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Editor's Notes
By Phyllis Budinger



This is our conference issue which includes the bios of the speakers and the topics of discussion. There will be three speakers: Seth Bleedlove and Rob Swiatek and one to be announced. The conference, on August 17th, is at the Quality Inn and Conference Center in Bellville, Ohio, which is the same site as last year. The potato bar for lunch will be repeated due to popular demand.

Cathy Richards, our previous State Director, now lives in Florida. She has scheduled her vacation so she can make the conference and visit. We look forward to seeing her! It's been a long time.

If you noticed Chris Parsons is no longer on the Board. There is a good reason. The company he worked for has relocated to Texas along with Chris. He is doing well, and looking into joining Texas MUFON. We will miss him and wish him continued good luck!

I am saddened to report that Sandy Jones, wife of our founder Bill Jones, passed away on January 24, 2019 after a long battle with cancer. Unfortunately we did not hear about it until after the March newsletter was in print. We extend our sincerest sympathy and condolences to Bill. We thank Cathy Richards for finding the news on Sandy's Facebook page in March and notifying us.



Sandy and Bill Jones Wedding
December 19, 2009

We were also sorry to learn that one of the most iconic Ufologists in the field, Stan Friedman, passed away on May 13th. He was returning from a speaking engagement in Columbus, Ohio, and passed suddenly of a heart attack at the Pearson International Airport in Toronto. He made many contributions to Ufology with the most notable being bringing the 1947 Roswell incident to mainstream.



Stan Friedman
July 29, 1934 – May 13, 2019

Thanks go to the newsletter contributors this month: Tim Culbertson for sending the New York Times report of the 2015 Navy east coast encounter; Rick Hilberg, as always, for an "Ohio Retro" item as well as his "Ball of Light" (BOL) encounter; and Paul Althouse for another cartoon.



2019 OHIO MUFON CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

The 2019 Ohio MUFON Conference will be held Saturday, August 17, 2019 at the Quality Inn Conference Center in Bellville, Ohio. It is at Exit 165 on I71. The featured speakers will be Seth Breedlove, and Rob Swiatek. A third speaker will be announced.

CONFERENCE TICKET PRICES:

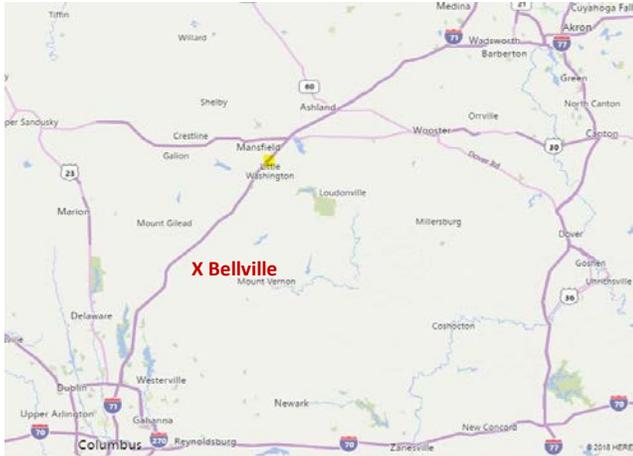
\$30 ea. for All Attendees
\$28.00 for Advance Tickets
(Advance tickets recommended)

Send check or Money Order before 8/4/2019 to:

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There will be a catered "Potato Bar" for lunch which is **included** in the price. It received accolades at last year's conference, and is very filling. Quality Inn, said 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 \$91.50 plus tax per night for those attending the conference and spending an overnight. There are two dates that this rate is effective: Friday, 8/16/19 and Saturday, 8/17/19. 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. The cut off for the block price is July 10th.



SPEAKER'S BIOS

Seth Breedlove



Seth Breedlove is an Ohio filmmaker. He has written, edited, produced and directed shorts and features about a variety of topics but is best known for his production company and the films they've produced under the Small Town Monsters banner. Before film, Breedlove wrote for a number of websites,

newspapers and magazines and learned some of the skills he employs as a director while working as a reporter. Breedlove has also appeared on numerous television and radio programs.

In 2013, Breedlove began working on the concept for a series entitled Small Town Monsters. In general, he set out to capture true accounts from tiny communities often forgotten by the larger

media outlets, and from the era (1960s and 1970s) of high intensity monster encounters. These cryptid sightings and stories were perfect for a documentary production company with a history of working in the Midwest. Seth Breedlove achieved his goal with sterling results. He was able to document cryptozoology by interviewing the original witnesses and re-creating/re-discovering elements of the cases at the ground level.

The first chapter in his series of documentaries was the film, Minerva Monster (2015). Breedlove wrote and directed the film. He has since worked on more projects which fall under the Small Town Monsters umbrella including, Beast of Whitehall (2016), on which he also acted as cinematographer. In 2016, Breedlove directed and edited his first full-length feature, Boggy Creek Monster (2016), working closely with investigator and author Lyle Blackburn. This was rapidly followed by The Mothman of Point Pleasant (2017), and Invasion on Chestnut Ridge (2017).

In 2018, Seth wrote and directed The Flatwoods Monster: A Legacy of Fear, and produced On the Trail of... Champ; a five episode mini-series. He is currently working on The Bray Road Beast.

Robert (Rob) Swiatek



Robert has had a curiosity about space, aeronautics and UFOs all his life. From launching rockets as a boy to working as an intern at NASA during college, Robert has only continued to increase his knowledge of

conventional space vehicles as well as unconventional UFOs. His degrees in physics and earth science paved the way for a career at the US Patent Office where he is a Physics Examiner in Aerospace Technology. Robert has lectured at conferences throughout the US and contributed writing to numerous UFO projects and titles, especially for the Fund for UFO Research (FUFOR). Robert is frequently seen turning up on the Discovery or History channels in various productions. His aggressive debating style on programs such as Larry King Live has won him accolades from many in the field. He has served as

Secretary-Treasurer of both FUFOR (since 1986) and the UFO Research Coalition (URC) since 1997. Robert has been on the Board of MUFON since 2004. Rob currently resides in Virginia with his wife, Susan.

Third Speaker To Be Announced



Navy: We're investigating more UFOs, but we won't tell you about it

(<https://news.americantruthtoday.com/05/06/navy-were-investigating-more-ufos-but-we-wont-tell-you-about-it/>)



There's an ongoing discussion taking place among the United States military, intelligence agencies and elected officials over what, if anything, we should be doing in response to military pilots (and others) who have been reporting unidentified flying objects (or "unexplained aerial phenomenon" and "Advanced Aerospace Threats," as they're being called these days). Most of the MSM coverage stems from the 2017 New York Times blockbuster article, where the federal government released video shot by Navy pilots of some... things nobody could reasonably explain hanging around in our airspace.

Since that time, many other pilots, both military and civilian, have been coming forward and saying they've seen the same sort of activity. So what are we doing about it? The Navy came out in the past couple of weeks and said that they were going to

be taking those reports more seriously and changing the way they investigate them. But there's a catch to it. They don't plan on telling the public what they're finding. (Newsweek)

Since 2014, UFOs have intruded upon military airspace as often as several times per month, a military official told the Washington Post. In a follow-up published by the Post on Monday, the same official said that the U.S. Navy will not share any more information regarding what they call "unexplained aerial phenomena" with the public, despite drafting formal procedures to document UFO sightings on an ongoing basis...

Joseph Gradisher, spokesman for the office of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Information Warfare, described multiple recorded sightings per month to The Washington Post, but emphasized that any further information will likely remain classified. Congress may see reports with broad statistics regarding the number of sightings and conclusions taken from follow-up investigations.

But while the Navy plans to keep its UFO sightings out of the public eye, the politician who helped fund the Pentagon's shuttered UFO program, the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program (AATIP), says UFO sightings are far more common in military circles than previously revealed.

Is the government still of the mindset where they believe this should all be hidden from the public? It certainly sounds like something remarkable is taking place. One crew member from a carrier group that encountered these aerial phenomena described how they "generally zoomed around at ridiculous speeds, and angles and trajectories and then eventually they all bugged out faster than our radars."

But since the cat is pretty much out of the bag (so to speak), what point is there in keeping the public in the dark? I can see some possible reasons to do it, depending on what they find. If this turns out to be some sort of very, very deep black bag project that we cooked up out at Area 52 (which is where they moved all of the flying saucers, alien bodies and the remains of David Duchovny's career after Area 51 was exposed), then I suppose we should cut them some slack.

That could be dangerous information to have floating around. Even more to the point, if it's not ours, but turns out to be the Russians or the Chinese, that's even more of a national security concern.

But even then, based on the maneuvers the "white Tic-Tac" was able to pull off, it likely means that our own government is sitting on some technology that could massively change the world. Have they actually discovered how to tinker with gravity? Could someone in the Pentagon really have figured out zero point energy? If so, it would revolutionize virtually every industrial activity engaged in by man. Should they just keep it a secret? Maybe. Grabbing hold of that kind of magic brings with it the understanding that it could be turned into a terrible weapon that could literally destroy the world.

The most fascinating possibility, however, remains the generally forbidden question in journalism. What if those things weren't made by humans? What if they came from... "out there?" I'm curious if most people would rather the government tell us that or leave us in the dark and handle it on their own. And what would the justification for secrecy be? I guess they might say they're trying to avoid causing a massive panic, but I don't know if that passes the smell test. If ET really has phoned home, it seems to me that our elected leaders would have a responsibility to let us know.

The post Navy: "We're investigating more UFOs, but we won't tell you about it" appeared first on Hot Air.



(The Nimitz 2004 UFO occurrence was wildly publicized in the media, and touched upon by Tom Wertman in the March 2019 newsletter. It was the biggest UFO event which was finally reported in 2017. These were encounters during Navy training session off the west coast. Recently reported are other Navy encounters which happened in 2014 and 2015 off the east coast. It was reported by several media outlets. I thank Tim Culbertson for sending the following account as published by the New York Times. This seemed a logical follow up of the previous article. Ed.)

'Wow, What Is That?' Navy Pilots Report Unexplained Flying Objects

By Helene Cooper, Ralph Blumenthal and Leslie Kean
May 26, 2019

WASHINGTON — The strange objects, one of them like a spinning top moving against the wind, appeared almost daily from the summer of 2014 to March 2015, high in the skies over the East Coast. Navy pilots reported to their superiors that the objects had no visible engine or infrared exhaust plumes, but that they could reach 30,000 feet and hypersonic speeds.

"These things would be out there all day," said Lt. Ryan Graves, an F/A-18 Super Hornet pilot who has been with the Navy for 10 years, and who reported his sightings to the Pentagon and Congress. "Keeping an aircraft in the air requires a significant amount of energy. With the speeds we observed, 12 hours in the air is 11 hours longer than we'd expect."



Lt. Ryan Graves

Credit Tony Luong for The New York Times

In late 2014, a Super Hornet pilot had a near collision with one of the objects, and an official mishap report was filed. Some of the incidents were videotaped, including one taken by a plane's camera in early 2015 that shows an object zooming over the ocean waves as pilots question what they are watching.

"Wow, what is that, man?" one exclaims. "Look at it fly!"

No one in the Defense Department is saying that the objects were extraterrestrial, and experts emphasize that earthly explanations can generally be found for such incidents. Lieutenant Graves and four other Navy pilots, who said in interviews with The New York Times that they saw the objects in 2014 and 2015 in training maneuvers from Virginia

to Florida off the aircraft carrier. But the objects have gotten the attention of the Navy, which earlier this year sent out new classified guidance for how to report what the military calls unexplained aerial phenomena, or unidentified flying objects.

Videos filmed by Navy pilots show two encounters with flying objects. One was captured by a plane's camera off the coast of Jacksonville, Fla., on Jan. 20, 2015. That footage, published previously but with little context, shows an object tilting like a spinning top moving against the wind. A pilot refers to a fleet of objects, but no imagery of a fleet was released. The second video was taken a few weeks later. Credit U.S. Department of Defense

Joseph Gradisher, a Navy spokesman, said the new guidance was an update of instructions that went out to the fleet in 2015, after the Roosevelt incidents.

"There were a number of different reports," he said. Some cases could have been commercial drones, he said, but in other cases "we don't know who's doing this, we don't have enough data to track this. So the intent of the message to the fleet is to provide updated guidance on reporting procedures for suspected intrusions into our airspace."

The sightings were reported to the Pentagon's shadowy, little-known Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program, which analyzed the radar data, video footage and accounts provided by senior officers from the Roosevelt. Luis Elizondo, a military intelligence official who ran the program until he resigned in 2017, called the sightings "a striking series of incidents."



Navy pilots from the VFA-11 "Red Rippers" squadron aboard the aircraft carrier Theodore Roosevelt in 2015. The squadron began noticing strange objects just after the Navy upgraded the radar systems on its F/A-18 fighter planes. Credit Adam Ferguson for The New York Times

The program, which began in 2007 and was largely funded at the request of Harry Reid, the Nevada Democrat who was the Senate majority leader at the time, was officially shut down in 2012 when the money dried up, according to the Pentagon. But the Navy recently said it currently investigates military reports of U.F.O.s, and Mr. Elizondo and other participants say the program — parts of it remain classified — has continued in other forms. The program has also studied video that shows a whitish oval object described as a giant Tic Tac, about the size of a commercial plane, encountered by two Navy fighter jets off the coast of San Diego in 2004.

Leon Golub, a senior astrophysicist at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, said the possibility of an extraterrestrial cause "is so unlikely that it competes with many other low-probability but more mundane explanations." He added that "there are so many other possibilities — bugs in the code for the imaging and display systems, atmospheric effects and reflections, neurological overload from multiple inputs during high-speed flight."

Lieutenant Graves still cannot explain what he saw. In the summer of 2014, he and Lt. Danny Accoin, another Super Hornet pilot, were part of a squadron, the VFA-11 "Red Rippers" out of Naval Air Station Oceana, Va., that was training for a deployment to the Persian Gulf.

Lieutenants Graves and Accoin spoke on the record to The Times about the objects. Three other pilots in the squadron also spoke to The Times about the objects but declined to be named.

Lieutenants Graves and Accoin, along with former American intelligence officials, appear in a six-part History Channel series, "Unidentified: Inside America's U.F.O. Investigation," to air beginning Friday. The Times conducted separate interviews with key participants.

The pilots began noticing the objects after their 1980s-era radar was upgraded to a more advanced system. As one fighter jet after another got the new radar, pilots began picking up the objects, but ignoring what they thought were false radar tracks.

“People have seen strange stuff in military aircraft for decades,” Lieutenant Graves said. “We’re doing this very complex mission, to go from 30,000 feet, diving down. It would be a pretty big deal to have something up there.”

But he said the objects persisted, showing up at 30,000 feet, 20,000 feet, even sea level. They could accelerate, slow down and then hit hypersonic speeds.

Lieutenant Accoin said he interacted twice with the objects. The first time, after picking up the object on his radar, he set his plane to merge with it, flying 1,000 feet below it. He said he should have been able to see it with his helmet camera, but could not, even though his radar told him it was there.

A few days later, Lieutenant Accoin said a training missile on his jet locked on the object and his infrared camera picked it up as well. “I knew I had it, I knew it was not a false hit,” he said. But still, “I could not pick it up visually.”

At this point the pilots said they speculated that the objects were part of some classified and extremely advanced drone program.



Lieutenant Graves with Navy flight log books. Credit Tony Luong for The New York Times

But then pilots began seeing the objects. In late 2014, Lieutenant Graves said he was back at base in Virginia Beach when he encountered a squadron mate just back from a mission “with a look of shock on his face.”

He said he was stunned to hear the pilot’s words. “I almost hit one of those things,” the pilot told Lieutenant Graves.

The pilot and his wingman were flying in tandem about 100 feet apart over the Atlantic east of Virginia Beach when something flew between them, right past the cockpit. It looked to the pilot, Lieutenant Graves said, like a sphere encasing a cube.

The incident so spooked the squadron that an aviation flight safety report was filed, Lieutenant Graves said.

The near miss, he and other pilots interviewed said, angered the squadron, and convinced them that the objects were not part of a classified drone program. Government officials would know fighter pilots were training in the area, they reasoned, and would not send drones to get in the way.

“It turned from a potentially classified drone program to a safety issue,” Lieutenant Graves said. “It was going to be a matter of time before someone had a midair” collision.

What was strange, the pilots said, was that the video showed objects accelerating to hypersonic speed, making sudden stops and instantaneous turns — something beyond the physical limits of a human crew.

“Speed doesn’t kill you,” Lieutenant Graves said. “Stopping does. Or acceleration.”

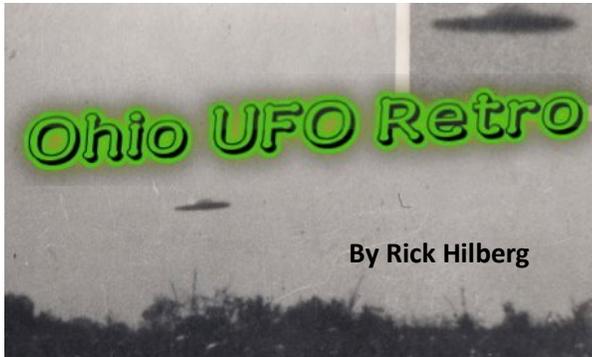
Asked what they thought the objects were, the pilots refused to speculate.

“We have helicopters that can hover,” Lieutenant Graves said. “We have aircraft that can fly at 30,000 feet and right at the surface.” But “combine all that in one vehicle of some type with no jet engine, no exhaust plume.”

Lieutenant Accoin said only that “we’re here to do a job, with excellence, not make up myths.”

In March 2015 the Roosevelt left the coast of Florida and headed to the Persian Gulf as part of the American-led mission fighting the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria. The same pilots who were interacting with the strange objects off the East Coast were soon doing bombing missions over Iraq and Syria.

The incidents tapered off after they left the United States, the pilots said.



**Scientific Coalition for UFO Studies
Conference in Huntsville, Alabama
March 15-17, 2019
Trip Memo by Phyllis Budinger**

At 12:40 a.m. On April 3, 1980, a woman in her 50s observed a bright, slivery disk-shaped object from a location just north of Brookpark Road near Chevrolet Blvd. in Cleveland.

She was alerted by a very bright light shining through the window of her mobile home, and decided to go outside to ascertain its cause. Upon arriving outside, she noted that the almost full moon was visible, with few stars visible because of the brightness and the presence of a very light amount of cloud cover.

The witness walked a short distance away from the other mobile homes and nearby trees to get a clear look at the source of the unnaturally bright light. It was then that she clearly saw the large disk-shaped UFO hovering over the nearby Conrail Belt Line railroad tracks and high tension power lines serving the many medium to large industrial plants in the area.

She estimated the object as being at an approximate elevation of 30 degrees, and thought that it was at an altitude of 180 feet or so above the power lines. She also estimated the object to be 30 - 40 feet in diameter, and 15 - 20 feet high.

The witness watched the disk circle or orbit over the power lines for approximately ten minutes, when it unexpectedly rose straight up at a high but erratic speed, and was quickly lost to sight.

Source: *Northern Ohio UFO Casebook*, Rick Hilberg 1997, 2018.

Your editor and spouse had the honor of being invited to attend the first conference by the Scientific Coalition for Ufology held in Huntsville, Alabama March 15-17. There were about 110 attending. A number of people from the base and Redstone Arsenal were there. "The SCU is an organization composed of affiliate members from science, engineering, astronomy, psychology, chemistry, military and other disciplines with many holding PhDs, BS and BA degrees. These members are people who have a serious interest and have studied this UFO phenomenon both seriously and objectively." The purpose of this conference was to bring together serious minded attendees from Redstone Arsenal, NASA, military defense contractors and academia in order to have a serious dialogue about AAPs, or as the SCU refers to as "anomalous aerospace phenomena" (AAP), and look at how science can progress in studying the phenomena.

There were several speakers, both from the United States and abroad. Luis Elizondo, former leader of the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program (AATIP) at the Pentagon, was the keynote speaker. He is now with "To The Stars Academy" (TTSA), a nonprofit organization consisting of professionals who are working to extend the efforts of the AATIP. Other presenters were Dr. Travis Taylor, Department of Defense; Philippe Ailleris, Project Controller, European Space Agency, SCU; Morgan Beall, BS Earth

Sciences, SCU; Robert Powell, BS, Chemistry, SCU; Peter Reali, BS and MA, Electrical Engineering, SCU; Conley Powell, Senior Engineer/Scientist at 4M Research; Kevin Knuth, Department of Physics, University at Albany; and Rich Hoffman, SCU Board Executive Officer.

A few of the topics discussed include SETI and unidentified aerospace objects; recent military and homeland security cases; infrared video analysis and interpretation; satellite use in investigations, methods of analysis; and future strategic directions. I will not discuss the details of all the papers, but will expound on some points that you may find of interest



•**Luis Elizondo** discussed the US Government's involvement in UAPs, ATTIP and TTSA. He emphasized his presentation is not an official US Government product. He thinks disclosure has occurred. "It's a process. Don't think it's a confirmation,

because there is no narrative. But in 12/17/2017 the narrative began (*When Elizondo 'blew the whistle'. Ed.)* and reality of UAPs was acknowledged." AATIP was 100% UAP program. He said that the AATIP mission focused on five observables of UFOs. They are:

- 1) Instantaneous acceleration (Officially clocked at 13,000 mph! Unofficially higher.)
- 2) hypersonic velocity
- 3) low observability
- 4) multimedia traveler (water, space, air)
- 5) positive lift (rejects earth's gravity)

All of the above would have military benefits, as well as national security benefits. Also it's a national security threat issue until proven otherwise. If you understand how it works maybe you can replicate it. He

mentioned it's a 'global phenomena' suggesting Brazil, Chili Australia and many others are doing research. He indicated that the UFO phenomenon is definitely interested in our nuclear capabilities!

I had to ask myself at the end of the presentation, "Do I know any more than before the talk?"



Your Editor with Luis Elizondo
I found Elizondo very pleasant and easy to talk to. You had to like him.

•**Dr. Travis Taylor** from the Department of Defense presented a talk on the following topics: the probability of alien Invasion; warfare with ET; and Alien motivation for war. . This discussion centered around his the Drake equation (estimates the number of active communicative extraterrestrial civilizations in the galaxy) which he modified to include the likelihood of them coming here. He also debunked the Fermi Principal. The Fermi paradox says "If they are there why aren't they here? Where is everybody? Or, to put it another way, it's a big universe, so why can't we see life anywhere but here on Earth? Taylor said there are many reasons to disregard the Paradox. They could have non-interference 'prime directive' like Star Trek. They are just not interested.

Taylor showed his adjustments of the basic principles of war modifying them for the possibility of ET invasion. He applied these to the 'Manchester' model for standard warfare. Obviously the technical capabilities would not be equal. Questions were presented such as the following. Could we survive any of it? Where would they attack? If you're in living in the US Dr. Taylor said, "You're screwed." You are on your own. It might be a good idea to migrate to the Australian Outback or Antarctica. He has high hopes for the proposed "Space Force" for some solutions to protect us and our assets. On that happy note, on to the next presentation.

•**Mr. Phillip Ailleris** (Project Controller, European Space Agency) discussed the detection and characterization of UFOs using satellite data imagery. There are currently 1,957 active satellites. Much of the history of the space age was discussed. He lamented there has been an overall lack of progress and paucity of physical evidence of UFOs from satellites. Our understanding is based mostly on verbal accounts. He proposed new projects for better quality of information from hard scientific principles and reliable instruments to detect UFOs. Various imagery techniques were discussed. For example, optical and radar remote sensing satellites offer unique opportunities. Optical right now is the best approach as it will estimate height, size altitude etc. Radar data are useful for all weather capabilities.

•**Rich Hoffman** (SCU Board executive officer) and **Morgan Beall** (BS Earth Sciences) presented their research on the Aguadilla Puerto Rico UAP event which happened on April 25, 2013. It was already dark 9:00 p.m., and there was a full moon. There were 40 hits by radar. There was a visual sighting by a pilot, and it appeared pinkish-red. Briefly, this famous event happened near the Rafael Hernandez Airport. A UFO was observed at low altitude across the Rafael runway. An infrared (thermo imaging camera) set mid-range 3-8 microns video of the episode was taken by U.S. Customs and Border Protection aircraft. The video shows the craft travelling without lights below tree-top altitude, at speeds close to 100 mph. At one point it splits just before going into the water. Rich Hoffman and Morgan Beall did an extensive photo analysis of the video and evaluated the radar information. A lot of information about the UFO was coaxed from these data such as:

The speed was determined to be from 40 – 110 mph. It was 110 mph when it went into the water, and it slows just before entry. The shape was 3-5 feet in diameter. Temperature ranged from 83 to 105 degrees. When the second object appeared (after the split, it doubled in size in one second. The heat doubles just before it became bi-modal and splits (10 seconds). They fly together, and then one disappears.

There is a 162 page write-up of this event on the SCU website. By the way, SCU became an organization because of this sighting. It was the synergistic coming together of the group as they worked as a team on the investigation.

•**Robert Powell and Peter Reali** presented "A Forensic Analysis of CSG-11's (Carrier Strike Group) Encounter with an Anomalous Aerial Vehicle". They did an in-depth analysis of the videos obtained from the now famous Nimitz encounters. The well-known Nimitz event has been alluded to in a past newsletter. This involved a US carrier Strike group with 10 vessels which was on a two week training exercise, 100 miles off the coast of San Diego. Unidentified craft had been seen intermittently at least two weeks (early November 2004) prior to the 'main event'. Then on November 14, 2004, an operations officer on the USS Princeton (Ticonderoga-class guided missile cruiser) contacted two airborne U.S. Navy Boeing F/A-18E/F Super Hornets from USS Nimitz (a Nimitz class nuclear aircraft carrier), They were involved in a combat exercise. The pilots were ordered to engage the unknown radar blip. On arrival the pilots saw nothing but an oval real of churning water with foam and frothy waves (Boeing 737 size) below them. However, at the same time the Princeton saw the UFO had dropped 28,000 feet to sea level in less than a second! Then the pilots visually spotted a large bright white object (called a Tic Tac) which was 30 to 46 feet in length. It was hovering erratically. One pilot started descending toward it, and the UFO accelerated and went out of sight in less than two seconds! The UFO then appeared 60 miles away. The first team returned to the Nimitz and a second team took off equipped with an advanced infrared camera (FLIR pod). It did record an "unidentified aerial system".

Robert showed both infrared and optical videos. Calculations were explained by Reali. Speeds in

excess of 10,000 mph were measured which are not possible by our technology. Furthermore, one would experience 12,250 Gs. No human could survive this. The power requirements would be TITANIC! This information and other data calculations were made that showed that there is a 99.9% chance this anomalous event happened. Who has this advanced technology? (Kinda' worry that implications of these things could trigger an accidental war.) There is a 270 page report on the SCU website of this event.

●A presentation given by **Dr. Conley Powell** (Senior Engineer/Scientist at 4M Research) was about "A Generalized Optimization Analysis for Interstellar Propulsion". His explanation of energy and different radiations was definitely above even the technical level of this audience. One would have to be specialized in his field. After going through all the equations, mass/power ratios of nuclear fission etc. The message was, "Unless there is another type of propulsion theory we are not going to go interstellar. That sums that up.

●**Dr. Kevin Knuth** (Department of Physics, University at Albany) discussed "Constraints on Breakaway Societies Engaged in Relativistic Interstellar Travel". Okay, I was lost after several slides filled with mathematical equations which I hadn't seen since I took Calculus in College. (I didn't understand that either.) He was discussing the interlinkages of space and time, which I have a problem comprehending. He mentioned that the objects encountered in the Nimitz event had the acceleration and Gs consistent with interstellar travel. He mentioned that at 100 Gs it would take a few months to get to the Alpha Centauri system. In earth time it would be equivalent to several years. Another example is at 100 Gs acceleration one can get to the other side of the galaxy in four months "Ship" time. But on Earth it would be equal to several hundred thousand years. He posed the possibility that there could be a nomadic civilization out there that in 50 years could do 50 trips across the galaxy, but it would be in 12 million years "Galaxy" time. So if these 'guys' were here 12 million years ago, they could be the same guys, and same craft, that are coming here today! There certainly would be no point in communicating with us.

No trip to Huntsville would be complete without a visit to NASA's US Rocket and Space Museum.

This we did. I end this missive with a photo I took of a moon rock.



Moon rock at NASA's US Rocket and Space Museum, Huntsville, Alabama



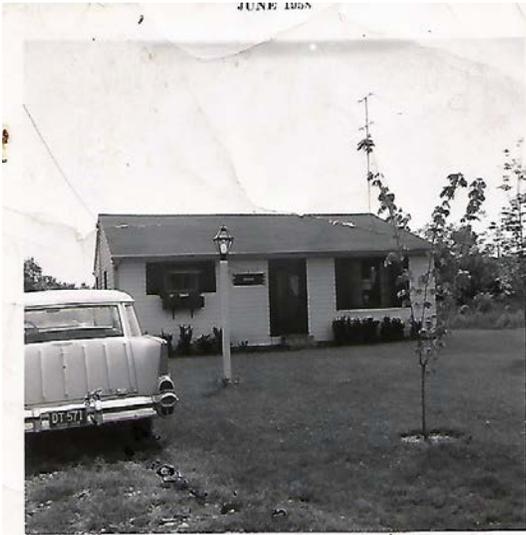
Great Balls of Fire
By Rick Hilberg

Here's something from my early days as a youthful Ufologist that I had not thought about in years. I did mention to my friend and colleague Scott Santa while attending a UFO conference several years ago when similar incidences were being discussed.

Back in my youth our family had a summer cottage in the tiny Hamlet of Simons, Ohio just literally yards from the Ohio/Pennsylvania border by Pymatuning Lake in Northeastern Ohio.

My parents and grandparents were well aware of my youthful interest in UFOs, and the little newsletter that I issued at the time. Anyway, during the summer months of 1962 and 1963 both my mother and grandmother spotted red "fireballs" numerous times, silently gliding by the outside facing windows of the

cottage (on the left of the photograph obscured by the car). These “sightings all happened between midnight and 1 a.m.



They were described as being a foot in diameter, probably at an altitude of ten to twelve feet and always traveling from east to west.

Being a budding UFO researcher I naturally was interested, and I carefully inspected every inch of their flight path for any possible clues, but came up empty every time. I haven't a clue, and even though they tried to wake me, they struck out every time, but once, when I woke up groggy and only saw an intense red glow outside the window.



Balls of Light (BOL)

By Phyllis Budinger

BOLs are a very real part of the UFO phenomenon. They have been seen by crop circles, tagging cars on the roads, and buzzing around houses. They have left physical traces, and I have analyzed some of them. And so, Rick's sighting of his BOLs prompted me to write the results of some of these analyses which may permit a few clues, though subtle, about them.

White Powders

- White powder was found outside a balcony door in Holland. (Frontier Analysis TSR No.: UT009) A large (10 – 12' diameter) very bright, rotating ball of light was observed at about 10 p.m. on August 2, 1997 by Robbert van den Broeke (age 16) and sister Madelon (age 10). It was immediately outside the balcony windows off a bedroom of their home in Hoeven. They observed the light from this bedroom. A white powder was found lying on the floor outside the balcony doors and adhering to the glass door after the ball of light was seen. I analyzed this sample in 2000.



White Powder by Balcony Windows

- Other white powders were found in crop circles. (Frontier Analysis TSR No.: UT055) On the evening of June 27, 2007 multiple witnesses observed a BOL over a field in Bosschenhoofd, Holland. It did several permutations such as becoming a dotted ring, continuous ring, and finally becoming a BOL again. Then it blinked out. A 3-meter diameter circle appeared with a powder in the center. Following is a photograph of the powder in the center of the crop circle.



White Powder in Crop Circle

Both white powders were identified as a form of Magnesium Carbonate with the formula $(MgCO_3)_4 \bullet Mg(OH)_2 \bullet 5H_2O$. It is powder and at 99.99% pure. Other white powders from Holland related to 'strange' events (not BOLs) have also been identified as magnesium carbonate.

I have no speculation what relationship of magnesium carbonate would be to with BOLs. I do know there has been recent research showing it can scrub carbon dioxide (greenhouse gas) from the atmosphere. The results are very promising! (See: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/scientists-seek-holy-grail-of-climate-change-removing-co2-from-the-atmosphere/>); (<https://www.zmescience.com/science/news-science/magnesite-magnesium-mineral-co2-17082018>). Could someone be trying to tell us something?

BOL Pacing Effect on Car

On June 24, 2011, 1:21 a.m., the witness was driving eastbound from Flagstaff, AZ to Leupp AZ. (Frontier Analysis TSR No.: UT076) She noticed a red light in the sky. It was approximately 800 feet in the air. No sound was present. As she drove onward, the light descended and flew parallel to the vehicle and paced it at the same speed (65mph). The orb itself was red, and emitting a red glow – darker red in the center, brighter red around the edges. It was to the left of the vehicle, approximately 50 yards away. She was now feeling panicked, afraid and curious.

As the road turned, she got a better view of the orb. And said it was now bright white, and approximately 8 inches in diameter, flying alongside her vehicle, no more than 8-12 inches above the

road. It was flying on the shoulder again keeping perfect speed with her vehicle (65mpg). Noiselessly it followed her for a quarter mile, then sped up 2 car lengths in front of the vehicle and abruptly made a 90 degree turn, upward into the sky.

Now the story really gets strange. She arrived at her destination at 1:36 a.m. As she was pulling into the driveway, her headlights shown upon a giant brown and white rabbit with black eyes, sitting where she was about to park. The rabbit was sitting upright like a cat and was about 37 inches tall (not including ears) and 20 inches wide. She stopped within 3 feet of the rabbit, which did not move, flinch, and blink, or anything. (I think this was either a screen image or more likely a hologram, maybe projected by the BOL? Could they be evaluating the psychological effect it would have on her? Or, was it just a prank?)

Panic mode set in and she called a friend to describe the rabbit. She stared at it 5 minutes. After talking, she turned the engine and headlights off. With the outside light from the house, she kept keep eye contact with the rabbit and got out of the vehicle. She walked slowly around the rear of the vehicle and into the house, not breaking sight of the animal. The area seemed to be still and calm; there were no night noises (bugs chirping, dogs barking, etc.).

I was sent the oil filter from the car to see if there were any anomalies. The witness did check the car for magnetic effects, and didn't detect any. This is a photo of the filter cut open.



Oil Filter – Cut Open

I isolated particles from the oil filter and identified them as mostly sodium nitrate and small amounts of possible inorganic carbonate and sulfate. Sodium nitrate is clearly not a normal contaminant. I have analyzed many oil filters

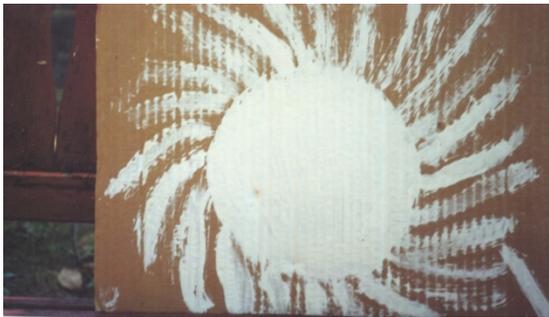
working as an analytical chemist in the petroleum industry. The carbonate and sulfate are normal. I have never seen sodium nitrate before in an oil filter. I can definitely say its source is unknown and possibly related to the BOL.

I speculate the nitrate was formed due to the close proximity of the BOL. Possibly an electronic field surrounding it caused nitrogen and oxygen in the air to chemically combine forming a nitrate.

BOL Impacts Car

On November 27, 1998 (the day after Thanksgiving), 'Shirley' was driving east on 25 mile road six miles north of Mt. Clemens, Michigan. (Frontier Analysis TSR No.: UT011) It was just getting dark and she noted a highly intense, white, basketball sized object rapidly coming toward her. There was no sound and it hit the car with a slight thump.

Following is photograph of the object drawn by 'Shirley', and the impact area of the car.



The Basketball Size Object

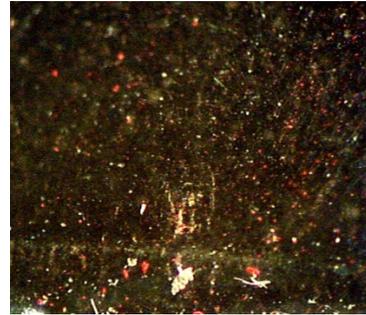
A cream colored residue was observed where the impact occurred. The next photograph shows the impact area on the car soon after the event. (Car is a red 1992 ford Escort station wagon.)



Residue on Car

The question is, "What is the residue, and" what can it tell us about the object?"

Following are microscope photographs of the residue scraped from the car.



Some red paint from the car is obviously included with the cream colored residue. I had an extremely small amount of material to work with. (It was probably less than a milligram). Not much extensive testing could be done, but I did get a good idea of the composition of the residue.

The cream/gray colored residue on the car contains metal oxide, silicate mineral (specifically a kaolinite type), cellulosidal material (suggestive of natural plant origin), and trace of natural ester. (The metal oxide is not aluminum oxide, nor does it appear to be iron oxide. If more sample were available a more specific identification could be made. I can say that the data I have are closest to a reference of manganese oxide. Most of the components except the metal oxide are typical 'dirt' minerals and organic matter. The metal oxide is speculated from the BOL. (It was not from the car or a paint component.)

Other information is perhaps surmised about the object based on the above identification. For example, lack of degradation of the paint and

celluloidal material, and the fact the inorganics detected in the gray material are hydrated (associated with water molecules) indicates no heat transference to the car and the possibility the object itself was not hot. (If the object were hot the inorganics, that is silicate and metal oxide, would not be hydrated and the celluloidal material would have incinerated.)

A dull thud on impact, and the fact that the car was not dented, suggests the object was of low mass. A bolide/meteorite would be expected to leave a sizable dent.

The object was obviously not under control or it would not have hit the car.

The possible transfer of silicate mineral and/or celluloidal material from the object to the car may suggest where the object originated. I speculate a pond or a field.

I have precedence for suggesting the pond theory. Ted Phillips, who many of you may know is a long time and seasoned ufologist who focuses on physical trace evidence, is highly interested in basketball sized UFOs. He says sightings of these have increased substantially in recent years, and many are observed near ponds and caves.

In rural NE Ohio (the route 11 stretch) there was an event (July 2000) where many of these objects paced a car at night for many miles. If you look at a map of the highway where the event occurred, there are numerous ponds and lakes. (BTW, the investigators on this case said there was a film deposited on the windshield of the car. They never thought to retrieve a sampling of it! Ouch! Rick Hilberg's BOL sighting, discussed in the previous article, was also in this area.

What Are They?

The most logical speculation is BOLs are probes or drones from an unknown source. Like our drones they probably have a multitude of uses. Some could include observation, interacting in some way (like the Arizona BOL), testing, sampling, reconnaissance and weapons. They would be much easier, safer and economical to use than have someone do its tasks. Your speculations are welcome!



(A way out article based on one person's opinion. Just to let you know these ideas are out there. I wonder how many books this author sold? "May the Force be with you."?? Ed.)

Alien news: Belief in ET will soon replace faith in GOD - shock claim

A BELIEF in aliens could replace religious beliefs in the near future, as more people are convinced of the existence of extraterrestrials than a God, according to an US professor.

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More than half of Americans believe in a God, with the figure for those who believe in aliens only slightly lower. One professor, who has authored a new book called *American Cosmic*, states that a belief in aliens could replace religious beliefs. The book, written by Diana Pasulka, a professor at the University of North Carolina, focuses on why humans chose to believe in the supernatural, and how we use Gods and aliens to explain the unexplainable.

Now, in an interview with *Vox*, Prof Pasulka explained how the paradigm is shifting from one to another.

She said this is because no proof of God has been discovered in human history, while alien life could one day be confirmed.

Prof Pasulka said: "I'm a historian of Catholicism, for instance, and what I find when I interact with people in Catholic communities is that they have faith that Jesus walked on water and that the Virgin Mary apparitions were true.

“But there’s something different about the UFO narrative. Here we have people who are actual scientists, like Ellen Stofan, the former chief scientist at NASA, who are willing to go on TV and basically make announcements like, ‘We are going to find extraterrestrial life’.



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“Now, she’s not exactly talking about intelligent extraterrestrial life, but that’s not how many people interpret her.

“She says we’re going to find life, we’re going to find habitable planets and things like that. So that gives this type of religiosity a far more powerful bite than the traditional religions, which are based on faith in things unseen and unprovable.

“But the belief that UFOs and aliens are potentially true, and can potentially be proven, makes this a uniquely powerful narrative for the people who believe in it.

“Is it fair to call this a new form of religion? I think so.”



Pennsylvania man receives prison sentence for shooting at fireflies he thought were ‘alien lasers’

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LAMAR TOWNSHIP, Pennsylvania — The man from Clinton County who fired shots at what he thought were “alien lasers” is headed to prison.

Troopers said Jesse Shields of Mill Hall was high on bath salts last June when he fired a handgun into the sky near Mill Hall.

The “alien lasers” he shot at were actually fireflies.

Fearing they were being chased, Shields and a woman, Katherine McCloskey, ran to a nearby home where the homeowner got the gun from them and called 911.

Shields then allegedly asked the homeowner if he could take a shower to “get the goo off him that was burning his skin.”

Shields was sentenced Monday to three to six years in prison after pleading guilty last month to criminal trespass and firearms without a license.

McCloskey pleaded guilty in November to DUI, operating a vehicle while under the influence of a controlled substance, and disorderly conduct. She was sentenced to six days to six months in jail.

