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[sanskrit for "Boat of the Air"]



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DETROIT FLYING SAUCER CLUB RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE SOUNDEST IN THE COUNTRY

In less than three months time something has happened in Detroit, that to hundreds of people, has organized their interests and given new incentive to a type of exploratory research long overdue. It begins with the recognition that many so-called UFO's (unidentified flying objects) are instances of Craft from other planets, other solar systems, other galaxies, coming within our world atmosphere and orbit, being sighted and reported many hundred times a month. Further, that the individuals who have sighted such "phenomena" are not off their mental bases as has formerly been believed, but have excellent reason for coordinating their ideas into a vocal body seeking the best and most thorough methods of interpreting this amazing, inscrutable picture.

The Detroit Flying Saucer Club has been formed as a natural outlet for expressing such interest, in its multiple aspect, with as little bias, prejudice and personality as it is possible to maintain.

Each of the past three programs have demonstrated Standing Room Only, and we believe it is all due to the fact that the Flying Saucer "phenomena" epitomizes something so much broader than its inadequate title would imply. This is not an escapist movement, a postwar craze or an example of fringe fever. Rather it is a

startling evidence of renewed gearing of consciousness, clearly pointing out that the enveloping Spirit of Life is presenting us with a solid, physical new part of itself. (Cont. p. 3)

"Ric" WILLIAMSON, OUR SPEAKER
ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER FIFTEENTH

SUBJECT: "Coming World Changes!"

PLACE: Detroit Institute of Arts
(Large Auditorium)

TIME: 8:15 P.M. (no delay!)

Contribution \$1.00 for Adults

Students in School - 50¢

Recommendation: Be present!

("Ric" is inspiring!)

SAUCER LANDS IN DEARBORN!

(SEE PAGE 6)

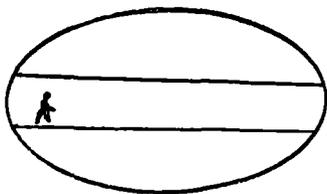
WEST SIDE DETROIT WOMAN SIGHTS STRANGE CRAFT
AND "NAVIGATOR" IN 1946,
PRIOR TO ARNOLD'S MOUNT RANIER SIGHTING

(Editor's Note: The following letter was given to the Chairman of the Detroit Flying Saucer Club by Mrs. May Ackerman, of 19417 Cruse Ave., Detroit 27, Michigan, who despite slight physical disability, attended our John Otto program of September 22nd so that she might hand the enclosed letter in person to the Chairman. Needless to say, we feel it to be an amazing contribution to our own local Saucer discoveries, and thanks, Mrs. Ackerman, most sincerely for sharing this "prize" experience with us. The letter in part follows -)

September 22, 1954

"Dear Mr. Maday:

...I live in what is known as the northwest section of Detroit, where most of the people own their own homes. Have large backyards with the usual flower gardens, etc. Our home happens to be longer than our neighbors so as I sit at one of our bedroom windows, I can see all the way down the neighbors' yards.



(Illustration of Saucer seen by Mrs. Ackerman. Middle section of glass reflected yellow translucent glow, where man was seen crossing length of his ship. Light beam signaling to moon is shown at right.)

However, this took place one mild night, moon was full and seemed very large and silvery. The sky was beautifully blue and clear with very few tiny white clouds. It was around 3:30 a.m., and I got up and went to the window to draw the shades down. It was so beautiful that night and so bright that you could almost read by the light of the moon. Instead of going back to bed I sat down. Everyone was asleep

→ (See Ackerman Sighting page 4)

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OUR PETITION TO THE PRESIDENT
of the United States of America

CALLING ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT SECRECY IN GOVERNMENT is not an American ideal, and that public awareness is what has made our Country great, it is only natural that a petition to the Honorable President of the United States, requesting that pertinent UFO information be released at this time be one of the major assignments of the Detroit Flying Saucer Club. Copies of this petition may be obtained by addressing our Club offices, 6432 Cass Avenue, or by asking for a copy at the forthcoming Williamson meeting, from our Secretary's table in the foyer.

We are very grateful to find that the response to this request has brought in ten to fifty names each day, and that soon we shall be over the thousand mark! To those who have been so conscientious, many many thanks!

To questions that have been raised, we can only state that the motivation behind this request that our President tell his people about the UFO's, is as American as Lexington and Concord; further, we assure everyone who signs his name on the line at the bottom that no exploitation will be given his name--not even for our own mailing list.

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DETROIT FLYING SAUCER CLUB
(Continued from page 1)

This is a tangible Cosmic witness which in its totality challenges our most serious speculations...as much by its manner of standing completely still in mid-air as by its 35,000 mph speed clocked by radar!

What it all signifies at this point it is too early, of course, to determine. Yet that there are thousands of persons within this city aware and interested in its scope; young, old, middle-aged; - students, kids and many others who have been afraid to stand up and be counted, is but another way of saying that representative engineers, astronomers, religionists, teachers and men and women from all walks of life are fascinated by the Flying Saucer picture because of the incalculable stir which it induces. We are tired of pokey traditional cant, of bizarre sophistry, of the repetitiousness of wise ignorance. Here, at least, is meat-protein to eat and fresh fruit to linger over, without any implied attempt to side-step the graver issues of life. Rather, as we see it, the Saucer project can restore us to new expansiveness and inspiring vision by helping us to look up, rather than hugging the world too closely.

and it was very quiet. Even by moonlight one could see all the way down the neighbors' yards and I WAS looking, but then as I looked up I was amazed for from over my neighbor's roof I saw a very wide beam of light, and it was focused ON THE MOON. Stayed there a few minutes, then it shifted to ABOVE the MOON, then to EACH SIDE, then back on the FACE of the MOON. Naturally, my curiosity was aroused to say the least, and I kept looking up at the roof, then at the moon, wondering how soon I would see what it was. I kept thinking it would be a BALLOON of some sort as it did not make any noise whatsoever, like a plane would. So I sat keeping my eyes up toward the neighbor's roof. Finally I saw this object, bit by bit as it came into view. NO BASKET AS A BALLOON WOULD NO DOUBT HAVE. IT WAS MORE SLIGHT, ON THE OBLONG SHAPE THAN ENTIRELY ROUND. THE BEAM was still being focused on the moon, as I stated before. Then I realized that in the middle section was what must have been glass, as I saw SOMEONE WALK FROM THE BACK UP TO THE FRONT AND THEN BACK AGAIN, BUT IT WASN'T UNTIL THEN I REALIZED THAT THIS OBJECT UP IN THE SKY MADE NO NOISE WHATSOEVER. Naturally, I was puzzled for I knew when I told my friends about it they would think I was imagining it. Now, at first this queer silent object in the sky was not going very fast, but I could not help but wonder WHY this intense interest in the MOON. Suddenly this seemed to be quickening its pace and I saw there amazed at its speed--before I realized it was like a silvery white ball zooming thru the sky going up and from where I sat, it seemed to go above the Moon. Of course, I never will forget it. The puzzling part was the QUIET of this object. No motor sound at all; then I could not help wondering WHAT MADE IT GO IN THE FIRST PLACE.

(Signed) Mary Ackerman (Mrs. David)"

(Mrs. Ackerman further stated that it was not until many weeks later that the papers began to have accounts of people in all parts of the country saying they had seen 'queer' objects in the sky. A TV broadcast showed airmen from various airbases giving their accounts of what they had seen in the skies to the moderator at the desk, and it was then that she began to wonder if she was amongst those who had sighted a UFO also.

The CAPITALIZED words in the above writing are Mrs. Ackerman's, whose letter was quoted exactly as she wrote it.)

FLYING SAUCER DISCUSSION GROUPS
GET UNDERWAY WITH ZEAL!

By Laura Marxer
Vice-President in Charge of Discussion Groups
and Lecture Promotion

We have been very pleased that several individuals within The Detroit Flying Saucer Club have felt it important to meet among themselves, to better comprehend the fact that the space visitors are here for a purpose. In breaking up into smaller units it is much easier to get at the heart of whatever may be the question under consideration; and to receive both inspiration and stimulation from one another. And we are all learning together!

If you are interested in meeting with a congenial group in your neighborhood, you are cordially invited to contact anyone of the following leaders. In our next issue we shall relate in more detail the progress being made in our Discussion groups. Several groups have wished to hear the former talks given by George Adamski, "Ric" Williamson, Ross Mulholland's interview with Desmond Leslie - which are all on tape - and the tape on Frank Edwards when he is interviewing Donald Keyhoe. They are available for one evening's use for the asking. *Just loan + Williamson personally*

Further, we, the officers, are attempting to visit as many groups as possible, during the next month or six weeks, if cooperative assistance is sought in getting started. To date our visits into the homes of various of our leaders and their friends have been most eventful; everyone seems to understand our Club standpoint: that while in our individual make-ups there are many persons who are extra sensitive, our experiences and basis of comparison must be drawn from contacts and information within the physical world, and irrevocably valid, if we are to be a dependable sounding board. It is so easy to confuse one level of consciousness with impressions derived from another plane. Understand us aright, please! This does not invalidate E.S.P. (extra-sensory perception) by any means, but it does make clear that in this latter highly specialized field, too much time would be lost in discussing the lengthy possibilities therein, when as yet, we have failed to intelligently reason thru and classify the known outer world which we are now investigating.

As Desmond Leslie so aptly put it: "Let us keep a level head, be normal in our expansiveness, and look at the thing naturally." The intelligence; the character, the realistic sensing between the world of reality and illusion are important assets for anyone who becomes a reliable Saucer sighter, and especially a Saucer leader. (See DISCUSSION GROUPS - page 8)

It happened so rapidly that only as we go to Press are we able to sum up the story, but every possible detail has been checked...we feel this to be a reliable Report.

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DEARBORN MAN REPORTS TO CLUB OFFICERS
UNBELIEVABLE EXPERIENCE OF SAUCER LANDING

Lawrence Cardenas, middle-aged and of Mexican descent, is Chief Steward of the Laundry at Dearborn Inn. As he was driving to his work between 4:30 and 5:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 30th, this unbelievable incident occurred. Traveling west on ROTUNDA ROAD, he slowed his car about one-third of a mile from the SOUTHFIELD INTERSECTION so he could make the green traffic light. On his right was a large vacant field where a road was being cut thru, and he could make out the dim outline of the silent derrick crane way to the north. Suddenly he came upon what seemed a veritable colony of "little men," standing nearby the road, jabbering together apparently, and gesticulating with their hands. They were clad in bright green uniforms, were approximately five feet four inches high, and on their heads wore what resembled tight fitting "skull-caps" with pointed beaks on their front. There were perhaps twelve or fifteen of them, several of whom were circling a larger man, in a brown uniform, who stood perhaps six inches taller than the rest and appeared to be a leader. The entire party had heavy goggles over their eyes, and gave the appearance of breathing some type of oxygen.

Cardenas noticed that the dawn was breaking, and though no other cars were in the immediate vicinity, he was nearly thunderstruck, when, looking beyond this group, he noticed a large ovaled object about two hundred feet north from these men, standing on the grass mound in the distance, with lights near the top which flickered off and on, in translucent colors. It seemed about ten feet high, with the sides smoothly tapered, making him think of a sea-shell.

Mr. Cardenas does not know now why he did not stop his car, or turn around and go back to investigate these "little men." He was not afraid, and they appeared friendly...even curious about the environ they were in. But Cardenas also knew that he could be late to work, and up to this time he had never become very interested in Flying Saucers.

Mr. Howard Kehl, one of our Directors, has interrogated Mr. & Mrs. Cardenas at length, and Laura Marxer has known this Mexican and his wife for many years. Everyone speaks very highly of him, and his dependability and integrity are without reproach.

THE PLANETOIDS

By Zelma H. Meek
(Of Sacramento, California)

The Giant eye sees rushing shadows cross its beam;
They soar through space like migratory birds.
"Interpret this," the watchers say,
"Are these the remnants of a peopled world--
The scattered flying bones that once held shape,
That had design and purpose,
That lived and breathed and moved
With interweaving rhythms and precision?
What happened there?
Did quizzing minds pursue too far
And intellect outrun the heart
To find the loveless knowledge that destroys,
That found becomes an orge--
A genie lamp too strong for men to hold?
Is that the answer--
Exploded world, the Planetoids?
Was Revelation's Angel* there,
His robes a cloud, a rainbow on his head,
His face the brightness of the sun
And poles of fire his feet?
The watchers ask,
While shadows dart beyond the sun.

*Rev. 10:1.

Grateful acknowledgment of the above poem
is hereby given to the NEW AGE MAGAZINE,
Published by the Supreme Council 33^o,
A & A, Washington, D.C.

DISCUSSION GROUPS

(See page five)

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DONALD KEYHOE NEXT SPEAKER, NOVEMBER 9th

Major Donald Keyhoe (retired) of the United States Marine Corps., will be our next important speaker and is scheduled to appear on Tuesday evening, Nov. 9th, at the Masonic Temple, in the large auditorium. As pilot, consultant, aide to Colonel Lindbergh, investigator and author, Major Keyhoe was the first prominent world official to announce that the Flying Saucers were real. This he did in True magazine, in 1949, upsetting the applectart of "ex-cathedra" authority, which was further elaborated in today's best seller: "Flying Saucers from Outer Space."

*wonderful. also he took
"The Flying Saucer Conspiracy" meaning
Washington who is keeping the truth from us*

heard from - 4 - 2000

R A D I O H A M S G E T

M E S S A G E F R O M F L Y I N G S A U C E R

(As reported at the meeting of September 22nd)
by Don Thompson and Friends)

FROM: Amateur Radio Monitor Group,
Detroit Flying Saucer Club.
TO: Mr. Henry Maday,
Chairman, Detroit Flying Saucer Club.
SUBJECT: Saucer communications received
via short wave radio.

On the evening of Thursday, September 9, 1954, at approximately 10:30 p.m., our radio group while in the field testing new equipment, did undoubtedly receive a message from a flying saucer.

On this evening while listening on the ten meter band we accidentally tuned down across the eleven meter band. To our surprise we tuned in on a strong toned modulated carrier. Instantly the tone signal stopped and a voice, almost tenor in range, speaking cultured english said:

"Gentlemen, we estan your presence. Many serials have been gaped in order for us to speak with you."

After this amazing statement, all of us were so interested in what was being said that little thought was given to copying the balance of the message. The following statements were all that we could remember.

That they have a knowledge of our group. And, get this, that one of their representatives are present in our midst.

That their intentions towards us are friendly.

That we were to continue to watch this wavelength. This concludes our report which to the best of our knowledge is a true account. Thank you.

Editor's Note: Since the above effort was made, our "Hams" have soared ahead and are now experimenting on a Light Beam Circuit which will be far more potent and effective in inter-terrestrial communication. A further report will be made in the next issue.

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"THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL"
.....that magnificent Twentieth-Century Fox film of a few years back, depicting a Space-man coming to earth in a Saucer, will shortly be shown again to our own Club members and their friends. Watch for it!

ran it - wonderful




It was tremendously gratifying having DESMOND LESLIE with us for September 28th. Not only did he bring an air of Continental exhilaration to us, but his boyish maturity reflected complete unworldliness, which is how we want our Saucer spokesmen to be. Regretably, we cannot now reprint excerpts of his fine talk, but we can relate how we nearly curled up with laughter at his antics in the Toy Department of Hudsons, when he went to purchase a cardboard box house for his little boy...or how he rode the kiddie's plane at the Airport, for a nickle, while waiting for his plane to get ready to depart... Needless to state, we want him back here again in March, when he goes on a National Lecture Tour. (We're going to try him on a roller-coaster if a Saucer ride hasn't intercepted.)

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EVER SINCE JOHN HOFFMAN, our Treasurer, sighted his first Saucer 5 years back, he hasn't been the same. The transforming bug within him turned out a wonderful Creative idea on how Saucer people from outer space could help and benefit mankind...with the result that Hollywood is now seriously considering John's NEW TYPE OF HERO as a national TV possibility. Isn't that wonderful news?

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Many of us will miss BRYANT and HELEN REEVE, who already have left Detroit, for a soujourn "south of the border." This fine couple did much pioneering to get our Club properly underway...and it is with actual regret that other items delayed the excellent article Bryant prepared for us, which is called "MAT and DEMAT." (Who will forget the inspiration of that August 19th meeting at the Veteran's Memorial Building?) Look for Bryant's article in the next issue.

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One of the most promising of the newer Saucer Publications comes right from Saginaw, Michigan, called the SAUCER SENTINEL: "the Nation's only Flying Saucer Newspaper." It comes out twice a month, and is very capably edited by young D. W. Opperman, a high school student who, by his sage reporting and unsensational good-taste, should not have to go to college. He thinks rather well of our own efforts, and has carried three front-page exclusive stories that have originated from the DFSC.

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A warm note from DANIEL FRY, author of that sterling book: "THE WHITE SANDS INCIDENT" relates that he will be glad to come our way some week-end in the near future. We are thinking of him toward the first of the year. Don't miss his book.

Shals a humdinger

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is an independent, democratic organization, operating on
a non-profit basis, and dedicated to an intelligent and
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Laura Marxer, Vice President —
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personally*

Directors are Howard Kehl, Randall Cox and Madeline Mende.

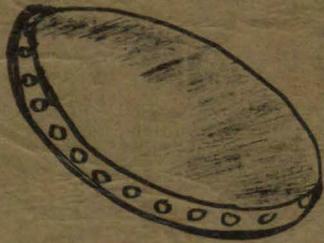
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development in some particular way, or gifted capacity,
please let us know! Our SUGGESTION BOX, that we may make
each Program more vital and contributory, is for your con-
venience. We believe we have the "Most interesting Club
in Detroit" but you must continue to think so, too!

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ing that this little magazine will go far; it is dedicated
NOT to a diffusion of Saucer information over the world,
but TO THE DISCOVERY AND PUBLICATION of Significant Saucer
information found right within our midst, as evident by
the original Ackerman writing and the first actual report
so far given by Lawrence Cardenas.

For helping to promote public interest in our Cause, contin-
uous goodwill, The DFSC wishes to thank ROSS MULHOLLAND, WWJ
super-salesman, impresario, racounter and all around hemis-
spheric adventurer, for his wonderful cooperation, which
always takes place at the Detroit landing of a Speaker!
Then there is LEE SMITS, of WXYZ, Radio, who likewise bats
for us whenever we step into position. Not to neglect men-
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of the Free Press, and Jim Trainor of the Times.

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