

MINNESOTA MUFON

Newsletter

From the State Director

In my summary of Michael Strainic's *Ufology in the Great White North* in the July/August 1996, a paragraph was devoted to the Shag Harbour incident of 1967.

...At last year's MUFON Symposium in Greensboro, North Carolina, Chris Styles gave a detailed report of this event. In 1994 Styles received a grant from the Fund for UFO Research to do a search of Canadian military documents held at their National Archives in Ottawa. In 1995 he directed an underwater search for physical evidence. Paramount Television financed the expedition. Chris is MUFON's Assistant Provincial Director for Nova Scotia. He is the co-author of a future book about the incident. Chris makes it clear that there is an extensive and available paper trail confirming what eyewitnesses have said.

The incident occurred at 11 PM on October 4, 1967.

A UFO, estimated at 60 ft in diameter and flashing four lights in sequence, was seen hovering over the water near Shag Harbour. It tilted to a 45 degree angle and hit the water with a bright flash and an explosive sound. Witnesses reported the crash to the

Royal Canadian Mounted Police and expressed concern for possible survivors. No one reported a UFO.

Witnesses and RCMP officers stood fascinated by the yellow light floating on the water. The craft was leaving a strip of yellow foam in its wake as it traveled towards the open sea. The UFO disappeared before vessels could make it to its last known position. By then, the yellow foam was a half mile wide, but it eventually dispersed.

The incident was brought to the attention of the Condon Committee by the Lorenzens of APRO. It was assigned to electrical engineer Dr. Norman Levine who, after talking to Canadian authorities, decided against an on-site investigation. Styles says that the various Canadian agencies involved in the search and investigation were amazingly open about their involvement. To them, they were looking for a UFO.

Based on information at the time, the military did not believe that the UFO was below its impact site. They thought that while submerged it had navigated its way to a different location. A flotilla of ships ended up stationed over the submerged UFO with the idea of attempting a recovery. Styles does not

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indicate how the military came to know its position. Procrastination was due to the fact that a second UFO was on the scene repairing the crippled craft. On the seventh day a Soviet sub violated the 12-mile limit and tried to close in on the UFO's position. Both submerged UFOs began moving towards the Gulf of Maine. They surfaced, became airborne, and quickly flew away. There was a claim that debris was recovered at the impact site.

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One week (to the hour) after the crash, a family observed two UFOs hovering over Shag Harbour before flying away at high speed.

Styles tried to locate logs for October of 1967 from the manned lighthouse at Cape Roseway, where a clear view would have been made of naval operations above the submerged UFOs. However, the records were missing and could not be located. He ran into a similar situation regarding radar logs. It seems that there is a so-called "Annual Stroker's Report" which deals with major target detection made by Canadian radar. A first inquiry indicated that this report was also missing. This was strange because only the archival staff ever had access to them. Later it turned up, but with no record of any detection of UFOs. This was hard to reconcile because the radar facility's admin-

istrative officer had run appeals in Nova Scotia newspapers after the crash, that read, "Military Wants UFOs Reported."

Another interesting connection involved a late Jesuit priest, Father Michael Surke-Gaffney. He was a noted astronomer, professor, and UFO investigator for Canada's National Research Council. When Styles finally was able to access the priest's personal papers [which were] archived at St. Mary's University in Halifax, he found ten documents related to the Shag Harbour affair.

There is still a possibility for physical evidence on the ocean floor. In June of 1988, a Fisheries Research Vessel was cruising an area near Shag Harbour known as "The Rip." They were doing a sidescan sonar survey for the Bedford Institute of Oceanography. Their sonar recorder printed a strange reflection that perplexed the geologists involved. It implied the presence of four circular objects in the 5-meter range.

The *SIGHTINGS* TV program ended up sponsoring an expedition to examine the ocean floor from the last known position of the UFO before it submerged. Time and weather prevented them from accomplishing much.

Chris Styles closed his presentation by stating that the Shag Harbour Incident remains the only two crash scenario that is supported by available and unrestricted government documentation that is without controversy as to its origin and authenticity.

Members are encouraged to read a complete copy of this presentation contained in the PROCEEDINGS of the MUFON 1996 International UFO Symposium. It is available from MUFON in Seguin, Texas.

Dick Moss

**More Hard Evidence
An Editorial Comment**

by Erich A. Aggen, Jr.

Intriguingly, Wilbert B. Smith, head of Canadian Project Magnet (1950 - 1954) and a committee member of Project Second Story (1952 - 1954), admitted that a number of fragments from UFOs had been recovered and analyzed by Project Magnet and/or Second Story.

Smith disclosed the retrieval of UFO fragments during a recorded interview with C. W. Fitch and George Popovitch in November of 1961. He also stated that one of the fragments had been shot off a UFO by a jet interceptor near Washington, DC in July 1952, during the famous Washington UFO "flap."

In regard to the fragment shot off the UFO Smith said, "I was informed that the disk was glowing and was about two feet in diameter. A glowing chunk flew off and the pilot saw it glowing all the way to the ground. He radioed his report and a ground party hurried to the scene. The thing was still glowing when they found it an hour later. The entire piece weighed about a pound. The segment that was loaned to me was about one third of that. It had

been sawed off. There was iron rust — the thing was in reality a matrix of magnesium orthosilicate. The matrix had great numbers — thousand s— of 15-micron spheres scattered through it."

It is interesting to note that most UFO critics reserve their most vociferous criticism for UFO physical trace cases. If they can't find an answer to the cold data in front of them, their tactic is obfuscate and confuse. We have seen ample evidence of this tactic in the Ubatuba case alone. Although the scientific findings in this case are impressive, the critics have succeeded in throwing enough chaff in the air to neutralize the data.

On a more positive note, it is intriguing that magnesium in some form is found in at least half of the UFO physical traces cited in this short article [see Ed. Note below]. Magnesium seems to be an important or even key element in these cases — as it obviously was in the Ubatuba case.

Ed. Note:

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Recent Sighting & Subtle Implications

by Candy Peterson

On a bright Saturday morning last October 12, a woman was driving north toward St. Paul, Minnesota, appreciating the autumn tree colors. On the north side of Coates, on Highway 52, she became aware of something flying along roughly parallel to her pickup truck, to the west of the highway. It was rather close to the road, about a city block or two away. She could see its starboard side which was white, with darker shading on the surfaces away from the sun. There were no apparent windows, no insignia, no propellers, rotors, or engines, no tail or projections, and no vapor or exhaust. It looked like a fat, blunt, non-aerodynamic triangle with the straight edges and angles smoothly rounded. The witness has 20/20 vision, and saw it clearly, but briefly. She thinks it was about the size of a small plane, but it absolutely was not a plane, helicopter, or balloon.

The woman lost sight of it after about 5 seconds due to some intervening trees close to the highway. She kept looking for it as she was driving, expecting to see it again on about the same heading, close and parallel to the highway. After a couple minutes, it was spotted again, but traveling about 100 degrees away from its original heading, moving west. This time it was passing in front of the multi-colored trees on a rise about a mile from the highway. The witness could see that the port side also had shading gradations on a white rounded triangle structure. It

was about twice as long as it was high. At the center back there seemed to be an indentation, similar to the crease in the side of a peach, and possibly deeper. The trailing end was not viewed straight on. There could have been an effect of foreshortening which makes long structures appear quite short when viewed on edge, but this appeared to be a very compact structure. It was flying steadily and swiftly along, right at treetop level.

Twelve days before this witness' first-ever UFO sighting, she had a particularly vivid — also first-ever — memorable UFO "dream". Neither the "dream" nor the sighting is remarkable by itself, but the witness feels they're related to each other. If her experience is part of a similar trend among other people, it could very well be significant. Unfortunately, this is the type of ordinary sighting experience which might never get reported, much less the accompanying dream which was particularly interesting. It was marked by lucidity and exteriorized self-awareness. It had elements resembling both an average dream and an out-of-body experience. There were slight breaks in continuity as in a dream, but the sense of experiencing reality in the here and now were very vivid, much like some alien abduction accounts.

It started outside her residence with no recalled preliminary set-up. At first she was with someone whom she assumed was her seven year-old daughter. They watched several fleets of lighted UFO's fly high across the night sky in differing formations & directions. They

were both interested and amazed, but not worried or shocked. Then suddenly & unexpectedly, one of the UFO's broke from the formation and came swooping noiselessly down to drive right in close to the side porch where they were standing! Meanwhile, the woman became aware she was alone, which could be symbolic for how we each must face the unknown. She began fumbling, trying to get her keys sorted out to find the right one for that door of the house. She was hurriedly intending to unlock it and get inside to where she believed she would be safe. This is a good metaphor for not having the right tools or ability to face an unfamiliar situation. Also, there is the aspect that she had willingly gone outside to look for UFO's, but when one came, she was quite unprepared to deal with its arrival.

When getting inside the house was clearly not a timely option, and perhaps because she thought she was being mentally contacted, she turned to face the UFO. This is a basic survival reaction when one seems cornered by an unknown peril. She saw a figure sitting on top of the bulge in the center of the classic saucer-shaped craft, approximately 15' in diameter. She couldn't see the individual's face at all, or wasn't able to remember seeing it for some reason. It appeared to be a human woman though, because of the shape of the legs and lower body. It seemed that she had no clothes on, but no details of skin or sexual characteristics were perceived either, so the figure might have been wearing a body-suit type outfit.

The woman explained her fear and trepidation to this human-appearing alien. She was sure that she couldn't discern whether any alien was actually harmless or "good." She proceeded to tell the alien-person that she couldn't trust *any* of what she might say, because aliens are *known* to lie. She simply couldn't trust any reputedly effective method for recognizing and dealing with aliens because we are clearly at a disadvantage. Her unshakable opinion was that the alien-person could say nothing that would convince her otherwise. So there, go away!

Telepathically, the alien-person expressed that she understood completely, and had a connection and empathy toward the woman. The alien-person said she would do no harm, everything would be all right. There was no need to worry. Then the alien-person calmly said, "I am your mother."

At this point, despite the clear communication that had just transpired about not trusting or believing any alien, the woman had an overwhelming sense of love,

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warmth, and good feelings for this alien-person! In a thoroughly disarming episode, the woman was awash in positive emotion. She absolutely "knew" that this alien-person was her real, personal mother, not simply a mother-figure. She felt a wonderful connection to the alien-person, and

would have done anything for her. Moreover, she would have done so willingly, wholeheartedly, in direct opposition to her negative resolve just a moment before. The intellectual recognition that this was *exactly* the kind of "convincing" she said she would not trust, simply couldn't compare to the transforming power of love she was experiencing. She was overjoyed to "know" her "Mom," and felt a huge bond growing. Unfortunately, at this point there is no further memory of what may have transpired next, and the woman woke up early with a lot to contemplate. Given the attractive sensations she seemingly couldn't resist, she wouldn't be surprised if she had gone aboard the UFO like a rat following the Pied Piper of Hamelyn! It certainly was a peak experience of special impact for this person, especially considering that she witnessed a daylight UFO twelve days later.

Should we analyze these episodes separately or in combination? Psychological analysts definitely explore the meaning of dreams, but there is a tendency for fans of the physical sciences to disregard the "soft" sciences of the mind. I am reminded that Betty and Barney Hill initially began therapy to deal with stress, nervousness, and nightmares, not because they had a recollection of being abducted by the UFO they saw. Therapists are trained to help people integrate their life experiences and trust their feelings. I asked Dr. John Mack at the MUFON Symposium in Greensboro NC, and Budd Hopkins at the Bloomington MN conference

last fall, how experiencers could know how to judge these "alien" episodes. They both suggested trusting one's feelings. But *whose* feelings was this woman experiencing in her "dream"? Upon rejection of the alien, she was made to feel devoted to it anyway. I'm greatly concerned about the possibility that whatever comprises the UFO/alien mystery can also impose false "gut feelings" akin to screen memories. We see reports of absurd as well as ordinary screen memories covering up the other supposed realities of UFO and alien experiences. For example, a cow galloping right alongside your car at freeway speeds really isn't a cow. There may be an emotional corollary to how they reportedly communicate telepathically with our intellects. If it is true that feelings as well as thoughts can be transmitted, then feelings of terror as well as feelings of love can be erroneous. Everything we think we know about contact might be orchestrated.

This could also have grave implications for our increasingly heavy reliance on hypnotically retrieved UFO memories. Perhaps we should be wary of any supposition that the emotional content of recalled experience represents genuine human reality. People sort themselves along a spectrum of attitudes about "aliens," including that aliens are the biggest threat to humanity, or neutral and harmless, or godlike. Which of our efforts to understand this phenomenon are valid, from the witnesses' perceptions to the researchers' summaries? Which obstacles, intended or not, are generated by the alien phenomenon itself, or even by the

percipients' thought processes? As we gather and analyze data, we must pay attention to how our assumptions might be inadequate for ascertaining the realities behind the screens. I think we should consider the potential prevalence and importance of these kinds of "dream"-with-sighting occurrences in people who have no known history of "abduction."

The witness wonders if her subconscious is sending her a message that she shouldn't go looking for UFO's in order to avoid getting caught in a situation she is ill-prepared to handle. On the other hand, she also conceives that the wholly positive nature of the episodes should give her courage to be accepting of the UFO experience, whatever it turns out to be. After all, she thinks there's a possibility that a loving alien "Mom" may actually be looking out for her. Aside from the "dream," the witness thinks her UFO sighting was clearly anomalous, but its actions were not intimidating or scary. She has the feeling it may have been a friendly gesture equivalent to waving "Hello." However, she didn't wave back.



Guess Who's Coming to Dinner! Observed UFO Occupant Classifications by Richard D. Butler

"And God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness...,'"
Genesis, Chapter 1, v26

The Old Testament tells us that as the peoples of the earth began to multiply, the "Sons of God" saw the daughters of men and took them as wives... and they bore children to the Sons of God...

Group A: Non Earth-Born Humans

This Group consists of three peoples from three distinct colony zones, namely Sirius, Pleiades and Orion. Genetically, they are nearly identical to Earth-born humans with the following exceptions. Abductees refer to these beings as the "talls." Males average up to approximately seven feet in height; females, six and a half feet. They are extremely fine featured, pale in complexion. Eyes are almond shaped, slightly slanted with a natural black liner, much like the renderings of ancient Egyptian royalty. There are three hair colors apparently related to colony origin: blondes (Pleiades), red (Orion), and black (Sirius). The insignia of these combined human races is a triangular arrangement of three spheres. This symbol has deep significance, and is found throughout Earth history. History records these beings as goddesses, gods, devas, etc. A subgroup of Group A females is in command of most Terran projects.



Group B: Earth-Born Humans

These are Homo Sapiens whose origin is the planet Earth. They can be divided into two separate classes.

Class A: Ancient These humans were the companions and house servants of a Group A military mining and occupation force. When this force left the Earth sometime between 3,500 BC and 1,000 BC, it was decided to remove all humans that had been in close proximity with them. It was felt that leaving them would only further disrupt normal human development. Class A humans are on an equal level with Group A and cooperate fully in all Earth projects.

Class M: Modern These humans are working on the same cooperative level as Class A. They were taken from the Earth in modern times. During some abduction projects, twins (either identical or fraternal) are induced in a female subject. During the first trimester, one of the fetuses is removed. It is then grown to maturity by Group A. Abductees will meet their twins during some abductions. Very limited contact has been made by these humans.

Group C: Genetically Modified Earth-Born Humans

These humans are comprised of two classes and should not be confused with Group D, Greys.

Class W: Workers This class is the smallest in physical stature. They are described as approximately three and a half feet in height, large head and eyes, pale white in complexion. These workers were created by Group A through genetic modification of Earth human fetuses. Their function is to perform menial tasks requiring limited reasoning abilities. In mental capacity, they are equivalent to a child of five years. They are incapable of violence and, in some cases, are kept as companions by Group A individuals.

Class T: Technicians These humans are basically the same as Class W. They are slightly larger, at approximately four and a half feet in height. Their complexion is tan or yellowish. Their reasoning and deductive abilities are higher. This allows them to perform more complex operations. They are often seen operating ship controls and in transport activities. Both Classes W and T are telepathically camouflaged to appear as Greys to abductees. This is done to conceal the true nature of Group C. It is felt that perception of Group A maintaining a human slave population would hinder future contact efforts. This point will undoubtedly be a source of much heated debate in the near future.



Group D: Greys Of the six groups discussed in this paper, the Greys appear to represent the only

non-human contingent. The following data should be considered tentative at best. Height is approximately five and a half feet. The head is large; eyes large, black and very slanted. Skin color is a dark grey and non-porous. All data so far indicates that they may be a cetacean-based life form. On Earth, this comprises the species of whales and dolphins. Descriptions of Greys' skin color and texture closely match that of dolphins. The stare and stun effects approximate that performed by dolphins on potential enemies, such as sharks and barracuda.

Human and dolphin fetuses are nearly identical, up to a certain development stage. Some say they share a common genetic ancestor. If so, then this makes the hybridization of humans and dolphins theoretically feasible.

(Note: For a more detailed look at this group, see "The Dolphins of Heaven.")

Group E: Human/Grey Hybrids

One of the main ET projects, now in the completion stage, is the hybrid program. The goal of this project is to produce a being combining the best physical and mental qualities of both races. The following description is of a hybrid female, approximately fifteen years old. Height is five feet, three inches; skin color is pale white/grey. The head is slightly larger and rounder than normal. Hair is dark, high above the forehead, and worn in a very long ponytail. The face is very fine-featured, and attractive. Like all

the beings discussed in this paper, her main method of communication is telepathic. This has allowed a deeper understanding of her intellectual and emotional make-up. They consider themselves human, not Grey, in almost all respects. They care about the Greys, as any child would a parent, but find them agonizingly boring! The desire for human contact is greater than all others. Their capacity for emotion is as great, if not greater than, humans. Any physical attribute more human than Grey is a great source of pride. Their intellectual capacity is well above human standards. It is very likely they will exceed the capabilities of both races.



Group F: Sasquatch

These have been seen both near, and on-board, UFOs. Little is known about them. Some have speculated that they are the original pre-human species from which Homo Sapiens were derived.

Richard D. Butler's article appeared in the Summer, 1993 edition (Vol 3, No 2) of UFO Universe magazine.

Article submitted by Joe Dundovic. Photos were added by the editor. We apologize for the absence of the Sirius, Pleiades, and Orion subjects, whose group photo, due to a malfunction of the camera, was ruined. (Someone forgot to load the film...) Groups C & E fellas are camera shy...

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In the News

Physicists find signs that an axis of sorts runs through universe

Measurements by scientists have suggested for the first time that the universe has an "up" and a "down."

The observation, if correct, would be one of the most surprising and fundamental new insights about the universe to emerge in recent years. The notion that space is uniform — that it is the same in all directions, with no north and south or up and down — is a major tenet of modern cosmology, backed by Einstein's theory of relativity.

The findings could force scientists to reconsider aspects of Einstein's theory, rethink some ideas about the birth of the universe and the possible existence of other universes. They also raise questions about the speed of light, especially whether it may not be always precisely the same.

In an analysis of radio waves from 160 distant galaxies, physicists at the University of Rochester and the University of Kansas made the startling discovery that the radiations rotate as they move through space, in a subtle corkscrew pattern unlike anything observed before.

A complete turn of the corkscrew appeared to occur every 1 billion miles the radio waves travel. These effects are in addition to what is known as the Faraday effect, a polarization of light caused by intergalactic magnetic fields.

Even more surprisingly, the magnitude of these newly observed rotations appears to depend on the angle at which the radio waves move in relation to a kind of axis of orientation running through space. The more parallel the direction of travel of the wave is with the axis, the greater the rotation. The reason for this remains unknown.

This axis of orientation is not a physical entity, but rather defines a direction of space that somehow determines how light travels through the universe. As observed from Earth, the discoverers said, the axis runs one way toward the

constellation Sextans and the other toward the constellation Aquila. Which way is up and which way down, whether toward Sextans or Aquila, would be a matter of arbitrary choice.

The discovery was made by Dr. Borge Nodland of Rochester and Dr. John Ralston of Kansas, using radio-wave observations made by different astronomers around the world. In a report to be published Monday in *Physical Review Letters*, the two physicists concluded on a note of excitement tempered with caution.

"Barring hidden systematic bias in the data," they wrote, the behavior of electromagnetic radiation propagating over vast distances "indicates a new cosmological effect."

In an announcement Thursday, April 17, by the University of Rochester, Nodland said: "The big news is that perhaps not all space is equal, for as far back as we can peer in time. This work defies the notion that there is no 'up' or 'down,' in space."

Said Ralston: "Our observational data suggest that there is a mysterious axis, a kind of cosmological North Star that orients the universe."

Few other physicists and cosmologists have had a chance to read the journal report, but they agreed that the research must be tested thoroughly before the conclusions can be accepted.

"It would be a really profound change in physics, if it is true," said Dr. P. James Peebles, a Princeton University astrophysicist.

Dr. Stephen Maran, an astronomer at the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, MD, said: "...the crucial issue is always whether you have correctly taken account of systematic errors in the observations. And any result of this potential magnitude is going to be viewed with considerable skepticism until new experiments can be done to verify it."

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Crop Circle Reports Are Rolling In!

Livingston County, MI

A Michigan housewife (who wishes to remain anonymous), reported that in Spring, two years ago, she and her high school-aged son spotted something she thought was strange.

Close to her community, along the side of the road, was what she described as a "circular burned or charred area of ground," — not in a farmer's field, but on Michigan State Park land! She and her son both noted the oddity, but did not stop to investigate. When they drove by the area during the summer, however, a circle of wheat had replaced the blackened area — and it was "swirled down just like a crop circled." It is claimed that the circle is still there, even after two years!

Two investigators in Michigan met with the woman and her son this past February, and discovered the circle is just as she had described it. There, on the edge of the State Park land, in a scrub grass field, about 100-200 feet from the edge of the road, is a 39 foot circle of wheat growing! This is the second season of the wheat — the first season's wheat was swirled down counter-clockwise, pressed flat to the ground!

As they searched the area, they noticed power lines running directly overhead. The

circle lies in a punchbowl-shaped area of the land. A lake lay nearby. As they walked over the top of a hill, a few hundred yards away and at the bottom of another basin, were *two more circles* of wheat growing up from the scrub grass land!

One of the circles was larger than the other, and a second season of wheat had grown through the swirled-down crop circle of the season before. As with the original circle, power lines were almost directly overhead; there was a lake nearby, and the circles were at the bottom of a punchbowl or basin-shaped area.

First Major 1997 Crop Circle Appears in the United Kingdom

Nancy Talbot (BLT Research Team) contacted Bob Schultz recently to report the news of the first major crop circle of the 1997 season in the UK. It occurred during the night of April 19-20 near Barbury Castle. The crop is "oil seed rape" which is a bright yellow color. The formation is a solid circle of about 240 feet in diameter, and is surrounded by two rings. The outer ring is surrounded by six or seven crescents. The

researchers in England said this was the most complicated pattern ever to occur in this type of crop. They feel this signifies the onset of another great crop circle season with a high probability of more complex formations than ever before.

And in Brazil...

A UFO landing took place on February 27, 1997, just outside of Santo Angelo, in the state of Rio Grande Du Sol, leaving two crop circles.

Holland

Reported on the 18th of January, three circles were found in Grassfields, north of Amsterdam. This is the first report of crop circle activity in Holland.

Sennen, Cornwall

The West Country TV lunchtime news on Friday, February 7, reported that Farmer Thomas discovered a crop circle on his land at Sennen. Two rings, about 40 ft, appeared in silage grass. The grass is dead, but the weeds are thriving! The circle seems to be "burnt into the grass."

Doug and Dave sure get around...

Field Investigator Update: April 1997

by Craig R. Lang, FI Coordinator

The late winter and early spring months of 1997 have seen the MINNESOTA MUFON field investigator group continue to expand in both size and activity. In March, we conducted the latest class for new investigators with four people successfully completing the course. The class concentrated largely on conducting investigations, writing/filing investigation reports, and completing the MUFON Field Investigator Exam.

By the time this newsletter goes to press those in the class will likely have submitted their exams to MUFON in Seguin, Texas. The plan is to get these new investigators into action as quickly as possible! In addition, several other members of Minnesota MUFON who have been actively involved in UFO studies, have now taken the field investigator exam. This expanded group should give us an excellent ability to handle the increasing number of sighting reports which are coming to our attention.

Field investigator classes are conducted approximately three times a year, when sufficient interest is indicated. If you are interested in becoming a field investigator and feel that you have the necessary time, energy and objectivity, we encourage you to join us. Contact Craig Lang, (612) 560-1532, (e-mail crlang@mm.com) or include your name and phone number

on the sign-up sheet which is placed on the back table at each monthly meeting.

In February and March, a significant number of sightings were reported as well as several new experimenter cases. We expect this trend to continue this spring and summer as people spend more time outdoors in the warm weather. It could be a very busy season for field investigation!

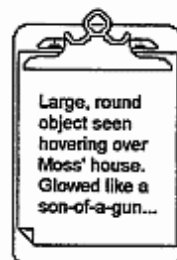
In addition to new sightings, the investigation of old incidents has continued to bear fruit. One such case involves a wave of sightings in the late 1970s. To date, several witnesses have described apparently related sightings which may have occurred in the Fall of 1979. If you or someone you know has any information regarding occurrences during that time period, by all means, please let us know.

Be sure to check the Minnesota MUFON web site for new sighting reports and the status of the on-going investigations: <http://www.wavefront.com/~jhenry/index.html>. We are always eager to learn of UFO sightings or experiences, and you are encouraged to report any incident to the Minnesota MUFON field investigators via the web site, calling Craig Lang at the number provided above, or by contacting MUFON via the UFO hotline at

800-UFO-2166.

It will be interesting to see what this spring and summer brings us in the way of UFO activity. We're looking forward to a busy and exciting season, so stay tuned and

Happy Investigating!



Huge Object Snapped by GOES-9 Satellite

A photo taken by the Goes-9 satellite seemed to show a huge object over the western part of the US. On Coast to Coast, a popular radio show that started the rumor about a Saturn-like object in the wake of Hale-Bopp, callers reported they had sighted the object.

Jim Deardorff, a Research Professor Emeritus of Oregon State University provided the explanation he received from his friend, Jim Walters, who is a former engineer of the GOES-9. It seems 99.999% certain that the glitch on the images was just that — a case of data dropout. The satellite transmission suffered a momentary loss between the satellite and the place where the transmissions are collected and/or weather central.

The glitch apparently didn't show up on other satellite images taken at about the same time.

What about the witnesses? What they saw could well have been a genuine UFO!

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