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Message from the State Director



One of the advantages of being older is having experienced changes in communication through advancing technologies. In the 1960s there were no cell phones, caller ID, or voicemail. My family being supported solely by my father's income had a single huge black phone, with a rotary dial that hung on the kitchen wall. Why father granted my teenage sister the shorty-lived privilege of having an extension installed her bedroom I'll never know. See, to save money we had what was termed as a party-line. While a party-line saved money, it did have one major disadvantage. If one of the other parties was using the line, no one else could call out or receive incoming calls. I later witnessed Dad cutting the lines to her phone shortly after receiving a complaint that my sister tied up the phone for hours. A party-line was not without advantages. If you picked up your phone during someone else's conversation, rumor has it you may potentially pick up on local gossip.

Why do I bring this up and what does it have to do with UFOs? Today's social media sites, in particular Facebook, is somewhat like a party-line. When making a post, you may have the intention of only voicing your own personal comments with those you've connected with. Now enter the party-line comparison. Other individuals may also see those comments, either directly or by someone they've connected with. Before you know it, this conversation, that in theory was limited to a private group, becomes somewhat viral spread by social media.

Now to the point of this article. Recently a MUFON volunteer posted comments on his own personal Facebook page with racial overtones. Without a doubt, comments with racial overtones should have a zero tolerance within the organization. After all, one of our goals is to make contact with an alien race; can we not treat one of our own species with respect? I have not talked to the individual who made the comments, and I realize things may be lost through nonverbal communication. Nonetheless, several individuals picked up on the posting, and the event began to snowball. Not only did it snowball, but others added their own viewpoints on the situation. While the volunteer did apologize for the comments, the

negative waterfall effect began to affect not just his state, but the entire organization.

MUFON Executive Director Jan Harzan made the decision to remove the individual from his position. The replacement soon found out that he'd inherited a hornet's nest. He attempted to refocus the group on the task at hand, i.e. studying and investigating UFOs. Unfortunately, this appeared to be a daunting task, and he also stepped down. Now the group on a state level has gone through a number of changes, and the spillover effect is still affecting the entire organization. Will the problem eventually be corrected? I hope so, but it will take some time.

Being a computer geek and understanding social medias potential party-line effect is why I make minimal postings on Facebook. If you noticed, my postings are normally limited to upcoming state meetings, library programs I conduct, or other special events. I also do not friend everyone who reaches out to me on Facebook. It's not that I do not want to make contact with them, or value them as a potential friend, I simply understand how comments I may make can potentially affect the entire organization. Those who have attended my programs may have noticed a disclaimer that states all the viewpoints presented are mine and not those of the organization I belong to. There are too many people within MUFON who do tremendous work in the scientific study of UFOs that could be affected by one person's comments.

Now that I think of it, maybe an alien race is also monitoring our social media postings. I wonder what they're thinking after reading all the postings?



Editor's Notes



This newsletter is a tad late this time because of ironing out details for our Ohio conference. There is a change of venue (Dublin Community Recreation Center, Dublin, Ohio), and it will be held at a later date (September 16th) so it would not conflict with the National Symposium. It is hoped this more central Ohio location will attract more attendees. The details are reported in this newsletter. Speakers will be Irena Scott PhD., David Marler and Grant Cameron. You will also find a review of Irena Scott's excellent new book "UFOs Today 70 Years of Lies, Misinformation and Government Cover-Up".

I mentioned in the last newsletter that I would include a compilation of hoax websites can be found in the UFO Theater website. However, the list takes up too much newsletter space which is about 10-11 pages. But here is the web site address: ufotheater.com/ufo-channel-reviews/ufo-black-list. The list is constantly updated. I would include it in you 'bookmarks' if you regularly do UFO searches.

The thought occurs to me that there are so many UFO sightings that have gone unreported. I'm sure that the 'lion's share' of our membership has seen something flying around that they could not identify. It's highly likely that is what spiked your interest in UFOs. I invite anyone who wants to share their story in this newsletter. I myself have had a few. One was spectacular, and I never talked about it to many people. I decided to tell you about it in this newsletter.

Both Bill and Sandy Jones have had some health issues. So they have moved to an assisted care facility. Both are doing well and would love to hear from everyone. By the way, a good portion of Irena Scott's new book presents investigations that both she and Bill were involved in.

Thanks again to Rick Hilberg for his UFO Retro tidbit. Also thanks to Pete Hartinger and Ron McGlone for their articles.

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2017 OHIO MUFON CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

Please mark your calendars for 10:00 am to 6:00 pm on September 16, 2017. That is the date set for the 2017 MUFON of Ohio conference to be held at the **Dublin Community Recreation Center, Dublin, Ohio**. Featured speakers will be Irena Scott PhD., David Marler and Grant Cameron

CONFERENCE TICKET PRICES:

MUFON of Ohio Subscribers - \$25 ea.
non-subscribers - \$28 ea.
For advance tickets, send check or Money Order before 9/1/17 to
MUFON of Ohio
P.O. Box 152
Pataskala , Ohio 43062

(Lunch **IS NOT** included in all ticket prices! Sorry, new venue)
(Sorry, All advance ticket sales are final and not subject to refunds or rain checks.)

"This is your opportunity to hear three great speakers discussing the media impact on UFOlogy, as well as their current research."

- Thomas Wertman, State Director; MUFON of Ohio

Directions to Conference:

Dublin Community Recreation Center



Dublin Community Recreation Center

The Dublin Community Recreation Center (DCRC) is a 110,000-square-foot facility in Coffman Park, 5600 Post Road. The DCRC has been open to the community for more than 15 years, offering classes for any age. We invite you and your family to explore and enjoy all that the DCRC has to offer.

From the North:

From I-71 South, exit 119B I-270 West to Indianapolis.
Take I-270 West for 8.4 miles.
Exit 17A Dublin; off exit immediately get into the left lane.
Turn left onto Post Road.
At the second traffic light, turn right onto Emerald Parkway, move into the left lane.
At the first light, turn left onto Coffman Park Drive. Follow Coffman Park Drive, past the tennis courts, skate park and pavilion, to the DCRC.

From the South:

From I-71 north, exit 101 I-270 North/West to Indianapolis.
Take I-270 north for 16.8 miles.
Exit 17A Dublin; off exit immediately get into left lane.
Turn left onto Post Road.
At the second traffic light, turn right onto Emerald Parkway, move into the left lane.
At the first light, turn left onto Coffman Park Drive. Follow Coffman Park Drive, past the tennis courts, skate park and pavilion, to the DCRC.

From the West:

From I-70 West exit 93 I-270 to Cleveland.

Take I-270 north for 8 miles.

Exit 17A Dublin; off exit immediately get into left lane.

Turn left onto Post Road. At the second traffic light, turn right onto Emerald Parkway, move into the left lane. **At the first light, turn left onto Coffman**

Park Drive.

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From 161/33, Avery-Muirfield Drive

Exit 161/33 north on Avery Muirfield Drive.

Continue north to the roundabout, turn right on Post Road

Follow Post Road to Commerce Parkway

Turn left onto Post Road

Follow to the entrance of Coffman Park and the DCRC, turn left after crossing the bridge

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Dublin, Ohio 43917
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600 Metro Pl. N.
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Red Roof Inn
5125 Post Rd.
Dublin, Ohio 43017
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SPEAKER'S BIOS

Irena Scott, PhD.



Dr. Irena (McCammon) Scott is an American author and physiologist. She received a B.S. from Ohio State University, an M.S. from the University of Nevada, a PhD. from the University of Missouri in physiology. Irena completed post-doctoral studies at Cornell University. She has

been employed as an Assistant Professor at St. Bonaventure University, and has done research and teaching at the Ohio State University, the University of Missouri, the University of Nevada, and at Battelle Memorial Institute.

She worked for the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) and the Aerospace Center in satellite photography. Irena was a volunteer astronomer at the Ohio State University Radio Observatory.

Irena has been active in several organizations most heavily involved in UFO study. She served on the MUFON Board of Directors (1993 to 2000), is a MUFON consultant in physiology and astronomy and a field investigator. She co-edited eight symposium proceedings, has been a State Section Director for Ohio MUFON, was a founding member of the Mid-Ohio Research Associates (MORA) and its journal editor.

She has taken a scientific approach to UFO phenomena and published papers about UFO data in peer-reviewed scientific journals. Other UFO publications include numerous articles in the MUFON UFO Journal, the International UFO Reporter, and FATE magazine. She was a correspondent for Popular Mechanics magazine. She has authored six books. Her most recent book is on the history of the UFO cover-up entitled "UFOs Today: 70 Years of Lies, Misinformation, and Government Cover-ups". The book cover can be found in a review on Page 16

David Marler



David Marler received his Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Southern Illinois University at Edwardville. He received his Certification in Hypnotherapy from Mottin and Johnson Institute of Hypnosis in St. Louis, Missouri.

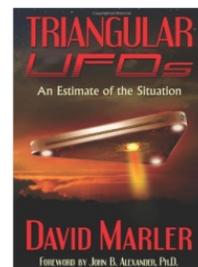
He is a registered Polysomnographic Technician and assisted in diagnosing and treating patients that suffered from various sleep disorders for several years at a major St. Louis-based medical facility. He currently works for an international medical company and resides in the Albuquerque, NM area.

He joined MUFON in 1990 as a Field Investigator Trainee. He has served as field Investigator, State Section Director, as well as Illinois State Director. During his tenure with MUFON, he has conducted numerous investigations into alleged UFO sightings and related experiences. Most recently, at the 2016 Ozark Mountain UFO Conference, David was awarded the Lucius O. Farish Award for Excellence in UFO-Related Research and Education. It is a genuine honor only awarded to three other recipients in the field.

David has had a lifelong interest in the UFO subject. He strives to have an open mind regarding the UFO phenomenon. However, he also acknowledges the need for a skeptical approach when examining each individual UFO report. Despite the large percentage of misidentifications and hoaxes in the UFO data, David recognizes what appears to be a core phenomenon beneath it all.

He has discussed the subject of UFOs on several radio and television (Discovery, Learning, History, Science, Smithsonian Channels), and news programs. He has also lectured on the subject to numerous school and adult audiences over the years. Recent evidence of his historical research is his newly-published book, "Triangular UFOs: An Estimate of the Situation". Here, he has provided a comprehensive analysis of triangular UFOs. He has collected, collated, and analyzed

hundreds of reports. In the process, he has created a detailed profile of these objects and written a rich narrative of their history. He tackles the arguments made by skeptics that dismiss these triangular UFO reports outright. He also addresses the claims of so-called insiders who claim these objects are a creation of the U.S. military.



Grant Cameron

Grant Cameron became involved in Ufology as the Vietnam War ended in May 1975 with personal sightings of an object which locally became known as Charlie Red Star. The sightings occurred in Carman, Manitoba about 25 miles north of the Canada-US border. Hundreds of other people sighted objects at the same time during a prolonged flap of sightings.



He has produced a CD-Rom which includes "Tales of Charlie-Red-Star", a manuscript that was prepared in the late 70s about the Manitoba UFO sightings. This is a flap of sightings that was immense in size, but generally unknown outside of Canada. A second item on the CD is "UFOs, MJ-12, and The Government," a book published in 1990 by MUFON. The disc contains the paper "Presidential UFO Audio Story" which is an article that contains 60+ embedded UFO audio clips of the presidents, their aides, or people talking about the presidents and UFOs.

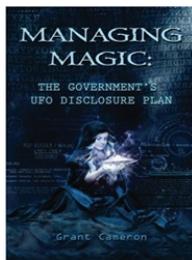
He has lectured widely in Canada, Europe, and the United States on the 1975 Carman flap, the Canadian government's early investigations into flying saucers, UFO disclosure politics, the Rockefeller UFO Initiative, the Presidential UFO connection, the consciousness link to UFOs, and recent research that indicates that the force behind the UFO phenomena is carrying out a plan of

disclosure as to what UFOs are and why they are here.

In the past few years Cameron has turned his research interests to the involvement and actions of the President of the United States in the UFO problem. He has made 25+ trips to the National Archives in Washington D.C., and most of the various Presidential archives around the country looking for presidential UFO material.

He was awarded the International Researcher of the Year at the 2012 Leeds UFO conference, and the Researcher of the Year at the 2013 International UFO Congress in Phoenix Arizona.

At present, Cameron is working on producing monographs for Dr. Walker, Wilbert Smith, the Presidential involvement in the topic of psychic phenomena, and a monograph looking at a possible disclosure pattern to try and explain the many actions of the American government related to UFOs during the last 50 years. He is working on a detailed paper detailing the "64 Reasons the Government is Covering Up the ET Presence." He is also now researching and lecturing on the connection of consciousness to the UFO phenomena hoping that it will help explain how UFOs are propelled, and what the real nature of the Universe is. His most recent book: is "Managing Magic: The Government's UFO Disclosure Plan".



Chief Field Investigator Report Xenia, Ohio Sighting By Ron Mcglone



Overall, UFO reports are starting to pick up over Ohio. We currently are investigating 24 with more than half of those being a level 2 or above, which is deemed a little more serious and need quick attention.

Of the 470 reports submitted to MUFON for May, Ohio only received 14 with California receiving the most at 53. The bulk of the reports, 174, were of a sphere or circle shape with 110 being the triangle and disc shape with all other shapes filling in the rest.

One interesting report I'm working on happened in April, in the town of Xenia, where a father and his 9 year old boy were out making s'mores around 10PM, when all of a sudden the boy sees a large orange, square shaped object come right over their house, directly over them. It took a few seconds for the dad to realize what his son was pointing at, and by the time he got his phone ready to take a photo the object simply vanished. The father said he estimated the object could cover his house, but not very tall, height wise, shaped about like a shoe box lid.

I asked each of them to do a sketch of what they saw and was amazed at the details included in each sketch; the dad's shows the object's details and the son's really tells the story. There have been similar reports in recent past of square objects and I had a report just last year in that area matching the description as possibly seen from a side angle. Currently, I haven't been able to locate other witnesses to this sighting so far.



These NASA Astronauts Believe Aliens have Already Contacted us By Jasper Hamill, The Sun April 6, 2017 | 1:00pm (From the New York Post who copied from the Sun)

You might think that the only people who believe in aliens are forum-dwelling internet conspiracy theorists.

But it turns out a lot of NASA astronauts also think extraterrestrials are real and that they have been in touch with humanity for a long time.

At least four celebrated spacemen have become famous for their outspoken beliefs about the existence of extraterrestrials.

Some have seen UFOs soaring through the sky, while others claim to have been tipped off about alien contact by military top brass.

Here are four NASA astronauts who believe aliens are real.

Edgar Mitchell



Edgar Mitchell was a part of the Apollo 14 crew in 1971. Getty Images

In 1971, Mitchell became the sixth person to walk on the moon.

But he spent the rest of his life convinced that “aliens have been observing us and have been here for some time.”

He once claimed that peace-loving aliens had visited Earth on a mission to save humanity from nuclear war and suggested the Vatican knows the truth about the existence of extraterrestrials.

Mitchell also alleged that UFOs had been seen above nuke bases and often disabled the missiles held within Cold War-era weapons silos.

The spaceman firmly believed the American government covered up the famous Roswell incident in 1947, when a flying disc allegedly crashed near a small town in New Mexico.

“The reason for the denial is they didn’t know if they [the aliens] were hostile and they didn’t want

the Soviets to know so they devised to lie about it and cover it up,” he reportedly said.

Gordon Cooper



Gordon Cooper was one of the original Project Mercury astronauts, and was the first man to sleep in space. Getty Images

Cooper was one of the seven astronauts who took part in Project Mercury, the first American manned mission which ran from 1958 until 1963.

The craft he piloted was dubbed “spam in a can” because it was automatically controlled, rather than piloted by the astronauts on board.

But even before he underwent the life changing experience of becoming the first man to sleep in space, he claimed to have seen UFOs flying over Germany in 1951.

The spaceman also said he saw flying saucers spying on a secret airbase where experimental American aircraft were being tested.

“I believe that these extraterrestrial vehicles and their crews are visiting this planet from other planets, which are a little more technically advanced than we are on Earth,” he told the UN in 1984.

“We may first have to show them that we have learned how to resolve our problems by peaceful means rather than warfare, before we are accepted as fully qualified universal team members.

“Their acceptance will have tremendous possibilities of advancing our world in all areas.”

Deke Slayton



Deke Slayton was also an original Project Mercury astronaut. NASA

Slayton was also part of Project Mercury, before enjoying an illustrious career which saw him serve as NASA's Director of Flight Crew Operations.

But he also reportedly saw a UFO in 1951.

"It looked like a saucer sitting at a 45-degree angle," he said, according to the Daily Star.

"I didn't have any cameras otherwise I would have shot some pictures.

"At that time – for whatever reason – it just took off climbing and just accelerated and disappeared."

Brian O'Leary



NASA selected Brian O'Leary as a scientist-astronaut in 1967, for a potential manned mission to Mars. NASA

He never made it into space, but he was one of 11 astronauts named for a possible Nasa Mars mission in the 1960s.

Later in his life, O'Leary had a near-death experience which changed his perspective on life and reality.

Dr. O'Leary, who became respected physics professor at Princeton University after leaving NASA, said: "There is abundant evidence that we are being contacted.

Civilizations have been monitoring us for a very long time and that their appearance is bizarre from any type of traditional materialistic western point of view."

Scientists Think They Have Evidence of Aliens Trying to Contact Us

Posted 4 months ago by indy100 staff in tech (<https://www.indy100.com/article/aliens-first-contact-signal-laser-rio-scale-seti-7377296>)

Two astronomers think they have plucked signals from 234 extraterrestrial civilizations.

In 2012, Ermanno Borra of Laval University in Quebec, suggested that lasers might be the method by which we receive first contact from extraterrestrial intelligence.

He hypothesized that we would see periodic bursts of light hidden in the spectrum of the host star of the civilizations, faint and frequent.

We'd discover them through mathematical analysis of the spectrum and the signal.

To send this kind of signal would not be beyond our means currently - should we wish to reveal ourselves to the universe, we could do so with the Helios laser at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

Borra instructed graduate student Eric Trottier to comb through 2.5 million stars in search of such a signal, who found it in 234 of them, most of which are in the same spectral class as the Sun.

Borra said of the results:

We have to follow a scientific approach, not an emotional one, but intuitively – my emotion speaks now – I strongly suspect that it's an ETI signal.

Other astronomers are less convinced.

Andrew Siemion, the director of the SETI Research Centre at the University of California Berkeley, said:

“There is perhaps no bolder claim that one could make in observational astrophysics than the discovery of intelligent life beyond the Earth.

It’s an incredibly profound subject—and of course that’s why many of us devote our lives to the field and put so much energy into trying to answer these questions. But you can’t make such definitive statements about detections unless you’ve exhausted every possible means of follow-up.”

A Breakthrough Listen Initiative, set up to monitor the stars, Borra later ranked the detection as a zero to one on the Rio Scale for SETI observations, meaning that it is insignificant.

An omni-directional beacon would be ranked a two on the index, whereas an Earth-specific message would be a six.

The scale does give you pause for thought - it’s likely our first contact with extraterrestrial life will be a lot more ambiguous than a giant spaceship landing in Manhattan.

ANOTHER UFO DISCLOSURE

By Pete Hartinger
Ohio MUFON Board Member
RUFOS Director



Over the years many prominent people have stated publicly that indeed UFOs exist. They include former astronauts Gordon Cooper, Edgar Mitchell, and our country’s first CIA Director, Admiral Roscoe Hillenkoetter. There are just a few that have acknowledged this.

Recently on May 28th Billionaire Robert Bigelow was interviewed on the "60 Minutes" television program about his involvement with NASA, the space agency. He heads the agency Bigelow Aerospace. At one time during the interview he was asked about his interest in UFOs. He first stated that his grandparents had a close encounter with a UFO near Las Vegas many years ago. He was asked if he believed in aliens. His reply, "I'm absolutely convinced. That's all there is to it." Lara Logan, the interviewer then asked, "Is it risky for

you to say in public that you believe in UFOs and aliens?" Bigelow's answer, "I don't give a d____, I don't care." The rest of his response was reported at our monthly RUFOS meeting (Circleville Ohio Library).

I phoned and talked to Jan Harzan, our Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) Executive Director in California. I asked him his reaction to Mr. Bigelow's remarks. Jan thought it was great that Bigelow went on the record publicly before a national audience. He hopes this will cause others to come forward with their information. (This year we have had witnesses come and inform RUFOS about their UFO sightings of the past. Three separate dramatic reports were from 42, 50, and almost 60 years ago! All the witnesses were very credible.)

Stephen Bassett, UFO lobbyist in Washington D.C., sent RUFOS an email where he stated "for decades CBS "60 Minutes" has avoided the ET issue with great resolve. It simply would not cover the subject. Better late than never." He tips his hat to Robert Bigelow and says thank you.

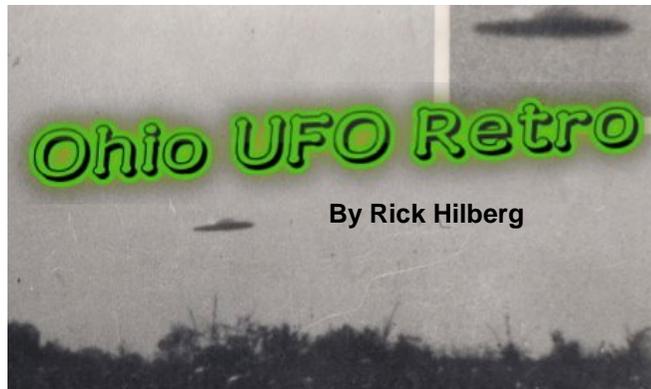
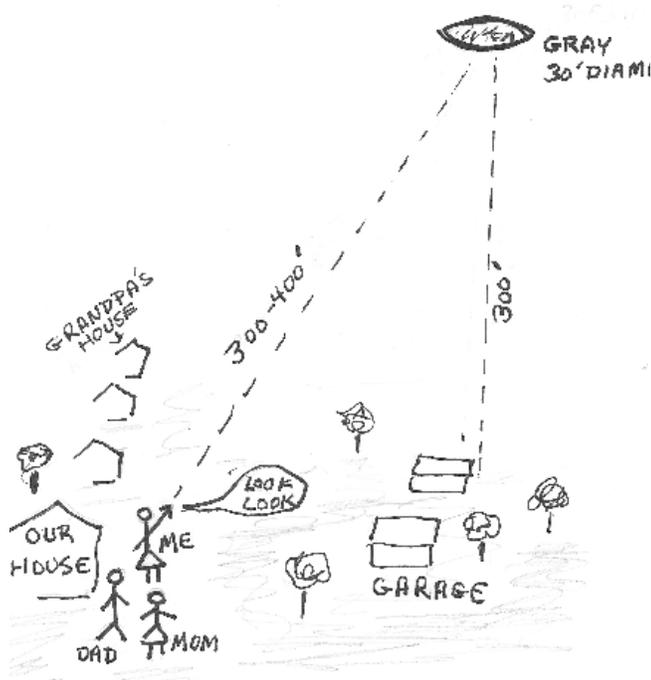
For the past 28 years the Roundtown UFO Society has been holding monthly meetings for the interested public to inform them of the reality of the UFO phenomenon. We are not trying to convince anyone about the UFO subject. One of our goals is to present the facts, as we know them, and let "You Be The Judge."

For additional information you can visit our website at roundtownufosociety.com; email me at rufos@columbus.rr.com; mail -Roundtown UFO Society, Box 52, Circleville, Ohio 4331, ro phone 740-474-6773.

CE1 UFO Sighting **Bedford, Ohio (ca. 1950)** **By Phyllis Budinger**

It was just before dusk in the summer of ca. 1950. There was still a lot of light in the sky. My parents and I were returning home from a visit to our neighbors. As we approached our back door I looked up and to the east. I spotted a hovering unknown craft which appeared like two pasta bowls with one inverted on top of the other. It was gray in color with no other features. The diameter was roughly 30 feet. It was about 300 to 400 feet away

from us at about 300 feet altitude. I shouted to my parents, "Look! Look!" As soon as they became aware to where I was pointing, the craft "blinked out". It totally disappeared! Following is a drawing of what I observed.



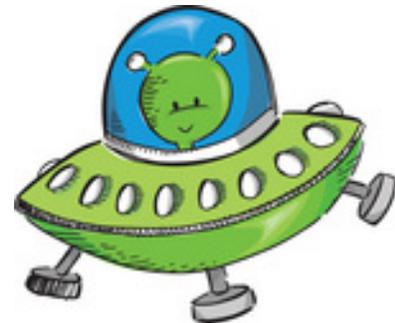
During the early evening hours of October 5, 1973, during the huge Midwestern UFO wave that year, the Cleveland area was the scene of many reports of mysterious lights in the sky. People in widely scattered parts of the city reported that the lights changed colors, hovered, and then moved around. However, officials at the NASA Lewis Research Center said that the lights were probably those of some of their helicopters that had been in the air that evening. This may explain some of the reports, but there were so many that evening from

various locations and times that it's clear that genuine UFOs were also involved.

Witnesses also disagreed with Lewis. A man who spotted an object near the Lake Erie shore said, "It had red lights at the bottom, alternating blue and green lights in between, and a bright white light. The first light was joined by one or two others. It wasn't a helicopter. A helicopter wouldn't stay that long in one spot."

Later that same night in Chillicothe, many miles south of the Cleveland area and the moving colored lights, student Steve Vogel said that a quarter-moon shaped object followed his car for several miles down a lonely country road. It was about 10:30 p.m. when Vogel observed a three to four foot wide object with a white center. The thing veered away when another car approached.

Source: *The Last Great Flap 1973 - 1974*, Rick Hilberg 2001.

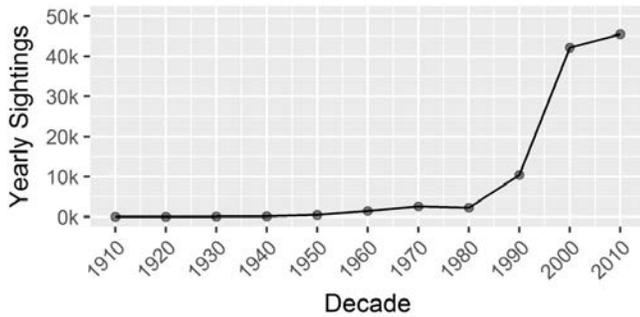


I Want to Believe: UFO Sightings Around the World

By Sam Monfort (Statistition)
 (Posted on February 21, 2017 by sammonfort3)
 (<https://vizthis.wordpress.com/2017/02/21/i-want-to-believe-ufo-sightings-around-the-world/>)

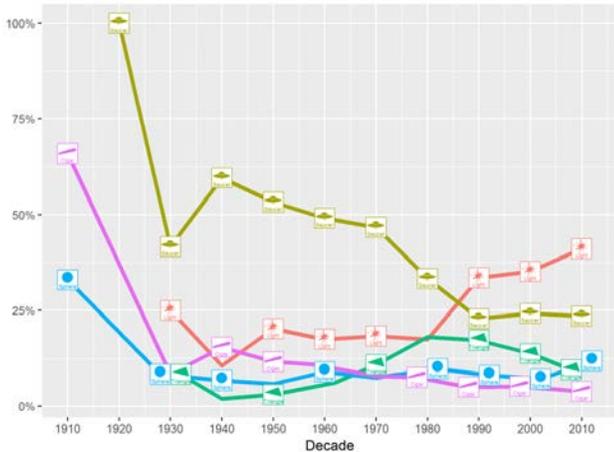
The National UFO Reporting Center (NUFORC) is "dedicated to the collection and dissemination of objective UFO data," and keeps careful logs of all UFO sightings worldwide. This post is restricted to 20th century encounters: a total of 104,947 events since 1905.

Sightings are at an all-time high!

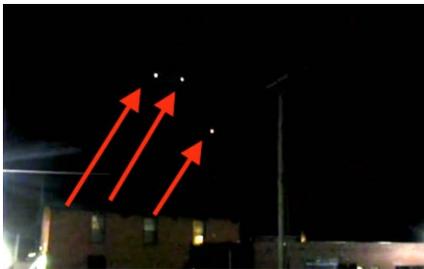


Encounters before the Internet were entered retroactively from historical documents.

One of the first recorded UFO sightings comes from Portland in 1905 (of course, seeing UFOs before it was cool), where a “buzzing,” sphere-shaped UFO descended from the clouds. Other shapes began cropping up later, with Saucers dominating the scene until the 1990s, when mysterious lights became the most popular.

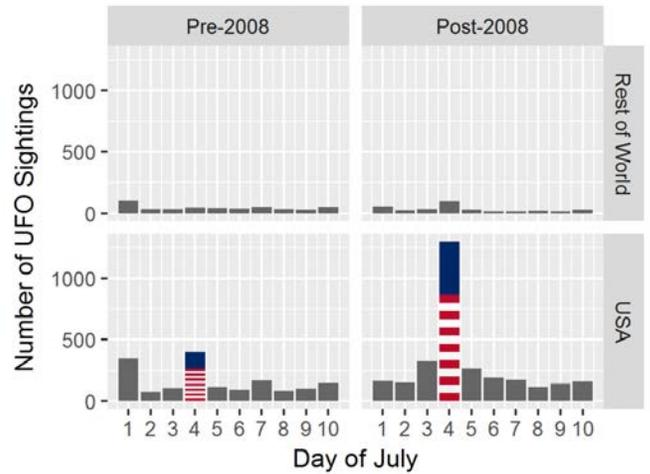


The plurality of post-Internet sightings take the form of strange lights in the sky. Why lights instead of tangible shapes? Maybe claiming to see “lights” is less likely to make your friends and family react skeptically than claiming you saw an actual UFO up-close, especially now that everyone walks around with a handy picture-taking device in their pocket.



What could it be??

Or maybe the mysterious lights are actually fireworks. Sightings of UFOs spike in the USA on July 4th! Strangely though, this “July 4th effect” only gets huge starting in 2008.

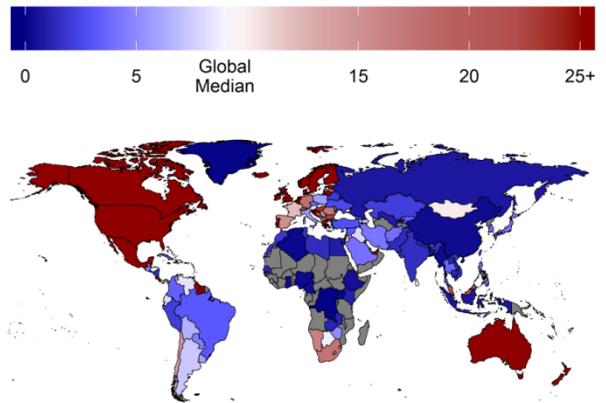


Other explanation: Aliens like fireworks.

I couldn't find anything obvious about fireworks in 2008. Maybe that's the year someone invented a new type of glowing, floating sphere firework.

So how do sightings differ around the world? Each event is logged with its location, so matching the text entries to longitude and latitude lets us plot the events on a map.

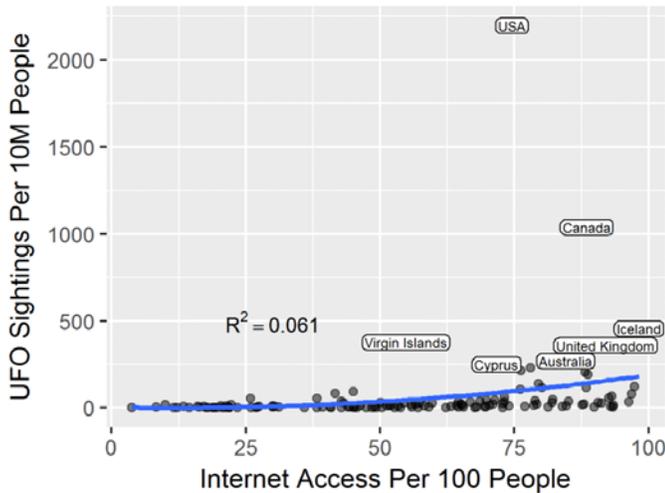
UFO Sightings Per 10M People



The Median (50th percentile) is white: countries with lower-than-median sightings are colored blue, while countries with higher-than-median sightings are colored red. Countries with no reported sightings are gray.

I capped the heatmap at 25 sightings per 10M, but as you'll see in a second, that's because people in the USA are hilariously more likely to report a UFO sighting than anyone else. If I let the scale be free, it pretty much makes the rest of the map the same shade of blue.

In fact, people in the USA report about 2500 sightings per 10M, a number almost 300 times greater than the global median. Why are Americans obsessed with UFOs? Maybe it's related to Internet access. You have to have Internet access to submit a report, after all.

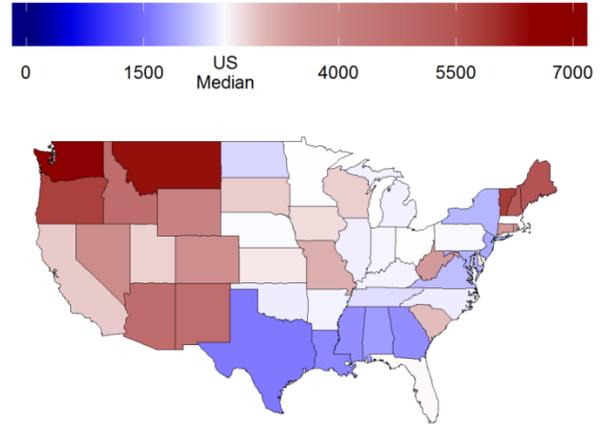


The outlier USA making trouble for my axes again. Here we have sightings predicted by the internet access (linear and quadratic effects).

But there's only a weak positive relationship between the amount of Internet access in a country and the number of UFO sightings its citizens report online. Taking into account Internet access leaves a large amount of variance left unexplained (94%). Weird. Here's a Quora thread on this topic if you want to do more digging.

Now that we've seen the USA to be such an outlier, let's take a closer look at it broken down by state.

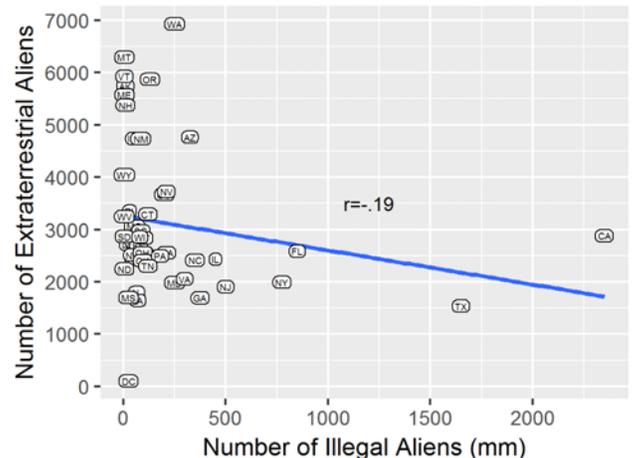
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Keep Portland weird?

As you can see, the most likely places for a UFO sighting are the West in general, and the Northwest in particular. Honorable mention goes to the Northeast: Maine, Vermont, and New Hampshire rack up a good number of sightings per capita even as New York lags behind. (Per capita graphs are always interesting to interpret because they are influenced so heavily by the number of people in each state... well, duh.)

To close out this post, look at this interesting and totally not coincidental effect I found. The number of undocumented immigrants (called "illegal aliens" by some) is inversely related to the number of extraterrestrial aliens. It seems there's only so much space in each state for outsiders.



(Most of you have probably heard about this most recent job posting by NASA. It was widely reported in the media. It is worth posting in this newsletter, for anyone who has aspirations of applying. One wonders if this is a back-door way of NASA admitting to the existence of intelligent alien life. Ed.)

NASA searches for Planetary Protection Officer to save Earth from Alien Contamination
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NASA taking applications for 'Planetary Protection Officer'

Looking for a fresh career challenge? NASA is searching for a planetary protection officer to protect Earth from extraterrestrial contamination.

While the job title may conjure up images of Will Smith in "Independence Day," the role, which has a salary of up to \$187,000 a year, requires a very unique set of scientific skills.

Part of the Office of Safety and Mission Assurance for Planetary Protection, the job involves "avoidance of organic-constituent and biological contamination in human and robotic space exploration," according to the intriguing job description posted on usajobs.gov.

In addition to safeguarding samples from "extraterrestrial targets" that are brought back to Earth, the planetary protection officer will also be responsible for preventing contamination from "Earth organisms and organic constituents" on missions into space.

The successful candidate will lead efforts to ensure that robotic and human space missions comply with federal and international standards on how space matter is handled.

The planetary protection officer will also lead coordination efforts with interactions with the Committee on Space Research (COSPAR), National Academies, and advisory committees on

planetary protection matters, according to the job description.

The job will be based at NASA's headquarters in Washington, D.C.

NASA is gearing up for a host of space exploration over the coming years, which includes the launch of its InSight mission to Mars in 2018 and a mission to Jupiter's moon Europa in the 2020s. NASA's long-term goal is to send a manned mission to Mars in the 2030s.

The space agency's efforts to protect Earth continues to be a source of fascination. Last year, for example, NASA opened its Planetary Defense Coordination Office (PDCO) to track asteroids and comets that come too close to Earth.

(We recently returned from a trip to Alaska. I wondered about UFO sightings after observing this land as wild, pristine, beautiful, and desolate. A computer search turned up a plethora of reports and legends especially around Mount Hayes! I thought you might enjoy this story. Ed.)

UFO Base in Alaska?

<https://alien-ufo-sightings.com/2013/05/an-alien-base-in-alaska>



In his 1997 book *Remote Viewers*, Jim Schnabel told the story of the U.S. Intelligence community's involvement in the controversial issue of psychic spying that largely began in the early-to-mid 1970s. Commenting on the skills of a talented remote-viewer in relation to matters of a UFO nature, one Pat Price, Schnabel noted Price was of the opinion that "...Alaska's Mount Hayes, the jewel of a glacial range northeast of Anchorage, housed one of the aliens' largest bases."

According to Pat Price, the aliens that lived deep inside Mount Hayes were very human looking, differing only in their heart, lungs, blood, and eyes. Ominously, he added that the aliens use "thought

transfer for motor control of us." Price added: "The site has also been responsible for strange activity and malfunction of U.S. and Soviet space objects."

Rather notably, despite the controversial nature of this story, we find that the U.S. military took a great deal of interest in tales of UFO activity in Alaska in the formative years of the subject. For example, formerly classified FBI files tell of startling UFO encounters in Alaska in the period 1947-1950.

It was in August 1947 that a highly impressive account of a UFO incident involving two serving members of the military was supplied to the FBI at Anchorage. The report began: "This is to advise that two army officers reported to the Office of the Director of Intelligence Headquarters Alaskan Department, at Fort Richardson, Alaska, that they had witnessed an object passing through the air at a tremendous rate of speed which could not be judged as to miles per hour."

According to the official report, the UFO was initially sighted by only one of the two officers, but he soon alerted his colleague to the strange sight. "The object appeared to be shaped like a sphere and did not give the impression of being saucer-like or comparable to a disk. The first officer stated that it would be impossible to give minute details concerning the object, but that it appeared to be approximately two or three feet in diameter and did not leave any vapor trail in the sky."

Experienced officer that he was, in his first attempt to gauge the altitude of the object, and, from a comparison with cloud formations in the area, he determined that whatever the nature of the mystery sphere, it was cruising at a height of more than ten thousand feet. And it should be noted that to be at such a height and still be visible, in all probability the UFO must have exceeded by a wide margin the initial size estimate of "two or three feet."

When questioned, the second officer gave a substantially similar account, the only marked difference being that, in his opinion, he considered the object to have been approximately ten feet in diameter, and compared it to "half the size of a full moon on an ordinary night." This discrepancy in size was apparently due to the fact that the second officer believed the UFO was more likely to have

been at a height of three-to-four thousand feet, rather than at an altitude of ten thousand feet as had been suggested by his colleague.

The difference of opinion over the altitude and size of the object may or may not have been significant; the important factor, however, was that both officers agreed that some type of anomalous object had most definitely been seen. And as the report concluded: "...the second officer pointed out that one of the remarkable features of this report was that it was definitely traveling against the wind."

Shortly afterwards, the FBI Office at Anchorage reported to Bureau Director J. Edgar Hoover that: "...we have been able to locate a flyer [who] observed some flying object near Bethel, Alaska in July 1947." The report to Hoover continued: "[The pilot] related that the occasion of seeing the flying object near Bethel was on a July day when the sky was completely clear of clouds, and it being during the early part, it is daylight the entire night. The time of his sighting [of] this flying object was about 10 PM and the sun had just dropped beyond the horizon. Flying weather was extremely good and he was coming into the Bethel Airport with a DC-3."

On approaching the airport the pilot was amazed to see to his left an unidentified craft "the size of a C-54 without any fuselage," which seemed to resemble a "flying wing." As a result of its unique shape, the pilot was initially unable to determine whether the object was heading towards his aircraft or away from it, and elected to make a 45-degree turn in an attempt to diffuse any possible chance of collision. The FBI noted that the pilot was certain that the craft was free of any external power source, such as a propeller-driven engine, and exhibited no exhaust as it flew by.

The document added: "He called on his radio to the Civil Aeronautics Administration station at Bethel, asking what aircraft was in the vicinity and they had no reports of any aircraft. The object he sighted was some five or ten miles from the airport before his arrival and [he] stated that the path did not go directly across the airport. He, of course, could not tell whether the object was making any noise and stated that it was flying at a thousand foot altitude and estimated travel at 300 miles per hour.

circle in the direction of, and around Kodiak and returned out in a generally southeast direction.”

“It was traveling in the direction from Bethel to Nome, which is in a northwesterly direction. He noted no radio interference and is unable to describe the color other than it appeared dark but of definite shape and did not blend into the sky but had a definite, concise outline. [He] clearly observed the object at this time.”

Perhaps not quite believing what he was seeing, Morgan alerted one of his shipmates, Carver, to the strange spectacle, and both watched as the UFO made a “return flight.” According to the testimony of Morgan and Carver: “The object was in sight for an estimated 30 seconds. No odor or sound was detected, and the object was described to have the appearance of a ball of fire about one foot in diameter.”

As the 1940s drew to a close and a new decade dawned, the FBI continued to receive and log high-quality UFO reports on a regular basis. Of those, one of the more credible related to a noteworthy series of encounters that occurred in Alaskan airspace over the course of two days in early 1950. Forwarded to the FBI by an official U.S. Navy source, the confidential three-page intelligence report paints a startling picture of multiple UFO encounters involving the military. Titled “Unidentified Phenomena in Vicinity of Kodiak, Alaska,” it concerns “a report of sightings of unidentified airborne objects, by various naval personnel, on 22 and 23 January 1950.”

The report then records yet another encounter with the mystery visitor: “At 220440W, conducting routine Kodiak security patrol, Lt. Smith reported a visual sighting of an unidentified airborne object at a range of 5 miles, on the starboard bow. This object showed indications of great speed on the radar scope. The trailing edge of the blip gave a tail like indication.”

The author of the report noted: “...at 220240W January Lt. Smith, USN, patrol plane commander of P2V3 No. 4 of Patrol Squadron One reported an unidentified radar contact 20 miles north of the Naval Air Station, Kodiak, Alaska. When this contact was first made, Lt. Smith was flying the Kodiak Security Patrol. At 0243W, 8 minutes later a radar contact was made on an object 10 miles southeast of NAS Kodiak. Lt. Smith checked with the control tower to determine known traffic in the area, and was informed that there was none. During this period, the radar operator, Gaskey, ALC, USN, reported intermittent radar interference of a type never before experienced. Contact was lost at this time, but intermittent interference continued.”

Lieutenant Smith quickly advised the rest of the crew of the PV23 No. 24 that the UFO was in sight, and all watched fascinated as the strange vehicle soared overhead at a speed estimated to have been around 1,800 mph. Smith climbed to intercept the UFO and vainly tried to circle it. Needless to say, its high speed and remarkable maneuverability ensured that Smith’s actions were futile. However, neither Lieutenant Smith nor his crew was quite prepared for what happened next.

Smith and Gaskey were not the only two to report that unidentified vehicles had intruded into Alaskan airspace. At the time of these encounters, the *USS Tilbrook* was anchored in the vicinity of “buoy 19” in the nearby man ship channel. On board the *Tilbrook* was a seaman named Morgan (first name unknown) who was standing watch. At some point between 0200 and 0300 hours, Morgan reported that a “very fast moving red light, which appeared to be of exhaust nature seemed to come from the southeast, moved clockwise in a large

“Subsequently the object seemed to be opening the range,” the official report reads, “and Smith attempted to close the range. The UFO was observed to open out somewhat, then to turn to the left and come up on Smith’s quarter. Smith considered this to be a highly threatening gesture and turned out all lights in the aircraft. Four minutes later the object disappeared from view in a southeasterly direction.”

At 0435 hours on the following day, Lieutenants Barco and Causer of Patrol Squadron One were conducting the Kodiak Security Patrol when they, too, sighted an unidentified aerial vehicle. At the time of their encounter the aircraft in which the officers were flying was approximately 62 miles south of Kodiak. For ten minutes, Barco and Causer, along with the pilot, Captain Paulson, watched stunned as the mysterious object twisted

and turned in the Alaskan sky. An assessment of these reports read thus:

“1. To Lt. Smith and crew it appeared as two orange lights rotating about a common center, “like two jet aircraft making slow rolls in tight formation.” It had a wide speed range. 2. To Morgan and Carver, it appeared as a reddish orange ball of fire about one foot in diameter, traveling at a high rate of speed. 3. To Causer, Barco and Paulson, it appeared to be a pulsating orange yellow projectile shaped flame, with regular periods of pulsation on 3 to 5 seconds. Later, as the object increased the range, the pulsations appeared to increase to on 7 or 8 seconds and off 7 to 8 seconds.”

The final comment on the encounters reads: “In view of the fact that no weather balloons were known to have been released within a reasonable time before the sightings, it appears that the object or objects were not balloons. If not balloons the objects must be regarded as phenomena (possibly meteorites), the exact nature of which could not be determined by this office.”

The “meteorite” theory for this series of encounters is particularly puzzling. It goes without saying that meteorites do not stay in sight for “an estimated 30 seconds,” meteorites do not close in on military aircraft in what is deemed to be a “highly threatening gesture,” and they do not appear as “two orange lights rotating about a common center.”

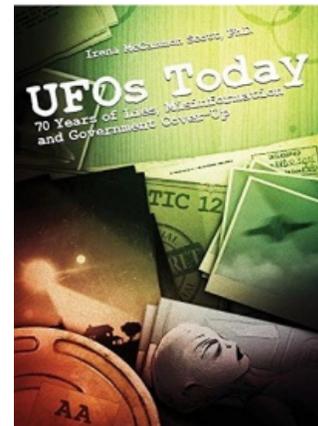
In other words, it seems safe to conclude that genuinely anomalous phenomena were indeed witnessed by experienced military personnel at Kodiak, Alaska in January 1950.

Does any of this prove that there really is an alien base deep within Alaska’s Mount Hayes, as Pat Price suggested? No, of course not. But, in view of all the above, perhaps it’s time someone took a closer look at Price’s claims. You know: just in case...

**“UFOs Today 70 Years of Lies, Misinformation and Government Cover-Up”
A Book Review by Phyllis Budinger**

Clearly, Dr. Irena Scott’s book is a “must have” for anyone with an interest in UFOlogy. I found that

it puts into proper perspective the progressive history of UFOs, as well as the government cover-up for at least 70 years - from the time of the Kenneth Arnold Sighting in 1947. Her intensive research is impressive which renders her conclusions very credible. I found this page-turner engrossing as one smoking gun after another was exposed. She makes a clear case that UFOs are more than extraterrestrial space ships, and that there are other unusual aspects to this phenomenon. Dr. Scott shows there is an obvious need for more data collection and scientific method development in the realm of physics paradigms, such as perhaps entangled particle, faster than light events, Schrodinger’s cat paradox and others. The book made it obvious to me that the government cover-up has failed because more people believe the UFO phenomenon is real, and there is increased interest in the subject.



Dr. Scott’s book rating:

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