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## MUFON REGIONAL DIRECTOR TO SPEAK AT OCTOBER MEETING

By Ken Hanke

George Coyne, the newly elected MUFON Central States Director, will be in St. Louis with his wife Shirley to address the October meeting of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis. The meeting will be on Sunday, October 9 at 2:00 p.m., at the Farm and Home Savings and Loan Community Room, 110 West Lockwood (corner of Lockwood and Gore) in Webster Grove.

The Coynes are currently investigating the large "Lake Erie craft" which is still being reported at the present time.

George Coyne has a degree in Psychology from the University of Michigan. He was employed until his retirement at General Motors in Flint, Michigan. Since 1983, Coyne has been active in MUFON as a Field Investigator, State Section Director and Assistant State Director for Michigan.

Two years ago, George and Shirley became Co-State Directors for Michigan. At that time they had 28 active members and 10 subscribers in the state. They now have 95 active members and are still growing. The Coynes hold quarterly meetings drawing over 50 members.

Michigan MUFON has 4 certified Hypnotherapists, two active and two studying how to regress possible

abductees. They have held several regression sessions in the past two years and George and Shirley have also formed an Abductee Support Group which meets monthly.

The Coynes are active in UFO public information and have appeared on many radio and television programs in their area.

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## SEPTEMBER MEETING ELECTS OFFICERS

By John Roppolo

The September 11 meeting of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis at the Farm and Home Savings Building was our annual election meeting. Frank Brown, Vice President of the Study Group, opened the meeting. He provided a quick review of the summer's tabloid articles, then provided ballots for the election. Elected unanimously were the following officers for the year 1988-98:

- Joe Palermo - President
- Frank Brown - Vice President
- Spencer Wolling - Treasurer
- John Roppolo - Corresponding Secretary
- Melva Hageman - Recording Secretary
- Peggy Roppolo / Joe Palermo -

Co-Librarians and Historians  
Walter Palmer - Chief Field Investigator  
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After the election results were announced, Joe Palermo, the new Study Group President, addressed the members. He told those present that he intends to emphasize renewed activity in the Study Group. The Study Group, he said, has a solid foundation in the area; but the lack of recent "flaps" has led to decreasing emphasis of UFOlogy in the news media. Joe stated that the Study Group is the main channel of UFO information in Greater St. Louis, and that we need to become more visible to the public.

During UFO Information Week in August, Joe taped three radio shows with Heather Frampton for KYKY-FM, and spoke with Cedric Jones on KXOK. Joe also saw the work of the Library Committee in assembling and collating the materials in the archives as beneficial for providing a way to inform the public. He concluded by stating that he was open to suggestions from members regarding ways of developing a higher profile in the community.

The next UFO Study Group meeting will be on Sunday, October 9 at 2:00 p.m. at the Farm and Home Savings Building community room, 110 West Lockwood (corner of Lockwood and Gore) in Webster Groves.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

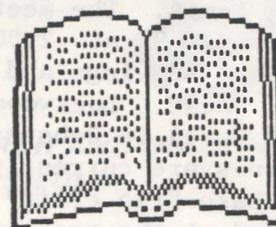
First, let me express by appreciation in your confidence in me. At age 14 I experienced my first UFO sighting and heard my first UFO lecture, Stanton T. Friedman, courtesy of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis. Now, sixteen years later, I am UFO lecturer, investigator, Missouri MUFON Public Information Director and UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis President... because this organization was started and still continues. For this, I am grateful. And I fully intend, with your indulgence and assistance, to give back, ten fold, to you.

In order for me to do my job, we have committees that need workers.

Investigators, financiers, public relations, publicity, etc. All welcome an extra mind, set of hands and feet. "Activity" is the buzz word for the 1988-89 year! In our own right, we have a responsibility to the public just like the National Air Guard, the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Reserve, Civil Air Patrol and the various other organizations designed to aid and assist in time of need and disaster. For at least forty years, unidentified flying objects of an extraterrestrial kind have been visiting our planet. Not just Missouri or the United States, but the entire planet. For twenty of those forty years, abductions have been occurring. In the last ten years, they have gotten more abundant and more frequent. We have a responsibility to make people aware we exist and are available as an information source, an educational source, an investigative source and as a confidant ... someone they can talk to without fear of ridicule or scorn.

Join with me, this year, in working to reach the public. Come to the next meeting and hear the game plan!

Sincerely,  
Joseph L. Palermo, President,  
UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis.



## LIBRARY CORNER OCTOBER 1988

By Peggy Roppolo

This year looks like it will be a really productive one for the library committee. I hope we can maintain our high enthusiasm for the rest of the year. At this point there are five regular members: Joe Palermo, Mary Palermo, Jean Smith, John Roppolo and myself. There is enough work and fun for many more people.

Due to John's early birthday present of a personal computer, we now have the library book collection 90% indexed. This is a big boon, as it will now be much

easier for us to fill requests for books. We also have about 10% of the archives of reference material collated. This is very exciting to me since some of our most interesting discussions have been held while reading and sorting through the archives.

At the October 9th meeting we will have the following books available for members to check out:

Beyond Earth: Man's Contact With UFOs - Blum

The Spaceships of Ezekiel - Blumrich

Tujunga Canyon Contacts - Druffel

UFOs Past, Present & Future - Emenegger

Incident at Exeter - Fuller

The Edge of Reality - Hynek

The Mothman Prophecies - Keel

UFO - The Whole Story - Lorenzen

UFology - McCampbell

Celestial Passengers - Sachs

PLEASE NOTE: Proof of membership (in the form of a current membership card) is required to check out these books. There is a one month check out period.

We will also have several reference books at the library desk for members to look at during the meeting. Due to the nature of these books, we ask that they not leave the library table. We will also have request forms for people to fill out for the November meeting.

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## PSYCHIC VOICE TAPED 8,000 MILES FROM SOURCE

By John E. Schroeder

Dr. Pacelli Brion and 10 others attended the first Fall meeting of the Parapsychology Committee, 7:30 p.m., September 7, at the Schroeder home. Brion shared many of his own and his patients' psychic experiences, stimulating much group discussion. Walter Palmer, Ernest Joyce and Cusato Amargo shared similar psychic events in their lives.

Dr. Brion introduced his sister, Presentacion Brion, who told of a mysterious voice which interrupted her tape recording of a message to her Father

in the Philippines. Since her son had also heard the voice calling his Mother's nickname "Present" from an adjoining room, they listened to the tape. Sure enough! The voice, audible to both of them, had recorded also.

When Dr. Brion listened to the tape, he identified the accent unique to a village in Luzon, Philippines, 8,000 miles away. He was certain the voice was not that of their Father. A phone call to the Philippines verified that fact, and also that the Father was well. (The mysterious calling of her name had made Presentacion suspicious of the well-being of some close relative.)

The next day, a close Filipino friend, Prone Amargo, visited Present and heard the tape. "That is my Father's voice," she stated. He was a lifelong resident of the area, Dr. Brion had identified. Later, without consulting his wife, Cusato Amargo listened to the tape and stated "That is my Father-in-law." The Father-in-law was acquainted with Presentacion Brion but had not seen her for eight years.

Those members of the Parapsychology Committee present heard the tape played and verified the voice over other taped sounds including a TV broadcast in the background. No theories explained the voice from a local source. Apparently psychic energy had activated sound waves 8,000 miles away similar to UFO messages which Uri Geller claims are recorded on his tape machine.

Walter Palmer, Chief Field Investigator of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, Inc., reported on an interesting book Beyond the Quantum by Michael, a psychic with Poltergeist experiences in his youth, attempts to explain -- in terms acceptable in contemporary physical sciences -- UFO's, time warp continuum mysteries on the basis of the Sixth Dimension in the universe. Walter also recommended the magazine "UFO Universe", Condor Books, 351 West 54th St., New York, NY 10019, \$2.50 per single issue, no subscription price noted. The latest issue offered an interesting spectrum of stories by reputable authors.

The next Parapsychology Committee Meeting will be held on October 5th, 7.30 p.m., at 4991 Miami Street, St. Louis, MO. Bruce Widaman will be giving a video presentation on "The Crystal Skull".

## SIGHTINGS THROUGH THE YEARS

By John Roppolo

The following are examples of what can be found in our UFO Study Group Archives. We hope to make this column a semi-regular feature of The UFO Enigma.

1906, Missouri (from March 6, 1982 edition of News World, New York) - In rural Missouri, Gretchen McKeon and her father are in their horse-drawn buggy between 9:30 and 10:00 on a fall night. A light in the north grows closer and brighter, then suddenly an object that appeared to be about 200 feet long became visible overhead. It was noiseless and seemed larger in the middle and tapered off at each end. The people and horses in the area became panicked at the intense light. Finally, the object moved south, though it remained visible in the sky for 15 or 20 minutes.

Feb. 26, 1897, Nebraska (from July 8, 1987 News Press, Nebraska City, NE; citing the Nebraska State Journal) - A strange kite-shaped light was seen by 100 persons. The light was traveling in a northwesterly direction from Hastings. It seemed to be about half a mile above the ground. (Later, it was asserted that it actually was a kite with a lantern attached.)

June 6, 1884, Nebraska (from July 8, 1987 News Press; citing the Nebraska Daily State Journal) - Rancher John W. Ellis and three ranch hands saw a blazing metallic ball fall to earth. They galloped to the site of impact, and were astounded to see fragments of machinery littered about the area. The object was estimated by the men to have been about 50 or 60 feet long and about 10 or 12 feet in diameter. One half hour later, a severe rainstorm hit the area. After the rain, the men found that the object had dissolved "like a spoonful of salt," leaving only a few jellylike pools and a sweet aroma in the air.

1618, China (from February 2, 1982 Japan Times, Tokyo) - Ke Yang of Lanzhou University cited a sighting of a UFO in the time of the Ming Dynasty. This summer sighting was of a yellow - brown spinning object that "plunged into two ponds, rolled up the water and then flew away." The account was said to have been vivid and fairly objective.

100 B.C., Tarquinia, north of Rome

(from June 16, 1959 Evening Press, Dublin Ireland) - Mr. Knobby Railsback, a classical scholar, tells of a writing by a fourth century Latin poet, Julius Obsequiens. The account is of a circular shield like object which swept "across the sky from West to East."

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## EXOPSYCHOLOGY - A STUDY OF ALIEN BEINGS

By John F. Schuessler

How do aliens behave? What do they think? Do they use body language? What area their personality traits? How do they communicate? These are a few of the questions being asked by scientists who are studying the possibilities of contacting space aliens. These topics and more will be covered by a new branch of science known as Exopsychology.

One approach to contact aliens is known as SETI or the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence. Huge radio telescopes are aimed at specific points in space and bursts of radio signals are beamed out there. The assumptions used by scientists in this camp is that aliens communicate much the same way we do. While it is possible that our signals may have been received and answered by aliens, we have not yet recognized such messages. So, the search goes on.

Another approach is to study UFO reports and the alleged encounters between humans and aliens. While some scientists categorize UFO reports as impossible, the number of credible accounts of contact continues to climb. Eyewitnesses have described a variety of alien critters, many with the capability of communicating without speaking, great strength, unusual behavioral characteristics and strange personalities.

Using either approach, scientists begin their work by assuming the aliens have the ability to communicate in the same manner as humans and behave as we do also. This assumption could be correct or completely wrong. That is because it is based upon the educated guesses of human engineers and scientists. Life originating elsewhere may take many forms.

Some of them may be able to communicate across vast distances, but we may not yet be able to interpret their signals. Others may be able to travel across those same miles. Their life-span could be much longer than ours and their method of space travel may appear as science fiction to humans. That is why the broad field of Exopsychology will gain in popularity in coming years.

Presently, no one speaks for the whole planet. Aliens coming here would encounter a bizarre range of ideas, religions, cultures, political systems, and humans of various sizes, shapes and colors. Exopsychologists can pave the way for productive meetings in the future by studying and predicting the behavior, attitudes, personalities and thoughts of aliens. A team sponsored by the United Nations may be necessary if Earth is to be prepared for the future, a future that can only be imagined at present.

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## THE NEW PROJECT BLUE BOOK

Project Blue Book, the United States Air Force investigative arm for Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs), has been reorganized as a civilian research and investigative association, comprised of (but not limited to), present and former Air Force and other U.S. Government agency personnel. The new Project Blue Book, officially name - approved by the United States Air Force, will study future UFO sighting reports from the mid-1940's through the 1960's.

The original Project Blue Book closed it's doors in 1969, but many of the investigators of the earlier reports found that the most important cases were then, and still are to this date, listed as "unidentified". While some possible answers were made on many reports at the time, most "answers" did not fit the actual sightings and were later proven not to be the objects reported by reputable persons, including those persons who were in high level government positions when they made the reports. The "answers" did not fit the reports.

The new Project Blue Book will be directed by industrialist Bill Pitts, a

veteran investigator for all civilian UFO organizations and various government agencies. A high level research team will reevaluate the older reports and endeavor to determine whether the objects reported have been solid metallic like structures and could be extraterrestrial, a hypothesis long considered as the predominant answer.

In a statement released to the media, Pitts said, "We will be seeking first hand information and materials from individuals personally involved in the earlier saucer era sighting reports and will greatly appreciate receiving from any such person or members of the immediate family, any copies of government agency correspondence, sighting reports, photos and movies (especially on airplane gun-cameras) if available."

Also, first hand knowledge or proof of any alleged UFO "Crash retrieval" situation would be appreciated. Any such information that is received will be handled in strict confidentiality. Persons sending such materials will remain anonymous and all materials will be returned in their entirety. Any person who may have been under "gag restrictions" of the past should come forward immediately, while they are still able to do so to assist us in this investigative endeavor of the world wide phenomenon.

Those people associated with this project are sworn to uphold any secret or sensitive information which comes to their attention in the search for the UFO information and will withhold any information which could be considered to be detrimental to the security of our country. Therefore, any source may feel free to offer information to this group and know that the information will be confidential and the reporter will be anonymous.

Headquarters for the new Project Blue Book will be at Pitts' office, 506 North 2nd Street, Fort Smith, Arkansas 72901. It is this address, which is centrally located in the United States, to which all materials should be sent.

Bill Pitts was instrumental in organizing the regional MUFON conference last March in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, which presented an outstanding slate of speakers, many of whom are obvious potential participants in this new Project Blue Book. We wish Bill Pitts the best of luck.

## Astronomy For Beginners

There is a course titled BEGINNERS GUIDE TO ASTRONOMY to run in four, two hour sessions from October 6 - 27. The classes will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 at the Holman Middle School in St. Charles. The instructor is Dave Rapp and the cost for this course is \$10.00. Call 298-4431 for more information.

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### OOPS!

In the last issue of The UFO Enigma, there were two errors which we wish to correct. First, Bruce Widaman informs me that the upcoming sky-watch is on Saturday, October 22. Not October 15 as we reported.

Also, in the closing Letter From the Editor, I closed with an invitation to write or phone me if you would like to contribute to The UFO Enigma. The invitation stands, but unfortunately the phone number was wrong. The correct number is (314) 831-0413. One may claim all kinds of excuses but I really can't think of a good one for not knowing my own phone number. Maybe we could blame it on the computer? At any rate, we regret the errors.



### U.F.O! - THE SHOW AN EDITORIAL

By Ken Hanke

A new 40 minute show started running recently at the McDonnell Star Theater located in the St. Louis Science Center. The show, entitled U.F.O! is an attempt at a balanced, objective look at the contemporary quandary of unidentified flying objects. To quote the Science Center, "In particular, the show focuses on the ways

in which many UFO sightings can be explained, while also studying some representative examples from the small percentage of the truly unexplainable cases." It goes on to say, "The object of the show is not to decide the issue for the audience, but rather to provide the background and insight by which showgoers can become better sky observers, and perhaps come closer to the answer to the UFO mystery."

The show is entertaining with excellent narration from Leonard "Mr. Spoc" Nimoy. The show seemed to have two (and ONLY two) primary objectives. The first was on how to turn UFOs into IFOs (Identified Flying Objects). The show did achieve this objective considering that the target audience are people who have little or no prior knowledge of UFOs. The second objective was a bit more elusive. "Balanced" is in the eye of the beholder. This beholder saw a good, sincere try, but you can't have a truly balanced view with as little content as it did.

The material used was accurate but generally dated and ignore many important but controversial incidents. And that may be at the root of the problem with this show. The creator tried so hard to avoid any and all controversy that too much content was left out. The show was obviously intended to be an inoffensive, basic primer on the UFO subject.

Although the creators of this show did receive help locally from members of our organization, the only UFO organization mentioned in the show was the Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS). Near the end of the program, as they were explaining the steps to follow to indentify sightings, the viewer was told that if they still could not identify the object, they should call CUFOS in CHICAGO. Now I know the good people in CUFOS are very competent and conscientious, but why should people in St. Louis place a long distance call to Chicago when there are two established, reputable UFO organizations locally which stand ready to serve the public.

The UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis and Missouri MUFON are completely ignored in the program. Why? Not because the Science Center people did not know about us. After all, they have been selling our Cookbook in the Science Center bookstore for months. I submit that we are far better equipped to provide a timely, onsite investigation than the people in Chicago. Perhaps the real problem is

that in recent years, the UFO Study Group has not maintained the public visibility that it should and at one time did.

In conclusion, I do recommend this show because it does bring the UFO subject to the St. Louis public's view and does at least try to be balanced. If you have not been to the St. Louis Science Center located in Forest Park recently, I strongly urge you to go early - 30 to 60 minutes early so you can enjoy all the other outstanding exhibits. The giant dinosaur and earthquake exhibits are worth the trip alone!

Tickets are \$3:00 per adult and the shows run from now until January. The show times are:

- Monday --> Thursday 1:00 p.m.
- Friday ..... 1 and 7 p.m.
- Saturday ..... 1, 3 and 7 p.m.
- Sunday ..... 1 and 3 p.m.



### Membership Time

It's that time of year again - annual dues. Membership in the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, Inc. runs from September through August each year. Membership dues this year is \$8.00 - the same as last year. Membership in the UFO Study Groups supports our organization's various activities such as UFO investigation, education, our UFO library, speakers for our monthly meetings and for publishing of the organizations newsletter - The Enigma.

If you are interested in supporting the investigation of UFOs... If you are interested in hearing what is happening in the UFO arena... If you are interested in reading about UFOs and this organization... Then I urge you to join us by sending in the attached membership form with your check for \$8.00. To join or renew your membership, please enter your name, address and phone number (optional) and send it to:

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# Calendar

October 1988

Wed. Oct 5 - Parapsychology Committee Meeting at the Schroeder home, 4991 Miami St., St. Louis, MO (7:30 p.m.)

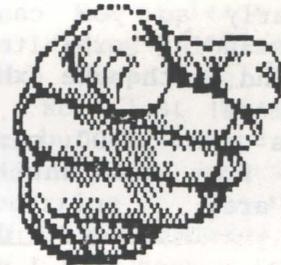
Sun. Oct 9 - UFO Study Group Meeting at the Farm and Home Savings and Loan at Lockwood and Gore, Webster Grove, MO. (2:00 p.m.)

Tues. Oct 18 - St. Charles UFO Committee at the Bonanza Sirloin Pit, 1215 South Duchesne St. Charles, MO (7:30 p.m.)

Sat. Oct 22 - UFO Study Group Skywatch Saturday night weather permitting. Call Bruce Widaman at (314) 946-1394 for information on the exact time and place.



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