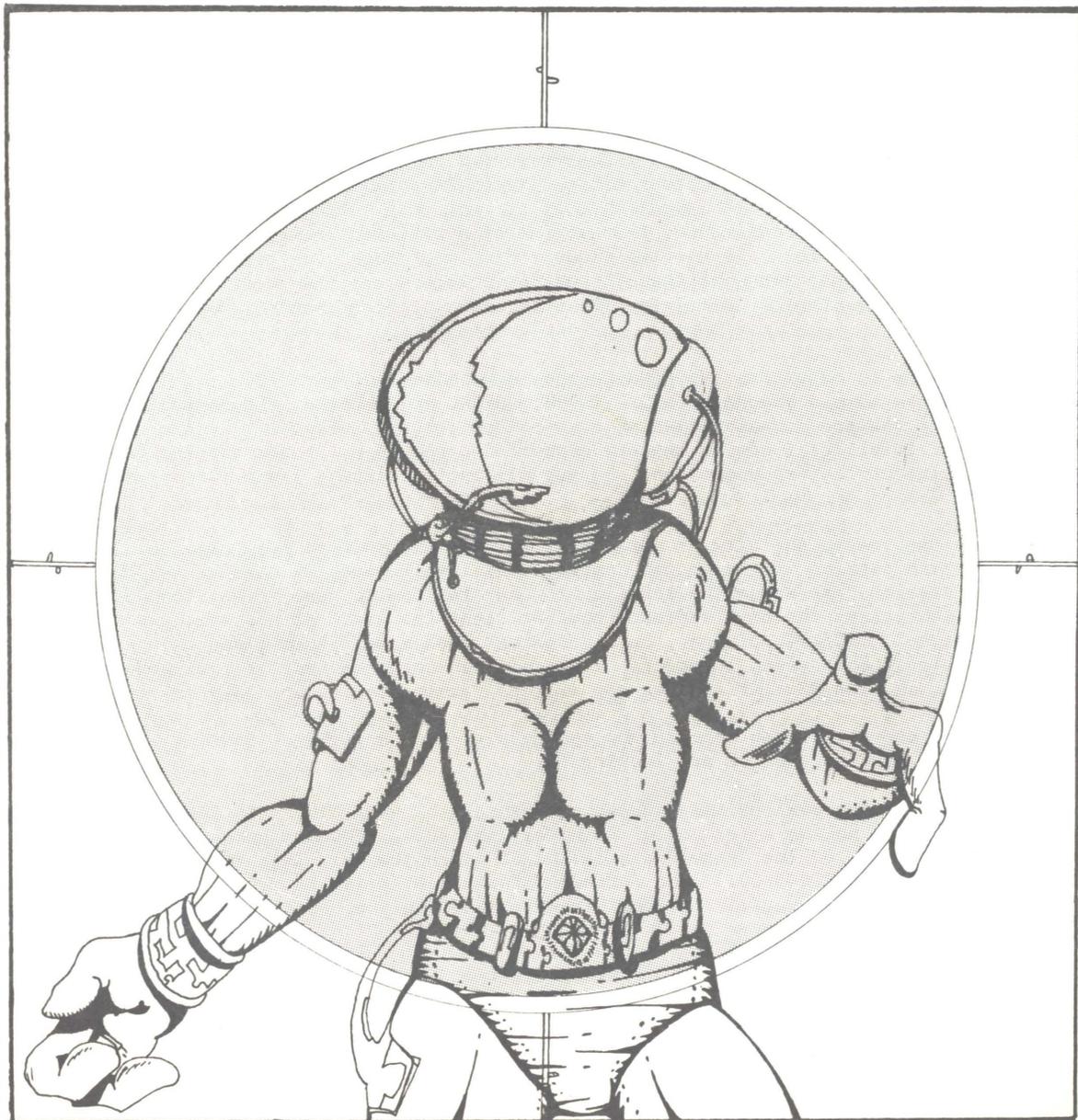


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Dear Fellow Researcher:

My friend Rick Hilberg has asked me to write a letter describing the Thirteenth National UFO Conference, to be held on the weekend of August 28th, 1976, at a beautiful Holiday Inn in the Cleveland area.

As Permanent Chairman of this annual event, I am frankly hoping that we can attract some "new blood" this year, in order to re-vitalize the group.

The National UFO Conference, founded (under a different name) in 1964 by Rick Hilberg and Allen Greenfield, is now the oldest "Middle Ufology" conference in continuous existence. Though we have gone through various changes over the years, we have tried to remain true to our original aim: To give a forum to all reasonable viewpoints within the UFO field.

There are no requirements, financial or otherwise, to join our group (*). We don't care if you are also a member of NICAP, APRD, MUFON, or any other UFO organization. We don't care if you are pro-contactee or even an "enlightened skeptic." All we want is interesting, intelligent people who are open-minded enough not to be totally committed to any particular ufological dogma, and who are willing to discuss their viewpoints with others.

Over the years, the site of our annual meeting has shifted from city to city, within the eastern portion of the United States. Until this year, we have always had at least one "open session," in which the local public was invited to hear formal lectures by various UFO authorities. We have decided, however, that the heart of our meetings is not the "open sessions", but the informal "bull sessions" that always take place among the assembled delegates. This year, therefore, there will be only one short formal organizational meeting (*), and the rest of the weekend will be devoted to fun and informal talk.

If you are the type of person who could "dig" such a weekend, then we know in advance you are the type of person we are looking for.

The conference will be held on August 27th, 28th, and 29th, with the organizational meeting occurring on the afternoon of Saturday, the 28th. You can make your reservations now by writing to: Holiday Inn, Route I-71 & 82 (Turnpike Exit 10); Strongsville, Ohio, 44136. (Phone: 216-238-8800.) For further information, write to me at the post office address on this letterhead; or to Rick Hilberg, 17599 Whitney Road, Apt. 623; Strongsville, Ohio 44136.

Sincerely,


James W. Moseley

(*) There is a small charge for attending the organizational meeting. Although this is called a "closed session," all delegates are permitted to attend.

A Critical Look at the 1976 MUFON Symposium

by Robert S. Easley

The 1976 MUFON Symposium, held the weekend of June 12th in the very beautiful Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor, Michigan, was under the hosting of Robert L. Stinson, state MUFON Director for Michigan. Stinson did a masterful job on a convention that was rather extremely dull.

Of all the technical lectures given during the two day affair, the only good one, in this writer's opinion, was given by Jerome Clark. Clark discussed the alleged Fargo, North Dakota abduction case.

What "saved" the entire weekend for me were the various "BS" sessions that I was able to get into. These discussions involved such people as Clark, Gray Barker, Leonard Stringfield, Charles Wilhelm, Rich Hoffman, Ron Boggs, David Webb, William Spaulding and Walt Andrus.

Although this was my first experience with MUFON I noticed many pronounced differences from the many "middle Ufology" gatherings that I have attended. These differences are as follows:

(1) Time: MUFON began at the ungodly hour of eight o'clock Saturday morning. After all night "BS" sessions who feels like sitting through lectures all day? "Middle Ufology" gatherings never started in the morning.

(2) Hospitality Room: The Friday night get-together party was a stuffy, very polite affair. In fact, I felt completely out of place there until my long time friend Gray Barker showed up. "Middle Ufology", on the other hand, have always had parties that were extremely loose with any topic imaginable open for discussion.

(3) General Attitudes: The whole general attitude of the MUFON Symposium was against the "little man" in Ufology. You were somewhat ignored if you were not a scientist, an author or a recognized "big wig" in the UFO field. "Middle Ufology" realizes that the so-called "little man" and his unknown group of UFO fans are what's keeping this field alive.

The classroom education style of MUFON, I'm afraid, will not survive much longer. The number of people present at the MUFON gig will attest to that.

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COVER : We would like to thank Curt Gulley for his rendering of a possible UFO alien. Those interested in his services may write him care of this BULLETIN.

The 1976 Mysticon Convention, with it's multi-facet style of education/entertainment, was by far a much better and much bigger get-together.

MUFON is presently doing what the old Congress of Scientific Ufologists did in the middle and late Sixties - and they will soon find out that their present method does not work. MUFON had better change -and change fast- before they fold and become the Mutual Graveyard of Lost Ufologists.

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The Question Is What Is The Answer)

by Robert S. Easley

As we rapidly approach the 30th Anniversary of the modern day UFO enigma, we still find ourselves lacking in answers to the many, many questions raised during the last three decades. Sure, we've pretty much answered the minor questions, but we are still a long ways off from answering the \$64,000 question - what exactly are the UFOs?

Some of the minor questions, and my answers to them, are as follows: (1) Are UFOs real? Yes, there are unidentified flying objects; exactly like the term UFO implies. (2) Is there intelligent life in our solar system? No, and I think science has pretty well determined this. (3) Did our government make a mess of their various UFO Projects? Yes, simply through their own stupidity of the right hand not knowing what the left hand was doing; a very typical military SNAFU.

We've managed, in 29 years, to answer the very minor questions. That is not a very good progress record at all! If we can build the atomic bomb in five years then why can't we solve the UFO mystery in thirty years?

The building of the bomb was a combined team effort. UFO research has been anything but combined team work! Today's field resembles the political system of America: a dis-jointed, un-organized malignant growth of mass confusion!

A young person entering the field today has no idea where to turn first. He can choose from Adamski's Venusians or Shaver's Deros and Teros or the super beings from the Hollow Earth. For explanations he can choose from Menzel's mirages, Klass'es plasma, Friedman's space-ships or Greenfield's Subjective Hypothesis. He can read of the possible connections between UFOs and monsters, fairies and the "little people", ESP and/or assorted other mystifying borders of science.

Of course, we also have the question - the big question - of where are they coming from: Earth, another planet, the past, the future, an alternate reality, our own mind; the possibilities are endless!

I, myself, have no idea as to what the answer is and I've been involved in UFOs since 1962. I'm still as perplexed now as I ever was.

A question asked of me at one of my recent lectures dealt with would we ever solve the UFO mystery, and what will happen if we do?

I'm afraid that right at the moment I can't answer that question, and I doubt very much if anyone can with any degree of factuality. It's another one of those questions with an endless list of possibilities for answers.

In the long run, we may very well never solve the UFO mystery. It may just up and disappear one of these days and we'll all be left holding the bag (or should I say saucer).

Until that day comes - if ever - I'll continue speaking out for the existence of UFOs being from some type of Alternate Reality or Dimensional Fault Zone scheme. I'll also keep trying to answer that \$64,000 question!

.....)
RECENT UFO SIGHTINGS)

by Rick R. Hilberg

Humanoid Case Under Investigation in Illinois (2/25/76)

A report that two mysterious beings described as "humanoids" were sighted northwest of Nashville, Illinois is being checked by the Center For UFO Studies. Authorities said that a middle-aged woman was driving down a country road when the two unidentified beings flashed a blue light at her, causing her to speed away in fright.

Deputy John Gronewald of the Washington County Sheriff's Office said the sighting took place "about three miles west of Nashville and five miles north of Rte. 460 on the Covington Road."

He said the woman "wasn't really for sure what she had seen," but was quite scared.

Mario DeSario, an investigator for the Center, was assigned after the sheriff's office called to report the incident.

DeSario said the woman described "two very tall humanoids with large feet and no necks. They shined a blue light at her. This follows a pattern we've been noticing lately. The fact that they did not have any necks is especially significant."

Even though the woman did not report sighting a UFO in conjunction with the case, at last word it was still under investigation.

Lansing, Michigan Multiple Witness Case (4/19/76)

To the crew in the Lansing police helicopter, it was an "air-craft" which suddenly dropped earthward - and out of sight - behind the State Capitol building.

To Amadeo Abrigo Jr. it was a "large red light" which skimmed over treetops near his home after flying over the nearby St. Lawrence Hospital. It had "three box-like objects" rotating around it, Abrigo said, and it seemed to land southeast of him - somewhere in the downtown Lansing area.

Another witness described the object as "the size of a car, with three or four dish-type antennae on it." However, everyone who spotted the UFO over Lansing that night agreed that it was red, that it hovered at first and then dropped, and that the sighting took place about 9:30 P.M.

Gerald Boda of the police helicopter crew said that his craft was over the Michigan-Cedar intersection when he first spotted the red light in the sky. "It looked to be at about 2500 feet altitude," Boda reported, and was somewhere in the area between Willow and Saginaw and, according to his estimates, over Logan Street.

At first the red light on the object appeared to be the running light of an aircraft making "slow movement" over the city, Boda said. "Then it started toward the ground in a southeasterly direction (directly toward the hovering helicopter) at an angle of about 60 degrees," Boda continued. "As it fell, it seemed to accelerate to a high rate of speed and was last seen just prior to impact somewhere in the downtown area just west of the Capitol."

During the sighting, officers in a patrol car called the dispatcher to ask if the helicopter had seen "a red ball of fire" fall on the west side of the city. The police dispatcher also called the local airport to inquire whether there had been any radar contacts with the object over the city. The airport said that there had been none at all. However, several other citizens did also call the police to report sighting the strange visitor.

Bouncing Object Sighted On Highway (4/1/76)

What was described in the newspapers as a "UBO" (an unidentified bouncing object) was sighted on a highway between Nashville and Red Oak, North Carolina at night by Mrs. Lou Fisher and Mrs. Annie Mae Ross.

Mrs. Fisher reported that she and Mrs. Ross were traveling between Nashville and Red Oak when a strange object the approximate shape of an automobile bounced across the road in front of her car. According to Mrs. Fisher, she and Mrs. Ross could see the shape of some wheels, but could not actually see the wheels. They also reported that it had large red lights on the rear, and may have had some sort of light on the front.

Mrs. Fisher reported that the object was grayish in color, and had a long, silver-colored rod down the side, which protruded past the rear end of the object for about 12 inches.

The two women further reported that the soundless object just bounced across the highway, went into a field and disappeared.

Notes From The Saucer's Cup

by Robert S. Easley

The March 1st, 1976 edition of the Atlanta Journal ran an interesting article concerning the question of "...whether to keep or kill any living things a spacecraft eventually may bring back from Mars." It appears that many scientists are divided over the question of whether to allow possible Martian organisms to return to Earth or not.

A report made for the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space urged that the problem be tackled by scientists in an open international forum. It was also suggested that the proper forum could be the Committee on Space Research of the International Council of Scientific Unions.

The basic premise behind the report is that "Some scientists believe that the theoretical potential for unknown danger (from the Martian organisms) is so important that no risk can be taken.

On 4 April 1976 the laser geodynamic satellite, called LAGEOS, was launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California. It's main job is to measure minute movements - to less than one inch - of the Earth's crust. It's observation of the slow creep of land masses should help in the study of earthquakes.

Since the satellite is expected to stay aloft for nine million years, Dr. Carl Sagan designed a stainless steel plaque to indicate the origin and purpose of the satellite to the future inhabitants of Earth - be they descendants of man or space travellers.

Dedication ceremonies for the 1st Official UFO Landing Port took place on July 4th in Lake City, Pennsylvania. Started by Jim Meeder, the Port is on four acres in Lake Erie Community Park, approximately 100 yards back from the lake shore. There is also one building to be used for aerial and ham radio equipment. Meeder stated that "Who knows, a UFO, one of these years, might well hear of our port and land here."

The fifth annual expedition of the Academy of Applied Sciences to search for the Loch Ness monster got underway on 30 May 1976. Charles Wyckoff stated that "I think this project is really going to pay off if they can locate some skeletal remains and come up with a bone." Highly developed sonar devices to probe the lake's floor will also be used this year.

Quarterly Quote: We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time.

From "Little Gidding"

Around And About The Saucer World

by Rick R. Hilberg

Those readers who didn't get a chance to Attend Mysticon '76 sure missed out on one great convention! Over four hundred people got a chance to hear lectures and slide presentations on such topics as UFO's, Ancient Astronauts, Monsters, "Star Trek" and a whole lot more. At the same time, they had the opportunity to speak with many of the UFO and phenomena investigators who were present for the program.

We really have to admit that after a rather poorly attended 1975 event, Mysticon '76 finally proved to us that it is a potential meeting place and forum for those who refer to themselves as "Middle Ufologists." The turnout included such people as: Allen H. Greenfield, Eugene R. Steinberg, Allan Manak, Robert S. Easley, Dennis Pilichis, Brent Raynes, D. Willaim Hauck, Jim Capots and a huge delegation from the Ohio UFO Investigators League.

During the convention many of those special and almost magical Ufological "bull sessions" took place, where theories and information are exchanged. It is this interchange of information, and making new friendships that is the cornerstone of Ufology.

We have high hopes for such events as Mysticon, and can announce that plans are now underway for the 1977 event. So if you consider yourself a "Middle Ufologist," make plans to attend next year. We'll keep you posted as to the details!

Those readers living in the northwestern part of Ohio can look forward to "Myths, Monsters and Mysterious Saucers," a program to be held by Bob Easley, Al Manak and myself the evening of September 18th in Defiance, Ohio.

The program will consist of slide programs and lectures on UFOs, Monsters, Ancient Astronauts and much more. At the present time we are working to update and expand our already large collection of program material for this event.

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