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Message from the State Director



In 1967 I spent a grand total of seventy-five cents on my first UFO book called "Flying Saucers Serious Business". Back then I never would have thought that simple collection of Frank Edwards's stories would begin a fascination, then later personal pursuit of the unknown. That pursuit began after receiving a congratulatory letter of passing the field investigators exam on October 14, 2009 from then MUFON exam administrator David McDonald. Since that time I've had the pleasure to interview an untold number of witnesses, build friendships within the organization, and provided a forum to promote MUFON and its mission statement "The Scientific Study of UFOs for the Benefit of Humanity".

My story is not unique. Others within MUFON of Ohio, MUFON International, and for that matter ufology of as a whole have their own stories. Three individuals in particular can also trace their UFO roots back to the 60s and before. Assistant State Director William (Bill) Jones was requesting information from UFO investigators, MUFON of

Ohio Historian Rick Hilberg was writing a newsletter, and MUFON of Ohio Historian Pete Hartinger investigating for NICAP. These three individuals should be commended on the jobs they did building not only MUFON of Ohio, but their contributions to other organizations. When I joined the MUFON of Ohio Bill was a long-time State Director and Rick Treasurer.

During my past five years there is also been a change of complexion of MUFON of Ohio through a passing of the torch. Cathy Richards replaced Bill Jones as State Director and was the driving force the MUFON of Ohio Conferences. The conferences have featured speakers such as Travis Walton, Robert Silas, and Richard Dolan. Cathy saw the importance of bringing internationally known speakers to Ohio. It is one thing to watch a speaker tell their story on television, yet another when attendees hear the story firsthand and have the opportunity to interact with someone like Travis Walton. It was during Cathy's tenure that the number of UFO reports in Ohio began to rise significantly. Due to Cathy's diligence all submitted past-due cases were assigned and completed bringing Ohio up to a 100% completion rate. Cathy's involvement with the organization will be greatly missed.

That leads me to my next thought, the strength of an organization is the organization. With the torch being passed again there been concerns that the bimonthly MUFON of Ohio meetings will be moved from Hilliard, Ohio to another region. There are no plans to move from the current location. Attendees have grown accustomed to the location and I feel it's vital that we maintain a location in central Ohio. What I'm looking to going forward is increased involvement of the organization through the presentation of cases by state section directors and investigators. These are the individuals who conducted the investigations and I would like to give them the opportunity to present the material. I am also requesting suggestions for topics of discussion at future meetings from any subscribers or attendees.

We are also planning the 2015 MUFON of Ohio conference. The organization is greatly indebted to Ashland County Deputy Sheriff Terry Hamilton for his past efforts and look forward to his continued involvement. There are several individuals we are currently pursuing a speakers, but until confirmations are made their names not be provided. I would also like to hear from MUFON of Ohio subscribers and conference attendees with who they would like to have present. Feel free to contact me with suggestions for speakers along with potential themes for the event.

I'm looking forward to the challenge of carrying the standard set by my predecessors.

Thomas Wertman
MUFON of Ohio State Director

Editor's Note



There have been some changes in the Ohio MUFON organization as you may have noted from the director's message and the list of Board of Directors. Cathy Richards resigned her State Director's position due to higher priority family issues. Going forward, Tom Wertman is our new State Director. The heavy work load on Terry Althouse was eased by her relieving duties of Newsletter and membership

tracking to Phyllis Budinger. She retains the office of Treasurer. We expect to this will facilitate a smoother operation.

This editor was a member of the founders of the Ohio MUFON state chapter in 1998. Bill Jones took the state director's position, and with a very struggling start we slowly gained more and more recognition under his tutelage. He has been given "Lifetime Membership" for being "our father founder", as well as his many contributions, and has our sincere appreciation. Cathy Richards brought us even more recognition and growth by her promotion of yearly state conferences with noted speakers. We rose to the top of the list in the CMS (Case Management System) rankings.

I look forward to working with Tom Wertman who offers new talents to the organization. His hard work and skills in field investigations quickly caught the attention of national MUFON. And they began asking him to help out in international cases from both Canada and England. His many lectures on UFOs have reached thousands of people in the Ohio area and promoted our organization. MUFON recognized his work by a two page spread in September's "MUFON UFO Journal". The article presents Tom's background and profile. Some interesting investigations are also reported. It is a well-deserved tribute.

Because of the changes, our newsletter is overdue. In that respect we have decided to expand it to 12 pages rather than the usual 8 pages. We hope to continue this expanded coverage. This editor also requests input from all our subscribers for anything you might want to see in the newsletter. If you have UFO questions, ask them. I am confident someone in Ohio MUFON can answer them. Ohio has some of the most seasoned and knowledgeable Ufologists in the field.

Finally, we are updating our subscribers list. Is it time to renew your subscription? Your expiration date is on the mailing label. This is the last issue for those with an expired date of 2013. For anyone with a 2014 expiration date, it's time to renew. The form is included in this mailing.

Phyllis Budinger
Newsletter Editor



OHIO CRASHES AND OTHER CONNECTIONS By Dr. Irena Scott

(Dr. Irena Scott has graciously given us permission to reprint excerpts from her book *UFOs and the Millennium*. This editor found her Chapter 7 on Ohio UFO crashes extremely interesting. Yes, it seems we have had a few. Who knew? Apparently not many

did. The following is part I of III. The other parts will be presented in subsequent newsletters.)

Numerous reports of crashes are made, even in such a small area as Ohio. Numerous Ohio crashes have been described by Kevin Randle, in *A History of UFO Crashes*. In addition WPAFB (Wright Patterson Air Force Base) has been reported destination of numerous other reported debris, most notably the alleged Roswell artifacts. Moreover, when the government explained the Roswell crash, they used a balloon crash in Ohio (at Circleville, Ohio) as their prototype explanation.

Although we really don't know if Extraterrestrial craft have crashed, we do know UFOs can crash. Probably many of these accidents are of military devices. However, until the government allows us to see their files, we will know little of what actually has happened.

One interesting crash is the Kecksburg crash. Although it is known as a Pennsylvania crash, the object came over Canada and traveled across northern Ohio. In the area around Elyria Ohio, fiery debris dropping from this object started several fires.

This chapter also includes information about the Tunguska Crash in Russia, information from Ohio informants about the Kingman Arizona crash, and Clovis, New Mexico. Although this was not the crash of a UFO, the account shows general data about how the government investigates crashes. It

also provides information about how to investigate these accounts.

Ohio Crashes Crash I:

Investigator, Kevin Randle (*A History of UFO Crashes*), mentions a crash that occurred in Aurora, Ohio, around 1952-1955. Investigator, Jerold Johnson, said he had talked to a couple who had learned about it from the former chief engineer of the Kent office of the Ohio Edison electric company, when he had gone out to investigate a power outage. The problem had been cut lines, apparently caused by an object that had dropped from the sky. It caused a crater thirty feet long and about nine feet deep. The man approached the wreckage to find a small box of dense stone-like material with one knob on it. It continually emitted a tone or beep. The army arrived and made civilians leave the area. They said there might be a danger of radiation. The military cleaned the site. It required two tractor-trailer trucks to carry out the debris.

Crash II:

Randle discusses a second crash that occurred in the spring of 1975, near the Ohio-Michigan border. Bette Shilling told Ohio investigator, Len Stringfield, that a friend who was an air force officer, told her that he had seen a coded message telling about a flying saucer crash. Two aliens were dead and a third was still alive. The message had been directed from a communications station in Detroit and sent to the commanding officer of a base somewhere in Ohio.

Crash III:

A third Ohio crash is reported by Randle as probably a hoax. Ohio investigator, Len Stringfield, said that he had received information about a disabled craft that crashed or landed southwest of Xenia, Ohio, in the spring of 1977. A military detachment arrived on the scene and engaged in a gun battle with the aliens, resulting in eleven American casualties and an unknown number of alien casualties. After Stringfield had presented this information in his first crash/retrieval paper, a source from Cincinnati called, claiming to have viewed the stretchers holding the bodies which were

delivered to a secured area of WPAFB. The main problem with its report is that it involved a second-hand source. The primary witness could not be located.

Crash IV:

Still a fourth Ohio crash described by Randle happened near Dayton, Ohio on December 26, 1988 and is believed to not have been a UFO related event. The assistant chief of police of Liberty, Ohio, watched a huge ball, lime green changing to orange, and plunge through the clouds. It came down and slammed into the ground. Officials at WPAFB were alerted and conducted a search. The case didn't appear in the newspapers.

Such stories are not uncommon. Although one might think that it would be difficult to locate people who claim knowledge of UFO artifacts in Ohio such people seem to crawl out of the woodwork – we find these reports even without looking. For example, on the way back from a trip to Cincinnati, where Kevin Randle was promoting his new book at the University of Cincinnati, Bill Jones and I stopped at a restaurant. A waiter saw our copy of Randle's book (*The Truth About the UFO Crash at Roswell*) and told us about a high-placed relative of his at WPAFB, who said he knew where alien artifacts and bodies had been kept at one time at the base.

Crash V:

Another Ohio crash was reported in Jerome Clark's *The UFO Book*. This was the Keating report described in Chapter 2. The description included in this report was of a saucer about 40 feet in diameter and about six feet thick. It has no jet exhausts, nor did it have a prop, or markings. It did have a thick vertical stabilizer rudder on the end. Coming out of the middle of it was an elliptical object that on its cross surface looked like a smooth manhole cover. The object looked as if it were made of aluminum.

(Some early aircraft or glider models did have a cockpit on their vertical stabilizer, e.g. the German Lippisch DM-1 had a large vertical stabilizer with a cockpit in it (*Lippisch P13a and Experimental DM-1*, by Hans-Peter Dabrowski).

(To be continued. Part II will cover a controversial crash north of Columbus in 1952.)

Excursion to Roswell By Phyllis Budinger

My husband, (Bruce) and I took a side trip To Roswell NM a few weeks ago while in the process of checking off one of his "bucket list" items, that is, following the old Route 66 out west. My "list" item was to go to Roswell which as everyone knows is well-known for its famous UFO crash in 1947. This turned out to be a highlight of the tour for both of us. On arrival we visited the Roswell "International UFO Museum and Research Center". The Museum has been greatly expanded, updated and improved under direction of its new director Mark Briscoe. There are expanded depicted scenes, displays of information, a lecture room and an extensive library. I was honored to sign their "Ufologists Wall of Fame". Most of you may be familiar with the set that displays the alien autopsy, but by far my favorite is a UFO landing site with four life-size (about 5') animated aliens. Its night and you can hear the crickets. The UFO hisses with vapor occasionally creeping from the bottom. The aliens' heads turn toward you and follow you as you walk in front of them. Creepy? Yes! I loved it.



Museum scene of an alien landing

After touring the museum we had a meeting with Mark Briscoe and Frank Kimbler. I have done

analyses on fragments from the Roswell crash debris field over the years for Frank, who is also associated with the Roswell UFO Museum. Frank then took us on a tour of Roswell. We first visited the house Jesse Marcel lived in. The small bungalow is still there and much the same. The current occupants are used to people stopping in front of their house and taking pictures. As most of you know this is where Jesse took fragments of the saucer to show his wife and Jesse Jr. But how many of you knew that after the showing, there was a clean-up with some remaining debris being swept outside the door? Then over the years some concrete was poured to improve the door threshold. I had to restrain myself from a strong urge to take a sledgehammer to it!



Jesse Marcel's former house Oct 2014

On we went to the hanger where the remains of the crashed craft were taken. It's still there and is being actively used. The Roswell airport has the longest runway in the US because the big, heavily loaded bombers needed that length to take off during WWII. Now the airfield is primarily used for refurbishing old aircraft, and there were some really large planes there.



The hanger that contained the crash remains Oct 2014

Unfortunately, we had no time for a trip to the crash site, which is actually in Corona, NM. This is at the very least a two to three hour trip *just* to get there over some bad roads. Our car (a '95 Corvette) would never have made it. And the site is on private land, so one has to get permission. There is now a monument overlooking the site placed by the SyFy Channel. The Museum asked if I would donate some UFO related artifacts of historical interest to them. I will do this eventually, so we plan to make another trip to Roswell, and this site will be a primary goal.



Ohio Field Investigation

By Rob Mercer
FI Ohio MUFON

INVESTIGATION LOG: rec. 7/7/2014

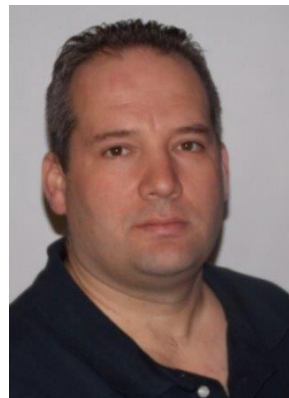
FINAL REPORT DATE: 8/3/2014

FI ID#: 19977

CASE#: 57834

BGE Results: Total Certainty Index is 26.57%

LATITUDE/ LONGITUDE: 40.040252/ -83.605168 approx.



SYNOPSIS: On Saturday June, 28 the witness was outside with his dog while she was doing her business, the time was 11:00 pm, and the sky was clear. In the NNW direction, the witness could see two search light beams (like the type you would see at a grand opening) originating from the ground aimed upward

from close to the same location, one was aimed NW and the second was aimed towards the ENE, the source appeared to be about a mile away, over a ridge. With the whole surrounding area being

hills, farmland, and woods, and the nearest town or business in that direction being miles away, he was wondering who could possibly be using lights of that caliber. His curiosity got the best of him and he decided to check it out. He put his dog away and went to his car, as he was getting in, he noticed that the lights had joined as one. He was proceeding towards the source when the lights went out.



Witness direction of travel towards object and lights.

The witness continued in the general direction on Rt.56, as he came over a hill in the road he saw red and white flashing lights appearing to take up the whole road. He assumed that he was coming upon an accident scene and kept going since there was nowhere to turn around. As he approached he lowered his window to see what had happened, the lights, slightly dimmed, and began to rise off the ground. As he got closer he could see that the lights encompassed a craft of some sort (the lights were so overwhelming that it was hard to make out details and he was still trying to comprehend what he was seeing, he was stunned that it wasn't an accident scene). There was no sound as the object lifted up, over the trees, slightly tilted forward and slowly moved northward, it appeared to be 25'-30' across.



First view of object

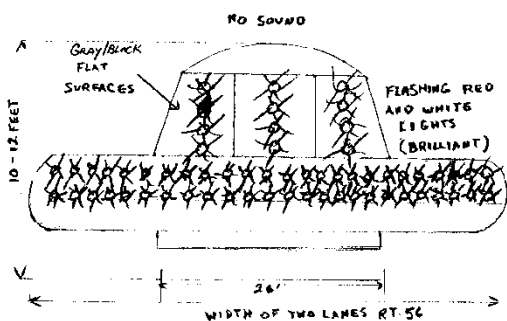
He proceeded north on 56 around a couple of heavy turns, towards Rt.4, as he got back on the straightway he became directly underneath the craft again, it travelled totally silent over him at about 240' for a few seconds before turning west and cruising out over a field. In the distance the object passed over a farmhouse before rapidly accelerating and disappearing in the distance. The witness went across Rt. 4 to turn around, and drove slowly to the area again on the way home trying to process what he had seen. The area where the object appeared was so dark that it was impossible to see anything.

The next day he called the Champaign County Sheriff and Mechanicsburg Police Departments to see if there had been any accidents or other reports, they told him no. The Sheriff's Department told him that he had most likely seen a remote control, he advised them of the size of the object and told them that he flies them himself, and that's not what was seen. He then contacted someone at Wright Patterson AFB, who asked why he would call them and suggested that he had most likely seen a medical helicopter from a crash scene, he told him to try Dayton International to see if they had anything strange on their radar that night. The witness contacted KDAY about radar, they told him that they would look into it and get back with him (as of this day they have not). He also talked to his neighbor, who had been having a graduation party that ended about an hour before, to see if they had seen anything strange, and found out that at about 9:30pm that evening they had seen two black helicopters traveling south with searchlights aimed downward, disappearing in the distance. The witness drove by the scene the next day in hopes of seeing some sort of debris or other remnant, but

saw nothing. He spent days trying to process what he had seen, before coming across MUFON.

OBJECT DESCRIPTION: First, seen was 2 bright, white search light like beams aimed upward, separated before joining and disappearing. Second, saw brilliant red and white flashing lights on the ground. Upon seeing closer, lights lifted off ground and there was the outline of a craft supporting them. The lights appeared to be circular, and the brightness of lights was overwhelming, but between he could make out flat sides.

I asked the witness if he may be able to sketch what the object looked like, he reminds that the light was overwhelming and it was hard to see exactly, this his interpretation.



INTERVIEW/STATEMENTS: I interviewed the witness by phone and have met with him at his house several times. On my first visit, which was on 7/9/14, he told me all about the sighting and showed me the view from his house. He said that the craft was a big as a 2 lane road, surrounded by red and white lights, and about 12' tall, if he had to give it a shape he would say he was seeing a hexagon shape. I asked if the lights were separate red and white or red/white, and he said it was so bright it was hard to tell exactly. He also told me that two days later (6/30/14) he was in his car driving and noticed his clock had lost an hour, he wasn't sure if it could have been related, but he always keeps it set correctly. We next drove his path down the road towards the scene of the red and white lights, as we went over the hill he pointed out what and where he had seen. We travelled the rest of the path and he gave a detailed account of the event. We parked, and he was showing me the

area where it was sitting, which is a 2 lane road, with about 40' feet path of roughly 3' tall grass on the west side and a smaller patch with bushes on the east, when we noticed what appeared to be a circular area of the grass pushed over. The witness reaction was that of being surprised, it was the first time he had noticed. As he traveled the road on that night he saw no other cars.



The Area

NATURAL/MANMADE: According to Stellarium there were no major celestial objects in the sky and the moon was not up at this time, the satellite Envisat was setting in the northern sky @ 11:00 pm and NOAA 16 @ 11:10 pm. AMS Meteors did not have any reported fireball sightings. There are several airports in the area, including WPAFB is 25 mi. SW, Dayton International 32 mi WSW, Port Columbus 36 mi E, Springfield Air National Guard Base 17 mi SW, Grimes Field in Urbana 9 mi NE, and Madison County Airport 10 mi SE.

WEATHER INFORMATION: According to Wunderground, the temperature near Mechanicsburg, Ohio on June 28, 2014 at 11:00pm was 70° and calm. The sky was clear and visibility was 10 miles.

LOCATION: Google Earth shows the area of the sighting is 3 miles SW of Mechanicsburg in Champaign County, Ohio. The population of Champaign county as of the 2010 census is 40,097, the area of the sighting is all rolling hills with farms, fields, and woods for miles, elevation 1148'. There are several small ponds in a .25 mile radius and a transformer on a pole 30' away. The

area also lies above a large Aquifer. Springfield is 11 miles SW, Urbana 8 mi NW, and Columbus 26 mi E.



EVIDENCE/INVESTIGATION: On 7/10/14 I was able to interview the neighbor about the helicopters, he couldn't say for sure if they were military or not, just that they were black with lights aimed downward heading south at about 9:30. The witness and another area FI, Ron McGlone assisted me, we looked for signs of fireworks or other debris, and we marked off and measured the area of the grass interference, it appeared to have a diameter of about 26', which is about the width of the road. We took samples both inside and outside of the area, soil and vegetation. A Geiger counter was used to check for traces of radiation, nothing found.



Rob Mercer and Ron McGlone looking for physical evidence

Keep in mind that it has been 13 days since the sighting, and there has been heavy rain recently.

Both sides of the road have the same type of grass growing and the reported area is the only place visible with grass lying over. There is no pattern to direction, just pushed over in random direction. The heavy thistle in the area still stands straight, so whatever was there didn't land on this spot, hovering is still a possibility. It does not appear to be weather related. There are several small ponds a .25 mile radius and a transformer on a pole 30' away. The area also lies above a large Aquifer. There are power lines and trees right against the area making it impossible for a helicopter to land there, and the object seen was silent. We talked to a resident in a nearby house that would have had a good view, he said that he wasn't feeling good and went to bed early that night, he didn't see anything. The site lies on a road that is busy during the day, but at night has little traffic, it makes a good parking spot. Flightaware showed arrivals and departures at Port Columbus at the time and arrivals at Dayton International. The Springfield Air Guard Base has recently started using drones, I contacted them and was told that they only control drones overseas. No responses on radar requests as of yet. As for the car clock, the witness stated that on 6/29/14 he had cleaned the dash in his car and possibly pushed the buttons to change the clock, however he would have had to held the button down or hit it 11 times. He didn't look at the time when he got back home that night, and doesn't suspect time loss.

WITNESS CREDIBILITY: The witness is a retired factory worker. I have met with him several times, and I believe him to sincere. He has had time to think about it and has never changed his story. The witness is credible.

CORRELATING CASES: A review of the MUFON database has revealed no correlating cases and no correlating comments have shown up on UFO Stalker. A check of the NUFORC database showed a report of a hexagon shape craft about 25' across, 19 miles away near Marysville on the morning of the 28th. There was only one other hexagon shaped craft report (12/97 PA) ever entered in NUFORC's database, MUFON doesn't offer hexagon for a shape choice.

(This event occurred 6/28/2014 approx. 2:30am - as reported on *NUFORC*)

"I was driving westbound on US Rt. 33 towards Marysville. I was getting close to Scottslawn Rd. when I saw an aircraft of some sort that I initially thought might be circling around to land at Union County airport. But then it started heading towards me above Rt. 33. It seemed to be rather low, so I paid close attention to it. As it drew nearer to me I came to realize it did not appear to be an airplane or helicopter. I got a good look at it as it passed above me out the driver side window. It was maybe 200 feet up in the air, and it was a hexagonal shape, and on the bottom of the craft, there was a large blue circular light in the middle, and smaller blue circular lights at each corner of the hexagon. Also, what struck me as being very strange is the craft made no sound. If it were a jet or any other craft

I'm familiar with, at that altitude, it would have been pretty loud. It was really weird, and freaked me out. It was headed towards Dublin, OH down rt. 33. Definitely the weirdest thing I've ever seen in person with my own eyes. There is only 3 possibilities of what it was in my mind, a secret military/government aircraft, a drone (but it was too big to be a drone I think), or an alien spacecraft."

CONCLUSION: Based on the witness interview, investigation of the sight, and review of database material, I am unable to determine what was seen at this time. The witness description fits area, sample testing is not completed at this time. I have classified this case as Unknown-UAV. THIS CASE IS CLOSED

Ohio Field Investigation

By Ron Bracale
FI Ohio MUFON



(Ron Bracale submitted a significant historical case which happened in 1976 in N.E. Ohio. It is MUFON CMS File 55676. All three witnesses are still openly stating they saw this. So their names are included. Ron's report follows.)

On Thursday, Sept. 6, 1976 at 9:30 PM EST in an upper class N. E. Ohio neighborhood three young teenagers (ages 15-16) were leaving a friend's house. Martin (Marty) Napoli was driving, Arnold (Arnie) Goldman was in front passenger seat, and Jeff Brodsky was in the back seat behind Arnie. As soon as they backed out of a friend's driveway, they saw a massive Unidentified Aerial Vehicle. They all became very animated and were pointing and shouting. Marty, realizing he was driving, but still rolling backwards after pulling out of the driveway stopped the car.

The object was as big as the large houses in the area and hovering over the house across the street from where they were. They were about 100 to 300 feet from the object, which was hovering silently. There was about ten seconds in the initial phase of seeing the object. The object had a row or rows of sequentially changing lights, circling the object. All three witnesses stated that the quality of light was very unusual or unearthly, not at all like beams or projections of light. They have slightly different versions of how many rows the sequencing, flashing lights were in, which is expected in recalling an intense ten seconds forty years later.

At that point they started saying, 'It sees us.' and so Marty turned off the headlights. Immediately the ship turned off all the sequencing lights. Arnie did not remember the headlights being turned off, only that the ship turned off the light display. They were left viewing a black shadow in the sky with a single light on it, which blinked (not faded) between white, red, orange, and yellow.

It started to glide down the street and so Marty started to follow it. They were about twenty-five feet from being directly below the object. Marty and Jeff thought it was disk shaped, while Arnie believes he could discern that it was chevron shaped and their angle of viewing would have made it appear like a disk. At that point it silently zoomed into the distance in the blink of an eye. Jeff believes it made anomalous movements, Jeff believes there were jets which it evaded, while Marty was focused on trying to get an understanding of its position.

They then called the Plain Dealer paper and the article, a few short lines, is attached to the case. They did some interviews and APRO, NICAP, or

CUP should have those reports, including a reel-to-reel tape of an interview, but I have been unable to locate any of those. They also heard that some members of St. Joseph's High School band camp saw a UFO that evening.

(Following is the September 6, 1976 Plain Dealer newspaper account of the event. It was in the Today column by George Barmann.)

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UFOs. There used to be a rash of sightings of these little devils, but recently they seem to have been grounded back wherever it is they come from.

Watch it, now, here they come again! **Martin Napoli, 16, of 3801 Northwood Rd., University Heights; Arnie Goldman, 15, and Jeff Brodsky, his neighbors, re-**

ported a UFO the other night in Gates Mills.

Martin's mother, Mary Napoli, said the boys came home "all shaken" after visiting in Gates Mills. They were driving on Dorchester Rd., near SOM Center Rd., when they saw it.

"It was an inverted saucer," said Martin, "with pulsating lights and one light that changed colors. It was about 200 yards off, maneuvering and noiseless and hovering over us. Sure, we were scared."

Mrs. Napoli said she called Gates Mills police, "but they appeared disinterested."

(The witness drawings of the object follow.)

Object as it first appeared. Rows of white light that illuminated the area but were not bright to the eye. Object made no sound and moved slowly in a Northerly direction.

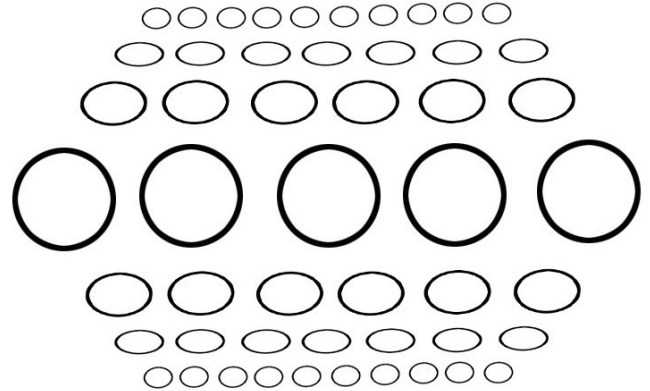


Figure 1
September 2nd, 1976
Gates Mills, OH

Stationary light of the object began to rapidly rotate around the underside of the object before it changed shape or orientation from our point of view. Object was not oval shaped when its silhouette was observed. Object was within 100 feet of our position and is estimated to be approximately 75 feet in diameter.

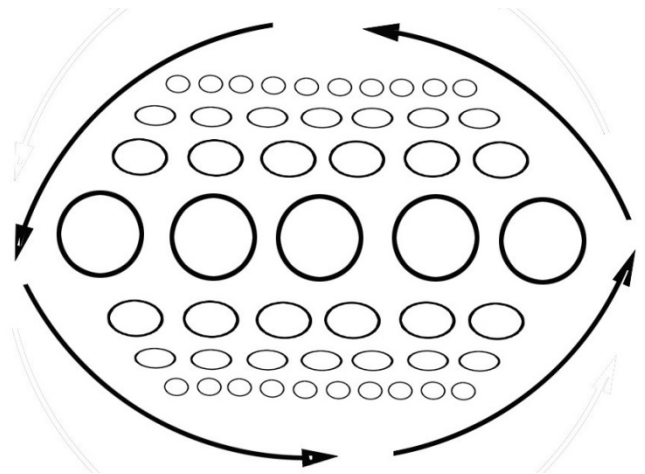


Figure 2
September 2nd, 1976
Gates Mills, OH

Craft first appeared with rows of parallel white lights on underside as shown in figure 1. Once the white lights stopped, a single light at the upper corner of the Chevron changed colors from white to orange to red to yellow and back again in sequence before the object moved away at a high rate of speed.

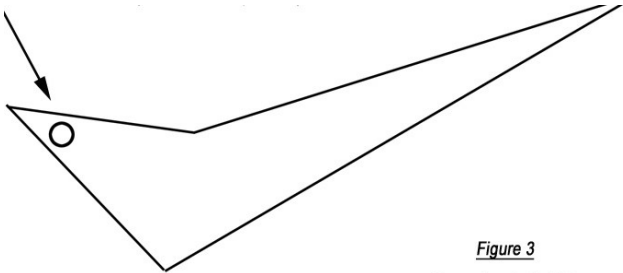


Figure 3

September 2nd, 1976

The Need for a Whole New Generation of Ufologists

By Thomas Wertman

We all have those jobs that we put off until another day. That project around the house that's long overdue, straightening out the closet, or cleaning out the attic. Mine is in the attic and specifically going through the boxes of pictures from six generations. Here laid out before me are photos of my parents, brother and sister, grandparents, great-grandparents and an untold number of relatives and friends.



From the movie Mars Attacks

Someone once said "Nostalgia is not what it used to be". While this was said as a joke, it also has a level of truth. Why, I'm the one getting nostalgic, not my parents. I refer to these as my "In my day stories". There are photographs of our old house that I thought was so big, my first dog tied to a tree in the backyard, and the Ford station wagon that we took to drive-in movies. But what does all this have to do with ufology and the need for a whole new generation of ufologists?

"In my day" we watch television on black-and-white screen TV, made popcorn in a pan on the stove, called our friends on a rotary dial phone, paid \$.30 a gallon for gas, and if you talked about visitors they called them Martians and you nuts. The ufologists of that era held meetings and sent out newsletters like we do today but didn't have to compete with the Internet or unlimited number of satellite or cable channels. Researchers had a difficult time even accessing weather conditions, much less flight paths, and satellite data. As a matter of fact the number of satellites were minimal and one called Echo even had its viewing times posted in the local newspapers.

My generation of ufologists is experiencing a greater openness of the subject. The terms Martian than flying saucer were replaced by unidentified flying object and it now extraterrestrial. A 2013 survey by the Huffington Post showed 50% of Americans believe there's some form of life on other planets, 17% think there is not, and 33% are unsure. This more open attitude towards acceptance has also spilled over into media. Television shows have evolved from "My Favorite Martian" and "Alf" to "Ancient Aliens" and documentaries such as "I Know What I Saw". Who knows maybe someday news channels will no longer play the X-Files theme when discussing a UFO sighting. While disclosure has still not come, public acceptance of the possibility of extraterrestrial life is at an all-time high.



Hoaxed UFO from video.

What we need now is a new generation of ufologists to pick up not just where we leave off, but before we leave off. A generation to learn from our experiences and use is to their advantage in the future. This new generation is being raised on cell phones, flat screen televisions with a seemingly

endless number of channels, not to mention the Internet and the entire world at your fingertips and the click of a mouse. The ability to reach a global market will not be without challenges. Just as the older generation had individuals who would discredit the subject or pass on disinformation. This new generation will have their own unique challenges to overcome including individuals who sit behind a computer desk developing CGI UFO hoaxes, changing technologies such as drones and nanobots, along with a new generation of individual's intent on hiding the existence of UFOs.

I would like to challenge anyone attending meetings such as the MUFON of Ohio meetings in Hilliard or any other UFO interest group to bring at least one new attendee of the younger generation. By doing so we can develop a whole new generation of ufologists raised on today's technology and leading to the ants we've all been looking for. Maybe their "In My Day Story" will be I remember when the government denied the existence of UFOs and even trying to cover up such events as Roswell.

**MUFON of Ohio Bimonthly Meetings
Hilliard, Ohio
By Thomas Wertman**

Winter will be on us before we know it and so will the holiday season. Our most recent MUFON of Ohio meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2014 at 2:30 PM. We hope for good turnout at this meeting which will include: recent UFO reports from field investigators, an update on unusual objects discovered by the Mars rovers, and information on an incident involving three and half hours of missing time.

Hilliard Public Library



If you've not attended a MUFON of Ohio meeting I would highly encourage you do so. They provide an excellent opportunity for discussion of current events, recent and historical sightings, investigative techniques, and the opportunity to discuss your own sightings.

For those that don't know where to find the meeting schedule I would like to refer you to the website managed by Paul Althouse. The website is located at: www.mufonohio.com. Paul does an excellent job at managing the site and keeping information up-to-date. He is also put in a tremendous amount of time adding UFO related information such as videos, are MUFON of Ohio library, and links to UFO related sites.

MUFON of Ohio Website

With inclement weather around the corner we will be discussing our upcoming meeting schedule. We would like to continue meeting on a bimonthly schedule, but if it looks like weather conditions will prevent this, cancellations will be posted on our website.



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