

ing satellite and the creative author of many works of science fiction. His videos were careful with the facts but told gripping stories. The subjects included comparisons of the anatomically accurate crystal skull found in Honduras in the 1920s during excavation of a Mayan site and one discovered in Mexico earlier. Both could have been quarried in Brazil, according to one theory, or -- in another view -- had been manufactured in China and traded by spice merchants to native Americans. The woman who -- with her archeologist father -- found the skull believes it to have been an ancient Mayan artifact more than 2,000 years old, even though the technology for shaping it so accurately that the jaw hinged was supposedly not known at that time.

Other topics discussed were the finding of an ancient battery in Asia Minor which -- activated by grape juice -- produced enough current to have gold plated some small silver statuary; the fusing of rocks in ancient Irish ring forts; the construction of many astronomical observatories in ancient times which proved accurate today and the placement of huge monoliths in many places on earth.

At 7:30 p.m., November 2, John Schroeder will discuss "The Scientific Method, the Parapsychological Enigma and the UFO Cover Up" based on Above Top Secret by Timothy Good, William Morrow, 1987, at 4991 Miami Street in St. Louis.

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LIBRARY CORNER NOVEMBER 1988

By Peggy Roppolo

The library workers are still hard at it. Now into the fourth month of the 1988-89 season, we have made several plans we want implemented. The first and probably the most fun will be a work demonstration meeting on November 9th at the Katheryn Linneman Library. It's at 2323 Elm Street in St. Charles from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The library phone number is 946-6294.

Mary, Jeanie, Joe, John, myself (and our mascot) will be there hard at work on the archives. For a first hand look at the amount of hard work the Library Committee does, come and lend an hour or so of your time.

We also will have a copy of the catalog available for members who have paid their dues at the November 13th meeting. There is an exciting benefit in being able to check over our reading list at your leisure.

There are several other projects on the back burner and we will have more information on those at the November 9th (Library Committee) and 13th (UFO Study Group) meetings.

At the November 13th meeting, we will have the following books available for members to check out. Proof of membership is required.

Beyond Earth: Mans Contact With UFOs -
Ralph Blum

Flying Saucers - Here and NOW! - Edwards

UFOs Past, Present and Future - Rob
Emenegger

UFOs Explained - Phillip Klass

UFOlogy: New Insights From Space and
Common Sense - McCambell

UFOs and Extraterrestrials - Naud

Celestial Passengers - Sachs

The Cosmic Connection - Carl Sagan

Anatomy of a Phenomenon - Jaques Vallee

Close Encounters: A Better Explanation -
Cliford Wilson

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 December meeting.



BOOK REVIEW: LIGHT YEARS

By Alex Horvat

After reading Light Years by Gary Kinders (1987 - Atlantic Monthly Press), a trivia question comes to mind. "Has their ever been a book about UFO's, abductions or any contact that has not been debated by someone or considered controversial? (Need I answer?)

Do not expect Kinder to totally unravel all the mystery behind Eduard "Billy" Meier's hundreds of contacts with aliens from the star group Pleiades. Kinder does his homework in digging into Meier and the team of investigators who spent their time and money on the project.

Kinders lack of background and skepticism about UFO's prior to this book is probably to the readers advantage as this will help even those casually interested in the phenomenon to appreciate the thorny problems of such an investigation.

The first problem that comes to mind

is that this event doesn't occur in the United States (once again, convenience for our investigators is quite alien). In the small village of Schmidruti, near Hinwil, some 30 miles southeast of Zurich, Switzerland in a beautiful mountainous area you'll find Eduard Meier, his wife Kaliope and 3 small children. This is the focus of our investigators.

Through a series of contacts, a retired Lt. Col. in the Air Force, Wendelle Stevens had investigated many cases before Meier. He was so impressed with the Meier case and the overwhelming evidence that he pleaded and prodded two close friends who were professionals in the investigative field to take a close look.

Lee Elders and Tom Welch were with the Capitol Detective Agency in Arizona in 1967. By 1976, they had formed a company called "INTERCEP". This in response to an industrial need for an electronic counter measure corporate security program.

The business went well and after nearly two years of Stevens insisting, Lee and his wife, Britt, scheduled a side trip to Switzerland following a security investigation they did in London.

In March, 1978, a skeptical Lee Elders intended to quickly prove the events at Schmidruti a fraud. After nearly three years and over \$30,000 of their own money and getting dozens of experts in all applicable fields involved, they were unable to make any such conclusion.

Meier himself compounds the problem. (The nickname "Billy" was given because of his fascination with U.S. western characters). Is Meier a rocket scientist? A college graduate? A wealthy man? Does he even have a patent pending? The answer of course is NO. Meier supports his family on income as a bird breeder, night watchman and iron layer, plus a small subsidy from the government. In 1976, Meier was 40, having attained only a 6th grade education, his occupational pursuits were further hampered by the loss of his left arm (severed just above the elbow) in a 1965 bus accident in India.

Kinder does initially approach the book from the "How could Meier have perpetrated this as a hoax?" After all, unlike the hundred plus witness's in Gulf Breeze, Florida, Meier is the only key eyewitness. While a good question is: with the hundreds of contacts Meier

claims, why is there no other eyewitness to back up the events. However, there are what Kinder describes as numerous "mysterious stories about Meier."

Gossiping is an acknowledged worldwide phenomenon and the residents of Schmidruti are no exception. Meiers, making sojourns at all hours into the woods on his moped, made a lot of people ask "Why?" Stories like the one given by three male eyewitness' who were out in the woods during the rain. It appeared to them that Meier popped right out of the ground. They also report that at that moment, they noticed Meier was completely dry. Meier claimed that occasionally, the Pleiadians would physically beam him up to their ships and beam him back down in the vicinity upon completion of any communication.

For the record, Meier claims to have had telepathic communication and even direction given to his life by these beings since age 5 in 1942. According to Meier, this communication manifested itself approximately every 11 years and only in a physical sense for the first time in the mid-1970's.

The metamorphosis that Meier appears to go through can explain some of the confusion. At first trusting and happy about the attention, he later seems to turn sour. Using an old 35 MM camera that stops focusing just short of infinity and making small wooden models of the Pleiadian beamships served to confuse a lot of skeptics. Meier literally gave away evidence in the form of photo's, negatives and other material that was never properly examined.

"Billy" was visited by the likes of Shirley MacLaine and Eric Von Danieken along with requests by Doctors to ask the Pleiadians to help their terminally ill patients. While this confused Meier, the criticism by those who spent very little if any time on site investigating also helped erode his enthusiasm.

In 1980, MUFON International Director, Walt Andrus called a photo book produced by the Intercep group "An outright fraud perpetrated upon the public for financial gain." In a 1981 edition of "Saucer Smear", George Earley claimed proof presented by the Intercep group was "Cheap twaddle."

In 1979, APRO head Jim Lorenzon told an APRO convention "My present position is that the Meier case is a hoax," pausing

then adding, "However, some aspects of the case were difficult to explain." Lorenzon spent very little time with the Intercep group but substantially more than others who cried "hoax."

As a former APRO investigator, Stevens respected Lorenzon's background in Ufology and invited him into the investigation in April, 1978. Lorenzon asked if the Intercep group would cover the expenses of the trip. He was told "Thanks, but no thanks." In Stevens words, "It made them mad." At this point, it would be easy to suggest that since the evidence was not given up to APRO or organizations similar, they decided to discredit the entire case. Kinder never makes that an obvious conclusion and neither will this humble writer as I feel that it would be best left up to those who read Light Years to decide for themselves.

Light Years does cover the testing of photos and actual material from one of the Pleiadian beamships, plus some interesting quotes from the notes Meier took during his contacts. Test results, no matter how thorough and regardless of the expertise and equipment involved, can always be debated (Just ask Phil Klass).

All I suggest is that before you get your opinion set in concrete, read Light Years and think for yourself. If you have the bucks, take a trip to Switzerland and let me know what you find out. At least send me a post card from Schmidruti.



"Let me do the talking."

UFO STUDY GROUP HEAR LATEST FROM CENTRAL STATES MUFON DIRECTOR

By Ken Hanke

The October 9th meeting of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis opened with President Joe Palermo introducing the organizations new 'officers and inviting members to become more active in the various committees such as the Library, Finance, Parapsychology and others. The Library Committee in particular needs help in sorting and collating boxes and boxes of news clippings and articles from such sources as Lucius Farish's clipping service. This material will be a priceless treasure of UFO information for UFO researchers when the sorting, cataloging and indexing is finally completed. All this material is available to Study Group members.

Walter Palmer, Chief Field Investigator reported a sighting involving more than three adults and two children on the evening of September 23. The sighting is still under investigation so no conclusions or findings are yet available. Walter did report that the sighting involved lights maneuvering in the evening sky.

Joe Palermo also mentioned that Bruce Widaman, Chairman of the St. Charles Committee was instrumental in a feature article appearing in the Lake Shore Times (Lake St. Louis, MO). Widaman invited everyone to the St. Charles Committee which meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month (all year long) at the Bonanza Sirloin Pit, 1215 South Duchesne Street in St. Charles.

John Schroeder invited everyone to the Parapsychology Committee which meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Schroeder home, 4991 Miami Street in St. Louis. At the next meeting on November 2, John will be discussing the connections between parapsychology and the UFO phenomenon.

After a short break, members were treated to a fascinating talk by our featured speakers, George and Shirley Coyne. George is currently the Central States Regional Director for the Mutual UFO Network. Shirley has succeeded George as the MUFON State Director for Michigan.

Since 1986, Michigan MUFON has seen its membership jump from 26 to 128 active members. The Coynes credit their success simply to publicity.

The Coynes showed a video which gave members a brief synopsis of the Gulf Breeze Florida investigation. The video is of a television show made in Pensacola, Florida about the sightings of a prominent Gulf Breeze resident. Members saw a number of striking polaroid pictures and even video footage made by the anonymous resident. "Mr. Ed", as the man in the center of this adventure is called, described some of his experiences which included close encounters of the first, second, third and (as some people suspect) the fourth kind.

Although the video is primarily about "Mr. Ed", it should be mentioned that over 132 Gulf Breeze residents have reported seeing these objects. The subject reported that some of these sightings almost seemed like "photo sessions" in which people were intended to view and photograph the UFOs. Although the pictures we saw were primarily from a polaroid camera, there are several pictures from a 35 MM camera and even a sealed, 3-D camera.

The photographic evidence has been subjected to intensive photo analysis. The objects are estimated to be about 13 feet wide and 8 feet tall. A noted optical physicist stated that some of the evidence would be extremely difficult and prohibitively expensive to manufacture. This adventure lasted from November, 1987 through May of this year.

"Mr. Ed" was even approached by two men identifying themselves as military representatives. The men from something called "Special Security" said they were there with a material seizure warrant for all of the photographic evidence of the sightings. The photos were not turned over and the U.S. government denies that any of it's representatives were involved.

Physical evidence of the objects included a round, barren spot in a field behind "Mr. Ed's" house in which no grass will grow. This circle was about the same dimensions of the object and appeared after sightings.

Following the video tape, George and Shirley Coyne treated members to some of their fascinating experiences and insights in the UFO area. George told us that the Gulf Breeze subject has taken a total of

61 photographs from November 11 through May 1, 1988. Many of the sightings and "photo sessions" have been correlated with sightings by other Gulf Breeze residents. Bruce Macabee, an optical physicist for the Navy has found no photo evidence of any fraud. Other photo analysts have also subjected these photos to computer enhancement and every trick in the trade without finding any evidence of double exposure or other tampering.

There seems to be evidence of a number of abductions in the Gulf Breeze community. George indicated that "Mr. Ed" has been abducted at least 4 times in 8 year increments at age 17, 25, 33 and 41.

George Coyne told the Study Group of a sighting over Lake Erie off of Cleveland, Ohio. On March 4, 1988, a 1500 foot craft appeared over the ice on Lake Erie. Several hundred people saw the craft and 35 formal reports are under investigation. The craft hovered just over the ice about a quarter mile off shore. Several smaller, triangular shaped craft came out of the craft and started darting around including on shore. The U.S. Coast Guard was called and dispatched three personnel to the beach opposite the craft. The triangular shaped craft started darting at the Coast Guard people who retreated behind some sand dunes.

The large craft eventually set down on and went through the ice. When the Coast Guard called nearby Wright-Patterson Air Force base, they were told in effect to "lay off - don't investigate any further." As a result, MUFON has the original copy of the Coast Guard report. Interestingly, all newspaper reports in the Cleveland area were quashed completely. They could not report anything on this event. It was noted that 75 percent of all reports in recent times are over, on or under the water.

George indicated that MUFON and UFO investigations in general are moving into a new era. He believes that we are soon coming to a time when the government is going to come out and tell the public some of what is going on. Until that happens, MUFON members should be informing the public that they are a scientific organization ready to investigate and inform the public about what is happening. It's through informing the public that they get the bulk of their information.

The Coyne's themselves have had some

interesting experiences. In August, 1973 at the Coyne's home near Flushing, Michigan, they had 6 sightings within 100 feet of them. One night at 1:30 a.m. while driving home, two huge beams of light came slowly at the Coyne's and followed them part of the way home. A week later, George's doctor called to tell him that his cardiac pace maker was stopped and needed to be restarted (all over the phone.) Again in 1986, the Coyne's had a sighting one night, three small yellowish orange balls passed them. Again, George's pace maker was affected and had to be reset.

George Coyne sighted evidence that the United States government is vitally interested in UFOs and those people actively pursuing them. On January 9, 1988, the Coyne's called a hypnotist and a suspected abduction subject inviting them to the Coyne house for a hypnosis session. The session was scheduled for 10:00 a.m. the next day. During that session, a black, military, HU-1 helicopter appeared and hovered around their house, some 30 feet above the ground. The helicopter kept facing the Coyne house. At that time, the tape recorder the Coyne's were using to record the session suddenly malfunctioned. The Coyne's have found out from various sources that the government has both a telephone tap and a tracer which indicates the phone numbers in contact with the Coyne's.

This helicopter is all black with dark tinted glass and no markings other than a small insignia which Mr. Coyne declined to describe. On March 25, 1988, the same helicopter followed the Coyne's in their car for 90 minutes while on a trip to Indiana. Again on May 15 of this year on their way to Lansing Michigan to a MUFON meeting the same black helicopter followed them. After the meeting began, the helicopter was reported to be circling the meeting place. Everyone at the meeting saw the craft. Because this MUFON organization video tapes all of its meetings, footage of this helicopter maneuvering around the meeting place was taken. The big black helicopter is not above harassing people in the middle of the night. On August 1 at 2:20 in the morning, the helicopter awoke the Coyne's by buzzing their house.

George believes that the government is trying to send a message to certain active

UFO investigators that government is monitoring them and is aware of what is going on with UFOs. The government cover-up continues.

Shirley Coyne's UFO experiences go all the way back to 1949 as a child on an Arkansas cotton farm. This experience involved her entire family. She was awoken by her mother shooting at three small alien beings. She then discovered two beings in her bedroom. The next thing Shirley knew, she was being escorted out of her house - through walls and doors - and into an alien craft. As Shirley was going through the house, all of her family members and guard dogs were frozen in place. The experience inside of the craft is now familiar to many who have been abducted. This included an examination which included a tissue biopsy being taken which left a scar which remains today.

Under hypnosis, it seems that Shirley has had a series of such encounters at age 5, 9, 16, 17, 20 and beyond. The Michigan MUFON organization is currently working on 42 different abductee cases. Their 5 hypnotherapists, a psychiatrist and a registered nurse are working hard to catch up with the back log.

Shirley was told. by the aliens that they were doing genetic experiments because the aliens had lost some of their natural abilities and were trying to recover them with some genetic infusion from humans.

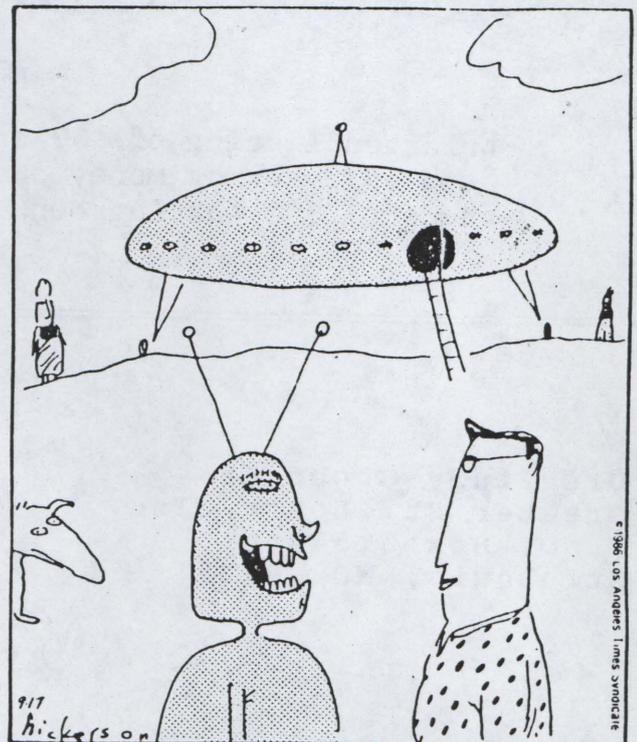
George and Shirley Coyne were one of the most informative and fascinating talks the UFO Study Group has had in a long time. We of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis would like to thank the Coynes for going out of their way to share their experiences with us.



EDITORIAL

On Friday, October 14 a television program appeared on channel 30 in St. Louis titled UFO Cover-Up: What is the Government Hiding? It is my opinion that this program was extraordinary in the amount of UFO information given on any national broadcast. While it did at times play to the viewers emotions, it did have far more real UFO content than we have seen on television in a long, long time. I believe this program is "must" viewing anyone really interested in the UFO phenomenon. If you have not seen it, I urge you for find a copy of this program and see it. Programs such as this are far too scarce. Free flowing information is one of our countries greatest asset. Perhaps our government should remember this and not treat Americans as children.

Ken Hanke, Editor



"We've been visiting Earth for years, and the only press we get is the National Enquirer."

Calendar

November 1988

Wed. Nov 2 - Parapsychology Committee Meeting at the Schroeder home, 4991 Miami St., St. Louis, MO (7:30 p.m.)

Sun. Nov 13 - UFO Study Group Meeting at the Farm and Home Savings and Loan at Lockwood and Gore, Webster Grove, MO. (2:00 p.m.)

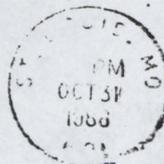
Tues. Nov 15 - St. Charles UFO Committee at the Bonanza Sirloin Pit, 1215 South Duchesne St. Charles, MO (7:30 p.m.)



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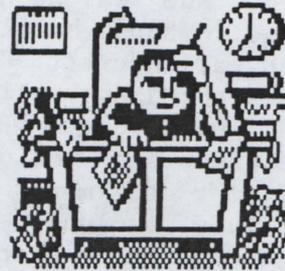
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