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Message from the State Director



The MUFON of Ohio 2016 conference is now a part of history, and I cannot express how proud I am to be the director of this organization. The feedback we received from the speakers is a tribute to the organization as a whole. They could not express how much they enjoyed presenting at the conference and being involved with all the attendees. Peter Robbins told me that the feeling he had from this conference was like no other. It was obvious that attendees of the conference take the subject seriously and are well informed. Jennifer Stein's only disappointment was she could not find the crop circle reported in the Belleville, Ohio region during the conference. For those that attended the conference and wanted an update, it is highly likely downed wheat from recent storms were misidentified as a crop circle.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to a number of individuals. First of all the attendees, without you we wouldn't have a conference. The questions that came up during the conference

indicated how well informed our audience was. Next are the speakers for taking their time to come in and be involved not only with the group, but the community. I hardly expected Jennifer Stein to help load chairs onto a flatbed trailer at the Polk Fire Department the night before the conference. To me this is a true measure of how passionate she is about the subject. Then there's the Ashland County Sheriff's Department for providing an outstanding facility to host or event. Terry Hamilton's involvement was crucial not only as MC, but all the extended actions behind the scene ranging from obtaining the facility to providing the lunch. There are donors who contributed additional funds to help provide MUFON of Ohio activities. Finally, our board members, field investigators, and volunteers. While the conference is visible for one day, I see all the activities going on 365 days a year. I want to thank you for your commitment to the organization, which leads to its success.

Since the 2016 conference is now behind us, what are we going to do for 2017? There's been discussion of expanding the conference to an all-day event which would include six speakers. I've had an initial conversation with another facility in the Ashland, Ohio area that can accommodate not only the event, but higher numbers in a banquet

style setting. The MUFON of Ohio board will be meeting in August to discuss the details. The board's decision will be published in the next newsletter.

Thomas Wertman
MUFON of Ohio State Director



Photo: Paul Althouse

2016 Ohio MUFON Conference MC Terry Hamilton

Editor's Notes



Complete coverage of the 7th MUFON of Ohio Annual Conference is presented in this issue. It was held on June 18, 2016, and attended by approximately 150 people. We were pleased that 16 renewals and new members joined Ohio MUFON. We were also delighted to see many CUPS (Cleveland Ufology Project) and Michigan MUFON people in attendance. I thank those who contributed photographs from the event (Michael Moore, Paul Althouse and Bruce Budinger). You will note the Director's Message has a new photograph to replace Tom's grainy one. Thanks to Paul we finally have one that looks like someone you would like to sit down with a beer and talk about UFOs. You will see conference photographs interspersed throughout this newsletter and at the end.

This issue presents Dr. Irena Scott's research regarding "Uncommon Commonalities." This new paper relates her experience to other well-known events such as Betty Hill, Buff Ledge, and Sharron, Massachusetts.

Tom Wertman's investigation into the Coyne helicopter event is presented as a separate article rather than part of the conference coverage. This is because he uncovered more information after the conference. This information is revealed and the investigation still continues. It's quite a story.

Paul Althouse, who is a Nick Redfern fan, reviews yet another book on Men in Black.

Phyllis Budinger
Newsletter Editor

2016 MUFON Ohio Conference Presentations

Intriguing discussions were presented relevant to crop circles by Jennifer Stein, disinformation at Rendelsham by Peter Robbins, and an abductee's experiences by Bill Konkolesky. The meeting was capped off by an update on the famous Coyne helicopter event (October 18, 1973) by Tom Wertman, and a panel discussion which included the speakers and Tom Wertman. Following is a summary of the talks.

Jennifer Stein Crop Circles in North America



Photo: Michael Moore

Most of Jen's presentation was obtained from Nancy Talbott's BLT (Burke, Levensgood, Talbott) Research and Jeff Wilson's ICCRA (Independent Crop Circle Researchers' Association). We can track the crop formation phenomenon as far back as April 1678 where a woodblock depicting the devil plowing a formation was discovered. Shakespeare also wrote about them. (So *Dave Bower and Doug Chortle could not have hoaxed all of them unless they were time travelers. Also, they must be pretty good to create thousands overnight all over the world. Ed.*) A clue to a hoax is a 'broken' crop which means it is probably man-made. Real ones are not broken.

Jen focused on specific crop formation events occurring all over North America. These included Wisconsin, Arkansas, Oregon, Tennessee,

Saskatchewan, Ontario, British Columbia and Alberta. Of all the states Ohio has the most formations.

There is much scientific evidence that differentiates crop formations from hoaxes. For example, there is an increase in particulates high in iron. There's phone and camera interference. In wheat formations one finds elongated nodes (knuckles of the plant) and expulsion cavities. Steam created by heat is thought to be the cause. There is also an increase in the crystallinity of the soil as compared to control soil. Again this effect is said to be caused by heat. Other anomalies include high electromagnetic readings, photographs of light and disturbed animals. Insects have been found melted into the crop. Germination studies show growth differs from seeds obtained inside the formation versus control seeds.

Formations occur in all types of crops, e.g. corn, wheat soy, beans, etc. There are even snow circles and ice circles found in lakes and rivers. 65% can be found near ancient mounds. Many are near power lines, as well as water. Then many can be correlated with sunspot activity.

There are a few theories as to why they form. One that Jen expounded on was descending ionosphere plasma. This plasma originates in the ionosphere. The plasma brings meteoric dust to the ground. That is, this meteoric dust is drawn into the descending plasma system by strong magnetic fields. It is suspected this energy signature causes crop formations as well as balls of light. *(This is a theory proposed by William Levensgood. I once asked him about it on one of my visits to his lab. I said, "I wonder if the magnetic fields associated with the plasma could originate from a UFO." With a gleam in his eye and a sly grin he said, "Now that's the question, isn't it?" Ed.)*

Peter Robbins Disinformation at Rendlesham



Photo: Michael Moore

Most of us know of the Rendlesham forest event, which was one of the most significant military encounters with a UFO. This is described in detail in Larry Warren's (a

witness) and Peter Robbins book "Left at Eastgate". The setting: Rendlesham Forest is a large pine forest east of Ipswich in Suffolk, England. Nearby are the twin NATO air bases, RAF Bentwaters and RAF Woodbridge; at the time both bases were being leased to the United States Air Force. It was the largest repository of nuclear weapons in Europe, and there were bioweapons.

Several UFO incidents, including sightings by many very credible trained Air Force observers and security police, ground traces, and radioactive anomalies were reported from Rendlesham forest over a span of three days, December 26-28, 1980. The UFO was described as appearing metallic and triangular in shape, approximately 2-3 meters at the base. It illuminated the entire forest with a white light, and had a pulsing red light on top and a bank of blue lights underneath."

Peter set the stage as to what the world situation was at the time. In Poland the reform movement 'Solidarity' was founded. There was a mass strike headed by Lech Walesa in the Gdansk shipyard. Russia was nervous about this, and massing troops at the Polish border. And therefore, Europe and the US were also nervous. It was a tense time in the cold war. Consequently the base was at Red alert (one alert lower than war). They didn't need a UFO going over nuke bunkers shining a beam on them.

Mention was made of Jim Penniston and John Burroughs who were witnesses of the first event on Dec 26. *(Jim Penniston presented at our 2014 conference. Ed.)* They experienced missing time. Binary code was loaded into Penniston's mind when he touched the craft. He said they were time travelers with a message. The code supposedly is of locations of several ancient sites around the world. Peter thinks that this was information put in his mind by the military. Penniston has taken points out of "Left at Eastgate" and refuted them. Peter's opinion is that Jim is "old school" and loyal to the military/government which possibly is prompting him to rebut some of the facts Peter discussed in the book. The same reason was opined of Nick Pope's rebuttal of some statements in Peter's book. Nick was a former member of the MOD (British Ministry of Defense).

The talk was more focused on Larry Warren who was witness to the Dec 28th event. There were attempts to discredit his character and story. Larry, 20 years old at the time, was trained in security with a specialty in terrorism, as well as work around nuclear ordinance. He was assigned to the most primitive part of the base for security the night of the event. Lights were seen and he was told to leave that position. He was ordered to an off base site, and so he had to leave his weapon. Men were broken into three-man groups. They encountered an electromagnetic field and high static. In a farmer's field he could hear a cop crying. He then saw a self-illuminating oval craft and encountered ground fog. A reddish light came over the fog and exploded with bright white light, followed by a craft setting down. A peaceful stand-off took place (remember the men had no weapons), which went on through the night. Then the groups gradually peeled off. Purportedly, beings appeared. They were three to four feet tall with close fitting garments. They floated about three feet off the ground. However, the credibility of these entity sightings is not fully substantiated.

Larry does not remember going back to the base. His eyes bothered him due to the brilliant white light. He called his mother, but it was cut off by the base. He was called into the office and eventually fined for the call. He later sent a letter to his mother containing a description of the event. Meanwhile a debriefing followed. In this scenario he was ordered to go to a base parking lot where he was met by a car. Larry was apparently chemically subdued (lost consciousness), and taken to an underground place on the base. This is where he found himself when he regained consciousness. He was told this was part of a tunnel complex that led to the North Sea.

Larry kept pertinent documentation showing he was on duty the night of the event. This was disputed by Colonel Halt. He has a letter from his mother mentioning the UFO sighting. He was honorably discharged from the Air Force. He requested the discharge because he was assigned other duties which were not the ones for which he signed on. The contract with the Air Force permits this. This was disputed by Halt who said the Air Force discharged him. He has documentation of his eye appointment. The diagnosis was optical retina burn. He experienced bleeding in 1984 which he

purports was a result of the UFO contact. There is a hospital record. There were other things which are presented in Peter's book "Halt at Woodbridge".

As late as June 1990 the landing site of the craft was darker than the surrounding area. The soil analysis shows changes occurred at the landing site. More metallic particles were in the site soil than the control soil. This is believed to be due to an electromagnetic effect originating from the craft. Seed germination studies showed seeds take longer to germinate in the affected soil. Soil "glass", that is soil which had melted to glass, was reported detected in the site soil. (*This is called 'vitrified soil' which can be found at lightning strikes or nuclear blast sites. Ed.*)

Bill Konkolesky Abductee's Lifetime Experiences



Photo: Michael Moore

Bill Konkolesky presented a very personal look into his life as an abductee. He has had: multiple UFO sightings; multiple experiences on board a UFO; encounters with a variety of different non-human entities; and paranormal events, such as out of body experiences and poltergeist activities. Of his three siblings, only one other brother had experiences. His mother was also an abductee.

He categorized four phases of the experiences in his lifetime. They are:

Phase I: These are termed "playtime" encounters occurring in his preteens. His first memory is when he was two years old when he saw a typical gray looking at him at the end of his crib. At age four the entities were playful and "pulled him out of his body" and he floated around. At seven he was taken aboard the UFO. For some reason they cut his arm. After the cut, they took him to a taller gray who asked his favorite color, which is blue. Like a candy reward his eyes were made to appear blue.

Phase II: Bill calls these the education and experimentation encounters which took place in his teen years. The grays introduced him to a seven foot tall mantis-type being. This creature indicated

Bill had better go along with the program. So Bill decided to make it as difficult as possible when they abducted him. He messed up his bedroom with obstacles cluttered all over. In February of 1989 he was followed by different colored (blue, white, red) balls of light.

Phase III: These are the “adult path” experiences in a domestic sense. Bill had graduated from High School in the summer of 1989. Late at night/early morning he had the feeling the ‘little guys’ were around. He said out loud, “If you’re here, I don’t want to see you. Call me on the phone.” The phone rang. Shocked, he didn’t answer it. Sometime later it happened again and he said the same thing. When the phone rang this time, he picked it up. There was just a dial tone.

The “little guys’ appeared to be giving him precognitive information. In the middle of the night he had an urge to go out. The dog got excited thinking it was going to for a walk. They went out. He saw a circular luminous cloud over the house. It started moving and zipped off. The next morning he told his friend about it, and asked him if he was going to a mutual friend’s birthday party. He also told his friend that “Becky” was going to be his girlfriend. This came to pass. Then there was the dream. He was in northern Michigan, and while walking came across a gray house. A Gray alien was standing in front of it. He felt all kinds of negativity. And bad things did happen. There was a “Dear John” letter from Becky, though they did get back together for a short time. Then his parents divorced. Bill moved. Another girl broke up with him. Then he found out his three best friends had been dating “Becky”. He figured the “Little guys” gave him a ‘heads up’.

These events triggered him to study “Ufology”. He went through six regressions, with his last regression in 1994. He was asked to go to any experience he felt was pertinent to explore. As he relaxed he noticed the room was lightening. With his eyes closed he felt “outside of time” and like he was floating in white space. A voice told him, “Stop the negativity”. The voice assured him it was going to be okay. Coming out of this trance he heard husband of the hypnoterapist say, “There were three of them here in the bedroom.” Bill felt that he Grays had switched off the fear he had of these events.

In 1995 he went to a cabin in Northern Michigan with friends. With trepidation he went even though his ex-girlfriend, now married to an ‘obnoxious’ husband, was going to be there. His story of the husband was really amusing, and he had all of us laughing. It was so funny to him at the time he couldn’t stop laughing, so he and ended up taking a walk late at night. Astonishingly, he came upon the same gray house he saw in his vision/dream. The negativity was not there as in the dream. It was gone.

He dated again. About two months into the relationship he told her about the abductions. On one date they went stargazing. The forest became quiet, and human sounding footsteps came up the hill. Bill and friend had a conversation, followed by the same conversation and on and on. It was like the movie “Groundhogs Day”. When Bill realized what was happening, he found he was “frozen”, and the Gray guys came. They indicated, “She’s not the one.” Bill and girlfriend ran to the car. She broke up with him two days later.

He had an interesting occurrence on January 6, 1996. He read his Horoscope. It said three things. You will be reunited with an old friend; avoid risky business ventures; a new romantic interest will appear. All happened, and he married the romantic interest.

Phase IV: This is the ‘outreach’ phase which he is currently in. This is joining groups like MUFON, and going out to relate his experiences. Bill’s wife is also an abductee. Their experiences continue.



Photo: Michael Moore

Q and A Session Dr. Charles Lietzau

**Uncommon Commonalities: A
Personal Experience Comparison to
Buff Ledge and Other Events**
Irena Scott and Phyllis Budinger



(Dr. Irena Scott has had unusual events happen to her over many years. She has recently completed a paper comparing one of these events to other well-known cases. Her sister was with her when this occurred. She asked me to critique it while she was gathering her thoughts together and writing it. So we passed the draft back and forth a number of times. She kindly added my name as co-author because I offered a number of suggestions that she thought were beneficial to this presentation. Ed.)

The following material might present unique and very valuable information about UFO phenomena, because of the extremely atypical commonalities in the witness accounts. UFOs may be the world's most important mystery, because, although they might represent interaction with alien life, no one really knows what they are. Many have sought answers, such as Walter Webb, who in his 1994 book *Encounter at Buff Ledge* described a UFO event that occurred in early August 1968. He spent an enormous amount of time seeking comparison UFO events with its unique characteristics, which had occurred within 300 miles of Buff Ledge, Vermont, during the July and August 1968 period. Like Mr. Webb, I have also spent much time looking for comparisons to an earlier event experienced by my sister and me that was within his parameters. Two similarly unusual events are also compared.

The Events

The Buff Ledge event, 8/7/1968, involved two witnesses who saw what they described as a larger, cigar-shaped, mother ship, and emerging from it three smaller, circular, satellite objects, with bands of energy rotating and changing color across the spectrum. The witnesses reported a complex abduction and additional strange events such as extraordinary sounds and maneuvers.

For comparison, our sighting was near Boston, 7/13/1968, and around 160 miles from Buff Ledge. I wrote down everything I remembered immediately afterward and kept the notes. I informally reported to NICAP and my sister to Bluebook soon afterwards. We sent formal reports (written independently) to the Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS) in 1984, and I published the information in their *International UFO Reporter (IUR)*, 7/8/1988 and 9/19/1990. Webb published his book later, and I discovered it several years afterwards, but comparison is finally possible.

Our sighting was of two soundless objects. The larger, cigar-shaped one had seven brightly lit square windows along its fuselage that blinked in different patterns (we've seen many blimps with lighted sides and ad airplanes). The smaller resembled the Buff Ledge satellite objects. It was on or near the ground, around 40–90 feet away, globular, and changed colors. We drove near it twice and both times the interior of our car lit up in green. Our sighting included a life-threatening event—a weird truck driver parked by us, watched us, and then engaged us in an extremely dangerous high-speed car chase that I thought would kill us. During the chase, he stayed about a foot behind our car beaming his bright lights into my mirror, blinding me. By a dangerous maneuver, we survived and returned to the UFO. We were on vacation, had paid little attention to UFOs, and we had little contact or discussion afterwards.

Also, because of the location, our sighting might be compared to two other sightings, such as the Betty and Barney Hill abduction, 9/19/61, because we were driving in the area of that event (not deliberately—we knew very little about the Hill sighting) two or three hours prior to our experience. John G. Fuller's 1966, *The Interrupted Journey* described these events. It took place around 125 miles from Buff Ledge.

It also might be compared with the Sharon UFO, 4/18/1966, reported in Raymond Fowler's *UFOs: Interplanetary Visitors*, which occurred near the town of Sharon, Massachusetts, within a few miles of our sighting. This event included close sightings of a larger cigar-shaped and three satellite-like objects by multiple witnesses including police officers. Many other witnesses reported close

encounters in this vicinity and timeframe. (Diana DeSimone told me about this one after she read about ours. She said it took place a few hours after the Ravenna, Ohio, UFO Chase, 4/17/66, when officers had chased an object across a multistate area, while in radio contact with government authorities. She thought that the Sharon UFO might have been the same Ravenna object because it was seen right afterward and in the direction it was headed. The Ravenna event became well-known for a number of reasons. Several police officers and others participated in a close interactive, extended chase, and jets may have been scrambled. Evidence existed of government knowledge of and cover-up of the Ravenna and Sharon objects.)

The Commonalities

The comparisons of these events present valuable information because of their many atypical commonalities.

Star-Like Object Initially Sighted: All the close encounters began with the sighting of a star-like object, which quickly became very close. In our sighting, I saw a distant “falling star’s” brief flash and remarked about it. Immediately, in the same place to the east, the low, close, larger object appeared over the trees. At approximately this time, my sister saw a light shine down on us from this larger object. In the Buff Ledge observation, one witness first saw what he thought was a star, and then decided was Venus, and then he shouted, “Venus is falling.” The other witness reported a falling star appearance. This was followed by a close-up observation of the larger object. Webb described the experience of another Buff Ledge couple, who were watching an object looking like a star. They were dumbfounded when a huge object abruptly arrived, and the interviewed witness couldn’t recall watching it come. The Sharon sighting was much like ours—the witnesses saw a falling star at a great distance. Within two or three seconds, the close, cigar-shaped object appeared over the trees on the easterly side. The Hills’ sighting began when the couple saw a star-like object in motion.

Possible ‘Metamorphosis’ to a Very Close Larger Object: In all five sightings, witnesses interpreted the objects as star-like (rather than aircraft-like) and, instead of the normal pattern of

objects gradually drawing nearer, the scene seemed to abruptly shift from the sighting of a distant star or meteor, to a close view of a larger object, as if the object moved at a tremendous speed, or a portion of the approach was removed from the memory.

Close Encounters with the Objects: Three additional unique attributes of all the observations were that right after the ‘metamorphosis’ the witnesses had extreme close encounters. And, these were so close that all thought they saw the inside, and this was through what they interpreted as windows. Our main object as viewed through the seven windows seemed to have glowing walls, was filled with an intense, extremely bright white light, showed a blinking pattern, and appeared empty. The Buff Ledge witnesses described a transparent dome that allowed them to see inside, and curved metallic glowing walls in the main object. The Hills’ original sketching done immediately after the sighting showed a row of seven windows, through which they thought they saw the object’s brilliant, white inside. Like us, the Sharon witnesses described the main craft as having white glowing walls, and lit by a very intense white light. On the night before (4/18/66), they thought they observed the same object and sketched a cigar-shape with six windows.

Our object was so close that I tried to take a photograph through the windows, because I thought that no one had ever photographed the inside of a possible UFO. But just when it was closest the truck driver came up and started talking to us. However, I still think I took a picture of light from its inside, but from farther away (I still have the picture). While all witnesses thought they saw inside the various crafts, no entities were seen in our own or the Sharon sightings; the objects appeared empty. However, in the Buff Ledge and Hill observations, entities were seen inside, and these later were reported to abduct witnesses.

Similar Appearance of the Craft: The initial witness sketches of the close encounters with the larger cigar-shaped crafts were remarkably similar. Seven windows were noted in our own and the Hill encounters, and six in the Sharon. The Buff Ledge witnesses saw inside the cigar-shaped object. Because all of these events happened after dark, the exact silhouette of the objects was difficult to

discern, but the drawings of the general cigar shape and the windows (showing angular corners) looked much the same. (The Hill's original sketching was done 9/20/1961 a few hours after the sighting. It resembled the sketch I submitted to CUFOS in 1984 and published in the second *IUR* article. Kathleen Marden published this original in 2013 "Betty and Barney Hill: Where the Debunkers went Wrong." She wrote to me that only Barney's sketch was used because he consciously saw more as the event began. *The Interrupted Journey* contains later descriptions and a modified version of this sketch.)

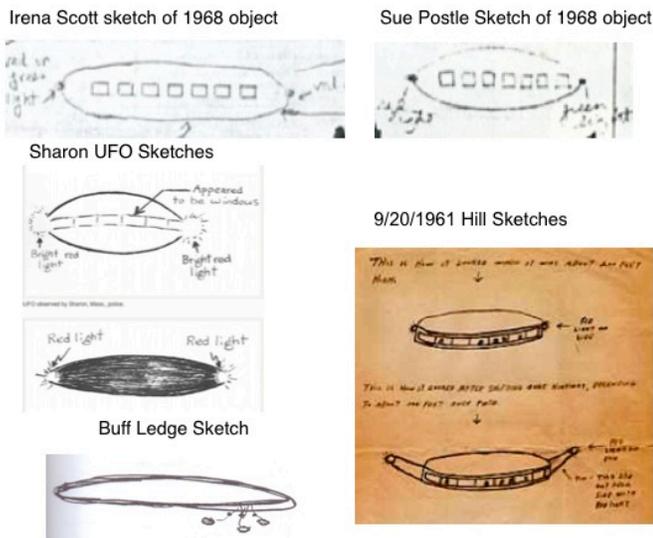


Figure 1. The original witness sketches of the objects show their similar and unique attributes. The sketches clockwise from upper left show the similar shapes of the UFOs described in the text: sketches of the 1968 MA object by my sister (Sue Postle) and me (from *IUR* 9/19/1990 and our 1984 CUFOS reports), the Hills' original two sketches (September 20, 1961), the sketch of a Buff Ledge witness showing the cigar-shaped object releasing three satellite objects (from *Encounter at Buff Ledge*), and the Sharon witnesses two sketches (<http://www.ufoevidence.org/cases/case548.htm>).

Also unique was that more than one object was reported in the Buff Ledge, Sharon, our own, and possibly the Hill accounts. And even more unusual, these satellite objects also appeared to be similar—they were rounded, had a neon-like color that changed across the spectrum, and rotated (Webb said this in itself is rare). We saw one such object—a neon-like light changing colors across the spectrum (except green) that appeared to be inside a glass globe with a C-shaped bar rotating around

it. The three Buff Ledge satellite objects seemed to have a rotating energy band of light held in by something transparent—a glass like chamber encircled the rim. The Sharon witnesses also described three satellite objects that appeared to rotate and change colors. The Hills at one point reported an oddly shaped object with flashing multi-colored lights rotating around it (they thought they saw only one object, but were confused by the appearance change). None of the witnesses reported standard aircraft lighting of bright red and green wingtip lights and a strobe light, nor were wings or airplane sounds observed.

Beams from Secondary Objects Shot at Witnesses: Still another uncommon attribute of the Buff Ledge and our sighting was that one of the satellite objects appeared to shoot a beam at the witnesses. Mr. Webb reported that beams of light focused on UFO witnesses often precede impressions of missing time and abduction scenarios. In our experience as we passed near the smaller object twice, the car's interior lit up in green as if it were shooting a beam at us. One of the Buff Ledge satellite objects shined a light on the witnesses, which began the abduction. In both the Buff Ledge and ours, witnesses reported an object hovering above a witness. These satellite objects could be within feet of the witnesses.

Entities Seen: Strange beings/aliens were also reported. Under hypnosis, the Buff Ledge and Hill witnesses reported very complex abductions into the craft, examination, and philosophical discussions with aliens. My sister and I are among the minority that cannot be hypnotized, so we were unable to use this technique to explore any possible alien interaction. However, we consciously met a highly unusual person/entity. The truck driver was very strange—when the object was closest and very visible he asked twice what we were watching. When we pointed (didn't say UFO and pretended like it was an airplane), he would geometrically rotate 180 degrees to the opposite direction, look to the same azimuth, then turn back, and say he didn't see anything. After the second time, he pointed to his head (which I interpreted as the crazy sign), returned to his truck, and continued watching us. He seemed to tell me I was crazy (possibly suggesting the object wasn't really there, or that no one would believe me), and later seemed to try to kill us in a dangerous car chase. Attempted

murder is a very rare characteristic, as is having a possible alien call a witness crazy.

Aerodynamic Laws Defied, Interaction, Geometric Patterns, and Sounds: Other extremely unique attributes of the Buff Ledge, Hill, Sharon (and Ravenna), and our own sightings, were that the objects appeared to be interactive, displayed complex geometric patterns, and even put on a show. In ours, the larger object circled an airport, and altered its blinking regime and speed to form a geometric pattern. It may have made booming sounds. Aircraft did not appear to land while this went on. The Buff Ledge object's behavior was described as antics and as stalking. When one object plunged into water, instantly a tree bending gale with white capped waves, dogs and cats howling, and other effects occurred that they described as unreal and unearthly. They also heard sounds—such as a complex one like thousands of different tuning forks. Their objects also formed very complicated geometric patterns. The Hills felt their object was following, watching, and playing games with them. The Sharon witnesses said that their object hovered while a plane went over, and then moved off afterwards—this was near the same small, local airport as our sighting (the Ravenna object had been very interactive). Parts of these astounding aerial displays were erratic defying the laws of aerodynamics, they could hover, travel very slowly, or too fast to see (appear in one place & instantly seem to be somewhere else).

Abduction, Missing Time: Abduction and/or missing time were reported in the Buff Ledge, Hill, and our own accounts, along with feelings of fear, and of being stalked. The conscious portion of the missing time experiences, appeared to last around an hour, but the actual events may have lasted several hours or even days (for example, some unusual events happened to me the next night). Two main witnesses were involved in each of these events and they didn't remember exactly the same thing, or one may have had a more "complete" experience. In both the Hills' and our reports, the driver of the car initially insisted that the object was a helicopter. Another extremely strange characteristic of some was that when objects were close enough that a row of windows was visible, witnesses saw small unblinking lights at each end both were red in the Hill and Sharon objects and

one of ours was red and the other green. At the beginning of their abduction, the Hills reported that the red lights appeared, and then were extended away from the windows as the object drew nearer. A witness near Sharon saw an object with red lights at each end these began to blink as the object moved away. Perhaps these lights were too dim to see at a distance, or the UFOs turned them on when near people.

Conclusion

An important finding is that the attributes of just one of these sightings is extremely atypical, but a combination of them in several completely independent sightings is extraordinary. Webb ended his book by wondering if the Buff Ledge events were real. Because of these unique resemblances in both descriptions and sketches, our experience (and the similar sightings) would strongly suggest that the witnesses experienced something similar. Thus, something real might have happened. And because these events occurred in a similar time and place, the comparison might even suggest some sort of linkage. Such positive findings could help to advance scientific investigation of the phenomena and suggest the usefulness of more statistical examination, such as possibly cluster analysis.



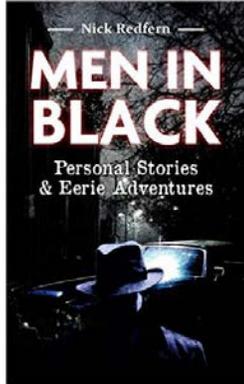
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“Men in Black Personal Stories & Eerie Adventures”

A Book Review by Paul Althouse
MUFON of Ohio



This is the third book I have read by Nick Redfern, and it will not be the last. Redfern takes the obvious and shoves it so far in your face that you come away wondering what hit you. And even more, he leaves you with an entirely new viewpoint to a subject you thought you knew about.

This is not just a collection of MIB stories but one leg of a journey through one man's attempt to make sense of the world around him. You will quickly come to appreciate the effort he has put into making sense of a non-sensical subject, or at least reaffirming how non-sensical it really is. In any case, you are free to draw your own conclusions because Redfern does not impose his beliefs on you if he mentions them at all.

Take in the stories his research has unearthed then take a deep breath. You will have a lot to think about.

The world we live in is but one aspect of the world that IS, and Nick leaves you convinced you've been missing a lot of it all along. Rating 5!



The Annex Entrance

Photo: Paul Althouse



Photo: Michael Moore

Tom presents an update on the Coyne Event

The 1973 Coyne Helicopter Event Revisited By Tom Wertman

Last fall when making plans for 2016 MUFON of Ohio conference, Terry Hamilton and myself decided we should reopen what is commonly termed as the Coyne Case. For those not familiar with the case it involved a U.S. Army Reserve helicopter's close encounter with a UFO over Richland County, Ohio at approximately 11:02 PM on October 18, 1973. Why feature this case over so many other major events that have occurred in Ohio? The answers very simple. Our conference was to be held in Ashland, Ohio which is lies adjacent to Richland County. Moreover, this case ranks among the most high profile events in Ufology. Through the use of articles in local newspapers we hoped to generate reports from individuals who witnessed the event.

Initial articles printed in the Mansfield News Journal and the Ashland Times-Gazette drew approximately seven reports from the Richland County region. Those reports consisted of individuals seeing: an orange ball of light hovering then nearly colliding with a helicopter over Mansfield's Westbrook Country Club, two red lights followed by a green light, lighting up a helicopter near Lexington, Ohio, a dark craft hovering at night near Crestline Ohio, and a daylight sighting of a brightly lit object hovering over a body of water near Shelby, Ohio. While these reports were interesting the best was yet to come.

Conference presenters Peter Robbins and Jennifer Stein arrived in Ashland early Friday afternoon and volunteered to help set up the facility. Polk Fire Department offered us the use of additional chairs so we made a road trip seven

miles north of Ashland to their facility. It was during a tour of the firehouse when fireman Tom Smith said he witnessed the Coyne encounter. He and twenty-plus friends were enjoying the evening at location just south of Ashland when they heard the thumping of the helicopter blades. In the distance they could see the object with the helicopter, then the object leaving and departing to the west. Robbins, Stein, and I all looked at each other in disbelief. Here was a witness helping us load chairs for our conference. What is the chance of that happening, or better yet, contact with a crewman?

Four to five years ago I was conducting one my first library UFO presentations when an individual in the audience asked me if I was familiar with the Coyne case. After a brief 5-minute explanation, I asked if that answered his question. His response "That was the way it happened" caught me by surprise. Needless to say he didn't get a chance to leave the room without identifying who he was. He identified himself as John Healey, retired from the Cleveland Police department and U.S. Army Reserves. Healey was one of the four crewmen onboard Army 15444! Healey stated after the event the helicopter became a Hanger Queen, "It never did fly right". "There were always issues, compass, radio". When asked if the military had issues with him discussing the event he stated "Not as long as I describe them the way they occurred". As Healey departed I hoped for the opportunity to sit down event with either him or the other two living crewmen. Col. Coyne passed away in 1998; Arrigo Jezzi and Robert Yanacsek had seemed to drift off into obscurity.

Those that know me have seen my dogged determination. Once fixated I don't like to give up researching a subject. Just after the Ashland conference, I located a potential address for Yanacsek. Coincidentally it was near Aaron Clark with whom I share the title of co-director of the Cleveland Ufology Project. Clark volunteered to swing by the address on his way home from work, then call me with the results. Minutes seemed like hours before Clark's call. Yanacsek had invited him in and was very willing to discuss the event. He was curious about why this particular event was so interesting to ufologists. I figured I would answer that question when I talked to him in person the following Sunday.

My mind kept creating list after list of potential questions to ask Yanacsek. In the end I decided to walk Yanacsek through the PowerPoint program I presented at the Ashland conference minus the prepared text. Graphics only were going to be used to minimize not only prompting of the witness, but the crew's perspective of events from the cockpit. The source of my information was primarily the Center of UFO Studies book titled "A Helicopter-UFO Encounter over Ohio" by Jennie Zeidman. The book provides an excellent foundation for the case, yet from an investigators point of view created a number of additional questions.

Sunday arrived and Yanacsek was just as described by Clark. Retired as an Army reservist Yanacsek prefers to stay busy with his employer for the past 40 plus years at Pitney Bowes. As we began the walkthrough Yanacsek stated he appreciated the professionalism and respect given to all participants and the subject. As expected, Yanacsek had lost contact with the other crew members years ago, but by the expression on his face each slide brought back memories of them and the event. The first of many was a photograph of the Capt. Coyne and an unidentified individual standing in front of a Huey UH1-H. Yanacsek stated he was the unidentified individual. They were assigned to the 316th Army reserve unit which had six medevac helicopters stationed at Cleveland Hopkins Airport. Crews were not assigned a set helicopter; instead helicopter assignments were based on availability.



Capt. Coyne on the left, Sgt. Robert Yanacsek on the right with the UH1-H Huey in the background.

October 18th, 1973 the crew was sent to Columbus to undergo routine medical examinations. Yanacsek stated he was an exception since he recently had one performed. The Huey UH1-H began the return trip at approximately 10:30 pm; cruising speed was 90 knots, altitude 2,500 feet above sea level. Just south of Mansfield, Yanacsek observed a red non-flashing light to the southeast. The light appeared to be at a similar altitude and pacing the helicopter. Shortly thereafter Yanacsek notified Coyne the light had turned to an apparent intersecting course with the helicopter. Coyne took control from Jezzi and put the helicopter into an initial descent of 500 fpm to get below the object. Per Yanacsek the red light appeared to be brighter than an aircraft landing light and moving at a high rate of speed. Coyne attempted to contact Mansfield Lahm Airport and verify the position of a military aircraft in the region. After initial contact the radio went dead, and further attempts to contact nearby Mansfield were unsuccessful.

As the object continued on an apparent collision course, Coyne increased the descent to 2,000 fpm. Healey who had positioned himself between the pilot seats pointed out to Coyne their altitude was 1,700 feet above sea level. The difference between sea level and ground level of the region is



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approximately 1,100 feet. In reality the helicopter was only 600 feet above the ground! Coyne stated the object stopped and positioned itself in front and above the helicopter. Yanacsek stated except for the red light on the leading edge and white on the trailing,

the oval shaped object was completely dark and blocked out the evening stars. Yanacsek believed the object was close enough to potentially make contact with the rotor blades. Even though the crew could be in eminent danger, Yanacsek felt a surreal calm come over his body. At this point Coyne reported an intense green light flaring and engulfing the cockpit for 10-12 seconds.

Yanacsek, seated behind Coyne saw things differently and believed the light to be white. His reasoning, the UH1-H cockpit was nicknamed "the greenhouse" due to tinting of the windows. He thought the light may have changed colors due to the green tinting. It should be noted due to the size of the object, its nearness to the helicopter, and position of the witnesses, each had a different perspective of the object because of their limited angle of view.



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Yanacsek didn't remember any turbulence or even the helicopters ascent to 3,800 feet. Only the object left heading to the west, then turned northwest disappearing past the horizon. After the encounter, Coyne maintained their heading of 030. He said they were unable to contact Mansfield which was seven miles away. What did concern Yanacsek was a red master warning light on the control panel. A secondary warning light indicated the helicopter had 20 minutes of remaining fuel. Per Jezzi the helicopter landed at Cleveland-Hopkins with nine gallons to fuel remaining. At five gallons, the helicopter can no longer draw fuel. Per my calculations they were three minutes from dropping from the sky.

After landing, Yanacsek stated Cleveland-Hopkins wanted to know what unidentified craft had just landed. Yanacsek realized besides nearly running out of fuel, they never had permission to land. This is where I found some discrepancies from Zeidman's book. Zeidman documented after the encounter Army 15444 was able to contact Akron-Canton Airport and Cleveland-Hopkins. On the other hand, Yanacsek said they were out of contact with both Mansfield and Cleveland-Hopkins after the encounter. Per Yanacsek, the radio and mechanical issues continued after the event. His comments were reinforced by a conversation with

Healey. To quote Healey, he stated Army 15444 “became a hanger queen”.

Yanacsek remembers talking to someone, possibly Zeidman, about his experiences. He was also interviewed along with Coyne by Dr. J. Allen Hynek. I’ve obtained a copy of the interview conducted in a local restaurant. Of all the crew Coyne was the most vocal about the event. In 1978 he presented the crew’s experience at a United Nations Special Political Committee. I asked both Yanacsek and Healey if the military objected to their speaking on the event. The answer I received from both was not as long as they state the events the way they occurred.

One of the questions I had for Yanacsek was did he have any unusual dreams after the encounter. My question was prompted by a comment in Zeidman’s book. Coyne reported the Army Surgeons General office contacted him in regards to possibly having unusual dreams after the encounter. Coyne reported out of body experiences, the same with Healey. Yanacsek stated Coyne contacted him and asked if he had any unusual dreams. Yanacsek did not realize the question was prompted by the Pentagon. The Pentagon wanted to know if any or all crewmen had experiences. Coyne and Healey did, Yanacsek and Jezzi did not.

Yanacsek never knew what eventually happened to the helicopter. I informed him 15444 was sent to Columbia as part of joint effort with the United States against drug trafficking. A newspaper report from March 2009 indicated the helicopter had crashed, killing all four Columbian Army personnel. Reason for the crash was under investigation, but believed due to rebel fire.

I obtained US government reports which described operations involving approximately 33 helicopters donated to the Columbian Army and Police. The report for March 2009 lists 10,920 hectares of coca plants sprayed with herbicides, and eradication aircraft involved in three hostile fire incidents, resulting in four impacts, with no downed aircraft or casualties. A second report submitted the same date and time documents a single helicopter going down with four casualties. Could that be Army 15444? The dates of the crash do not match with the helicopters’ ID numbers nor anything

related to Army 15444. In my opinion at least two helicopters went down in March of 2009.

Do inaccurate casualty reports, hectares of jungle foliage being sprayed with herbicides, and discrepancies in government reporting sound familiar? The helicopter can be tracked to its assignment to a Columbian registry number. The reason the helicopter was removed from an international registry was attributed a Chinese newspaper article listing the helicopter’s tail number.

This is one of my two favorite cases occurring in Ohio. I can’t thank Robert Yanacsek enough for letting me relive the events through his eyes, John Healey for his brief but pointed comments about the ‘hanger queen’, and Jennie Zeidman for her overall research of the encounter. My research is hardly over, it’s just beginning. Since I began this article I’ve discovered additional ground witnesses to the event. What did the crew and local witnesses see? To borrow from TV Dragnet’s Joe Friday’s “just the facts”: they had a red light approach from the southeast, position itself above the helicopter at close range, engulf Army 15444 in a bright light, the light turn off, and the object disappear over the horizon.

For further details, attend one of our MUFON of Ohio meetings or programs I conduct around Ohio.



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Jen Stein and Peter Robbins



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Chris Parsons new Community Services Board member and Patty "Kakes"

(The following is a posted article by the Cincinnati Sun Times. Though dated 4/4/2015 the stats are probably similar. They obtained their data from NUFOC Ed.)

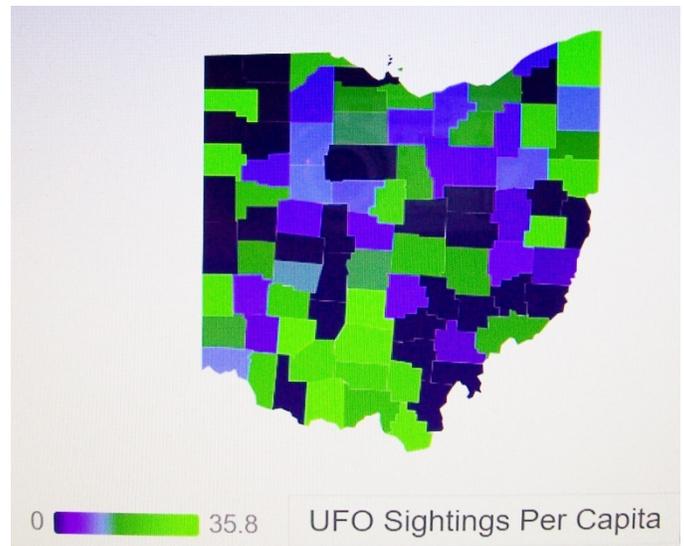
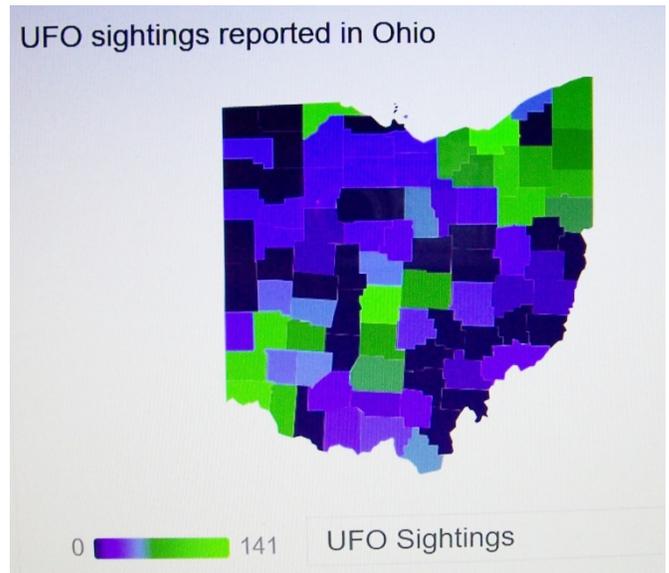
How many UFO sightings are reported in Ohio?

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Ever since E.T. flew across the sky on a bicycle, aliens and UFOs have become a staple of American daydreams. Some say they fly around in spaceships, looking for humans to kidnap and probe.

Others believe they're just satellites or military planes that are mistaken for something alien. Whether you believe in extraterrestrials or not, there are some who are convinced of their existence. In fact, they claim to have seen them with their own eyes.

(The following two maps are interactive. You can select the county and get its stats. See website <http://cincinnati.suntimes.com/cin-entertainment/7/102/147335/ufo-sightings-ohio> to do this. Ed.)



Our data experts at FindTheHome collected information from the National UFO Reporting Center, an organization dedicated to the collection and dissemination of objective UFO data. By running geospatial analysis on approximately 38,000 reports, FindTheHome was able to identify which counties in Ohio have the most UFO sightings per 100K people.

Pickaway County has reported the most out-of-this-world objects per capita, with 36 UFO sightings per 100K people. It's closely followed by Adams County, with 32 sightings per 100K people.

(A Table with selected counties follows. Ed.)

These counties in Ohio are reporting the most sightings of unidentified flying objects

Location	UFO Sightings Per Capita	UFO Sightings	Total Population
Pickaway County, OH	35.8 sightings per 100K people	20 UFO sightings	56,279
Adams County, OH	31.7 sightings per 100K people	9 UFO sightings	28,342
Clinton County, OH	30.9 sightings per 100K people	9 UFO sightings	41,871
Ashtabula County, OH	25.8 sightings per 100K people	26 UFO sightings	100,346
Defiance County, OH	25.7 sightings per 100K people	10 UFO sightings	38,795
Lawrence County, OH	24.1 sightings per 100K people	15 UFO sightings	62,100
Ross County, OH	23.1 sightings per 100K people	18 UFO sightings	77,552
Van Wert County, OH	20.9 sightings per 100K people	6 UFO sightings	28,612
Harrison County, OH	19.0 sightings per 100K people	3 UFO sightings	15,698
Preble County, OH	19.0 sightings per 100K people	8 UFO sightings	41,887



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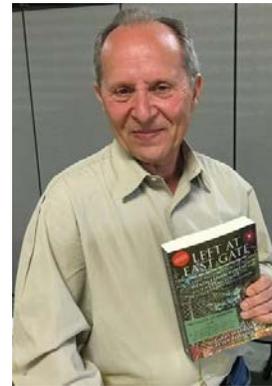
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