raising many royal eyebrows. Prince William, the young heir to the British throne and Princess Diana's oldest son, is said to be star struck by Michael C. Luckman's controversial book, "Alien Rock: The Rock 'n' Roll Extraterrestrial Connection" featuring many rock stars. Prince Philip has been an avid reader of Flying Saucer Review, a highly respected UFO magazine, since the 1950's.

According to private visitors, Prince Philip kept a map on his office wall in Buckingham Palace indicating UFO hot spots. But it was a face to face encounter that Prince Philip's equerry reportedly had with a space alien named "Janus" that caused by far the biggest royal uproar. Air Marshall Peter Horsley, an intimate adviser to Queen Elizabeth, said that in 1954 he met a visitor from another galaxy and spoke to him for hours about space travel, and the possible role of Prince Philip in curing the environment.. The former RAF chief published his startling book, "Sounds From Another Room."

RAF jets sent up to investigate an unearthly visitor at Balmoral Castle in 1996 were unable to shoot down the spacecraft. A red UFO similar to the one that chased Prince Charles' plane in 1986 on a flight from the United States was observed a week later by eyewitnesses over Windsor Castle.

A close friend of Princess Diana, Francis Hamilton Stidston, reported that a flying saucer left behind its calling card in a field behind her home in South Devon, in 1991—a scorched circle 75 feet in diameter. Princess Diana had a distinct taste for the paranormal. Chillingly, Diana predicted her own untimely death in a car crash ten months before it happened—an event that sent shockwaves around the world. As fate would have it, Glenda Line told a local newspaper that she saw a huge bright light in the sky above Alshorp the night before Princess Diana's funeral in 1997. "I said at the time that it was Diana's star," she said. Thanks to Michael C. Luckman.

Sonya writes: "Just a small correction: Prince William is Heir Presumptive, not Heir Apparent to our Throne. Prince Charles, Queen Elizabeth's eldest son, is next in line and so is 'apparently' going to inherit the crown, and his eldest son, Prince William is 'presumed' to inherit it after his father." Thanks to Sonya.

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Book Report by Jon Fry

Extraterrestrial Visitations:

True Accounts of Contact

By Preston Dennett

Llewellyn Publications, St. Paul, Minnesota, 2001

259 pages, Paperback, Index, Price \$12.95

This book is an analysis of ten cases of contact with UFOs. Dennett does not like the term abductee since most of the eyewitnesses felt the aliens were friendly although some were initially afraid of the aliens. Many eyewitnesses note the encounters had a positive effect on their lives. Some reported healings of illnesses. Contrary to skeptics assertions that hypnosis brings out false memories planted by Ufologists, seven of the ten cases here involve memories of aliens in which hypnosis was not used.

Are the aliens good or bad? Dennett believes there is not a simple answer. Are human beings all good or bad? None of the eyewitnesses in the book felt aliens were evil. In some cases the aliens showed visions of future natural disasters for Earth. The consensus seemed to be aliens were here to observe and not out to destroy or to save mankind. In some of the cases military men were seen during an alien encounter. What that means is anyone's guess.

One case involves an eyewitness on a normally heavily travelled street. The one peculiar thing about this encounter was that there were no other cars on the street. The eyewitness thought this odd. Where were the other cars? Perhaps this encounter was meant for her alone. (Our own UFO organization has many examples of cases similar to this. British Ufologist Jenny Randles has dubbed this the "OZ Factor.")

How common is this? One Ufologist speculated that as many as 1 in 40 people have been on a UFO.

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- ◆ I am interested in all phases of the UFO phenomenon and the real reasons why they are interacting with our planet.
- ◆ I have always "believed" in life elsewhere and in UFOs.
- ◆ I would like to see a brief overview by each section director in Ohio of what activity there is in their section.
- ◆ I have been interested in UFOs since 1965. I've never seen one though.
- ◆ I like the opportunities to speak about ufology one-on-one with other members.
- ◆ I am interested in keeping in contact with other UFO organizations in Ohio.
- ◆ I am interested in information about sightings and scientific information about UFOs.
- ◆ I want to be informed of local happenings.
- ◆ I've seen several UFOs, and some of my friends have seen UFOs. I'd like to know what they are.
- ◆ I'm interested in the metaphysical aspects UFOs.

STS-115 The "Censored" Object!

An unusual and unique event took place in the early morning of 19 September 2006, during the flight of STS-115. Atlantis had undocked from ISSy two days prior, as Soyuz TMA-9 was enroute to the station. At this time, a simultaneous radio conference was arranged between the crews of all three spacecraft. Ship to ship communication had never happened before with THREE manned craft in orbit at the same time. Toward the end of this unprecedented conversation, after Soyuz had bowed out for consultation with Moscow, an anomalous object appeared in the distance off Atlantis' nose as the Shuttle passed over Australia's northeast coast. Sunset wasn't far away. The INCO noticed the anomaly, and zoomed in on it with the remotely controlled payload bay video camera. When he had the object enlarged, he played with the focus, causing the image to become distorted. It acquired the characteristic "doughnut hole" in the center, caused by the latent image of the camera iris.

Best single frame of the anomaly.

At the last moment the object was in view, the focus was sharpened, and it took on the appearance of an oval. Then, the INCO cut the "live" feed, and gave us the animated tracker at Mission Control. Two and a half hours later, the triple ship conversation was repeated, with the anomalous part of the video truncated. The original video had been "shifted" relative to the audio track, and the anomalous material cut off before it could all be seen.

Astronaut Joe Tanner September 12th Spacewalk

Six hours later, the anomalous video was repeated again in its entirety. But this time it was used, perhaps by mistake, as stock back-

ground footage during a routine radio report by ISSy Commander Pavel Vinogradov to Russian Mission Control (TsUP) in Korolyev! Finally, nearly 13 hours after the occurrence, the original three ship radio talk was played back as part of Flight Day Highlights. - Day 11. This is a daily compilation of each day's on orbit activities when a Shuttle is aloft. It is always run during crew sleep periods, most hours on the hour. In this instance, just as the replay got to the point where the anomaly appeared, OTHER FOOTAGE HAD BEEN SUBSTITUTED FOR THE ORIGINAL!! The anomaly had been cut right out!

Given that NASA had been so forthcoming with video of suspected debris, which they said had inexplicably come off the Shuttle during these last days of the flight, WHY did they excise this object from the prepared Flight Day Highlights film? If it were mere ice or debris, there should have been no reason to "hide" it. Yet, hide it they did. It seems obvious that someone at NASA did NOT believe this object was of conventional origin. There wouldn't seem to be any other cause for removing it from public scrutiny. We've seen this sort of censorship by NASA in Flight Day Highlights before. A most blatant example lies is an event from STS-108, discovered by our friend and colleague, Dr. Oren Swearingen of Texas. Thanks to © 2006 Jeff Challenger - <mailto:jeffchallender@projectprove.com>

Editor's Note:

During recent months, it turned out that I had put some membership checks in unexpected places and then forgot about them. My thinking has become confused due to a chronic illness. I am asking members to please keep an eye on their membership checks when they write one and to let me know if one doesn't clear within two months. That way, I can get the check on its way to Rick before it "expires" and can't be cashed. I would certainly appreciate your help. Thanks.

P. S. Please remember that the yearly membership fee has been changed to \$20.00.

2007 Membership Application MUFON of Ohio

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Dr. Leir Removes Possible Alien Implant

On September the 23rd, 2006, Dr. Roger Leir and his surgical team performed the 12th surgery for the removal of an object suspected of being an Alien Implant. The patient in this case was female and the object was located in the 3rd toe of her right foot. As with the other 11 cases, she fulfilled all the criteria making her a candidate for surgical extraction. She, along with her family had a full and rich history involving the Alien Abduction phenomena. The patient supplied Dr. Leir with a set of cassette tapes made by her father regarding his own experiences with Alien Beings. Also, as with the other surgical cases, Dr. Leir did not permit the patient to undergo hypnotic regression prior to the surgery as it his feeling this could bring about undo criticism regarding the patients memory regarding their experiences. In this case the patient did express an interest to remember more of the details and will be referred to Yvonne Smith, who is one of Southern California's leading abduction hypnotherapists.

The object removed was another metallic rod about 6 mm in length covered with a biological coating. The rod was located on the bottom side of the 3rd toe, and deep to the tendon structure. Prior to removal it was found that the object was emitting an electromagnetic field of 4 milligauss as well as a radio frequency signal. In 2004, the patient contacted Dr. Leir and his non profit organization, A&S Research, a non-profit 501(C)3 organization, requesting assistance with her abduction experiences. At that time she submitted an x-ray showing the object. Dr. Leir and his team of Radiologists reviewed the film and determined it was metallic. They also pin-

pointed it's exact location. Another film was taken on the day of the surgery and it was found the metallic object had not only moved from it's original location but had also fractured into three separate pieces. This made the surgical extraction more difficult but fortunately the entire piece was removed in one segment of biological tissue. The metallic portion was then separated from its soft tissue envelope and placed in a blood serum preservative derived from the patient. The analytical process will begin next week and when the data becomes available you will find it in a future issue of Filer's Files. Thanks to Dr. Roger Leir <http://www.alienscalpel.com/main.htm>

Donnie Blessing's Review of Whitley Streiber's Latest Book

The story behind the story?
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Donnie Blessing, left, tells readers an interesting story behind Whitley Streiber's latest book, "The Grays," in a piece which begins on page 7. Donnie is MUFON of Ohio's Southern Ohio Meeting Coordinator and also has her own group which investigates possible abductions, Southern Ohio Alien Abduction Research (SOAAR).

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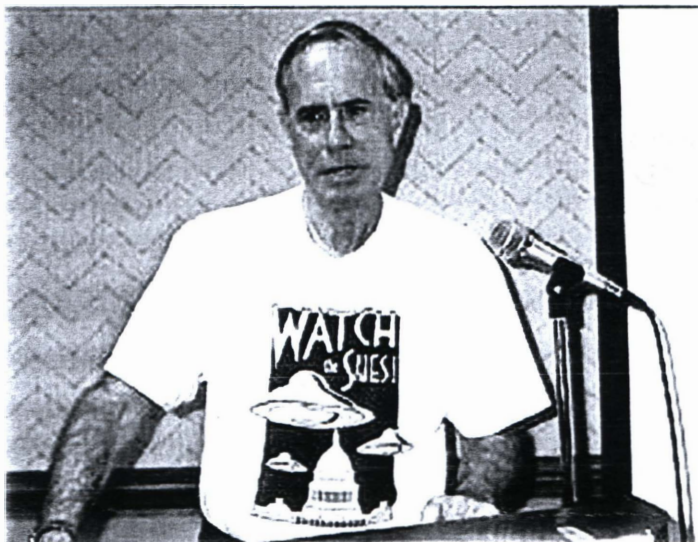
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Featured Photo - 1994



Jim Moseley at the 1994 NUFOC UFO Conference

This issue we're heading back to Ohio for our featured photo after a no doubt well deserved jaunt to sunny Miami Beach. Jim Moseley is shown speaking at the 1994 National UFO Conference in Cleveland, probably the last major convention to be held there up until this time. Man, I wish that I had bought one of the nifty t-shirts that Jim is wearing, as it would have been one nice souvenir.

Jim is one of the early pioneer UFO (Heck, they were called flying saucers back then.) writers and investigators, having started off on a trek around the United States back in 1953 to interview people in the UFO field for a book project. Jim's book never got written until 2002, but his interviews and interaction with other "saucer fiends", as he liked to call UFO buffs back then, prompted him to begin his legendary "Saucer News" publication in 1954 (ok, so the first few issues were called "Nexus"). "Saucer News" was always filled with interesting sightings of the elusive platters, speculative articles on all aspects of the UFO mystery and even juicy pieces of "saucer gossip." Jim published SN up until 1968 when he sold it to the late Gray Barker, but Jim continued to remain very active in the UFO field.

Besides being a lecturer at the convention, Jim was also the m.c. for the event and was kept very busy in that capacity for the sold out audience. Besides Jim, some of the other speakers included the following: Stan Friedman, Kevin Randle, Allen Greenfield and Frank Stranges, to name but a few who kept the audience fascinated for the all-day event.

As an aside, Jim has just given me permission to do a retrospective publication featuring articles and sightings from the "Saucer News" issues that he published. I always thought that SN was one of the finest publications yet on our favorite topic, and it's one project that I'm really looking forward to doing.

- Rick Hilberg

Back Road Mystery & High Strangeness

by Michael Zempter

In 1990, having done several decades worth of reading on UFOs and aliens, I compiled strictly the strangest or most thought-provoking data I had come across into a loose document and used that as a basis for a public presentation I called "Legends of an Alien Presence." The narrative lasted three hours and I presented it three times over a period of about three years. These were attended by about 20 persons each time, which wasn't bad, considering the size of the towns I spoke in, two little hamlets in southern Ohio.

The audiences were, if I judged correctly, extremely interested throughout, though the presentations were long. I remembered, and noted, that the largest wave of UFO sightings in history came from that very area of southern Ohio, along the Ohio River in the autumn of 1973.

After my first reading, a man who did not identify himself approached me suddenly as I walked along the street and advised me not to give another such presentation. He didn't say why I shouldn't; he simply warned me and walked away. During the second reading, at the height of the litany of the more dramatic reports, I was very surprised to see that several members of the audience were holding their heads and grimacing, in obvious psychic pain! I almost terminated the reading. I asked them afterward what had been troubling them so and was told that the material was just "mind-bending" and difficult to take in.

After the third reading, as I gathered my materials, I was approached by two women, one a generation older than the other. The younger woman introduced herself and told me the elder lady was her grandmother and that she had a problem. She said that within the past few weeks, her grandmother had left the house at nightfall to drive over a well-known, unsettled local hill to go to a grocery, an errand normally taking about half an hour, and had not returned for five hours. Police searched the hillsides for her along that road, and looked throughout the surrounding area for her car. The family were frantic. The woman had never done anything like this in the past. When she finally did come home, after midnight, she was amazed to find her family in a state of alarm and to hear that she had been missing for five hours.

The older woman said that she clearly remembered driving to the store, picking up a few items, and driving back with no stops along the way and no delays of any kind. She could not account for the missing time, and became distressed when police confirmed to her that she had gone missing that very evening.

Her granddaughter told me that since the incident, her grandmother was "not herself." She had become extremely withdrawn and, in fact, she did not look up from the floor the entire time we were together. Her granddaughter seemed rational, though quietly disturbed. She spoke coherently and calmly. She added that, since the incident, the paint had cracked in a thousand places on the hood of her grandmother's car. They had taken the car to a local shop and the painter there said he had never seen anything like it in many years of dealing with automotive paint jobs and problems.

In addition, the younger woman reported that in her opinion, the grandmother was deeply depressed. She hardly spoke, and would not go near the hill (Rosemount Hill on the northern fringe of Ports-

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Whitley Strieber's book "The Grays"

By Donnie Blessing

First, I want to say that I'm not a big Sci-Fi fan. I've always read the books on the subjects of UFOs and aliens that are supposedly nonfiction. I do enjoy the old Star-Trek series and movies about UFOs but that is about it. So when I picked up the latest Whitley Strieber book at the library called "The Grays" and saw it was fiction I was not that enthused to read it.

However, I can't put a Stephen King book down and I know that Whitley does write horror when not writing about his abduction experiences. So what the heck, I'll give it a try.

It started off quickly and got right into the story plot. So far so good. As I enter the fourth chapter and the characters begin to take shape I notice something vaguely familiar about them. As I read on I began to scratch my head. Where have I heard something similar to this story line?

It seems the story line is based in a small Kentucky town called Wilton. Some of the main characters are the Callaghan family. The family includes Dan Callaghan, who is a psychology professor at Bell University in this town, his wife, and their son named Connor. They reside on a pine covered road called Oak Rd.

They have a neighbor who also works at the university named Marcie Cotton. One night Marcie Cotton becomes the victim of the Grays.

Something is seen in a field by the professor's house. It was first thought to be a fire, then a balloon and finally a UFO. There are screams heard coming from the UFO. A woman is screaming, "Oh God, please, somebody help me." The fire department and the police department are called. The UFO takes off with the woman aboard. The field is searched with infrared thermo devices. No trace of the woman is found.

Does anybody remember the fascinating case that Kenny Young and I investigated in November of 2003? We called it the "Screaming Woman of Morehead Kentucky Case." Kenny and I were featured on "Coast to Coast" with that case.

Well, Whitley was fascinated by it also. So fascinated in fact, that some of the characters in his book sound very similar to the people we talked to that were involved in the screaming woman case.

Our case involved a psychology professor from Morehead University and his sons. The sons saw the UFO come down in the field next to their house. A woman was heard screaming, "Oh God, please somebody please help me." The fire and police departments were called by another neighbor who heard the screams.

We interviewed the lady who lived down the road who also saw the UFO. After the interview, Kenny and I both firmly believed she was the woman who was screaming for help. She was ex-military. All her clocks had died on the night in question. Her dog wouldn't come from under the bed that night and her daughter refused to sleep in her

room any longer. Both told us that later that night they just went out on the back porch and stared at the sky for an hour. They did not have a clue why they did this. So you see, our Marcie Cotton came back! Does Marcie in the book come back? You'll have to read the book.

Now if you are still not convinced that these characters are based on the screaming woman of Morehead, Kentucky I'd like to use a quote from the book. Page 101 paragraph seven. Connor is speaking, "Try googling 'gray aliens' sometime. You'll find more than four thousand references. Plus, this business of a UFO descending with a screaming woman inside happened in Kentucky before. Morehead, 2003, same situation, with one difference-no video. Lots of nine-one-one calls, but no video and therefore no story"

Ahhh...but Whitley..... there was a story even without video. We thought a pretty darn good one too!

I don't want to give away any more of the book in case you haven't read it yet. I haven't finished it myself but I really am enjoying it. I love the way Whitley twists the story. He mentions the Morehead case while all along the characters "are" the Morehead people with subtle changes. After all, he did say "same situation." Kudos to Whitley.....

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mouth, in south-central Ohio). She would not even consent to be driven in daylight onto the hill, and would not speak with anyone about the incident.

I felt that the incident sounded distinctly like a "missing time" experience sometimes associated with alleged alien abductions, but I did not suggest anything. I asked them to contact the MUFON office in Circleville, Ohio, and to please tell me what came of it all.

I tried not to interact too much with the woman and grandmother, so that I would not prejudice possible later interviews with other investigators, so my details from that incident are minimal. The thing that struck me most about meeting the older woman was that she would not look up from the floor and never uttered a word. These people seem to me to hail more from 1890 than 1990, and for one of them to report such an anomalous, private incident to me, a stranger, struck me as extraordinary. The hill people do not discuss or raise subjects of high or low strangeness as a rule. The fact that she did led me to feel she was in profound distress.

The connection between her experience and my own, 22 years in the past, was strong for me. I had a similar incident involving my car. Maybe I had experienced something that bore much closer examination, but I had no idea how to go about it. I remembered the bizarre behavior of the paint on my car and the painter's incredulous reaction to the repeated problem. Only when I found an article on missing time incidents did it strike me that my own situation fit every detail. I have no memory of an alien encounter that night.

As I wondered about what might have happened to the woman who was brought to me, reflecting on the details of her experience, it struck me for the first time that I had a possible answer to the mystery of the unprecedented problem with the paint on my car.

I never heard from them again. I wonder if they even attempted to reach MUFON, or if their forlorn visit to me that night was the single effort they would make to explore the mystery.

