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NEWSLETTER

Some Vintage Northern Ohio UFO Cases

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1938

The following sighting from the late 1930s proves that good UFO reports are far from recent in origin. This was told to me by my late grandmother, Mrs. Marie Friedel.

"On a Sunday evening in August about the year 1938, we decided to take a ride out Lorain Road. Near Elyria, west of Cleveland, we spotted about 30 cars stopping along the road on both sides. My sister and her husband who were in the car with us discovered two objects coming from the northwestern sky. They appeared to be faint, round, grayish-blue objects. They were not airplanes or anything else anyone had seen before.

"I shall never forget the sight of it, or the telling that came over me when the strange objects continued overhead and faded out in the distance of eerie silence."

1955

One of the finest early UFO sightings in the Cleveland area occurred in November of 1955 to Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth R Hoffman of the Grace Lutheran Church while they were driving to the airport. Their attention was attracted to a row of bright lights in the sky directly ahead and over the road. Shortly after they could discern that the lights were coming from a huge oval-shaped object similar in appearance to two saucers, the uppermost inverted upon the lower one. Around the portion of its perimeter visible to them were eight large windows from which shown an intense white light. The strange object appeared to be hovering from directly over an intersection at an estimated five hundred feet.

Mrs. Huffman remarked that the craft was a pearly aluminum color. They believed the windows were at least eight feet by ten feet in size. An intensely white light showed steadily downward from each window. The light rays were so bright that they could see dust particles in them. They sat and watched the UFO for about ten minutes, then started the car and drove south on Lee Road hoping to get under it, but the object began to slip westward over the tree tops. It moved slowly and noiselessly and did not appear to rotate.

1957

At 11 PM on the night of November 5, Olden Moore, a Huntsburg plasterer and active church worker witnessed an unidentified flying object in a farmer's field.

The landing was made near the intersection of Rt. 86 and Hart Road in Montville Township. "It landed a stone's throw from the highway," Moore said.

Moore had been driving home from Painesville when he first noticed what appeared to be a bright star coming toward him. He observed the light through the windshield of his automobile.

"In a matter of seconds it loomed as big as a house in front of me," Moore said. "Then it seemed to split apart. One section disappeared; the other settled down in a field near the road."

Moore pulled his car off the road and turned off the ignition. "I sat there watching the object in the field for about 15 minutes," Moore said. "Then I got out of the car and walked toward it. I could hear a ticking sound like that of an electric clock or water meter." Rather than walking up to the object, Moore returned to his car and drove home to get his wife. When he arrived back at the field the UFO was gone."

Twelve hours after Moore's experience his wife telephoned the report of the incident to Louis Robusky, Geauga County sheriff. She later turned over to Robusky a picture her husband had drawn of the object.

According to Moore the UFO was about 50 feet in diameter, was saucer-shaped, and had an inverted "saucer" on top. Moore described it as having a dome in the center, shaped like a cone. The surface of the object was brightly glowing. "It reminded me of mirrored sun glasses," he said. Surrounding the object was a blue-green haze or fog. A light pulsated slowly, alternating between bright and dim. Because of an unusually bright Moon, Moore was able to distinguish the UFO through the haze. He could not detect any windows or openings of any type.

Police, sheriff's deputies and members of northern Ohio's Civil Defense rushed to the scene to investigate Moore's sighting. The first to arrive was George Popowitch, director of the Akron UFO Research Committee. A KWKY-TV cameraman, Ralph Mayher, and investigator C. W. Fitch later made a plaster cast of strange prints found in the area where the UFO had contacted the earth.

When Moore signed the affidavit covering his reported sighting he said, "I don't care what people think. I know what I saw and I'm only sorry I did not have a witness with me to back up my story."

Kenneth E. Locke, Lake County Civil Defense director, made this statement: "There were prints in the field one-half inches deep and holes like those made by spiked shoes." Locke said the six prints looked as though they "were coming from nowhere and going nowhere."

Locke and another Civil Defense official brought a Geiger counter to the field. The instrument registered about 150 microontgens in the center of an area 50 feet in diameter. Near the perimeter of the area the readings dropped to 20 or 30 microontgens. A normal reading would be 15 or 20. A few hours later the meter showed only a reading of 20 to 25 near the center and zero at the perimeter. This proved that something had been there to create the high radioactivity, rather than it being caused by mineral deposits in the field.

Also a fact is that Moore was not the only person to call authorities and report a UFO on November 6th. John Shaffer, 16, and Timothy Sadowski, 15, reported a cigar-shaped object at 7:55 PM the same evening as the Moore report. The youths were on duty at the Grand Valley Observer post at Orwell, a short distance from Montville. They reported the object at high altitude, traveling swiftly to the northwest. "The object had light streaming down from what appeared to be two portholes," Shaffer said. "It was shaped like a cigar, but was not tapered at both ends. One end was larger than the other."

Also on the night Moore said he saw the UFO, an Ashtabula man reported seeing a low, bright object while he was driving east on Rt. 166. The object appeared to move away, come closer and then vanish.

On November 7, one day after the other sightings, five other persons reported seeing UFOs in Geauga and Ashtabula counties. One of the sightings was described by Thompson Ledges as a "large flattened-pumpkin shape traveling from north to northwest."

When Moore returned home from work on the evening of November 7 he saw many cars outside his home. Reporters were milling around, obviously waiting for him. Not wanting any publicity Moore drove around the block and waited until the crowd had left.

Sunday evening, November 10, Sheriff Robusky, accompanied by a deputy and an Air Force officer, called at Moore's home. Robusky said that the Air Force wished to question him on the sighting and asked him "as a good patriot" to go to Youngstown for an interview. Moore agreed to the request when it was promised he would be returned to his home that evening. They drove to the exact spot where the UFO had landed and boarded an Air Force helicopter. Following this unusual experience Moore was brought back to his home that evening. One week later an Air Force car stopped at Moore's home. The officers asked Moore to pack his grip and go with them to Washington for further questioning.

1963

At 8:05 PM on February 8th, Euclid school teacher Thomas Doyle stepped out of this car at his East 238th Street home, and heard what he first took to be a jet aircraft. Looking up he saw instead a blue-white light, very bright and about the size of a pea held at arm's length. About 12 diameters behind the bright object Doyle was able to discern the jet aircraft he first heard. The jet was a military bomber and seemed to be pursuing the self luminous object. Both craft were on a ENE to WSW heading, and the UFO was clearly pulling away from the bomber. As the distance became even greater, the aircraft broke off the chase and made a 180 degree turn to assume a southern heading. The UFO continued on its original course and was lost in the thick haze on the southern horizon.

1964

On Friday, May 15 a UFO was seen to take off from the side of Rt. 90 near Ashtabula. The [Ohio State] Highway Patrol reported that a man from California called from a pay station a short distance from the take off point to report the object. He said it was as big as a tractor truck. The called said the object changed color, turning to a bright orange,

hovered about eight feet off the ground and then it took off and soared to about 300 to 400 feet. At this point the flame color became a blur and the object zoomed into the sky. This all happened about 11:30 PM.

The motorist said a driver of a semi-trailer rig also saw the UFO and stopped to look. A source that was always reliable told this writer that after the sighting several Air Force cars were seen parked near the reported landing area with their lights on.

Portsmouth, Ohio; Family Experiences

Investigated by Cathy Richards and Connie McNichols
MUFON of Ohio State Section Directors

It was about 1 AM in the morning, May 12, 2009. The witness was driving along U.S. Route 52 from Portsmouth, Ohio to his home in West Portsmouth. He was excited about the weather because the stars were quite visible in the night sky. The witness noticed the first craft as he was leaving Portsmouth, headed toward his home. It caught his attention because of its large size, low altitude, flashing lights, and slow speed. The craft was moving but it stopped completely on perhaps two occasions. The lights beneath the craft seemed to behave somewhat erratically. (He has placed an animated drawing in this MUFON CMS report that depicts these changes.) The witness slowed his car and watched from the side of the highway for several minutes. This craft was observed for about six minutes before it disappeared from view.

Four minutes later the witness spotted a second craft which was exactly the same size and shape and exhibited the same lighting patterns underneath as the first. It reportedly seemed to stop moving once before redirecting and following the direction that the first craft had taken. The witness aggressively followed this craft, attempting to keep track of it and get a better look. Unfortunately, it seemed to completely disappear after passing over a ridge. There was no detectable sound emitted from either craft.

The witness has a BS in Mathematical Science, with a concentration in physics, and is employed at Clark Planetarium at the Shawnee State University.

Reference: MUFON CMS Case 16877

The witness, the mother of the witness in the case above, observed an oval shape light just above the trees outside of her and her mother's house. This sighting took place in April of 2009. She watched this light for a few seconds and then yelled for her mother to come and look. Just after the mother observed the same light it vanished. This was just about 2 weeks prior to her son's sighting in May 12, 2009 above. This witness has also had other sightings: She had a sighting with her son probably in 1998. They observed a bright light over a mobile home about as long as a telephone

pole. It took off to the south at a high speed. The witness also observed a triangular craft just above the trees above her house sometime in 2008. It had white lights on each corner and a red light in the middle.

Reference: MUFON CMS Case 17627

About three years ago this witness, the grandmother of the witness from the first case above, was driving eastward down Route 52 when she observed two very bright lights circled with a rainbow color halo. There was some steam or smoke coming from the back of these lights. She became very afraid because the lights were right above her. She felt she might be abducted or something. She really became even more afraid when the light shined in her car right on her face. She doesn't remember much else, just that she was afraid and could not wait to get home. She never told anyone until she told her grandson.

This witness had another sighting about 40 years ago. She and her husband observed a saucer shaped craft from across a street with multicolored windows going around its center. It was just above a building, hovering and making no sound. It was huge about 60 feet long. She does not know why but they did not stay to continue watching it. Again she did not tell anyone until her grandson got more involved with his sightings.

This witness was also a witness to her daughter's sighting about two weeks prior to her grandson's sighting described first above. She saw a very bright oval light just above some trees. Just as she saw it, the light vanished.

Reference: MUFON CMS Case 17633

Investigator comment: We are going to continue to work with this family to document their experiences.

Johnstown, Ohio, June 22, 2009

Investigated by Connie McNichols

The witnesses reported as follows: "I was sitting on my patio with my wife and her sister. When I first noticed a large bullet shaped object flying from the SW about 1 mile up. I then told my [them] to look up and see it. The object continued to fly over to where we were and over the house. We heard no sound. The object did not have any wings or any windows that were visible or lights. It was not a blimp or any other aircraft I have ever seen. It continued flying in a straight path toward the NE until out of our sight. The sighting lasted about 1 minute.

Reference: MUFON SMS Case 17671.

Argentina: Five Cows Mutilated in Crucesita Tercera, Nogoyá

**** An on-site report by VISION OVNI ****

A report by Silvia Pérez Simondini, Andrea Pérez Simondini and Nestor Gaioli

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology, July 7, 2009

Crucesita Tercera in the department of Nogoyá is located some 50 kilometers from the provincial capital. Its habitual peace and quiet was disrupted by reports from a livestock owner involving the apparition of mutilated animals on his property and neighboring ones as well. Another situation that added further mystery to the event was the total emptying of a nearby lagoon. News of these events reached Diario UNO in the city of Paraná, which attracted the locals' curiosity.

VISION OVNI traveled immediately to the area, contacting Juan Carlos Vergara, head of the cattle theft office. He very kindly gave us not only details of the case, but also put us in touch with veterinarian Pablo Seeling, who has great experience in these cases.

We know that only [mutilation cases] reported as of 2002 have been catalogued in our country, and the reported number is trebled by the reports that were not made known to the authorities. We quickly agreed with Dr. Seeling in this matter, confirming that he personally believes to have dealt with 50 such cases in Nogoyá, and that they were really in excess of 200.

The Cases

Police officers located the cows, which featured the same affected organs characteristic in these cases: absence of reproductive organs, ocular organs and tongue. The verdict rendered by veterinarians in these cases has always been the same – no explanation.

The animals' owner, retired bank officer Gustavo Cabañas, says that the field was under his care and that he had left behind a herd of cows and calves. A few days earlier, he had toured the entire field, finding that everything was in order and correct (we should remark that Cabañas visits the field every day from very early in the morning until mid-afternoon), including the water level of a lagoon, which contained a considerable amount of water, despite the predominant drought. When he found this body of water to be dry only hours later, the cattleman was shocked. This new state of affairs prompted him to relocate the livestock to another field, and it was in this process that he found the dead animals. He promptly contacted the cattle theft authorities and the sheriff of Crucesita Tercera. The sheriff was stunned to find that a new mutilation case had occurred only a few meters away from his office. Vision Ovni carried out the initial research work in this case.

Mr. Firpo, the property's owner, allowed us to enter the premises to see the animal for the first time. It was in the woods, and displayed partial injuries, such as the removal of the left eye, incisions to the anus and vulva, partial incisions to the tongue. We found curious that the characteristic incision of the jaw, with exposed bone, was not present.

Fly larvae were beginning to develop in its mouth and flies were found on the wounds. No samples were taken, as the animal had been dead for more than 72 hours. A distended abdomen was also observed. Also curious was the absence of rigor mortis, with natural flexibility of the extremities.

As for the vegetation: a survey of the area did not turn up footprints or broken branches in the vicinity nor up above. There was no evidence of carrion animal activity. The dead animal showed signs of a struggle, as evidence of kicking and an attempt to cause injury with its horns were detected. An issue of blood from its nose was also evident, suggesting that the animal died during the process of receiving the wounds. No signs of electric conductivity in the ground were noticed, a variable that has been present in these cases.

The cattleman's dog, which was coming into contact with the mutilated animal for the first time, refused to come any closer. The carcass was found in a north-to-south position.

This case in Crucesita Tercera makes clear that the phenomenon has not ceased occurring in Argentina, and that it is a source of great concern to livestock farmers and the authorities, as there is an abundance of hypotheses and a dearth of answers. It is perhaps time for the authorities to make experts and resources available to researchers in order to make headway in this subject. The experts exist, so do the resources. All that is needed is the will to implement them. Admitting that the subject is unknown is not a sign of weakness; rather, it is a way of reaching the truth.

Thanks to Scott Corrales for passing along this report.

UFOs Are Real

Richard D. Seifried

MUFON State Director for Ohio, Emeritus

I start this out with a very old statement. Bill Jones requested that I write about some of the happenings that occurred when I was the MUFON State Director for Ohio.

But it doesn't matter what is reported by whom. Professional debunkers and government agencies will pick away reporting that UFO sightings are baloney. Instead of UFOs they are balloons, experimental flares, or if seen in daylight the observer misinterpreted what they were seeing. Critics go on and on.

One of the latest debunking projects has been to have the public believe that the “new evidence” of memory metals is just nonsense. One finally wonders, “Is it or isn’t it true?”

Many of you already know that Roswell really happened. I do. Jean, my wife and the former Oklahoma [State] Director of MUFON, and I are certain that something did occur that was not a crashed weather balloon.

We visited with Walter Haut who had been the Public Information Officer at the 509th Bomb Group when the incident occurred. He told us that Colonel Blanchard, the base commander, ordered him to draft a press notice telling the public that the Air Corps had recovered a flying disc. Walter also told us that senior officers could not have misinterpreted the debris as material from a weather balloon. When we ate dinner with Walter and his wife he told us that he had also seen alien corpses and a damaged craft at one of the base hangars.

Later we met and spoke with Major Jesse Marcel, Jr. and listened as he described the wreckage his father had shown the family at the dinner table the night he returned from the crash site. Many well documented books have given us additional information plus many witnesses. It doesn’t matter what the debunkers and agencies declare. Roswell did happen.

Why does the UFO investigative community (governmental) completely disregard the hundreds of abduction reports that have proven [to be] true? Primarily we read only of lights in the night sky and investigators waste their time documenting distant sightings. After decades we don’t have qualified therapists to work with the hundreds of abduction victims. The therapists get scared off, afraid of legal actions or having their reputations ruined. Many of the victims do need professional help. Somehow they need to accept their new knowledge as part of reality.

I am one. I have been abducted at least seven times. Without hypnosis I recalled one experience. ‘They’, whoever they are, placed a distinct scoop mark on my left shin. I have three of them, the last and only distinct mark happened in 1977. I showed the hole to an arthritis doctor, asking what he thought of it. He put his index finger in the hole and exclaimed, “Why, they took some of the bone tissue too!”

The point is that some professionals know about such things but to speak out would ruin their reputations and careers. I’ll present a nice uncomplicated example of reputable people having a UFO experience.

Two retired couples observed a trapezoidal shaped UFO sitting motionless above a valley high up on Mt. Rainier. One was a retired engineer. They watched for some time. Then one of them saw a mountain goat and called attention to it. When they looked back the trapezoid was gone. It had

been a solid object. It had been noiseless and was fairly close to them.

There are several hundred incidents that I could put down here. My witnesses included military officers, politicians, police officers, and the wife of a very conservative Protestant minister, other devout Christians, and some non-Christians too.

I have thought about writing a book because a great deal of valuable information will be lost when I die. I am 81 years old. But I don’t because there is so much junk out there that it has become virtually impossible to find a legitimate publisher. So I haven’t made the attempt.

Thanks, Bill. I appreciate the opportunity to express my thoughts.

Written May 30, 2009.

Mini-UFO Sightings by a Member Joseph and Judith Rogalski, MUFON of Ohio

The following incidents occurred in June and July of 2008 at our home in Auburn Township in Geauga County, Ohio. Both incidents were observed by my wife Judith.

June 21, 2008 was a clear night. At approximately midnight my wife observed out of our dining room door an object at the southeast corner of our house. It was hovering about six feet off of the ground over a garden area near the master bath room window. She was about 60 feet from the object.

This object was approximately 20 inches in length and 3 inches in height. It blinked a bright white light every 2 seconds. She saw three cycles of this light before the object started to move east into the neighbor’s tree line where it disappeared.

On the evening of July 5, 2008 she again spotted this object around midnight in the same area, but at a closer range. She was in the bathroom about 3 feet away inside the window. It blinked every 2 seconds or so several times and then moved behind the house. She moved to the window on the deck behind the house and observed the light circle the yard a few times before it moved away to the east above the neighbor’s tree line behind our house.

The object climbed above the trees. It then swiftly moved back to our deck area near where Judith was observing from behind the window. It was still blinking. She had the feeling that the object had an intelligence behind it that was saying, “I know that you are watching.” It then moved to the south and could no longer be seen. This second event lasted approximately two minutes. It was definitely not a firefly. Judith wondered if it could have been some sort of controlled drone.

Bits and Pieces

UFOs in the Late 20th Century

Rick Hilberg's latest booklet entitled *UFOs in the Late 20th Century* has now been released and is available for \$9.00 US post paid through his home at 377 Race Street, Berea, Ohio 44027. This 38 page booklet with wonderfully creative drawings is more than worth the money.

At the urging of the late Alan Manak, Rick and some of his UFO colleagues started to "scour our rather substantial files" to find "the nest of the best" reports "in an effort to document the UFO enigma in a series of regularly issued booklets at a reasonable price for the serious students of the phenomenon." They have succeeded in that effort here in what may be their final volume. You can't afford to not have it in your UFO literature collection.

UFOs in the Late 20th Century



Rick Hilberg

International Space Station (ISS) Flyby Schedule

A growing number of observers are reporting intense "flares" coming from the ISS during some night time flybys. The luminosity of the space station sometimes surges 10-fold, or up to twenty-five times brighter than Venus. It appears that this is happening because the sun is reflecting off of recent additions of expanded solar arrays. Currently these flares are unpredictable.

This could be a factor when investigating some UFO sightings. Fly-by times are available from Simple Satellite Tracker at <http://spaceweather.com/flybys>.

Louisville, Kentucky Airport Sightings

Reports of UFOs over Louisville International Airport on June 24, 2009 may include multiple sightings from various employees, according to witness testimony from the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) database.

A package handler at the airport first heard a report over his radio about 10:30 AM that there was a UFO over the North South runway. The man did not see anything at that time, but at 1:55 PM, he saw a reflection in the sky from the south end of the runway.

"As this object came closer," the witness stated, "I could make out it was rotating and was a cylinder, then was a diamond shape."

He said the object moved in a straight line over the runway at a slow and steady speed at a point just under the cloud cover, approximately 1,500 feet. The object stopped at the end of the ramp and hovered for 30 to 45 seconds, then moved up into the clouds and disappeared.

Louisville International Airport is both a civil-military and public airport in the city of Louisville, covers about 1,200 acres of land, and has three runways. The field was formerly known as Standiford Field. Kentucky's Air National Guard's 123rd Airlift Wing is based here, operating C-130 transport aircraft. UPS also operates there as a hub for its package deliver service.

Pennsylvania UFO Conferences

Pennsylvania MUFON is holding two UFO conferences, one in Philadelphia on Friday, October 9, 2009 and Saturday, October 10, 2009, and the other is in Pittsburgh on Saturday October 19, 2009.

The Philadelphia conference will have 12 speakers including Bill Birnes, Rob and Sue Swiatek, and Tom Carey. The Pittsburgh conference will have 8 speakers including Stan Gordon, Bill Birnes, and Dr. David Jacobs.

For information contact John Ventre at 724-836-1266 or go to www.johnventre.com and www.pamufon.com.

New MUFON of Ohio Web Site Address

Ohio MUFON has a new and more easily remembered web site address. It is now: www.mufonohio.com. The old address, <http://home.roadrunner.com/~threemusic/mufono>, will still provide access to the web site.

Sun Lite Newsletter

The *Sun Lite Newsletter*, published by Tim Printy, is meant to fill in the skeptical gap in the UFO literature left empty by the passing of Phil Klass back in 2005. It is definitely takes a skeptical approach to the UFO subject, but I think in a lighter and less harsh manner than Phil's newsletter, the *Skeptics UFO Newsletter* (SUN), did. It is important to know what the so-called skeptics are saying even if you don't always agree with them. (I would like to think that objective UFO researchers who have a positive outlook on the UFO subject are skeptics as well, but in the world of ufology, such definitions are sometimes fuzzy.) This newsletter is available on line free at:

<http://home.comcast.net/~tprinty/UFO/SUNlite.htm>

MUFON of Ohio Meeting

Hilliard, Ohio, Wednesday, October 21, 2009

The next local meeting of MUFON of Ohio in Central Ohio will be at the Hilliard Public Library from 6 to 8 PM on the date noted above. Budget cuts require the library to close early.

For more information contact Cathy Richards at credcat@aol.com.

Strange Giant Insects Seen In Pennsylvania

From: Researcher: Stan Gordon

I have been researching and investigating unusual incidents across Pennsylvania for nearly fifty years. During this time period I have had many strange reports cross my desk from very close range UFO encounters, to various strange creatures ranging from Bigfoot to Giant Birds that fall under the category of Cryptozoology. Sometimes the reports are of alleged sightings of something that is rarely, if ever previously reported.

Recently, I was contacted about an incident which happened in rural Westmoreland County, outside of Mount Pleasant. There were four people traveling in a car during the evening of June 27, 2009, when they saw something very strange crawling on the road ahead of them. A man yelled out from the back seat and pointed ahead, making the others aware of what was occurring.

The witness I interviewed provided a detailed account of what was seen and what had taken place. The first observation involved a creature, which I was told, "looked like a giant caterpillar." The over sized insect crawled from right to left on the road a short distance ahead of the observers.

The creature was described as about 7 inches in length from tip to tip, appeared to be segmented, and moved like a grub.

It was primarily a very iridescent white color with a bluish tint, but the witness emphasized that it was not glowing. The critter showed no signs of legs or feet, and had no apparent head or tail. The body was skinnier at the tip ends and fatter in the center of the body.

As they continued driving, just seconds later, a second similar looking creature was observed as it moved from right to left, then reversed its direction on the roadway. The car full of startled people continued down the country road and within a very short distance, observed a total of 6 or 7 of the same sort of creature.

Some were in the roadway, while others were on the road side. I was told that one of the last creatures seen was in the middle of the road in front of them, and the shook up driver moved over the top of it, but did not hit whatever it was. The driver refused to slow down to take a closer look as to what those things were.

Reportedly, when the observers returned home, they did an internet search to try to find what they had seen. One witness was questioning/wondering that if these were a larva, what kind of creature would emerge from them.

If you have any knowledge of similar accounts please contact me. My website is currently down, but I can be reached at my e-mail at paufu@comcast.net.

Thornville, Ohio Entity Sighting

April 12, 2009

Investigated by Connie McNichols

"I was up, unable to sleep, around 4:30 AM on June 12, 2009, and was on the computer. We live on a wooded 4.5 acre lot in Thornville, Ohio [Licking County]. My neighbor's yard is a cleared lawn that transitions into woods like ours, and as I looked over to their yard out my office window (it was very dark near my house, but their porch light illuminated their lawn very well) I saw a 'human-like' invisible creature appear out of nowhere in the middle of the lawn and walk very rapidly (faster than a human could walk; it looked as if someone was rolling a tape in fast-motion) for about 15-20 steps, maybe a distance of 30 feet, then it just disappeared.

"I could see through the being as it was invisible, however, I could definitely tell something was there. The best way I can describe it is that it was like the alien in the 1987 *Predator* movie with Arnold Schwarzenegger when the alien from the movie was invisible in the jungle. My first thought was, 'Are my eyes playing tricks on me?' So I blinked and moved my head side-to-side by the window wondering if the window screen had caused me to see something. I was trying to recreate the sighting but to no avail. Since all the windows in the house were open and it

was very dark right next to my house I got very spooked and ran to my room and jumped in bed next to my husband.”

The entity was between 6 and 7 feet tall. Its arms hung by its side and were longer proportionally than the arms of a human. The arms swung very fast as the entity walked like it would appear in a fast motion film. The entity’s appearance was like the hear shimmering above a summer roadway.

On July 10, 2009 I went to witness’ home and interviewed her for over an hour. I took photos of area where entity was spotted and they are available on the MUFON CMS site. I could not directly observe the path the entity took because it is on her neighbor’s property and we did not have permission to enter that property. The witness was very cooperative. She is credible and seemed very sincere and honest about what she had seen.

The witness estimated that the entity was between 250 feet and 450 feet away from her when she observed it. When I visited the site in the day light I estimated that distance to be approximately 200 feet. No sound from the entity was detected.

Reference: MUFON CMS Case 17997

Motorist Has Near Collision with Bigfoot in Pennsylvania

From: Researcher: Stan Gordon
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A report of a possible Bigfoot encounter in Pennsylvania was received by the Sasquatch Watch of Virginia and was then referred to Eric Altman, the Director of the (PBS) Pennsylvania Bigfoot Society to investigate. The incident occurred on July 10, 2009, outside of Uniontown, in Fayette County.

On July 15, 2009, a team from the PBS traveled to the location where the reported Bigfoot encounter occurred to interview the witness and to look over the area for any possible physical evidence. The team was comprised of Eric Altman and PBS members Dave Dragosin and his wife Cindy. Eric also invited me to go along to participate in the investigation.

When we arrived on the scene, the witness and her husband were awaiting us. We went through our introductions then walked over towards the roadway where the encounter had occurred. The location of the incident was on a two lane roadway outside of Uniontown.

It was about 6 P.M. when the event occurred, and the weather was warm and clear at the time. The witness was driving down the road about 35-40 mph, when suddenly,

she caught out of the corner of her eye, a figure coming from the left side and approaching her. Her first thought was that a person was about to walk out in front of her car, and she was about to hit the subject.

She suddenly swerved over to the right side of the road, and was thankful that nobody was there. As she was making the turn, she got a good look at the figure, and suddenly realized that it was not a person, but a strange creature. As she sat there for a moment, she looked into her rear view mirror, and realized that the creature had gotten behind her car. “I looked into the rear view mirror and I saw it leap across my trunk.”

While still pulled over on the roadside, the woman remained seated in her car, trying to regain her composure. She could not believe what had just occurred. Seconds later she looked up to see the creature now on her right side running quickly down the middle of another road about 75 feet away. That was the last time she saw it. The entire incident had lasted just several seconds, but enough time for the witness to recall a detailed description of a creature which she was certain was not human, or a person in a costume.

What she saw in daylight and at very close range was a dark colored, hair covered man-like creature, which she estimated was, “at least 6 feet tall or slightly taller.” The creature, which walked upright on two legs, had a head that was said to be large and elongated, and covered with hair that just looked wild.

The neck was somewhat hard to explain since it was covered in hair. The witness said that it appeared to be thin and long. “The neck looked strange because the head was big and the shoulders were wide.” The face was mainly covered in hair, yet the area that was exposed appeared to be very white. There was hair coming out from all over the face, like that of a dog or a wolf. The nose was flat and dark, but was also mostly covered in hair. The mouth could not clearly be seen. The ears were not seen since they were covered with hair as well.

The eyes were its most prominent feature that really caught the witnesses’ attention. The eyes were at least twice the size of a human and circular in shape. The eyes were dark, possibly black in color, wide set, and “wild looking.” There was “no iris, no whites.” The witness thinks that is why the eyes looked so odd. The wild look and the fierceness of the eyes of the creature scared the woman.

The creature was stocky and muscular in appearance. The chest area was described as thick and hairy. The shoulders were wide and rounded. The arms were very long, hanging down to the knees or beyond. The witness said the hair on the arms was long, like ape hair. The woman didn’t recall seeing any muscles, however, it appeared as though it was muscular, and in good physical shape.

The witness had the impression that this creature was older in age. Very little detail was observed below the waist. There was no unusual sound or odor noted during the observation. The witness did have her windows up and air conditioner on.

At the scene, Dave Dragosin sketched an illustration of the creature under the direction of the eyewitness. Eric and the witness's husband searched a wooded area not far from the location of the encounter, but nothing of interest was found.

We also went over to examine the car. As I was looking over the car body, I noticed what appeared to be an unusual scratch mark on the trunk surface on the left side of the vehicle. I pointed it out to the others, as well as the woman and her husband. They had never seen this surface area damage before.

The affected area was about 6 inches from the left tail light to the first striation of the scratches. The scratched area was about 8.5 inches long and 2 inches wide. There were numerous vertical and horizontal very thin scratch lines that went into the paint surface. There is the possibility that this might be related to the creature's movements as it leaped across the trunk area from that side.

It was my impression that the witness was very sincere and competent. As she described to us what she had seen and experienced that night, it was evident that she was still emotionally upset by what had occurred. The witness told me that after the encounter, she drove down the road a short distance and parked her car. She sat there thinking about what had happened. She was trying to convince herself that this was a person, but realized that it couldn't have been.

These are her reasons why she feels it was not a human. (A) The rate of speed the figure came across into the path of her car, it didn't care that it was going to get hit. (B) The fast movement of the creature and the way it leaped over the trunk. She also had a good look at the creature and some facial features. The eyes of the creature frightened her.

When she arrived home she waited a little while before telling her family about what she had seen. She was initially met with some disbelief from her children. Her husband listened to her and believed that she had seen something. He told her she should call the police to see if anyone else had reported something similar. The witness said she was not calling the police, concerned that she would be ridiculed.

The direction that the creature was last observed moving towards would take it into a heavily wooded area in the direction of Jammonville. There has been a long history of Bigfoot sightings being reported for many years in this same general area of Fayette County.

For information on Bigfoot sightings in Pennsylvania, visit the (PBS) website at: www.pabigfootsociety.com.

My website is expected to be back on line soon. I can be contacted by e-mail at pauf0@comcast.net or via phone at 724-838-7768.

Odd Shaped Triangle Sighted Over Indianapolis, Indiana

April 6, 2009

From: National UFO Reporting Center,
<http://www.nuforc.org>

At about 6:00 to 6:15 PM EST on April 6, 2009, "in Indianapolis, around 82nd street just off 465 northbound and 69 N, from the Community North Hospital location, a craft was observed coming eastbound from the north" just after the sun had come out brightly from behind clouds. This craft appeared like a stealth moving aircraft with its wings folded up like an airplane stored on the deck of an aircraft carrier. There was no noise detected. The wings were not flapping; this was not a bird. According to the witness, "It clearly looked like a craft with the wings UP like on a navy ship when they docked on the aircraft carrier. It was more than odd. It was not from this world."

The witness further stated, "This particular craft came out of the clouds, approached toward my area directly downward and then veered oddly somewhat southbound on a dime, with absolutely NO movement from the UPWARD CLOSED wings. The wings were like a bird but stayed locked upward still. It then did a 360 [degree] motion (turn) in FULL VIEW within a second, while still moving back into the clouds, upward like a helicopter's movements, without hesitation." The witness observed the craft for about 7 seconds.

Another witness observed the craft. According to the witness, "The other person saw it like me and slowed their driving from the hospital in awe, but moved on." He then added, "It was awesome and yet fearful as this didn't look friendly but more of a probing observation. My heart was beating so fast, my mouth went dry and I couldn't talk."

It is common for passenger aircraft to fly over this area. There is a small craft airport in Fishers, less than two miles from the area.

Was this an experimental aircraft of some sort? If so, why was it flying over Indianapolis?

Lessons Learned about MUFON'S Case Reporting System (CMS)

By William E. Jones

We have had some recent experiences at MUFON of Ohio where we learned a few things about CMS that I think are

worth passing along here. Where changes seem warranted we have passed our comments along to MUFON.

- (1) The MUFON manual requires that the investigator keep a log for each case she or he is investigating with regard to each contact *attempted and actually made*.* The date, time, type of attempted contact (email, telephone, letter or personal/knock on the door contact), and result (even if no contact was made) should be included. This log should be scanned into the CMS report for that case once the investigation is completed. If someone questions how much effort did or did not go into a given case, this record will be of serious help.
- (2) MUFON needs to establish a *protocol* for witness contacts, i.e. how many and what types of contacts (email, snail mail, knock on the door, or telephone contacts) should be at least *attempted* for each type of case (light in the sky, close encounter, entity, etc.) for that case to be considered complete even if no contacts are actually made. (See 3 below.)
- (3) More attempts at contact should not be made if such is requested by the witness or witness' family. Further attempts could be construed as harassment. At some point even if no contact is made further attempts shouldn't be made for this same reason. (See 2 above.)
- (4) CMS is, to my mind, not well designed to be used to document multi-event long term cases. Nor is it good at identifying people (at least automatically) who contact MUFON via CMS to report multiple cases. Cross referencing between case events can be done, but not easily.
- (5) No one, including the State Director, should approve her or his own report in CMS. A second look by a reliable colleague is *always* desirable.
- (6) The use of *Insufficient Information* should be used sparingly. Use what information is available to reach a conclusion. You can comment on the value of your conclusion in your report. If little information is available in the original report, your conclusion may have little or even no value, but this is what we are supposed to do. Your judgment should be documented.

*See the MUFON Field Investigators Manual, Fifth Edition, July 2008, ST2.1, page 47.

Additional Material Attached

We have attached some additional material to this newsletter that can't be easily incorporated into this two column format. Some is historical from old UFO magazines or newsletters. The article on the next page concerning the 1941 Missouri crash story was recently prepared and is of particular interest to us here in Ohio.

TRUE BELIEVER

Lifetime of study of UFOs honored

By Tyrel Linkhorn
THE LIMA NEWS

LIMA, Ohio — After more than six decades, John P. Timmerman has developed a reputation among UFO believers as a premier researcher in the field.

"He knows everything there is to know. If you want to know anything about UFOs, John's the one to ask," said Mike Krick, president of the Lima Area UFO Research Associates.

Describing Timmerman as "a true gentleman, ufologist, and all-around good guy," the group honored him last month with several awards.

Timmerman, 85, began studying UFOs in 1947 and went on to be an investigator and treasurer for the Center for UFO Studies in Chicago. He built a traveling display of UFO information that was presented across the United States and as far away as China and Japan. The exhibit is in the UFO Museum in Roswell, N.M.

Timmerman suspects that governments around the world are working to hide evidence of UFOs, and that it's possible that all U.S. presidents since the 1940s have also been kept in the dark.

"I don't know how they're going to get out of this, but they'll have to one of these days," he said. "The world is going to have to know."

He and Krick admit that not everyone believes, but both said that people should look at the facts. "If people don't believe, you can talk till you're blue in the face, and they're not going to believe it until they see it," Timmerman said.

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UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS, RETRIEVALS, AND COVER-UPS

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Research into an alleged 1941 southeast Missouri unidentified crash retrieval led to a telephone conversation with a twenty-one year old male. The sincere young man spoke about a 1941 southeast Missouri event his Grandmother witnessed; a Grandmother described as church going and not prone to exaggeration.

According to the account handed down by Grandmother to Grandson, one day a routine ride to the General Store presented the Grandmother with a puzzle she never resolved. The usually vacant farm land across the street from the General Store acquired something new and bizarre overnight. Three large "boulders", for lack of a better word, sat on the previously empty land. The largest object stood approximately six feet tall. The unknown material reflected sun light like metal and radiated a strong stench. The objects did not look like any type of craft known in 1941. The General Store was the town's meeting place; residents gathered there and speculated about the source of the peculiar addition to the community.

Later the same day, men in a large flatbed truck arrived at the crossroads community. Since the out-of-the-way small town had few telephones and even less outside traffic, the residents wondered how the strangers knew of the curious event.



A man dressed in business attire paid the Grandmother's father to help uniformed men load the objects onto the flatbed truck. The men were concerned the objects

would be too heavy to lift. Surprisingly, the material was light-weight and moved with great ease. The Great Grandfather had no physical reaction to contact with the unknown substance other than difficulty washing away the smell on his hands.

The Grandmother related that prior to this incident many people in the area witnessed orbs on more than one occasion. Large orbs dispersed into multiple small orbs and

small orbs combined into larger orbs. The Grandmother spoke often of the unsolved mystery.

The account motivated the Grandson's interest in Astronomy. As a child the young astronomy student brought books to his Grandmother to show her pictures of meteors and other objects in the hope of solving the mystery. The Grandmother always responded, "That is not what I saw".

In the telephone conversation, the man expressed his amazement when acquaintances, unfamiliar with his family history, spoke about orbs in the same general area of southeast Missouri sky in the 1970s - orbs identical to the orbs his Grandmother saw so many years before. The man clearly was seeking answers.

Leonard H. Stringfield's 1991 Status Report VI, *UFO Crash/Retrievals: The Inner Sanctum*, focuses on an alleged 1941 southeast Missouri unidentified crash retrieval. According to a letter from Charlette Mann to researcher Ray Fowler, the event her Grandfather witnessed in 1941 was "...out of town [Cape Girardeau, Missouri] 13-15 miles or so...Grandfather said it wasn't an airplane or like any craft he'd ever seen. It was broken and scattered all around, but one large piece was still together and it appeared to have a rounded shape with no edges or seams. It had a very shiny metallic finish." In 1941 the term UFO or "flying saucer" had not been coined. The southwest of Cape Girardeau location of the Grandmother's account exceeds the crash location perimeter described by Ms. Mann by only a few miles or so.

Another interesting parallel aspect of the two accounts is the indication that local residents witnessed the incident. In a 2002 interview with Linda Moulton Howe, Ms. Mann quoted her Grandfather as saying "...it wasn't a crashed plane at all. There were some civilians. We assume probably people who lived near the farm where it had crashed..." The Grandmother's account of the 1941 incident she witnessed suggests perhaps fifty local residents witnessed the event.

A MUFON symposium proceedings paper, *The First Roswell* by Ryan Wood, states The Missouri Institute of Aeronautics, a World War II pilot training school, was the closest military base and the presumed retrieval personnel of the alleged spring 1941 southeast Missouri unidentified crash retrieval described in the Stringfield paper.

An Ohio Missouri connection exists in this story of unidentified objects, retrievals, and cover-ups. The Sikeston Herald, Thursday, May 8, 1941 states: "Ohioans predominate in the new class, more than half of the prospective pilots being residents of that state".

To read the names of Ohioans that attended the Missouri Institute of Aeronautics in the spring of 1941, please visit www.seekingmoinfo.com/SikestonHerald.html.

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DOG DIES AFTER UFO INCIDENT

Angel Maria Tonna is a 52-year-old rancher who owns 3,000 acres of farm land 15 kilometers (9 miles) south of Salto, Uruguay, a city of 40,000 people located on the Uruguay River. The ranch is primarily a cattle ranch and Mr. Tonna, 2 sons, 19 and 22 years of age, and 11 farmhands, tend 730 head of cattle and numerous sheep.

The Tonna family led a relatively uneventful life in their rural home until February and March of this year when Tonna, the two sons, Mrs. Tonna, their 15-year-old daughter and the farm hands began seeing UFOs in the area. They had approximately a dozen sightings during that time.

The most interesting incident took place at about 4 a.m. on February 18 when Tonna and his foreman, Juan Manuel Fernandez, were driving about 80 cows into the barn for milking. When Tonna gets up in the morning, the first thing he does is to turn on the generator, which powers approximately 20 lights in the barnyard area.

On the morning in question, Tonna said, he was bringing the cows in at about 4:10 a.m., when all of the lights went out, whereupon a bright light appeared on the east end of the barn (the end farthest from him) and he was able to make out the shadow of the barn. Tonna originally thought the power outage was a short circuit and he kept hay in that part of the barn so he thought it had somehow caught fire.

Tonna jumped over the fence and ran toward the source of the light at the end of the barn. His dog Topo (Dunce in Spanish) who was a constant companion during Tonna's walks around the ranch, was with him. "Then I heard a noise" he said, and he saw a fiery disc like two plates placed face to face hovering a short distance above the ground behind the barn. He stood and watched the object until his foreman told him the cows were running away, then he noticed that the cows "were going crazy" and all the dogs were barking.

At this point, the disc began to move in a southerly direction, breaking off the branches of a tree near the barn. The object displayed a rocking motion as it flew, and stopped and hovered over some trees about 100 yards south of the barn at an altitude of about 60 feet. It stayed there only a moment, then moved east another 75 yards or so, and stopped above a concrete bath that the cows were forced to walk through to disinfect them. By then, Tonna and his dog, a 60-pound black and brown police dog, had run back to the west side of the barnyard and climbed back over the fence. The light from the object illuminated the whole barnyard, and Tonna said he felt attracted to it. Tonna and Topo walked a few feet toward the UFO and it made another turn and began moving toward them. It came to a stop about 60 feet from them and Topo ran toward

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it to attack it and protect Tonna, but stopped and sat on a small mound about 15 feet from the object and looked up at it and howled.

When the object started moving toward Tonna, he noticed six beams of light "like small wings" - three on each side. At that point, Tonna said, he felt electric shocks which went all through his body and a very intense heat hit him. He flung his arm up over his face to shield his eyes. He said he felt attracted to the light and couldn't move. "I don't know if I couldn't move or didn't want to," he said.

After several minutes the object began moving away, turning from its original bright orange color to red. It increased its speed as the color changed and when it got to the forest about a half a mile to the south, it was out of sight.

When the object left, the generator started running again but didn't produce any electricity because the wires were burned out. The whole incident lasted about 10 minutes and Tonna's 19-year-old son, who is a second year veterinary student at the University in Salto, witnessed the whole episode from the house. The farm workers normally rise at 4:30 a.m. and those who were awake at the time saw only a bright light in the barnyard.

Following the incident the dog would not eat or drink. He moved around normally but stayed in the house all day, which was unusual. On the morning of the third day after the incident, Topo was found dead on the same mound where he had sat and howled at the disc.

An autopsy was performed at the ranch by a veterinarian who teaches at the North University in Salto and he was assisted by Tulio Tonna and three other second year veterinary students. The Doctor will not discuss the case but he did let Tulio make a copy of the autopsy report which said, in part:

"The hair along the animal's spine was sticky but completely hard. The fat under the skin was found on the outside. The fat is normally solid, so to get to the outside it had to be melted and come through the pores. Once it was outside it solidified again. The animal was exposed to a very high temperature that can't be reached naturally by the dog.

"All the blood vessels had been bleeding very much and all the capillaries were broken. The rupture of the blood vessels was caused by an increase in temperature that couldn't be natural.

"The liver, normally dark and red, was completely yellow, caused by a high fever. All the blood vessels were yellow too.

"With all the blood vessels broken, the animal started bleeding inside and lost so much blood that 48 hours later the amount of blood he had circulating was insufficient and he died of a heart attack."

"When we took the skin off the dog, we didn't see any marks. He didn't have any bruises or anything - nor was the hair burned. The conclusion was that something very hot caused this."

On the morning after the incident, the underside of

Mr. Tonna's right arm, which he had put up to shield his eyes, began hurting. Several days later, Dr. Bruning Herrera, a friend of the Tonnas, and a physician in Salto, paid the Tonnas a personal visit. Tonna confided that he wasn't feeling well and Herrera examined him. He found that the underside of Tonna's right arm was very red and, after being told about the UFO incident, decided the irritation was caused by some kind of radiation. He suggested that Tonna go and have a special examination but Tonna would have had to go to Montevideo, 300 miles away, and he didn't want to take the time. Instead he treated himself with some home remedies. Eventually the ailing arm cleared up with no lingering after-effects.

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BRAZILIAN OBJECT REAL PUZZLER

Occupants In France

Accompanying this article are drawings depicting the general physical characteristics of four "occupants" observed on the 29th of August 1967. This information was contained in the French language periodical "Phenomenes Spatiaux" which can be obtained at the following address by anyone who wishes to subscribe: G.E.P.A. 69, rue de la Tombe-Issoire, Paris, 14e, France. This incident, although witnessed only by children, is most interesting, especially in view of the fact that it took place in the daytime:

On the date mentioned, Francois Depleuch, 13½ and his sister Anne Marie, 9, accompanied by their dog Medor, were looking after a herd of cows near their home on the plateau of Cantal, at the village of Cussac, which is 20 kilometers WSW of Saint-Flour. At 10:30 a.m., the cows were about to jump over a low wall and Francois climbed up on a pile of stones whereupon he saw, on the other side of a hedge, about 40 meters (150 feet) away, what he thought were four children whom he did not recognize. They appeared strange—they and their clothing are completely black and have a silken look. No features were visible. Near the four figures was a large, extremely brilliant sphere which shone so much it was difficult to look at.

One of the small creatures was bending over and seemed to be busying himself with something on the ground, while another, holding an object which reflects the sun like a mirror, waved his hands and seemed to be making signs to his companions.

At this point Francois called out: "Are you coming to play with us?" At that moment the creatures, who did not seem interested in the children, seemed to realize that they were being watched.

The first figure "flew up" vertically and dived head first into the top of the sphere. The second followed him in the same manner and the third one, after standing up, did the same. (See drawings for sequence of events). The fourth figure rose off the ground, came down again, appeared to pick up something, then he took off again and caught up with the sphere which, during this time, had begun to rise, describing small circles and had reached a height of

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which the noise apparently was emanating also. Frightened, she decided to call the neighbors and did so immediately. The neighbors had just gotten over to her yard, heard the sound and saw the light when they heard a very loud noise like tiles breaking. Immediately after this sound was heard the heat stopped and the light in the house went out.

After hearing this Dos Santos went into the house to investigate, and in the bathroom he found a hole in the roof, there was tile scattered all over the floor and the object which he had left on the sill was gone.

The indication is, of course, that the object either took off of its own accord, making a hole in the roof as it left, or was somehow taken out of the house. All the witnesses (Mr. and Mrs. Dos Santos and their neighbors) were interviewed and their testimony taken by Dr. Max Berezowsky, M.D., and Dr. Methodius Kalkasieff (Architect) on behalf of the Brazilian Commission for Confidential Investigation of Unidentified Aerial Objects (CBPCOANI) and forwarded to APRO by Professor Flavio Pereira, the organization's president and APRO's representative in Brazil. We are indebted

also to Mrs. Irene Granchi of Rio de Janeiro, our official Portuguese translator.

We have heard, in the course of the past 21 years, of many UFO residuals which although exhaustively investigated and analyzed, prove almost as puzzling after analysis as they did before, but the following case is one of the most intriguing.

On the 18th of May, 1968, at 5 a.m. C. S. Dos Santos, a night watchman at Candonde, State of Sao Paulo, Brazil, returned home from his nightly work and found, in the courtyard of his house, a very curious object which was partly buried in the ground. It was quite heavy (comparable to a car battery) of grey polished metal, had no seams or rivets or screws showing and was cylinder-shaped and about the size of a medium-sized powdered milk can. At each end of the cylinder were dials which looked to Dos Santos like manometers. One dial displayed a black hand and the other a red one. These dials appeared to be encased under a glass or plastic lens and Dos Santos observed embossed figures on them arranged in a semi-circle. He thought they resembled our arabic numerals.

Above each figure there were other signs which Dos Santos could not decipher, and, being curious, he took the object into the house with him. His wife said she thought it might be a time-bomb and did not want it about, but Dos Santos put it on the floor and allowed their small son to handle it.

As was his custom, Dos Santos breakfasted and then went to bed, but before retiring he put the object on the slat-window sill of the bathroom. After getting up that evening, he went to work at his usual time, having completely forgotten about the object. At about 1 a.m., Dos Santos went back home to check on his wife who was pregnant and was surprised to find all the doors and windows open and the house brightly lit. Neighbors were outside with his wife, and both Mrs. Dos Santos and their son were in a very agitated state. Mrs. Dos Santos then told her husband of the strange events of the night.

She had been awakened by a sound like the "buzz of a big transformer" and a feeling of intense and stifling heat, despite the bitter cold of the night. She decided to get up and switch off the main electric switches, fearing that there had been a short circuit. As she left the bedroom, she noted a bright bluish light coming from the little bathroom, from

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about 15 meters (50 feet). The fourth little figure then disappeared into the sphere in the same manner as the other three. As the sphere rose from the ground a low, fairly sharp "hissing" noise was heard, mingled with a noise like a breeze blowing which neither of the children felt.

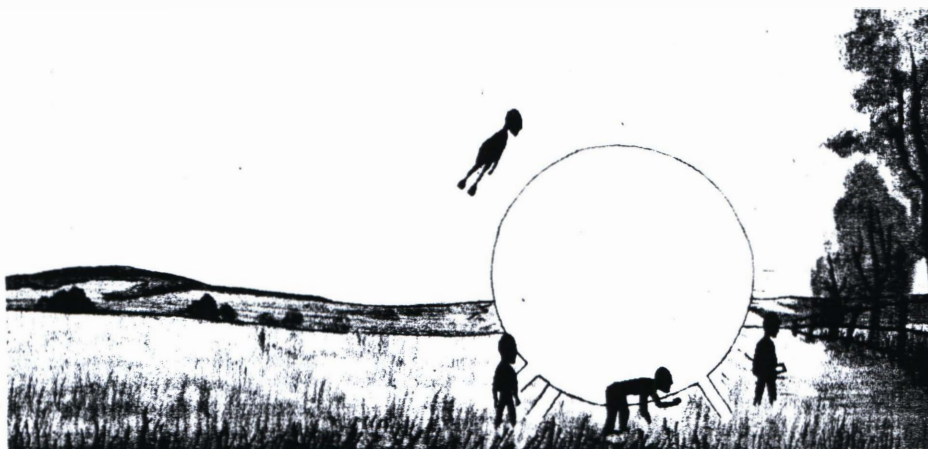
The object described a few more circles, still rising, and the intensity of the light emitted by the object increased greatly. Then the noise stopped and the sphere made off at full speed into the Northwest. At the same time that all of this was happening, a smell of sulphur was detected by the children and the cows began to bellow and become uneasy. The dog Medor was barking and appeared to want to follow the object. Francois and Anne Marie, because of the cows' upset, were obliged to bring them in a half hour before the usual time.

Details of the sphere are poor, probably because of the brilliance of the light. It was a perfect sphere, the children said, about two meters in diameter (6½ feet approximately), a very bright silvery color with no inscriptions, protrusions or openings that could be seen. Anne Marie claimed that she saw four stilt-like legs supporting the sphere, but Francois did not. Francois felt that Anne Marie might have mistaken some bare branches in the bushes for legs.

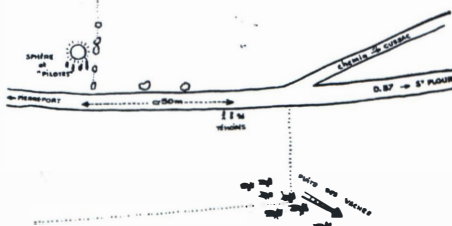
The details of the creatures are very interesting and quite detailed: They were about 1 meter, 20 centimeters (3½-4 feet) in height, but all were not of the same height. The first and the second (see sketches) are the smallest and the largest was the fourth. The children could not discern whether the black color was the color of their skin or if they were wearing suits of some kind, but they did not note any visible border line between a possible garment and the creatures' heads, which appeared to be bare.

The arms were a little long and slender, and no hands were noted. The legs were short and slender, and the "feet" of the fourth, when he caught up with the sphere, appeared to be webbed. Although the head appeared to be normal in size relative to the body, the skull was pointed and the chin very marked. The nose was also pointed (according to Anne Marie). Both Francois and Anne Marie agreed that the little creatures sported a "beard." It was situated on each side of the head, with a little tuft under the chin. No eyes or mouth were evident. Neither was there any indication of an apparatus which enabled the creatures to "fly".

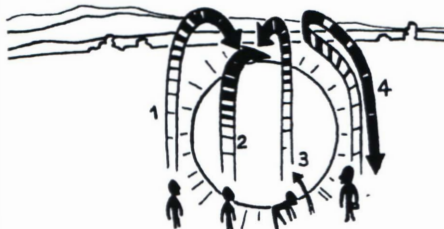
This incident was investigated and written for "Phenomena Spatiaux" by Joel Mesnard and Claude Pavy who pointed out that minute differences were found in the testimony of the children, but which could be accounted for by lack



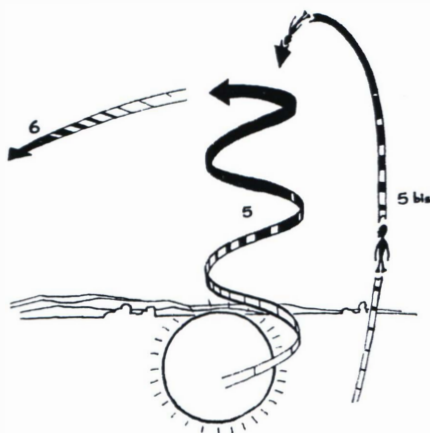
DRAWING NO. 1 shows position of sphere and "little men" on the ground. See story on Page 1 and at left.



DRAWING NO. 2 illustrates ground plan of sighting. Note sphere, little men at upper left, children and dog below road at center and cows at lower right.



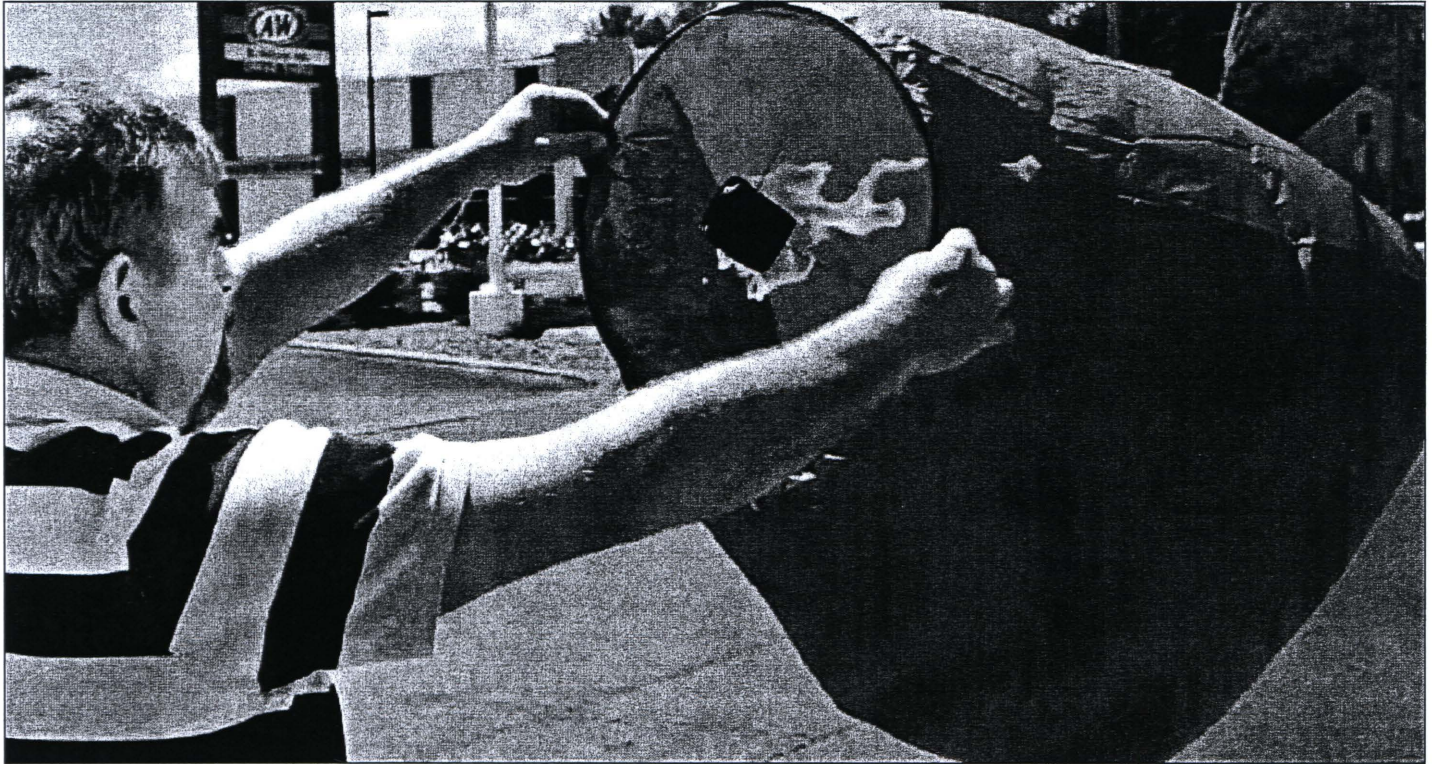
DRAWING NO. 3 depicts paths of little men as they flew, then dived into sphere. Note difference in size.



DRAWING NO. 4 shows path of fourth little man as he dives into sphere, as well as motion and path of sphere at take-off.

of attention, etc. of one or the other. Their attempts to confuse the children and thereby cause them to contradict one another were of no use—both seemed very sure of what they had witnessed.

We would like to state that this is one of the most detailed and carefully investigated occupant cases we have had the pleasure to examine and the staff of G.E.P.E. are to be congratulated on its presentation.



EagleHerald/Rick Gebhard

Scott Nerat lights one of his sky lanterns and waits for the air to warm up to release it Tuesday in Menominee. Nerat Merchandising stocks the item, which is likely what was reported Saturday as UFOs in the area. (Color reprints: www.ehextra.com)

Explanation given for UFO mystery

It's a bird, it's a plane, it's a — sky lantern?

That's the explanation given for the red-orange balls some people saw in the sky before the Marinette fireworks.

A story in Tuesday's EagleHerald recounted the experiences of some people who saw slow-moving, silent red-orange balls in the night sky.

The story noted that similar balls were seen in various parts of the country and the United Kingdom at different times during the year. People speculated the balls were meteorites, space debris or ball lightning.

But it turns out they were probably a variation of sky lanterns — airborne

paper lanterns traditionally found in East Asian cultures.

One reader e-mailed us this description: "I was at the City of Stephenson fireworks on the 4th and saw what is being described in Marinette. I witnessed someone light what looked like a paper bag, and it lifted into the air. As it gained altitude you could see the orange glow of the bag and the wind started to make it travel northwest. As it got higher (above ground light) you could no longer see the outline of the bag, only an orange glow."

"We had a light wind that night and it traveled very slow. (At night you can-

not see 'shape' in the night sky, only the glow of the light.) After 10 minutes it got high enough and traveled past the tree line and 'disappeared' between 25 and 30 degrees of the horizon."

They can be purchased locally.

Scott Nerat of Nerat Merchandising in Menominee, said "We sell them here at my store. You light it and it goes up in the sky and it's almost like a wind-sock. It fills with hot air and lights up. It goes until it burns out and then it falls down to the ground harmlessly."

According to the Internet, sky lanterns are often used at festivals, celebrations and ceremonies.