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UFO NETWORKS AND FLYING STARS AT NEXT MEETING

By Ken Hanke

The October meeting of The UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, Inc. will feature two presentations on UFOs and computer networks, and a book review on "To Catch A Flying Star" by John Ackerman. The Study Group Meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 8, 1989 at the Boatman's Bank building, 75 West Lockwood (corner of Lockwood and Gore) in Webster Grove.

Ken Geest will talk about computer bulletin board networks and UFOs. Ken and his wife, Mary, operate one such bulletin board network called "The Darkside" which is dedicated to UFOs and the paranormal. It has been said that as many of the future investigative discoveries in the field of UFOs will come from library and archive research as from actual field investigations. The audience will hear about the incredible amount of information already available to the public and how easy it is to access. All you need is a personal computer with a modem and the fruits of thousands of other interested people are instantly available. Geest will give a demonstration of how his bulletin board network operates.

Computer bulletin board networks are an entire new dimension to people interested in various fields and topics -

not just UFOs. This presentation promises to be quite an eye opener for people interested in the study of Unidentified Flying Objects.

David Rapp will present a review of John Ackerman's new book, "TO CATCH A FLYING STAR". This book is hard-core, scientific analysis of UFOs and their possible composition. In addition to responding to the who, how and where from questions of UFOlogy, Ackerman talks about the applications of superconductors, propulsion design and other areas of the possible mechanics of UFOs. This review promises to be a fascinating discussion of the possible mechanics of UFOs.

UFO STUDY GROUP ELECTS OFFICERS AT SEPT. MEETING

By Ken Hanke

The first meeting of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, Inc. for the 1989-90 season was held on September 10th at it's new home in the Boatman's Bank building in Webster Grove. As always, the first order of business was the election of officers for the coming year. The membership elected the following officers:

John Schroeder - President
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For years, Myrtle Palmer has made sure refreshments are available at each and every monthly Study Group meeting. Myrtle has asked for volunteers to help with those refreshments. If you can help in the coming year, please call Myrtle at 771-0173.

The speaker at the September was Dave Rapp who talked about his experiences at this year's MUFON Symposium in Las Vegas. The symposium was held on a Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Friday saw a closed meeting of MUFON state directors. Symposium speakers talked on Saturday and Sunday afternoon. Sunday morning saw concurrent activities with a series of "unofficial" speakers talking while while MUFON held it's annual business meeting.

Jennie Zeidman talked about an Ohio helicopter sighting involving multiple witnesses. When UFO debunker Philip Klass called the sighting a meteor, Jennie called Klass "a ninny".

Don Johnson talked about the history of UFOs and how they often interfere with vehicle engines and other electromagnetic devices.

Linda Moulton-Howe talked about cattle mutilation cases in her recent book. One of those cases mentioned concerned an investigation in southern Missouri last April conducted with Dave Rapp. As with that case, the normal pattern is of cattle surgically butchered in the middle of the night with cauterized cuts and no blood. In the southern Missouri case, Dave told us about how the cow appeared to be picked up from a field and dropped from the air into an area outside of the farmer's fence and surrounded by bramble bushes. There was no evidence of any vehicles in the area or of the cow being dragged at all.

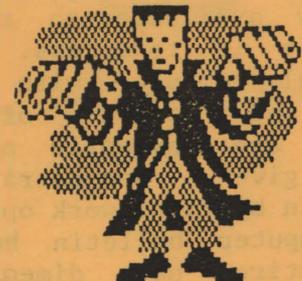
According to Dave, who is an expert in LASER technology, the surgery would take very advanced LASER technology. In fact, the equipment required would be very large (table sized), very powerful (lots of

electricity), very heavy and certainly not very mobile considering the situation. When a woman was recently hypnotized, she asked the aliens abducting her "Why cows?" The aliens answered that cows are disease free, plentiful and have lots of blood.

Bill Moore talked for two hours in defense of the authenticity of the MJ-12 documents. According to Dave, the audience was less than courteous in spite of Mr. Moore's eloquence.

On Saturday morning, the "unofficial" speakers included John Lear, Bill Cooper and Bill English. Mr. Lear presented a case condemning the U.S. government for having entered into a treaty with the aliens exchanging alien technology for bases and government cooperation. According to Lear, the U.S. government has 5 undamaged alien craft and has hosted 3 aliens at various times. Lear then talked about a tie in between this and the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. He showed film of shots being fired from the grassy knoll and of what is purported to show Kennedy's driver turning around and shooting Kennedy himself. Of the 36 eye witnesses to this, all died of one cause or another within 2 years. Dave emphasized that although some of this may be true, he is highly sceptical of most of the information presented by Lear.

Bill Cooper also talked about the U.S. government's relationship with aliens. According to Cooper, some aliens were taken prisoner in 1950 and 1951. A Faraday cage was required to keep these aliens from escaping by simply walking through walls. These aliens supposedly got sick in 1952 and died when government scientists could not help them. Cooper also claims that the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. maintain joint bases on the Moon and Mars. Dave is also extremely sceptical of what Mr. Cooper said.



PARAPSYCHOLOGY GROUP DISCUSSES REINCARNATION AND DISINFORMATION

By John Schroeder

When the Parapsychology Group met September 5 at the Schroeder's home, no program had been planned. The sharing session, however, led to a lively discussion about reincarnation. The focus was on one account in a TV series which told the story of a young Scandinavian woman who -- with no training in or acquaintance with German -- sang accurately a "German lied" perfectly in the foreign language. Some psychologists and parapsychologists appearing on the program claimed that such an unlearned skill offered proof of prior German ancestry and a link through reincarnation.

Questions addressed to the family of the young woman revealed, however, that -- when she was about six years old -- she had seen a German songbook and stared for a long time at that particular song. The mystery still remained. How had her subconscious held the multi-versed song intact for two decades; and how had she learned to translate the notes into melody when she could not sight read music? Conclusion? Inconclusive!

Under Walter Palmer's leadership, "UFO's and the U.S. Government", William Moore's controversial presentation at the MUFON Symposium (but not printed in the 1989 Symposium Proceedings) was discussed. Moore's confessional defence admitted that he had knowingly funneled government disinformation through APRO to Paul Bennewitz, Ph.D in Physics, who believed he had tapped alien communication via Extremely Low Frequency signals with AFOSI at Kirtland Air Force Base. Moore did this, he claimed, not for money but to pump government agents for data they had concerning UFO's. "You have gotten into the hive past the warrior bees and are being invited to the Queen bee to taste the mother lode", according to Moore's associate.

Moore disclaims responsibility for the destruction of Bennewitz credibility and mental health. (Bennewitz foolishly accepted everything which Falcon fed him, even obviously fantastic information.) Moore asks us to believe him now because he acted as a double-agent only from 1980

to 1984 and would not disseminate disinformation now. Besides, following up leads he gained as a double-agent, he is on the brink of a momentous announcement.

Meanwhile he believes the disinformation was correlated between several governmental services because aliens are manipulating policy, secret government projects to replicate UFO technology need a cover, counter intelligence agents train by disseminating UFO disinformation, and aliens are leaking bits of the truth of their occupation with fantastic ballooning of their technological superiority to prepare human society for their dominance.

Walter Palmer and John Schroeder will review the 96 page series of three articles published in June 12, 19 and 26, 1989 "New Yorker" magazine titled "Annals of Radiation: The Hazards of Electromagnetic Fields" at the October 4 Parapsychology Committee Meeting. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. at 4991 Miami Street in St. Louis. ELF and brain function, appliances' effects on a human fetus, the destructive power in the electrical transformer on your block will be discussed and empirical evidence adduced to prove "hazards to health."

LIBRARY / ARCHIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

By Ken Hanke

The Library and Archive Committee has been meeting on the third or fourth Sunday of each month to sort through and organize the Study Group's mountain of information. Why do they meet? Their objectives are:

- To study
- To organize
- To build the collection
- To communicate
- To share
- To work with media products
- To catalog the books
- To have fun!

What should people bring to the meetings? Willing hands and an open mind.

The next meet will be held on October 22nd at the home of the new Librarian and Archivist, John and Peggy Roppolo and run

from 1:30 to 4:00 in the afternoon. The Roppolos live at 2032 Santa Monica in St. Charles. To get to the Roppolo home, take highway 94 west from I-70. Turn right at Pralle (a White Castle is at the corner), left at Santa Fe, right at Santa Barbara and another right at Santa Monica. Confused? Well, just call John or Peggy at 946-4095 and they will straighten you out.

UFOLOGY 101 .

By A. B. H. Alexander

A tingle of excitement permeates a group gathering in and around a classroom. It is a very mixed group of young and old, professionals and blue collar as well as others exchanging stories of their personal experiences as they relate to the class subject matter. While some controversy still surrounds the subject, the facts are now much clearer - UFO's are real! Earth has been the subject of numerous visitations from worlds light years away and of vastly superior technology.

The universe is populated with several intelligent life forms that have taken an interest in our earthly domain. To better understand our place in space, welcome to UFOLOGY 101. (û-fôlo-gê)

Credible private scientific research has been going on for years. Finally, our legislators have acted on public demands for the truth about UFO's. The cover-up has been rightfully exposed and the government sees the need to officially endorse qualified efforts to educate the public.

So you say let's put the brakes on this mythical scenario. You have been told or believe that UFO's are not real but only alive in Hollywood and the active imagination of a few wild eyed witnesses.

For those who fit into the aforementioned state of mind, whether mythical or not, UFOlogy 101 is for you. After all, it was Mark Twain who said, "Being skeptical is the only thing that gets you an education." Unfortunately, many people may stop being skeptical when it comes to the extraordinary. Let us not

forego the education of this important phenomena ... let's proceed with an introduction to UFOlogy 101.

As history dictates, new sciences always get their share of rough roads to hoe. Astronomy was not separated from Astrology until 1600 AD and genetic engineering still gets resistance from fundamentalist religious groups who feel we are playing God. Impediments to general acceptance of the truth in any scientific matter usually depends on how incredible the claim and the power of the group or individual who feels threatened by resulting revelations of the facts.

At the present, most credible UFOlogists will claim UFO's are real and validate the extraterrestrial hypothesis; that we have been and are currently being visited by intelligent beings not of this Earth. Supporting a claim of this magnitude cannot presently be done from what some people may feel is a conventional position. The "let's bring it into the lab, before nationwide TV audiences or see it at the museum" attitude.

ET on the Johnny Carson show will have to be put on hold. According to UFOlogists such as author Budd Hopkins, "The fact that behind this phenomena are beings more intelligent than us, with an agenda all their own, makes it difficult if not impossible to analyze the date with Earthly limitations. To assume that we would be contacted by THEM in a manner totally acceptable to US (when, where and how we desire it) is probably much more a fantasy than debating - Are UFO's real?"

A term coined by Richard Hoagland, author of the "Monuments on Mars", can best describe this attitude. "Terrestrial chauvinism" may be best applied to those ardent skeptics and debunkers who pontificate that such phenomenon can all be explained and if they were out there, they would have contacted us by now.

Many of those in UFOlogy have extensive scientific backgrounds. The late J. Allen Hynek was an astronomer at Northwestern University and consultant on the government UFO projects Sign and Blue Book. Stanton T. Friedman, nuclear fissionist and fusionist, worked with NASA for several years. Friedman acknowledges the evidence is overwhelming that we have been visited and the U.S. government is covering up the truth. Mr. Friedman is

currently lecturing nationwide revealing documentation and eyewitness accounts gathered through the F.O.I.A. (Freedom Of Information Act) which clearly indicates what he calls a "Cosmic Watergate".

"Why the cover-up?" will be one of the primary questions that will concern Ufology 101. Timothy Good, Ufologist and author of "Above Top Secret", put it this way, "UFO's are an embarrassment to the establishment. We are practically powerless and therefore have no control over the situation." Bob Oechsler, who presently hosts a nationwide broadcast on the American Radio Network called "UFO's Today", remarked about corporate involvement in the cover-up at the highest level saying, "Corporations have to maintain a stable society of consumers. Having them fly into a fit of panic over the realization that we are not alone, in other words, would not be good for business."

The government appears to take a similar stance. In 1953, a very official group called the "Robertson Panel" met to discuss the UFO problem. According to the Time - Life series on the UFO phenomena on the Robertson Panel, "The scientists recommended that Project Blue Book (about a year old) spend more time allaying public anxiety over UFOs than collecting and assessing data. "The panel also recommended a campaign by national security agencies to strip the UFO phenomenon of its special status and eliminate their aura of mystery," and it outlined a program of public education for "training and debunking".

While publicly, the government maintains national security is not jeopardized, the actions taken are anything but consistent with the policy.

Is national security threatened or is it the ability of the world's governments to maintain control over the populace the real question?

According to a 1978 Gallup Poll, over 13 million Americans say they have seen UFOs. That is a considerably larger number than the 12,000 or so cases that were said to have been investigated by the Air Force and Project Blue Book from 1952 to 1969.

Answers are needed and will be discussed in Ufology 101 if one actually existed. Until that time, information on this subject can best be researched by

visiting a local library, taking part in UFO study groups and involvement with organizations like MUFON (Mutual UFO Network) or CUFOS (Center for UFO Studies).

Misinformation and debunking the UFO phenomena only serves to aggravate those looking for substance and not smoke. Explanations of how babies arrived by stork delivery only served to misinform and confuse us until we grew ready for the truth. Could the best solution be a joint international military, civilian, government effort to coordinate the education of the public as to the nature and implications of this awesome phenomena? Or should we just keep quiet?

While the truth may not be as palatable as we would like in order to take our place in the universe, we may need to know exactly where we stand on the totem pole. The gains from such knowledge may far outweigh the losses.

MUFON MEMBERS GIVE LECTURES TO COMMUNITY

A stimulating lecture titled "Facts To Know About UFO's" will be provided by members of the Missouri chapter of MUFON (Mutual UFO Network) at several locations in the coming month. MUFON is the largest private not-for-profit organization scientifically investigating the UFO phenomenon.

This is a FREE presentation, but registration is needed. "Facts To Know About UFO's" is for the public interested in knowing what this phenomenon is all about and is intended for the UFO "novice". The presentation will be held at the following dates and locations in St. Charles county. All lectures times will be 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 19, 1989
Spencer Road Branch Library

Thursday, October 26, 1989
Kathyrn Linneman Branch Library

Thursday, November 9, 1989
Lake St. Louis Branch Library

If you would like more information about ongoing local research and investigations of sightings, or would like to become a part of MUFON, call Bruce Widaman at 946-1394 or Alex Horvat at 947-4116. SEE YOU THERE!

CLOSE ENCOUNTER IN CAMBODIA - 1971

By Peter A. Bostrom

The following is word for word as transcribed from a taped interview by myself with a retired military "Special Forces" officer who served in Vietnam. This is an account of a close encounter with several EBE's (Extraterrestrial Biological Entities) and their space vehicle.

Unlike other countless reports of similar "high Strangeness" meetings with extraterrestrials, this account is perhaps even more interesting because it happened in the "war time" surroundings of Cambodia, a country out-of-bounds for U.S. troops at the time. There is also mention of MJ-12 as a government entity who was involved with the gathering of information about Unidentified Objects in the air space in and around Vietnam and it shows how determined the government is to extract all information it can on the subject. Also, there is mention of another strange encounter from the same general area.

I will use the name "Joe" in place of this gentleman's real name. I spoke with Joe off and on for several weeks. When he spoke about this encounter, he never changed his story and I believe he wants to give the true account as he himself believes it happened. As my conversations continued with Joe, he said he had been contacted by an officer friend still on active duty to relay a message that he could speak freely about the subject of his encounter with the extraterrestrials in Cambodia and anything else concerning the subject "since this information will be made public in the near future anyway", but he was not to specifically indicate the true reason why he was in Cambodia.

This "other officer" also talked about the UFO subject in general saying such things as the Roswell crash really happened, and giving precise methods of how people are taken to see the alien vehicle and bodies using high security procedures in transporting these people who need to go there for various reasons.

INTERVIEW

JOE: Basically, I will describe what happened. In September, 1971, I was stationed with the Army in Thailand. Originally, a routine mission in Cambodia close to an area called Tong La Sap just south of Angkor Wat, where the temples are. We had gone on a previous mission in answer to some problems and had gone back in on a search and destroy mission. This area we were mainly concerned about had insurgents from the Cameron Rouge - Poepons people. They were really reeking havoc at the time with the local indigenous personnel. We were after one group and when going through the jungle, we heard some noises coming from a hidden area. It sounded like equipment running. We came into a clearing.

BOSTROM: You heard a noise?

JOE: We heard some noises that sounded like generators or machinery. Something with a hum.

BOSTROM: So that's what attracted you.

JOE: Yes, we assumed they had some kind of refueling station or something out there. Its quite common for the Cameron Rouge and Pon Tet Lau to use a high clearing in the jungle to make an artificial clearing for refueling helicopters, things like that. They didn't have too many. Most of them were Russian made - and they could refuel them - and we thought we really struck on a good one this time. Or thought they were building equipment buildings or bunkers or such. When we came into the clearing, we were quite surprised to find something quite unlike what I've ever seen before. At the time, I held the rank of Lieutenant. We had with us approximately fourteen Special Forces of our country, and several dozen Thai Rangers with us.

BOSTROM: So you were in Special Forces.

JOE: Yes, I was originally with the 10th Airborne special tactical unit. We

were reassigned to the 506th Air Calvary and sent to Thailand. They were with the auspices of a group we won't discuss for obvious reasons. During this time, there had been several reports of some strange instances. We more or less "poo-hooed" them thinking they were people getting scared in combat. You have a few guys taking drugs. We didn't have anybody in our unit that was. You just don't really know. Things come out of the jungle. You see them flying through the trees and it looks quite different than it would in broad daylight in an open area. We entered the clearing. It [the vehicle] was almost spherical in shape suspended on four legs. The base looked like it touched the ground. I couldn't really tell if it was actually on the ground or not and there were a number of, the best description I could say, were humanoids. It's difficult to remember for a couple of reasons that we'll get into a little later. There were at least as many of them as there were of us.

BOSTROM: How many do you think?

JOE: I would say there was anywhere between 16 to 21. There was quite a few. There wasn't just a handful of fellows out there in the jungle. Their appearance was not that of any human being I'd ever seen on earth. Skin was a grayish whitish color. They were wearing what appeared to be a one piece jump suit which was silver in color. Much like the metallized mylar - like a heat suit. It didn't appear to be a pressure suit of any kind. We found out later that it was quite a strong material. When we approached, they really didn't notice us at first and when they did they turned toward us. Some of the aliens were carrying items - the only way I can describe - are some type of instruments. Didn't see any weapons anywhere. Made a quick judgement. It didn't look like any weapon I'd ever seen so I thought it could be safe. We had a young corporal with us. Well, this was his second time in combat and he didn't react very well. These, well, I'll call them aliens. One of the aliens turned toward him with something in his hand which he evidently thought was a weapon of some type and felt threatened and let loose a short burst of fire from a Browning FNAL which is literally a three way winchester. It has a 150 grain slug with the same hitting power as a 30-0-6 out to 150 yards.

About the shortest burst you could fire one full auto is somewhere between 8 and 12 rounds. Which from a distance of 30 to 35 feet where it struck this fellow would devastate a normal human being. The only thing I can justify. We wear flak jackets most of the time. The material, whatever it was, is of the same type of material as the "second chance" like we had which was a compact, lightweight, bullet proof vest. I've been struck several times with slugs with those - rib cage broken, you get bruised very badly, you feel like you're going to die, but as a general rule, unless it's an armor piercing slug or some type of teflon sliding jacket, they don't penetrate. I've never seen one penetrate. I've seen 50 caliber shells go through but nothing much smaller than that. Nothing except for that high caliber and high velocity will pierce it. Occasionally a tracer will burn a pretty good size hole in it. When it struck this fellow, he went down - dropped like a stone, like he was dead. We assumed he was dead.

TO BE CONTINUED

DEMONWARP: AN EDITORIAL

While looking through the television listings for the coming week I came across a movie that looks like it should have just about everything. It reads:

USA * "Demonwarp" (1988, Horror)
George Kennedy, David Michael
O'Neill. A man whose daughter was
kidnapped by Bigfoot rescues topless
teens from alien sacrifice in the
woods. (V)

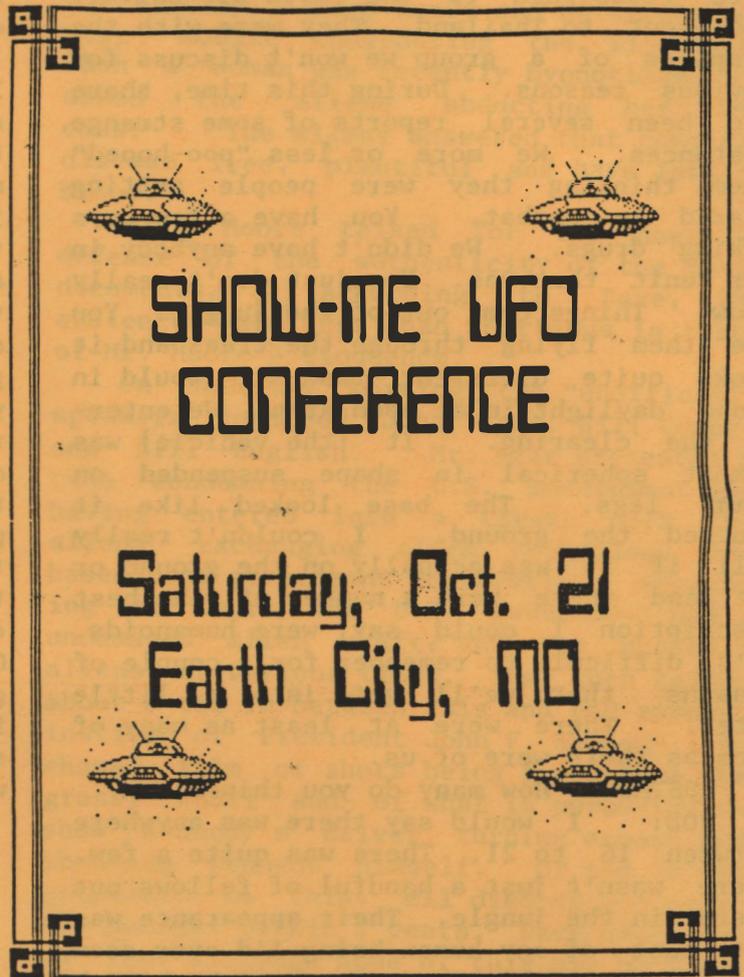
This I've got to see! It's scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on the USA channel on Saturday, September 30th. You may not read the Enigma before then, but if you do - let's check it out. Who writes this stuff anyways - Philip Klass???

Ken Hanke, Editor

Calendar

October 1989

- Wed. Oct. 4 - Parapsychology
Committee Meeting at the Schroeder
home, 4991 Miami St., St. Louis, MO
(7:30 p.m.)
- Sun. Oct. 8 - UFO Study Group Meeting at
the BOATMAN'S NATIONAL BANK at 75 West
Lockwood (corner of Lockwood and Gore
- across from the Farm and Home
Savings and Loan building), Webster
Grove, MO. (2:00 p.m.)
- Tues. Oct. 17 - St. Charles UFO Committee
at the Bonanza Sirloin Pit, 1215 South
Duchesne St. Charles, MO (7:30 p.m.)
- Thur. Oct. 19 - "Facts To Know About UFOs
MUFON lecture at O'Fallon Plaza Branch
Library, O'Fallon, MO (7:30 - 9:00
p.m.)
- Sat. Oct. 21 - Show-Me UFO Conference at
the Harley Hotel, 3400 Rider Trail
South, Earth City, MO (8:00 a.m. to
11:30 p.m.)
- Sun. Oct. 22 - Library / Archive Committee
at the Roppolo home, 2032 Santa
Monica, St. Charles, MO (1:30 - 4:00)



- Thur. Oct. 26 - "Facts To Know About UFOs
MUFON lecture at Kathryn Linneman
Branch Library, O'Fallon, MO (7:30 -
9:00 p.m.)

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