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NEWSLETTER

Neil Armstrong, Len Stringfield and UFO Crash Retrievals

By William E. Jones

The following article appeared in the 9th issue of the *Ohio UFO Notebook*, published in 1995 within two years after I was told this story.

Len Stringfield died on December 18, 1994. One of the early pioneers of ufology, Len truly made his mark on history with his work on flying saucer crash retrieval stories, an area of research which he legitimized with his hard work, integrity and willingness to protect the identities of his sources. Almost everyone who read Len's status reports or heard him speak about the stories his sources told him wanted to know who those sources were. Len's critics correctly pointed out that without the identity of the sources, the stories were not evidence of the truth of what the sources were telling him. Len recognized this criticism, but he replied that if he didn't protect his sources he would get no further information from them, or anyone else for that matter. More importantly, Len pointed out that he gave his sources his word to protect them and that he would not dishonor his commitments. Who could ethically argue with that response? However, most of us hoped that we would one day know who those sources were.

Now that Len has passed on, I can relate a story that he told me about two special people who wanted to know the identities of his sources. The importance of this story lies in their identities. One is a person who, as far as I know, has never made a public statement about the UFO phenomena. The other was a person who, in many respects, defined the best of what ufology has to offer to this day. One is dead and the other still doesn't speak about UFOs. If this story is true, and since Len Stringfield

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2006 Membership

We are currently seeking memberships for 2006. There is a form in this newsletter at the bottom of page five. Please be sure to fill out the back side with any comments that you might have. Nearly one-third of members have already renewed. "Thanks" to those people. I hope to see all of your names on the roster for 2006.

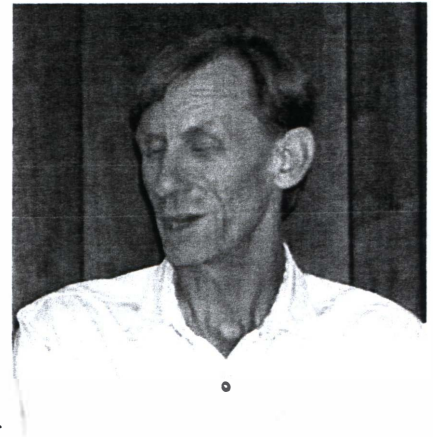
-- Your Secretary

Report on October 2005 Meeting Guest Speaker Roger Sugden

There was a small turnout at the MUFON of Ohio meeting on October 8th. Around twenty-five people were in attendance for this very interesting presentation by Investigator Roger Sugden. Roger is also Assistant State Director for the Indiana MUFON. Perhaps the weather discouraged a lot of people from coming. It was a very gray day with rain coming down in buckets. Still, some members drove hours in steady rain to attend.

Most people arrived in plenty of time to enjoy refreshments and chat. Half of the attendees were not members of MUFON of Ohio, and it was encouraging to have these people enjoy this program. There were several routine announcements made and then Roger got started soon after 1:00 PM.

Roger had brought a carousel of slides that he used throughout his entire presentation. Many of these were very colorful drawings by Robert Taylor which illustrated figurations of lights, shapes of vehicles, and types of beings seen by witnesses. There were also photos of crop circles, lights, crafts and unusual anomalies in the photos that were not noticed until the photograph was developed later. Roger described each slide and went into detail when he arrived at four cases which he considered the "best."



Roger Sugden, above.

The drawings of beings were very colorful, very detailed and very astounding. Several types of reptilian beings were presented, as well as several types of "grays" and insect-like beings. There were also different types of more human-like beings depicted. Some were shorter and slighter than humans, but the very tall "Nordic" type was included. The clothing worn by each being was also depicted in detail,

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is its source I am sure that it is, then there is a bigger story here than any of us know, and it may be more important than the identity of Len's sources.

A number of years ago when retired astronaut Neil Armstrong was on the Board of Directors of a Cincinnati bank he and Dr. J. Allen Hynek (astronomer, consultant to the Air Force's now closed Project Blue Book, founder of the Center for UFO Studies, and a true gentleman) both approached Len in person with a proposal that was designed to protect the names of Len's 40 to 50 plus first hand government related informants who communicated with him about crash/retrieval matters. Armstrong told Len that he could put the list of names in a lock box at Armstrong's bank, to which it was assumed Armstrong would also have access. Thus, in the event of Len's death, the names wouldn't be lost. To Len's credit, he turned the offer down.

Len's files have remained in the family. This is perhaps where they should stay.

Soon after being told the story I took a day trip to Wapakoneta, Ohio, Neil Armstrong's birth place and the location of the Ohio Historical Society's Neil Armstrong Air and Space Museum. I went over to introduce myself to the director of the museum, to tell this person the story, to ask if he/she was aware of Neil Armstrong's possible interest in UFOs, and to ask that my MUFON of Ohio business card be passed along to Mr. Armstrong as a request for an interview. The trip took place and I did meet the director whose name I unfortunately do not now recall. I asked this person, a nice looking and well spoken young man, if he knew Mr. Armstrong. He replied that he did. I gave him the business card, making my request. Needless to say, that request has never been answered.

A side bar story needs to be told here because of its confirmatory importance. When Len passed away, he had talked with 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. He never believed all of the informants who approached him, although he did his best to investigate their accounts. He realized that a few might be telling stories for their own personal silly or sick reasons, and that others might be providing stories to misinform and mislead he and other investigators as a way to hide whatever the actual truth about all of this might be. When I asked Len who among his informants he trusted the most, he replied that he trusted his early informants more than the later ones. His reasoning was that by the time his work progressed and he got closer to the truth, attempts would be made to obscure that truth. This wouldn't have happened until his work had become better known and possibly seen as some sort of threat.

Thus Len focused on working with his first hand informants and in finding more people who could help confirm the earlier stories, adding details to what was already known. He saw these first hand accounts as persuasive proof there is an alien presence on this planet. However, there is another less well known side to Len's work that he

never documented or followed up on. In later life he agreed he should have done more with this information. Throughout Len's UFO career he talked to many groups, went on many radio shows, and received and responded to hundreds of letters. As a result, a lot of people told him via these venues crash retrieval stories that were told to them by other people. Len told me that he "stopped counting" when he had talked to or otherwise heard from between 500 and 600 people who had second and third hand crash retrieval stories to tell. These people had heard the stories from members of their family, friends, neighbors and acquaintances who had told their own first hand stories, which were similar to the first hand stories told to Len.

Think about this. Not all of those stories could have been made up given the way Len received them. It is doubtful that this many stories would have been provided to him in this manner for misinformation purposes. The totality of these first, second and third hand stories support what Len had been trying so hard to prove. UFOs are real, aliens are here, and the US Government has the proof. Not all of these stories are just noise. Something serious is going on here. At least that is my take on this.

I have often thought of my visit to the Neil Armstrong Air and Space Museum. My purpose in going there has not been realized in that I have never been given an opportunity to talk to Neil Armstrong about Len's story. I never realistically expected to have that opportunity, but there has always been a residual hope for that. I often wondered if Neil Armstrong had ever even heard of Bill Jones and his request. Was he ever given that business card? Over the years since I have pondered about how I could make this request again in a way that might better ensure success.

In November of 2005 I had to ponder no more. Another opportunity presented itself. On Thursday, November 10 James R. Hansen was to appear at the Ohio Historical Society in Columbus to talk about his new book *First Man: The Life of Neil Armstrong*. Mr. Hansen is a professor of history at Auburn University and has written the only authorized biography of Mr. Armstrong. He was given extraordinary access to Mr. Armstrong, various private papers, and he interviewed more than 125 of Armstrong's friends, family members and associates.

I attended this talk, along with more than 80 other members and friends of the Ohio Historical Society. After a very interesting discussion about how Mr. Hansen had come to write the book, gotten access to Neil Armstrong and so many of his family members and friends, and a few enticing words about the astronaut and his life, Mr. Hansen opened up the floor to questions.

It is important to note that a life long friend of Neil Armstrong attended the talk, along with his wife and two grand children. This friend, who still sees Neil on a regular basis, was Mr. Konstantine "Kotcho" Solacoff. He goes by his nick name Kotcho. He is as nice and interesting as his name implies.

I was the second person to ask Mr. Hansen a question. I apologized as I began, saying that to ask my question I had to tell a short story. Mr. Hansen graciously allowed me to continue. I then explained a little

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including illustrations of patches worn by them.

Roger described the seven-foot tall, blond being that he had seen in Katmandu, Nepal. He was unfamiliar with the UFO phenomenon at that time, but he remembers that experience very well, because the being was so “perfect” and absolutely stunning. Roger stated that he was unable to determine if the being was male or female. He also described driving his automobile when he looked over to see a reptilian creature sitting in the passenger seat. The experience happened in a flash. He also remembers seeing a webbed hand trying to open a doorknob, which he assumed was at his house. These were both dream-like experiences.

Roger got to a drawing of something that looked somewhat like a kite. He described this object as one that was reportedly seen in one of the “best cases” that he had investigated. The case occurred in 1999 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The case was considered good because of the credibility of the two witnesses, a father and his son. The men had been standing guard at a local synagogue during the course of that evening. It was the Rosh Hashanah holy day and the synagogue had received some threats against it. Both men carried loaded weapons for this reason. Both witnesses saw the craft, and the father wanted to shoot at it for some reason. Also for some unknown reason, the son suggested that they not fire on the craft because “they” might be friendly. Both men experienced missing time and both suffered from extreme thirst after the event. The battery in their vehicle went dead, and, inexplicably, there was a round missing from one of the rifles after the event. It turned out during the investigation that there had been five previous sightings of unknown objects in that area, occurring between 1952 and 1969.

Roger described an event that was witnessed by multiple persons in Rochester, Indiana as another one of his “best cases.” There were many witness reports made to the local media as well as to the police. Some of the reports were quite detailed in their descriptions of lights seen. The object was described as disc-shaped with six lights. Beverly Carpenter was one of Roger’s main sources, but there were at least 25 witnesses, some of whom provided sketches of the object, as well as written reports. Roger considers this an on-going case, because the area is still experiencing sightings of strange objects.

Roger mentioned at this point in the presentation, that many witnesses to UFO events have Native American backgrounds, as does the main witness to this event, Beverly Carpenter. Three other witnesses to this event have the similar backgrounds.

Another “best” case occurred on January 26, 2005, just nine miles north of Roger’s home. A woman reported to him that she had been

driving down a road when she spotted a car screeching around the corner and onto the road in front of her. She next noticed a green glow and then saw a shaft of light coming down from above, highlighting the car in front of her. Her car lost power and she experienced missing time. Then, she found herself sitting in the dark, in her very cold car. She reported that there was “frost” on her windshield. Roger doubts that it was really frost, because the windshield wipers easily removed the substance. To this day, the witness is still wondering what happened to the car in the beam and its occupants. It turned out that this witness had seen a similar green glow on two other occasions and had once also seen an object pacing her car for a time. All three experiences happened during a full moon and in the very early morning.

The next case Roger described happened near Disney World in 1995. Three men were driving along a road when they saw a cow being levitated into the air. They then witnessed a “tentacle” removing parts of the cow’s body, and then the cow was dropped to the ground. Two of the men were so curious about this that they went over to the cow and looked up into the air. Apparently, they were sucked up into a craft of some kind. Once there, one of the men, who had not been immobilized for some reason, saw two reptilian-type entities with tails. One was wearing a sort of lab coat, so he described it as a “scientist.” The other entity looked like a “soldier” to him. Both creatures had a logo or patch of some sort on their clothing. The scientist entity looked shocked and terrified when he realized that the man was awake. The witness saw his friend lying on a table and he became angry and assumed a fighting posture. The soldier entity took a similar stance. Suddenly, the entity whipped his tail around and knocked the man down with it. This witness remembers details of what he saw, such as the fact that the entities differed in color. One was brown and one was green. They had claws on their hands and feet, and the hands had three appendages like fingers and one thumb. He also described the badges or patches that the entities were wearing.

Roger continued on to show a series of photographs of crop circles. He described where they were taken and told a bit of a story about each one. He has noticed that many crop circles, as well as UFO sightings, seem to occur near sites that Native Americans hold sacred. Some of these sites were considered sacred because the Indians had witnessed something come from the sky there and had attached religious significance to it. Roger also remarked that he found objects in many of the photos that he took at these crop circles. His photos seem to be plagued by “black squiggles,” black splotches or even solid objects of some sort. These are often not seen until the photo is developed. When the photo is analyzed, the objects don’t seem to be film abnormalities or known objects such as birds or planes.

Roger reported that he experiences a lot of strange sounds, thoughts, and voices. He also described marks that he has found on his body after some of these experiences. He brought with him some examples of sculptures that he feels “driven” to do. Sometimes the shapes will occur in descriptions of cases he starts working on, after he has done the sculptures.

There were a few questions and some informal discussion of other topics, after the lights were turned back on. It was just before 4:00 PM when the meeting started to break up.



One of the slides in Roger’s presentation, an emblem or patch, above.

Richard Dolan to Speak April 8

The Cleveland Ufology Project (CUP) and MUFON of Ohio are getting together to welcome Richard Dolan to Ohio. Dolan will be coming to speak at the Oberlin College Science Center on Saturday April 8th, 2006. His presentation is titled "UFOs, National Security, and You: What's Going On and Why It Matters."

Richard Dolan is the author of "UFOs and the National Security State" and is a leader of the Disclosure Project, which most members may be familiar with. His website is <http://keyholepublishing.com>

For more information on this appearance, contact Richard Lee at rlee@neo.rr.com, 330-928-1355, or see the CUP website at <http://www.clevelandufo.com/home.html>

Date: April 8, 2006

Time: 4 PM to 6 PM with book signing to follow.

Location: Oberlin College Science Center, West Lecture Hall, N174 119 Woodland St., Oberlin Ohio 44074.

Is there a UFO phenomenon? If so, is it important? If it's important, then why?

Richard Dolan, author of the internationally acclaimed "UFOs and the National Security State," will discuss these questions and more. Working from fully documented sources, Dolan will describe some of the best UFO evidence. In the process he will show that the phenomenon involves significantly advanced technology, and that the U.S. military and intelligence communities maintain an extreme level of interest in it.

Dolan will also discuss how UFO secrecy has affected American political society, the effects of media ridicule, what the technology might portend, and what the phenomenon might mean for all of us. His presentation will include fascinating documents, photographs, and video footage sure to be of interest to newcomers and experienced researchers alike.

Dolan has been invited to speak on the topic of UFOs and cover-ups throughout the United States, and has appeared on many television UFO documentaries for The History Channel and elsewhere. Apollo 14 astronaut, Dr. Edgar Mitchell, has called Dolan's book "monumental." Visit his website at <http://keyholepublishing.com>

Thanks to CUP member, Aaron Clark, for working so hard to make this possible.

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Perry County, Ohio – June 20, 2005

By Michael Summers

Investigator: Frank Reams MUFON of Ohio Director of Investigations

On Monday, June 20, 2005 at around 4:30 pm, I was driving home from work along State Route (SR) 204 heading east. At I reached the intersection of SR 668, I looked over to my left to watch for deer that might be running in the fields and woods along that part of the drive. As I did, I noticed what I first took to be a blimp moving over the trees to the northeast of my position.

I didn't think too much about it at first but as I watched it I noticed three odd things. It had no fins on the back like a blimp and there was no gondola or flight cabin. I pulled off to the side of the road and got out of the car to see this object better. Then I noticed the third oddity about the object. As it moved along the tree tops it seemed to "see/saw" from front to back as if were having problems staying level in a windy situation. But there was no wind that I could detect. The weather was calm and there was hardly a cloud in the sky. The day was not humid and the temperature was at about 75° F.

The object moved at least 10 miles per hour before I lost sight of it. Its altitude never changed. It appeared to be no more than 1,000 feet above the treetops. I would estimate that the object was about ½ mile from me. It could easily have been the size of a Zeppelin. It was cigar shaped with no windows or other outward structures that I could see. There were no lights. I did not hear an engine. If it had been a blimp of some sort the engine noise would have been noticeable. The object was silver all over except for a dark shadowy area along its belly.

I watched the object for about 10 minutes as it went along until it went behind a group of trees that blocked my view. I got back into my car and headed up the hill ahead of me in hopes of getting another view of the object. But when I reached the top of the hill it was gone.

I am not sure if this is connected, but the next day at about the same time in the afternoon I was again driving home and noticed several white utility trucks running together in the same area where I saw the object. These trucks had a blue shield on their side doors. This shield contained three letters. The first I didn't notice, but the last two letters were CC. They ran stop signs never lowering their speed. In the back of each truck was what looked like communications gear, but not like that of a local satellite communications company. I have never seen trucks like this in the area before. I had the feeling they were trying to locate the object that I had seen the day before.

Other Ohio UFO Groups

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

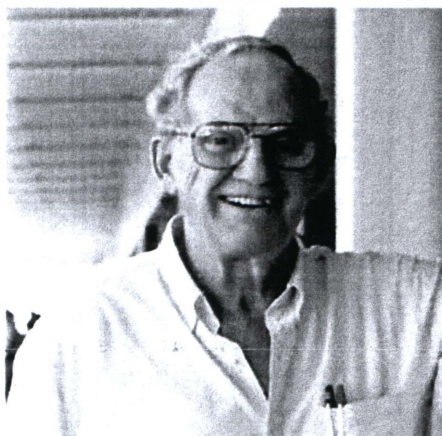
The **Cleveland Ufology Project (CUP)** website can be found at www.clevelandufo.com. Their meetings are held the third Saturday of each month. Contact them at info@clevelandufo.com.

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

**Bob Pratt, a Great UFO Researcher and a Good Friend,
Died Saturday 19, 2005**

The distinguished American writer, UFO researcher and journalist Bob Pratt is no longer with us. He served as co-author of *Night Siege: The Hudson Valley UFO Sightings*, with J. Allen Hynek, and was the author of *UFO Danger in Brazil*.

It is very probable that no other foreign UFO researcher had more knowledge about the Brazilian Ufology as Bob Pratt. He has been 13 times in the country and was that kind of field investigator that really went deep where the facts are to be researched. He helped a lot the Brazilian UFO researchers to best evaluate the dramatic incidents of alien attacks.



Bob Pratt, above.

Bob had his interest by the UFO Phenomena begun when working for the National Enquirer, and was sent to many countries to investigate UFO sightings and ET contacts. Since 1975, he interviewed over two thousand witnesses, many of them in Brazil. His death is a great loss for the worldwide Ufology.

Bob wrote articles for several UFO and non-UFO magazines. He was for several years the editor of the renowned *MUFON UFO Journal*.

Good bye, my friend. Wherever you are, you will be much closer to the answers you pursued here on Earth.

— A. J. Gevaerd, editor Brazilian UFO Magazine



Another Photo from the Past

sent by Bill Jones

Some members of the now dissolved MidOhio Research Associates, Inc. (MORA), taken during the early 1980's. This group was a precursor of MUFON of Ohio. Bill says the name of the first man on the left is "Archie" and doesn't remember more. The others are Laura Modisette, Bill Jones and Joe Stets. Bill states, "Joe was our hypnotist back when MORA was doing such things... We did enjoy ourselves."

Members Renewed for 2006

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DENTAL TECHNICIAN SAYS "MANDIBLE" MAY BE ALIEN

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

Part One

[John K. Mosgrove is a 67 year-old [as of 1996] dental technician currently living in Richmond, Indiana. In 1979, he says, while working at a Veterans Administration hospital in Dayton, Ohio (about a 30 minute drive from Wright Patterson Air Force Base), he was assigned the task of replicating a strange mandible, or lower jawbone, taken from a creature of unknown identity. Under orders to remain silent, he told no one about these events for over 14 years; but he did create additional copies of the strange mandible for future study. Recently, several researchers have looked into the claims of John Mosgrove, including the late Leonard Stringfield, who discussed the case in his *"UFO Crash/Retrievals: Status Report VII."* Television newsman Carl Day of Dayton's WDTN Channel 2 also ran a special report on Mosgrove in 1995 and has continued to investigate the possible legitimacy of the "alien" mandible.

CNI News first learned of the mystery mandible in the fall of 1995 from an intelligence source who sent us both text and illustrations over the internet. This material is posted on the CNI News web site at www.cninews.com/CNI_FTDalien.html.

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.

This is a summary of the information gathered from those interviews. Michael Lindemann's comments are in brackets. All other text is directly quoted from the interview subjects.

John Mosgrove: I worked for the VA center at Brown Hospital in Dayton, Ohio. It was on a Thursday afternoon in October 1979. Now

usually on Thursday afternoons it's pretty quiet in the dental center. Normally we would have a movie or seminar, or a study. Or, if we were running behind, it would be a good catch-up day. And I had just gotten back from lunch, and it was about 1:00 in the afternoon. At that particular time I was alone in the dental laboratory.

I was sitting at my bench and I was working on an upper and lower denture for a veteran, and I had just completed what I had to do on it when the Assistant Chief of Staff walked in. And he says, "Are you busy?" I said, "No, I just finished." He says, "I want you to take this impression and pour it up with Kwik-Set. I need it right away." I said, "Okay. Where's the prescription?" He says, "I haven't made it up yet. I'll make it up and give it to you after a bit." I said, "Okay."

The normal procedure when you do an impression is to go over to the sink and rinse it off, to rinse out the saliva, the debris, the blood, you know.

[Later] I realized [that] when he handed that to me, he put [it] in my hand upside down so that I didn't look at it. I did not get a good look at it until after I pulled it out from underneath the running water. I shook it out and I thought, "My god, what have I got here?" I was amazed. I'd never seen anything like it before in my life.

And I started studying it, looking it over real good as I was walking to the plaster bench where we do pour-ups, and I thought, "My god, really, this is edent ["edentulous," or without teeth] because there is nothing but bone here."

I went ahead and poured it up with Kwik-Set plaster, made a nice padding for it, turned it over and set it on the padding. That stuff sets up real fast.

The doctor, when he came back in, went over to it and separated the tray from the model, looked at it, and he was very happy with it. He took it over to the model trimmer, trimmed off the flash around it,

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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

Other (Please specify)



Featured Photo, 1965



Elmer Schutt at the 1965 Cleveland convention.

This issue's vintage photo shows Elmer F. Schutt speaking at the second edition of the National UFO Conference, which was held on June 25th and 26th 1965 at a high school auditorium in Parma, Ohio. Elmer was a research engineer who specialized in the technical side of UFO investigation, having written a number of in-depth articles over the years for many of the UFO magazines and newsletters of the 1960s through the 1990s. He was also a very active field investigator for the Cleveland Ufology Project, and would investigate out of town UFO cases on his many business trips all over the country and would write them up and talk about them at subsequent CUP meetings. Elmer was CUP chairman for the 1966 term, and would go on to also serve the Northern Ohio UFO Group in the same capacity in the 1980s.

The 1965 Cleveland UFO convention saw some thirty delegates from many parts of the United States and Canada come together to discuss how scientifically oriented, serious UFO investigation could be promoted by those attending. One must remember that the NUFOC was the first such convention to be held, as many of the others held around the country over the years catered to the claims of the so-called "contactees" of the era, and featured tales of meetings with "space people" from a variety of celestial venues. The NUFOC featured speakers who took a scientific and rational approach to the subject of UFOs, and did make some headway in changing the public's perception of UFOs as a fringe subject at best. Many of the leading UFO investigators of the time attended the 1965 event including Allen Greenfield, Dale Rettig, Yonah Fortner, Jim Moseley, David Halperin and Gene Duplantier to name but a few.

Another featured speaker that year was Cleveland ufological legend Earl J. Neff. Earl made a slide presentation on some of the best UFO photographs taken up until that time, and his talk was well received by those in attendance.

- Rick Hilberg

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bit about who Leonard Stringfield was and about his interest in UFO crash retrieval stories. I noted that it was important for everyone to understand that Len Stringfield was one of the most honest and ethical people I have ever known. I then explained who Dr. J. Allen Hynek was, his background at The Ohio State University and Northwestern University, his association with the Air Force's Project Blue Book, and that he founded the Center for UFO Studies. As I talked about Dr. Hynek, I looked over to Kotcho and he was shaking his head affirmatively as if he knew who Dr. Hynek was. Then I briefly told the story that Len had told me as described above.

Mr. Hansen first replied that he wished he had talked to me about this story before his book had been finished, but noted that he often still talked with Neil and would mention the story to him and then ask for a response. He also described the "UFO sightings" that were made during the flight of Apollo 11. In reality this information is public knowledge and Mr. Armstrong and others believe these UFOs have been adequately explained. These sightings are discussed on pages 426 to 432 in Mr. Hansen's book.

As he finished, he turned to Kotcho and asked if he had heard anything about this story from Neil. Kotcho replied in the negative, but said that he would ask Neil about it the next day when he was to see him. Both Mr. Hansen and Kotcho promised to get back with me. Before I left the meeting, and after getting both to autograph my copy of the Hansen book, I left my UFO business card with them both. On one side of this card my MUFON of Ohio State Director position is noted. On the other my position as a board member of the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies is noted. I am sure by now Mr. Armstrong has seen at least one of these cards. I am probably now viewed by him as either a person probably knowledgeable about UFOs, or a "ufo nut" as Buzz Aldrin describes us in Mr. Hansen's book while talking about the UFO events of the Apollo 11 flight. Whatever else, it is likely that Neil Armstrong now knows a little about Bill Jones, irrespective of whether or not he heard about me as a result of the museum visit. Whether this will permit another installment to this story to be written, is another matter.

Author's note: As of mid-January, 2006, I have not heard back from either Mr. Hansen or "Kotcho." I sent a follow-up email to Mr. Hansen at an Auburn University mailbox. So far, he has not replied.

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dressed it up to make it look nice. He laid the impression tray on the plaster bench.

I thought, "Boy, I've gotta have another one of that. I've just gotta have that." And I think that man was reading my mind because he picked up [the impression] in his right hand and crushed it, and threw it in the waste container. Then he started to walk past me again, and I said, "Doctor, wait a minute. I've got to have that prescription." He says, "John, you never worked on this, you never seen it, and you never talked about it. Okay?" And then he left, and went out the door.

Anyway, I walked over to the door and I peered out the little window in the door. There was a Major and a Lt. Colonel in full uniform.

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Police Have Chased UFOs

By Pete Hartinger

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One of the classic cases in UFO history occurred on April 17, 1966. It first involved two sheriffs deputies near Ravenna, Ohio. At approximately 5 a.m., deputies Dale Spaur and Wilbur Neff observed a glowing disc-like object moving over a nearby field. A light beam from the object illuminated the road around them and they also heard a humming sound. They chased the UFO across the state line into Pennsylvania. During the 85 mile chase, the UFO would move away, gradually accelerating and outdistancing them, only to slow down until they caught up again, as if it were playing a cat and mouse game. Other police officers witnessed the UFO en route after hearing the excited communication of the Ravenna officers. Finally, after they had crossed the state line, the object hovered, then shot straight up out of sight just as jet interceptors approached to investigate. As with many classic UFOs the explanation is listed as unknown and this sighting did make the newspapers. This chase was partially depicted in Stephen Spielberg's movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

According to Pickaway County resident Glen Howard, Circleville has had one of their own UFO chases. Glenn is a retired Circleville police officer. He states that in the fall of 1980 he was driving to the local police station to work the night shift. It was about 10:40 p.m. when Glenn was driving into town on Route 22 from the west. He turned south at the interchange to go toward the west end of Mound Street. When he stopped at the stop sign he was looking directly south toward Route 23. At that time he observed an egg shaped, orange glowing object heading north, approximately 10 feet above Route 23. The object was estimated to be seven to eight feet in length. There were two cruisers chasing the object with their lights flashing. One was a County Sheriff's car and the other was from the Ohio State Highway Patrol. They went past the witness at about 25 feet away, while he waited at the stop sign. The object and cars were traveling at about 60 miles an hour. Startled, Glenn continued on to the police station where he found several police officers (it was shift change) listening to the chase on the police radio. Glenn added confirmation to the chase by telling his fellow officers that he had just observed the incident. Unlike the Ravenna chase, this local one never got the publicity.

Many law enforcement officers have seen UFOs. One who observed a UFO was Dave Burlile, who lives in Mt. Sterling. In 1958, Dave was an Ohio State highway patrolman working out of the Georgetown post. He and his partner, Robert D. Young, were riding in Young's patrol car when they had a daytime sighting. Dave described it as a saucer shaped object hovering about 500 feet in the sky and was very distinct. They immediately went back to the patrol post and the dispatcher, Ray Mason, also observed it. Together, the three estimated the UFO to be 100 feet in diameter. After a few minutes, the UFO rose to about 1,000 feet in the sky and then slowly rose at an angle and the farther it went, the faster it went. Dave reported his sighting to the State Highway Patrol Headquarters in Wilmington. Dr. J. Allen Hynek, chief consultant to the Air Force, told Dave that it was temperature inversion in the atmosphere. After that, Dave's opinion of Hynek diminished.

In January, 2000, the first dramatic UFO sighting of the new millen-

nium occurred. It was in the very early morning hours of Jan. 5 and the object was seen in southwestern Illinois. Four police officers on car patrol in four rural towns all saw it. So did at least one civilian. Each witness independently described the object the same way. Each was baffled. It was described as long as a football field, two stories high, triangular like an arrowhead. Bright lights winked from its rear. Red lights shimmered from its belly. And no one has any idea what in - or out of - the world it was. This UFO sighting has been featured for television on the History Channel.

Over the years, there have been many UFO sightings all over the country by law enforcement officers and most of them have been very descriptive. Britain has also had many UFO police reports. These sighting reports are very important, because they were made by trained, professional observers. This is part of the evidence that I present in lectures, displays, etc. If you have any questions, please contact me at 740-477-6252 or email me at rufos@columbus.rr.com. Our website is www.roundtownufosociety.com.

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[The doctor] handed that to them, shook hands with them, and they left. Now, the Lt. Colonel I'd seen before, and I always tried to decide where it was. It was either at the VA Hospital or it was at Wright-Pat.

But, anyhow, they had left. I waited a second or so, and I went out there, hoping that I would see something more. I walked from the laboratory all the way down to the Chief of Staff's office. Now, along that corridor they have operatories and surgical rooms. There was not a soul on the floor. No patients, no doctors, no nurses, no chair-side girls, no hygienists. Nobody was on the floor. That was very unusual.

I went back into the lab, because I got a little nervous about being down there. I couldn't have explained why I was way down by the Chief of Staff's office if I was caught out in the hallway.

So I went back to the lab, and the chief of the lab came back and he had sort of a crappy grin on his face. I said, "You'll never guess what I just worked on." And he said, "You had something unusual, huh?" That was all the conversation. I didn't talk about it any more because I was afraid I was going to get into trouble if he told the Chief [of Staff] that I talked about it just after he'd told me not to. But I think he knew.

Well, I retrieved the pieces [of the original impression] out of the trash. [Mosgrove digressed at this point to explain that a "custom-made tray" had been used to create the impression. Normally, manufactured trays are available for varying sizes of human jaws. The tray holds the soft, rubber-based molding material as it is pressed into the teeth to form an impression. But in this case, Mosgrove said, "You couldn't have got a manufactured tray in there to get an accurate impression because it (would be) too damned big. (Even) a small child's manufactured tray wouldn't have fit because it would have been rubbing up against the bone." Mosgrove then continued explaining his recreation of the mandible model.]

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Grass Roots UFOs Book Review

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Grass Roots UFOs: Case Reports from the Timmerman Files, by Michael D. Swords (Fund for UFO Research, 2005, 250 pages, paperback).

Those of us who know Mike Swords, retired professor of natural sciences at Western Michigan University and a board member of the Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS), recognize his analytical mind and down-to-earth style on display in this minor masterpiece. John Timmerman, an officer of CUFOS, traveled around for many years with the CUFOS exhibit displayed at shopping malls and in other venues. During those years hundreds of citizens from all walks of life described their personal UFO sightings (and also tidbits of alleged inside information) to him. Timmerman began to tape record the reports and preserve the stories for later study.

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Case Reports from the Timmerman Files



Michael D. Swords

A fascinating part of this book is the story of how it came to be written, ably narrated by Swords; how the hundreds of hours of tapes were preserved, transcribed, and finally digested into manageable form by Swords, whose well-known analytical talents are put to work here. As he notes in this aptly titled book, this is not exactly hard-core data over which scientists will swoon, but some-

thing more in the nature of folklore: suppressed information bubbling up in very human terms. People who have experienced odd events describe, with varying degrees of sophistication, what they observed. Their spontaneity and naturalness in conversational English that result in fascinating human testimony is part of the book's charm.

Swords sorts the reported sightings into more than 40 categories, and his running commentary glues the book together into a meaningful whole. Because of the circumstances in which the stories were obtained, important data-points often are missing. Nevertheless, this "soft data" makes a compelling case that UFOs do represent an important scientific mystery that is being overlooked. The human interest content is high, including observations on people attending the exhibits and how they behaved. Despite the high density of sighting reports, the book is surprisingly readable and contains many little gems of information.

The book is professionally and handsomely produced, with an artistically attractive slick cover, and is nicely organized. An index of sighting locations is included, along with supplementary information and

a recommended reading bibliography. Kudos to FUFOR and CUFOS for this cooperative endeavor. Recommended for anyone interested in the human testimony of UFO reports and how hard some ufologists are working to preserve and publish it. - Richard Hall

Editor's Note: 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. If you aren't connected to the Internet and are interested in an order form, you can contact me, Jennifer Thomas, at 740-965-6656. Other items associated with the book, such as copies of audiotaped voices and typed conversations, are also available. If you have questions for John, you can reach him at jptimmer@bright.net or 937-843-3834.

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Mosgrove: I got it back together, and also drew diagrams of it. I must say I didn't get exactly what I wanted at the end result [because it had been so badly crushed]. But what I did get was the shape of the jaw.

[Mosgrove indicated that there were apparently three "teeth" still in the jaw bone.]

For lack of a better word, I'm gonna call these "teeth." They were all flat, as near as I can figure. They're not meat-eaters [referring to the "original owner" of the mandible. Mosgrove explained that there were two apparent "molars," one on each side, and one tooth in front. The front tooth, which in a human would be a sharp-edged incisor, was "perfectly round" and flat on top.]

Mosgrove: I could tell from the original impression that this person, or whatever it was, was in a terrible accident, or got hit, because of the bone fragments. This thing had a terrible hit in the face, like slamming into something. The main part of the force that hit the face would have been more to the upper than the lower. This knocked the teeth out but it didn't break the mandible. So that means an indirect hit. If there was anything broken on this lower arch, it would have been the hinge and not particularly the jaw bone.

[Lindemann asked Mosgrove if he had compared the anatomy of the mandible with other known primate anatomy.]

Mosgrove: Yeah, I've done it and so has Carl Day. Carl Day has sought out top people in that field, and they can't come up with anything. There is nothing to compare it with in the animal kingdom. Not at all. And I know it's not human. And I also know that there was no bone graft, so this was solid bone, all the way around, which eliminates any surgical operation or anything like, [so] it's not a hoax.

[Lindemann asked Mosgrove why he thought the military had brought the mandible to him, a civilian at Brown Hospital, some distance from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.]

Mosgrove: This [was] damned unusual. Why did they bring it all the way out there when they had a dental laboratory right there on base, a nice, big clinic? I don't even have a high security clearance. [But] there was a lot of scuttlebutt going around on base, and if they'd taken it to the dental clinic on base — heck, they could just as well say, "Yeah, we got it."

Only one time did I hear any scuttlebutt that I really believed. There's a radio station there in Dayton, one of those talk shows, and I heard

them talk about it on the radio. And, boy, they got quieted right away. I'm sure the government quieted them down on that.

Now, Carl Day I think had a little more information than what I had, because I asked him, "What do they say it is?" And he says, "Alien." And, not only that, Carl Day came up with [a] photograph [actually an illustration of a "gray" alien] after all of this occurred, and I didn't know that he had it. He had a luncheon or a dinner with Air Force personnel. And when he held that mandible up to the photograph, they got very upset and then jumped out of the chair. [Mosgrove had given Carl Day one of the three existing models of the mandible.]

Not only that, in 1978 they had a seminar on aliens and UFOs at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, and Carl Day knew about that. [It was] only for military personnel.

[Lindemann asked Mosgrove why he decided to talk, and whether he had experienced any repercussions.]

Mosgrove: I was sort of ticked off at the Federal government anyhow. So I didn't give a damn. I'm sort of worried about it now, but at that time I guess you should say I had an attitude problem and decided to go for it. I've been told that I talk too much. And I'll tell you something else that happened in 1982. My house was shot up.

I don't know if that's related to it or not, but at that time I was really getting into this UFO thing and I was talking quite a lot, and then one morning at about 4:15 a.m. my house was shot up. And it scared my wife to death. My wife told me to keep my mouth shut. But the Sheriff's Department could not substantiate it to have any connections with what I was doing or saying or. They never came up with any answers, don't know who shot my house up. But the evidence is still on the outside. A shotgun blast [destroyed] the whole front window. Fifteen minutes later my wife would have been walking through there because she works at the hospital. It could have killed my wife. But that's the only thing I've had happen — other than I lost a job.

I took a break from dentistry because I was getting burned out, so I got a job in security. I worked at this place for about two or three years, and then all of a sudden I was fired. That was after my interview with Carl Day. I was working at Kemper Division. And they came up with a cock-and-bull story that I sexually harassed a woman. I've never even seen this woman. I was so mad, I was crying. I can only talk to my wife about it. They wanted me to sign papers that I did it, and I refused. I told them to go to hell. I didn't do anything like that. I know I was set up. And everybody who knows the story knew that I was set up.

[Before concluding the interview, Lindemann asked Mosgrove for a more detailed description of the mandible and how it compared to a human jaw.]

Mosgrove: From your second molar to your canine tooth is pretty much a straight line. But this thing's shape, from the second molars, starts out a little wide, then the bone goes concave, and then it straightens out and comes around the lower incisor area. It curves inward, down to the incisor area, and then it goes right across, which indicates a very small mouth, and a very narrow tongue, like a lizard's... I'm really curious about the tongue... If it has a tongue at all, it has to be narrow.

I've never seen an alien. But due to the shape and the contour of this thing, and considering where it came from, I don't know what else it

could be. It's not animal, and I know it's not human. It's not a freak. Air Force don't deal with freaks. And...this mandible has been around for awhile, because you could see the pit holes in the bone from being dried out. I think it's been around for at least 50 years.

Editor's note: After interviewing John Mosgrove, Michael Lindemann talked with Dayton television newsman Carl Day about the mandible case. That interview will appear in the Spring 2006 Newsletter.



Donnie Blessing with Tim Hammond and Velma Hines, above.

Alien Abduction Support Group Meeting With Timothy L. Hammond

**by Donnie Blessing, SOAAR Director and Southern Ohio
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A good time was had by all at the alien abduction support group meeting held at the College Hill Library on November 26, 2005. On hand for the group meeting was Timothy L. Hammond and his girlfriend Velma. Tim came to talk about his recently released book "Chillicothe UFO Chronicles." In the book Tim talks about how he and a fellow officer were on patrol at the VA hospital in Chillicothe, Ohio when they suddenly had a close encounter with a UFO and occupants of the craft outside the hospital. The date was November 26, 1983. The time was around 4:55 AM.

Anyone interested in purchasing Tim's book can check with Barnes and Noble, Amazon.com, the publisher, Xlibris, or go to Chillicothe UFO Chronicles on the web: <http://www.chillicotheufochronicles.net>.

More investigations concerning this case should be explored. I would like to reopen the case and find more information. Over the next few months I will be looking for anyone who can shed more light on what happened that night or happened to people involved in the case. If Tim agrees to a regression we may uncover information that has been hidden in his subconscious.

If anyone has information concerning this case please call me at 513-681-4077. Your identity will be kept private.

Our next group meeting will be in March. A date in March has not been set. If you live in Southern Ohio, Northern Kentucky or Southern Indiana and would like to attend our meetings, please contact me. To attend you do need to believe you are an abductee.

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