
UFO historian JEROME CLARK, writing in the Jan.10, 1989 "Saucer Smear", states: "Though you have nothing of consequence to say about the UFO phenomenon as such anymore (if you ever did, after you exposed Adamski), you are still the Greatest Living Authority on the history of saucer fandom and the funniest writer around.."

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THE UFOLOGICAL REVOLT OF MUFON'S FORMER DIRECTOR, JAMES CARRION: In our glorious May 15th issue we told you of how MUFON's James Carrion has suddenly "Lost the Faith" and moved out of the "Circus Tent of Ufology", as he now calls it. He not only resigned his high post but we now learn that he has started his own rival organization, the membership of which (if any) is unknown.

Thanks to researcher "Ray X" and others, we now have net postings that tell us a lot about Carrion's new group, modestly called "The Center for UFO Truth" (CUT). The rather narrow focus here is on the theory that "UFOs is a modern-day myth created by the United States Government and its allies, initially as a cold war deception operation, and subsequently used for other intelligence purposes up to the modern day."

The Center quite wisely "does not accept the contributions of anonymous individuals or alleged leaked documents" (such as the endless MJ-12 stuff, no doubt). What does CUT believe? Answer: "CUT does not believe. CUT only endorses what the factual evidence can prove to be real."

Unfortunately, Carrion's project is so narrowly focused that, even if he succeeded in proving his point (which would be extremely difficult at best), it would have little if any bearing on the over-all UFO mystery, which has existed since long before the U.S. military/industrial complex was created!

We would not be surprised, for example, if the Powers That Be secretly encourag-
ed the belief that Roswell was an interplanetary event and the belief that we eventual-
ly "back engineered" alien technology. This would put us way ahead of the evil Ruskies
who had no alien technology!

We believe that various agencies of the government have manipulated public opinion
about UFOs (and many other matters) a lot of times for a lot of reasons, in a complex
display of counter-counter intelligence bullshit and the like; but in the long run, none
of this really matters except for an accurate historical record - if we ever get one.

We would still like to know - what are UFOs? Carrion will never find the answer

A NET COMMENT ON LARRY KING'S ROSWELL UFO SHOWS

As UFO investigators and so-called skeptics interrupted and out-decibeled each other, Larry more often looked like a dazed traffic cop than a moderator. Among the myriad lowlights was poor Earl Fulford, one of the last survivors of the Roswell debris-field search teams. Fulford claimed to have recovered memory metal frags. He managed to get in a grand total of 17 words and was never heard from again. Literally. He was 82, and died a month later.

on the path he has chosen. His frustration will increase, and before long he will be nothing more than a half-forgotten memory.

In our numerous years in the ufological "circus tent", we have seen researchers come and go, for all sorts of reasons. Usually it has something to do with impatience and frustration. Unfortunately, there seem to be no short-cuts to wisdom...

Researcher Anthony Bragalia is at it again. Previous articles by him describe the Roswell Incident as authentically interplanetary (which we don't agree with!) and the classic 1964 Socorro, New Mexico landing as a hoax perpetrated by students from a nearby college (which we don't agree with, either.)

Now Bragalia has written a research paper that we may actually agree with, though we keep in mind the fact that this man habitually exaggerates the importance of minor things that fit into his hypothesis, and he deliberately ignores other things that don't fit in.

The three "opening incidents" in the modern UFO saga all happened within a few days of each other in July of 1947 - Maury Island (in Washington State), Kenneth Arnold, and Roswell, in that order. Bragalia states, probably correctly, that Maury Island was not publicly reported till after the other two, and is a hoax inspired by these other two incidents.

Briefly, Maury Island, in Puget Sound, Washington, was an area where a boat man named Harold Dahl allegedly saw a group of low-flying UFOs, from one of which metallic slag of some sort fell profusely into the water. It also fell into Dahl's boat, wounding his son Charles and killing the family dog.

Whether a hoax or not, the alleged incident took on real importance when a tragedy occurred. Two military men, named Captain William Davidson and Lt. Frank Brown, were killed when, having come to Washington State to investigate the matter, they were killed in an air crash while flying back to their base with a sample of the slag for intended scientific analysis. Bragalia has little to say about this part of the saga, because it tends to make the Maury Island incident sound authentic or at least important.

Harold Dahl had a partner named Fred Crisman to whom he reported his frightening experience, rather than to the authorities. Bragalia seems to be on firm ground when he states that much later interviews with a son and separately, a daughter of Dahl's, reveal their firm opinion that their brother Charles was never injured in any such incident. It was apparently all a hoax invented in the mind of Crisman, who was a very frustrated and highly imaginative individual who spent his lifetime giving himself, in various ways, more importance than he deserved. There is even a legend that Fred Crisman was mildly involved as a witness at the John Kennedy assassination. Bragalia believes this legend is untrue.

We recall that, at the request of publisher Ray Palmer, Kenneth Arnold and a friend soon traveled to Washington to do their own investigation of Maury Island. Various strange and possibly paranormal things happened to them while there, but Bragalia says nothing at all about any of this, though it is an important part of the over-all story.

In spite of his obvious bias, we agree with Bragalia that it is highly likely (but unproven) that the Maury Island incident never occurred. We might add that it is totally unlike other UFO sightings, in several ways.

We have a photo (too faint to reproduce here) said to be the only known picture of part of the Maury Island debris. It is from a 1947 issue of the Tacoma Times. Material such as this is often called slag, and is very common on planet Earth...

An Italian member of the European Parliament named Mario Borghezio has called on all the members of the European Union to open up their secret files on UFO activity. Since several member states have already done this, Borghezio's request should not be a problem. He is seeking the support of other lawmakers from the 736 member assembly to endorse a statement calling on all these governments to act.

So far, however, he has been able to collect only 18 signatures out of the 736...

We have only recently realized that the venerable Fate Magazine has apparently folded, as no issue of it has appeared for about a year.

Fate, though dedicated mainly to ghosts & psychic events, had its beginning in 1947, which was the start of the modern flying saucer era. Legendary off-beat promoter Ray Palmer was the founder, and the first issues included commentary on the classic Maury Island case and the well-remembered sighting by private pilot Kenneth Arnold.

Your editor was an occasional contributor through the years, including (probably) the first U.S. commentary on Peru's Nazca Lines - which were still almost unknown in this country at that time.

The latest and apparently last editor & publisher of Fate was a nice lady named Phyllis Galde. We have lost track of her, unfortunately...

FLASH: You don't have to believe this, and we barely believe it ourselves, but moments after we typed the above words, we received a call from Phyllis Galde, whom we had been trying to reach by phone for several days. (We had finally decided that she is unreachable, at least to us.) Phyllis states that Fate Magazine is alive and well, and that there will be a September-October issue.

To make the situation even weirder, we were about to write a review of a brand new book called "Synchronicity", written by Fortean author Rob MacGregor and his wife Trish. Isn't that **FATE??**

Fate Magazine can still be reached at P.O. Box 460, Lakeville, Minnesota 55044. "Synchronicity" is reviewed further along in this issue....

BOOK REVIEW: "Breaking Through the Barrier of Global UFO Secrecy" - edited by our olde pal Timothy Green Beckley, with Sean Casteel and John Weigle.

One very good thing about Beckley is that whatever his books lack in quality is more than made up for in quantity. Here we have a 300 page 8½ by 11 soft cover tome, attempting to answer such questions as: "Is UFO Disclosure on the Way, or Will the 'Truth Embargo' Continue?" If you have followed the ufological scene religiously for a long time, there is little here that will be new to you; but this book is indeed a glorious re-hash.

We haven't read all of it by any means, but we did enjoy Casteel's reasonably objective treatise on just how much each president, from FDR to Obama, actually knew about UFOs. If, however, President Eisenhower really did meet aliens on February 20th, 1954, and actually sign a treaty with them at that time, (as has been rumored ever since), then there should

be no guessing game at all. Needless to say, there is no proof that anything even remotely like that ever happened.

Beckley autographs the book "To JWM - We may see the Space Brothers land in our lifetime (don't bet on it!)" He also mentions that this book is available to "Smear" readers for \$21 plus \$5 "S/H". Send your dough to Global Communications, P.O. Box 753, New Brunswick, N.J. 08903...



Madonna ready to wed Jesus

Dog tells of fire fears

Headless corpse accused in court

Incidentally, our readers probably don't realize that "Smear" only reviews those (free) books of which we occasionally receive review copies; otherwise, we could spend all our time reading & reviewing the very large number of ufological & related books that are published each year.

Swiss author Erich von Daniken has written about 30 books since his best-selling 1968 classic "Chariots of the Gods". He continues to be a popular writer who, however, has no discernible academic credentials. His opinions are well worth reading, but not necessarily correct.

For the first time in all these years, "Smear" has just been sent a review copy of a Von Daniken epic. This, his latest one, is called "Twilight of the Gods - The Mayan Calender and the Return of the Extraterrestrials". It is published by New Page Books, a division of the Career Press, Inc. Obviously one of his motives is to cash in, like so many other writers, on the supposed end of the Mayan calender in late 2012. We predict that nothing really unusual will happen at that time, but who knows for sure??

We won't even attempt to actually read or review this tome, but we will make a few related comments:

(1) We have read part of Von D's early book called "Gold of the Gods", describing extremely long underground tunnels in Ecuador and ancient gold found therein. From our own grave-robbing days in South America, we know there are no such tunnels, and the pre-Columbian gold objects pictured therein are obvious fakes. We have heard that Von D. has admitted he made this particular story up. We therefore wonder how much else has he made up?

(2) We once heard Von D. speak at a UFO conference in Roswell. He was interesting, but his accent was much too much for us, and we soon walked out.

(3) A well-publicized theme park, based on Von D's theories and research, opened in Switzerland with great fanfare a few years ago, and eventually folded because of poor attendance. Perhaps the Swiss are smarter than we are! (We do not know if Von D. himself lost money on this venture.)

(4) Von D is one of the earliest and most vocal advocates of Peru's Nazca Lines being an ET landing field of some sort. We have seriously studied these Lines over the years, and to put it mildly they are no such thing, and their construction centuries ago was very easy. (Long story.) On the other hand, there are indeed ancient structures that defy explanation. One is the fortress of Sacsahuaman (spelling??) near Cusco in the Peruvian Andes. We have been there, as have many others, including possibly Von D. The fortress includes huge irregularly-shaped stones, as heavy as 100 tons each that fit perfectly with each other. Scientists have no clue as to how or even when this fortress was built!

Our point is: There are so many genuine mysteries in the world that it is really a shame to make up crazy explanations for any of them (such as re the Nazca Lines.) Von D. is an outrageous money-grubber, but we forgive him, as he is indeed entertaining....

This is our last book review, of sorts: It is of a very recently published book called "The Seven Secrets of Synchronicity", by Trish MacGregor and her husband Rob MacGregor, published by Adams Media. We have a free copy.

This is certainly not a UFO book or even in the Fortean realm, and we were not sure we wanted to review it in "Smear", even after recently renewing our friendship with the MacGregors when they happened to visit Key West. Yet, like most people, we have experienced it now and then through the years.

"Synchronicity" is a term that is hard to define. The word was apparently first used by famed psychologist (or psychiatrist?) Carl Jung, around the time he split off from the more materialistic theories of Sigmund Freud.

The authors state: "You will see (from reading this book) why there is really no such thing as coincidence - and how your life can be the better for it". Here is the problem: How do you reasonably draw the line between meaningless coincidence and synchronicity? The authors apparently believe there is no such line, but we tend to disagree. Surely this phenomenon, like other aspects of the mysterious psychic realm, would be only an occasional thing for most people. Of course, the more you are aware of the phenomenon the more you will experience it, because you start to notice little things that are easy to overlook.

The authors give many interesting (if true) examples of synchronicity, and they

also explain how it ties in somehow with other weirdness such as premonition, precognition, numerology, I-Ching, astrology, tarot, out of body journeys, near-death experiences, etc., etc. This is hardly a list of scientific disciplines, but of course no claim is made that it is.

Many years ago your editor had an important complex and very personal experience with synchronicity, and as we were typing Page 3 of this issue we had another one - fascinating but of much less importance. (There have also been others.) So we know it exists. We just don't know how or why.

Obviously, there is much that science does not yet understand. The pseudo-sciences are a complex mixture of fantasy and unproven truths. As with UFOs, the whole answer will not be known until someday when all the mysteries of the human mind are solved.

In the meanwhile, we have a nice book written by two very nice people...

ANNUAL ROSWELL BASH: David Swink, a long-time resident of Roswell and a former volunteer at its famous International UFO Museum, has sent us a pile of stuff regarding this year's interplanetary celebration, or whatever.

Your editor has visited the Holy City three times, in 1996, 1997 (for the 50th anniversary scene), and in 2002. It was in 2002 that we were privileged to be one of the main speakers at the Museum, even though its director, Julie Shuster, may not have approved or even known about our presence. We were sort of snuck (?) onto the program when the dear lady was not paying attention. You see, in our talk we mildly expressed the opinion that the Roswell Incident was probably not interplanetary.

Two things caught our eye among the large quantity of material Swink just sent us. One is the fact that the Museum held the groundbreaking ceremony for a brand new 30,000 square foot building to be built not far from the present location. This has a \$10 million price tag, and Julie seemed to admit that they don't have on hand anywhere near that amount of money - though they hope to, in the near future. Your editor has always wondered why the Museum even needs such an expensive expansion, as the present building seems more than adequate in our opinion.

Then, there is this amusing note at the bottom of Page 11 of the Festival's "Official Guidebook". It says, "The International Museum & Research Center declined requests to include their activity schedule (herein). We apologize for the inconvenience to you." This is obviously further evidence that Julie Shuster, whatever else she may be, is definitely not a "team player". She does not seem to get along with city officials or anyone else!

A local writer named Stu Pritchard muses: "Roswell will surely experience many years of national recognition because of the perceived visit by little green men. (Note the wording: - Ed.) With proper support, the annual festival will also assure the arrival of many little greenbacks"...

Former nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman is seen at the top of Page 6, looking a bit more arrogant than usual. At this year's Roswell Festival he was inducted into the Museum's Hall of Fame. Said he, modestly, "I am the original civilian investigator of the Roswell Incident", and this is apparently true, going back to 1978 when he interviewed key Roswell witness Jesse Marcel Sr.

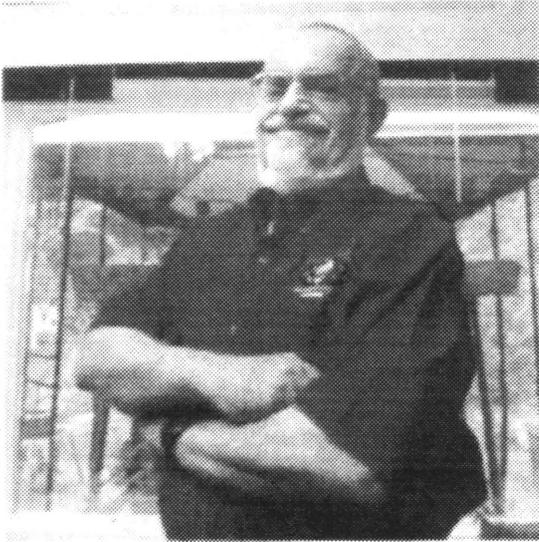
Last year, Marcel Sr. became the first person inducted into said Hall of Fame. This ceremony will now be an annual event. Your humble "Smear" editor, having lectured at the Museum in 2002, is eagerly awaiting his turn, which will probably be scheduled for some time in the early part of the third millennium!

We genuinely admire Friedman for his boundless energy and the length of time he has devoted to the Cause of Ufoology. He believes in interplanetary spaceships, Roswell, and even some of the MJ-12 documents, whereas we are much more conservative. But



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never mind! May he continue enlightening the natives for many years to come!...



THE TRAVIS WALTON ABDUCTION RE-VISITED: Your editor sincerely believes that most UFO abductions are true at some level, but a few of them are not. One that we always suspected of being a crude hoax was the 1975 abduction of Travis Walton, a young forest worker from Snowflake, Arizona. In November of 1975 he and six other men were working on a contract to cut down trees for paper mills. One night a very bright light from an unknown object overhead knocked Walton out when he got too close to it. His co-workers fled in a truck, and when they came back for him later, Walton was nowhere to be found.

The story is long and complicated. Walton wrote a book, and in 1993 a motion picture called "Fire in the Sky" was made from it. Unfortunately, the movie was not even true to the book!

We met Travis Walton once when he was lecturing for a saucer convention somewhere out west. He lectured infrequently, and apparently did it only for the money. Without exaggeration, we never met a UFO experiencer with such a negative "vib" as this man! He seemed like he hated to be there, and he avoided casual conversations with members of the crowd, including your editor.

The internet has just come out with an expose of the Walton case, written by a fellow who claims to be a nephew of a man with the improbable name of Sank Flake, who was county sheriff at the time of the supposed abduction.

As for the intensely bright light overhead that knocked Walton out in the forest, it is said that the Air Force was known to do a lot of test maneuvers in the mountains of that part of northern Arizona. It was supposedly "well known" that occasionally a forest ranger would come up to campers to say that there would soon be helicopters and bright spotlights that would blind them for only a second, so they should not be alarmed if this happens.

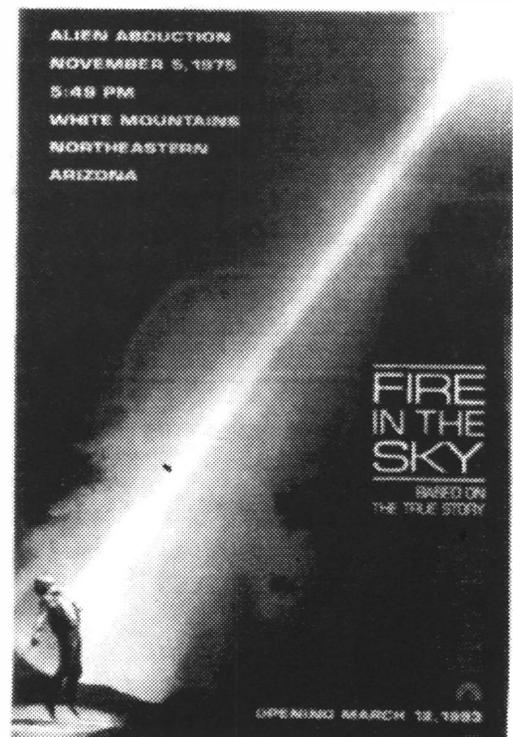
According to the sheriff's nephew, who is apparently unnamed in this article, there was a big, unsuccessful police search for Walton; but the truth is that during the approximately six days he was missing, supposedly aboard an alien spacecraft, he was actually at the residence of an area "acid freak" named Dallas, stoned out of his mind!

Whatever really happened during that period of time, Walton was a physical and emotional wreck when he finally showed up. He failed a lie detector test miserably. He was given a second such test some time later, and there is much controversy about this, as there is about every aspect of the Walton affair.

The late arch-skeptic Phil Klass became involved, and among other things he found out that Walton had been arrested for burglary some time considerably before the abduction. Dallas was arrested for selling acid shortly after Walton's abduction. The arresting officer was Sank Flake.

There is so much more to tell, but our conclusion is that neither Travis Walton nor any of the other characters involved with this incident are the kind of people we would like to be with if - perish the thought - we ever had a truly frightening alien experience!...

K E E P Y O U R E Y E O N T H E S K Y



LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

JEROME CLARK, famed UFO & Fortean author, writes:

"You definitely made my day with your generous observations about my book in the new 'Smear'. Thank you very much, and I don't say that lightly...

"I keep digging (about the 19th century airships), in the hope that eventually something like the truth will emerge. Then again, I was raised to be an optimistic soul...

"I didn't recall Tom Benson's 1897 story (P. 6 of last 'Smear') till just now, when I went back to re-read it. Actually I knew the clipping, having recovered it myself during my research maybe a couple of years ago. Messages dropped from airships were a part of the wave, but there's no reason to think they were anything but hoaxes.

"It is unfortunate that in 1897 no 'airshipologists' were out there to investigate all of this personally. Whatever the faults of individual ufologists, we're lucky to have some good people to document what's going on now. With the airships, we just have what the newspapers tell us."

Professional writer PARIS FLAMMONDE writes:

"...I was intrigued to hear that 'the best-known offbeat investigator in the state of Pennsylvania' is Stan Gordon, of whom I have never heard, despite almost four decades residence here, and (he is) a mere 'kid' at that. It puts to shame the average 60 or 70 e-mails I get a day, half on 'off-beat' inquiries; the sixteen published volumes (Stein & Day, Dell, G.P. Putnam's Sons, Prentice-Hall, Hawthorn, etc., etc.) three quarters of which might well have been so categorized under the general heading; 6,000 hours of air time produced with great concentration on the outre; almost 1,700 hours of radio appearances in like programs; twenty television and radio broadcasts coast-to-coast; having known all of the great 'contactees' personally and most of the personalities abounding in the outre, etc., etc. (the bio runs to two pages).

"It makes one wonder what one must have done to establish such pre-eminence in this state. He sounds more like 'Flash' than 'Stan', but he may well be a fine follow.

"I hope that your ultimate pessimism re longevity of your continuing your publication is a gross under-projection. Then there would be none!..."

By no means did we deliberately ignore Paris Flammonde's many books on off-beat subjects. On the other hand, we have never read or even seen any of them, for whatever reason. We did forget that he too lives in the state of Pennsylvania. - Editor.

GENE STEINBERG writes:

"...I want to correct the record about David Biedny, his departure from the Paracast radio show and his revisionist and hateful campaign against his former friends.

"You already published a copy of the letter he sent to me, where he says he's leaving the show because his professional career has been harmed by appearing on a paranormal radio show. That's very much in keeping with what he previously said on the air, particularly during his final year as co-host. I accepted his resignation and wished him the best of luck in his future pursuits.

"Unfortunately, he has also chosen, via private email, private phone calls and in public comments, to viciously attack me and others. I have not chosen to engage in a pissing match with him, and I feel sorry that he has chosen to behave in this peculiar fashion.

"As far as my own financial situation is concerned, my newsletters contain fairly detailed explanations about the causes and even the family lifestyle. Any reader who required more details was provided with that information.

"Since refashioning The Paracast with regular rotating co-hosts, listenership has increased tremendously, and we've made a network syndication deal. Advertisers are showing renewed interest, and that, along with the ongoing help of some of our loyal listeners, has really helped address the financial crisis."

Best wishes to Gene. - Editor.

DR. CHRIS ROTH writes as follows:

"For all this talk of David Biedny's online hate campaign against Gene Steinberg, I have not been able to find any of it online, so Gene must be doing a good job of scrubbing the Internet clean of these screeds. But Biedny is a hothead, so I can imagine his tirades are pretty over the top..."

Film producer PAUL KIMBALL writes on the Net regarding his hosting gig with Gene Steinberg, together with fellow co-host Nick Redfern and guest Rich Dolan. This was Paul's second-to-last such gig:

"...I'm not burned out. I just think there are far more important things to focus on...There has been nothing new, really, with the UFO phenomenon in decades, and there is no meaningful way to investigate it today. I just think that people are talking about it just for the sake of talking, or to make a living in some cases, and I have nothing left to say about it (and certainly have no desire to try and make it my career!), even though it still interests me personally, as do many so-called paranormal topics.

"There are conversations, however, that I enjoy more over a beer or two with friends like Greg, Nick, Rich, and Nick Pope, and not as part of a structured radio program. In short, I'm happy just to be a listener from now on, when a guest might interest me (a Jacques Vallee, for example), or I'll show up someday to discuss any new work I might do (although current projects have nothing to do with the paranormal)."

GENE DUPLANTIER, editor of Canada's "Delve Report - Saucers, Space & Science", writes as follows:

"You can't give up on 'Saucer Smear' yet. Heck, I'm 84 years old and 'Delve' gives me something to do instead of looking at four blank walls every day. You gotta keep going, at least until December, 2012! Ha!

"Not much UFO stuff lately, but something happened in Fresno, California, the other day..."

We don't know what happened in Fresno, but we want to give you Gene's mailing address, 17 Shetland St., Toronto, Ontario M2M 1X5, Canada. - Editor.

Skeptic CURTIS PEEBLES writes:

"...Back in the 1980s I was interested in the Kecksburg 'crash' report, as the possible re-entry of Cosmos 96. This was a failed Soviet Venus probe which was stuck in Earth orbit due to a booster failure. I talked to one of the locals, who said he heard at the time that the activities were related to a 'sputnik'. The orbital data, however, indicated that at the time of the sighting Cosmos 96 was over Mongolia..."

Peebles now thinks it was a meteor, but we strongly disagree! Editor.

