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# 2009 Michigan Sightings Reach Record High

## Words From the State Director



Wow! Michigan MUFON has received over 200 UFO sighting reports, so far, this year. This already surpasses the 184 total sightings we received for 2008 (and 76 we received in 2007).

Awareness of MUFON and our ability to follow-up with witnesses have definitely been key elements in driving more folks to report their sightings to us. A HUGE thank you to all MIMUFON Field investigators for tackling all these cases.

As it looks like the number of sightings isn't about to go down anytime soon, the position of Deputy Chief Investigator has been created to help manage our load. Dedicated investigator Tom Maat has been selected to fill this role. We are very fortunate to have Tom lend his talents from his many years of paranormal investigation to the much-needed position.

2010 is approaching quickly. MUFON dues remain \$25 per family for the new year and can be paid through the mimufon.org website, at our meeting, or by mail. Thank you for your continued membership.

MIMUFON is about to hold its first fundraiser on November 13-15. It will be a poker night at MVP Sports Bar in Romulus. MVP will be running the tables and MIMUFON volunteers will be handling the chip window. Volunteers for this or future MVP events are now being sought. The state of Michigan allows a non-profit organization 16 events like this per year. If you're interested in helping out, please let me know.

Money from these events will go toward areas such as higher profile speakers and possible Michigan

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conferences, public outreach initiatives, technology upgrades, and off-setting the difference at Walli's when we don't meet a requisite number in attendance to cover the cost of the venue.

Also, if interested in attending the event simply to play some cards to support MIMUFON, it runs from 4pm-2am, Friday-Sunday (Nov. 13-15). Stop by anytime. The address of MVP Sports Grill is 31222 Ecorse Road, Romulus, MI 48174 (phone#734-326-9300). Thanks!

Our upcoming Michigan MUFON meeting will be November 8 at Walli's East in Flint.

Chief Investigator Gary Golem will conduct our morning Field Investigator Training.

For our afternoon presentation, member Tim O'Neil will give a detailed account of his harrowing UFO close encounter in Ohio that led him to be involved with MUFON. It is one spooky story.

Then I will share a few select high strangeness events from my youth that inspired my newly published book, "Experiencer: Raised in Two Worlds." I've had some pretty unusual things happen to me in my life that I've kept private for the most part, even within UFO circles, but I'm sharing it all, now. If interested, copies of my book will be available for purchase at the meeting for \$10 (and \$2 from each sale will go to MIMUFON).

My recent presentations at the Chicago and Westland paranormal conferences (Oct. 2 and 17), as well as my talk at the Romeo District Library (Oct 22) all went very well and raised awareness of UFOs and MUFON.

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See you Sunday, November 8th, at Walli's for Gary Golem's morning Field Investigator's training plus Tim O'Neil and Bill Konkolesky's afternoon presentation of their unusual personal UFO encounters.



## Monthly Statistical MUFON Report - for September 2009:

CMS continues to amass sighting reports from around the globe. In September 2009 there were 757 sightings reported to MUFON through CMS worldwide. Of these, 660 were in the United States, of which 46 were in Michigan. Most impressively there were 43 Landings, Hovering, or Takeoffs reported and 36 Entities observed worldwide.

To review the CMS data yourself go to [www.mufon.com](http://www.mufon.com) and click on "UFO Case Files" to 1.) Easily look at the Last 20 Sightings, or 2.) Do a customized search of the CMS database by date and/or location, or 3.) Logon to CMS for even more detailed UFO sighting information about your State and the World.



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## Mystery Explained: Glow in Night Sky Was Astronaut Urine

By Clara Moskowitz Staff Writer, Space.com

The beautiful trail in the sky looked like a mysterious celestial event. In reality, it was urine.

Some skygazers were treated to the unexpected view of a bright sparkling glow Wednesday night, created when astronauts aboard the space shuttle Discovery dumped the waste out into space.

The water dump was a scheduled task for STS-128 pilot Kevin Ford, who poured out urine and waste water stored aboard the shuttle in preparation for a landing attempt Thursday. Weather thwarted that try, but astronauts plan another landing attempt Friday at 5:48 p.m. EDT (2148 GMT) in Florida, though rain and high winds are expected again.

The light show Wednesday was aided by an unusually large amount of water being dumped all at once - about 150 pounds (68 kg), said NASA spokeswoman Kylie Clem. Discovery had just undocked from the International Space Station the day before, and had not been able to unload waste water during the 10-day visit.

"It would have been a large quantity because we don't do water dumps while docked to the station now," Clem told SPACE.com in an e-mail. "That is a fairly new restriction over the last couple of flights in order to prevent potential contamination of the Kibo module."

The Kibo module is a new Japanese-built research lab on the space station that includes an external platform to expose science experiments to the space environment. Water dumps from a docked shuttle could potentially pollute the experiments.

In general, though, spotting space water dumps from Earth is common, Clem said.

Waste water usually freezes upon jettison into a cloud of tiny ice droplets. Then when the sun hits, the ice sublimates directly into water vapor and disperses in space.

A number of people in North America apparently spotted Wednesday's dump, and some sent pictures to the Web site SpaceWeather.com.

One of them, Abe Megahed, photographed the tail at 9:40 p.m. EDT (0140 GMT) Wednesday from Madison, Wisconsin.

"I just watched the shuttle and station flyover (8:40 PM CST 9/9/09) and was surprised to see that the shuttle was sporting a massive curved plume," he wrote. "What could it be? Something venting? An OMS burn? RCS thrusters? A massive, record breaking urine dump?"

It turns out he wasn't wrong about that last one.

Source: <http://www.space.com/missionlaunches/090911-space-water-dump.html>

Thanks to Bill Konkolesky for bringing this article to my attention.



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# Movies on UFOs, other worlds help public acclimation?

By Steve Hammons

(This article originally appeared on the Joint Recon Study Group and Transcendent TV & Media sites.)

Recent, current and upcoming movies on stories related to UFOs, off-Earth civilizations and how humans fit into the situation continue to emerge from Hollywood.

A few examples include ALIENS IN THE ATTIC, a kid-and-family-friendly movie released in July. PLANET 51, scheduled to open in November, is an animated film and another one for kids and families.

The dark and introspective DISTRICT 9 hit theatres in August and seemed to strike a chord with audiences and critics. THE FOURTH KIND, dealing with abductions of humans, takes the genre to a different level and audiences can check it out beginning this November.

James Cameron's AVATAR, due out in December, is already creating a buzz and promises to be visually exciting and thought-provoking. And Curmudgeon Films recently obtained the rights to the story of an alleged Area 51 scientist for a movie project tentatively titled S-4: THE INCREDIBLE TRUE STORY OF BOB LAZAR.

## MEDIA AND ACCLIMATION

Are these films and many other creative works helping people prepare psychologically and emotionally for possible significant developments regarding UFOs and encounters with non-human and/or human-related beings from elsewhere?

To explore this question, we do not necessarily need to believe that UFOs and non-human or human-related civilizations are involved here on Earth. However, most people would say this is possible. Some people say it is probable. And others claim that it is a reality – a reality we need to deal with.

For people who are interested, the study of such situations is challenging. There seems to be much speculation and misinformation. There also appear to be very interesting and well-researched documents, witness testimony and strong circumstantial indications that something along these lines has been going on.

In the mid-1950s, Walt Disney was reportedly approached by the U.S. Air Force and development of a documentary film about visitation of aliens to Earth was allegedly started. However, the plug was pulled on this project.

In subsequent decades, many "fictional" movies and TV shows did emerge that dealt with this topic in various ways. This trend continues now.

People can speculate about if this is an organized acclimation effort to prepare Americans and people around the world for an unconventional situation, or if it is just the creativity, imagination and money-making sense of the movie and TV businesses. Either way, it is probably true that kids, teens and adults are today more prepared for the possibility or reality of the existence of non-human or human-related extraterrestrials, beings from other dimensions or similar kinds of unconventional scenarios because of movies, TV shows and books on these subjects.

## SPECIAL SCENARIOS

Much has been written and discussed about the so-called "Majestic" or "MJ-12" group of experts reportedly formed after the Roswell incident.

Fewer people probably have heard of the alleged U.S. Army Counterintelligence Corps "Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit (IPU)," which, it is claimed, may have been active even before the Roswell case, due to previous intelligence about unconventional situations.

Reports of activities like these could indicate that as part of dealing with a complex scenario, U.S. leaders realized that the American people would need to be informed and prepared in some way that did not cause undue social or other problems.

Indirect methods such as movies, TV programs, books and other creative endeavors would naturally be resources that could accomplish this. The close bonds formed between Hollywood and the defense community during World War II could have been leveraged to deal with this new challenge. It will be interesting to see where this goes.

Some of the recent and upcoming movies, like those before them, take a good, hard look not only at "aliens," but also at ourselves – the human race. This seems to be necessary part of acclimation about how we might interact with or respond to encounters with others.

The scenario of human contact with more advanced civilizations is often compared to the experience of Native American Indians who encountered the technologically more advanced Europeans beginning in the 1500s until the "conquest" of what is now the western U.S. in the late 1800s. The Native American Indian tribes, cultures and civilizations suffered quite a bit from this interaction. This is an understatement. Would this happen to our own human cultures in the face of a technologically-superior race from elsewhere? This is a question that has been carefully considered by many researchers.

## BE PREPARED

Preparing ourselves for the possibility or reality of contact like this seems to be wise. Being prepared for possible situations of many kinds is usually a good idea. This can enhance safety and the chances for good outcomes.

Movies, TV, books and other kinds of creative activities have an important part to play in these efforts. They help us explore and consider various possibilities. They prepare us psychologically, emotionally and spiritually, as well as forming common perceptions among us that might be helpful.

Of course, there are other unusual and thought-provoking subjects that may be both related to, and somewhat independent of, the topics of UFOs and visitors. These include leading-edge thoughts and scientific research into teleportation, time travel, anti-gravity methodologies, advanced human perception, life after death and similar kinds of subjects. Plenty of movies and creative works have tackled these topics too, often with great results.

I like to think that my own two novels, MISSION INTO LIGHT and the sequel LIGHT'S HAND, as well as the subsequent movie screenplay and two TV pilot scripts based on them, help move the ball forward in these areas.

The books tell the story of the "Joint Reconnaissance Study Group," a San Diego-based U.S. joint-military service and intelligence team of ten women and men who are tasked with conducting special research and operations. The novels bring readers and viewers into the inner workings of this special activities group as they explore different kinds of mysterious phenomena and the connections between them. My adaptation of the books to a movie screenplay and a one-hour TV pilot, both closely based on the novels, might also spark interest along the way.

A two-hour TV pilot written by two other screenwriters, based more loosely on my novels, is also a good example of using the TV media to entertain and inform. With the help and guidance from a highly-qualified science advisor, we made sure that our concepts were sound.

Maybe one day these projects will make it to the big or small screen. It would be rewarding to think that these works could contribute not only to the body of worthwhile film and TV projects, but also help somewhat in the larger situations we might face.

NOTE TO READERS: For more information, please visit the Joint Recon Study Group and Transcendent TV & Media sites and have a look around.

Source: <http://www.americanchronicle.com/articles/view/116783>



**Date of Sighting:** September 26, 2009

**Time of Sighting:** 7:45 PM EDT

**Location of Sighting:** Wyoming, Michigan

**Description:** There was a cluster of about 50 orange lights in the sky. They looked like the size of a star, but they were orange and moving slowing at first all together. Then they quickly moved apart spreading out. Then they started zigzagging back and forth very very fast. As this was happening they start disappearing. It almost looked like they were chasing each other. Then one of them turned into a big white poof and started falling to the ground. Then as quick as I saw them they had all disappeared. In the picture I uploaded that is not how it looked to us. That is just what the camera captured. The photo was taken when they were zigzagging back and forth.

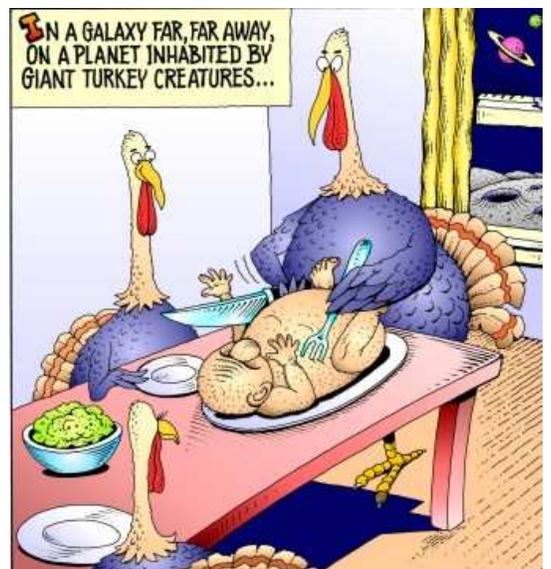


**Note:** The streaking in the above photo indicates movement of the lights. Of course some of the streaking could be due to camera movement. The witness said that the lights were orange. The photo indicates multiple colors (including orange). I don't have an explanation for this sighting. I doubt if it would be fireworks. I have written to the witness to obtain more information. Any updates will be posted.

## KEEPING IT LIGHT



**Happy Thanksgiving!**  
**Be Thankful we live on this planet.**



# Famous LIFE Photographers' Roswell Crash Revelation

By Anthony Braglia July 14, 2009

Famed Life magazine photographer Allan Grant may have provided to us his greatest "picture" just before he died. The cameraman's portrait of the Roswell crash in 1947 illustrates that the event that summer was of urgent importance to the military. It also shows that the skyfallen object was in fact of a genuine "unknown."

With his passing last year, Allan Grant has been rightly elevated to legendary status in the world of journalistic photography. For decades Mr. Grant was a permanent member of the prestigious Life photographic staff. He captured on film some of the most recognizable images in history. Grant's legacy includes such memorable work as the first-ever public picture of Lee Harvey Oswald's wife Marina (taken after Lee's capture) to the haunting, last-ever picture of Marilyn Monroe. His work's "movie still" clarity, his many Life cover shots and his photographic studies were a gift left to all of us.

But Allan's best chronicle was left before he died- and surpasses any captured image of a politician or an entertainer that he ever took. His greatest gift to history was his revelation that he was involved in the Roswell saga- and his confirmation that what crashed in New Mexico those many years ago was not of a balloon or a secret aircraft experiment, but of an Unidentified Flying Object!

In 1997, Mr. Grant had written a very brief Letter to the Editor of the Los Angeles Times. Allan was upset after having read in the LA Times of the second Roswell "debunking" report issued by the USAF that year. In the letter he was somewhat cryptic- but adamant that he knew that Roswell was not what the Air Force was reporting as a balloon project. He explained that he had a personal experience fifty years prior that had left a life-long impression on him. It also left no doubt in his mind whatsoever that something "very significant" had happened.

In online researching archived newspapers this author became aware of Grant's Letter to the Editor only last year, in 2008. Hoping that Mr. Grant was still alive and able to relate more, I tracked him down and emailed him.

Unfortunately Mr. Grant was very ill. As it turned out, Allan only lived for three more months after we began corresponding, passing at age 88. His wife Karin (also a Life magazine employee for many years) helped to facilitate these communications and she also replied with her own assessments about the Roswell event as she was "Mrs. Grant" back in 1947.

In early July of 1947 Allan stated that he had received an urgent call from his Life Editor in New York- "You have to get to Roswell, NM, and fast!"

All Allan was told at the time was that a very large "meteor" had apparently crashed "outside the Roswell area" and that the Army Air Force was attempting to recover the crashed object. Mr. Grant (and Mrs. Grant) maintained that the relationship between the US military and Life magazine at the time was "very strong and deeper than people will ever know."

In fact, Allan Grant said that the Army Air Force had informed his Editor that they would even provide an officer pilot from the Air Force who would personally fly Allan out there and put him in the vicinity of the crash to visually document the "meteor" event.

From Los Angeles, Grant was flown to Albuquerque, NM. Once there he was greeted by a US Army Air Force pilot officer named Major Charles Phillips. Grant stated that they both then boarded a "military training plane" (a single engine trainer) and departed. They later landed on a makeshift runway- a dirt landing strip. When they alighted the plane, Grant was handed a loaded semi-automatic pistol by Major Phillips. Disturbed, Allan asked of the Major "what the hell do I need that for?" Phillips replied that his orders were to see that Grant was armed with a weapon. When Grant asked of Phillips "Against what?" Phillips replied "we don't know!"

## WE ARE NOT ALONE



### We have moved to the first Tuesday at 1:00 PM.

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**Photographer Allan Grant shown with Major Phillips before departure to Roswell.**

Something seemed very strange about all of this to Grant. They then got into a jeep and began driving, seemingly on a "wild goose chase." But they never located a thing! No meteor, nothing. Allan could not understand why they could not find it, and the Major was oddly being of little help in trying to understand why this was so.

But we learn from Allan's widow Karin Grant that there was a reason for this strange scenario having played out in the desert those many years ago. She and her husband discussed his strange flight to New Mexico for many years after. Both had agreed that there were one of three reasons why Allan was taken out there-

- 1) Allan said, "Of course we never found the big 'meteor' and I wonder whether or not we had arrived too early or too late."
- 2) He also thought that "perhaps we landed in the wrong place."
- 3) Ultimately though, the Grants decided that the best explanation was that "the government knew all along that there was something more than a meteor that had crashed- and what better way to deal with it than to "invite" the prestigious Life magazine to come take a look."

Grant's widow continues, "You take them someplace near -but not exactly to- the spot. Show the world there's nothing there- and everybody is happy and relieved, and you can go about your business." She believes that "perhaps they thought you could keep other media out of there if need be by saying that Life has already been there, and they found nothing." And she was right- no mainstream media reported on the event after the first wire stories based on military press releases.

Before Allan died, he told Karin that he always believed that he was "used" by the military as a "potential cover" to in some way obfuscate something. He told her that the "something" what he had always thought -even at the time- was much bigger- an unidentified flying object.

So incensed was Allan about the event -and the Air Force's 1990's reports that explained away the crash as that of a balloon crash and dummy drop- that he felt compelled to write to the LA Times. It was after he read the Air Force Roswell reports that he knew they were lying. It was then that he got the sinking, knowing feeling that Roswell was real. It was a UFO that had crashed to the desert floor decades ago.

This author decided to see if there ever was a "Major Charles Phillips" as alluded to by Grant. If so, what things was this Major associated with during his years of service in the Air Force? The answer was found in reviewing the records of the now-defunct civilian UFO organization NICAP.

Incredibly, Major Phillips -just one month after the Roswell crash- would become one of the US Air Force's first official UFO researchers! Phillips teamed with famed astronomer Dr. Lincoln LaPaz from the University of New Mexico. Together they would lead what they termed "ground survey teams" to investigate the mysterious -and still unexplained- "Green Fireball" sightings that plagued New Mexico for the next several years!

Source: <http://ufocon.blogspot.com/2009/07/roswell-life-photographers-roswell.html>



**CORNWALL** -- This picture was taken from an aloft hot air balloon in August 2006, flying at 2000 feet. It was around 5 PM when one of the women noticed the object. The witness managed to get three clear shots of the object before it took off and was gone in seconds. RAF St Mawgan is a few miles away and the picture was taken with a CANON SLR with a high speed motor drive.

Note: These are some of the clearest UFO pictures we have ever seen. Thanks to UFO Case Book and Ken Pfeifer MUFON NJ (George Filer).

Thanks to Filer's Files # 30 2009.



# Two Dramatic, Century-Old Midwest Reports

## Bill Murphy's Column

From the N.I.C.A.P. files of the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies come two old and extremely interesting UFO reports from northern Indiana, the second enlivened by the presence of an artistic rendering.

### Rolling Prairie, Indiana, June 1904 – Nocturnal Lights, Multiple Witnesses, “Swamp Gas”

The March, 1966 UFO sightings near Dexter and Hillsdale, Michigan, generated one of the most famous PR gaffes in American history, as Project Blue Book astronomical consultant Dr. J. Allen Hynek, pressured to come up with a fast explanation for the media, suggested that what had been seen may have been “swamp gas”. Hynek did not pull this solution out of the thin, cold Michigan air. Various solid sources mention the good Doctor being advised by a chemist, a botanist, “other scientists”, and an astronomer about “will-o’-the-wisps”, marsh or swamp gas. Hynek, as an astronomer himself, may have once read the book Light and Color in the Open Air, by the Belgian astronomer Marcel Minnaert (1893-1970), which provides a graphic description of naturally-occurring swamp lights. Hynek’s statement indeed references this work and description. Michigan ufological researcher Will Matthews, who has studied the Dexter/Hillsdale nexus of events in some detail, notes that “foxfire”, St. Elmo’s fire, will-o’-the wisp, and “swamp angels” were variously suggested in Detroit newspapers and/or to local papers around the country and that “Hynek himself received a small deluge of letters suggesting swamp gas” (Personal communication, October 25, 2009). Will also reminds that the rather mysterious phone call to Dr. Hynek at Washtenaw County Sheriff Douglas Harvey’s office from Washington, D.C. on the night of March 24<sup>th</sup> may have played a role in the good Doctor’s “diagnosis”.

Actually, “will-o’-the-wisp” was an explanation used long before 1966 for small, odd, low-flying lights. For instance, Gordon I.R. Lore, Jr., and Harold H. Deneault, Jr., in Mysteries of the Skies: UFOs in Perspective, relate a 1940 Quebec sighting of a sputtering 12-to-15-inch in diameter luminous sphere that was suggested by some to be a will-o’-the-wisp, and people who wrote to House Minority Leader Gerald R. Ford in 1966 told tales of their earlier experiences with such lights, one Native American telling Ford of his experiences growing up in the forest and trying to catch these lights that they call “dahft” (Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library, Ford Congressional Papers, Legislative Files, Box 49, Folder 1). But the earliest instance I can find of a flippant government use of marsh gas to explain a UFO encounter dates back to 1904. Lore and Deneault tell this story, too, but the CUFOS files has a copy of the original N.I.C.A.P. report of the event.

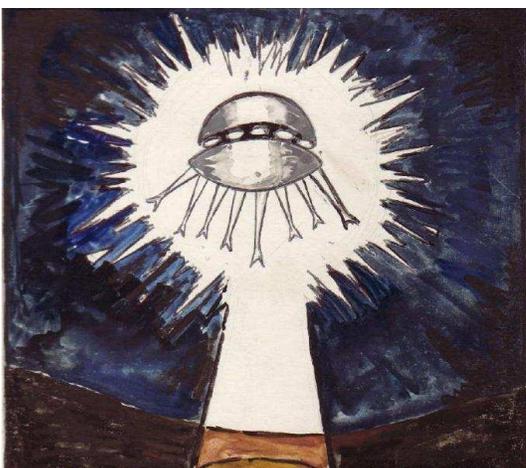
A farm five miles north of Rolling Prairie, Indiana, was the scene one summer night for a puzzling encounter between three people and two “balls of light” that seemed to act intelligently. Around 10 p.m. on a warm, windless June or July evening, one apparently clear enough so that stars were visible, young Joe Darby went outside his family farm house on Bircham Road, about halfway between Rolling Prairie, Indiana, and Three Oaks, Michigan. His purpose was to get some water from the well, but he got more than he had bargained for, as the youth saw two dimly-lit spheres loitering near the barn, about 700 feet away from the house. The surprised man went back into the house and got his mother and his brother Tony to come out with him, and the three walked about a third of the way toward the barn to get a better view of the objects. For, while they were sources of a dull orange light, the things seemed to be very sharply defined, their edges sharp, clean, and smooth. The spheres hung in the air at about the height of a man’s head, and seemed to be around the size of a “wagon wheel”, in the witness’ own words – about 3 1/2 to 4 feet in diameter. They were an apparent 3-4 times the size of a full moon at the distance they were seen. The light from these objects was not enough to light up the ground or anything – barn, weeds, whatever -- that they passed.

As the trio of witnesses approached the barn, the pair of illuminated objects started to move away from them. This caused the humans to stop, and, after moving off a short distance, the two light sources also stopped. When the people again walked towards the odd apparitions, the two objects started moving off once more; this caused the humans to stop a second time. This behavior gave the farm family the idea that the two light-spheres were intelligently controlled. The spheres then began to move away, at a steady pace, about that of a man walking. As they moved, the twin lights always moved together, maintaining the same distance between themselves, one being slightly behind and an estimated two feet to the left of the other. The pair of objects proceeded slightly downhill to a small hollow and stopped once more for a short while, then moved up a slight grade and over a small hill, continuing down its other side until they were out of sight. As they moved through a quarter-mile course, the spheres always seemed to stay at the same height above the terrain, whatever its nature. While the lights had demonstrated no aggressive intent – indeed they had shown if anything a reticence towards too close human approach – none of the unnerved witnesses felt a desire to investigate further.

As part of the 1961 report on this incident, Tony Darby told investigators that during the period 1903-1905 many farmers in the area reported seeing such strange objects. In fact, people in that area used to kid each other about “the lights getting them at night”. After the sighting “some Government Representatives came to see some of the farmers,” according to the N.I.C.A.P. report that Tony signed. While the unspecified government men did not see the objects, they told the farmers that they had seen “‘gas’ or ‘marsh’ lights and not to worry about them”. The witness countered this explanation with the observation that the lights’

behavior of moving away when approached by humans “was a very poor explanation of ‘Marsh-Gas’ ... at least they had enough sense to run from you”. While sometimes ball lightning has seemed to possess almost intelligent behavior, the approximate ten-minute duration of this sighting would seem to rule both it and the “swamp gas” explanation out of order – no better a solution than the one that came into common parlance 60 years later as an example of a witness-demeaning, thoughtless-debunking ploy. Orvil Hartle is listed as one of the investigators of this and the following report, and mentions it in his self-published book A Carbon Experiment (1963). I also have from Will Matthews that the general Indiana area around Rolling Prairie and La Porte was already abuzz when the Dexter/Hillsdale events of 1966 broke, due to a general flow of sightings in that part of northern Indiana, including a dramatic one on the prior Saturday, March 19. Two men in a car had a harrowing experience with a round orange object that swooped down and buzzed their vehicle at 5:25 a.m. near LaPorte, after which nightmare they were able to point out the object to a LaPorte patrol officer. Similar reports came from several other LaPorte residents at that time (see *Chicago Sun-Times*, Wednesday, March 23, 1966).

Incidentally, the Rolling Prairie case of 1904 appears to be imperfectly reported in some later Internet sources, one major website (<http://www.ufocasebook.com/magoniacomplete.html>) getting seven of the ten major facts it reports wrong (name of reporting witness, location of sighting, witness distance from objects, distance of objects above the ground, distance between objects (varying versus invariant), color of objects, and object or witness movement). In this case the website is accurately rendering the entry for the case as it appears in Jacques Vallee’s Passport to Magonia, 1993 Contemporary Books edition, page 186. This chain of repeated inaccuracies underscores the necessity of making the effort to access the primary (original) sources for a case.



### LaPorte, Indiana, October of 1909 – Nocturnal Light, Multiple Witnesses

One late October day, at about 10:30 p.m., a church group was traveling in a hay wagon down rural McClung Road near LaPorte, Indiana, when their horses suddenly shied in fright. The driver stopped the horses and, looking up, the people were astonished to see a very bright light, emanating from an object that “looked like an octopus, only with a double body”. The thing looked to be huge, having the apparent size of a full moon, and it moved soundlessly in an easterly direction, very slowly, with occasional starts and stops. Trailing from the object were what appeared to be long, illuminated tentacles, phosphorescent in color. The light from this object was the color and intensity of a giant floodlight, and extended all the way to the ground. The phenomenon was visible for an estimated ten to fifteen minutes as it slowly coursed through the slightly overcast fall skies, finally disappearing as if a light had been turned off. The describing witness, Ruth Smith, was clear that the object seemed to be solid and also a source of light.

Ruth Smith’s report was dated September 25 of 1961; she was about 13 years old at the time of her shared UFO experience. An identification of the object as a balloon cannot perhaps be discounted, as such in 1909 Indiana would surely be a novel experience. However, the remembered time of evening would seem to rule out illumination of a high-flying object by a sun that had just set, and it is hard to believe that a balloon would possess a light so high-powered as to fit the characteristics of the object. Further, one could imagine that later life experience would have suggested to the witness that it had indeed been a balloon she had seen as a young woman, as she matured and became more aware of advancing aerial technology. A suggestion that the thing was the moon, seen through a thin cloud layer, might seem attractive, save for the described ten-to-fifteen minutes that the object was in sight. The relative size of the object being described as that of a full moon would militate against it being considered a star or planet whose pinpoint light source could be magnified into that of a disc.

In considering the following, it should be borne in mind that it is unclear whether the artistic rendering was made by the witness or by an investigator. The details of the painting of the object, including a “ring” of five oblong structures around the UFO’s middle, seem to go beyond any mundane attribution, although one might argue that they may have been supplied by a brain honestly trying to interpret something so odd and so bright. And, even that suggestion must come up against the necessity of accepting that the witness saw an extraordinarily bright and strange phenomenon in the first place. The object appears to be projecting a spotlight on the ground, also a noteworthy activity for anything not of intelligent manufacture.

Investigators described the witness as “naturally religiously oriented”, and “[c]autious and somewhat reticent”, especially when it came to speculating “on possibilities of ESP, life on other planets, etc.” Ruth Smith was a housewife and also apparently a minister, and in her 65 years of life prior to this report had never told anyone else about her experience. It is clear that the investigators were impressed with both the woman and her story.



# **Michigan MUFON**

## **State Section Directors Meeting Minutes**

### **September 20, 2009**

The September 20th State meeting was held at Walli's Restaurant in Flint, Michigan. In attendance were David Twichell, Darlene and David Bleicher, Patty Donahue, Judy Kulka, Gary Golem and Wendy Smith.

Judy suggested that MIMUFON send a complimentary copy of the Newsletter to sighting witnesses, after their interview. Dave Twichell said that he does send an email meeting invitation to witnesses. Bill recommended that the Investigator should feel free to send an electronic copy of the Newsletter to interested witnesses.

Bill complimented the efficiency of MIMUFON Field Investigators, as reflected by Michigan's CMS ranking. He is concerned about the work load associated with the high volume of sightings we're receiving and asked if MIMUFON needs an Assistant Chief Investigator. The group consensus was yes, and Bill will speak with a candidate for the newly created position.

Bill briefly discussed the casino fund raising effort, and noted that several members have volunteered to help. The shifts are 4 PM to 9 PM and 9 PM to 2 AM, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 13, 14 and 15. The event will be held at the MVP Sports Grill in Romulus, and two people per shift are required.

Bill suggested that MIMUFON could invite Peter Robbins as a guest speaker, perhaps at a larger venue. Mr. Robbins presented a paper at the International Symposium in Denver in August. Discussion of this possibility was tabled until we can gauge the success of the November fund raising effort.

Bill noted that the free will donation to our speaker, Dr. Levengood, totaled \$122.00.

Wendy reported that the meeting brought 47 attendees, including the guest speaker and his assistant.

Patty reported that the MIMUFON store sold \$69.00 worth of merchandise.

Bill described his about to be published book, "Experienter: Raised in Two Worlds". The book is 140 pages and describes his life to age 19. Bill will present in the afternoon of the November 8th State meeting, along with Roger Sugden, who is involved in preparations for his own book.

Bill recommended that the January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010 meeting include a showing of James Fox's new film, "I Know What I Saw", along with Field Investigator training. David Bleicher mentioned that the Showcase Theater, not far from Walli's, is available for rent, as well as a theater in downtown Lapeer. An early Saturday evening showing is a possibility, and David will gather more information about these venues.

The meeting was adjourned at 5 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Wendy Smith, October 6, 2009.



**"We should go boldly where man has not gone before – fly by the comets, visit asteroids, visit the moon of Mars. There's a monolith there. A very unusual structure on this little potato shaped object that goes around Mars once in seven hours. When people find out about that, they're going to say 'Who put that there?' Well, the universe put it there. If you choose, God put it there."**

**Buzz Aldrin, (2<sup>nd</sup> man to walk on the moon): July 19, 2009 C-SPAN interview.**

# Michigan Reports at UFO Northwest.com

**Date of Sighting:** September 17, 2009

**Time of Sighting:** Between 8:30 PM and 9:30 PM EDT

**Location of Sighting:** Tecumseh, Michigan

**Description:** My wife and I were at my sister's house in Tecumseh, Michigan. I was out on her deck when I noticed in the sky what looked like two white squares stacked on each other with a slight separation between them forming a tall box shape. This object (objects) was moving in a southeast direction towards me, then made a hard right L shaped turn. As it turned, the shape turned dark and vanished. I called my wife outside to tell her about what I saw. We looked in the sky for a few minutes and did not see anything so I went inside as my wife stayed outside. A few minutes later she yelled to me to come out. She told me she saw a multi-colored object in the same area. By the time I got outside it was gone. We then continued to look in the sky and after about 5 minutes we both saw a star like object traveling from west to east at a very high rate of speed. It would suddenly make a big straight down drop and then continue on a straight easterly course. It then suddenly dropped straight down again and leveled off as it continued on. We continued to watch the sky when we both yelled in excitement: "Look at that." We both saw a star like object at a high altitude moving around in the sky in a strange circle like scribbling in the sky motion. (Like a child would scribble while drawing.) We called my sister outside to see "This Show." When she came out, we saw that there were three of these star like objects doing flying very erratically in a scribble motion until they suddenly vanished. We thought the show was over when suddenly the sky lit up as another object suddenly appeared. It was the shape of the first white box like object I had seen, but this one was much closer and had three rows of horizontal lights that were rapidly changing colors of red white and blue. It descended then made a sharp right until we lost it behind the trees. We all saw this and know that it was not a helicopter or airplane. We then all went back in the house. These objects made no sound. At this point, to be honest, we were afraid to go back outside. Somebody else must have seen these objects in the clear night sky.

**Note:** The witnesses saw quite a light show! The box type objects have been reported to UFOS Northwest before. Given the description I have no explanation for this sighting.

**Date of Sighting:** August 21, 2009

**Time of Sighting:** 5:30 AM PDT

**Location of Sighting:** Grand Rapids, Michigan

**Description:** I walked passed my balcony doors to see what looked like a big red fire ball hovering in the sky over Grand Rapids near the Ford Airport. I grabbed my digital camera and it's battery which was charging as I put the battery in my camera the object turned slightly side ways and then bolted out of sight. It moved so fast I didn't have time to snap one darn picture.

**Note:** A hovering fire ball that bolts out of sight isn't easily explainable. It is too bad that the witness wasn't able to get a photo.

**Date of Sighting:** July 4, 2009

**Time of Sighting:** 10:45 PM EDT

**Location of Sighting:** Union Pier, Michigan (See Map)

**Description:** A group of us saw a reddish light flying from the Northeast along the shore of Lake Michigan. It was moving slower than an airplane, but fast enough that we could tell it wasn't just floating debris from the fireworks. It was moving Southwest and then stopped right in front of us. It stayed there for a about a minute or two and then seemed to just fade into the black sky. Then I looked down the beach and saw two more of the exact same thing moving towards us, one behind the other a few hundred feet apart. They did the same thing. Then I got my camera because I saw a fourth one down the beach. It too moved along until it was almost directly in front of us and then stopped and eventually got smaller and smaller. The lights were pulsating and seemed to be mostly red but other colors were also appearing. My video is 57 MB so I can't upload it here, but it shows one pretty well.

**Note:** I have been unable to obtain the video from the witness. I don't believe that the reddish lights were fireworks. (The witnesses noticed them because they were apparently viewing fireworks.) We normally receive many reports around the 4th of July due to the fact that more people are outside looking at the sky viewing fireworks. This doesn't necessarily mean that the sightings are fireworks.

Source: [http://ufosnw.com/sighting\\_reports/2009/tecumsehmi09172009/tecumsehmi09172009.htm](http://ufosnw.com/sighting_reports/2009/tecumsehmi09172009/tecumsehmi09172009.htm)

# Police Officer Sees Aliens at Crop Circle

By Alastair Jamieson

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Many crop circles, including this one in May 2009, have appeared near Silbury Hill, Wiltshire Photo: APEX

A police officer contacted British UFO experts after seeing three aliens examining a freshly made crop circle near Avebury, Wiltshire. The sergeant, who has not been named, was off-duty when he saw the figures standing in a field near Silbury Hill, and stopped his car to investigate. However, as he approached the 'men' – all over 6ft tall with blond hair – he heard "the sound of static electricity" and the trio ran away "faster than any man he had ever seen".

The officer returned to his home in Marlborough, Wiltshire, and contacted paranormal experts and told them he had spotted a UFO. Wiltshire Police has refused to comment on the incident, saying it is a "personal matter" for the officer involved.

Crop circle researcher Andrew Russell, who is investigating the bizarre sighting on behalf of the officer, described the moment his sighting was made. He said: "At first he thought they were forensic officers as they were dressed in white coveralls. He stopped his car and approached the field. The figures were all over 6ft and had blond hair. They seemed to be inspecting the crop. When he got to the edge of the field he heard what he believed to be a sound not dissimilar to static electricity. This crackling noise seemed to be running through the field and the crop was moving gently, close to where the noise was. He shouted to the figures who, at first, ignored him, not glancing at him. When he tried to enter the field they looked up and began running.

He said; "They ran faster than any man I have ever seen. I'm no slouch but they were moving so fast. I looked away for a second and when I looked back they were gone. I then got scared. The noise was still around but I got an uneasy feeling and headed for the car. For the rest of the day I had a pounding headache I couldn't shift."

The bizarre incident occurred on the morning of July 6 this year as the police officer was driving.

The officer claims the three figures were examining a crop circle, which had appeared several days earlier, when he stopped his car and began walking towards them. However, the mysterious beings disappeared when he "looked away for a second" and he contacted UFO experts after witnessing other paranormal activity.

A spokesman for Wiltshire Police said: "The police officer was apparently off duty when this happened so we have no comment to make because it is a personal not a police matter."

Crop circle expert Colin Andrews, who investigated the incident alongside Andrew Russell, said he is "convinced" by the police officer's story. He said: "I am quite convinced the officer had an experience that day and one that we have not fully explored. I think with the unusual movement of the being and the poltergeist experiences there is too much additional information to say that is something in nothing."

Source: [v=http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newstoppers/howaboutthat/ufo/6394256/UFO-alert-police-officer-sees-aliens-at-crop-circle.html](http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newstoppers/howaboutthat/ufo/6394256/UFO-alert-police-officer-sees-aliens-at-crop-circle.html)



**SAN FRANCISCO** -- Witness responds, "*There was no object above the hotel when I took this photo at 9:47 AM, on September 21, 2009. After I downloaded the pictures is when I noticed the object*". Three pictures were taken of the hotel and only one showed this strange anomaly. We were on highway 101 southbound when I took the pictures. This case is under investigation by MUFON California.

Thanks to Ken Pfeifer MUFON N.J.

# Russian Navy UFO records say aliens love oceans

The Russian navy has declassified its records of encounters with unidentified objects technologically surpassing anything humanity ever built, reports Svobodnaya Pressa news website.

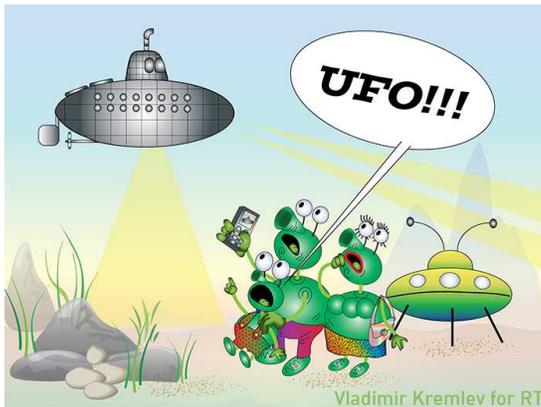
The records dating back to soviet times were compiled by a special navy group collecting reports of unexplained incidents delivered by submarines and military ships. The group was headed by deputy Navy commander Admiral Nikolay Smirnov, and the documents reveal numerous cases of possible UFO encounters, the website says.

Vladimir Azhazha, former navy officer and a famous Russian UFO researcher, says the materials are of great value.

*“Fifty percent of UFO encounters are connected with oceans. Fifteen more – with lakes. So UFOs tend to stick to the water,”* he said.

On one occasion a nuclear submarine, which was on a combat mission in the Pacific Ocean, detected six unknown objects. After the crew failed to leave behind their pursuers by maneuvering, the captain ordered to surface. The objects followed suit, took to the air, and flew away.

Many mysterious events happened in the region of Bermuda Triangle, recalls retired submarine commander Rear Admiral Yuri Beketov. Instruments malfunctioned with no apparent reason or detected strong interference. The former navy officer says this could be deliberate disruption by UFOs.



*“On several occasions the instruments gave reading of material objects moving at incredible speed. Calculations showed speeds of about 230 knots, of 400 kph. Speeding so fast is a challenge even on the surface. But water resistance is much higher. It was like the objects defied the laws of physics. There’s only one explanation: the creatures who built them far surpass us in development,”* Beketov said.

Navy intelligence veteran, Captain 1st rank Igor Barklay comments:

*“Ocean UFOs often show up wherever our or NATO’s fleets concentrate. Near Bahamas, Bermudas, Puerto Rico. They are most often seen in the deepest part of the Atlantic Ocean, in the southern part of the Bermuda Triangle, and also in the Caribbean Sea.”*

Another place where people often report UFO encounters is Russia’s Lake Baikal, the deepest fresh water body in the world. Fishermen tell of powerful lights coming from the deep and objects flying up from the water.

In one case in 1982 a group of military divers training at Baikal spotted a group of humanoid creatures dressed in silvery suits. The encounter happened at a depth of 50 meters, and the divers tried to catch the strangers. Three of the seven men died, while four others were severely injured.

*“I think about underwater bases and say: why not? Nothing should be discarded,”* says Vladimir Azhazha. *“Skepticism is the easiest way: believe nothing, do nothing. People rarely visit great depths. So it’s very important to analyze what they encounter there.”*

Source: [http://www.russiatoday.com/Top\\_News/2009-07-21/](http://www.russiatoday.com/Top_News/2009-07-21/)

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*“That strange things have been seen is now beyond question, and the ‘psychological’ explanations seem to have misfired. The number of thoughtful, intelligent, educated people in full possession of their faculties who have ‘seen something’ and described it grows every day. Doubting Thomas’s among astronomers, engineers and officials who used to laugh at ‘saucers’ have seen and repented. To reject out of hand testimony such as theirs becomes more and more presumptuous”*

General Lionel Max Chassin was the Commanding General of the French Air Forces, and Air Defense Co-ordinator of NATO Allied Forces and president of GEPA (1964-1970) (Source: “Above Top Secret” by Timothy Good – Page 173.)

# Recent Michigan Sightings

**ROGERS CITY** –On September 8, 2009, I pulled into a gas station, looked up and saw two UFO's flying toward Lake Huron. They made no sound, and were brighter than nearby Venus. UFOs powered up and then faded out. Both were traveling the same direction and altitude. My girlfriend, her brother, and two people at the gas station and I witnessed the UFOs. One was the clerk who came out of the store. I stepped out of my truck and got my digital camera to take a few pictures with the flash on, and then turned on the video mode and got two clips.

Thanks to MUFON CMS

Short movie clip on file at MUFON's CMS.

**LAKE HURON** -- We were camping on September 12, 2009, at Lake Huron Campground, at 9:25 PM, and noticed four very bright red/pink lights. The four lights were in a perfect geometric form similar to a cross, and did not blink or lose their form from the time we saw them until they moved from north to south. They flew toward us in perfect formation then suddenly the two center lights dimmed and disappeared. The top and bottom lights went out at the same time. We thought that the lights may have been flares, but a plane's altitude would have been very low to drop them and we heard nothing. Also, the lights did not flicker or vary from their exact formation. If they were flares the lake breeze would have caused some shift in formation and flickering.

After the red lights went out, we noticed a dark shadowy object moving east faster than any jet from where the red lights had been. As it moved east, it got lower and flew over Lake Huron. It was three tree tops in size as it descended towards the water and we saw flickers of white light directly underneath the object similar to a reflection of light that was shimmering off moving water. It kind of sparkled under the object. The object was darker than the starlit night sky and appeared as if covered by black camouflage fabric. It made absolutely no noise and appeared to vanish either onto or into Lake Huron. My husband and I both have Master's Degrees; we're intelligent, reputable individuals. Thanks to MUFON CMS

**DAVISON/LAPEER** -- On September 25, 2009, I was driving east on Lapeer road in Davison, and saw a 4 point star shaped object that had a bright orange center surrounded by a hue that was mostly blue but looked green for a moment. It appeared high in the sky, very far up and fell in a slight arc, going slightly left to right across my vision, straight down, out in the direction of Lapeer. It seemed to pulse slightly, although that detail is a little hazy. The entire event lasted just under three seconds. It was one of those situations where I didn't realize what I was seeing until it was already over.

The shape was a 4 point star, with points at 0, 90, 180 and 360 degree points and seemed to have a curve going from point to point. The object was at least 200 feet around. It seemed to only be about 40 miles in the distance. This was not a meteorite or "space junk" or whatever, but the four points I saw distinctly. It gave me chills. Thanks to MUFON CMS

Belmont, MI:

This morning my partner woke me up around 6:30 all excited and out of sorts (but mostly excited). She said she thought she saw something. I was having difficulty waking up fully. I was in a very deep sleep. Anyway...here's what happened. She was sitting at her computer this morning. It was still very dark, just a little before 6:30. Out of the corner of her eye she saw a light outside my window where my desk is sitting. At the same time she noticed the light she also became aware of a deep humming noise. Kathy said she could actually feel the hum in her belly. What she saw out the window was a light (not a flash) that was as bright as lightening lighting up the area of sky below what looked to be some sort of aircraft. The light was not a narrow beam of light straight down but more like a reverse funnel, the widest end facing Earth. The craft itself was not very far away, probably not even a mile. The craft was more glowing than lit. She didn't see any lights on the craft just the craft itself glowing. I asked her if she could describe the size and all she could say was if she had wrapped her finger around it while she saw it from where she was sitting, it would be about 2 inches. It wasn't very high in the sky. The lights turned off once and the humming stopped at the same time. She could still see the craft glowing once the light coming below the craft had been distinguished. Then they came back on within a couple seconds with the same low humming. The craft had not moved at all. This last time (the 2nd time) that the light disappeared, the craft vanished as well. And I slept thru the whole thing...bummer!!! Who knows...maybe I was in the aircraft and I was being returned when the whole visitation took place. Kathy said it probably took all of 5 seconds for the entire visitation to transpire.

Thanks to Jennifer Cupples of Jen's Workshop.



## A Double Treat at November 8th Meeting in Flint



**Tim O'Neil**, is a classical piano teacher and MIMUFON member. He will share his harrowing close-encounter experience while driving in Ohio that inspired him to join our organization and confront the UFO mystery. It's quite an account and was featured on Jeff Rense's website.

Our own **William Konkolesky**, State Director of Michigan MUFON, will also be discussing his brand new book on his personal experiences, "Experiencer: Raised in Two World." Copies of the book will be on-hand for purchase for \$10.00 - \$2.00 of which will be generously donated to our MUFON group.

Rehashing the high profile UFO cases is always fun but it's great to hear some new accounts from people we know on a personal basis. Seeing is believing, and Tim O'Neil is a perfect example of having one's worldview changed overnight. His need to find an explanation for this paradigm changing event drove him to seek answers at MUFON. Like most of us, I'm sure he has ended up with more questions than answers. In the interim he has discovered a lot of new friends who have witnessed similar anomalies. Here is our opportunity to hear the story from the witness's mouth.

We will also have the opportunity to get a copy of Bill's new book. Congratulations Bill!



## Notice to Library Patrons:

It has come to our attention that some DVDs in the MiMUFON Library freeze or stutter. Without going into detail, I think I have found a solution to the problem.

If anyone encounters a problem with a DVD or CD checked out of the MiMUFON Library, please return it and bring it to the attention of our librarians, Dave and Darlene Bleicher and we will redo it for you.

Thank you for your understanding.

David Twichell

## MUFON Field Investigator's Training

Chief Investigator Gary Golem will conduct our morning Field Investigator Training.

## Make Your Meeting Reservations Today!

Phone in your reservations to State Director Bill Konkolesky at (248) 515-9568 or email at [wjk@mimufon.org](mailto:wjk@mimufon.org) no later than **Wednesday, November 4, 2009**. Please leave your name, number attending in your party, and a telephone number where you can be reached, in case we need to contact you. Please let us know as soon as possible, whether you will be attending. Thank you.

# Michigan MUFON Meeting

at Walli's East Restaurant

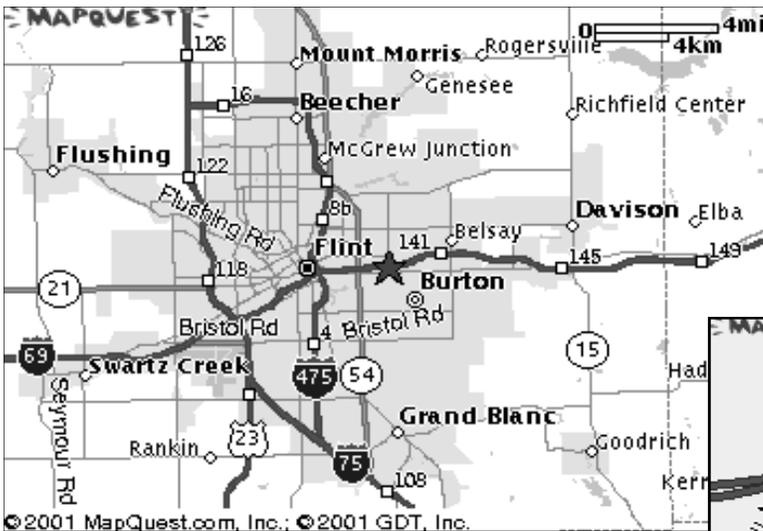
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Members \$14.00 / Non-Members \$16.00

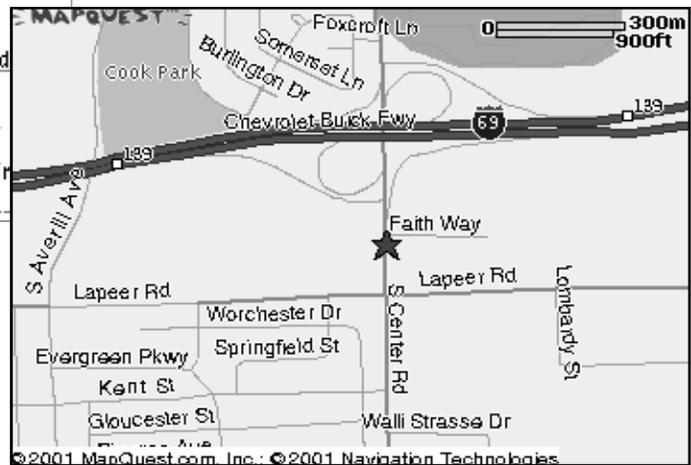
First time guests are \$5.00.

**10am** FI Training: CI Gary Golem  
**12pm** Buffet Lunch  
**1:30pm** **Tim O'Neil and Bill Konkolesky will speak**  
**4:00pm** MIMUFON Announcements & Necessary Business

**MIMUFON Board members: Please plan to attend the brief meeting following the guest speaker.**



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**Burton, Michigan**  
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- Exit 139 off of I-69
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- SE Corner of South Center Rd & Faith Way

## From The Editor's Desk



David Twichell

# I know What I Saw

Film maker James Fox finally came out with his follow up to "Out of The Blue". I Know What I Saw is his latest installation in providing solid, documented evidence of the UFO reality. The History Channel aired the documentary on October 3rd and again on the 19th.

The basic setting for the documentary is the November 12, 2007 press conference at the prestigious National Press Club in Washington DC. Arizona's Former governor Fife Symington acted as moderator to a distinguished panel of high level military and government officials, highly trained airplane pilots and

aviation experts who, incidentally, are UFO witnesses or have been part of the UFO cover up.

### The panel participants were:

Ray Bowyer, Captain, Aurigny Air Services, Channel Islands.

Rodrigo Bravo, Captain and Pilot for the Aviation Army of Chile.

General Wilfried De Brouwer, former Deputy Chief of Staff, Belgian Air Force (Ret.)

John Callahan, Chief of Accidents and Investigations for the FAA, 1980's (Ret.)

Dr. Anthony Choy, founder, 2001, OIFAA, Peruvian Air Force.

Jean-Claude Duboc, Captain, Air France (Ret.)

Charles I. Halt, Col. USAF (Ret.), Former Director, Inspections Directorate, DOD I.G.

General Parviz Jafari, Iranian Air Force (Ret.)

Jim Penniston, TSgt USAF (Ret.)

Dr. Claude Poher, Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales, founder, French GEPAN.

Nick Pope, Ministry of Defence, UK, 1985-2006.

Dr. Jean-Claude Ribes, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, France, 1963-1998.

Comandante Oscar Santa Maria, Peruvian Air Force (Ret.)

Fife Symington offered his formal admission of having witnessed the gigantic triangular shaped object that traversed the skies of Arizona from north to south in the summer of 1997, which was to become known as "The Phoenix Lights". He also confessed to being part of the UFO cover up when he dressed his aid in an alien suit and paraded him out in front of a press conference in an attempt to quell the growing anxieties of the public at that time.

Colonel Halt and Jim Penniston reshaped the 1980 Rendlesham Forest UFO Incident where there was not only a multiple witness sighting but a landing where Penniston and others went up to the landed craft, examined and touched it.

Captain Ray Bowyer recounted his sighting over the Channel Islands. Two cigar shaped UFOs, estimated to be about one mile long were sighted by Captain Bowyer, his crew and passengers as well as another pilot from a different vantage point.

The Stephenville Lights incident was also touched upon as well as many other well documented cases since the 1947 Crash at Roswell New Mexico.

Clips of the press conference were shown followed by film of the events and James Fox and his crew at the actual site doing a follow up investigation.

Of course, to those who are well versed in UFO lore, the film was preaching to the choir. But for skeptics and those who are sitting on the fence regarding the UFO subject, I Know What I Saw is offers highly convincing (if only circumstantial) evidence that highly advanced technologies under intelligent control are and have been in our skies for many years - if not millennia.

For more information go to <http://www.iknowwhatisawthemovie.com/trailer.html>

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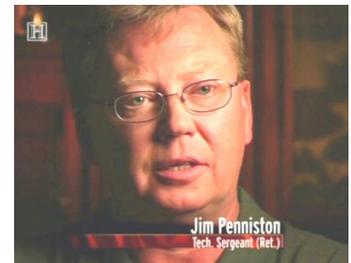
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