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Editor's Notes
By Phyllis Budinger



Tom Wertman requested this newsletter be issued earlier (instead of July) because of our upcoming conference. And also, he wanted to give the membership ample time to take advantage of the special room rate (effective to July 15th) offered by the Conference Center. Due to time constraints there is not a 'Message from the Director'.

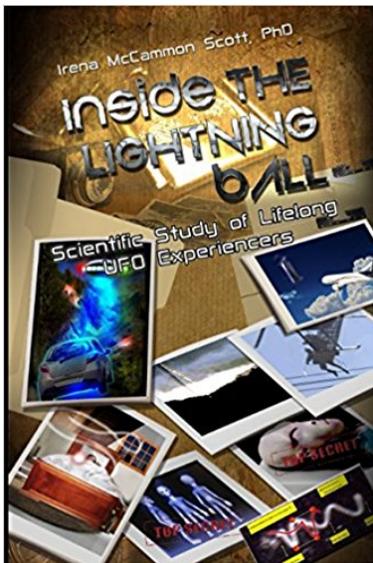
All the details on this year's conference in Bellville, Ohio on August 18, 2018 are presented. They can also be found on our website www.mufonohio.com. We request that reservations be made early so the Conference Center can plan the accommodations.

The statistics study of one of our speakers, Cheryl Costa, has been proliferating the news lately. I have included one such article discussing a current drop in UFO sightings. But there are many other articles. A few examples are: best locations in the USA to spot a UFO; what is the best day to spot a UFO. There are many ways to look at her data, and I recommend all Field

Investigators obtain a copy of her book "UFO Sightings Desk Reference: United States of America 2001-2015". A book review is in this issue. When I decided to go to Cheryl's presentation at the National MUFON Symposium two years ago, I thought it would probably be boring. **Not so!** I found it to be the most interesting talk at the conference!

The other two speakers, Jeff Wilson and Bill Konkolesky, have presented at our conference before. These will not be repeat talks of the past. Jeff will present an update on his crop circle research.

Dr. Irena Scott's new book came out on June 1, 2018. It's called "*Inside the Lightning Ball: Scientific Study of Lifelong UFO Experiencers*".



A summary and preview of the book can be found in the following website: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/1980982023>. She discussed the book on Coast to Coast on June 9th. We wish her well in her new publication. There will be a book review in the future.

Rick Hilberg will be on the mend so will not be at the conference. He is due for a knee replacement surgery which has not been scheduled yet. Having been there myself, I can tell you that the pain in walking is not fun. We wish him a successful surgery! And soon!

We thank our contributors to this issue which include: book reviews by Bill Murphy and Paul Althouse; "Ohio Retro" items by Rick Hilberg.

2018 OHIO MUFON CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

The 2018 Ohio MUFON Conference will be held August 18, 2018 at the Quality Inn Conference Center in Bellville, Ohio. It is at Exit 165 on I-71, which is close to our old Ashland site. Time will be 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. The featured speakers will be Cheryl Costa, William Konkolesky, and Jeffrey Wilson.

CONFERENCE TICKET PRICES:

MUFON of Ohio Subscribers - \$25 ea.

Non-subscribers - \$28 ea.

For advance tickets (recommended)

Send check or Money Order before 8/4/2018 to:

Mufon of Ohio
P.O. Box 152
Pataskala, Ohio 43062

Lunch is not included. However, there will be a catered "Potato Bar" for an additional \$6.00 which is optional. (Advanced orders please, so the caterer can plan food amounts.) Please include \$6 per person if you wish to include it in your advance ticket request. It comes very highly recommended by the Quality Inn, and they said it is very filling. The "Bar" includes: baked potato, bacon, candied bacon, wasabi peas, butter, honey butter, curry butter, sour cream, red pepper sour cream, broccoli, caramelized onions, cheese sauce, cheddar cheese, hot pepper cheese, and shredded beef stroganoff.

The Quality Inn will provide a special discount rate of \$95 plus tax per night for those attending the conference and spending an overnight. There are two dates that this rate is effective: Friday, 8/17/18 and Saturday, 8/18/18. The cost is the same for both one king bed or two queen beds. Rooms include a microwave and refrigerator. There is also a free Continental Breakfast buffet. When you call for reservations (419-886-7000) please ask for the

MUFON Attendees rate. The cut off for the block price is July 15th.



SPEAKER'S BIOS

Cheryl Costa



Cheryl Costa is an upstate New York resident and a NY native, who saw her first UFO at age twelve. A military veteran, she's a retired Information Security professional from the Aerospace Industry.

She's been a speaker at the International UFO Congress IUFOC and at the MUFON Symposium. She was awarded the 2018 Researcher of the Year by IUFOC

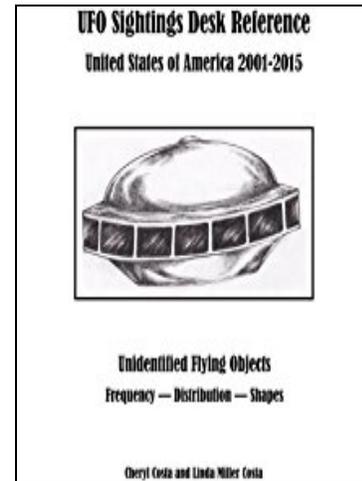
Cheryl writes the wildly popular UFO column "New York Skies" for SyracuseNewTimes.com. Besides being a journalist she's also a published playwright. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the State University of New York at Empire State College in Entertainment Writing.

She is the coauthor (along with Linda Miller Costa) of "UFO Sightings Desk Reference - United States of America 2001-2015". The first book of its kind, the "UFO Sightings Desk Reference: United States of America 2001-2015" presents data and analysis for 100,000+ sightings of unidentified flying objects reported by individuals during the first 15 years of the 21st century.

The book is organized into beginning narrative sections including analysis of UFO sightings, frequently asked questions, and how to use this book, followed by the data. Charts, tables, and maps are presented of summary data for the entire US and individual chapters for all 50 states (down to the county level) plus the District of Columbia.

Aimed at the serious UFO researcher, this comprehensive volume is also of value to academic and public libraries, news organizations, and anyone who is interested in what is flying in the skies over their heads where they live.

She will speak on UFO Statistics for the USA and Ohio (2001-2017).



William Konkolesky

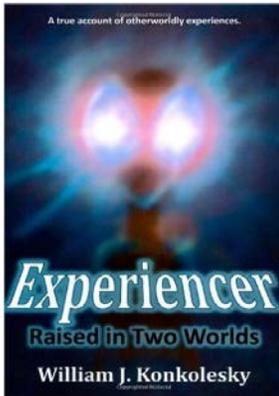


Bill Konkolesky is the State Director of the Michigan Chapter of the Mutual UFO Network. He has also served as consultant to the History Channel's "Hangar 1" and "UFO Hunters," National Geographic Channel's "The Truth Behind," as well as the Science Channel's "Uncovering Aliens" and "Close Encounters."

After a lifetime of his own UFO and abduction encounters, he's spent the last two decades actively investigating these otherworldly phenomena, trying to make some sense of the bizarre events that have happened to him personally. What he's discovered confronting these cosmic mysteries is that reality is far stranger than he could have ever imagined.

Konkolesky is the author of the autobiographical "Experiencer: Raised in Two Worlds" and his personal abduction experiences have been chronicled in the SyFy documentary "Abduction Diaries," DVD documentary "Abducted by Aliens:"

UFO Encounters of the 4th Kind,” and the ABC news special “UFOs: Seeing is Believing.”



His most recent book: “Experienter Raised in Two Worlds”

Jeffrey Wilson



Jeffrey Wilson, M.Sc., Director and co-founder of the Independent Crop Circle Researchers' Association (ICCRA) has been investigating crop circles that have been reported in the United States since 1996, and has visited well over 100 sites during the last twelve years. He was an early member of the Center for Crop Circle Studies (CCCS), in both the UK and USA branches before both organizations went defunct. He has been a contributor of USA crop circle reports to the Crop Circle Connector website since 1996. He was a frequent contributor to Crop Circle News until that website closed. His crop circle research has been covered by numerous newspapers across the USA; he is frequently interviewed on Linda Howe's Earthfiles website. He's been a guest on various national and local TV networks, as well as national and local radio programs including Coast to Coast A.M. with George Noory.

Wilson received a Master's Degree in General Science from Eastern Michigan University located in Ypsilanti, Michigan, where he taught both Physics and Astronomy classes, and helped operate and maintain Sherzer Observatory on a volunteer basis. He has also designed and taught an online Astronomy class for the OMNIBUS Master's Degree program at Schoolcraft College

(jointly with Madonna University) in Livonia, Michigan.

Wilson wanted to write his Master's thesis on crop circles but couldn't get any academics to sponsor it. Instead he received a grant for his thesis from NASA under the Michigan Space Grant Consortium to analyze and map geologic reflectivity data from NASA's Lunar Prospector Mission. Wilson now works as an analyst in private industry.

Wilson currently serves as a volunteer board member of the Friends of the Serpent Mound as the Director of Special Events and Projects. He is also a contributing member of the Hanwakan Center for Prehistoric Astronomy, Cosmology, and Landscape Studies, a certified volunteer for the Ohio Historical Society, and a member of the Serpent Mound Chapter of the American Society of Dowsers.

Jeff returns this year (since his last presentation in 2013) to update us on his crop circle research and current projects. [Jeff Wilson's Web Site - The Independent Crop Circle Researchers' Association \(ICCRA\)](#)



UFO Sightings Desk Reference: United States of America 2001-2015

Authors: Cheryl Costa and Linda Miller Costa

UFO Scholar: Syracuse, New York: 2017

Book Review by Bill Murphy



True UFO research is made possible by those folks who get out in the field and do the primary, often slogging and underappreciated work, whether it's chasing down cases, working in archives, or poring over raw data and trying to make some sense out of it.

That's why it was so refreshing when the International UFO Congress accorded Cheryl Costa its 2018 UFO Researcher of the Year Award. While her always-interesting blogs can be accessed at

<https://www.syracusenewtimes.com/author/cheryl-costa>, my purpose here is to examine the work she and partner Linda Miller Costa produced.

UFO Sightings Desk Reference: United States of America 2001-2015 should be a part of every serious researcher's library, for its 121,000+ UFO reports for the 50 states and District of Columbia will come in handy in a variety of situations. Cheryl and Linda worked their way through the archives of Peter B. Davenport's National UFO Reporting Center (NUFORC) and MUFON, breaking reports down by state, then county, as well as by year, month, and shape. They provide helpful trend analysis charts, and answer a bunch of "frequently-asked/anticipated" questions as well. I especially got a kick out of Cheryl's observation (p. 26) "that late night dog walkers and folks outside for a smoke reported the most UFO sightings." I heard Cheryl make this observation at the Orlando MUFON International Symposium, and immediately began noting, as I looked at reports from then on, how much truth there was in it! I'll bet that if you hadn't thought of this before, you'll have the same experience as I had.

As a reference book, *UFO Sightings Desk Reference* is probably not meant to be read cover-to-cover. But its alphabetical format makes it easy to look up information for a state and county, which is exactly what's needed from a reference work. Using it, you may discover some "eye-opening" patterns for counties, as the Costas did for New York. I have seen this book's data used to good effect in mainstream media as well as British tabloids—and in both cases, that's a benefit, because it raises the level of discussion in either venue. I've used it to assess the likelihood of certain claims, most recently in conjunction with data from casino.org, whose data source I couldn't identify. If that failure isn't just that I didn't look in the right spot, that's on me, but it may be due to casino.org's information being proprietary. In that case, casino.org is most probably a sound source, but the fact that the *UFO Sightings Desk Reference* is based upon known sources is an advantage. Interestingly enough, while the purposes for the source collection and analysis differed in these two databases and their findings unsurprisingly varied, both these studies agreed in supporting a conclusion I was reaching on the merits of a current "mega" theory of UFO occurrence. The Analysis

section in the book suggests other ways of making use of the data.

There are some cautions to the *UFO Sightings Desk Reference*. For example, while the 2001-2015 totals for Ohio's "Top Ten Shapes" (p. 257) and the numbers for the same shape categories in the overall "UFO Shapes: Ohio" chart (p. 258) all tally, they are almost all different for each of Michigan's "Top Ten Shapes" (p.176) and those same shapes on the "UFO Shapes: Michigan" chart on the next page. There are some typos, as well, which is unfortunate in a book so dedicated to precision. One thing also to bear in mind: this book records sightings *reports*, as opposed to sightings. The Costas suggest that the number of reports could be magnified by a factor of ten to achieve a good idea of the number of times people have actually seen something that they could not explain (p. 2.) They also note (p. 24) that they have tallied *sightings*, not *vehicles*. These distinctions may seem academic to experienced UFO students, but they are not second-nature to the general public, or to, unfortunately, members of the media.

In addition to the need for a statistical effort to support UFO research, the Costas list the need to alert the general public to the extent of UFO activity, which has been hampered by a Truth Embargo, and a personal effort to help bring about official disclosure (p.26). The first goal has I believe been very well accomplished by the *UFO Sightings Desk Reference*. I am noting, as knowledge of its existence spreads, goal number 2 is on the way towards satisfaction. While I very much despair of the laudable third purpose ever being achieved, as I compose this review I must acknowledge that we are in very interesting times. A book like this could play a positive role in fostering some kind of breakthrough in public information and acceptance of the UFO reality—whatever it may prove to be.

Rating:  out of 5.



Davis-Besse Power Plant (Oak Harbor, Ohio) Frequent UFO Visitations (Up Date)

By Phyllis Budinger

They're ba-ack!! Two more sightings were made by my son of unidentified objects which may be connected to the Davis-Besse power plant.

Tuesday, March 20, 2018: This event occurred around 5:30 am. It was viewed for 10-15 minutes. The weather conditions: windy; partly cloudy; 30°F; lake very rough. One bright "out-of-place" object was seen in the air and below the cloud bank. It was stationary until a plane was observed coming south (Probably from Detroit Metro). The UFO then took off to the north.

Friday, March 23, 2018: This sighting also took place around 5:30 am. The weather conditions: slight breeze; partly cloudy; 30°F; moderate wave action on the lake. One very bright object appeared to be stationary over the Monroe power plant smoke stacks. (Some 35 miles, "as-the-crow-flies" on the western shore of Lake Erie is Monroe, Michigan where there is a power plant with twin smoke stacks.) My son had no luck in an attempt to take a photograph. He had to get ready for work and when he came back it was gone. My thoughts are the object could have been much closer than Monroe, and it was moving directly toward my son, thereby appearing stationary. This may be explainable.



At 8:05 p.m. on February 8, 1963, Euclid school teacher Thomas Doyle stepped out of his car at his East 238th Street home, and heard what he first took to be a jet aircraft. Looking up, he instead saw a blue-white light, very bright and about the size of a pea held at arm's length.

About twelve diameters behind the bright object Doyle was able to discern the jet aircraft he first heard. The jet was a military bomber, and seemed to be pursuing the self-luminous object. Both craft were on an ENE to WSW heading, and the UFO was clearly pulling away from the bomber. As the distance became even greater, the aircraft broke off the chase and made a 180 degree turn to assume a southern heading. The UFO continued on its original course and was lost in a thick haze on the southern horizon.



Nobel Prize Winner and Co-Founder of DNA Molecule Claims Our Genes Have Extraterrestrial Origin

By Alien UFO Sightings / June 4, 2018

(alien-ufo-sightings.com/2018/06/nobel-prize-winner-and-co-founder-of-dna-molecule-claims-our-genes-have-extraterrestrial-origin)

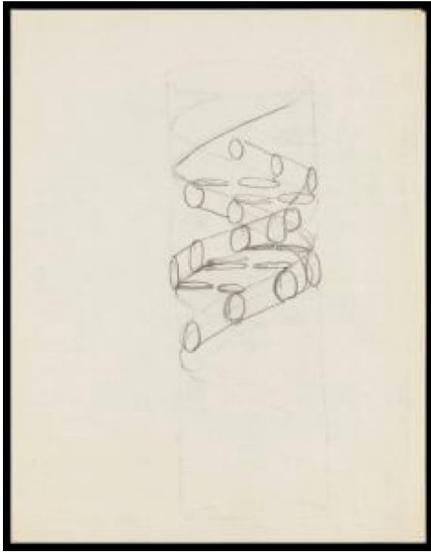
Francis Crick was a prominent English scientist who co-founded the structure of the DNA molecule in 1953. He was awarded a Nobel Prize for Physiology for Medicine. Given his book, *Life Itself*, we realize he claimed the DNA molecule couldn't have generated here on Earth.

Crick was one of the many brilliant scientists to whom the media, unfortunately, didn't pay much attention. The reason for that was that he was theorizing something that confronted the dominant framework.

In his 1982's book, *Life Itself*, he discusses how the DNA molecule couldn't have origin here on Earth but rather somewhere else.

The prevailing scientific thought is that we appeared when a cluster of molecules randomly crashed into each other, generating life.

However, in the opinion of Mr. Crick, we are an outcome of so-called Directed Panspermia. He and Leslie Orgel, a British chemist, published their theory in 1973.



Pencil sketch of the DNA double helix by Francis Crick

Their paper talks about how *“organisms were deliberately transmitted to earth by intelligent beings on another planet. We conclude that it is possible that life reached the earth in this way, but that the scientific evidence is inadequate at the present time to say anything about the probability. We draw attention to the kinds of evidence that might throw additional light on the topic.”*

Concerning the mainstream theory we previously mentioned, Crick’s opinion is that it’s most likely not reliable.

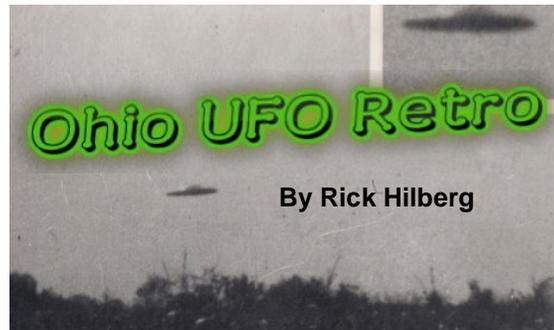
On the other hand, concerning his theory, he has quite many supporters who have claimed they found evidence to justify it. Maybe even he, himself, had evidence he never presented. After all, he was not just anybody on the street with a hungry imaginative mind. He was a scientist who won a Nobel Prize on the DNA molecule subject.

However, we haven’t yet found the complete biological functions of the total DNA. This means the whole concept carries a lot of mystery. Mystery that might have the answer to the human’s real origin.

A couple of years ago, the Director of the Buckingham Centre for Astrobiology at the University of Buckingham, Chandra Wickramasinghe, released a study. The object of research involved supposed discoveries of the first evidence of extraterrestrial life in a celestial body.

Wickramasinghe called the attention with the Huffington Post in 1962: *“Hoyle and I, pioneers the theory of carbon grains in space to replace the old ice grain theory. This was vehemently resisted by the astronomical community at the outset, but with the dawn of infrared spectroscopy, the ice grain theory gave way to the carbon dust theory. Over a few years, after a great deal of model-fitting, we came to the conclusion that material similar to biomaterial fitted all the available data in astronomy. We considered the possibility that microbiology had a universal character, and no observations in astronomy or new information from biology has d contrary evidence. If only ideas that are considered orthodox are given support through award of publication opportunities, it is certain that the progress of science will be stifled as it was throughout the middle age.”*

Furthermore, the author Graham Hancock said that we look like species that have amnesia. We apparently don’t remember who we are and how did we get on Earth. Interesting, huh?



The following sighting was reported by a resident of North Royalton (name withheld) on January 29, 1967. Her report follows: "On January 29th at approximately 5:50 p.m., I was driving on Route 82 heading for the North Royalton Christian Church when I spotted a disk in the cloudless eastern sky. I observed the object for a good 18 minutes, but then I was forced to park my car because people were waiting to get into the drive. When I stepped out I walked back to the street. By this time it was dark; the object was gone, at least to my sight. But there, in its place, was a blinking object with red and green lights. A much smaller shiny object, silver in color, dropped from the lights for what seemed to be two feet and then disappeared. The lights ascended in a southerly

direction. I watched it for about another 10 minutes, but had to leave to go home."

Source: *Northern Ohio UFO Casebook*, Rick Hilberg 1997.



Ten Intriguing UFO and Alien Accounts from the Soviet Union

By Marcus Lowth May 27, 2018

(<https://listverse.com/2018/05/27/10-intriguing-ufo-and-alien-accounts-from-the-soviet-union>)

It's been almost three decades since the collapse of the Soviet Union. Since then, information from the former USSR has flowed more freely. One of the perhaps unforeseen advantages—at least to UFO enthusiasts—was the plethora of suddenly available UFO and alien reports that had piled up in secrecy throughout the Cold War years.

Here are just ten such reports. Had the Soviet Union still have been in existence today, the following accounts would very likely still be in a sealed vault deep behind the Iron Curtain.

10) Soldiers Turned To Stone In Ukraine

Without a doubt, one of the most intriguing and outlandish UFO claims from the Soviet era are the those regarding an incident that saw a number of Soviet soldiers reportedly turned to stone.

The date of the actual incident is unclear, although it is thought to have happened during the late 1970s or early 1980s. The report states that a silver saucer-shaped object appeared over a Soviet military unit that was training in Ukraine. Although it doesn't state whether the action was intentional or accidental, a surface-to-air missile was launched at the object, bringing it crashing to the ground.

Five beings with "large heads and large black eyes" exited the craft and then, in front of the soldiers, began to merge into one sphere-shaped object. This new object began to grow, becoming brighter as it did so. An uncomfortable buzzing noise also filled the air. Suddenly, in a blinding

flash, the sphere-shape was gone, and the soldiers caught in the glow—23 in all—were instantly turned into "stone poles." Only two soldiers, who weren't caught in the glow, survived.

The remains of the UFO, as well as the "petrified soldiers," were taken to Moscow for research.

9) The Claims Of Oscar Linke

The account of Oscar Linke from Soviet-controlled Germany became known to the Western world via a CIA report titled "Flying Saucers" in East Germany," obtained upon Linke's "escape" from the East to the West and detailing an incident thought to have taken place in the summer of 1952. The CIA themselves took the bulk of the report from a Greek newspaper article.

As Oscar was riding home on his motorcycle, his 11-year-old daughter Gabriella sitting in the carriage beside him, he suddenly felt a "pull" on the vehicle. Realizing a tire had blown, Linke brought the bike to a halt. After inspecting the damage, the pair began to push the bike down the road. During this, Gabriella spotted something moving in front of them.

Telling his daughter to remain with their bike, Oscar went forward to get a better look. In front of him, at a distance of around 40 meters (130 ft), were two humanoid figures dressed in "shiny metallic clothing." Behind them was an object "like a huge frying pan," with a black cone-type tower in the middle of it. He moved closer, eventually causing the beings to look in his direction. Upon noticing him, they scampered into their craft, which began to rotate quickly before rising at great speed.

8) Arkady Ivanovich Apraksin

What is perhaps most interesting about our third entry is that the apparent one-time heroic Russian fighter pilot Arkady Ivanovich Apraksin doesn't technically exist—at least, according to Soviet thinking and the recorded version of history, he doesn't. His exploits are largely known to us in the West initially due to UFO researcher Dr. Felix Zigel, and then more recently through UK UFO investigator Timothy Good.

According to their research, Apraksin was highly decorated for his services in World War II, receiving the Red Star award, the Red Banner award, and the Patriotic War First Class award. Following the end of the global conflict, Apraksin would be one of the Soviet regime's top test pilots for its secret military aircraft.

It was during one of these test flights in June 1948 that he would witness a "cucumber-shaped" craft that emitted "cones of light" from its body. He would attempt to engage the vehicle, but one of the cones of light hit his plane and disabled it immediately. A statement was prepared by his superiors, and he was ordered to take six weeks' leave from duty. By May 1949, however, he was again testing aircraft for the Soviets. As he was racing through the air at around 15,000 meters (49,000 ft) from the ground, his plane suddenly became caught in one of the cones of light as the same UFO from before appeared nearby. He would eventually manage to bring his plane to an emergency landing around 80 kilometers (50 mi) from his base.

Following this encounter, Apraksin was sent for "evaluation" and would ultimately be declared "Group One Disabled," which ruled him out of any active military duty. Shortly after, it would seem he vanished from the system entirely.

7) The Yaroslavl Sightings

In the early 1930s, there were reports of several strange sightings in and around Russia's Yaroslavl province. Locals would suggest these strange sightings were connected to the 1928 crash of a strange craft into the icy waters of Lake Vedlozero before its sinking to the dark depths below the thick sheet of ice.

In the years that followed, regular sightings of creatures with "thin arms and legs" were made along the banks of the lake. Some would report these beings to be wearing outfits made from a shiny silvery material. There were also further sightings of strange objects hanging over the region before vanishing in a flash of light. On one occasion, a "gel-like" substance was found on the ground following such a sighting. Some reports even go as far as to speak of contact between these creatures and small, isolated villages.

According to UFO researchers who have ventured to this part of the world in modern times, many residents will state to having regular "interference" with their televisions and radios. Whether or not this is connected to the events of the 1930s is open to debate.

6) Tales Of The Valley Of Death

Intertwined with legends and folklore that date back centuries are the many accounts from the so-called "Valley of Death" in Siberia that runs along the Upper Vilyuy River. Those who have ventured into this region have reportedly become suddenly ill (sometimes fatally). Recently, in 2013, Michale Visok led a team into the heart of the Valley of Death, investigating the apparent existence of "cauldrons" that were said to be the remains of ancient alien technology.¹ They would have to abandon the project due to the sudden onset of intense illness with similar symptoms to radiation poisoning.



Photo credit: VisitYakutia.com

According to the legends, the entire region was host to a great battle in antiquity that would see "balls of fire" being thrown from the ground at huge ships in the air. These flames came from "cauldrons" that would rise up from within the Earth. Their description sounds similar to anti-aircraft guns. During this battle, an explosion "louder than any heard before" would completely destroy the region and all life in it. The descriptions are similar to those of a nuclear explosion, which, incidentally, might explain the reason why anyone who does venture into the Valley of Death becomes ill shortly after.

5) The Caucasus Mountains Abduction

In the summer of 1948, in a small village in the Caucasus Mountain regions of Russia, a young brother and sister would fall asleep in a field overlooking the cows grazing in the sunshine. The sister, along with her friend, lay in the sunshine in order to get suntans. The young boy, however, would walk to a spot that was in the shade. He was awoken shortly after to the sound of a “piercing whistle” and the sight of a huge silver object that resembled an “upside down plate” hovering over him.

Scared but curious, he remained where he was, watching the events unfold. The craft would land a short distance from him. Shortly after, a doorway opened, and three humanoid beings emerged from the disc. They made their way to the young boy, took his hand, and led him to their otherworldly vehicle. As he climbed on board and walked down a corridor, the door shut behind him. He was led into a separate room which featured four cages made from “metallic rods.”

One of the cages contained a rather large bear. The others, however, had human beings inside. In one sat a disheveled naked woman, in another were three Caucasian men, and in the third was a “man of Slavic descent.” It was with this last man that the young boy was placed. While the Caucasian men were calm and apparently engaged in some kind of prayer, the woman was screaming hysterically. The bear, meanwhile, was becoming increasingly agitated and pacing in his small enclosure.

A table was “brought out of the wall” and one of the Caucasian men was placed on it. The three alien beings then proceeded to conduct a live dissection of the man, eventually placing the pieces of his cut-up body into a medical box before “washing down” the area to remove the blood. They then left the room.

The young boy and the Slavic man, who revealed his name to be Sasha, would temporarily escape their cages, but they were caught by the aliens. Eventually, after revealing to Sasha and the boy that their experiments were to study life on Earth, particularly humans following the atomic blasts of World War II, they would reach a deal with Sasha. He would go with them to their planet, as long as the two other men, the woman, and the

young boy were released. Apparently, these terms were acceptable to the aliens, who did as they said they would. Although the young boy would not see the extraterrestrials again, he would receive a strange, random visit from several military personnel with a man in civilian clothes a few years later. The young boy wouldn’t answer any of the man’s questions, however, and they soon left, but not before ordering him to “not tell anyone” of their conversation.

4) The Recovery Of The Lake Balkash Crash

According to declassified KGB files, hundreds of people apparently witnessed a “silver disc” drop from the sky and into Lake Balkash. The incident occurred at some point in 1963, although the exact date is uncertain. Within hours, a retrieval team had secured the wreckage and transported it to a secret underground facility in Slepnogorsk.

The leader of the Soviet Union at the time, Nikita Khrushchev, was made aware of the situation, and several days after the incident, he would make a discreet visit to the location to inspect the remains for himself and be briefed by Soviet scientists looking to understand and reverse-engineer the craft.

The incident is far from the only claim of recovered UFOs in the former Soviet Union. The previous year, for example, in 1962, two disc-shaped craft crashed and were recovered. The first came to the ground in Semipalatinsk, with the remains transported to a facility in Zhitkur. The second crashed in the largely unpopulated northern regions of Russia, and a recovery team would take the wreckage to a location somewhere in Moscow.

In recent years, many former high-ranking Soviet officials have gone on record, making public statements concerning such incidents as well as the activities at the infamous Kapustin Yar, regarded by most as the Soviet version of Area 51.

3) The Odessa Incident

Ukraine has several notable UFO sightings and apparent alien encounters on record. Perhaps one of the most interesting took place in Odessa in 1971. According to the story, a young woman

known as “Masha” would travel to Odessa from Crimea to go on a tour of the catacombs of the city.



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During this tour, she suddenly heard the cries of a young child and went to see where they were coming from. Realizing she had quickly separated herself from the group, she continued to search for the source of the crying. Then, she felt a “kick” to her head and remembered nothing else.

Several days passed, and Masha’s disappearance sparked a large search of the town. Then she reappeared at the entrance to the catacombs. A group of tourists would take her to the authorities, and she was soon on her way back to Crimea.

Once back at home, however, Masha’s parents noticed a distinct change in her. She was reclusive and distant. Even more bizarre, it was discovered that she was in the early stages of pregnancy, although she didn’t know how or when the child could have been conceived. Nevertheless, she went ahead with the pregnancy and brought up the child, a boy, as she would have done any other. However, it was obvious that he was “different” from other children his age. He was highly intelligent and had no interest in child-like activities, preferring instead to read books vastly ahead of his age.

Perhaps strangest of all was his sudden decision as a young man to take a trip to the same catacombs his mother had two decades earlier. He would venture into the walkways as part of a group of tourists. Somewhere during the trip, he simply disappeared. Nobody could recall when they last saw him, and he was never heard from again. Nor was his body ever found.

2) The Topolovka Forest Crash

During a geological excursion in the forests near Topolovka in 1966, geologist Oleg Ivanovich and the rest of his team made the decision to camp down for the night after one of their horses ran into trouble in swamp mud. Shortly after they settled down for the evening, a huge explosion brought them from sleep, and all around them were flames. It appeared that the entire forest was on fire. The intense heat and thick smoke would force the entire team into a nearby river as their only means of escape.

As daylight broke, they could see the flames had died somewhat, although small areas were still burning significantly. They also noticed that their equipment was behaving strangely as they attempted to locate the source of the explosion. Their radios were all dead, and compass needles would simply spin wildly. The men also reported experiencing unexplained sensations of “powerlessness.”

They would eventually, however, locate what appeared to be the remains of a downed aircraft which resembled “two washbasins set face to face.” Some of its lights were still flashing, although the UFO was most definitely ruined. A doorway was open, out of which poured thick, black smoke. There also appeared to be a “tentacle” halfway out the doorway. The men would eventually move away from the site and begin their journey out of the forest before it became too dark to do so. As they did, though, they witnessed five military helicopters heading in the direction of the downed craft.

Suspecting the helicopters were part of a secret recovery team, Ivanovich would lead a small crew to the area the following day. As he expected, the craft was no longer there. However, all around the crash site were human footprints and signs of intense activity. What’s more, these prints and indentations were fresh and had been made within the last 24 hours, according to the geologist.

Incidentally, the group did take several photographs of the crippled craft, none of which came out. They would offer that this was likely due to an increase in radiation at the crash site, which

also explained the erratic behavior of their navigation equipment.

1) 'Glimmering Jellyfish' Over Petrozavodsk

At around 4:00 AM on September 20, 1977, dockworkers in the town of Petrozavodsk would witness a "blinding light" head in their direction from over Lake Onega. Witnesses would later state that as the craft came closer, it looked like a "glimmering jellyfish." Furthermore, upon stopping and hovering in the same spot for several minutes, it would send out "several ultra-thin beams of light," as if searching for something or preparing to launch an attack.

After 12 minutes, the lights dimmed, and the object "transformed into a bright semicircle" before moving back in the direction it came at an intense speed. The dockworkers watched the object grow smaller in the distance before seeing it turn upward and punch a "burning red hole in the clouds."

Soviet authorities would ultimately assume the incident was connected to some Cold War technology of the United States. The sheer amount of witnesses to the event, however, and the increasing number of Soviet citizens and academics alike whose interest in the UFO phenomenon was only getting stronger, meant this explanation largely fell on deaf ears. The Soviets would ultimately launch an official, albeit secret, investigation into the incident.



UFOs are getting harder to spot, research claims

By Chris Ciaccia | Fox News

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Perhaps it should be close encounters of the blurred kind?

New research suggests that UFO sightings, which tend to move in six or seven-year up-and-down cycles, are in a permanent downtrend and it's puzzling researchers.

Cheryl Costa, who was recently named 2018 Researcher of the Year by the International UFO Congress, has found that yearly UFO sightings have sustained a downward trend over the past few years, to an average of 7,837 per year, a drop of "a whopping" 41 percent from the three-year peak average years. Costa, who wrote up her findings in the Syracuse New Times, said that during the cycles, UFO sightings rise ever so slightly from their baseline or average number, decline back towards the median and then the cycle starts over. Between 2012 and 2014, the U.S. had a peak average of 13,500 yearly UFO sightings, Costa wrote, citing data from NUFORC (National UFO Reporting Center) and MUFON (Mutual UFO Network).

However, in 2015, sightings fell 11 percent to 11,975 and 2016 saw an even more dramatic drop, falling 21 percent to 10,602.

Costa has not yet found a reason for the significant drop in sightings, but did offer some speculation as to why it might be occurring.

"In both the national graph and the New York state graph we see relatively flat sighting report numbers from 2001 to 2006," Costa wrote. "This flatness is considered an artifact of reporting, as broadband internet access was still growing in most areas. Access to broadband is a major driver in people having routine use of web reporting services such as NUFORC and MUFON."

Costa noted that New York state rose to the fourth-most likely place to see a UFO during 2016 and 2017, but dropped significantly from its peak average, at 325 sightings seen in 2017, down from an average of 577 seen between the period of 2012 and 2014.

She wrote that both the national and New York state charts show the classic rise-and-fall pattern from 2006 to 2010 and in 2011, the rise starts again.

The spike that was seen in 2012 could be attributed to the "Mayan calendar media ballyhoo," causing more people to look up, Costa said. With that into consideration, the classic UFO sighting cycle is seen "clearly" from 2011 and 2017.



Egyptian Archaeologist Admits Pyramids Contain Alien Technology! UFO Aliens may have helped build Pyramids of Giza says, Cairo university archeologist Head of the Cairo University Archaeology Department.

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(<http://www.ufo-blogger.com/2011/03/egyptian-archaeologist-admits-pyramids.html>)

Head of the Cairo University Archaeology Department, Dr Ala Shaheen in December 2010 had told an audience that there might be truth to the theory that aliens helped the ancient Egyptians build the oldest of pyramids, the Pyramids of Giza.

On being further questioned by Mr Marek Novak, a delegate from Poland as to whether the pyramid might still contain alien technology or even a UFO with its structure, Dr Shaheen, was vague and replied "I cannot confirm or deny this, but there is something inside the pyramid that is "not of this world".

Delegates to the conference on ancient Egyptian architecture were left shocked, however Dr Shaheen had refused to comment further or elaborate on his UFO and alien related statements.

Down below is 90's The Secret KGB UFO Files documentary, that's deals with the fact that Russian had already discovered the tomb of Alien Humanoid in Egypt and something is beneath the pyramid. The Secret KGB UFO Files documentary interestingly supporting the head of the Cairo University Archaeology Department, Dr Ala Shaheen claim as well.

Actually ancient Egyptian writings very often talk of beings from the sky, the sky opening and bright lights coming down to teach them technology and give them wisdom. Many pictures and symbols resemble UFOs and aliens. POSSIBLY aliens built the Great Pyramid. And these solid long lasting construction techniques were adopted by the Egyptians.

Ancient Egyptian legends tell of Tep Zepi, or the "first time". This is described as an age when "sky gods" came down to Earth and raised the land from mud and water.

They supposedly flew through the air in flying "boats" and brought laws and wisdom to man through a royal line of Pharaohs. And of course, this was all thrown out the window when Christianity came along. Keep in mind that the Gods were the one and only 'religion' that there was. No other conflicting beliefs? Why? Well because it was fact, not faith.

The modern church would have you believe that's it's just a myth. But you have to ask yourself on the edge of Occam razor, what truly indeed is more likely?

"SILENT INVASION– The Pennsylvania UFO-Bigfoot Casebook"

Author: Stan Gordon

Book Review by Paul Althouse



In the world of UFOlogy there are researchers and there are investigators. There is no question that Stan Gordon falls squarely in the latter category. Since 1959, as a young boy, Stan has had a deep interest in UFOs and the paranormal. By the age of 16, Stan was conducting investigations, and by chance, one of his first investigations was the Kecksburg Pennsylvania landing event that occurred close to his home in Pennsylvania. He studied the site, interviewed witnesses, and wrote up his findings in journal form.

By the early 1970's, Stan had a base of investigative operations set up in his home complete with short wave radio's, a dedicated phone line and fellow researchers who worked with

Stan as reports came into his “base of operations”. Local law enforcement agencies, airports, and other sources all had Stan’s contact information to receive incoming reports. It was a good thing that he was prepared because the period between 1973 and 1974 proved to be one of the largest flaps in UFO and Bigfoot history in Pennsylvania. Most investigators are happy to receive a few reports in a month that they can follow up on. By the late summer of 1973, Stan’s phone was literally ringing off the hook. It was not unusual to receive 6-7 calls a night from folks who had just experienced a UFO or bigfoot sighting or encounter. Frequently, when investigating these reports and interviewing witnesses, Stan would hear of other encounters in the same neighborhood. These reports often demonstrated a pattern of experiences with many common factors, even when divided by months or years.

“SILENT INVASION” is a journal of the myriad reports that Stan actively investigated during this unusual time period. For the most part, Stan is not a story-teller, he is a recorder and reporter of evidence painstakingly gathered through many hours, weeks, and months of diligent investigation.

A random examination of just a few pages taken from August of 1973 demonstrates the sheer volume of reports Stan worked during this time period. Here are the headers of a number of reports he received and investigated in two nights (Summary paragraphs omitted here for brevity.) These relate to bigfoot.

August 26, 1973 11:30 pm – Creature observed near ball field

August 27, 1973 6:50 pm – White creature seen near mobile home community

August 27, 1973 8:20 pm – Strange activity near mobile home

August 27, 1973 10 pm – Man shot at creature

All of the above reports occurred within a 30 mile radius. Two more accounts continue this pattern from Aug 27th with 3 more on August 28th and two more on August 29th.

Stan’s investigation of UFO sightings follows this same unending barrage of reports throughout this time period.

Through no choice of his own, Stan often found UFO and bigfoot reports intertwined. His conclusions about his investigative experiences re: UFOs and bigfoot make this book a MUST READ for anyone interested in the research of these mystifying fields of study. You may not like what you read in some cases, but this investigator has the experience to back up his conclusions on UFOs and bigfoot.



Rating: out of 5.

Bill Clinton and UFOs: Did he ever find out if the truth was out there?

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Bill Clinton had a keen interest in the government’s study of the possibility of alien contact with Earth

In 1999, the House of Representatives passed a bill that would have required across-the-board cuts to most federal agencies and departments, including the Department of Education, which President Clinton learned about as he was about to meet with a delegation of educators. The budget cuts also meant that teachers would probably not be getting any raises, something that irked Clinton to the point where, in an impromptu and unscripted remark, he said, channeling Ronald Reagan’s famous statement, “If we were being attacked by space aliens, we wouldn’t be playing these kinds of games.” Funny how when Ronald Reagan said the same thing to the United Nations, folks commented that Reagan sure knew how to illustrate a point. When Clinton made his statement, Rush Limbaugh thundered into his microphone, “What’s he going to do, arrange one?”

Just three years earlier, while on a trip to Ireland where he was visiting a very troubled Belfast, Clinton read a letter he received from a child named Ryan, who had asked him about what he knew regarding stories of a UFO crash at Roswell, New Mexico. Clinton hadn't come to talk about UFOs. He was trying to make a point regarding how children can be victimized by political violence. In front of his Belfast audience, Clinton said to Ryan, "No, as far as I know, an alien spacecraft did not crash in Roswell, New Mexico, in 1947." But then he added, to the delight of his audience, "and Ryan, if the United States Air Force did recover alien bodies, they didn't tell me about it, either, and I want to know."

Clinton did want to know, Webster Hubbell, Clinton's associate attorney general, wrote in his own memoir. As AAG, Hubbell claimed that President Clinton asked him to find out all that he could about two things: who killed JFK and what the government knew about UFOs. He reported to the president after being stonewalled by the relevant agencies that there was a secret government that closely holds secrets to which the president doesn't even have access.

However, in 1993, the year Clinton was inaugurated, and as pressure was mounting on the CIA to confirm that it had followed UFO stories, Director of Central Intelligence James Woolsey "ordered another review of all Agency files on UFOs. Using CIA records compiled from that review, the study he ordered traced CIA interest and involvement in the UFO controversy from the late 1940s to 1990." The report reveals that despite official statements to the contrary regarding the government's interest in what happened at Roswell, the air force did, in fact, open up an investigative unit, known first as Project SAUCER and then Project SIGN, to "collect, collate, evaluate, and distribute within the government all information relating to such sightings, on the premise that UFOs might be real and of national security concern."

The CIA report reveals that the agency followed the air force investigations into UFOs, especially the invasion of Washington, D.C. airspace in 1952, and the reports of pilots and radar operators who said they were seeing images they could not

identify and did not seem to represent conventional aircraft. The report continues to explain the nature of CIA involvement in UFO cases over the decades and, without making the point explicitly, implies that despite any official denials, and, moreover, very relevant to the background of George H. W. Bush, the agency was very active in UFO research, had compiled voluminous files on UFOs, and had much to share with any American president, should the DCI have reason to do so. The report must have been a real eye-opener to President Clinton, not so much because of what truths behind cases it revealed or did not reveal, but simply that the files that the president had dispatched Webster Hubbell to locate, files that Hubbell said had been kept from him, now, albeit sanitized, were available to him.

According to Jon Austin in the UK's Express, as far back as Bill Clinton's first term in office in 1993, Hillary Clinton was talking up UFOs with Laurence Rockefeller, who funded initiatives to research UFOs almost as a way to counter what the Condon Report had argued, as well as making its own case for the study of the possibility of extraterrestrial visitations.

"From early 1993 the businessman began a lengthy approach to Bill Clinton for disclosure, including files held by the CIA, in what became the Rockefeller Initiative." Further, Austin writes, "During the Clinton family seven-day vacation in August 1995 at the Rockefeller Teton Ranch outside of Jackson Hole, Wyoming, the 85-year-old billionaire privately briefed the President and First Lady on UFOs and his hopes.

"No one else knows exactly what was said, but at the time Mr. Clinton, who had a personal interest in UFOs and was frustrated at the lack of information he could glean on it, was carrying out a review of how the Government handled confidential material." For a scientific review of the Laurence Rockefeller conference on UFOs at Pocantico Hills, the basis for the Rockefeller conclusions about the need to research the UFO phenomenon further, see Peter A. Sturrock's analysis "The UFO Enigma," in which Rockefeller himself explains the purpose of his initiative.

The Clinton perspective on UFOs, however, took a dramatic turn in March 1997, the time of the Phoenix Lights, the arrival of the Hale-Bopp comet,

and the Heaven's Gate mass suicide, when President Clinton himself would become involved in the most media covered UFO appearance since the 1952 invasion over Washington, D.C.

The Phoenix Lights

On March 13, 1997, the stage was set for thousands of witnesses across the southwest scanning the sky for the appearance of the Hale-Bopp comet — for comet watchers, a once-in-a-lifetime event. But it wasn't just a comet that residents of Phoenix saw on that warm March night. The story actually began before 8:30 p.m. when witnesses in Henderson, Nevada, at the Arizona border reported a strange sight, six orange lights in a triangular pattern slowly moving toward the southeast and making no sound except for what the observer said was the wind. About fifteen minutes later another witness, this time behind the wheel of his car, saw a formation of lights heading his way as he drove north. He headed home, retrieved binoculars, and kept watching the lights as they headed south and west towards Phoenix.

Within minutes [of these] sighting, folks just north of Phoenix began seeing the lights off in the distance to the north-northwest, heading their way. It passed right over private streets, possibly as low as 100-150 feet, and traveling slowly toward the south. Then it seemed to stop dead in the air. It hovered. Then it picked up motion and continued through the narrow valleys toward the outskirts of the city suburbs where more people, some on the roads, some standing on their balconies, spotted the object, which many people described as unearthly.

One of the witnesses was Arizona governor Fife Symington, who said in 2007 and on "UFO Hunters" that despite what he said at his faux news conference when he had his chief of staff dress up in an alien garb and show up as the explanation for the lights, Symington himself saw the 8:30 lights from his own backyard and said they were not a conventional craft because the object he saw flew too slowly for an airplane, did not have the thwapping sound of rotor blades like a helicopter, and was completely noiseless. A plane would have stalled at the speed it was moving, a helicopter would have shown distinct navigation lights and made a noise, especially at the low altitude at which it was flying, and the lights made the craft

larger than a football field. Also, Symington said that as commander in chief of the Arizona National Guard and Air National Guard, he called Luke Air Force Base and was told no military craft were in the sky at 8:30 over Phoenix. Thus the lights were not confirmed as military by the Air National Guard.

About two hours after the first sighting of the lights, a second set of lights flew over the same area, causing even more confusion and frenzy than the first set. Were the 10:30 lights over Phoenix a different object, the same object returning, or flares from air force or National Guard planes scrambled to establish a conventional explanation for the 8:30 lights? At first, when the 10:30 lights appeared, residents called Sky Harbor air traffic control again and were told that no planes were picked up on radar. Residents also called Luke Air Force Base again and were told none of their planes were in the air. However, after the initial responses from Luke AFB, the air force said that the lights were ground illumination flares from a flight of A-10 Warthogs over the Goldwater test range. Months later, the Maryland Air National Guard announced that there were planes in the air on the night of March 13, 1997, from the 104th fighter squadron flying out of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Arizona as the unit that dropped LUU-2B/B ground illumination flares in an exercise over the Goldwater test range. CIA UFO consultant Dr. Bruce Maccabee conducted a triangulation analysis of the events and said that it was indeed likely that the second formation of lights were flares that could be seen even though they were many miles south of the Phoenix area at 10:30. However, photo analyst Jim Dilettoso of Arizona's Village Labs said that after he had performed a spectral analysis of the lights, he determined that the colors of the lights were inconsistent with flares.

Witness and award-winning filmmaker Dr. Lynne Kitei has said that the 10:30 lights were not flares and that subsequent flare-dropping demonstrations by the air force to prove that flares were what people in Phoenix saw on the night of March 13, 1997, showed, again through an analysis of the aerial performance, the colors and the residue actually proved that what witnesses saw were not flares. The controversy over the nature of the lights still remains today.