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The High Desert Star newspaper,  
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LANDERS, CA - Before Monday morning, Giant Rock, was considered by many the largest boulder in the world. It is now two boulders. A slice of the rock fell off the boulder at 8:20 a.m. Monday, exposing a gleaming white granite interior.

In ancient times Giant Rock was held sacred by the Native peoples of the Joshua Tree, California area. So sacred in fact that only the chief was allowed to go near it. Everyone else had to wait nearly a mile away while the Chief communed with the spirits of the "Rock People" who had prophesied the day when the Mother would split open and a new era would be revealed. Most other traditions have pointed to this time in our history as the awakening of the Divine Feminine, to a world based upon compassion and peace. Now that Giant Rock has split, many people believe that the prophecy has been fulfilled.

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Giant Rock was also the meeting place for the UFO 'Contactee Movement' in the fifties and sixties... vis

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## Giant Rock Space Conventions

Between 1954 and 1970, the major annual event in the world of UFO contactees and their followers was the Giant Rock Space Convention, convened by George W. Van Tassel (1910-78). Van Tassel, himself a well-known contactee, was operator of the Giant Rock Airport, located seventeen miles north of Yucca Valley, California, on the Mojave Desert. Here it was that the Space Convention assembled, generally in autumn.

UFO contact enthusiasts would gather for two or three days during the convention in an atmosphere reminiscent of the camp meetings of old, parking campers or pitching tents on the airport grounds under the desert sky, perhaps a thousand people (in the best years of the convention) would, during the day, hear a nonstop series of speakers and, during the cool evenings, enjoy campfire discussions of contacts and wait for signs of recognition by the Space People themselves. It was widely rumored in contact circles that the latter were aware of these meetings and their importance for their work toward Earth; they would, it was said, acknowledge the assembly by flashing lights or flying in formation over the lonely airport.

During the day, most of the major contactees and contactee-oriented theoreticians could be heard. Orfeo Angelucci, Frank Stranges, Gabriel Green, and Daniel Fry were regulars. In the isolated, intense setting - in which people who usually find themselves a singular and often ridiculed minority were now the majority community - their messages had an unexpected ring of power. During the day, numerous UFO and cognate groups would have booths set up where literature could be obtained, and pins, bumperstickers, pamphlets, and books were on sale. Giant Rock was, then, a real axis of the contactee movement in its heyday.

By 1970, however, attendance had severely fallen off; Ufology, while far from dead in either its scientific or spiritual aspects, had taken other forms than the 'classic' contactees and their narratives, told virtually as sacred histories, to which Giant Rock catered. The conventions were not held after that year.

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