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Military response to Texas UFOs raises more questions than it answers

Sighting generates more than 200 individual reports to MUFON, captures media attention

Special points of interest:

- International MUFON moves to new HQ
- 2008 MUFON Symposium details
- Field Investigator Seminar to be held in Black River Falls in March.

On January 8, 2008, one of the more interesting UFO incidents to be reported in years hit the mainstream media when multiple residents of Stephenville, reported seeing an anomalous aircraft in the skies over the town in Erath County, Texas.

The witnesses, which included a pilot and members of local law enforcement, all reported an object which flew at a high rate of speed, at a low altitude, and was reportedly chased by military fighters from one of two nearby Air Force Bases.

One of the initial witnesses, pilot Steve Allen, described the experience this way, when interviewed by CNN:

"People wonder what in the world it is because this is the Bible Belt, and everyone is afraid it's the end of times. It was positively, absolutely nothing from these parts".

Other witnesses to the event, including many from neighboring

communities, confirm details reported by the witnesses in Stephenville. The statements from the Stephenville witnesses, including the claims that the craft moved silently, and that light array on the craft changed configuration, are in keeping with UFO cases from the recent past, such as the Milstadt, Illinois case, dating to 2000.

Officials from the region's two Air Force Bases, Dyess in Abilene and Sheppard in Wichita Falls, initially denied that any aircraft from their respective installations were in the airspace over Stephenville on the day in question, although, recently have retracted that statement. The Air Force now attributes the Stephenville sighting to training exercises conducted by the Texas National Guard.

MUFON International Director James Carrion has indicated that the case is ongoing, and while MUFON International will be involved, all case information should be directed to Texas State Director Ken Cherry at:

TXMUFON@yahoo.com.

International MUFON moves into new headquarters

FORT COLLINS, CO —

Prior to the New Year, the international offices of the Mutual UFO Network moved into a new office suite in Fort Collins, Colorado from nearby Bellvue, according to International Director James Carrion.

With some internal changes to the running of the organization, including two new specialized

investigative teams as well as the hiring of a new fulltime business manager, Lori Steele, Mutual UFO Network felt that a move would enhance the organization's public image.

MUFON's new office hours are 9 AM-5 PM Mountain Time.

These hours are 10 AM-6PM Central Time.



Constable Leroy Gaitan describes the object he saw over Stephenville, Texas in early January.



Multiple-witness UFO cases in the 20th Century:

1966	Milan, MI
1987	Gulf Breeze, FL
2000	Milstadt, IL
2001	Stillwater, MN
2004	Campeche State, MX
2006	Chicago, IL

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2008 MUFON International Symposium details announced

Event to be held July 24 - 27 in San Jose, California

FORT COLLINS, CO —

MUFON International and Ruben Uriarte, 2008 Symposium Chair, have announced the venue, dates, and presenters for the 2008 MUFON Symposium. The event is scheduled for July 24-27, 2008 in San Jose, California.

The traditional symposium events, including dinner, press conference, silent auction, and speaker program are scheduled for July 25-27, with July 24 being devoted to Field Investigator training.

While Symposium ticket packages and hotel prices are not

yet available, they should be available shortly by visiting

www.mufon.com/symposia.htm

The theme of the 2008 event is

UFOs — A Worldwide Phenomenon

Confirmed speakers for the weekend event include Nick Pope, Dr. Richard Haines, Ted Roe, Leslie Kean, George Knapp, and John Greenewald.

As in the recent past, Greenewald will give a presentation at the symposium as well as serving as Master of Ceremonies for the event.



Doubletree Hotel San Jose, site of the 2008 MUFON Symposium



MUFON International Director James Carrion announced that MUFON has trademarked the term "UFO Hunters"



MUFON UFO Journal will profile former State Director David Watson in the 2008 issue, editor Sally Petersen has said

Mutual UFO Network trademarks "UFO Hunters" term

FORT COLLINS, CO —

According to MUFON International Director James Carrion, the UFO research organization is in the process of trademarking the term "UFO Hunters", along with a corresponding logo. The corresponding web domain name, www.ufohunters.org, launched as an additional information conduit for UFO information,

redirects to MUFON's website, located at www.mufon.com.

This is being timed with the debut of the new series, also titled "UFO Hunters", which airs on the History Channel Cable network. The "UFO Hunters" series is a continuation of a series of independent specials which were produced by John Greenewald, best known for his website, The Black Vault.

The History channel program airs Wednesday evenings at 10 PM Eastern Time, 9 PM in the Central Time Zone.

For further information on the UFO Hunters program, visit www.mufon.com.

MUFON UFO Journal to profile former Wisconsin State Director David Watson

GREELEY, CO —

According to Sally Petersen, editor of the *MUFON UFO Journal*, the new Journal column "Volunteer of the Month" will spotlight the contributions of former Wisconsin State Director David Watson.

In addition to his work as State Director in the recent past, Watson is perhaps best known

for his in-depth report on the 1953 Kinross UFO incident, as well as redesigning many of MUFON's report forms, under the direction of MUFON Director of Investigation Chuck Reever.

According to Petersen, the

Watson profile is slated to appear in the February, 2008 issue of the *MUFON UFO*

Journal.

Sally Petersen can be contacted via email at:

Editor@mufon.com.

March 2008

Schedule of Events

March 22 '08

9 AM—Noon:

Update on recent UFO sightings (Texas/Wisconsin)

Noon-2 PM:

Dinner Meet & Greet

2-5 PM:

Field Investigator Manual (test questions)

5-6 PM: Dinner

March 23 '08

9-10 AM:

Meet, Breakfast

10 AM-Noon:

Interview UFO experiencers, New FI Manual protocols.

Noon-1 PM:

Lunch

1-2 PM: Membership Contest/ Weekend Suite @ Wilderness, WI Dells.

2 PM:

Seminar Conclusion

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March 22-23, 2008
Field Investigator Seminar
Black River Falls, WI



Accommodations: RSVP by March 15, 2008



Questions? Contact Tim Whiteagle via email at TGWhiteagle@aol.com or by phone at (715) 284-9447



Multiple US Presidents, as well as candidates for the Office, have reported UFO experiences or sightings.

For the President’s Eyes Only: UFOs and the Commander-in-Chief

We are barely into the New Year, but 2008 is already shaping up to be a banner year for UFO research, especially on the political front.

Following the willingness of Representative Dennis Kucinich (D-Ohio) to go on record during a televised presidential debate with his own UFO sighting, other candidates have made talk of UFOs a campaign issue of sorts – something it has not been in over thirty years, when former President Jimmy Carter campaigned for the Oval Office in 1976.

While Carter’s 1969 UFO sighting is the most famous UFO experience attributed to a US President, his is far from being the only story. Each occupant of the Oval Office, from Harry Truman up through Bill Clinton, has had direct involvement with the UFO subject, in one form or another.

Harry Truman, who served as President through both the Roswell Incident in 1947 and the famous wave of UFO sightings over Washington, DC in 1952, went so far as to announce during a White House press briefing that he believed ‘flying saucers’ to be of extra-terrestrial origin. It is also claimed by some government and UFO researchers that he authorized the creation of a secret government organization to investigate the UFO phenomena.

Several years later, while still

a Congressman representing Michigan, Gerald Ford became known within the UFO research community for lobbying for Congressional hearings into the UFO subject following a now-famous series of UFO sightings in 1966 his home state.

As a direct result of Ford’s pressing the issue, Congressional hearings were held in 1966 and 1968.

Of all Presidents, Ronald Reagan holds the distinction not only of addressing the UFO subject directly during the course of his presidency, but there is evidence to suggest that Reagan had a few documented encounters with UFOs.

One was during his time as an actor, the other while Governor of California, and, reportedly another experience as President while aboard Air Force One.

He also spoke often about the implications and possibilities of life existing elsewhere in the universe. None, however, were more direct than in his 1987 address to the United Nations general assembly.

Over the past several years, both President Carter and the late President Ford have distanced themselves from their previous positions on the UFO topic.

No explanation has ever been given for the shift in positions by either former President, leaving the door open for endless

theories and conjecture.

While later Presidents, particularly Ford, Carter, Reagan, and Clinton have spoken publicly about their feelings on the subject, perhaps the recent display by candidates Dennis Kucinich and Bill Richardson show, if nothing else, that the UFO subject has moved beyond being a taboo political subject to being one that can be discussed openly in the political arena.

This article, written by Nicholas Roesler, appeared in the January, 2008 issue of the Smoking Gun Research Agency’s news-magazine, *Dispatch*.

Thanks to the SGRA and their director, Jon Nowinski, for permission to reprint.

Nowinski is Assistant State Director for Connecticut and was a featured speaker at the 2003 MUFON Symposium at Dearborn, Michigan.

“I am convinced that UFOs exist because I have seen one”

—Former President Jimmy Carter, then Governor of Georgia, 1976

“It was a triangular craft, silent and hovering....”

—Congressman Dennis Kucinich (D-Ohio), discussing his UFO sighting experience in a 2007 debate of presidential candidates.

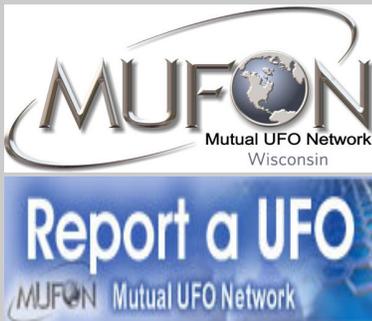
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I would like to take this initial opportunity to welcome you to the new version of the

Wisconsin MUFON newsletter.

Before I continue, I would like to mention that this will be the last issue that will appear in a print form. In future, all issues will be viewable online at the MUFON Wisconsin website, mufon-wisconsin.org.

I would also like to take this time, to introduce myself to those of you who may be new to MUFON and who may not know me personally.

My name is Nick Roesler, and I am a longtime MUFON member, having joined

MUFON at the end of 1998. In that ten year period, I have twice been Assistant State Director here in Wisconsin, as well as serving as State Director and serving MUFON International in additional capacities in the intervening time. In addition to my work at the state level here in Wisconsin, I am also the staff photographer for the *MUFON UFO Journal*.

I have always enjoyed the camaraderie that has come with this field, and I personally look forward to working with our State Director, Tim Whiteagle, in the near future.

In talking with Tim in the past, I can tell that he has a vision for what we can be-

From the Editor's Desk

Nicholas D. Roesler

come as a state organization, and I look forward to being part of it.

Moving ahead to the newsletter itself, Tim Whiteagle, as State Director, will be the clearinghouse for all state MUFON-related information, and my job as the editor of the newsletter will simply be to lay the material out in a clean, professional, readable format. This newsletter will, undoubtedly, change and evolve as the months move on, and I welcome all interested parties, from students all the way up to our State Director to contribute content as you see fit.

On that front, I ask that if you wish to submit an article, book review, letter, or any other material for publication, please do so to me via email. You can email me at:

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If you are submitting an article or book review, please submit it to me in Microsoft Word (.doc) format. This is the easiest format for me to work with, as I can transfer it directly from the original file to the newsletter with very little editing or conversion involved.

If you wish to submit a letter for publication by email, I will include these as well. Rest assured, I will not include your personal email addresses in the final published newsletter without written

permission.

State Director Tim Whiteagle, as mentioned previously, will set the editorial tone for the newsletter, and I will follow Tim's lead.

Just to reiterate an earlier point, this will be the final newsletter that will appear in a printed form. In future, you will be able to find the newsletter in electronic form online at the MUFON Wisconsin homepage, which is located at mufon-wisconsin.org.

I am looking forward to what the future brings for MUFON here in Wisconsin.

Regards,

Nick Roesler

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