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Message from the State Director



Recently I attended a state of the union meeting at my employer's national headquarters. In attendance were representatives from 30 campuses which included: campus directors like me; various vice-presidents, and of course the institute's president. To kick off the first night we had

a dinner at a local steak house with almost everyone in attendance. I had the honor of dining with one of the vice-presidents and two campus directors.

During the course of the evening the vice-president wanted to get to know more about us, and I drew the short straw. His first question is what I do for a hobby. As I looked around the room deliberating my response, everyone seemed to suddenly begin moving in slow motion. The pause was all it took. He began to laugh and said: "I heard about you". Most likely he also googled my name and viewed my Facebook page.

I took the semi-serious approach to the probing questions, and while the VP was not disturbed by my responses, it was obvious the two female campus directors were. Rather than take the easy path of passing the torch, I stood my ground and answered all questions. After what seemed like an eternity, the questioning shifted to the next victim.

On the way back to my motel room I reflected on the conversation and how many people are put off by desire to "chase lights in the sky". Survey results would show a large majority want to hear about the subject, with a majority believing in the possibility of extraterrestrial visitors. This viewpoint appears partially supported by the number of reported cases both in Ohio and nationally. Combing the MUFON database shows total cases nationally at 213 in 2000 to 8639 in 2015. Ohio's numbers reflect similar results by growing from 9 in 2000 to 330 in 2015. The numbers themselves are not as important as are the driving factors behind the numbers. The following graphs display the increase in numbers over the last 15 years. Then let us explore the factors responsible of the increases.



Since 2000 MUFON has shifted from taking reports on paper to the internet. The anonymity provided by the internet has individuals who were hesitant in the past to step forward and file reports. Media while still full of news reports that begin with the X-Files theme have also provided shows such as Hanger 1, Ancient Aliens, and podcasts too numerous to mention. Then there are the countless hours put in by MUFON volunteers across the globe. In Ohio I think we have an extremely strong core of investigators headed by Chief Field Investigator Ron McGlone. I can't thank them enough, along with our board members and other MUFON volunteers for their efforts in "chasing lights in the sky".

While media can reach out to a broad group of people interested in ufology, we still need to continue with providing events directly to public. Four years ago we started outreach events by providing presentations at local libraries. To date over 100 have been conducted on various topics of ufology. Chris Parsons recently informed me of his progress at developing a new generation of library programs. His knowledge and passion for the subject will be a definite asset in this area.

In 2015 the MUFON of Ohio bimonthly meetings were moved from the Hilliard, Ohio to the Westerville Public Library in Westerville, Ohio. The new venue provides us increased visibility to the public along with access to the library resources and A/V equipment. Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 13 from 2:00 to 4:30PM. The topic for this discussion is Investigative Techniques. There is a tremendous amount of resources available to investigators and the general public. See how these were applied to actual investigations. Please check the MUFON of Ohio website at: www.mufonOhio.com for a list of locations, dates, and times of MUFON of Ohio events.

Thomas Wertman
MUFON of Ohio State Director

Editor's Notes



This edition contains information and bios of speakers for our June 18th conference. Part IV of Ohio UFO Crashes series from Dr. Irena Scott's "UFOs and the Millennium" is included. This is the final installment. Tom

Wertman contributed an article which has us ponder on whether we are alone in the universe. There is a "trip memo" by myself, and my better half, on the "Sky Fire Conference" in Arizona on November 5 - 8, 2015. It was a great opportunity to acquaint ourselves with some of the western MUFON members. And finally we present a tribute to the late John Timmerman.

Your editor presented a talk to Michigan MUFON on January 31. It was great to hear that there will be 'Michiganders' coming to our conference in June. It is the 50th anniversary of the famous "swamp gas" incident, so I have included Michigan's announcement flyer for their "2016 Swamp Gas UFO Conference" in Ann Arbor on March 19th. Their flyer can be found on the last page.

Phyllis Budinger
Newsletter Editor

2016 MUFON Ohio Conference Announcement

Mark your calendars for 11 AM on June 18, 2016. That is the date set for the 2016 MUFON of Ohio conference to be held in Ashland, Ohio at the Sheriff's Annex. Featured speakers will be Peter Robbins, Jennifer Stein, and William Konkolesky. In addition, we hope to present the results of a recent search for ground witnesses of the famous Ohio National Guard helicopter event near Ashland, Ohio on October 18, 1973. This case stands out as perhaps the most credible of the great 1973 flap.

Tickets (Lunch Included):

At the Door: Non-Subscribers \$28
Subscribers \$25
Preregistration: (before 5/28) and take \$3 off

For advance tickets, send check or money order to

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There will be an informal gathering at a local "pub" to meet the speakers, and each other, for those arriving on Friday. Dinner can be had at your own expense. More details will be forthcoming on this event as they are worked out.

The speakers' bios and topics follow.

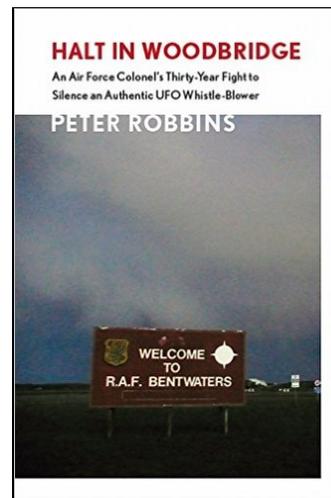
Peter Robbins "Halt in Woodbridge"



Peter Robbins is one of America's best known investigative writers and speakers and has been involved in this field for almost forty years as a writer, researcher, investigator, lecturer, activist and author. A regular fixture on radio shows here and in the UK, he has also appeared as a guest on and been consultant to numerous TV shows and documentaries, and given talks for many MUFON groups, national and international conferences, public service groups, public, private and secondary schools, universities, businesses,

libraries and scientific organizations. He is coauthor, along with Larry Warren, of the British best-seller *Left at East Gate: A First-Hand Account of the Rendlesham Forest UFO Incident, Its Cover-Up and Investigation*. He is also author of *Deliberate Deception*, and the recently published *Halt in Woodbridge*.

Since Peter's book *Left at Eastgate*, which focuses on events that occurred near RAF Bentwaters/Woodbridge in 1980, was published incidents have occurred that led Robbins to believe some of the original witnesses may be providing disinformation regarding this case. Robbins' new book "Halt in Woodbridge: An Air Force Colonel's Thirty-Year Fight to Silence an Authentic UFO Whistle-Blower" provides his insight into the ongoing saga. Robbins is one of the true gentlemen in this field, and you will find talking with him is a pleasure.



Jennifer Stein "Crop Circles"



Jennifer Stein is an artist, entrepreneur, activist, a student of ancient civilization, and documentary filmmaker. She is a self-taught filmmaker who started making films in the 1990's while running non-profit organizations, raising her two children, and running a special events business. Harnessing the power of the moving visual image to educate, inspire and empower, Jennifer uses film to help

achieve her goals of furthering her causes. Her interests are wide, like peace projects, sensible gun ownership legislation, environmental awareness, and appreciation of ancient history, archaeology, and artifacts, UFO's crop circles, and Yoga, meditation, macrobiotics, ESP just to name a few. She founded Main Line MUFON, (www.MainLineMUFON.com) 12 years ago, an organization in the Philadelphia suburbs, which serves as a regional education arm for the Mutual UFO Network and Noetic Science's "Shift in Action" for South Eastern PA. Jennifer is a State Section Director and Field Investigator for MUFON.

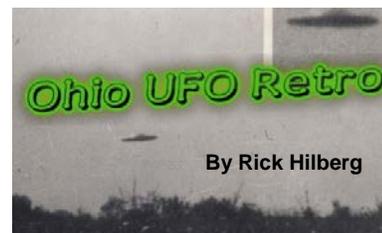
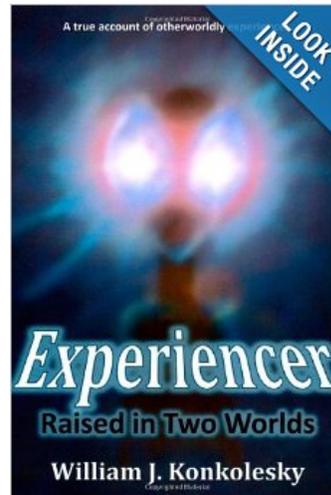
The topic of her discussion will be crop circles. The United States has hundreds of examples of these intricate patterns melded into wheat, corn, grass, and even snow. What do these beautiful patterns really mean, who is creating them, and what can we learn from them are but a few of the questions we ask? Stein's presentation looks to explore the nature behind the subject. We are pleased that she is providing a copy of her award-winning documentary *Travis: The True Story of Travis Walton* which will be shown during the lunch time. In contrast to "Fire in the Sky", this film provides this true story behind Travis Walton as seen through his eyes and the other members of the logging crew.

Bill Konkolesky "Experienter Raised in Two Worlds"



Bill Konkolesky is the State Director of Michigan MUFON and a regular lecturer on the UFO phenomenon. He is a lifelong experienter on an ongoing journey of discovery, trying to make some sense of the strange events that have happened to him. His personal abduction experiences have been featured in SyFy's "Abduction Diaries," ABC's "Seeing is Believing," and the documentary "Abducted by Aliens: UFO Encounters of the 4th Kind" as well as his autobiographical book, "Experienter Raised in Two Worlds." Additionally, he has consulted for the History Channel's "UFO Hunters," the Science Channel's "Uncovering Aliens," and other UFO-related television projects.

Bill will describe what it is like to have your whole life full of paranormal experiences that include not only UFOs but things like poltergeist activity and other strange events. He has entered the field of investigating the unknown because this is his life and he will share what it is like being not only investigator, but also experienter.



At about 5:30 a.m. on August 27, 1964, 19-year-old Dan Boras reported sighting a cigar-shaped craft with lighted windows cross the face of the moon slowly, then pick up speed and vanish in the east.

Boras was the night watchman for Neill Greenhouses Inc. on SOM Center Road in Gates Mills.

Said the shaken witness: "When it started to pick up speed after it had gone across the face of the moon, a light glowed all around it and it trailed smoke for about five seconds. I would judge it was 50 to 80 feet long," he said.

Source: "The Flying Saucer Flap of 1964", Rick Hilberg 1965.

Are We Alone in The Universe, Numbers Say No

Thomas Wertman – State Director

Is it my imagination or does barely a day go by that NASA or mainstream science reports a new discovery in outer space? In grade school we were taught that our solar system consisted of nine planets. The International Astronomical Union changed that in 2006 by redefining the definition of planet and demoting Pluto to dwarf planet status. The New Horizons satellite flyby of Pluto produced high resolution images of crypto volcanoes much different than what was originally expected. New NASA data also suggest more prevalent water/ice on Pluto's surface than previously thought.

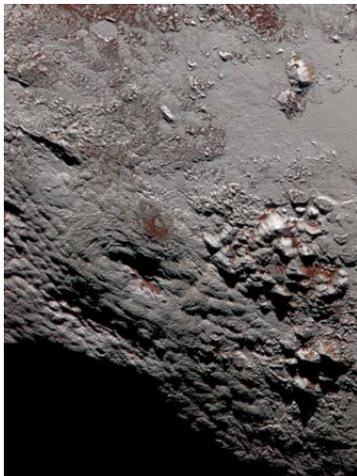


Photo Courtesy of NASA – Cryptovolcanos on Pluto from New Horizons

January 2016 Konstantin Batygin and Mike Brown of the California Institute of Technology (CalTech) identified the possibility of a new ninth planet. A cluster of six orphaned objects with strange elliptical orbits, tilted on the plane of the solar system, was identified just past Neptune. Their belief is gravity from a planet 10 times Earth's mass has become their shepherd.

From the possibility of a new ninth planet we go back to another dwarf planet. The Dawn space probe was launched September 2007. Arriving at Ceres in March 2015 the probe began mapping the surface. One of the most startling discoveries was a bright spot in Occator crater. The debate is over what the bright spot represents: is it a reflection from ice or salt? Just as with data from the Hubble

telescope, scientists will be reviewing these data long after Dawn's mission ends.

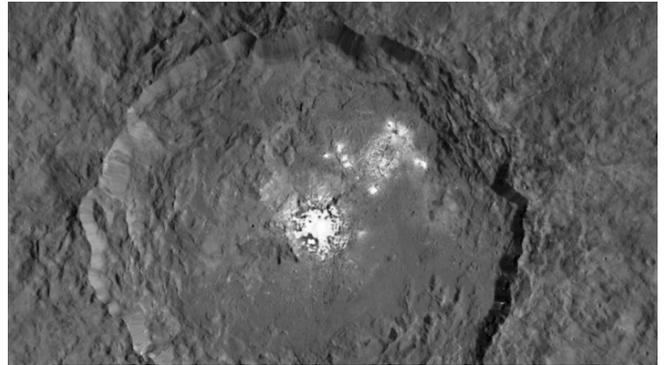


Photo Courtesy of NASA – Bright spots on Ceres, ice or salt?

The real story begins beyond our solar system. Exoplanets is a term given to the thousands of planets discovered beyond our solar system. These recently discovered worlds vary in size and orbit. Some are giants hugging their parent stars, others are icy, some rocky. Kepler telescope is credited with identifying the majority during the past two decades. Exoplanets.org lists the total number of confirmed planets at 1,642, unconfirmed Kepler candidates at 3,787, with a total of both categories at 5,429. What do scientists really look for within that number? It is the few exoplanets which fall inside an area known as the Goldilocks zone. Just as it sounds, the Goldilocks zone is an area where it is not too hot, nor too cold. It is a zone just right to provide planetary temperatures which allow the formation of liquid water oceans, similar to those on earth.

Planetary Habitability Laboratory at the University of Puerto Rico at Arecibo provides a listing of thirty-two potentially habitable exoplanets and their distance from Earth. Thirty-two habitable worlds does not seem that many, unless you keep in mind the Kepler telescope has a relatively small angle of view. Kepler has only seen a small portion of the Milky Way and its possible 100 billion stars. The Milky Way itself is obscuring the discovery of other potential exoplanets. The Parkes radio telescope in New South Wales, Australia is looking into a previously unexplored region of space. The International Center of Radio Astronomy Research (ICRAR) has been reviewing the data uncovered some 883 galaxies, a third of which never been seen before.

So if we take the narrow angle of view of the Kepler telescope, multiply that by the remaining portion of the Milky Way galaxy, then take that result times a number of galaxies in the universe we have a number which is astronomical. To steal a line from the infomercial "But wait there's more". Combine with this equation the existence of other dimensions and now we have a number which is truly astronomical.



Kepler Angle of View

OHIO CRASHES AND OTHER CONNECTIONS

By Dr. Irena Scott



(Dr. Irena Scott has given us permission to reprint excerpts from her book *UFOs and the Millennium*. Parts I, II, and III appeared in previous newsletters and reports Ohio UFO crashes as well as some Ohio connections to crashes that occurred out of state. Following is Part IV, the final installment, on more Ohio connections to out-of-state crashes. Editor)

KINGMAN, ARIZONA CRASH

This is not an account of an Ohio crash - but it has Ohio connections. The reports say the bodies from this crash were taken to WPAFB and several of the informants have been Ohioans.

Randle in *A History of UFO Crashes*, classified this case as probably authentic. The following is the account we received:

Jim Donohoe, an independent UFO investigator living in Madison County, Ohio, was a teenager in 1953 and it was not uncommon for his uncle, who was a highly placed civil servant at Wright Field, to drop by Jim's home in South Charleston, Ohio to chat. For some reason Jim's aunt did not want her husband talking about his work when he was at home, so on occasion Jim became an outlet for his uncle when it came to his work at the Field. Jim was quite interested in airplanes and things technical, so the relationship worked well for them both.

Jim's uncle had joined the Army Air Force in 1937 and ferried aircraft across the Pacific as part of his duties. On one occasion during the war he was at a base that was heavily bombed by the Japanese and, when the bombing was over, he was the highest ranking officer left alive at the field. He was asked to take command until a higher ranking replacement could be brought in. Jim's uncle lived an interesting life on occasion. In mid-1947 he left the military and took a job at Wright Field. The job included keeping track of civilian aircraft that were leased by the Government for test and research and development purposes. He was also responsible for locating appropriate civilian and military aircraft to be used in these programs. As a result, he got to know many people who worked at Wright Field and he had access to many of the hangers and buildings there.

On one particular day, probably a weekend, Jim was working at home on a model boat. His uncle stopped by and told Jim that he had a story to tell that he thought Jim would be interested in. As it turned out, Jim was interested, but today in retrospect Jim wishes he had taken notes and asked more questions. He didn't truly appreciate the significance of what he was being told. His uncle said that a friend at the Field had taken him "down into" a cold storage area. In this area was a separate room. The friend turned on the lights and there, in the middle of the room, was a table. On the table was a sheet which covered the forms of three small humanoid bodies. The arms, legs and the body itself were apparent. His uncle estimated that the bodies were 4 to 4 1/2 feet tall. The friend

revealed that these forms were the bodies of three beings from a flying saucer which had recently crashed in the Arizona desert and were there to be autopsied. He said that the bodies had teeth and that no decay was present. In fact, the bodies were surprisingly void of any harmful bacteria. The friend then turned out the lights and they left. Jim's uncle did not see the bodies uncovered. During their short conversation the friend said that there had been two such crashes in Arizona. If Jim's uncle said where these crashes had occurred, he doesn't remember now. Several weeks later Jim's uncle returned and asked him not to repeat the story to anyone. Jim honored that request until after his uncle died.

Jim noted that his uncle had never reported seeing a UFO, nor had he expressed a special interest in the subject. He was a truthful person and Jim doesn't believe that the story was made up.

Recently part of Jim's uncle's story appeared in a local Madison county newspaper and in a newsletter that Jim issues, Equinox (P.O. Box 252, London, Ohio 43140). A woman who Jim knows called him after reading the story and told him that a friend of theirs had a similar experience in 1953 when he went to Wright Field to interview for a custodial type job. He had been sent over to a building and told to report to a specific office. When he got to the building he couldn't find the office or even anyone in the halls. He ended up in a lower or basement level where he discovered several rooms that were laboratories. She reported that he claimed to have opened a door where he discovered a sight similar to the one reported by Jim's uncle. On a table were three bodies, partially covered with a sheet. He described the bodies as small and human like. He quickly shut the door and left. This experience scared him and he decided not to take the job after all.

Kingman Part 2:

A similar account of what may be the same case was given by Ray Fowler, as reported by Len Stringfield (*Situation Red*). This account is similar to Jim Donohoe's recollection in that the event occurred in 1953.

In a sworn statement Fritz Werner said he was on a special assignment for the U.S. Air Force on

May 21, 1953. He said he viewed a crashed object that he believed to have been in the vicinity of Kingman, Arizona. It was constructed of an unfamiliar metal which resembled aluminum, was about 30 feet in diameter, and contained two swivel seats, an oval cabin, and a lot of instruments. A tent pitched near the object sheltered the dead remains of one occupant. It was about 4 feet tall, and had nostrils, ears, and a small round mouth. It wore a silvery, metallic suit.

Werner had held several engineering and management positions at WPAFB between June 1949 and January 1960. He worked in the Office of Special Studies in the Air Material Command Installations Division. His specialties included the engineering design of Air Force engine test cells, and research and development techniques for determining blast effects on buildings and structures. Later, he also designed aircraft landing gear and became the chief of alighting devices in the Aircraft Laboratory at the Wright Air Development Center.

At the time of the incident, he was project engineer on an Air Force contract with the Atomic Energy Commission for Operation Upshot-Knothole, which was comprised of three atomic explosions - an air drop, a tower shot, and an artillery shot. His job involved measuring base effects on different types of buildings.

On the day of the incident, he was working at Frenchman Flat in the Atomic Energy Commission Nevada Test Site. That evening, he was told to report for special duty the next day. He was driven to Indian Springs Air Force Base, where he joined about 15 other specialists. They were put on a military plane and flown to Phoenix, Arizona where they were put on a bus with blacked-out windows. They rode for around four hours and he thought they were in the area of Kingman, Arizona. An Air Force colonel told them that a super-secret Air Force vehicle had crashed and they were to investigate the crash in terms of their own specialty.

When the bus stopped they disembarked to find the crashed object with two spotlights centered on it and ringed with guards. Werner was to determine from the angle and depth of impact and the craft's forward and vertical velocities at impact. The impact had pressed the vehicle approximately

twenty inches into the sand. He could see no marks on the surface.

In spite of armed military policeman, he managed to glance inside the tent and saw the body of the alien.

On the way back, Werner talked briefly with someone who had seen the inside. He saw two swivel-like seats, instruments and displays. However a guard noticed them talking and separated them. When they returned to the bus, they took oaths not to reveal what they had seen. He thought he had recognized two officers, one from Griffith Air Force Base, and the other from Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Werner said that a year later he was assigned to serve with Project Blue Book as a consultant. He did not believe that the Air Force knew where UFOs originated, although they thought they were interplanetary vehicles. They didn't know how to handle the situation.

Werner's credentials were impressive and checked out. He had published a number of sophisticated technical papers and held membership in professional organizations.

This account checks out with some of my own information about the Atomic Energy Commission test and the methods of transportation around the site (my husband worked in Area 51).

Kingman Part 3

Randles (in *A History of UFO Crashes*) recounts that Ray Fowler and others noted several serious discrepancies in this person's account. For one, when Fowler began to investigate, the informant, Werner, gave a different version of his story, than he had told to his original source. For another, Werner said that when the bus had stopped in Arizona, they climbed out, one at a time as their names were called. This would provide those involved with a way of learning more about the assignment after they were returned to their regular duties, which would seem to be a breach of security. There was contradictory background data on the informant. However, his personal log and some other sources seemed to support his story. For one thing, he claimed his superior was a Dr. Ed

Doll. This investigation might have stopped right there, but investigators found several other sources.

Stringfield found another witness who corroborated part of the Kingman story. Cincinnati researcher, Charles Wilhelm, said that a man identified as Major Daly had told Wilhelm's father that in April 1953 he had flown to an unknown destination to examine the remains of a crashed flying saucer. He had been blindfolded and driven to a point out in the desert where it was hot and sandy. After his blindfold was removed he was taken to another location, where he saw a metallic ship twenty-five to thirty feet in diameter. He saw no signs of damage. He was not allowed to enter the object, but he noted that the entrance was about four or five feet high. Daly's information didn't agree entirely with that given by Werner, but it is still quite close.

Other secondhand information about Kingman came from a woman who worked in the Parachute Branch (WCEEH-1) of WPAFB. She said that a sergeant who had the special clearance needed to enter their offices claimed that he had just come in on a flight from the Southwest. Thinking about this several years afterwards, she had originally believed he was talking about Roswell, but examination of her records showed that she had not been working at WPAFB until the early 1950's. Besides, according to Roswell sources the flight with the bodies landed in Washington, D. C. first.

Further checking suggested that the incident she remembered took place in late 1952 or early 1953. The sergeant told all the people in that small office about bringing in alien bodies. The people didn't believe him. Within an hour, however, the base commander, Colonel (later Brigadier General), C. Pratt Brown, arrived. He explained that the story the sergeant told was rumor and that no one was to repeat these wild stories. Actually he brought an official form for them to sign, explaining that they were not to repeat what they heard under penalty of a \$20,000 fine and twenty years in jail.

This is somewhat like a standard security violation punishment of 10 years in jail and a \$100,000 fine. This is big punishment for retelling a legend that everyone would laugh at anyway. However, the secretary didn't remember the exact

time or location. The only reported crash that fits into the time frame of her employment would be the Kingman crash.

Another account of this crash came from Judy Woolcott, whose husband had written her a strange letter from Vietnam in 1965, believing that he wouldn't be coming back home. According to her memory of the letter, he had seen something strange twelve years earlier. She thought that it had been August 1953 and that it happened near Kingman. Her husband, a military officer, was on duty in an air base control tower, when they began to track something on radar. It lost altitude, disappeared from the screen, and a bright light flashed in the distance. The MPs began talking about something "being down." Woolcott and others jumped into jeeps and drove in the direction of the flash. Eventually they found a domed disc that had struck the ground with some force, embedding itself in the sand. There didn't seem to be any damage to the craft. Before they could advance a military convoy appeared and they were stopped. They were ordered away and escorted back to the base, where they were told the event had not happened, that they had never seen anything, and then were sworn to secrecy. Woolcott didn't see bodies, but said there was talk of them. Some of the MPs said there were casualties that were not human. His letter indicated that he knew more but didn't want to write about it. About a week later, Judy learned that her husband was dead. There was no evidence that either Woolcott knew anything about other reports of the Kingman crash.

Folk legends of a crash in the Southwest in the late 1940s-early 1950s have been with us since the beginning of ufology. Perhaps these are just tales of crashed experimental balloons or planes with chimpanzees or monkeys aboard. However, it is strange that someone went to great trouble to make up and publicize the Scully story, if nothing did happen. It sounds much like a cover story.

CLOVIS, NM CRASH

The following is an investigation of a crash that appears to have been of a conventional aircraft, but provides information both about how the military treats a conventional crash (one that may have

been of a classified device) and of how to investigate these accounts.

Clovis, New Mexico Crash by I. Scott and Debbie Valerio

On 6/18/93, Mansfield, Ohio, investigator, Debbie Valerio, Bill Jones and I interviewed, "Jake," who had made several observations of UFOs. Jake had been in the U.S. Air Force, and aircraft were a hobby of his. He was also familiar with military materials and military operations. Jake's experience started when he was young. One of his neighbors was an old man, who told him about the space people and about being visited by them. The man described these beings as "funny-looking men." Jake said that when they pointed at something it would come to them. Their vehicle was described as cigar-shaped. These contacts occurred in 1941, when Jake was young. Jake thought the man was around 70 years old.

When Jake worked on a SAC base while in the Air Force, he heard about a possible UFO crash secretly from pilots who had flown over it. The crash was reported to have occurred near Clovis, NM around 1957-58. The pilots thought it might have been a UFO. (Jake never claimed that it was of a UFO.) Jake and some of his Air Force "buddies" went to investigate. They drove to the reported site while on leave. It was southwest of Clovis. Soon after driving up to the site, they found a piece of grayish charcoal-colored metal. It was bent up on one end, 1/4in thick, not aluminum, and light but strong.

It was about 18" long, 10-12" wide, and 5/16" thick. It weighed around 3-4 oz. at the most. The color all through the metal was the same. It resembled the color of Teflon. They tried to cut rock with it, but couldn't; it didn't do anything to the metal. There were other smaller pieces of metal scattered around, some of which resembled confetti. When they threw the larger piece down, it didn't make a metallic sound, but made a thud. When the military personnel saw that they had the large piece, they told them to put it back in the exact place they had picked it up from.

The object "looked like a whale." It was charcoal in color and it did not appear to be damaged, although he couldn't see what the

bottom looked like. He viewed the object from what he concluded was its rear or tail end. The object was perhaps thirty feet long. It had "slits" along its sides. As they were leaving the area Jake picked up the small metallic pieces that were described in the previous issue of the *Ohio UFO Notebook*. For some reason they went back to look at the object again and this is when they were noticed by the Air Police personnel who were in the area. One of Jake's friends had just picked up a large piece of metal that was laying on the ground. The police told him to put it back where he had found it. They were then escorted from the area and told to forget what they had seen.

According to Jake, he and his friends had returned to the Clovis area three weeks later on Air Force business unrelated to their experience. While there, they had gone to a restaurant in a small town south of Clovis and entered into conversations with some of those civilians who were also eating there. One of the civilians was a rancher who said that his cows were "spooked" one night by a "big object" that had landed on his property. The object had a glow to it. While he was watching it, it took off suddenly. It emitted no sound. It flew over a hill in the distance. There was a flash, then nothing. Two or three days later the rancher heard that something strange had crashed in the area where the flash occurred, but he had heard no details. This area was near where Jake and his friends had seen their crashed object and the rancher's sighting had occurred only a few days before Jake and his friends had their experience. Jake does not remember the name of the rancher after all of these years. According to the rancher other sightings were reported in the area during this same time period, some of which were mentioned in the local paper. A search for these articles is currently underway in Clovis thanks to the efforts of Carolyn Duce-Ashe of New Mexico MUFON.

There were sightings reported near Clovis at or near the time of the alleged crash as noted in Thomas R. Adams' 1992 report entitled "*Pardon the Intrusion or UFOs Over, On & Under (?) New Mexico*." (Order from Project Stigma, P.O. Box 1094, Paris, Texas 75461.) Mr. Adams received personal communications which told of an October 23, 1957 UFO landing in the Clovis-Portales area; no other details are available. Also, on October 24

fifteen miles south of Cannon Air Force Base multiple witnesses reported a daylight landing which left unspecified traces behind. The November 3, 1957 issue of the Medford (Oregon) Mail Tribune reported that a radio station owner had seen a streaking fireball on Saturday night, November 1. On Sunday, sightings and landings of egg-shaped craft were reported just across the state line in the area of Levelland, Texas.

An analysis has been done by two independent laboratories of material found by Jake at the site. Both concluded that the material was "A cast ALNICO V alloy permanent magnet." This material was widely used for permanent magnet applications from 1930 to 1970.

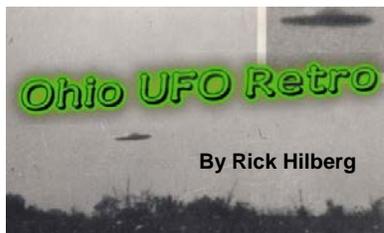
It goes without saying that Jake's story rests solely upon his own testimony. So far, nothing that he has told us has been confirmed by any third party or independent source. We want to place on record that Jake has showed us his United States Air Force Certificate of Appointment to the "permanent grade of Staff Sergeant" dated in 1959, and an Air Force Air Training Command Certificate of Proficiency dated in 1956 recording that he had successfully completed a course as an aircraft mechanic on a specific engine type for the F-80C aircraft.

The results of the analysis caused all of us to think that probably the crash had been of a probably secret, but conventional aircraft.

Earlier in his life (fall, 1956), Jake had observed a UFO from a T-33 trainer, while flying with a pilot friend over northern Ohio, and Lake Erie. He and the pilot had been interrogated twice by the military after the sighting. Jake believed that the second interrogation was by people from outside the base. They told him that what he thought he saw didn't happen. This sighting was interesting for another reason. Jake drew a picture of this UFO. This picture closely resembled a UFO drawing presented during the 1993 MUFON Symposium (Dr. Ludwiger):

Jake reported seeing another UFO over New Mexico. Jake and the pilot he was flying with had both reported UFOs previously and been told by authorities that they hadn't seen anything. Because of this, both told each other that they

weren't seeing anything. They did not report the sighting.



On July 12, 1965 Mrs. William W. Kehres of Chagrin Falls and her 11-year-old son Grant, saw a brilliant and hovering UFO along Shaker Blvd. near Lander Road in Pepper Pike while they were running some late afternoon errands.

"I stopped the car so we could watch," she said. "It was oblong and very shiny - sort of metallic - and appeared to be hovering at about five thousand feet."

In a moment the object disappeared, she reported. As the car started the object suddenly reappeared. It began accelerating at a rapid rate of speed and disappeared in the distance, she said.

Source: "UFO Magazine" Fall 1965.

**The Skyfire Conference.
November 5-8, 2015
By Phyllis and Bruce Budinger**

It was unseasonably warm 70 degree weather in northern Ohio in the first week of November when Bruce and I left to attend the "Skyfire Summit" conference in Overgaard, Arizona. This area, in the Sitgreaves national forest, was under a winter storm warning with 6 inches of snow and temperatures in the 20s when we arrived. Who knew! (But the snow rapidly melted.) Still, the meeting was well worth the weather inconvenience.

The venue was called "The Barn" which is essentially what it was, though actually a converted meeting/party center. Its rustic setting was perfect considering the event being commemorated: the 40th anniversary of the Travis Walton abduction. There were about 150 people in attendance, and 'one-on-ones' with other attendees were great and many sharing 'experiencer' stories with us.



"The Barn"

The theme of the conference was: 1) how do you get the message out, and 2) how does one interact with ET. It was not proving UFOs exist because the attendees all knew they do. There were 11 speakers including Leo Sprinkle, Paola Harris, Peter Robbins, Travis Walton, Lynne Kitei M.D., Ben Hansen, James Fox, Tracy Torme', Ruben Uriate, Noe Torres and David Childress. There were two panels of participants/witnesses of the Travis Walton Abduction and a showing of Jen Stein's award winning documentary "Travis: The True Story of Travis Walton". Alejandro Rojas was "MC". We have endeavored to cover highlights of what we thought would interest you in this 'trip memo'. If any of our comments piqued your interest, discs of the talks can be purchased. (Contact: karenskyfiresummit@cox.net)



The attendees start to arrive

Leo Sprinkle, now 85 years old, retired last year. His talk was a summary of his 60 years working with experiencers, which included some of the high profile cases, and his view on the intentions that ETs have for the human race. What

I took away from this talk is Sprinkle's opinion that we are going through an initiation. ETs want us to grow up, and become cosmic citizens. He strongly advocated the end of "patriarchy", and noted there is an awakening of female energy. Women all around the world are emerging in business and all other facets of humanity. This achievement is necessary to become cosmic citizens

Paola Harris's talk was absolutely excellent! She discussed "exopolitics", that is the study of ET interaction with people on Earth. She has an obsession to inform and document for the younger generations. She said, "It's time to redirect the direction of ufology to a level of higher consciousness and intellectual learning." She related that most ETs are people that can't be distinguished from us, and they are among us. "The human form is universal. It's logical." She showed a number of photographs which were purportedly ETs, and said that they tend to overdress. For example, there was one picture of an outside event which appeared to be a picnic, and she pointed out a few people in suits/ties and dresses. She said ETs will do the eventual disclosure to the people and not the government. There was much more. I talked very briefly with Paola, and asked her if she would present at one of our future Ohio conferences. She said, "You're on." So hopefully you will all hear first-hand some of the many interactions she presented.

Peter Robbins discussed how the UFO 'ridicule factor' originated as well as the evolution of popular culture. Of course, he began chronologically with Orwell's *War of the Worlds* where the fear issue originated. Then he went into introduction to the ridicule implementation. He said this was initiated in 1947 by Admiral Sidney Souers, the first head of the CIA. Souers was close to Truman and met with him every morning for breakfast. Here he would brief him on security. This same man secretly met with the heads of news outlets and told them to instruct their editors and reporters to treat the subject in a 'light-hearted' manner. He wanted to avoid mass panic. He told them: "I never was here." By the end of 1947 every newspaper in America had joined in the "snarky fun" and ridicule of the UFO phenomena. However, at the same time the military command structure was taking the subject very seriously. Robbins related that the current popular culture such as alien imagery, and

the impact on advertising, was introduced by high profile events such as the Travis Walton abduction.

Travis Walton related his abduction experience as he did when he was at our Ohio conference. Therefore I will not cover it here. This is the fourth time I've heard him. Yet, I always hear some tidbit I was not aware of. These came out in the question and answer sessions. He felt the little guys saved his life because he had a cardiac arrest when the force field/beam hit him. But, they were limited in the help they could give him (could not control him), and took him to human-looking aliens for assistance. Travis's doctor thought he had other memories of the event, however they did not probe into it because he felt it might trigger a heart attack!

Lynne Kitei, M.D. was a witness to the Phoenix lights. She has had other orb and UFO sightings. She described these sightings as well as other triangular craft sighted all over the world. I will not go into the specifics of these. She did make the observation that there is a connection of UFOs and the paranormal. She emphasized the spiritual aspect of the phenomenon.

Ben Hansen dealt with disclosure. He discussed how to determine if someone is being deceptive and suggested interview tactics. Of course, he gave specific examples which included his assessment of the Jimmy Kimmel questioning Obama on UFOs. Hansen picked the interview apart word by word, noting things like body language, indirect responses, and appeal to emotions. He observed Obama listened with mouth open (reveals shock, anxiety, deep in thought). There was nasal obstruction and mouth breathing with 42 breaths per minute (reveals stress, pain, anger, panic attack). Hansen's evaluation of the interview was that Obama was uncomfortable with the question. There was stress. Ben observed he uses humor to get out of things or break the ice. He interrupts, delays, and deflects Kimmel's original question. Regarding disclosure, Hansen doesn't think it will happen. It may perhaps take several major public encounters (big events) for it to occur.

James Fox presented the same very entertaining talk given at our conference. I enjoyed hearing it again even though it was the third time

around for me. A detailed account of this talk can be found in the July 2015 Ohio MUFON newsletter.



Tracy Torme', a writer and producer for films and television wrote and produced the film "Fire in the Sky" based on the Travis Walton experience. He related he first heard of Travis's abduction about the time it happened. Then he read Budd

Hopkins book "Missing Time", and made a deal with him to make a movie out of it. But, after three years he could not sell it. So then he decided to do "the greatest abduction story of all mankind – Travis Walton." He met with Travis in Snowflake, Arizona. He found him incredibly intelligent, thoughtful, having integrity and very honest. However, he wasn't sure at the time that the event happened. He began writing the script which went through many changes. He felt the story didn't need much fictionalization. Paramount bought it, in which the original story was 100% close to the truth. But unfortunately, at that time the 'Intruders' series also did a story close to the Travis Walton's account. So Paramount didn't want to do it. They tried to figure out how to salvage it. The director/producer wanted to make it different. So Torme' had to fictionalize the abduction scene. He had to make it compelling/scary. And the film was not to be as much about the abduction, but interaction on how the woodsmen tried to deal with it, especially when the crew drove off. This would be the final script of the movie "Fire in the Sky".

He discussed other experiences in the film industry. And, of course talked about the 701 movie which he is coproducing with Jim Fox. Here's a tidbit guys! Torme' did screen writing for the old 'Star Trek' series. He said he transposed a lot of things he picked up from talking to Budd Hopkins witnesses in the scripts. (As a Star Trek fan I always wondered about that.) By the way Gene Roddenberry told Torme' "UFOs are Bull...t."

There were so many fascinating things that he imparted which would take several pages to relate.

Ruben Uriarte and Noe Torres co-presented historical UFO events which occurred in the old west and can be found in their book "Real Cowboys & Aliens: UFO Encounters of the Old West". They focused on the years between 1800 -1899. This was a discussion of 12 assorted specific cases which include entity sightings, UFO crashes, "airships" and even a pterodactyl.

David Childress, co-star on "Ancient Aliens", took us all over the ancient world, showing megalithic buildings and other artifacts that had to have alien association in their construction. If you watch "Ancient Aliens" then you've seen most of his talk, which I found fascinating. 1000 ton, perfectly fitted blocks locked in zigzag manner were discussed. This commonality was noted all over the world. Strange skulls with extended cranium were displayed. A statue with Samarian cuneiform writing was found in Tiahuanaco. And there was much more.

There were two panel discussions on the Travis abduction. These included people who were involved in the event. They discussed their thoughts as the scenario played out. The first panel included: Travis; the foreman, Mike Rogers; and a crew witnesses, John Goulette. The second panel had: Travis; officer Chuck Ellison; Travis's brother, Donald Walton; and Leo Sprinkle.



Panel 1: (l to r) Mike Rogers, John Goulette, Travis Walton



Panel 2: (l to r) Officer Chuck Ellison, Don Walton, Leo Sprinkle, Travis Walton

Jen Stein was at the conference, and her award winning film “*Travis: The True Story of Travis Walton*” was shown at the banquet. I mention this because she will be presenting at our conference this summer. I had the opportunity to spend some time with her. She’s a charming lady, and I think you all will enjoy her presentation.

Of course, some of us visited the abduction site. Bruce and I were given the opportunity to collect soil samples for analysis. These are currently being tested.



Some of the group at the abduction site waiting for rescue. (The bus was stuck in the mud.)
How many do you recognize?

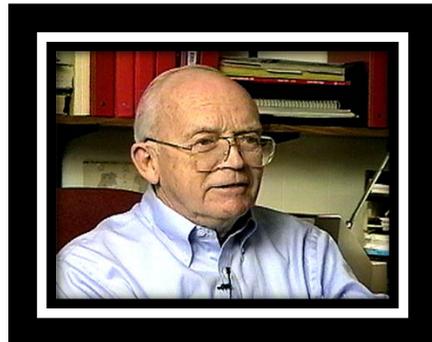
Before we left the area we had to see the phone booth where Travis made his ‘help’ call to his brother. Yes, it’s still there after 40 years, but inoperable.



The telephone booth and a “woman in black”.

It was a great time! This is the second year for the conference and it will be held annually. I highly recommend this conference to anyone who can to make the trek.

John P. Timmerman
December 7, 1923 – July 12, 2015
By Phyllis Budinger



A UFO icon passed away last summer. He was 92. John Timmerman’s life was richly filled with many accomplishments, leadership roles and interests. His life was mostly spent in the Lima, Ohio area. There was: a beautiful family with four children, a love of music of which he was an accomplished pianist, composer and singer; three years in the US Army during WWII; a graduate of Cornell University with a degree in Sociology; owner of the John P. Timmerman Co.; Vice President of Marketing and Savings Officer of the South Side Savings & Loan; a founding member of many Lima organizations.

Then there are his many contributions in the role of “Ufologist Extraordinaire.” He assisted in the development and growth of a number of Ufology groups (CUFOS, MUFON, LAURA to name a few). From 1980 to 1992 he assembled a traveling UFO display that appeared at malls across the U.S. and Canada. Armed with a cassette recorder, he would interview UFO eyewitnesses who would visit the exhibit and record their testimony. He recorded a total of 1179 cases which were condensed and edited into a book *Grass Roots UFOs* by professor Michael D. Swords. In my opinion, John really didn’t have to dig hard for these cases. People wanted to tell their experiences. And, you Field Investigators listen up! John told me: “When you go to a restaurant, take a UFO book along and put it in prominent spot on the table. Almost 100% of the time people will come up to you to relate a UFO experience that either they witnessed or a friend or relative witnessed.” I tried this several times, and he was right!

I first met John in 1998 at the founding meeting of Ohio MUFON. Yes he was there! He lost no time in finding out all about me and my interests. For some time I had been searching for soil samples from the famous Delphos, Kansas event to analyze. To my astonishment John said he had some in the carport to his garage. Who knew! He had stored UFO physical evidence there when the CUFOS office closed. He sent them to me within the week. The analysis that I did on them in 1999 turned out to be my introduction/resume into the world of Ufology. Thanks John!

Then there are a few other fond, and some funny remembrances. John would occasionally call me to chat. There was what I dub the famous “bathroom call”. Yes, he called at an inopportune time for me. I was debating whether I should retreat to the bathroom and continue the call. Then from the deep recesses of my house came the very faint sound of our cuckoo clock. John said, “I hear you have a cuckoo clock. I love them!” I thought, “This man has the phenomenal hearing of a barn owl.” So I quickly abandoned the bathroom idea and suffered through the call.

John was there and supportive when I presented at the National MUFON Conference in 2005. That’s where he lost his briefcase. He was rather upset. So Bruce and I set out on a quest to

find it. We spent half a day retracing every place he had been. Boy, did he cover a lot of ground! Finally we caught up with him to pass the sad news. The briefcase was nowhere to be found. He then indicated he knew where it was. “I left it at home.”

A wonderful man has left us. John was always a “giver”, never a “taker”. God bless you John and thank you!



UFOs enter the Presidential Race.

(As you all know this is an election year, and it’s virtually impossible to escape news of the latest polls and debates on TV. I was unaware of the following UFO event involving Trump’s helicopter. I thought this article reported in the Huffington Post might be of interest. Selected excerpts follow. Editor)



“Donald Trump’s helicopter was tailed by a UFO.

Take me to your leader.

That’s what you hear in classic sci-fi movies when the little green men land. But those words are also apropos in this election season. When the 2016 presidential race ends, what leader will those ETs be taken to?

We’re not saying that otherworldly beings are getting behind a candidate just yet, but a UFO was reported following Donald Trump’s helicopter earlier this month at the Iowa State Fair.

Of course, just because an object in the sky can’t be immediately identified, it doesn’t mean we’re being visited by ETs. There’s probably a perfectly humdrum explanation for whatever it was

trailing America's foremost reality TV billionaire. But until officials know for sure, we'll file it under UFO.



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Trump was at the fair Aug. 15, offering kids a free ride on his chopper. At 1 p.m., an onlooker snapped a picture (see above) that later revealed an unusual-looking object in the sky.

"We were walking down the street to the fair. Donald Trump's helicopter was flying overhead so I got my phone out and snapped a picture," according to an unnamed witness who submitted the photo, which became Case 69530 in the Mutual UFO Network database.

MUFON is a nonprofit organization in California that records and investigates sightings worldwide.

"It was very hard to see the helicopter because of the glare on the screen. Later on that day when I was sitting in the shade I got my phone out to see how my picture had come out. That's when I noticed the object in the photo." (see enlargement of object below.)



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OpenMinds.TV reports that the Iowa chapter of MUFON is investigating the case to determine if the UFO in question might have been another helicopter or a bird, or something else."

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