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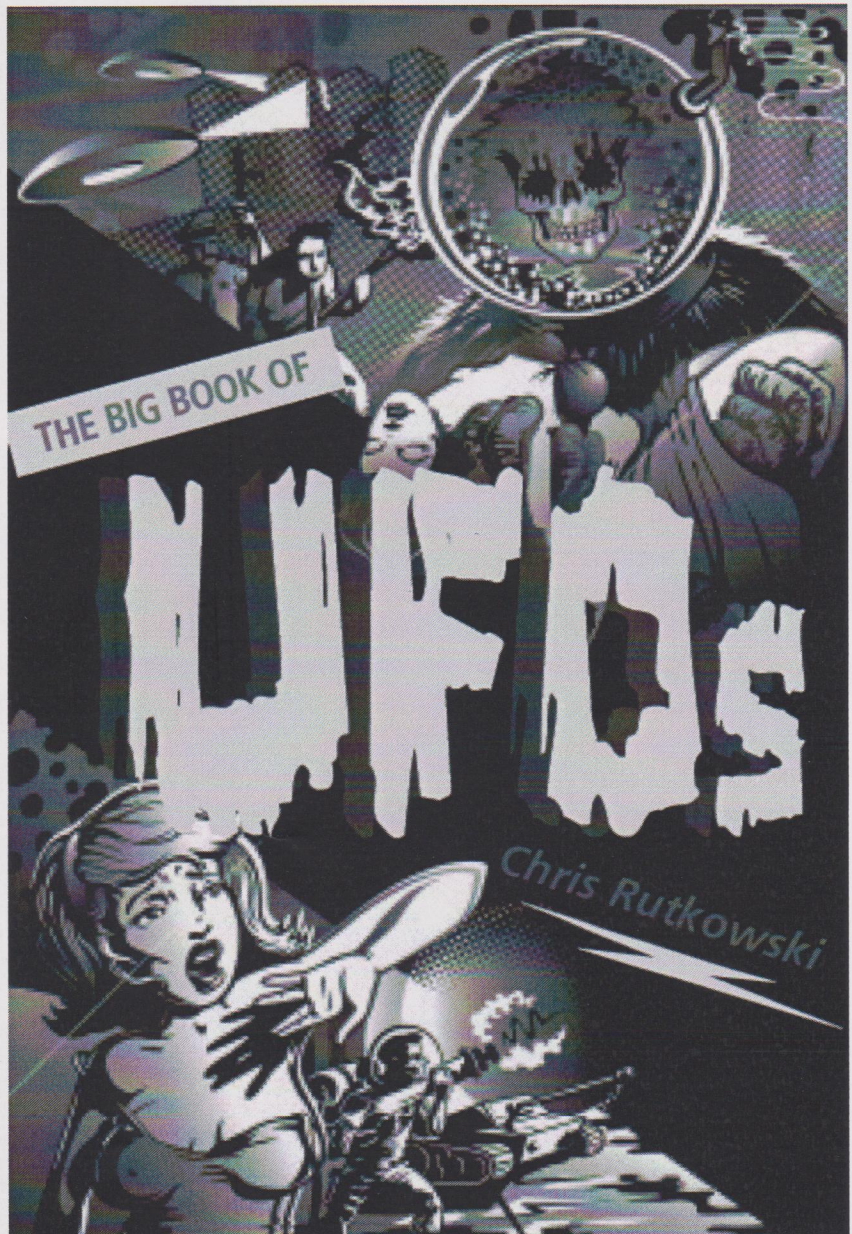
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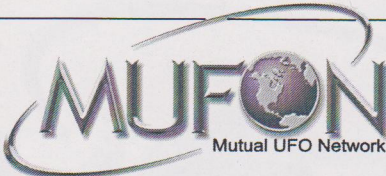
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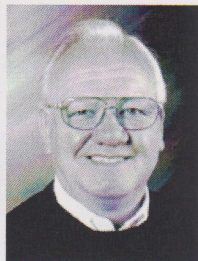
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*director's message*

**Some exciting cases,  
thoughts on disclosure**

By Clifford Clift

SO FAR IN 2011, MUFON has been notified of at least two major Category 3 UFO events, the type that may lead to significant discovery.

Seldom does a MUFON field investigator have a UFO experience while conducting an investigation. MUFON investigators usually arrive on the scene after the event. Recently, however, Chase Kloetzke, MUFON's Star Team manager, was a witness in a Category 3 case. It's very exciting when one of MUFON's top field investigators is directly involved in such an event.

MUFON consultants are reviewing the evidence of the two recent Category 3 cases. We're hopeful that this evidence will lead to new discoveries about UFO technology. Our findings will be shared with MUFON members when the reviews are completed.

**Thoughts about Disclosure**

I receive many e-mail questions concerning "disclosure," a hot top-

ic. There are many books written on this subject and many speakers on the circuit talking about disclosure. The United States is being asked to disclose long-withheld UFO information believed to be stored in secret government archives.

There is much speculation about what will happen after disclosure. Some scenarios are scary and some are pleasant. The prognosticators seldom seem to agree.

The effort to persuade government and military officials to release secret information concerning UFOs is based on the right of Americans and citizens of the world to know this information. After all, other countries are releasing their UFO files to the public. I agree that Americans, also, have the right and need to know the truth about UFOs.

I believe that the push toward disclosure is well-intended and it may cause the United States government to release some—but not

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# Who is Chris Rutkowski, and what's in his attention-grabbing *Big Book of UFOs*?

By **Bill Ryberg**

AUTHOR and UFO researcher Chris Rutkowski has been called Canada's version of Fox Mulder, one of the two lead characters in *X-Files*, the TV show about investigations into the existence of alien life. The sci-fi series ran from 1993 to 2002 on the Fox network.

Rutkowski's fascination with UFOs certainly rivals that of the fictional Mulder's, but in his approach to investigation he bears at least some similarity to Mulder's female sidekick on the show, the pragmatic and skeptical Agent Dana Scully.

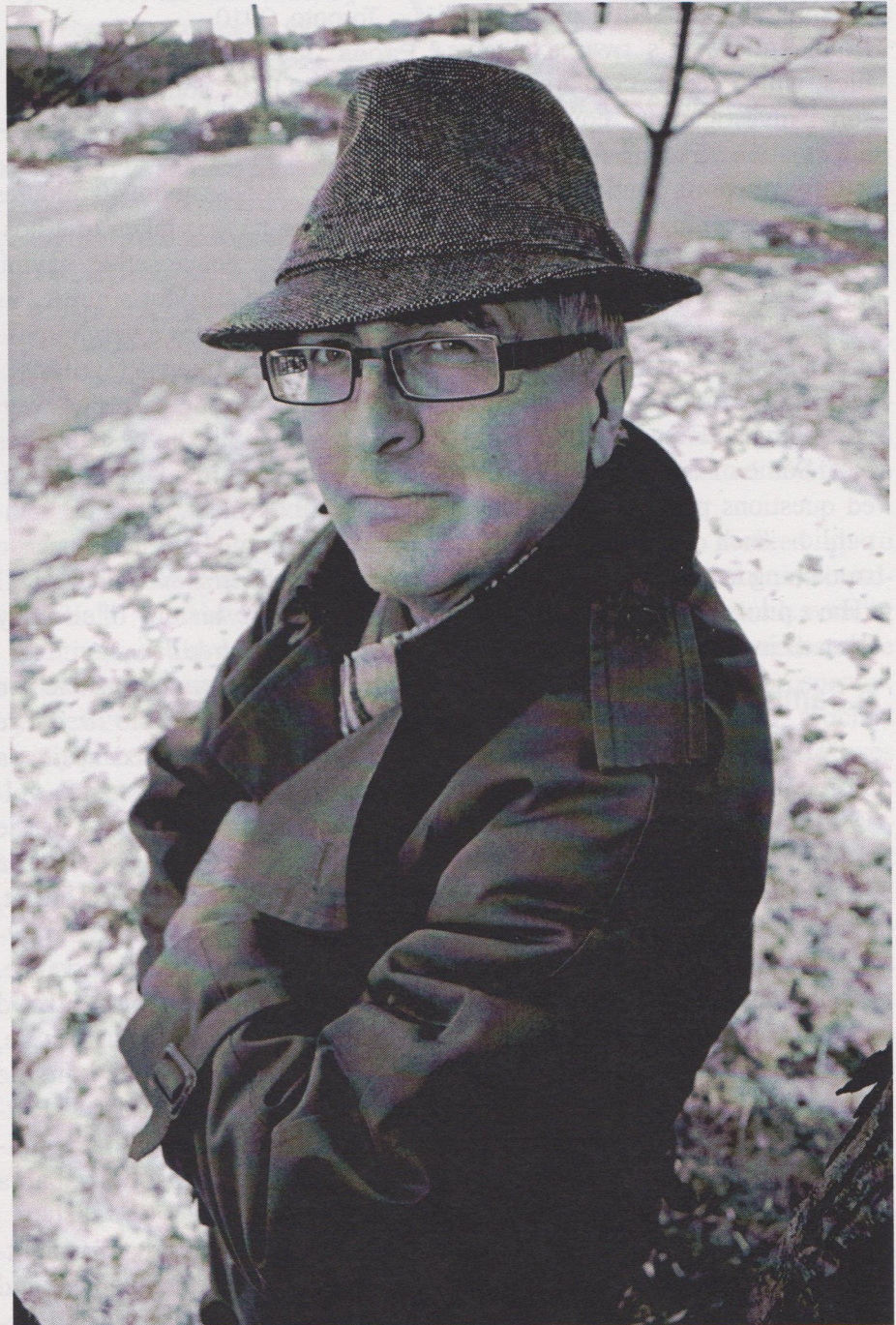
Rutkowski became interested in UFOs in high school in 1975 when a large number of sightings were reported near his hometown of Winnipeg in central Canada about 70 miles north of the U.S. border.

His interest grew, and over the years he has interviewed thousands of eyewitnesses as well as taken part in radio and television programs on the subject and has written numerous articles and nine books about UFOs. He even receives current UFO reports through the Canadian armed forces.

## Cases from Around the World

His latest work, *The Big Book of UFOs*, published in the fall, is a collection of UFO cases in Canada and around the world. It's generously sprinkled with interesting statistics, tidbits, and UFO trivia.

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*Chris Rutkowski's Big Book is written for the general public.*

# Intriguing cases, tidbits of information, trivia,

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The book is a compilation of UFO research, Rutkowski said in an interview. About half the material is new and half is taken from previous books. The cases come from Rutkowski's own extensive files, which cover 35 years of personal investigations, coupled with information from MUFON files and from reports conducted by other UFO-research organizations.

In writing *The Big Book of UFOs*, Rutkowski's purpose was to provide a summary of what ufologists have been investigating over the years, and to do so in an appealing and reader-friendly format. Some of the many UFO-related questions posed by the general public—such questions as “Is there something to abduction cases?” and “Have pilots seen UFOs?”—are addressed in a straightforward way.

## A Sampling of Cases

The numerous UFO reports explored in the book date from before 1900 to the 21st century. They include:

■ **The Val Johnson case in 1979 in Minnesota.** Johnson, a police officer, was on patrol on a dark highway when he encountered a brilliant light about eight to 12 inches in diameter and approximately three feet off the ground.

The light “suddenly flew quickly towards him and his police car. The result was damage to a headlight, a dent in the hood, a broken windshield, and bent antennas on top of the vehicle,” Rutkowski writes. Johnson blacked out, regain-

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ing consciousness about 40 minutes later. When he was taken to a hospital, “he was diagnosed as having a mild case of ‘welder’s burns,’ as if he had looked into a very intense light source,” Rutkowski writes.

He sums up the case this way: “The case had all the best features one would want in a UFO incident: a reliable witness, physical evidence and immediate investigation by police officers. No other UFO sighting in the history of ufology has such a pedigree.”

■ **The giant saucer case in the Canadian Yukon in 1996.** More than 30 people reported seeing a large object with orange, red, yellow, green, or white lights in the sky. Among the witnesses was a trapper. “He was looking west, when he saw a row of lights moving over the hills in the distance. As they approached, he realized they were on an object so large, he had to turn his head from side to side to look at all of it,” Rutkowski writes. The trapper estimated the object was more than a half-mile across.

Rutkowski writes that the sighting is “the best-documented and most thoroughly investigated recent Canadian UFO case.”

■ **A case in involving U.S. troops in Vietnam in 1966.** Soldiers at a base in the Nha Trang Valley were gathered outdoors to watch a movie when a bright light like a flare appeared. “According to a witness: ‘It dropped right towards us and stopped dead about 300 to 500 feet up. It made this little valley and the mountains around look like it was in the middle of the day,’” Rutkowski writes. A witness reported that while the object was over the base, a generator stopped and everything at the base went black. Engines stopped on aircraft at a nearby airfield. “The witness noted: ‘There wasn’t a car, truck, plane, or anything that ran for about four minutes.’” Rutkowski writes. Even a ship “anchored offshore experienced the same power blackout. Later, checks of all the generators and engines at the base could not find anything wrong with them.”

## Big Book Gets Good Reviews

*The Big Book of UFOs* has been getting good reviews, and he has heard that people are really enjoying it. The credit for that probably needs to be shared equally between the quality of the cases reported and the many pull-outs highlighting fun facts related to UFOs.

Some of the latter include tidbits about UFOs and aliens in literature, the movies, and TV, as well as a collection of drawings and *Did You Know?* trivia. Also scattered throughout the pages of the book are eyewitnesses’ word-for-word reports of UFOs they observed.

# and drawings fill *The Big Book of UFOs*

Rutkowski graduated from the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in 1983 and a Master's Degree in education in 1992. He has carried on his career as an author and UFO researcher, while also working at the University of Manitoba, where he now serves as a public affairs officer.

He lives outside Winnipeg with his wife, Donna, and their son and daughter. Donna Rutkowski is a special orders clerk in a bookstore. "It works out well, because I'm a writer and she's a reader," Rutkowski said.

## Search for 'Charlie Redstar'

His first experience with UFOs back in high school occurred when he and his friends would make an hour drive to a rural area southwest of Winnipeg to look for a UFO that became known as "Charlie Redstar." This was a red star-like object that would seem to swoop over people's heads and dash quickly down country roads when people tried to pursue it, Rutkowski said.

His interest increased after he enrolled at the University of Manitoba. Rutkowski studied astronomy at a time when the department was getting numerous calls about UFOs. Scientists in the department were getting over-burdened with the calls, and Rutkowski helped out.

"I thought it would be a good idea to get on their good side and take the calls for them," Rutkowski said. He did more than just answer the calls, however. He talked at

### UFOs AND ALIENS IN TV

The X-Files was a sweeping homage to conspiracy theories, touching on many other paranormal concepts such as telepathy, mind control, spirit possession, and voodooism. Its secret to success was including parallel story ideas about scientific concepts under discussion by media and taken directly from the news and pop culture, such as genetic mutations, Big Brother, implanted tracking devices, advanced weaponry, and of course, UFOs from outer space.

length with callers and then went off to investigate in person. "The people seemed quite normal and rational," Rutkowski said. Some sightings could be explained because they were satellites, stars or planets, but "some remained genuinely puzzling," he added.

Eventually, he was asked to take part in an undergraduate seminar and make a presentation about the UFO reports that people were making. Attendance was expected to be 20 or 30, but instead it ballooned to between 300 and 400 and had to be moved into the largest lecture theater on the campus.

Then J. Allen Hynek, the famed UFO researcher and founder of the Center for UFO Studies, visited Canada to look into the possibility of creating a Canadian counterpart to the American center.

"I met him and spent time talking with him and talking about

UFOs, and he encouraged me to continue my education and research," Rutkowski said.

Rutkowski began to be sought out by newspapers for interviews on the subject.

## Falcon Lake Case

His first major article was published in 1977 in *Proteus*, a British publication, and dealt with the Falcon Lake case in Manitoba in 1967. The incident involved an amateur prospector who was working in a sparsely populated area when he encountered a metallic saucer-shaped craft, which descended from the sky and landed 150 feet in front of him.

The prospector walked up to the craft and heard unusual sounding voices and other sounds coming from inside. A door opened and he saw lights inside. The prospector, who was wearing gloves, touched the side of the craft and his gloves melted, Rutkowski said. The craft suddenly rotated and took off, hitting him with a blast of gas that struck him in the chest and knocked him to the ground. His shirt and undershirt were set on fire and leaves and debris around him smoldered.

The prospector was found to be suffering from second- and third-degree burns. Investigation showed higher than normal levels of radiation in the area.

"It was one of the most intensely investigated UFO stories on record," said Rutkowski. "It's still unexplained."

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# Rutkowski: More investigations are needed

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In 1978, Rutkowski began publishing *Swamp Gas Journal*, a magazine, or ufozine, about the UFO phenomenon. The journal continued until the 1990s. Some back issues still are available online. He published his first book about UFOs in the 1990s. He has written articles for the *Journal* and for other UFO publications.

## His Own Sighting

He has often told interviewers that he has never seen a UFO himself, but it turns out he apparently has. Going through Canadian government UFO documents, Rutkowski found that a 1977 sighting was attributed to him. The sighting involved “a very simple light in the sky,” Rutkowski said.

He was 19 years old, and says he may have mentioned what he saw to a professor at the University of Manitoba, who could have passed it along to the Canadian government, which at the time was developing a UFO-reporting network. To Rutkowski, the sighting was so insignificant that he simply forgot about it.

In Canadian government records, Rutkowski found that on the night of May 6, 1977, he saw a large red light moving across the western horizon just west of Winnipeg. The light made no sound and was only seen for 10 or 15 seconds.

Rutkowski believes there is no one simple explanation about the UFO phenomenon. He has been investigating UFO reports since the 1970s, and since 1989, he and

a colleague, Geoff Dittman, have been publishing the *Canadian UFO Survey*, an annual analysis of all known UFO reports in Canada.

The researchers have examined more than 10,000 UFO reports in Canada since 1989. A significant number have explanations such as stars, planets and satellites, Rutkowski said. A certain number possibly can be explained as the misidentification of objects such as airplanes, and for some others there is insufficient information to reach a proper conclusion. Finally, said Rutkowski, a small percentage of sightings remain unexplained.

The percentage of unexplained cases is just under 10 percent, and of that total about 1 percent are considered “high quality,” meaning that the sighting was adequately investigated and that the eyewitness was someone such as a pilot or that there were multiple witnesses.

He has no pet theory about what UFOs might be. “My approach is scientific, and as such, I don’t see any incontrovertible evidence that UFOs are alien visitors,” Rutkowski said. “What we can say is that there is a collection of well-investigated and well-documented UFO cases that do not have explanations.

“Furthermore, my background in astronomy tells me that travel between stars is likely difficult, but probably not impossible,” Rutkowski said. “It’s the combining of these two facts that suggests that some cases might be visiting aliens. But, I have no proof of that. My personal philosophy is to advocate for

better investigation of UFO reports and increased dialogue between ufology and the scientific community at large.”

Sadly, said Rutkowski, the great majority of UFO sightings that are reported today are not adequately investigated. He added that efforts at online reporting have serious drawbacks. Witnesses making reports online adds to the perception that UFO reports are increasing, but this does very little toward helping UFO researchers study the phenomenon scientifically.

## MUFON an Exception

“The MUFON online data base is an exception to this rule,” because UFO reports are passed along to qualified investigators to obtain more information, Rutkowski said.

Rutkowski foresees increased interest in the topic in coming years. He noted that the British Royal Society, a prestigious scientific organization, held a conference last year on the subject of contact with extraterrestrial life. He expects advances in the ability to detect planets outside of our solar system, which “will certainly fuel speculation about life elsewhere and will certainly boost interest in the subject of UFOs.”

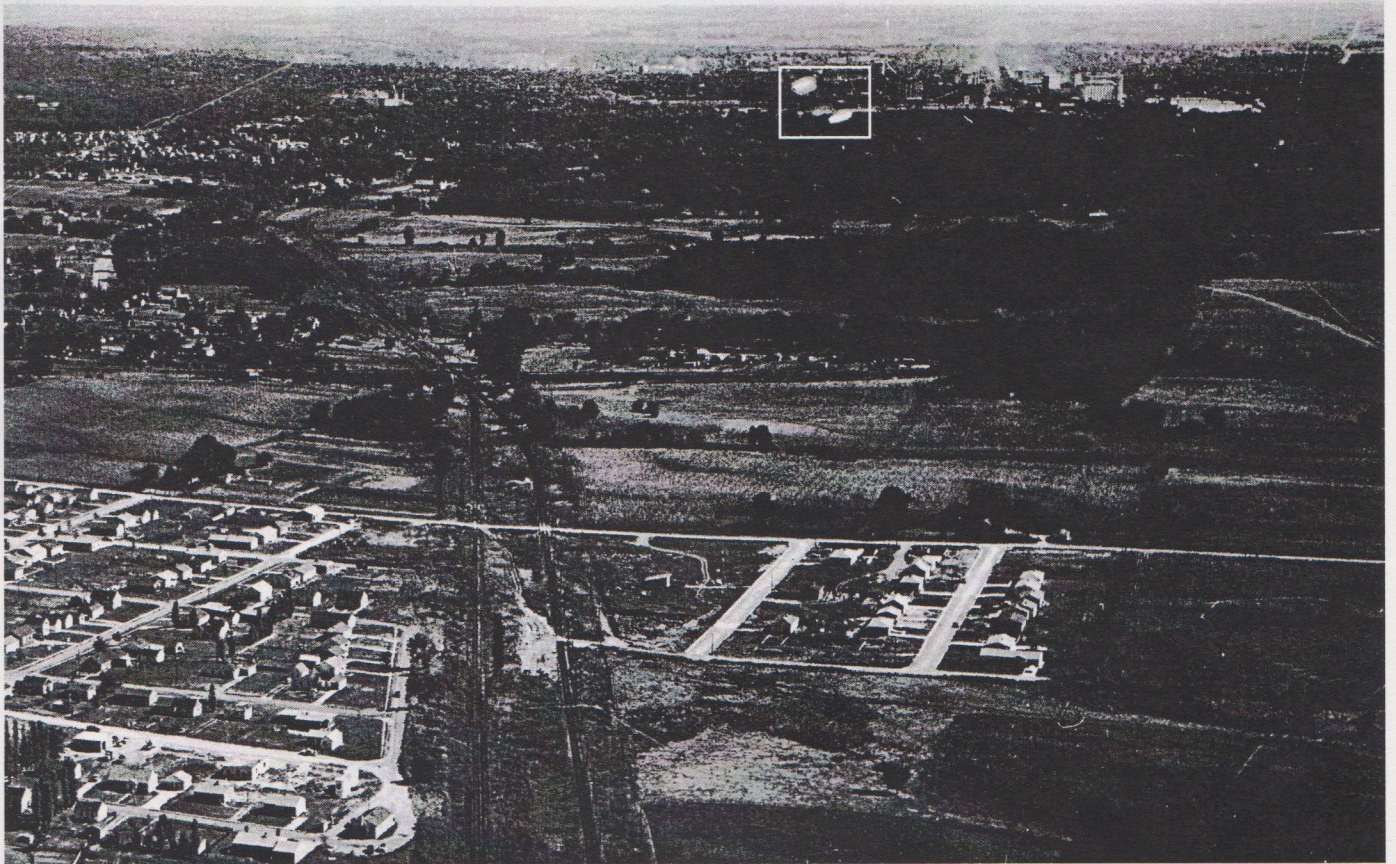
He also sees difficulties. “The problem that I see is that the number of UFO reports is increasing, but the number being investigated is decreasing,” Rutkowski said. ■

*Bill Ryberg is a former reporter for the Des Moines Register.*

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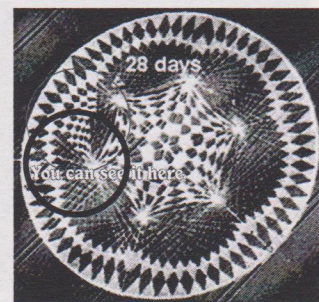
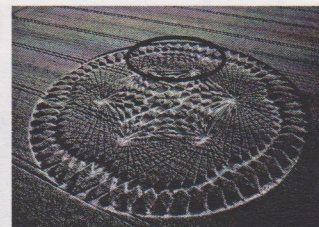
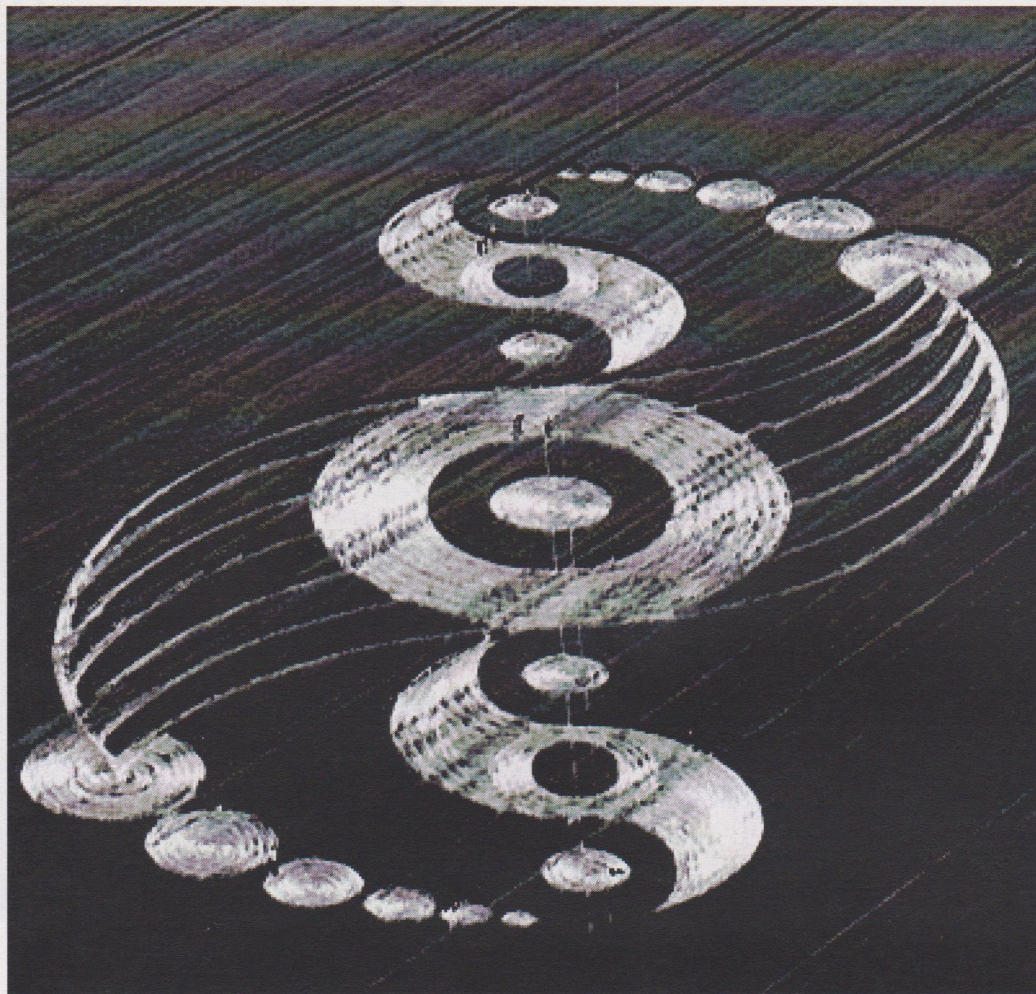
## UFOs over Iowa in 1955

Articles from our readers



This photo was taken on Sept 3, 1955, over Hiawatha, Iowa, which was founded in 1950 by businessman Fay Marvin Clark. Clark arranged to have an aerial photo taken every year to chronicle the town's growth. When this photo was taken, the pilot was unaware of the objects in the sky, but residents in the town witnessed the UFOs. The objects can be seen more clearly in the lower image, a magnified view of the same picture. Clark (1907—1991) was an investigator for MUFON and served on the Board of Directors for both MUFON and the Association of Research and Enlightenment.

UFOs over Iowa in 1958



Photographs of the crop-circle “mistakes” from the *January Journal* (above). The larger photograph (left) shows the crop circle made by Julian Richardson in May 2009 in the Windmill Hill field.

## What we can learn from crop-circle ‘mistake’ is that those who make these designs are fallible

“WHAT CAN WE LEARN from crop-circle ‘mistake’?” asks Steve Talbott in his Letter to the *January MUFON Journal*.

The simple answer is that the people who make these crop circles in England are fallible and they do sometimes make such mistakes. Despite all their careful design and planning, usually preparing diagrams with the use of computer graphics, a complex pattern like this one can go awry when

being carefully flattened by a team of two or more people at night. Whoever booped in this case probably incurred the wrath of his (or her) fellow circlemakers.

This 2002 design was almost certainly the work of veteran circle-maker Julian Richardson and his helpers. On May 25, 2009, Richardson made a similarly elaborate crop circle in more or less the same place in that field at Windmill Hill, Avebury (see large photo, above).

It can be seen that the pattern was centered on a straight wheelprint of a vehicle which had been driven through the barley crop at some time before the crop circle was made. (This line is at 45 degrees to the parallel tractor “tramlines.”). The separation of the two wheelprints corresponds, unsurprisingly, to that of a Land Rover, which is the type of vehicle Richardson drives.

—George Wingfield



# 'Simple' question ignores the possibility that some abductees simply might be delusional

THE GUEST OPINION of Elaine Douglass in the November 2010 edition of the *Journal* offers an excellent example of why most mainstream scientists (behavioral and otherwise) have not, do not, and will not take abduction research (and the abduction phenomena in general) seriously. If International Director Clifford Clift's assertion that the UFO phenomenon is "the greatest enigma our world has known" ("Director's Message," page 2 of the same issue of the *Journal*) is true, then the abduction mystery is even more enigmatic!

Yet Ms. Douglass proclaims that by merely asking a suspected abductee the "simple question: 'What else has happened to you that you can't explain?'" she can determine the truth of one's experience. Moreover, Ms. Douglass is sufficiently adroit in terms of human psychology and psychopathology to confidently state that investigators need not be trained psycholo-

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*Those engaging in serious study of abductions face an uphill battle because of some like Elaine Douglass who voice "incredibly unintelligent proclamations."*

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gists but merely need to employ "common sense."

I honestly can say that this is one of the most dangerously naive statements I've ever heard regarding abductions! This sentiment totally ignores a plethora of psychologically significant possibilities that well could be relevant.

One introductory psychology text cautions that human memory is extremely fallible and unreli-

able even under the best of circumstances. Ms. Douglass' position totally ignores the possibility of sometimes relatively subtle forms of psychiatric disturbance.

I once spent hours speaking with a purported "abductee" who was able to tell me about numerous anomalous events that he had experienced. (Yes, I had asked Ms. Douglass' "simple question.") Unfortunately, continued discussion disclosed that this individual clearly possessed a type of psychosis called Delusional Disorder, which sometimes is difficult to diagnose.

I'm always amazed when "researchers" who want to evaluate the abduction enigma so often operationally define an "abductee" as someone who self-reports that they were abducted! As long as this lax attitude exists, there will continue to be a lack of real progress in this important area of study. And those of us who attempt to engage in *serious* work relative to understanding this mystery will continue to face an uphill battle and raised eyebrows—in part because of some who consistently voice incredibly unintelligent proclamations. —S. Peter Resta

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## Reader finds case files helpful

I RECENTLY BECAME chief investigator for northern California. "A Peek Inside Our Case Files" in the November *Journal* gave me the idea that if my investigators saw investigated cases featured monthly in the *Journal* it might motivate them strive to be more thorough and to submit top-notch reports. I also like

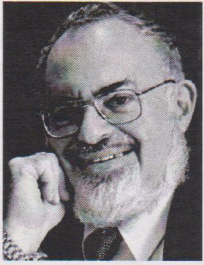
seeing other investigator's reports. Would it be possible to have this as a monthly column?—Devlin Rugne

*[Editor's Note: We're happy you like this occasional feature. We're committed to publishing more and better investigated case-file reports as our limited resources permit.]*

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## Learning from outer space: We need to

By **Stanton Friedman**

WHEN I HEARD of the comments in 2008 from the director of the Vatican Observatory, astronomer Rev. Jose Gabriel Funes, and then from Pope Benedict XVI that God could have made our brethren in space, I was surprised. I had years ago heard pro-UFO comments from Msgr. Corrado Balducci who worked at the Vatican—but the Pope?

My first thought was what does the Pope know that we don't? Was he trying to prepare the world's 1.13 billion Catholics for an upcoming announcement of the reality of alien visitation? Islam's leaders already believe that there is intelligent life in space.

The Vatican comments pose quite a contrast with the views of fundamentalist preachers Pat Robertson and the late Jerry Falwell, who have loudly proclaimed that Earthlings are the only intelligent life in the universe and that what's thought to be UFO stuff is a reflection of demonic activity.

### Learning from Outer Space

I recently was similarly surprised to be invited to the fifth annual Global Competitiveness Forum in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. My contact seemed pleased with my response expressing interest in participating in a panel on "Contact: Learning from Outer Space."

The other four members of the panel on "Contact: Learning from

Outer Space" are Nick Pope of England; Dr. Jacques Vallee, who, besides being an outstanding ufologist, is involved in selecting new business ventures for support by venture capitalists; Michio Kaku, an astrophysicist who has spoken enthusiastically about the possibility of space aliens; and Zaghoul El Naggar, an Egyptian scholar and a member of the Supreme Council of Islamic Affairs.

I intend to stress that aliens have taken innovative approaches to interstellar travel and examination of Earthlings. As far as I know, I am the only panel member who has strongly stated a conviction that some UFOs are of alien origin. Other panel members indicate that something of interest is happening, but they are unwilling to admit aliens are visiting (opposed to merely being out there).

Nick and I have a bet that Earthlings first will find out flying saucer reality from ufology, which is my view, rather than through efforts of SETI (Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence), which is Nick's.

I have appeared on Michio's radio show a couple of times. He certainly has shown much more courage than most academic theoretical astrophysicists, and he came across well on that sad Peter Jennings mockumentary "UFOs: Seeing Is Believing" on ABC-TV in 2005, when he noted that physics may well permit interstellar travel.

Michio also appeared on a Larry King show that was a reaction to Stephen Hawking's strange comments about not welcoming aliens because of what happened to the natives who encountered Christopher Columbus.

Preliminary estimates are that there will be about 800 attendees per day for the three-day event in Saudi Arabia, and about 120 panelists and speakers, most of whom are corporate and government managers. The forum is sponsored by the Saudi Arabian General Investment Authority. It will be an e-forum, a first for me and them, too.

### Assumptions Constrain Us

Here is the actual description of my panel as given in the program:

"Psychological and socio-cultural assumptions and preconceptions constrain us to a large extent, and shape our views of the universe so that we are inclined to find what we are looking for and to fail to see what we are not. Using knowledge gained from research in the fields of ufology and the search for extraterrestrial life, what might we possibly learn about hindrances to innovation in other areas of inquiry? Subtitles: Innovation and Anthropomorphism, Ethnocentrism and Ego, Falsification and the Evidence of Absence—What Giordano Bruno Would Say."

The above could have been part of a preface for *Science Was Wrong*:

# examine assumptions about how things work

*Startling Truths about Cures, Theories, and Inventions "They" Declared Impossible*, the book I wrote with Kathleen Marden.

## Outline of My Remarks

Here is the 250-word summary I was asked to submit outlining my portion of the panel discussion.

After 52 years of study and investigation I have concluded that the evidence is overwhelming that Earth is being visited by intelligently controlled extraterrestrial spacecraft. In other words, some UFOs are alien vehicles.

I also am convinced, after working for many major corporations as a nuclear physicist, that technological progress comes from doing things differently in an unpredictable way.

The future is not an extrapolation of the past. Microcircuits are not just small vacuum tubes; lasers are not better light bulbs, nuclear reactors are not better chemical-combustion chambers. All involve "new" physics.

Reviewing UFO evidence forces us to examine our assumptions about how things work. It is clear that chemical rockets cannot get us to the stars. Winged vehicles using propellers, jet engines, or rocket engines cannot provide silent high-speed, highly maneuverable craft able to hover, make right-angle turns, and land and take off on a dime.

Searching for new techniques, we find that nuclear-fusion propulsion systems can on their way to the stars eject particles having 10 million times as much energy per particle as in a chemical rocket. Magnetoaerodynamic techniques seem able to control lift, drag, heating, sonic boom production. Shortening the duration of the acceleration increases the G-loads people can withstand. We find that mother Nature can be used to provide a lot of cosmic freeloading. Being smart is as important as being powerful.

Some other panel titles include "Innovation as a Means of Competitiveness," "Innovation in Health Care," "Rebooting Education," "Capital: Wanted," "Conscious Capitalism," "Creativity at Work," "New Skills for New Jobs," "The Next Frontier," and many more. Michael Porter, professor at Harvard Business School, will give a keynote speech on "Competitiveness: A Strategic Perspective."

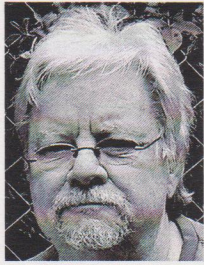
Another panel is "Building BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa)." Among the who's who to be present will be a senior Vice President of IBM, The Chief Pilot for Boeing, the president of Georgia Tech, the executive vice president and chief Innovation Officer for DuPont, the chairman of Walt Disney International and a whole host of other movers and shakers.

## Interstellar Travel

It seems ironic that recently two different articles have appeared dealing with interstellar travel. One in *Technology Week*, came from Marc Millis, former head of NASA's breakthrough Propulsion Physics Project and head of the Tau Zero Foundation, which supports the science of interstellar travel.

"By looking at the rate at which our top speed and financial clout are increasing and then extrapolating into the future, it's possible to predict when such missions [to the stars] might be possible. The depressing answer in every study so far is that interstellar travel is centuries away." But at least one expert in 1941 predicted that a rocket to take a man to the moon would weigh a million-million tons. What's a factor of 300 million between friends?

Papers also have come out echoing the nonsense from the astronomers and SETI specialists presented last year at a meeting of the Royal Society in London: Nobody can go anywhere. Some of these same guys were saying space travel is utter bilge back in 1956. The 16 papers have now been published in the February 11 issue of *The Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society*. They seem to believe nobody out there got started before we did, despite our very short history compared to the age of the neighborhood. ■



*outside the box*

## Enormous white creatures resembling dogs seen prowling in Marley Woods

By Ted Phillips

A HUGE ANIMAL STALKS Marley Woods, and it's not just another big-critter story. We have hair, tracks, photographs, a landing, a most interesting series of events and more.

In 2004 a good friend of one of the property owners had an experience typical of Marley Woods. A woodsman of many years and a writer who has written numerous articles for outdoor magazines, he's very familiar with life in the outdoors. Reluctantly he related details of the following event to his friend.

The writer had stepped out of an old cabin for a smoke. The air outdoors was cool and somewhat foggy. Suddenly he saw an "enormous dog-like animal" approaching the cabin. It fully emerged from the fog, and the writer described it as "taking leaping bounds" along the path.

The animal stopped less than 40 feet away and turned its head to stare at the writer for several seconds. The writer estimated the animal's weight at more than 300 pounds. It then slowly walked down the hill and disappeared in the fog. The witness had no difficulty making out the animal's features in the illumination of an outdoor light behind the witness.

### Two Big White 'Dogs'

Four years later a rancher was watching his cattle when he saw two "very big" white "dogs" walking across the same field. The ani-

mals had extremely long white hair which swung back and forth as they walked. The rancher, an experienced hunter in the United States, Canada, and Alaska, estimated the weight of these animals to be at least 300 pounds each.

The rancher grabbed a rifle with a scope and shot one of the animals, "making it red" with the first shot. The unusual thing was that the "dogs" didn't react to the sound of the rifle or to the impact from the bullet. The two animals continued to walk into a wooded area and out of sight. The rancher went immediately to the spot where he had shot them, but he could find no trace of blood.

The next day two people watched from an adjacent ranch as two huge dogs walked by about 600 to 700 feet away. Neither animal showed any indication of a gunshot wound, limp, or blood stain.

Three days later another rancher found clumps of long white hair on a barbed-wire fence and more on a fence 300 feet away. This first hair sample was found some 3,000 feet from the initial encounter.

Over the next nine days more of the white hair was found in six locations. I acquired all the white hair found at these locations. The most outstanding find was in a rugged area of dense woods and deep hollows where I walked up to a large clump of the white hair with strands that measured 16 inches in length.

About a week later a short distance outside of Marley a witness of excellent reputation had an interesting sighting of a huge white animal. This man could not have been influenced by the previous experiences because only the ranchers and I knew about these. While driving to work in the early morning, the witness saw a 400-pound dog standing in a field. He stopped and watched as it stood up on two legs and started walking away. The witness left rapidly, leaving a shower of gravel expelled by his rear tires. The witness said the animal was as tall as a large bear and solid white.

### 14 Large Tracks Found

Early 2009, 14 large tracks were found in the northern Marley area. The tracks indicated four toes with large claws and a large rear pad. The tracks were 5 inches wide and 7 inches long. The animal was very heavy, leaving 1.5-inch deep tracks. Additional tracks were found in a muddy pond spillway. Several additional hair samples were acquired in the same area. Casts were obtained of the clearest tracks.

The tracks have not been found to match any type of animal by experts working with us on this series of events. Hair samples were sent to a major laboratory and were not found to match any known hair samples.

Several weeks later a couple scouting for deer near the area of

the tracks saw a really big white animal. They snapped two digital images of it. The animal was lying down at the edge of dense trees when the first image was taken. As they started walking toward it, the animal stood up. The second image was taken before the animal disappeared into the woods.

The witnesses were about 800 feet from the trees and the images are quite clear. The first image shows the “dog” lying in tall weeds, its head turned away. It has a massive, bulky body with thick legs. No tail can be seen. The animal’s neck and head appear to be too long and thin for its body.

Later a couple sitting on their deck watched as two large white animals walked up from the north fields. The creatures stopped at an east-west fence located 43 feet from the observers.

When the owner stood up and pushed back his chair, both of the animals looked directly at the people on the deck. The owner stated that he had never seen faces like that on an animal before.

Animals and humans stared at each other for several seconds before one of the farm dogs made a run at the two animals. The dog stopped some 20 feet from the fence and dropped to the ground. The two creatures began walking away slowly, indicating little fear of the witnesses or the dog. The animals finally disappeared into the north fields.

## Unusual Faces

The observers described them as large, and pure white in color with massive bodies. The witnesses said that the creatures’ faces had a very different appearance than any dog or animal they had ever seen.

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*Witnesses who encountered the hairy white animals reported that the large creatures’ faces have a very different appearance than any dog or animal they had ever seen.*

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There were numerous sightings of the unusual animals until August 30, 2009, when a rancher on an all-terrain vehicle drove up to one of the big guys. The creature was lying down and stood up as the ATV approached. The four-wheeler stopped and the rancher and animal stared at each other for several seconds before the creature turned and walked slowly away.

The reports of this most interesting animal stopped on that day.

## Last Two Events of 2010

Two weeks before the end of the year a landing took place. Two friends were out camping. As they were building up the fire, one of them spotted a bright object in the sky to the west. It didn’t seem to be moving so they assumed it to be a bright planet.

They were sitting by the fire facing east when they heard a low humming sound behind them. They turned to see a large brilliant device on the ground near the top of a hill to the west. They could see the dense trees behind it and the field between their location and the ob-

ject. A glowing ring of bright amber light appeared on the ground around the object.

Beams of light seemed to come out of the upper section of the circular device. The beams would move slowly from the object until they reached a point 15 to 20 degrees above the horizon. Each time the beams would drop back into the object. The witnesses considered trying to move closer but decided that the unusual appearance of the display dictated against doing so.

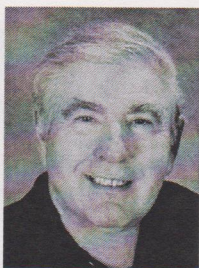
After nearly an hour the amber ring disappeared, and the object left the ground vertically. It disappeared overhead in seconds with no sound. An extensive search of the landing area turned up no physical evidence.

Less than a week later four of us were in a hot spot about 2,000 feet from the recent landing area when we noticed rapid flashes of light to the southeast. The area was somewhat circular and the activity increasing. We could see faint patches of gray moving around with a smooth, gliding motion.

We spotted two of the gray patches moving one behind the other. Suddenly, they made a very tight turn and became illuminated with a brilliant amber light. As they glided along a horizontal path they instantly went vertical and disappeared. Three white objects moved through the trees very near the ground as the light flashes continued.

After several minutes the flashing lights seemed to move into the circle of activity until the entire display was gone, quite like a camera shutter closing.

Next month: A daylight landing in Slovakia with little guys walking through walls, and a UFO hovers over a nuclear facility. ■



## *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.]*

### **Strange lights in New Zealand skies a day too late to be Santa's sleigh**

Christchurch, New Zealand—Orange and reddish lights spotted in skies above Napier, Taranaki, and Christchurch were a day too late to be Santa's sleigh, but could these mysterious lights be UFOs? Strange objects in the sky on Boxing Day (December 26) were reported at three separate locations, with the first sighting over Taranaki at 9:40 p.m. on Sunday night. The Canterbury Astronomical Society, however, is convinced the Christchurch lights were satellites.

In Hawera, Allan White and his family spotted the bright orange light moving toward them before heading south, and satellites do not normally turn. "I just thought it was a bright orange light in the sky and then it started moving towards us," White said. "After it flew past — there were half a dozen adults there—we all considered it could have been a UFO. Nobody had seen anything like that before."

Fraser Duncan said he was "stunned" when he saw four orange

lights crossing the sky above Napier just before 10 p.m. The lights were flying soundlessly in formation towards the South Island. "I have never seen anything like this in my life. It was definitely not a plane, not a meteor, and not stars," Duncan said.

At 12:32 a.m., on January 1 a Cambridge man was setting off fireworks with friends when he noticed a bright orange light in the sky over Cambridge. He reported that it was moving fast but was clearly not a plane. Eventually the object disappeared in the distance. "Everyone thought it quite odd," he said. "New Zealand has had a lot of UFO sightings." (WWW.SIGHTINGS.COM)

### **Train stalled in Manitoba; engineers, passengers witness colored lights**

Manitoba, Canada—After dark on December 10, about two hours north of Fox Lake in Manitoba, engineers on a train saw blue and green lights hovering off to the side of the tracks. Then an object there shined exceptionally bright lights at the train and lit up the surroundings. The engineers saw red, blue, and green lights before the object shot up into the sky. It messed up their satellite signals, and the train was unable to move for a couple of hours. Passengers and conductors on the train saw the lights as well. (WWW.SIGHTINGS.COM)

### **UFO over Hong Kong moves in curved path**

Hong Kong—About midnight on December 28 I saw a UFO moving in the sky from the Mong Kok district in Kowloon. The object was dark metallic and sometimes the sunlight reflected off it, proving that the shape is not rounded and that it was spinning. It flew in a curved path not possible in an airplane. After about a minute or so, the object descended and disappeared. (WWW.UFOCENTER.COM)

### **Large green light seen in skies over Alberta**

Calgary, Alberta—I was standing outside about 10:30 p.m. on January 7, facing toward the Rockies where airliners make their approach to Calgary International Airport. I saw a large green light surrounded by three smaller red lights orbiting the larger green one at fixed intervals. I couldn't see any fuselage, wings, or any kind of structure because the glow of the lights against the black sky made it appear blurry. But based on the positioning and movement of the lights I definitely can say the object wasn't a plane! There was no visual reference to determine the size or distance away from me. It was heading west, but I lost sight of it in cloud cover after watching for five minutes. It was traveling at a high rate of speed. (WWW.UFOCENTER.COM)

## **Great balls of fire: Reddish-orange UFOs float over Pennsylvania**

Doylestown, Pennsylvania—About 10:25 p.m. on January 1, as I was picking up my girlfriend from work on South Clinton Street, I noticed numerous bright objects in the eastern sky. It was immediately evident that this was something unusual, so we pulled into the bank parking lot. Initially we saw about 20 of these objects moving relatively slowly from south to north. They were following a semi-circular trajectory, appearing out of the dark in the southeastern sky, moving towards our position. They continued in a constant stream for about 10 minutes during which time they covered much of the sky, gaining altitude, and moving away from us before disappearing again into the darkness for about 10 minutes. For the most part, there were 15 to 20 of these in the sky at once. They all silently followed the same general trajectory, but they were flying in formation that made them appear to be connected by string. Some were bobbing around but maintained a constant speed the entire time. At 10:36 p.m. the lights started to appear in fewer numbers. The objects looked like balls of fire with some slightly larger and brighter than others. They ranged in color from a deep red to bright yellow-orange. (MUFON CMS)

## **Shiny object seen in sky over The Netherlands**

Gouda Reeuwijk, The Netherlands—I was walking my dog and looking around me at midnight on December 30 and in the sky I saw an orange light. At first I thought it was a normal airplane, but it was soundless, and it flew below the deck of clouds. The shiny object was clearly visible and had just one orange light. What I saw amazed me, so I went home and told my dad, who also saw the strange craft the last few seconds that it was visible. (MUFON CMS)

## **A formation of lights appears over Minnesota**

Mankato, Minnesota—About 5:30 p.m. on Christmas Day I looked out my window and saw orange lights flying below the clouds moving south. At first, I thought they were helicopters flying in formation. I walked outside to get a better look and was struck by the fact that there was no noise, though they seemed to be flying quite low. The lights were not blinking and the objects seemed to disappear as they flew south. There were about seven lights in the group flying in a loose formation, and I could see two or three of them maneuvering around each other. The main group moved south of my location and disappeared. There was one straggler. My parents were driving north

of town, and they called me to see if I could see the lights. They confirmed that there was no sound. I Googled recent UFO sightings and saw a video taken yesterday in North Carolina that shows exactly the same lights. (MUFON CMS)

## **Pilot spots glowing object in Tennessee skies**

Brentwood, Tennessee—On December 31, 2010, I saw large diamond-shaped glowing object that appeared to be following the little Harpeth River at an altitude of about 2,000 feet. It accelerated to a high rate of speed and quickly gained altitude. It was gone in a flash. I am a pilot and this was not a helicopter or airplane. (MUFON CMS)

## **Transparent, electric-blue UFO seen over Georgia**

Atlanta, Georgia—On New Year's Eve, I was looking through my skylight and noticed a moving object that I at first thought was a meteor, but it left no fire trail. It was shaped like a cylinder and round at each end. It was a transparent electric blue color. It was flying within a low hanging cloud cover. I know it's New Year's Eve and I can hear the fireworks going off, but this was not any kind of fireworks. I have lived near military bases and watched the sky my whole life, but this was something I have never observed. (MUFON CMS) ■

# Free radar data to use in UFO investigations

By Ralph Howard

IN SEVERAL UFO INVESTIGATIONS in the last two years I have been able to consider NEXRAD weather radar data gathered by the National Weather Service as a source of corroborating information.

From speaking with MUFON's Director of Investigations and others at the MUFON National Symposium in July, and checking around in the Internet, I learned that this tool is basically unused by our field investigators. While it is not suitable in many cases, my own experience suggests NEXRAD (from next generation radar, also called WSR-88D) data could at least be used more often than at present, and that field investigators need to be aware of its potential value in UFO case work.

## Reasons to Use NEXRAD

Strong reasons to consider use of this data include that it's available free online, and it's generally available in a historical sense for any date back into the 1990s.

Unlike airport radar, designed to detect mainly aircraft, NEXRAD was designed to be sensitive to weather phenomena such as rain and hail. NEXRAD radar also detects birds or flocks of birds, insect swarms, and aircraft—and thus also in theory is capable of detecting unknown solid objects present in the sky.

NEXRAD coverage of the United States is excellent, with 155 sites nationwide, so there likely is a NEXRAD site within 100 miles or so of most sighting locations.

Unfortunately NEXRAD also

### for more information

A more extensive article providing additional hands-on guidance on finding, downloading, and reviewing NEXRAD data for UFO investigations is available to MUFON members on request. A copy can be obtained by e-mailing Ralph Howard at [rhjr@att.net](mailto:rhjr@att.net).

has some significant limitations. First, unless the area of interest is experiencing rain, each azimuth direction (the number of azimuth degrees radially, from the radar site, 90 degrees being due east and 180 degrees due south, etc.) is updated only about once every 10 minutes. Each azimuth direction is updated every six minutes if rain is in the area. This means that in order to record at least two radar detections, a sighting must have a duration of more than a few minutes, preferably more than 10 or, even better, more than 20 minutes.

If a witness is pointing to a spot low on the horizon, the apparent distance to the UFO can be difficult to even guess, and equally, the UFO altitude may be so low that it is mixed up in "ground clutter." Ground clutter often extends upward 1,000 feet to as high as 3,000 feet above ground, depending on the degree of urbanization.

Mountain tops, ridge lines, radio or cell towers, or tall city buildings

all can give spurious ground clutter returns. Mountain ranges can block the radar beam entirely creating "shadow" zones underneath coverage. Urban and suburban areas with extensive road networks generate their own ground clutter.

If a UFO is sighted within a thunderstorm or active area of rain, obviously it may not be recognized on NEXRAD. If the sighting location is too far from a NEXRAD site, there may not be any coverage.

## Some Ideal Conditions

A minority of sightings do have features that can make it worthwhile to check out the available data, however. The ideal sighting has a duration of 10 to 20 minutes or even longer. It's preferable if the UFO has been spotted at a high angle or high altitude—or both.

Precision regarding the sighting time is crucial. A large UFO size when seen at arms length always helps because it means that the witness is less likely to be misidentifying an ordinary aircraft. In terms of altitude, the UFO needs to be estimated as higher than ground clutter for that area.

A high angle above the horizon can be important because, regardless of altitude, the higher the angle to the UFO, the smaller the horizontal distance to the point on the ground above which it is located. By using the angle and estimates of altitude, one can draw a circle as a "study area" and look for radar detections within that limited area.

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# CMS rankings

CONGRATULATIONS to Donald Burleson (New Mexico), George Filer (New Jersey), Steve Hudgeons (Texas), Jimi Hughes (Montana), Lorna Hunter (Minnesota and South Dakota), William Jones (Ohio), William Konkolesky (Michigan), David MacDonald (Kentucky), James Mann (Arizona), Eddie Middleton (Tennessee), Brent Mitchel (Alaska), Bland Pugh (Florida), John Ventre (Delaware and West Virginia), and Steve Winans (Kansas) for being at 100 percent in January's Case Management System (CMS) rankings! The top state directors are highlighted on the chart at right.

For help with investigations please contact MUFON International's Director of Investigations, Marie Malzahn, at [mcmalzahn@gmail.com](mailto:mcmalzahn@gmail.com).

## 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.

	State	Director	Weighted Rank	Assigned	Completed
1	Kentucky	David MacDonald	100 percent	39/39	35/35
2	Tennessee	Eddie Middleton	100 percent	55/55	51/51
3	Minnesota	Lorna Hunter	100 percent	26/26	27/27
4	Michigan	William Konkolesky	100 percent	109/109	113/113
5	West Virginia	John Ventre	100 percent	11/11	11/11
6	South Dakota	Lorna Hunter	100 percent	3/3	4/4
7	New Jersey	George Filer	100 percent	54/54	45/45
8	Arizona	James Mann	100 percent	99/99	107/107
9	Kansas	Steve Winans	100 percent	32/32	23/23
10	New Mexico	Donald Burleson	100 percent	29/29	25/25
11	Ohio	William Jones	100 percent	94/94	86/86
12	Alaska	Brent Mitchel	100 percent	6/6	6/6
13	Texas	Steve Hudgeons	100 percent	182/182	171/171
14	Florida	Bland Pugh	100 percent	153/153	122/122
15	Delaware	John Ventre	100 percent	1/1	3/3
16	Montana	Jimi Hughes	100 percent	9/9	14/14
17	Pennsylvania	John Ventre	99 percent	105/1016	125/125
18	Missouri	Debbie Ziegelmeyer	99 percent	67/68	78/78
19	Indiana	Jerry Sievers	98 percent	87/90	101/101
20	Oklahoma	Terry Groff	98 percent	35/36	28/28
21	Georgia	Ralph Howard	97 percent	69/72	67/67
22	South Carolina	Cheryl Ann Gilmore	97 percent	16/17	23/23
23	Iowa	Jim King	97 percent	17/18	24/24
24	Oregon	Thomas Bowden	97 percent	60/60	69/72
25	Utah	Lawrence Gessner	93 percent	19/20	26/28
26	Nebraska	John Kasher	88 percent	13/16	20/21
27	Idaho	Marie Malzahn	88 percent	16/21	22/22
28	Colorado	Leslie Varnicle	87 percent	67/69	50/65
29	California	Georgeanne Cifarelli	87 percent	159/163	126/164
30	Washington	James Clarkson	86 percent	52/66	73/77
31	New Hampshire	Steve Firmani	81 percent	11/15	17/19
32	Maryland	Donald Borton	80 percent	30/32	17/25
33	District of Columbia	Donald Borton	80 percent	3/5	1/1
34	Maine	Steve Firmani	77 percent	14/16	8/12
35	Virginia	Susan Swiatek	71 percent	32/34	16/33
36	California (Area 1)	Ruben Uriarte	71 percent	60/131	127/131
37	Rhode Island	Steve Firmani	71 percent	3/7	11/11
38	Louisiana	Vivian Walker	65 percent	41/47	9/21
39	Massachusetts	Steve Firmani	63 percent	20/37	30/41
40	Vermont	Steve Firmani	62 percent	2/6	10/11
41	Alabama	Roy Patterson	62 percent	8/25	25/27
42	North Dakota	Lorna Hunter	58 percent	2/4	2/3
43	Connecticut	Steve Firmani	58 percent	12/24	16/24
44	New York	Samuel Falvo	50 percent	48/73	29/84
45	Hawaii	Lorna Hunter	42 percent	6/7	0/4
46	Illinois	Samuel Maranto	42 percent	29/86	50/98
47	Wyoming	Richard Beckwith	41 percent	4/7	1/4
48	Mississippi	Norman Walker	36 percent	1/6	4/7
49	Arkansas	Norman Walker	36 percent	5/17	12/27
50	Nevada	Ellen Bullock	8 percent	0/24	5/30
51	North Carolina	Marie Malzahn	7 percent	0/39	8/52
52	Wisconsin	Nathan Tomisich	7 percent	0/26	5/34



## Star Team updates

# Category 3 alert issued in Florida

THE MACT CON (MUFON Activity Condition) Alert system recently identified key Star Team cases. Alerts included Florida, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Colorado. Only the Florida alert reached Category 3 status.

As Mact Con continues to identify key active areas, we also can track similar events and locate common report factors such as the shape of the craft being reported or the path an object traveled.

Star Team currently is looking for investigators who are willing and able to deploy outside of their home states.

Candidates for Star Team investigator positions should remember that a position on the previous Star Team does not secure a position on the new team. All candidates must fill out new applications, and those chosen as investigators will be issued new identification.

### Positions Filled

The following Star Team positions recently have been filled:

**Steven White**—Assistant Star Team Manager

**Larry Gessner**—Mact Con Administrator.

Star Team staff also includes:

**Sandy Gonzalez**—CMS Administrator

**Chuck Modlin**—Technical Advisor

**Marc D'Antonio**—Analyst.

Regional Team Leaders include **Teresa Turner**, Region 3, and **Morgan Beall**, Region 7. ■



## Eight Star Team regions in the United States

### Region 1

Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Wyoming, Washington.

### Region 2

Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, Utah.

### Region 3

Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas.

### Region 4

Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin.

### Region 5

Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio.

### Region 6

Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee, West Virginia.

### Region 7

Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia, South Carolina.

### Region 8

Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont.

## new appointment

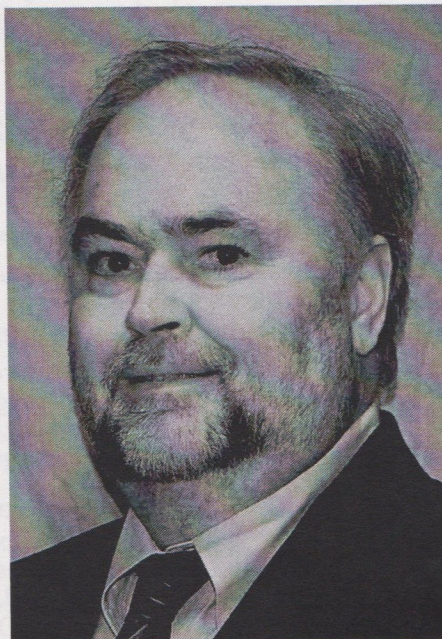
# Steven White named to key Star Team job

STEVEN WHITE, newly appointed assistant director of the Star Team, has been a member of MUFON for many years. A police investigator for 31 years in Florida, he worked for three different police agencies, including 25 years with the Miami-Dade Police Department, from which he retired in 2006.

White became a MUFON field investigator in 2007, and he has worked many cases since that time. His biggest case was an extensive investigation into a multi-generational abduction case, published in the November and December 2010 issues of the *MUFON Journal*.

White has been interested in ufology since he was 12 years old, when he experienced several UFO sightings in the South Florida area. His interest remains steady over the years. A field investigator in Miami introduced him to the MUFON organization, and his involvement with MUFON has increased since his retirement.

"I am proud to be associated



**Steven White**  
*a former police investigator*

with MUFON," said White. "I believe that with the advancement in technology, computers, communications, and forensic-evidence collection and examination, MUFON can move even further forward in scientific investigation of ufology."

White hopes to further professionalize MUFON and to assist Star Team and field investigators in training and investigations. "I am excited about the future of MUFON and all of its amazing members and volunteers," he said. ■

## using weather radar

# Weather radar may aid some investigations

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NEXRAD data is archived online at the National Weather Service's Climatic Data Center. I found it easy and fast to download. Viewing the data requires a program designed for that, and fortunately the Weather Service's own free program, "Weather & Climate Toolkit," does the job well.

As with many technical tools, caution and carefulness are necessary in viewing and interpreting the data, and for drawing defensible conclusions. There is no substitute for experience.

Nonetheless, NEXRAD radar has a place in MUFON investigations. It's a free tool that can and should be considered in UFO case-work and used in appropriate cases. It has the potential to advance our knowledge of what was in the sky at the same time witnesses are reporting UFO sightings. ■

*Ralph Howard is the State  
Director for Georgia MUFON.*

## calendar

### **February 19**—Phoenix

MUFON presents Clifford Clift, international director of MUFON, speaking at 2 p.m. at Vision Quest Bookstore in Scottsdale, Arizona.  
[phoenixmufon.com](http://phoenixmufon.com)

### **March 19**—Niara Isley will

speak about MILABS, ETs, and inquiry into the nature of reality. Join Phoenix MUFON at 2 p.m. at Vision Quest Bookstore in Scottsdale, Arizona.  
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## Some thoughts about how disclosure will occur

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all—of these secret UFO documents.

After years of keeping the public from knowing the truth through disinformation, half-truths, and ignoring the questions, I doubt if the government now will release anything significant about UFOs.

Why would they?

Releasing secret UFO files now would mean that the government hasn't been truthful in the past, and there would be little reason to believe anything had changed. I can't image that anyone controlling the secret UFO information will admit they've not told the public the complete truth about UFOs. After so many years of secrecy, to incrimi-

nate themselves or others would be political and professional suicide. Disclosure now will only create more problems for them. I don't envision the United States disclosing all of the UFO information in their archives.

I believe disclosure will come about only when the keepers of the UFO secrets can create a problem concerning UFOs. Then the solution to the problem can only be developed by them. This is the Hegelian Dialect—create the idea of a problem, and then present the solution to that problem.

The solution to the UFO problem only can be handled by—guess who?—the military. Citizens will

be kept in the dark about the “top secret” solution, which will include UFO information.

I believe this is how the government will control any disclosure of secret UFO files. I have no idea what type of problem will be initiated, but I hope and pray that the citizens of the United States will be well protected. Watch and read the media for clues about the problem.

In the meantime, trained MUFON field investigators will continue to investigate UFO sightings in a professional manner. This is what we do best. We can and will make a difference, with or without disclosure.

Happy investigating. ■

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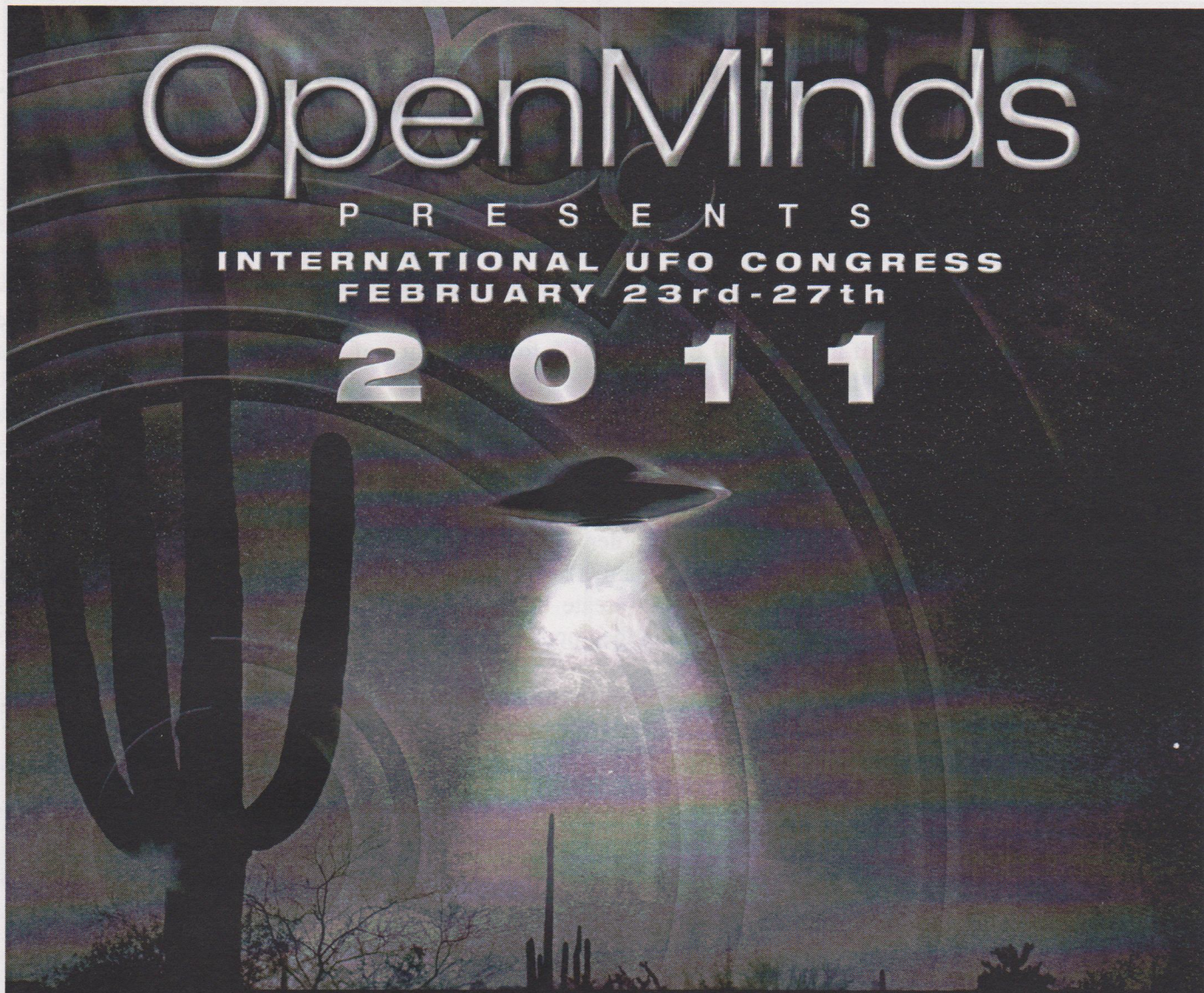
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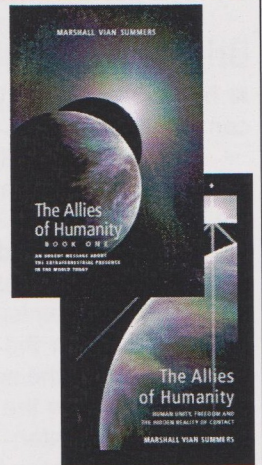
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## the night sky

By Gavin A. J. McLeod

### Bright Planets (evening sky)

■ **Mars** (magnitude 1.1): From Capricornus into Aquarius.

For northern and southern hemisphere observers Mars will be lost in the glare of the Sun.

■ **Jupiter** (magnitude -2.2 to -2.1): From Pisces into Cetus.

For northern hemisphere observers Jupiter will begin the month standing very high above the southwest horizon and will set below the western horizon about 4 hours later; by month's end Jupiter will be standing high above the west-southwest horizon at sunset and will set below the western horizon about 2¼ hours later.

For southern hemisphere observers Jupiter will begin the month standing above the west-northwest horizon at sunset and will set below the western horizon about 2 hours later; by month's end Jupiter will be standing above the west-northwest horizon at sunset and will set below the western horizon about 1 hour later.

### Bright Planets (morning sky)

■ **Mercury** (magnitude -0.3 to -1.3): From Sagittarius through Capricornus into Aquarius.

For northern hemisphere observers Mercury will begin the month rising above the east-southeast horizon about ½ hour before sunrise and will be standing very low above the south-

### moon phases

**new moon:** February 3

**first quarter:** February 11

**full moon:** February 18

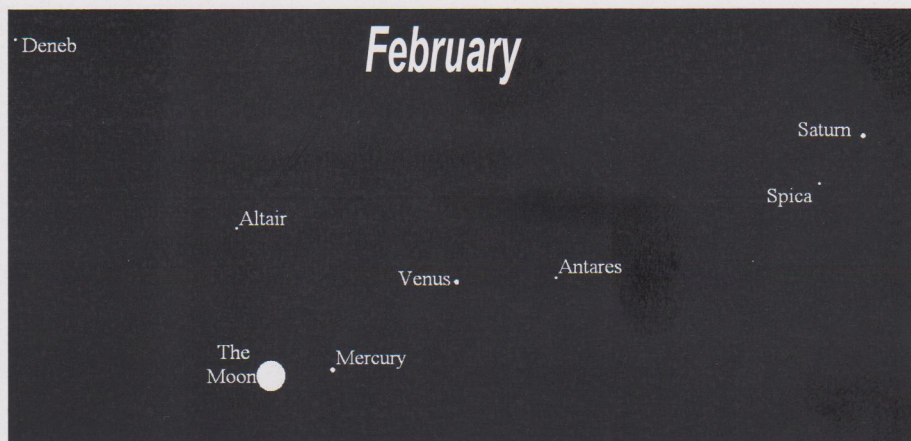
**last quarter:** February 24

### conjunctions & occultations

**February 1:** Mercury 4 degrees south of the Moon

**February 7:** Jupiter 7 degrees south of the Moon

**February 21:** Saturn 8 degrees north of the Moon



*Observers who look to the east just before sunrise on February 1 will see the Moon, Venus, Mercury, and Saturn together in the morning sky.*

east horizon at sunrise; as the month passes Mercury will drop towards the rising Sun until, by week three, it joins Mars lost in the glare of the rising Sun.

For southern hemisphere observers Mercury will begin the month rising above the southeast horizon about 1½ hour before sunrise and will be standing above the east-southeast horizon at sunrise; as the month passes Mercury will drop towards the rising Sun until, by week three, it joins Mars lost in the glare of the rising Sun.

■ **Venus** (magnitude -4.1 to -4.0): In Sagittarius.

For northern hemisphere observers Venus will begin the month rising above the east-southeast horizon about 3 hours before sunrise and will be standing above the south-southeast horizon at sunrise; by month's end Venus will be rising above the east-southeast horizon about 2 hours before sunrise and will be standing above the southeast horizon at sunrise.

For southern hemisphere observers Venus will begin the month rising above the southeast horizon about 3½ hours before sunrise and will be standing very high above the eastern horizon at sunrise; by month's end Venus will be rising above the east-southeast horizon about 3 hours before sunrise and will be standing high above the eastern horizon at sunrise.

■ **Saturn** (magnitude 0.6 to 0.5): In Virgo.

For northern hemisphere observers Saturn will begin the month rising above the eastern horizon about 8½

hours before sunrise and will be standing high above the southwest horizon at sunrise; by month's end Saturn will be rising above the eastern horizon about 3 hours after sunset and will be standing above the west-southwest horizon at sunrise.

In the southern hemisphere, Saturn will begin the month rising above the western horizon about 6¾ hours before sunrise and will be standing very high above the north-northwest horizon at sunrise. By month's end Saturn will be rising above the eastern horizon about 1½ hours after sunset and will be standing high above the west-northwest horizon at sunrise. ■