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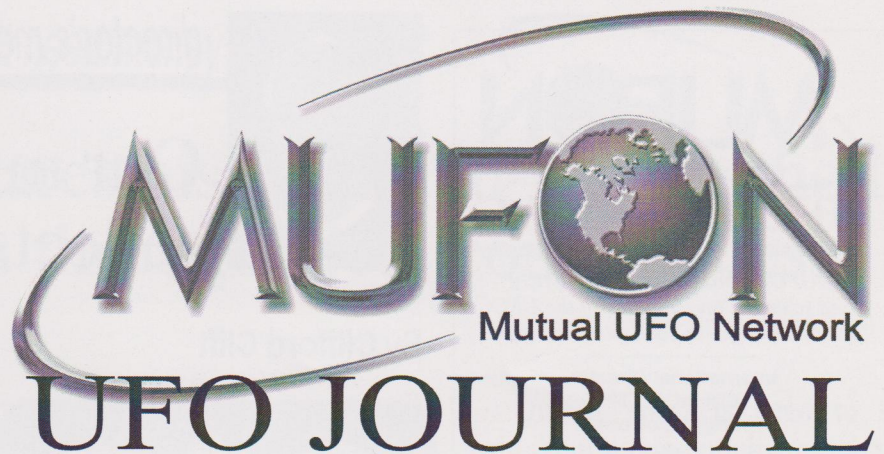
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## Encounters with space aliens: One family's ongoing ordeal

By **Steven White**

THE FOLLOWING TWO-PART STORY OF STRANGE ENCOUNTERS with aliens is shared by four generations of the same family. It adds up to more than 50 years of ongoing activity and spans a geographic area that includes five states. Members of the family involved have participated in an extensive MUFON investigation. They have related what has happened to them in the hope that their story may help others who have experienced what they consider to be abductions by extraterrestrials.

The Reeds are a seemingly normal American family with no apparent ulterior motives for coming forward to tell about their experiences. All the members interviewed appear to be very lucid and of above-average intelligence. Their combined stories paint a picture of some of the most compelling and dynamic abduction occurrences yet documented.

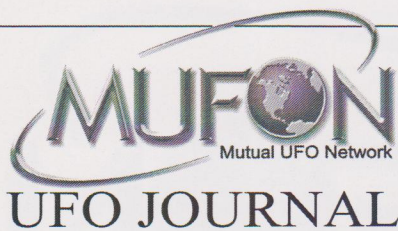
To the best of the family's knowledge, the story began in 1954. Nancy, 15 at the time, was with her parents and a girlfriend at Moosehead Lake in Maine where Nancy's parents had rented a cabin until they could find a permanent home in the area. Nancy recalls waking up terrified in the middle of the night. She tried to scream, but no sound would come out. Her heart felt as if it were coming out of her chest, and she couldn't move. She sensed that her bed was surrounded by some sort of creatures observing her, standing quietly just looking at her.

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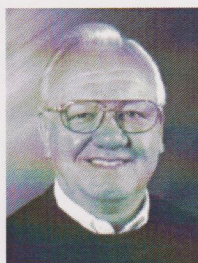
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*director's message*

**Our mission statement reflects passion, action**

**By Clifford Clift**

FROM TIME TO TIME I ask myself what MUFON's mission statement—"the analytical and scientific study of the UFO phenomenon for the benefit of humanity"—really means to our members? Two questions come to mind: 1) How do we implement our mission statement? and 2) Why does MUFON go to such great lengths to investigate UFOs?

In answer to the first question, I propose that MUFON's mission statement is more than words in print that make us feel good. Rather, these exciting words have a strong, important meaning. They are words of action and commitment for all MUFON members.

We implement MUFON's mission statement through the efforts of a wonderful group of volunteers. MUFON has more than 2,800 members worldwide, including 800 trained field investigators, section directors, chief field investigators,

consultants, assistant state directors, state directors, and members of MUFON's board of directors. These volunteers give freely of their time, money, and energy to enable us to implement our mission statement.

Our volunteers separate the MUFON organization from other UFO-reporting agencies. MUFON investigates UFO events; others merely report, sometimes what they have seen or heard on the Internet and other places. Most other agencies end up reporting cases from our CMS files because our files are so reliable. MUFON field investigators are well trained in the investigative process, have a passion for learning more about UFOs, are prepared to handle a professional investigation, and have a deep desire to know the truth.

In answer to the second question, MUFON members have a

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## What MUFON chapter doesn't need money?

# State director shares his tried-and-true method for raising funds through local conferences

By John Ventre

IN PENNSYLVANIA, we attempt to run our MUFON chapter like a small business. Like any small business, our organization needs to control costs and generate revenue. The beginning step is to form into an LLC (which Pennsylvania did in 2008) or a 501c3. A lawyer in your group can explain the differences and help your group determine which will better suit your needs. An accountant can assist your chapter in filing a yearly income-tax return.

### Primary Fundraiser

Our primary fundraiser is our October conference held in both Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. We began with a “no frills” approach until we generated enough repeat business to add more costly extras.

Our largest obstacle has been to find a suitable venue. Our Pittsburgh conference is held in a new college auditorium with stadium seating for 350, which we have been able to secure through professional contacts. Our first conference in Philadelphia drew more than 400 participants, but the following year the cost of renting the auditorium quadrupled. We ran into similar difficulties at a neighboring college, and we lost money in 2009 in Philadelphia.

This year we rented the Sheraton Hotel in Bucks County and tried to juggle the more expensive price with marketing costs and room size. Our goal is to educate the public



but not lose money. We have chosen not to spend money printing a schedule to hand out to participants. No food or beverages are included in the cost of attending our conferences, but we do sell pizza and soda at our Pittsburgh conference. We also sell UFO-themed T-shirts that a local graphic artist creates for us, and these are quite popular.

### Past Attendance

Attendance at our conferences has ranged from 59 to 425, and it's difficult to estimate in advance. This year we advertised in local newspapers and on craigslist, and we received some free space on community bulletin boards. One month before our conferences, we send a press release to local media outlets. Two weeks prior to the events we place signs along main roads to help publicize the conferences.

All of our members volunteer to help at the two conferences, doing everything from dealing with security and crowd control, to selling T-shirts, to working the gate.

Quality speakers need to be paid. Your group initially may want to feature local speakers to minimize hotel and travel costs. A member picked up travel costs for one of our featured speakers this year. Your local chapter leaders may wish to offer speakers overnight accommodations in their homes.

Our goal is not to make a large profit. We hope to keep admission prices down while also generating enough revenue to buy equipment and to provide lunch at our quarterly meetings. This year we plan to donate a portion of our proceeds to MUFON headquarters.

Although there are other ways of generating revenue—car washes and golf outings, for example—we've found that sticking to our core values and arranging events that educate the public through conferences has worked well for our MUFON group. We are hoping to attract a local sponsor willing to offset the cost of future conferences. At our Awareness Days, we put out a bucket for voluntary donations, and we have collected as much as \$100 that way.

In 2012 we hope to be able to expand our scope to include a spring conference in “Eerie” (Erie) Pennsylvania. ■

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# Two brothers experience childhood abductions;

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She was horrified. The next morning she tried but was unable to explain to her mother what she'd experienced. The next night, she and her girlfriend decided to sleep outside under the stars. As they gazed at the stars, they saw so many lights moving about in the sky that they became frightened and ran inside the cabin. They didn't think they were looking at "shooting stars."

On another occasion, in 1962 or 1963, Nancy saw a fireball come from a hill across the street, drop 500 feet, and float to the front of her house. It hovered there for a few moments, then floated toward the back of the house and disappeared. She is unsure of the size, but believed it was larger than a bowling ball.

## Blue Orbs Near the Ceiling

When she became an adult, Nancy had two sons, Thomas and Matthew, who were three years apart. Thomas, the eldest, has been plagued by abductions since he was 6. Thomas and Matthew related the following experience that they shared in 1966 when the family was living on a farm near Sheffield, Massachusetts.

The boys slept in bunk beds in the same bedroom. One night Thomas and Matthew observed small, clear blue orbs in their room by the ceiling. The orbs moved around the room and appeared sim-

ilar to bubbles. Thomas believes that they might have been porthole devices through which he and Matthew were being watched.

Thomas described the orbs as "solid like glass but without density. The balls were not luminous but resembled a shiny hole in the air that you couldn't see through." The shiny hole had "a bluish outer ring." The orbs moved slowly and seemed to be under some type of control. Thomas intuitively felt the orbs were somehow watching him and his brother. He closed his eyes and hoped that they would disappear. Eventually, after about 10 minutes, the orbs left.

Several nights later, around dusk, Matthew was having trouble falling asleep. As the sky darkened he saw a brilliant white light that he thought was lightning, but it remained too long and there was no thunder. Matthew, who had the top bunk, became frightened when he saw the attic hatch in the ceiling begin shaking. He looked down for his brother, but Thomas was gone, although the bedroom door never had opened.

Matthew ran for the room his mother and grandmother shared. He jumped into his mother's bed and snuggled up to her back. He tried to wake her, but she didn't respond. The brilliant lights still were shining outside. He kept trying to wake his mother to no avail.

Matthew then saw three white ghostly figures enter the room from the bedroom he shared with Thomas. They stood around his grand-

mother's bed. Three more ghostly figures came from the boys' room. They appeared to float to his mother's bed, where two hovered on the right side and one on the left.

Matthew described the ghostly figures as having unusually long legs and small bodies. He could make out no facial features, and the figures appeared luminescent. Another short figure appeared and hopped onto the bed, where it stared at Matthew. This figure was totally different than the others, and it turned its head in a way such as a praying mantis or another insect might. Matthew described this figure as possibly reptilian.

Matthew's mother then awoke, and he told her that there were people in the house and that Thomas was gone. She got up and ran to the boys' room with Matthew following. The next thing Matthew recalls is standing in the driveway outside the farmhouse. He looked up and saw two streaks of light go from west to east, then two streaks of light go south to north, over and over. Then he saw Thomas standing about 35 yards from him, with a blank stare on his face. His mother kept asking Thomas where he had been, but Thomas just kept staring.

## What Happened to Thomas

Thomas recalls the same memories as Matthew, but what happened to him is strikingly different. Suddenly, Thomas went from the boys' room to a craft of some type. Thomas saw an extraterrestrial operating what he interprets to be two main control

# one can describe the inside of aliens' spacecraft

boards. There was another extraterrestrial to his right who was touching a control device with raised-block symbols similar to Braille lettering. He recalls that the extraterrestrial had a stub for a thumb.

One extraterrestrial put a hand on Thomas's left shoulder. He appeared bluish-steel gray in color. That extraterrestrial was communicating with Thomas without speaking, and the one at the control board was listening and following orders. The one communicating was in charge of Thomas and Matthew, who was about 15 feet behind Thomas. There was a similar-looking extraterrestrial standing with Matthew.

## Aliens That Change Color

Thomas believes that when the extraterrestrials feel safe they have a steel-gray look, but when they're outside their craft they illuminate, like a five-watt bulb. They wear beige-colored protective suits and seem to have a way of blurring their appearance in order to make it difficult for humans to see them clearly, and this gives them a ghost-like appearance. When they were in the boys' home, they were an illuminated off-white, but on the ship they were a steel-gray color. Thomas says these aliens he encountered are typically described as "grays." They were about five feet tall.

Thomas remembers seeing an extraterrestrial in a second-story room in the craft, and another in the front of the ship. One of those appeared to be in charge. Thomas said that the communicating extra-

terrestrial showed him a screen with a picture of a willow tree against a background of water and hills. There was a spacecraft in the air above. Thomas believes this was intended to be a way to calm him and Matthew and assure them that they were safe, perhaps by showing him that the extraterrestrials' planet is not so different than Earth. The scene with the willow trees, which remains etched in Thomas' mind, has been a source of comfort and attraction not only for Thomas, but also for his mother Nancy and for other family members as well.

Thomas recalled that the communicating alien displayed an image of a constellation shaped something like a tennis shoe. Thomas believes this may be an indicator of where the aliens were from.

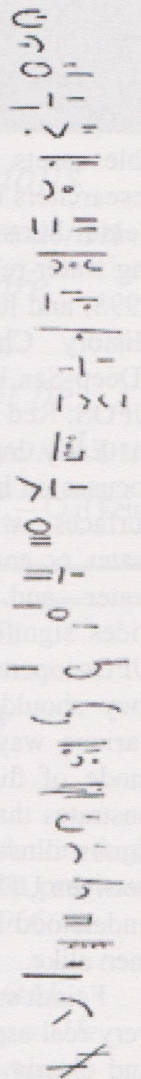
Thomas doesn't remember how he got onto or off the craft. He does remember the area where the spaceship landed, and the next day he and a friend located the site a short distance from the boys' home.

Thomas believes that the aliens chose him because of his blood type, which is O negative. He speculates that perhaps they are using it for their own benefit. He thinks that they may be in need of this blood for their health and perhaps for other reasons unknown to him.

Although this 1966 incident is the first in Thomas' memory, his related experiences have been ongoing. He recalls that in his fourth-grade classroom he saw dozens of pictures drawn by other students. One was of a green man from

## Symbols that Thomas remembers seeing on craft's control board

Thomas recalls these symbols that he saw on the control board of the craft he was taken to in 1966. He drew them from memory years ago and showed them to people at a MUFON abduction group he once attended in Fort Myers, Florida. Thomas only attended that group for a short time, and he doesn't know what became of his original drawing. He provided this more recent drawing of the symbols that he still can recall from memory.



Mars. This picture triggered his memories, and he told his teacher: "They're not green, and they're not from Mars."

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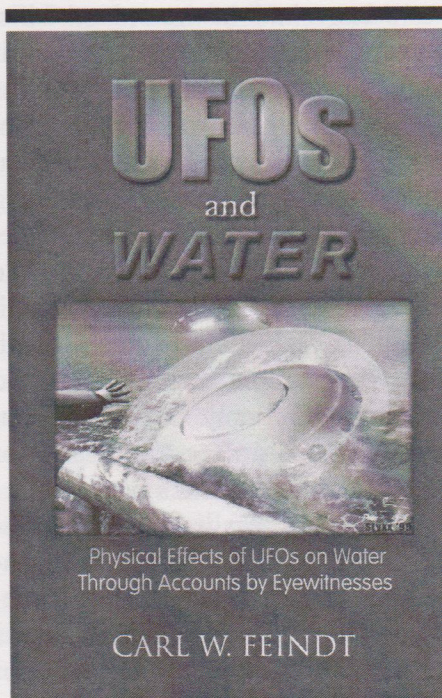
# A comprehensive and scientific look at ways

By John F. Schuessler

WHILE MOST BOOKS written today are just a rehash of old UFO stories and have very little scientific or technical content, Carl Feindt's book is different. Besides surely being the most comprehensive volume ever written about UFOs and water, it contains many valuable assets that may be used by researchers in the field of ufology. Feindt himself has been researching water-related UFO cases since 1998, and he has appeared on the History Channel documentaries "Deep-Sea UFOs" and "Deep-Sea UFOs: Red Alert."

Early in his book, the author focuses on how UFOs affect water surfaces—whether flying over the water or entering and leaving the water—and this information provides significant clues about how UFOs operate. As real machines, they should disturb the water in various ways depending on their mode of flight, and Feindt demonstrates that this is true. His diagrams illustrating the interactions between UFOs and water are easily understood by specialists and laymen alike.

Feindt's work discloses the very real aspects of UFO incidents and clearly demonstrates the reality of UFOs. One of the main ideas that he introduces concerns the field surrounding the UFO. He believes this to be a rotating high-energy field that serves a protective function, and he describes how this field can also be reversed or completely



**Title:** *UFOs and Water: Physical Effects of UFOs on Water Through Accounts by Eyewitnesses*

**Author:** Carl W. Feindt

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turned off. He demonstrates that this field is the reason for circles of melted snow and ice—along with other indications of heat generated by UFOs—at various locations where UFOs have been sighted near the ground.

Feindt discusses the fact that UFOs are seen underwater in close proximity to ships, and he alerts people to the possibility of the threat that UFOs pose to boats and ships and the people aboard them. By including reports from U.S. Navy vessels, Feindt adds the dimension of expert reporting and draws attention to the powerful evidence supported by official government documents.

The author goes way beyond describing the effects UFOs have on water by examining the abductee phenomenon as it relates to UFOs. He includes accounts that disclose the physical changes to water environments observed by abductees. Many abductees report looking out the windows of the crafts they are in and envisioning that they are in a tunnel. Feindt maintains what they are seeing is water being held back by the curvature of the field surrounding the UFO.

He goes on to look at how fish, birds, and other animals react in the presence of UFOs. He believes that UFO sightings have been reported throughout recorded history and explained in terms of the society of the time. Feindt presents cases from hundreds of years ago, considering them in light of our current knowledge of UFOs. He discusses sea-serpent sightings and suggests that some of them may be cases of mistaken identity. He compares various features of the monsters to what we now know about UFOs.

## that UFOs interact with water

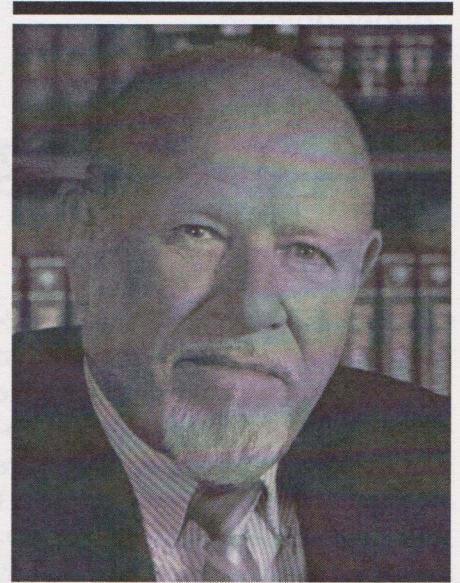
The author moves on to tackle other cases of possible misidentification in order to help researchers investigating new cases.

Feindt's comprehensive study is divided into 19 chapters, each focusing on different facets of the connection between UFOs and water. All chapters contain eyewitness accounts. The first chapter briefly explores the history of UFOs and water. Subsequent chapters include topics such as radar and sonar detection of UFOs, UFO sightings by aircraft carriers and other large ships, government secrecy, UFOs taking on water, beams of light into bodies of water, physical influences of a UFO on a boat's motion, sightings of

submerged UFOs, and underwater solid lights.

The people who specialize in various areas of ufology deserve respect and appreciation, and Carl Feindt is making a very real difference. His outstanding text brings a breath of fresh air to ufology, and it would be a welcome addition to the library of any serious UFO researcher. The author's discussion of UFOs and water provides an important resource, and I would recommend that all UFO researchers and investigators read, digest, and use the content of his book when continuing their work in this field. ■

*John F. Schuessler is a former international director of MUFON.*



*Though the details behind the operation of these craft are unknown to us, they should not be considered beyond our understanding.*—Carl Feindt

### multi-generational abductions

## Family lost several hours of time in 1969

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The next incident occurred in 1969. Nancy was driving their station wagon home on a rural road in Massachusetts just after dark. Thomas and Matthew were in the backseat, and Nancy's mother was in the front passenger seat.

One moment Nancy was driving, then the next she awoke sitting in the front passenger seat. Thomas was out of the car beside it, and Matthew was in the backseat curled up in a fetal position. Thomas saw his grandmother walking in the

road toward a nearby store. She appeared to be dazed. He went in the store after her and found her pushing a baby stroller back and forth, as though a baby were in it. He took her hand, and she teared up. He helped her back to the car.

Nancy was terrified by this incident. She recalls that the family lost several hours of time that night. Her car was turned around facing the direction they had come from, and she has no idea what happened.

Thomas said these aliens in

1969 were sinister and more frightening than the ones he previously had encountered in 1966. ■

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**Read Part II of this story in the December issue of the Journal.**

# When investigating cases that may involve

By Elaine Douglass

RECENTLY A MUFON STATE DIRECTOR told me: “We haven’t had an abduction case in our state since the year one. I’m not interested in abduction cases. My investigators are not interested in abduction cases. I think you have to be a trained psychologist to look into these cases.” Next, the state director was kind enough to tell me of his own childhood experiences with gray aliens. Then he said that he mainly is interested in disclosure, through which he hopes “all the mysteries will be explained.”

His position is not mine. I don’t believe that investigators need to be trained psychologists in order to look into abduction cases—all we need is common sense.

## The Key Question to Ask

In Utah, I’d estimate that about 50 percent of witnesses are abductees. I find this out by asking the simple question: “What else has happened to you that you can’t explain?”

When I first began to speak with abductees 25 years ago, I was shocked that virtually none wished to undergo hypnosis. From reading books about abduction cases, I had the impression individuals who suspect an abduction history are eager to be hypnotized in order to learn as much as possible. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Once we discover that most of sighting witnesses who are abductees are unaware, and those who are

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*To locate abductees, ask UFO sighting witnesses: ‘What else has happened to you that you can’t explain?’*

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aware are decidedly not interested in hypnosis, that puts the problem in a new light. What does “investigating” an abduction case consist of for MUFON field investigators?

Remember that the mission of a field investigator is twofold. One part of our job is counseling the witness. The other part is gathering and reporting information.

The biggest part of counseling is listening to and believing the witness. Many times the only person interested and who believes the witness is the MUFON investigator. This can be extremely reassuring to the witness, especially if we are dealing with a person with memories of paranormal events.

In 2007 in Utah, a young mother of three reported to MUFON that for four years she had observed anomalous lights poised above the mountains across a valley from her home. The lights were real and seen by others. The woman was deeply troubled by these lights.

After getting the full rundown about the lights, I asked this witness what else there was that she couldn’t explain in her life, and

she told me a great deal, which I abbreviate here. She described being blinded by light when she attempted to videotape the mountain-top lights; sensing someone in her house watching her; childhood terror of her bedroom; scars of unknown origin and identical scars on her mother; migraines lasting up to a week; undiagnosable ovarian conditions; dreams of someone taking her children; night paralysis; extreme disturbances among her children during the night; inability of her children to awaken her during the night; feeling the presence of a departed relative; her son missing for more than two hours. Without doubt, I feel that this woman and her children are being abducted.

Had I not asked: “What else?” the case would have consisted of nothing more than anomalous lights observed on a mountaintop.

## Using the Information

What do we do with such a witness and this type of information? The information we submit to MUFON along with all the other information we gather. The witness we counsel. It’s simple common sense. We listen, ask questions, take notes, and express interest.

I learned a great deal from this witness, much of it from taking a “medical history.” You don’t have to be a doctor or nurse to do this. You simply say, “Let’s look at your medical history. Tell me what kind



# possible abductions, just use common sense

of illness or injuries you had in the first five years of your life.” Then continue with age 5 to age 10, etc. Over time you will see patterns.

We look into the possibility that a sighting witness may be an abductee because we’re trying to find out what’s going on. That’s why we’re UFO investigators.

Since we’re on the topic, what exactly is going on? I’ve come to believe abductees see UFOs more often than non-abductees, and the reason is the aliens are engaged in a process of waking these individuals to the reality of hidden contact in their lives in order to bring them into a state of conscious realization.

My approach to UFO sighting witnesses, after I gather the details of the sighting, is to ask the question: “What else?” I don’t push it. If the witness doesn’t report anything else, I may say: “So you were never missing as a child? You don’t have scars and don’t know how you got them?”

Admittedly, these are leading questions, but I don’t find witnesses particularly eager to answer “yes.” If a witness doesn’t report any inexplicable experiences, I drop it.

Many witnesses fall into a gray area. One man had three notable UFO sightings. My suspicions were aroused, but the only unusual thing he reported was to say he is

extremely psychic, regularly able to anticipate events—not enough for me to conclude he is an abductee.

Some investigators think an abduction case will be one in which the witness calls and says, “I’ve been abducted.” That almost never happens. Some investigators think an abductee will call and say “I’ve been abducted, and I want to undergo hypnosis.” That doesn’t happen, either.

In the equally unlikely event that a witness offers to pay for professional hypnosis, a hypnotherapist can be found. MUFON has a relationship with OPUS, the California-based organization that maintains a list of therapists nationwide ([www.opus-net.org](http://www.opus-net.org)).

Once in a while a case may afford an opportunity to prove that an abduction took place. Assisted by Jeff Sainio, I’m working on a case now in which the abductee was taken in his fishing boat, which had a GPS mounted in it. The GPS recorded a trail of the man’s movement. That is a rare case.

Generally there is no “proof,” just as there is no proof in most sighting cases. Because we are trying to figure out what’s going on, I find the people who can tell me the most are the abductees. To find abduction cases, all you have to do is ask witnesses the question: “What else has happened to you that you can’t explain?” ■

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## What's going on with all the UFO activity over New York, California, and China?

DO YOU THINK that noted UFO researcher Budd Hopkins, who lives in New York City, would consider publishing a report in a future issue of the *Journal* describing the colorful UFOs seen October 13 over New York City. Thousands of people apparently witnessed this UFO display.

I'd also be interested in more information about witnesses in Orange County, which is near Los Angeles, California, who recently

appeared on national TV news programs. On October 10 they reportedly saw and filmed colorful UFOs over Orange County. The unusual date of 10-10-10 only happens 10 times every thousand years.

Another thing that interests me are the continuing UFO reports by flight crews and civilians in China. A Chinese astrophysicist reportedly has said that our planet is being visited by space aliens.

—Kenneth Larson

## Reader supports study of paranormal

SO TED PHILLIPS IS GOING to include elements, if they exist, about paranormal activity with the cases that he reports on? I've got one thing to say: "Go, Ted, Go! It's about time!"

I've been a ufologist since 1973. I have experienced hauntings in St. Charles and St. Louis City. I investigated and produced the first documentary on the Chupacabras, and I have experienced psychic events.

I am a member of Missouri MUFON, and I am on the board of directors and serve as president for the newly named UFO/Paranormal Study Group of Greater St. Louis.

MUFON is on the money to include data on paranormal items. I would like to see a data-base effort to include paranormal data on cases that warrant it.

—Joe Palermo

## Col. Philip Corso's claims defended

IT WOULD BE TERRIBLE if Stanton Friedman got away with what he said about Col. Philip Corso in the October *Journal* of October without anyone defending Corso. I usually like Friedman, but he has to give it up in going against Corso.

I accept what Corso had to say in his book *The Day After Roswell*. On his Web site, Michael E. Salla offers the best defense of Colonel Corso that I've located:

[www.bibliotecapleyades.net/exopolitica/esp\\_exopolitics\\_ZZO.htm](http://www.bibliotecapleyades.net/exopolitica/esp_exopolitics_ZZO.htm).

It explains in depth how Corso's membership on Eisenhower's National Security Council and the Fort Riley issue are credible. Other accusations made by Friedman and other critics also are explained.

Please publish this to prevent the *Journal* from being one-sided regarding this issue. —Dan Travers

## Can George Filer please comment about NASA?

I THOROUGHLY ENJOYED Janice Currie's coverage of George Filer's career in the September *Journal*. His tour of duty at Langley Air Force Base was remarkable. Since the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) always has held its innermost secrets close to the vest, the release of Apollo moon-program satellite information seems astonishing! I'm wondering if it's possible for George to comment on his assuredness of the credibility of the information that he received from his NASA acquaintances? While on the moon, Neil Armstrong supposedly said "They're here, and they're big!" What an article!

—Jim Ortyl

[*Editor's Note: George is confident about the credibility of his source for the NASA material. He has asked that the Journal clarify the following information in the article.*]

## Clarification

THANK YOU for the nice article about me. The basic article was excellent, but I was not in WWII as a fighter pilot. I entered the Air Force in 1958 and flew some 5,000 hours as a Master Navigator aboard tanker and large four-engine C-141 jet aircraft for military airlift command. I also was an Intelligence Officer for 16 years. I retired in 1978.

—George Filer

## Science Was Wrong draws high praise

BESIDES BEING INFORMATIVE, Stanton Friedman and Kathleen Marden's book *Science Was Wrong: Startling Truths about Cures, Theories and Inventions 'They' Declared Impossible* [Editor's Note: This was reviewed in the September Journal] is one of the most frightening things I've read in a long time.

Even now there are those making decisions that are based on ignorance and illogic that will result in pain, suffering, and even death. Each chapter in the book speaks to the heart of this scientific malaise. The same prejudices that have stifled technological advances in aerospace, physics, and other sciences are being employed in the study of the paranormal as well.

While this deluded approach can hamper human progress, some events described in the book were much more serious. The sections on medicine and politics outline how bias, ego, and faulty science have resulted in hundreds of thousands of deaths and disfigurements. Eugenics programs that sprang up at the turn of the century in the United States were as horrific as any that were propagated by the Germans during World War II.

The thought of such things happening leaves me cold, but knowing there are some who see through the facade and bring truth to light gives me hope for the future.

I have to disagree with the title though. Science isn't wrong, it's the so-called scientists.

—Terry Groff

## MUFON Investigator of the Year



The Symposium photos in the September issue of the *Journal* were very good. Here is another one, which I took of Christine Dickey when she was named Investigator of the Year at the Symposium.

By the way, I just saw what I believe is a recent documentary on the History Channel in which John Schuessler, Stanton Friedman, and Michael Schrott talk about the federal government's cover-up of Roswell events, Area 51, and possible underground vaults containing dead alien bodies at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. And I'm currently reading *The Day After Roswell* by retired Army Colonel Philip Corso.

—Becky Solon

## Delivery concerns

TODAY IS SEPTEMBER 27, and I just received my September *Journal*. Is it feasible to get *Journal* delivery on schedule? If not, could you print *The Night Sky* a month in advance so that the information will be more timely? The column is of no use due to the late arrival of the *Journal*.

—Jack Dowless

[Editor's Note: We apologize for the delay in delivery. The *Journal* is moving up publication deadlines to address the issue. This month we also have expanded *The Night Sky* to include more information about the southern hemisphere.]

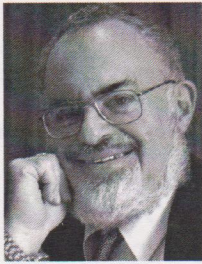
## Bring on disclosure

THE SEPTEMBER *JOURNAL* article by A.J. Gevaerd about UFO disclosure in Brazil was fascinating. Perhaps more articles about other countries' openness about UFOs will pressure our government finally to acknowledge their existence.

—James Rotter

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## Press conference gives serious coverage to UFO encounters at nuclear sites

By **Stanton Friedman**

SEPTEMBER 27, 2010, was a red-letter day for ufology. A press conference at the National Press club in Washington, D.C., featured six former military men and researcher Robert Hastings testifying about the topic of Hastings' book, *UFOs and Nukes: Extraordinary Encounters at Nuclear Weapons Sites* (2008).

If their testimony and the testimony of more than 100 former military men referenced in the book are to be believed, there have been many instances around the world in which UFOs have been seen near nuclear installations and have interfered with rockets designed to loft ballistic missiles containing nuclear warheads.

I commend the participants in the press conference for their courage in speaking out on such a sensitive topic—even though some were expressly forbidden to do so while they were in the military.

### **Familiar Stories**

Serious ufologists already are familiar with most of the stories, but this time the word was spread far and near by the mainstream media. There were, of course, a few negative comments, but there also was plenty of serious coverage.

Bob Salas's story about events at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Montana was told in his book with James Klotz, *Faded Giant* (2005). It still is shocking that 10 ICBMs apparently could be switched from

ready-to-fire to no-go in just a few minutes—as a large UFO hovered over the base.

Equally shocking is filming of the destruction by a UFO of a nose cone on a U.S. missile in flight in June 1964 as described by Dr. Robert Jacobs.

In the late 1940s there were a number of reports of UFOs seen near highly classified nuclear facilities. These included Oak Ridge in Tennessee, The Hanford Works in eastern Washington, and Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico. Security workers who witnessed some of these events understandably were concerned about spying. It should be stressed that these were large facilities, each employing thousands of people—all of whom required security clearances.

The press conference was preceded by an Internet war of words between Hastings and Salas with a man named James T. Carlson. Carlson claims that the Malmstrom affair did not involve any UFOs—according to his father Captain Eric Carlson, who had been stationed there at the time of the event. Hastings, however, has records of conversations with the elder Carlson and several other officers in which they clearly indicate that UFOs were involved. It's hard to understand the vehemence of the younger Carlson's attacks. One almost gets the impression that he is under orders to deny.

### **Why Are Aliens Here?**

Some want to claim nuclear weapons tests attracted space aliens in the first place. Others point out it would take the signals from the tests many years to reach other civilizations, even if these exist only dozens of light-years away.

My own view is that there are many civilizations in our neighborhood in space, and it only makes sense that they would want sporadically to monitor all primitive civilizations to avoid a surprise attack. Once the primitives reach a certain stage of development, monitoring would be conducted much more often, if not continuously.

Consider what happened on earth in the 50 years following 1900. First flight occurred in 1903. Radio was developed. Submarines were developed. By 1932 we had discovered the neutron. In a few years we developed a host of electronic systems such as radar, sophisticated radio and TV devices, high-speed aircraft—and weapons of mass destruction, including poison gases and atomic bombs. During World War II, 50-million people were killed and 1,700 cities were destroyed.

By July 1947, when a saucer crashed near Roswell, New Mexico, it was clear that primitive earthlings soon would be able to reach the stars through knowledge of nuclear fission and fusion. There were three obvious signs of the begin-

ning of the electronic revolution: nuclear weapons, powerful rockets, and powerful radar. The only place all three could be studied at once in 1947 was in southeastern New Mexico not very far from Roswell. There one could find the first atomic bomb, the most powerful rockets, and the best radar.

Hastings not unreasonably has suggested that the close encounters between UFOs and U.S., British and Soviet nuclear weapon-tipped missiles and other nuclear facilities are intended to send the inhabitants of Earth a message to forego these weapons of mass destruction. This doesn't necessarily mean the aliens are nice guys and care about us.

## A Source Planet

It may well be that the space aliens are interested in us because they have been stealing rare elements, biological products, and genetic material. A nuclear holocaust on Earth would destroy access to materials they need or want.

It should also be obvious that space aliens would recognize that our planet's inhabitants have built hundreds of ships propelled by nuclear energy. The first nuclear submarine, the Nautilus, was launched in 1956. Of even more interest would be the several nuclear-powered aircraft carriers that can operate 18 years without refueling. Jet engines and a ram jet have been operated on nuclear energy.

Many people are unaware that a number of nuclear rocket engines have been operated since the 1960s. At Westinghouse Astronuclear Lab we designed and operated the NRX A-6 at the nuclear test site in Nevada. It was only six feet in diameter and operated at a power level of 1100 megawatts. Los Alamos op-

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*By July 1947, when a saucer crashed near Roswell, New Mexico, that was the only place on the planet where nuclear weapons, powerful rockets, and powerful radar all could be observed.*

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erated the Phoebus 2B, only seven feet in diameter, at a power level of 4400 megawatts—twice the power level of Grand Coulee Dam.

Studies have been done on nuclear-fusion propulsion systems for almost 50 years. Fusion is what powers all the stars. Using isotopes such as Deuterium and Helium 3, charged particles can be ejected having 10-million times as much energy per particle as the energy used to power a chemical rocket.

Man, if he survives, is heading toward the stars. Any civilization making progress in nuclear technology clearly poses a threat to the neighborhood. In the course of lecturing at more than 600 colleges, I have found that practically no one in academia is aware of these developments. Perhaps it needs to be repeated that  $E=mc^2$ . That means that a simple 44-pound fuel bundle in a Canadian nuclear reactor produces as much energy as burning 400 tons of coal!

The publicity about the Malmstrom event also brought out an important letter from engineer Raymond Fowler, who has been involved in ufology for many de-

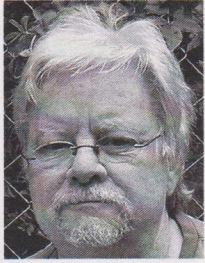
acades. He investigated the fascinating story of the abduction of four people in the Allagash wilderness in northern Maine, and he has written 11 books.

Ray wrote a letter in which he noted that for 20 years he worked on Minuteman missiles for Sylvania Corporation. He of course had a high-security clearance. He heard about some missile disruptions by UFOs, talked to a few people, and wrote an article. He was strongly admonished to shut up or he would lose his security clearance and his job. What he heard jibed with the stories told by Hastings and Salas.

In October, Larry Bryant, another persistent old-time UFO investigator, offered a reward of \$1,000 for new evidence of UFO interference with nuclear systems.

## Gliese 581G

Quite a bit of coverage has been given to the announcement that the supposedly Earth-like planet Gliese 581G was monitored for some time by The Lick Carnegie Exoplanet Survey. The planet is a bit larger than Earth and much closer to its dwarf star, Gliese 581, which is 20 light-years from our Sun. Five other planets have been found around the star, so that solar system is somewhat like ours. One side of Gliese 581G constantly faces the star and is quite hot; the other side would be quite cold. Suitable temperatures for life might only be found in the narrow region between the front and the back. Of course we don't know what the surface or atmosphere are like, but anything that leads to the discussion of life elsewhere is probably of benefit to the UFO community. It's interesting that there hasn't seemed to be any ridicule leveled at the Gliese 581G story. ■



*outside the box*

## Unseen forces at work in several cases, including a mystery involving dogs

By Ted Phillips

CURRENTLY AT MARLEY WOODS WE HAVE 10 ccd units recording 24/7 when our team is out and about. Our objective is to venture into areas of unusually high activity, such as light-ball nests or locations of recent landing events. We carry along portable HD cameras, digital cameras, EM detection equipment, etc. to aid us in watching ground-to-sky areas.

### Unseen Forces

Unseen forces are especially interesting, and they have again been at work near the old factory building mentioned in this column last month. Extremely recently, several employees heard loud slamming sounds on the property adjoining the factory. They went to the fence as the loud noise continued and observed the water in the troughs moving violently with each slam. Later in the day an investigative team member watched along with the factory employees as the slamming resumed. The water was displaced each time, and one impact pushed the extremely heavy trough nearly two feet. Nothing could be seen impacting the troughs, and it was a clear day with very light winds.

One of our recent deep-woods expeditions was into an area with multiple observations of unseen forces, including a number of light-ball events. We set up in a clearing surrounded by dense trees and started watching and listening for any-

thing out of the ordinary. The clear sky produced nothing for the first five hours. Then coyotes triggered the alarm with a wave of animal sounds that sometimes preclude an event. Two minutes later eight large amber light balls appeared. The brilliant circular objects formed a horizontal line, and in the silence of the night no sound could be heard. These light balls are difficult to observe because they hang there with no wings and no engines—no sound at all. After four minutes they were suddenly gone.

Ten minutes later a much larger—or closer—amber object appeared to the east. It hovered near the tops of the dense trees for about two minutes before abruptly moving vertically and then remaining stationary for almost a minute. It returned to the lower point, hovered for 30 seconds, and once again jumped vertically. It then jumped to the right a distance equal to the vertical motion. This pattern of vertical and horizontal motion was repeated for the next 30 minutes. Suddenly the amber object moved away in a horizontal trajectory at incredible speed.

The area has been the site of six landing events with physical traces so far this year. The traces were circular and 10 feet in diameter. The central area remained undisturbed. Three of these took place over a 24-hour period. There was a single ring 500 feet from two rings identical in configuration and size.

### 'Some Strange Stuff'

I received a call from a woman telling me about "some strange stuff" taking place on her farm. She and her husband are very credible witnesses and observers, I have known them 12 years, and they have accurately passed along a number of reports from other witnesses. The time frame for their case is the month of September

The woman, whom we'll call Cathy, and her husband, Bob, (though those are not their real names) keep dogs in a kennel 150 feet behind their rural home. The first event took place behind the kennel where three dogs are kept chained to individual steel posts 6 feet long driven 2 feet into some really hard ground. The dogs' chains are attached to their collars; a loop on the other end of the chain is dropped over the steel post.

Cathy entered the area behind the kennel one morning to find one of the dogs, a Border Collie, had gotten his chain tangled with the chain of a second dog. Their chains were tightly knotted together, not just wrapped around each other, and Cathy and Bob had to work together to untie the knots.

### A Series of Mysteries

The first mystery is how the looped end of one chain was removed from the steel post, which is ribbed on one side. Something would need to raise the loop of one

chain straight up, missing the ribs for four feet, before the two chains could be knotted together.

The next evening Cathy found the collie loose with its chain again knotted to the chain of the second dog. In a heavy wire pen nearby holding two calves, some bricks, concrete blocks, and a 4x4-inch landscaping timber 8 feet in length had been moved to the opposite side of the pen. The second mystery is how the bricks, concrete blocks, and a landscaping timber were moved. .

Bob and Cathy keep guns, which is known to their friends and neighbors. I can vouch for the fact that their large number of dogs go ballistic when anyone or anything comes within 100 feet of the kennel area.

Early in the morning four days later, Cathy found the collie chained inside the pen with the two calves. The dog's collar was so tight against the wire fence that the dog couldn't move. Its chain would have to have been lifted vertically from the steel post, and the collie then taken 80 feet from the spot before being chained in the pen.

It had been raining and the areas around the dog post and in front of the gate were muddy. No footprints could be seen.

If that's not enough, a large number of bricks, concrete blocks, and the same landscape timber had been moved from the side of the pen and placed in front of the gate! Could the dog do this? I don't think so. Would a human go through all this when the many dogs nearby should be barking—just 150 feet away from two people with guns?

Before these experiences, the Border Collie was calm, affectionate, and unafraid. Now neither Cathy nor Bob can touch him.

## Color Wheels

It's not unheard of for watches to stop. These two out-of-the-box UFO cases from the 1950s include another unusual element—paint on cars changing color. Both cases occurred in Norway. In 1953, a man, his wife, and a neighbor out for a drive observed an object lift off the ground and follow their car. The object stopped and hovered just above the ground, and they stopped their car as well. The witnesses felt "prickling" until the object ascended. One person's watch stopped, and the car changed color from beige to dark green in 45 minutes, apparently as a result of the incident. In 1954, two men being chased by an object stopped their car to observe it. One of their watches stopped, and the paint on their car changed color.

—T.P.

The next evening the collie was moved to another post, and the second dog was moved to the collie's post. A heavy gate to a field located 65 feet from the kennel was opened 10 feet from its original position. Again, there was mud all around the gate, but no footprints. The collie was moved back to its original post.

Nine days passed without incident. On the ninth evening the dog was released from the post. Three remote cameras captured an image of the dog chained on the post. In the next image, dog and chain are gone.

The next day the collie was found with its chain looped on post two. Cameras showed an image of the dog chained to post three. In the second image, the dog is chained to post two. The images show nothing to account for the dog's move.

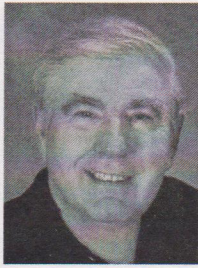
Would a sane person who had seen the cameras flashing on the previous night come back again to have his picture taken?

The next night, the dog and the chain are found removed from the post. Although images were taken, all of them were fogged and show no details. The same events occur

the next evening. The images are clear but show no humans or anything else to explain the events.

On the next day, something occurred when Cathy was walking another dog, a full-grown pit bull that has a don't-mess-with-me attitude. About 20 feet from the pit bull's favorite potty spot, which he has used since he could walk, the dog stopped, his head went down, and his fur bristled. The dog began shaking and barking. Cathy turned the dog, and it beat feet toward the house—clearly frightened and looking back several times. Cathy could see nothing out of the ordinary. Once in the house, the pit bull ran to the only window facing the potty area and barked loudly for several minutes.

The story of this mystery will continue next month. I'll also mention current news from Marley Woods and write about my first CE3 (close encounter of the third kind) observation—hide the kids! If any of you have reports on cases similar to those described in this column, please let me know. My Web site still is being constructed. ■



## *filer's files*

By **George Filer**

*[Editor's Note: This roundup of UFO sightings is presented to keep Journal readers informed about some of the vast number of sightings being reported. Unless otherwise noted, these cases have not officially been investigated.]*

### **Two sightings of unusual egg-shaped objects reported over Texas**

Tomball, Texas—I am a commercial pilot based in Houston. At 4:20 p.m. on September 25, I noticed what appeared to be an egg-shaped object over Highway 59 in Tomball. The object flashed a bright red light similar to a flare. I watched for almost 10 minutes, and observed the object pass through some cumulous clouds. As it did, the clouds seemed to open up around it.

The next day, at the same time, I noticed five or six egg-shaped silver-white objects traveling in a group. A flight attendant with me at my house verified that these objects were spreading out and then joining. As they reached a higher altitude, they lined up perfectly from north to south. They either were changing shape from round to oval, or were oval and simply wobbling. I am a military-trained aerial observer. The objects' apparent separation and re-organization flight characteristics seem highly unlikely be balloon activity north of Houston. (MUFON CMS)

### **Saucer-shaped object glides over Portland**

Portland, Oregon—On September 11, I noticed some movement and saw very clearly an airborne object gliding slowly north. It remained at a consistent speed slower than an airplane, and it stayed at a consistent altitude. It spun slowly and the center of this solid metal disk stayed stationary while the outer rim dipped as it traveled. I saw every detail on every side of the object. The top of the saucer was convex, smooth, and featureless. The bottom side was the same except for six smooth bulges evenly spaced and protruding in a circle near the outer edge of the saucer-shaped disk. The object made no noise as it moved overhead and traveled north over the I-405 bridge and disappeared. (MUFON CMS)

### **Arrowhead-shaped craft appears in Dublin skies**

Dublin, Ireland—At 10 p.m. on September 24, I saw in the sky a craft shaped like an arrowhead with wings. The front of the craft came to a sharp point. It was flying west at space-station height, and was yellow or gold-colored. It then spun around twice in a full circle in a way that no man-made craft could have done. The sighting lasted only a short time. The arrow-shaped object then disappeared behind the clouds. (WWW.UFOSNW.COM)

### **Iowan observes silver orbs flying in formation in mid-afternoon**

Winterset, Iowa—At 2 p.m. on September 24, I was pumping gas and saw three silver-white orbs flying in formation toward the southwest. I went inside to get my two friends, and we all watched them for about a minute. The three orbs were followed by a pair of orbs in formation. They each might have been the size of a beach ball 400 yards away or they could have been 30 feet in diameter and a mile away. I am 54 years old, and I have never seen anything like it. A check of winds aloft up to 10,000 feet shows that winds were from the west-northwest at speeds from 20 to 40 knots. The objects were observed moving southwest, eliminating balloons or any flotation device as an explanation for this sighting. (WWW.UFOSNW.COM)

### **Light in sky changes intensity over Tennessee**

Chapel Hill, Tennessee—On the evening of September 28, I was checking out the northeast sky for a visible comet when I saw a strange light. It slowly appeared, become bright, and then several seconds later dimmed to nothing. Ten seconds later, it repeated the process. It did this three or four times before it disappeared. (MUFON CMS) ■



## Shiny objects over the Big Apple

On October 13, hundreds of Manhattan residents witnessed shiny objects high in the sky over Chelsea. According to the witnesses, a single falling light split into three lights that formed a triangular pattern and hovered. Police and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) began receiving calls around 1:30 p.m. The objects did not register on radar. There were suggestions the objects could have been balloons, but FAA Spokesman Jim Peters said authorities would have been notified in advance of a weather balloon or an organized balloon release. Police had received no notification.

Coincidentally, *Challenges of Change*, a newly published book by retired North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) officer Stanley A. Fulham, predicted October 13, 2010, as the date for UFOs to appear over the world's major cities as the first step in preparing humanity to accept the reality of extraterrestrials.

On October 17, lights forming a mirror image of the pattern seen in the sky over New York were seen in El Paso, Texas. Witnesses reported one light descended in the sky and separated into three, which then formed the same triangular formation as the three "balloons" in New York. A fourth light appeared, hovered, and then all four lights disappeared. El Paso officials attribute the sightings to "stunt airplanes flying night drills."

## Last NASA space shuttle launch

After 29 years and 134 missions, NASA is closing the space shuttle program. *Discovery's* last flight was scheduled to lift off from Florida's Kennedy Space Center on Nov. 1. The last *Endeavour* flight will be Feb. 26, 2011. For information about acquiring tickets to view the historic event from the Kennedy Space Center Causeway, contact [Kennedyspacecenter.com](http://Kennedyspacecenter.com).

## Another UFO delays Chinese flights

UFOs over airports in China are almost becoming the norm. For the third time this year a UFO temporarily shut down an airport. According to China's state-run *People's Daily*, this incident occurred in Baotou in Inner Mongolia on September 11. An object was detected on radar, forcing flights to be diverted to a neighboring airport. Normal operations resumed after about an hour. No further reports on the incident were forthcoming. In July, China's Xiaoshan Airport was closed down due to the presence of a UFO. Another sighting occurred earlier in the summer in Hong Kong.

The Baotou UFO sighting was the ninth in three months, with eight sightings reported in several provinces between late June and late July. Some believe the sightings are related to Chinese military aircraft, but that hypothesis hasn't been confirmed.

## 'Goldilocks' planet detected

The search for other habitable planets in the galaxy has located a promising candidate, according to the *New York Times*. Gliese 581G orbits a fading star—Gliese 581—which is a mere 20 light-years from earth. It's being referred to as a "Goldilocks" planet in the "Goldilocks zone." (Scientists believe that conditions are "just right" for life.) That means the planet is at the distance from a star at which surface temperatures are neither too hot nor too cold for liquid water. On the down side, the planet is less than hospitable. The same side always faces the sun, so temperatures would be extreme over most of the planet. But Steven Voght, an astronomer at the University of California at Santa Cruz and co-author of the study, thinks life could exist in temperate zones near the day/night divide. "The chances of life on this planet are almost 100 percent," he said. ■ —J.C.

## CMS rankings

CONGRATULATIONS to Donald R. Burleson (New Mexico), Christine Dickey (Arizona), George A. Filer III (New Jersey), Cheryl Ann Gilmore (South Carolina), Jimi Hughes (Montana), Lorna Hunter (Minnesota and South Dakota), William Jones (Ohio), William J. Konkolesky (Michigan), David MacDonald (Kentucky), Marie C. Malzahn (Idaho), Eddie Middleton (Tennessee), Brent Mitchel (Alaska), Bland Pugh (Florida), and Steve Winans (Kansas) for being at 100 percent in October's Case Management System (CMS) rankings! The top 10 state directors are highlighted on the chart at right.

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### understanding the chart

The CMS Report is based on two measures of UFO Investigation effectiveness—(1) assigning reports within 72 hours of receipt and (2) completing all investigations within 90 days of being assigned.

- **Assigned** is a six-month running average of the number of cases assigned within 72 hours divided by the total number of cases received in that six-month period.
- **Completed** is the number of cases completed beginning 62 days back and going back six months from there (for a total of eight months back) divided by the total number of cases reported in the same period.
- **Weighted Rank** is the average of the two columns expressed as a percentage.

Rank	State	Director	Weighted Rank (50/50)	Assigned	Completed
1	New Mexico	Donald Burleson	100 percent	24/24	35/36
2	Michigan	William Konkolesky	100 percent	111/111	101/101
3	Tennessee	Eddie Middleton	100 percent	52/52	57/57
4	Kansas	Steve Winans	100 percent	26/26	20/20
5	Ohio	William Jones	100 percent	85/85	70/70
6	Minnesota	Lorna Hunter	100 percent	27/27	25/25
7	Kentucky	David MacDonald	100 percent	36/36	26/26
8	Florida	Bland Pugh	100 percent	122/122	164/164
9	New Jersey	George Filer	100 percent	46/46	41/41
10	South Carolina	Cheryl Ann Gilmore	100 percent	23/23	21/21
11	South Dakota	Lorna Hunter	100 percent	4/4	5/5
12	Montana	Jimi Hughes	100 percent	14/14	13/13
13	Arizona	Christine Dickey	100 percent	107/107	106/106
14	Idaho	Marie Malzahn	100 percent	22/22	19/19
15	Alaska	Brent Mitchel	100 percent	6/6	11/11
16	Indiana	Jerry Sievers	99 percent	99/101	102/102
17	Texas	Steve Hudgeons	99 percent	170/171	190/190
18	Pennsylvania	John Ventre	99 percent	122/123	137/137
19	Missouri	Debbie Ziegelmeyer	99 percent	76/77	70/70
20	Georgia	Ralph Howard	98 percent	64/66	72/72
21	Oklahoma	Marilyn Carlson	98 percent	26/27	28/28
22	Oregon	Thomas Bowden	98 percent	72/72	55/57
23	Utah	Elaine Douglass	97 percent	28/28	20/21
24	California (Area 1)	Ruben J. Uriarte	96 percent	125/135	117/117
25	West Virginia	John Ventre	95 percent	10/11	10/10
26	Iowa	Jim King	95 percent	22/24	21/21
27	Colorado	Leslie Varnicle	91 percent	64/65	44/52
28	Maryland	Donald Borton	87 percent	23/26	25/29
29	Washington	James Clarkson	85 percent	62/78	49/53
30	Nebraska	John Kasher	85 percent	16/21	19/20
31	California	Georgeanne Cifarelli	82 percent	158/162	112/164
32	New Hampshire	Steve Firmani	76 percent	10/19	19/19
33	Delaware	John Ventre	66 percent	1/3	4/4
34	North Dakota	Lorna Hunter	58 percent	2/3	1/2
35	Alabama	Roy E. Patterson Jr.	55 percent	7/27	17/20
36	Rhode Island	Steve Firmani	54 percent	1/11	12/12
37	Vermont	Steve Firmani	50 percent	1/10	9/10
38	Connecticut	Steve Firmani	50 percent	5/24	21/26
39	Illinois	Samuel Maranto	47 percent	39/97	43/79
40	Louisiana	Vivian Walker	46 percent	11/21	10/25
41	Massachusetts	Steve Firmani	44 percent	4/41	30/38
42	Maine	Steve Firmani	43 percent	2/11	16/23
43	Wyoming	Richard Beckwith	37 percent	3/4	0/7
44	New York	Samuel Falvo	37 percent	29/84	37/90
45	Hawaii	Lorna Hunter	35 percent	2/4	1/5
46	Mississippi	Norman Walker	32 percent	1/7	7/14
47	Virginia	Susan Swiatek	31 percent	14/34	9/40
48	Arkansas	Norman Walker	31 percent	8/25	11/35
49	Nevada	Ellen Bullock	18 percent	7/29	5/37
50	Wisconsin	Nathan Tomisich	5 percent	1/34	3/41

## a peek inside our case files

By Rob Swiatek

[Editor's Note: The following cases represent a fraction of the many cases investigated by MUFON this year. Rob Swiatek, a member of MUFON's board of directors, provided these excerpts.]

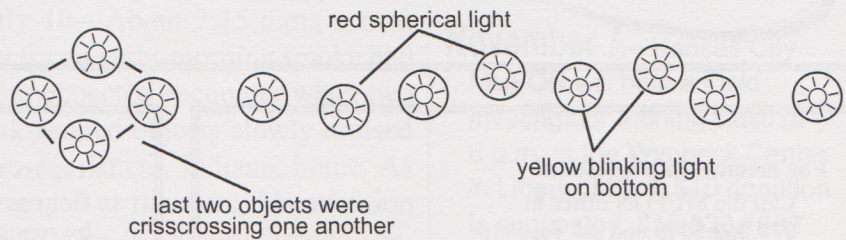
### Hovering saucer spotted in sky near Hull, Illinois

**March 29**—At 10:25 p.m. a clinical counselor driving West on Interstate 27 near Hull, Illinois, was surprised to see an object hovering in the partly cloudy sky above a field to her right. She described the object as having at least six alternating red, white, and blue rectangular lights in a circular pattern delineating what seemed to be the underside of a disk with an estimated diameter of 15–25 feet. Quite abruptly, the object rose and flew over the witness's vehicle to the southeast. She was able to capture a digital photo with her cell phone.

The photograph shows a blob of light in a dark field, not the multi-colored lights the witness described. A control photograph taken the next day by the witness at the same location and time shows the moon amid what appear to be stars and streaks of light. The similarity of the two photos lends credence to speculation that the witness photographed the moon on both occasions, its light perhaps overwhelming that of the UFO.

Field investigator John Jenner found the witness's accounts to be consistent and her demeanor credible. Jenner found "no reason for a hoax" and no evidence to enable clear identification of the object.

### Spheres seen over Florida



**March 20**—Shortly before midnight a man closing a video store in Hollywood, Florida, received a phone call from his brother asking if he could see lights outside in the sky. He and several employees and last-minute customers observed a group of 10 to 12 bright spheres soundlessly crossing the sky from southwest to northwest in a rough linear formation, one behind the other. Each sphere had the apparent diameter of the full moon and was red with a central yellow light blinking on the bottom. The man observed the last two lights in the row had begun "crisscrossing one another." The entire formation ascended out of sight in about five to seven minutes. Florida investigator Michael O'Neill interviewed the witness and visited the location of the sighting, which is bordered by two busy airports. The witness, who lives in the area, is confident the objects he saw were not manmade. The object has been classified as unidentified.

### Black objects dart into Oregon storm clouds

**June 15**—Somewhat after 2 p.m., a father playing with his children at River Road Park in North Salem, Oregon, noticed storm clouds approaching from the southwest. Suddenly the father discerned a black spherical object rising slowly upward in front of the oncoming cloud front. It seemed to alter in shape as it rose, from spherical to oval then back to spherical. The object did not drift or move with the wind as would be expected of a balloon—in fact, its deliberate, elevatorlike ascension appeared to defy the wind. It appeared to be about the size of

a half-dollar held at arm's length. After four or five minutes of upward movement, the object hovered in mid-air for perhaps a minute. The witness clearly noted that the matte black of the object contrasted sharply with the darkness of the storm clouds. The UFO then streaked horizontally west-northwest against the wind into the oncoming clouds and was not seen again. The movement of the object with respect to the wind belies speculation it was simply a weather or hot-air balloon. Its shape and actions rule out conventional craft. Investigator Richard Csuk classified the object as being of unknown origin.

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## Lighted saucers ply skies over Indiana

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**July 10**—About 2:15 a.m., a man out for an early-morning smoke had an unexpected encounter when two disk-shaped objects slowly cruised over his Brazil, Indiana, home. As he gazed at the stars, his attention was drawn to "a very strange saucer-shaped craft flying pretty low to the ground" and about 60 degrees above the horizon. The object was flying so slowly that at times it almost appeared to be hovering, and the witness said that it had an odd "sequencing light on the front, which lit up from left to right. It started as a blue color than gradually turned to red, and repeated." Bright yellow light streamed from a window on the side of the UFO. The witness detected no sound, and eventually the object vanished in the distance.

About five minutes later, an identical object—or perhaps the first one—flew over the witness's house, following much the same path as the first. After several minutes it, too, sailed out of sight, leaving the witness unsettled and upset. He retreated into his house and didn't reemerge until daylight. The case has been listed as unexplained by Jerry Sievers, state director of Indiana. ■

**November 6**—UFO Club of Virginia Beach, VA, meeting at the Kempsville Public Library. **757.217.8401.**

**November 7**—Kansas City MUFON will hold a Field Investigator training class at 6 p.m. at the Wynbrick Center in Liberty, MO. A \$10 donation is suggested. **816.833.1602**

**November 8**—Missouri MUFON State Director Debbie Ziegelmeier will present unusual UFO cases at 6:30 p.m. at the Westport Flea Market, 817 Westport Rd., Kansas City, MO. **rachon704@yahoo.com**

**November 20**—Phoenix MUFON presents Carol Rosin, former spokesperson for Wernher Von Braun, at 1:30 p.m. at Vision Quest Bookstore in Scottsdale, Ariz. Von Braun disclosed a government plan for making ET threats appear to be hoaxes. Rosin is president for the Institute for Cooperation In Space (ICIS) and has testified before Congress against the weaponization of space. **www.phoenixmufon.com**

**December 11**—UFO Club of Virginia Beach, VA, meeting 1 p.m. at the Kempsville Public Library. **757.217.8401 ■**

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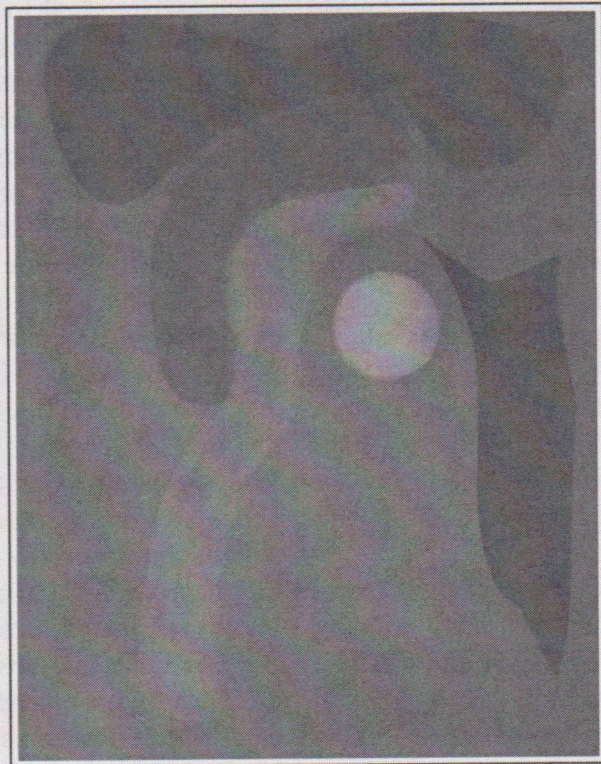
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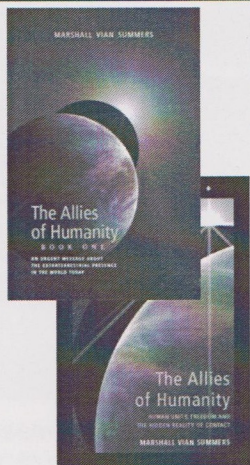
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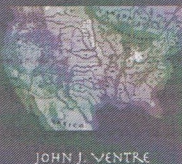
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# the night sky

By Gavin A. J. McLeod

## Bright Planets (evening sky)

■ **Mercury** (magnitude -0.6 to -0.4): From Libra through Ophiuchus into Sagittarius. In the northern hemisphere Mercury will begin the month lost in the glare of the morning Sun. As the month passes Mercury will rise until at month's end Mercury will be standing low over the southwest horizon at sunset and will set 1¼ hours later.

In the southern hemisphere Mercury will be difficult to see in the glare of the setting Sun. As the month passes Mercury will rise until at month's end Mercury will be standing above the west-southwest horizon at sunset. It will set 1½ hours later.

■ **Mars** (magnitude 1.4): From Scorpius into Ophiuchus. In the northern hemisphere Mars will begin the month standing above the southwest horizon at sunset and will set below the horizon 1 hour later. At month's end Mars will be standing above the southwest horizon at sunset and will set 1 hour later.

In the southern hemisphere Mars will begin the month standing above the western horizon at sunset and will set 2 hours later. By month's end Mars will be low over the west-southwest horizon at sunset and will set 1½ hours later.

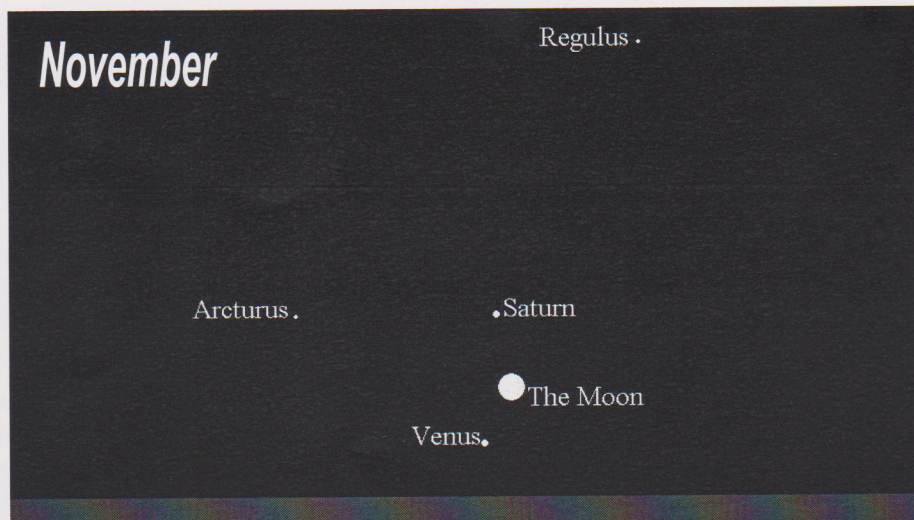
## moon phases

**new moon:** November 6  
**first quarter:** November 13  
**full moon:** November 21  
**last quarter:** November 28

## conjunctions & occultations

**November 4:** Saturn 8 degrees north of the Moon  
**November 7:** Mars 4 degrees north of Antares  
**November 10:** Mars 7 degrees south of the Moon  
**November 15:** Mercury 2 degrees north of Antares  
**November 16:** Jupiter 7 degrees south of the Moon  
**November 21:** Mercury 1.7 degrees south of the Moon

# November



*Observers who look toward the southeast just before sunrise on November 4 will see the Moon, Venus and Saturn close together in the morning sky.*

■ **Jupiter** (magnitude -2.8 to -2.6): In Aquarius. In the northern hemisphere Jupiter will begin the month standing above the east-southeast horizon at sunset and will set below the western horizon 3¾ hours before sunrise. At month's end Jupiter will be standing high above the southeast horizon at sunset and will set below the western horizon 6 hours before sunrise.

In the southern hemisphere Jupiter will begin the month high above the northeastern horizon at sunset and will set below the western horizon 1½ hours before sunrise. At month's end Jupiter will be very high above the northern horizon at sunset and will set below the western horizon 2¾ hours before sunrise.

## Bright Planets (morning sky)

■ **Venus** (magnitude -4.2 to -4.8): In Virgo. In the northern hemisphere Venus will be lost in the glare of the setting Sun. By month's end Venus will rise above the east-southeast horizon 3¼ hours before sunrise and will be high above the southeast horizon at sunrise.

In the southern hemisphere Venus will begin the month lost in the glare of the setting Sun. By month's end Venus will rise above the east-southeast horizon 1¼ hours before sunrise.

■ **Saturn** (magnitude 0.9): In Virgo. In the northern hemisphere Saturn will begin the month rising above the eastern horizon about 1½ hours be-

fore sunrise and will be high above the east-southeast horizon as the Sun rises. By month's end Saturn will be very high above the south-southeast horizon at sunrise.

In the southern hemisphere Saturn will begin the month rising above the eastern horizon 2 hours before sunrise and will be standing low above the eastern horizon at sunrise. At month's end Saturn will rise above the eastern horizon 2 hours before sunrise.

## Celestial Phenomena

**Daylight Saving Time** ends November 7 in most countries. ■

