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## Around And About The Saucer World by Rick R. Hilberg

Effective with this issue, the NEWS BULLETIN will become a bi-monthly publication. We will be altering our format somewhat, back to a standard newsletter rather than a "mini-magazine", and hope that the increased frequency will allow us to report on the UFO scene in a more effective manner. All paid subscribers will have their expiration dates altered to reflect this change.

We must sadly report that long-time UFO researcher John J. Robinson died on August 2nd in Jersey City, New Jersey. Jack began his investigations into the UFO enigma back in the early 1950's, and was a staff member and regular writer for SAUCER NEWS for many years. He was also one of the early supporters of the National UFO Conference, and headed the Robinson Committee for the Conference, which was charged with keeping the business affairs of the organization in order, and also issuing the official Journal to the membership.

Jack was a no-nonsense Ufologist who despised people who didn't think before they opened their mouth to discuss any aspect of the subject he himself knew so much about. Jack's talents and friendship will be missed by the many Ufologists that knew him.

On July 29th the staff was present in Dayton, Ohio for the 1978 MUFON UFO Symposium. The sponsoring organization this year was the Ohio UFO Investigators League, an organization that is comprised of many active and vibrant individuals. OUFOIL went out of their way to assemble an impressive group of speakers that included: Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Leonard Stringfield, Richard Hall, Ted Bloecher and Major Donald E. Keyhoe.

Some readers may recall that Mr. Stringfield had been widely quoted in the media as stating that he would present conclusive proof that the United States government had crashed UFOs and their occupants in some secret location for scientific studies. Well, somewhere along the line something must have happened to Stringfield's "proof", because as elusive as the saucer mystery itself, he made a statement at the very start of his presentation that after all, all he had was unsubstantiated testimony by several alleged witnesses. So here we go again, it seems like these stories and claims pop up every few years, only to be batted back down when the long awaited "proof" disappears like some swamp gas.

Several weeks after the Dayton convention it was time for the 15th Annual National UFO Conference in Cleveland on August 12th. The newly-formed Northern Ohio UFO Group was host for this event that drew many delegates from all parts of the country. With the atmosphere open and friendly, much worthwhile discussion took place on a wide range of topics. The 1979 Conference is scheduled for New Haven, and we hope to see many more delegates there for this important alternative to the sterile conventions run by "establishment ufology."

An open session was held in Cleveland where speakers gave a wide range of talks that the audience found most interesting. Speakers included: Jim Miller, Timothy Green Beckley, Geneva Steinberg, Ron Schaffner and Perry Collins.

Bob Easley, Allan Manak and myself have just come out with a short anthology on the UFO scene titled SAUGER TREK. If any of our readers would like a copy of this interesting booklet (plug!), drop us a check for \$3.50 and we'll be happy to mail out a copy.

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#### RECENT UFO SIGHTINGS

June 17th, 1978 1:20 P.M.

Linda Arosemena took a photograph of President Carter's helicopter as it departed from Fort Clayton, Panama. When the film was developed an oval-shaped UFO was seen close to the helicopter. No one reported seeing the UFO, and it was not picked up on area radar screens, although the photo shows what looks like a solid object.

Linda is a professional photographer, and as yet there is no explanation for the UFO. She took the picture with a Nikon camera using Kodak Tri-X film (black and white) shooting at 1/250 second at F/16.

A UFO was sighted the day before in the same general area by some women fishing. The object that they drew for police is very similar to what was photographed.

June 28, 1978 11:00 P.M.

Fourteen residents on Franklin Church Road in Richland County, Ohio saw a bright yellow light hovering for about thirty minutes. The light then dropped below the skyline for a few seconds, and then raised back up and dimmed, as if taking off. Officials at the Mansfield Airport could not explain the UFO.

Richland County is also being plagued by reports of a seven to nine foot tall creature seen in the hilly wooded area around Mohican State Park. Called "Bighead", the creature has red bulging eyes and a head as wide as a tractor tire.

The creature is usually seen in the woods near Butler, Ohio on Ohio Route 95. Butler police have stated that the large footprints found

indicate that the creature is extremely large and heavy. The creature was first reported seen after the June 28th report by fourteen county residents. One wonders if there could be a connection...

June 6, 1978 11:15 P.M.

Two people in different locations reported seeing the same UFO, according to police in Linden, California.

Janet Calle, a University of The Pacific student, told police that the UFO was over 100 feet long, pinkish-orange in color, softly luminous and definitely saucer-shaped with the top going into a bell-like shape. The object had three white lights and one large red light, and sounded like an electric fan. She also stated that light seemed to be coming out of windows or ports in the object.

Ken Snyder, a Linden firefighter, saw the same object as he was driving through town. His statement to police matched that given by Janet Calle. Police could offer no explanation.

July 18, 1978 9:40 P.M.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Guth and their son and daughter all saw a huge oval lighted object from their home in Lyndhurst, Ohio.

Mrs. Guth was passing by a window inside the house when she was surprised to see "very bright white and red lights with a blue flicker outside, not far from our house. I immediately ran outside to see what it was," she related. She called her family together to see the strange object, which was moving from north to south.

"We stared in amazement while it seemed to have paused, hovering over a neighbor's house two doors away! It seemed no higher than that tree top (a tree in her back yard). I was amazed to see so many flashing bright lights, and the bottom lights were red and square in shape. It paused over the house and spun rapidly out of sight. We viewed it approximately thirty seconds in the back yard and thirty seconds in the front yard," Mrs. Guth said.

August 23, 1978 6-6:30 A.M.

A young woman (name on file with the Northern Ohio UFO Group) was startled to see a huge boomerang-shaped object while driving between Clague and Columbia Roads on Detroit Avenue in Westlake, Ohio.

Glancing at the object, she thought at first that it was an aircraft of some sort, but then noticed that the object wasn't moving. She described four white lights spaced evenly on the underside of the "boomerang" that to her seemed brighter than street lights. She also described what appeared to be some sort of opening or "door" on the underside of the UFO.

The witness then became scared and drove away. After gaining her composure she went back to the scene to have a better look, but by that time the strange object had vanished.

The Ohio UFO Coalition  
by Robert S. Easley

Earlier this year Rick R. Hilberg and this writer (representing the Northern Ohio UFO Group) met with Charles Wilhelm, James Miller and others (representing the Ohio UFO Investigators League) to start an Ohio UFO Coalition.

The reason for this coalition was to establish a complete co-operation program among all Ohio UFO organizations and private researchers in order to openly and freely communicate and share all information concerning a common interest in Ufology, and to upgrade the quality of UFO investigation in the state.

The following groups have been active in the Ohio UFO Coalition: Northern Ohio UFO Group, Ohio UFO Investigators League, Tri-County UFO Study Group and the Page Research Library.

The following groups have not been active in the Ohio UFO Coalition: UFO Hotline, Cleveland Ufology Project, Flying Saucer Investigating Committee and several smaller groups.

The non-active groups have therefore shown us their true colors! They are more interested in furthering their own names among the general public than cooperating in an attempt to find a solution to the UFO enigma. The ego-worshipping researchers include Earl J. Neff, Dean Haslege, and Larry Moyers.

Perhaps this public statement will force these "non-active" groups to at least consider the merits of an Ohio coalition rather than totally ignoring it as they have done thus far.

Only time will tell...

Some Notes From The Saucer's Cup:

The highly entertaining program "In Search Of...", hosted by Leonard Nimoy, has been renewed for a third television season. Shown via syndication, the program covers such topics as UFOs, ghosts, missing persons, and strange phenomena. Check your local listings for the time and channel in your area.

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On 22 June a moon was discovered to be orbiting around the most distant planet in our solar system, Pluto. Dubbed Charon, the moon takes 6.3 earth days to orbit Pluto.

The moon was discovered by astronomer James W. Christy while examining photographic plates taken of Pluto by the 61-inch reflecting telescope at the Naval Observatory in Flagstaff, Arizona.

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The 19 June, 1978 issue of THE CLEVELAND PRESS had the following for their "Today's Chuckle": "It is reported that a UFO has never landed in Duluth in January - proving once and for all that there is intelligent life on other planets."