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**Message from the State Director**



Tom Wertman, our State Director, is currently recuperating from a bad femur break just below the hip joint due to a fall at work. This happened September 7<sup>th</sup>. Surgery and a stay at a rehab center for physical therapy has set him back a bit. He will be

on complete disability until Thanksgiving. I could wish him a speedy recovery (which I do), but it is obvious this isn't going to happen overnight. So he has no words of wisdom in this issue of the newsletter.

He reports the following in an October 16<sup>th</sup> e-mail regarding his condition:

"I just wanted to give you an update on my status. I ended up spending two weeks in Parma Hospital, now I'm in my fourth week at a physical rehab center doing therapy twice a day.

Progress has been slowed by the severity of the break. Only allowed to put half my weight on my

left leg. Drugs have helped me cope with the pain and Presidential debates.

Not given a release date, stuck in the system between doctors, the rehab center, and workmanship comp. As I call it Hotel California, where you can check in but not check out. Hopefully I'll get out soon."

**Editor's Notes**



Putting together a newsletter takes time and effort in finding articles/items that will interest the membership. I enjoy this, and it keeps me up to date on the latest UFO news. However, it is sometimes quite time-consuming trying to fill the lion's share of the newsletter by myself. Contributions from others make my job much easier. This month I was very pleasantly surprised when I received, book reviews, opinions, a UFO experience, and other articles. Thank you, thank you all: Paul Althouse, Pete Hartinger, Rick Hilberg, Irena Scott, Ron McGlone and Bruce Budinger.

Your "old editor" will soon have all her analyses relating to UFOs, ca. 95, placed on John Greenwald's Black Vault website <http://www.theblackvault.com>. The ones he had published previously (roughly 60) were deleted by accident when he was removing other data. He is now completely revamping the website. I saw a preview, and it is a fantastic improvement! I invite everyone to drop in.

Phyllis Budinger  
Newsletter Editor

### **On the Investigating Side** **By Ron McGlone** **Chief Field Investigator**



Ohio has had a drop in reports submitted to MUFON this year, which may be a result of TV programming. When MUFON's own "Hanger 1" show was aired on Fridays, it seemed a lot of reports came in that evening and

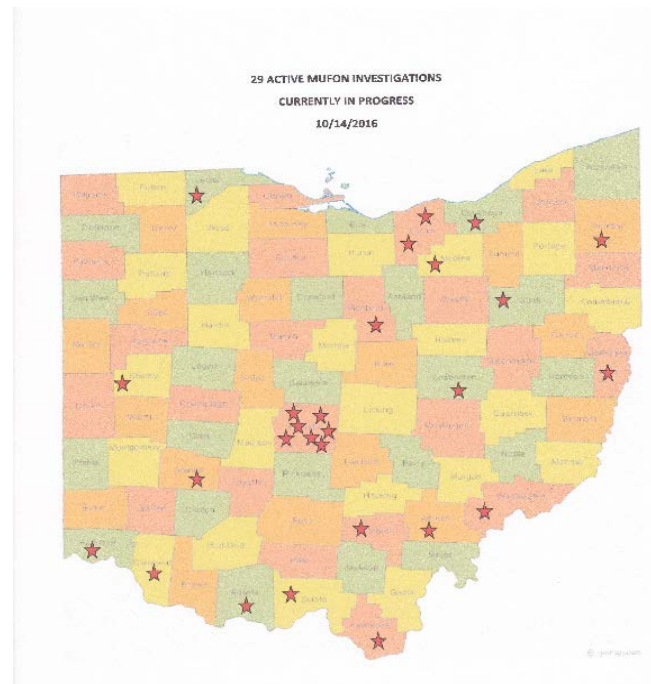
Saturday mornings with several of the reports being historical ones (over 2 years old). At the end of this September, we've had a total of 147 reports varying in types, shapes, with no certain pattern in the reports, compared to 246 reports from January through September of 2015 ending in a total of 330 last year, which is our average.

Currently we have 27 UFO investigations in progress, 2 of these are historical and 1 being of the cryptology (creature) type. Franklin County has the current majority with 7 reports, which is not unusual with the larger population, but there have been a string of reports across of southern counties recently.

We have had all the types of objects from triangle, disc, cigar, square shapes to mostly strange light formations. I've also noticed a decrease in the orange colored lights, which sometimes have turned out to be sky lanterns as more people become familiar with them. Usually the floating orange light sightings increased during June and July, with the summer celebrations, typically on Saturdays.

For those interested in becoming a MUFON investigator, go to MUFON.com and look under the "Get Involved" tab. There you will find the steps needed to become an active investigator.

Following is a map of the locations of active investigations.



### **2016 MUFON Symposium** **Orlando Florida** **Hilton Lake Buena Vista Hotel** **August 25-28, 2016** **By Bruce and Phyllis Budinger**

The theme for this year's symposium was "UFOs from Our Oceans to Outer Space". It was attended by almost 400 enthusiasts. Peter Robbins, as would be expected, did a great job as Master of Ceremonies. Paola Harris got the "Ufologist of the Year" award. The conference went almost without a hitch but for an occasional minor acoustics problem. Orlando was hot hot hot, though there was little reason to go outside with all that was going on at the conference.

Neither of us wanted to take many notes on presentations, especially since the summaries are all published in the Symposium Proceedings book which we purchased. (If anyone wants a complete synopsis of the papers from the Symposium Proceedings, they can obtain one on the MUFON

website.) The one-on-ones with prominent people in Ufology are always a highlight for us. New contacts are always made and inside information on UFO events is shared. This is also a good meeting to prospect for speakers for our Ohio Conference. Most people in Ufology share an obsession on the subject as well as getting the information out to others. They usually never hesitate to say yes when asked about the possibility of speaking in Ohio. This trip memo will consist of tidbits of information we heard from both attendees and papers which we think will be of interest to the membership.



Bruce, Alejandro Rojas, Phyllis

Tidbits: Kathy Marden told me that many experiencers think they have tinnitus (ringing in the ears), however while they might, some of it is due to an implant. When the implant is turned on a change in tone is noted. Did you know that some of the Blue Book files are missing? J. Allen Hynek 'pinched' them. Doug Wilson, Colorado State Director, has great stories about his research into Area 51. He has made several trips there, antagonizing security guards as well as the Sheriffs from two counties. He had devious ways of avoiding arrest. His name is on file and a sheriff warned him never to come back or he would end up behind bars. He's going back next year!

We selected just a few papers to discuss which we think will be of the most interest to the membership.

**Sheryl Costa's** talk on "The Nationwide UFO Magnitude Study" presented a massive statistical study of measurable UFO sightings data by locations from the years 2000-2015. This included discussions of specific events. Boring, no!

Fascinating! One objective of this study was to identify patterns. Another is to get an idea as to the magnitude of sightings at various locations in the United States. For example, one pattern found was the great number of UFO sightings seen over fracking sites. The data are intended to be used by researchers. Sheryl thinks they will find many other patterns. Her new book "UFO Sightings Desk Reference: United States 2000 to 2015" is due out this fall. I recommend all Field Investigators obtain a copy. It will be a valuable assist in their investigations.

**John Greenwald** presented "Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), UFO's and Our Space Agencies." John began his research into the world of Ufology at the age of 15. He targeted such groups as the CIA, FBI, Pentagon, Air Force, Army, Navy, NSA, and DIA among others to fairly easily obtain an unprecedented amount of information. This became his life's work. He then began scanning the nearly 1.5 million pages of text he would eventually collect into an on-line archive, to be called The Black Vault, in order to share with others. Now 20 years later, the huge success of his achievement is recognized worldwide.

Two agencies NOT subject to the FOIA are NORAD and the White House. The government has developed a manual of acronyms 600 pages long. To further dissuade FOIA searching, the government has purposely rewritten evidence to defy FOIA requests! A citizens group sprang up in response to these government cover-up activities. They filed a lawsuit and took it to court. They lost. Now, because of declassification of more text, the government has produced it, but 'whited out' instead of 'blacked out' critical sections. Or, they can just 'lose' hundreds of pages – in sequence!

John has finally, painfully concluded that "our government is I-I-lying to us".

**David Marler** has investigated the "Flying Saucer Invasion of the 1950's around Farmington NM and Beyond". David recounted the sightings of several hundred UFO's, witnessed by thousands of people over several days in March 1950, centered around Farmington NM. Witnesses reported seeing red, glowing discs, among silvery others, in very large formations. These discs were the size of a B29 and traveled at speeds estimated in excess

of 1000 mph. One living witness described these massive formations as resembling waves of birds in flight. Despite the incredible number of witnesses all describing the same disc formations speeding across the skies from east to west, and newspaper accounts with photos, the government, as usual, gave no credence to the phenomena – ‘probably test balloon fragments’. The sightings also occurred in Tucumcari NM on 17 March 1950, as well as near and around government test labs La Paz and Sandia, among others in NM. So many similar sightings by so many people gave rise to the quip “it debunked the debunkers” of the time.

**Paola Harris** discussed “From Our Oceans to Outer Space: An international perspective on astronaut testimonies about space travel and underwater bases”. This is another driven ufologist who wants to know what is going on and has worked diligently to find out. She presented intriguing quotes from quite a number of astronauts and cosmonauts. These cover several pages in the “Proceedings” so this newsletter does not have the space to include them all. (It’s worth the purchase price of the “Proceedings” just to read them.) I will just say NASA’s Scott Carpenter said, “At no time, when the astronauts were in space were they alone: there was a constant surveillance by UFO’s.” That sums it up. Along with astronauts’ comments, she discussed specific instances of human-looking aliens walking among us. The cases were from South America and Italy. And yes, there are underground bases. She mentioned a few approximate locations: Malibu, Lake Erie, Lake Ontario, and Coast of Italy. Paola also discussed the importance of thought transferal. She was a personal friend of astronaut Edger Mitchell, and in fact was invited to his funeral. He also was extremely interested in ESP, and actually did ESP experiments on the moon. In summation she said the real revolution in the UFO phenomenon is the evolution of consciousness, and it’s the clue that puts it all together.

I (Phyllis) attended a meeting (two sessions) which took most of Saturday, and this limited the number of papers I could attend. This was a “meet and greet” meeting (two sessions) which included members not only from MUFON, but also CUFOS and FUFOR. There were about 20 there which included notables like Michael Swords, Jan Aldrich, Linda and Bill Murphy, Robert Powell, Richard

Thieme and others. The object of this gathering was to discuss the creation of “a robust highly organized website” to store credible UFO data. It is not to be just “a data dump”. A number of these veteran Ufologists have massive files they have collected over their lifetimes, and want a repository to store the data for the future. They don’t want it lost on their demise. Work is in its very elementary stage right now. A web master has to be identified, as well as decisions made on the organization of the data. I think this will be an enormous and wonderful resource for ufology.

The meeting ended with an unexpected marriage proposal by a man (cameraman by trade) who met his fiancé while filming a UFO documentary. Next year’s meeting will be in Las Vegas in July

### **VIEWPOINT: Hillary Clinton and UFOs**

**By Pete Hartinger**

January 11, 2016

*(Pete Hartinger has written 26 Articles on UFOs for the local newspaper, the Circleville Herald. They can also be found on the Roundtown website (roundtownfosociety.com). It seems pertinent to include his viewpoint of Hillary Clinton comments on UFOs in our newsletter in light of the upcoming elections. His viewpoint is followed by an interesting newspaper article I found relating to a comment made by the senior George H. W. Bush this year, which I think everyone will find interesting. The later was published in Florida newspaper. Ed.)*



Many of you may be surprised to read that presidential candidate and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has had a longtime interest in the subject of unidentified flying objects.

When her husband, Bill, was president they visited with billionaire Laurence Rockefeller at his estate at Jackson Hole, Wyoming. At that period of time a document initiated by Rockefeller titled the "UFO Briefing Document" was created. I have a copy of it. It contained information about the reality of UFOs.

In 2014, former President Bill Clinton on a late night television show (Jimmy Kimmel) admitted that he tried to get more information about UFOs but that he was unsuccessful.

Hillary was interviewed just recently on a campaign trip by a newspaper, the Conway Daily Sun, in New Hampshire on December 30. She was asked about UFOs and stated, "I think we may have been visited already. We don't know for sure. She promised to expose the aliens and "get to the bottom of it."

My response to this is don't hold your breath.

In October 2007, at a debate when presidential candidate Dennis Kucinich of Ohio was asked about UFOs, he admitted that he had observed a UFO in 1982 when he was visiting actress Shirley MacLaine at her home in California. It will be interesting to see if Hillary is asked what she thinks about this subject in her upcoming debates. *(Not. Ed.)*

I feel that the public should know her and the other presidential candidates' views about UFOs.

It is a known fact that John Podesta has participated in past UFO disclosure projects in Washington D.C. and he has been a member of the Clinton and Obama administrations. In fact, John Podesta is Hillary's campaign manager.

### **George Bush Senior on UFOs: "Americans Can't Handle the Truth" (2016)**

(<http://worldnewsdailyreport.com/george-bush-senior-on-ufos-americans-cant-handle-the-truth>)

ORLANDO, FL Joined by his father George H. W. Bush and his brother George W. Bush during Jeb Bush's latest fundraiser in Orlando this week, George Bush Sr. left the large crowd of Jeb Bush partisans uneasy after responding to a question on UFOs by an activist/journalist, which the answer took the crowd, and reporters, completely by surprise.

In hope of helping his son's Jeb Bush struggling presidential campaign, George Bush Sr. and former president George W. Bush have been campaigning

behind the presidential candidate in hopes of bringing the Bush family's name once again behind the Oval office, but some experts believe this kind of incident could cost him the race.

During the fundraiser, a man in the crowd raised a strange question which led to an even more surprising response by the former president and CIA director. The man asked George Bush Sr. when the US government would tell Americans the truth about UFOs, to which he responded: "Americans can't handle the truth" before the questioning was briefly halted by organizers of the event.



The man that asked the question has been identified as Adam Guelch, an active member of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), which credits itself as being the world's oldest and largest UFO phenomenon investigative body.

Oddly enough, it is not the first time George Bush Sr has had a controversial opinion on the UFO subject as a similar incident occurred on March 7, 1988, during a trip to a George Bush for President Rally in Rogers, Arkansas.

The to-be president was then asked, in the advent that he became president, if he would tell Americans the truth about the existence of UFOs, to which Bush replied: "I am very careful in public life about dealing with classified information" he told the reporter.

James Adder, journalist for the Arkansas Globe at the time, also asked about Bush's knowledge about the UFO phenomena, on behalf of which Bush answered: " I know some. I know a fair amount" before ending the interview.

### **A loss of cognitive functions, believe experts**

George Bush Sr., who is in a frail state of health, might be suffering from a neurological disorder such as Alzheimer, which could explain his weird comment believe some experts. *(Oooh really! Can't help being cynical. Ed.)*

"At the venerable age of 91, it is quite normal to suffer from a loss of cognitive functions. Clear symptoms are a difficulty to express yourself coherently, loss of memory, dementia. This is possibly the root cause for the awkward comments" explains neurologist John O'Briar.

A Jeb Bush campaign spokesman told reporters George Bush Sr.'s comments "did not reflect in any way the opinions of presidential candidate Jeb Bush" and that Jeb Bush supporters "are entitled to their own views on a variety of subjects"

### **Two Ufologists Meet Untimely Deaths**

*(Most of you have probably heard of the first death (Man Spiers) which was widely reported even in the mainstream media. But did you know about the second death? These two men were too young to die unexpectedly of natural causes. Both deaths were within a few weeks of each other. Conspiracy? What do you think? Ed.)*

**Max Spiers (d. June 2016)**

**Age: 39**

**UFO expert found dead after vomiting black liquid**

By Sara Kamouni, The Sun  
October 17, 2016

A conspiracy theorist has been found dead in Poland – just days after he texted his mom instructing her to "investigate" should anything happen to him.



Max Spiers, a 39-year-old father of two, was found dead on a sofa in Poland, where he had gone to give a talk about conspiracy theories and UFOs.

We was ruled to have died from natural causes despite no post-mortem examination being carried out on his body.

But his dark investigations into UFOs and government coverups may have made him enemies who wanted him dead, says mother Vanessa Bates, 63.

In a chilling text message to his mom just days before his death, Spiers wrote: "your boy's in trouble. If anything happens to me, investigate."

Originally from Canterbury, Spiers was a former classmate of Orlando Bloom.

He lived in the United States for a few years but returned to the UK to stay with his mother, before jetting off to Poland.

Bates said: "He was making a name for himself in the world of conspiracy theorists and had been invited to speak at a conference in Poland in July."

"He was staying with a woman who he had not known for long, and she told me how she found him dead on the sofa."

"But I think Max had been digging in some dark places and I fear that somebody wanted him dead."

Spiers' pals have claimed that he "vomited a black liquid" when he died in a Warsaw apartment.

Speaking to Project Camelot, friend Miles Johnson said: "A person had died here and I don't think it's good enough [that] somebody who just took normal medication should end up vomiting, spewing black liquid, whatever it was."

"And then shortly after that, whatever length of time it was, died."

Max made a career out of investigating UFO sightings and alleged coverups.

More recently, he was said to be probing into the lives of well-known figures in politics, business and entertainment.

His unexplained death, and its subsequent treatment by the authorities, has left many online followers convinced he was killed by government agents.

Conspiracy theorists have long been convinced that UFO chasers who get too close to the truth are “bumped off” by the secret services or so-called men in black.

On one website, Project Camelot, a blogger wrote: “The entire circumstances are suspicious and I urge everyone to encourage the release of details about what really happened and call for an autopsy.”

Another, Craig Hewlett, added: “If it wasn’t true what he talks about, then why would they kill him? Healthy people don’t just get sick and die, they get poisoned.”

Bates, an English teacher, also buys into the theories.

She said: “Max was a very fit man who was in good health, and yet he apparently just died suddenly on a sofa.”

“All I have is a death certificate from the Polish authorities that it was from natural causes, but no post-mortem was done so how can they tell that? They are also refusing to release any paperwork about it to me because, absurdly, I don’t have written permission.”

Spiers was buried in a Canterbury cemetery after his mother arranged to have his body flown home a week after his death.

A post-mortem examination was carried out by a pathologist in east Kent, but Bates says that more than two months later she still does not know the result, or whether there will be an investigation.

She added: “Apparently, he had not suffered any obvious physical injuries, but he could have been slowly poisoned, which is why the results of

toxicology tests from his post-mortem are so important.”

“He has a brother, Josh, and sister, Becky, who are both devastated, as are his two boys. We all want answers to this and I will continue to fight to get to the truth.”

The North East Kent coroner’s office would only confirm the death was at the “very early” stages of their investigation.

### **Gaurav Tiwari (d. July 7, 2016)**

**Age: 31**

#### **Ghostbuster Gaurav Tiwari found dead. Father hints at ‘negative forces’**

HT Correspondent, Hindustan Times, New Delhi



Indian Paranormal Society founder and CEO Gaurav Tiwari was found dead in his Dwarka home on Thursday, July 7. The police are still conducting investigations and have not established a firm

cause of death yet.

Tiwari, who had multiple TV shows to his credit, was found lying on his bathroom floor with a thin black line across his neck. The police say that the cause of death was asphyxia, reports The Times of India.

His family members said that around 11 am on Thursday, they heard a loud thud from the bathroom. They opened the door by force and found Tiwari lying on the floor. He was taken to a hospital but the doctors could not resuscitate him.

If the circumstances of his death didn’t sound peculiar already, his father, Uday Tiwari, told TOI that Gaurav “had told his wife a month ago that a negative force was pulling him towards (itself). He had said he was trying to control it but seemed unable to do so. My daughter-in-law ignored it thinking he was just depressed due to work overload and did not tell us about it,” he said. Gaurav got married in January, reports Zee News.

The Indian Paranormal Society website reads that Gaurav was once a commercial pilot and had visited over 6,000 ‘haunted’ locations across the

world. He also investigated UFO abductions and mysterious creatures.

Tiwari was part of TV shows like Haunted Weekends with Sunny Leone and MTV's Girl's Night Out with VJ Ranvijay, Bhoot Aaya and Fear Files. He was also a part of movies 16 December and Tango Charlie.

### Disclosure Movement RIP

By Robbie Graham  
Silver Screen Saucers

*(Robbie Graham is the author of "Silver Screen Saucers: Sorting Fact from Fantasy in Hollywood's UFO Movies", and editor of "UFOs: Reframing the Debate" (forthcoming), a collection of original essays on UFOs and Ufology by progressive and iconoclastic thinkers. We thank Robbie Graham for permission to print his article. Ed.)*



It meant well, and it did its best, but the Disclosure movement is dead.

The problem with the Disclosure mindset was that it declared an end to the UFO enigma. It said, in essence, we *know* what 'they' are: extraterrestrial spacecraft. End of story. And then the movement looked to officialdom –a sort of unfair parent figure– and it tugged incessantly at the leg of power, saying "daaaaaadddd, TELL US!" And dad said, patiently as ever: "not now kids, run along and play with your friends."

Well, dad never had the answers. He still doesn't. Sure, he may have a few more pieces of the UFO puzzle at his fingertips than do we, but he's ashamed to tell you that, try as he might, he

just can't make those damn pieces fit. Despite appearances and the power of his ego, in a universe that's 13 billion years old, he's just a monkey like the rest of us, flailing around for answers in the early years of the 21st century on a planet whose dominant trend is war. So, no, dad doesn't understand what he's dealing with. He can't even comprehend it; and it doesn't help that UFOs go far beyond the physical, beyond the merely extraterrestrial. He's dealing with a coalescence of impossible phenomena. He's dealing with consciousness itself.



"Tell us!"

And so what can daddy possibly tell the kids without appearing ignorant and confused, without losing a huge weight of his authority as a parent; as a leader. It's better to stay silent and let the kids *believe* he has all the answers, that he's all-knowing.

It's for this reason that should officialdom ever "come clean" about the UFO issue, we should all be immediately and extremely suspicious, because UFO truth by way of official power structures will not be truth at all. We all know this. It will, by necessity, be whatever truth least vilifies and incriminates the secret-keepers, whose primary concern is not to bring about world peace through the disclosure of cosmic secrets, but rather to avoid at all costs being lynched by angry mobs for having withheld from the public incomprehensible data concerning the nature of our reality, and to maintain our existing global system – a system in which the activities of the privileged few are concealed from the distracted masses. This is the system we vote for, year after year, decade after decade. The illusion of democracy.





Fear the angry mob!

If and when the day comes that the layers of our reality are peeled back and humanity collectively finds itself in a new world, it will not be for one signature too many on a Disclosure petition. Disclosure, if we must insist on using the term, is a slow process of personal awakening on a mass scale. When I say personal awakening, I most certainly do not mean the simple acceptance that we are not alone in the universe. I mean a continuing process of inner exploration.

The ultimate irony of the Disclosure movement is that it deeply distrusts officialdom, while simultaneously looking to officialdom for the truth. And by imagining all answers to the UFO mystery to be out of public reach, deep in the bowels of the national security state, the Disclosure movement actually places power into hands of officialdom, while disempowering the individual.

I certainly don't have a fast track to UFO truth. I don't believe there is a fast track to UFO truth.

All too often on the UFO scene audiences are content to hear what they want to hear; to have their existing beliefs confirmed by self-proclaimed experts who know full well that their personality cult is guaranteed by telling the crowds –dare I say 'followers'– only what they want to hear: that Disclosure is just around the corner, and that a brighter tomorrow will follow that day.

But the kind of revolutionary change we hope will be triggered by UFO disclosure can only ever occur from a bottom-up level, and over a considerable expanse of time. Enlightenment is earned slowly by the individual; it is not handed to him on a saucer-shaped platter. But then, it's easier to demand of a faceless bureaucracy than it is to demand of ourselves.

I should clarify I do not take issue with the Disclosure movement in itself. The efforts of Steve Bassett and others undoubtedly have brought the UFO phenomenon (whatever it might represent) to the attention of many thousands of people around the world who previously were indifferent to the issue. That's not a bad thing. What does concern me, however, is that Disclosure has become *the* focus of the UFO community, its alluring offer of a fast track to UFO truth marginalising the more esoteric approaches to the phenomena. In short, in the age of Disclosure and Exopolitics, the pursuit of UFO truth is political, rather than mystical. If the day ever comes when humanity *can* claim an understanding of the UFO phenomenon, I'm very confident that politics will have played almost no role in this enlightenment.



We should see UFOs, then, not as a call to pressure governments to unlock their files – officialdom has *nothing* left to offer us on UFOs, nothing we can believe or accept. And free energy technologies, if they exist, will not save our world, because they will not miraculously change human nature. So let's take officialdom out of the equation altogether; let's shift the focus onto ourselves and to our own relationship with this phenomenon. Let's see UFOs as a call to look within, with the aim of unlocking our true mystical nature, our latent psychic and spiritual potential, because, in so doing, we might actually begin to understand all forms of extraordinary and impossible phenomena. Perhaps all that is required on our part is a recognition –or rather a profound acceptance– that the distinction between an individual and the invisible beyond that surrounds her is entirely illusory.

## An Improbable Airport Sighting Could this be mind control? By Witness Irena Scott



Sightings of UFOs over airports are extraordinary. For example, the Chicago O'Hare International Airport (November 7, 2006) sighting became one of the *Chicago Tribune's* most-viewed stories on its Web site. Not only are such sightings astonishing in themselves, but objects in the area where aircraft are landing

and taking off are very hazardous.

This airport sighting occurred about 4 P.M. on February 23, 1984, at Hamilton Hall on the Ohio State University (OSU) campus, and lasted about 25 minutes. The object was over the approach slope for Port Columbus International Airport, Columbus, Ohio's, principal airport.

The sighting would fit the excellent criteria category because: (1) it involved an object of large enough angular diameter that structured surface features were visible; (2) it was observed for a long period of time; (3) it was observed by very high caliber witnesses, who provided signed reports and drawings; (4) it was investigated while the sighting was taking place; (5) it was a daytime sighting; (5) it was in the glide slope of a major airport.

When I first noticed it, I had glanced up out an east-facing window. The object looked like an upside down ice cream cone, with the ice cream (one scoop) part glowing a brilliant white. The object appeared to be in or above the approach slope of the Port Columbus airport to the west, and a low jet plane that was landing appeared to pass under it as I watched.

During most of the sighting, the object looked like either a solid rectangle or a rectangle on top of a light. It would appear to rotate, or change appearance, in a regular cycle (~ 60 seconds), not in the random pattern of a windblown object.

But it appeared different when I first spotted it. This might have been because I was closer to it, and looking up. Later when I watched it with other witnesses, it was from a more sidewise angle. At

first, it had an incomprehensible appearance like a construction made of beams/girders just floating in the sky. This "girder" appearance had a fog surrounding it. The fog wasn't a cloud; it was small and traveled with the object. The object changed appearance in a regular fashion. At first, there would be a shape I couldn't understand that somewhat resembled a rectangle—constructed of metallic beams like a building framework. Then, a real clear and obvious rectangle would appear that lasted for a while. Then, it would either look like a thin line, or disappear, or go toward its large shape (I can't remember the exact order). It had a white light and made a complete cycle of shape change at totally regular intervals of perhaps once a minute. It didn't just twist randomly in the wind.

I went to the third floor and asked doctoral student MC to look at it with me. I asked her if it looked like a balloon, and she didn't know. We went to the physiology department office (room 312), where more people began to watch it.

We opened the window to get a clearer view. We asked Dr. C, a professor, to watch. He watched briefly, and said maybe it was a box kite. We then asked Dr. B, another professor, who watched it for a while and asked if it were a balloon. There was no balloon shape above or below it, and a balloon shouldn't be in a landing slope. After several more minutes he said, "Maybe it's a UFO." Doctoral student JD watched and discussed it with us.

When I first watched the object, it seemed to be headed straight east. Near the end of the time, it was to the northeast, and looked as if it had traveled quite a distance (its apparent size was smaller). It then appeared to be a little north of Port Columbus.

During this time, for the most part it looked like a rectangle that would undergo a very regular appearance change (probably rotation) about once a minute. During this rotation, it would look like a clear rectangle with its long axis up and down, then disappear, and then reappear as a rectangle. It continued this appearance for some time.

By then, I could clearly see it traveling and was sure it wasn't a box kite. There were buildings, trees, and electric lines in the way, and no wind. It would have been impossible to fly a kite on a string around these obstacles.

MC and I asked several of the people that were watching if there was a telescope in the building. We were unable to find one. While we watched I called Warren Nicholson, a scientist at the nearby Battelle Memorial Institute (Battelle). He holds several U.S. Patents, etc. and was also an experienced UFO investigator (e.g. investigated the classic Coyne Helicopter incident, was head of a UFO group, and others), to tell him what we were witnessing. I don't know how the object disappeared. After I talked to him, I looked again and couldn't see it.

Many people should have seen this object, especially some of the thousands of OSU students. It was one of the first warm days of spring and many people were outside. (Now that I have studied UFOs, I would investigate it differently. However, because the witnesses wanted anonymity, I didn't call the news media or get other publicity in seeking additional witnesses.)

Mr. Nicholson later told me that he had checked with Port Columbus immediately after I called him. They told him the wind velocity was 0, so our object shouldn't have been a box kite. They couldn't see it. That was strange because, it had been in the Port Columbus approach slope. Mr. Nicholson also had climbed to the Battelle roof to look (on the opposite side of Hamilton Hall from the airport), but had been unable to see it. Mr. Nicholson called me that night to say there had been other sightings that day. He had received a report from a very credible family that had also seen and photographed (with excellent equipment) something odd later that afternoon. Mr. Nicholson described the day as having a 'flurry' of activity (compared to normal).

All witnesses were extremely credible. All worked in the OSU medical school, the doctoral students now have PhDs, and all witnesses have been, or currently are, university professors. The reports were collected from the five witnesses mentioned (others also watched) within two days of the sighting. Each witness was asked to independently write a description and make a drawing of the object. All did and no one knew what the object was. They signed and dated the reports and I sent them to CUFOS.

The sighting was quite odd even for a UFO. For one reason, the object was powered—it remained suspended in the air. No witness saw or drew a balloon shape, and should have if it were a balloon. During one part of its rotation/phases, it would completely disappear, also indicating that it wasn't a balloon. It had no visible wings or propellers. It also had a strange appearance—its shape seemed fluid, or changeable.

Also, it rotated in a regular pattern the entire time. The other witnesses commented on this in their reports. Its rotation was smooth and regular, unlike random twisting in the wind. The rectangle always remained upright. It would need some kind of power plant and maybe a computer to keep this rotation going, regular, and stabilize it.

Another indication that the object might have been powered is that it appeared to travel against the wind. The official Port Columbus weather report on that day (<http://www.wunderground.com/history/airport/KCMH/1984/2/23/DailyHistory.html?MR=1>) was that the Wind Speed was 5 mph (North). This means that the wind was traveling from North to South. Thus, the object should have traveled in that direction, rather than its observed direction toward the Northeast. (At 4:00 PM, the visibility was 10 miles, and the wind was 5.8 mph from the East with scattered clouds).

It seemed extremely strange that the airport was unaware of it. It could have been a very dangerous obstacle to aircraft. It was in the landing slope, well within their radar and visual range during the entire sighting, and remained for a considerable time. Mr. Nicholson said he called the airport immediately and they hadn't seen anything visually or with radar. However, they should have. For example, even small objects (geese) over an airport can cause a disaster, such as when Chesley Sullenberger saved his passengers and airplane after it hit geese. When I first saw it, it was lined up with the jet landing along the glide slope.

The airplane pilots should have seen it. It was comparatively large with an extended apparent diameter—not a point source. It was large enough to be visible for nearly half an hour. All witnesses

drew an object of extended area containing features.

Unlike a balloon, it had a very bright light; balloons usually don't carry lights or reflectors, and hot air balloon gas jets don't look like that. I assumed at first this light was a reflection. However, as it traveled it was at different angles to the sun but the bright light was still there, thus, this might have been a real light, or some sort of directional beacon. Although it was daylight, the light was strong enough to be visible most or all the time the object was observed, and seemed brighter than an aircraft navigation light. The light was stable, in phase with the object's rotation, and didn't fluctuate in brightness when it was visible (not like a dangling piece of metal or mirror twisting in the air). The other witnesses also reported the bright light at different stages. It wasn't a Chinese lantern, and no ad plane was seen towing it.

It was in the path of airplanes swooping low over OSU and Columbus. This was so close that my sensitive instruments would sometimes pick up airplane-tower communication, thus, it could have been a security breach.

It is still unidentified with characteristics that do not match those of known aircraft. There was no evidence that it was a balloon—no balloon-type portion was visible, it rotated regularly, it could completely disappear, it appeared to be powered, and there was no evidence that anything had been released at that time.

Although this probably has nothing to do with UFOs, that night the electricity went off in our house. The lights wouldn't come on for about an hour. I checked the circuit breaker box. None of the neighbors had electrical trouble then.

The location of the sighting is an interesting historic site, because the object's trajectory would have been over Battelle right before we saw it. Battelle and sightings over it have played a crucial role in UFOlogy. Battelle's scientists conducted the massive study, *Project Blue Book Special Report No. 14 (SR-14)*. This study may still be the best ever done of UFO phenomena. A Battelle physicist named Howard Cross is thought to have reported viewing a UFO over Battelle. He had substantial input into the *SR-14* analysis, and may have been

the supervisor. He is the author of the *Pentacle Memorandum*, one of or the most significant of all UFO documents. Perhaps his sighting influenced his work. Battelle is also of great significance to UFOlogy because it may hold debris such as from the Roswell incident. In addition, it been reported to hold debris from a 1954 Marysville, Ohio, event. OSU and Battelle had been the home ground of J. Allen Hynek, PhD, father of UFOlogy.

This sighting was significant for me, because I viewed it at the exact time during which I was filling out reports on previous sightings by my sister and me. I had been living a normal life with little attention to UFO phenomena (except that my sister and I had had several previous UFO experiences), when suddenly for no reason at all, I became very afraid of UFOs. I didn't know why this happened, but it caused me to contact the Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS) (2/10/84) to report our previous sightings. Strangely, I had the sighting right in the middle of the time I spent filling out the reports (2/23/84). Later, a general report I made was published in peer reviewed scientific literature (*The Ohio. Jr. Sci.* 88(2): 23 1988). There were a number of other sightings in the area at this time and they even made the papers. After I sent in this with the other reports, others including J. Allen Hynek, PhD, contacted me, and Budd Hopkins tried unsuccessfully to hypnotize me.

### 1962 "Mini - Flap" in Newark, Ohio



October 17 - Paula Hopkins and Louise Annaro, saw an unusual object that appeared slanted and had a dome on it. It was seen in the south end of Newark and was going from N.W. to S.E. The sky was clear at the time of the sighting, and the object was visible for almost ten minutes. The object's color was described as being silver with a very bright aspect. The time was about 4:30 p.m. The two viewed the object with no optical aids, and both

reported that it seemed to reflect sunlight. It was estimated to be about the size of a quarter held at arm's length. A check showed that there were no aircraft in the immediate area at the time of the report.

October 17 - Dave Rizzo, a member of a local UFO group reported seeing an unusual object early that same evening. The thing was white and roundish in shape with no blinking lights or sound detected. The object was visible for approximately one minute, and slowly faded from sight, going from west to east.

October 17 - A bright object was seen about 8:15 p.m. north of Newark on the same evening. The object was reported as flying along at tree-top level, and was going from north to the west. The sky was clear with the object being visible from 30 to 40 seconds, and was described as orange in color with a line or beam of light trailing behind it. The witness lost sight of it when it went behind the tree line.

October 19 - A bright, silver object was seen going from east to west at approximately 3:15 p.m. that afternoon. The object was reported as being round in shape and had no visible trail and no apparent sound that could be detected by the witness. It stopped twice during its observation before it was finally lost from view in the distance. The weather conditions at the time were reported as being good, and the object was visible for something like a minute.

October 24 - A ball-like object was reported from northwest of Newark that reported it as being red in color with darkish red rays coming from the bottom. Only being visible for a reported two to six seconds, this could well have been an observation of a meteor.

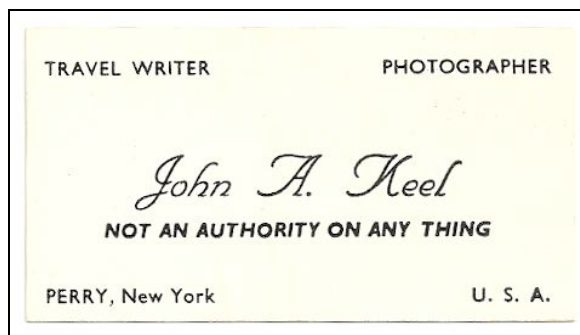
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## Two John A Keel Book Reviews

### “The Mothman Prophecies” and “The Eighth Tower: on Ultraterrestrials and the Superspectrum”

By Paul Althouse



John A Keel



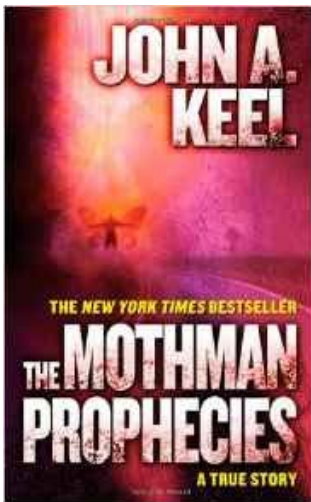
John Keel's “self-professed” business cards in the 50's plainly stated that he wasn't an authority on anything; but we now know he was. As a child he would read voraciously and by the age of 14, he was already writing a weekly newspaper column and publishing his own sci-fi fanzine, “The Lunarite”.

In his twenties, after spending several years in the military, John restlessly traveled through the Middle East, supporting himself by writing stories about his travels that were sold to numerous men's “adventure” magazines back in the states. One of his first books “Jadoo”, chronicles his experiences

there; and that's the keyword, "EXPERIENCE". Keel experienced and then wrote about it, just as he would later do in Point Pleasant, WV.

John was a hands-on writer. When he smelled a story, he would actively investigate. He wasn't afraid to get his hands dirty, although he readily admitted that some of his experiences related to Point Pleasant, WV left him confronted with a reality wholly unexpected and definitely challenging to a writer who prided himself in "making sense" of things.

In 1966 Keel was commissioned by Playboy Magazine (yes, they have articles, too) to write a piece about UFOs. Although the assignment was subsequently turned over to J. Allen Hynek, John found himself hooked on the subject, traveling the country, interviewing witnesses, and writing dozens or articles about the phenomenon. Having caught wind of the monster/UFO flap occurring around Point Pleasant, WV in 1966-67, he made numerous visits to the area, documenting a myriad of strange occurrences, some of which he experienced personally. He interviewed many witnesses who related firsthand accounts of numerous and varied strange experiences. The result was the book entitled "The Mothman Prophecies".



Our modern "information age" has allowed "The Mothman Prophecies" to be delivered to you in movie form, starring none other than Richard Gere. (Keel called Gere a "John Keel look-alike"; tongue firmly planted in cheek) The movie makers were able to present a reasonable story, but definitely not the WHOLE story. Unfortunately movies have

several strikes against them. (Actually, they have many more, but I will list three)

1) There is a limited amount of time to tell a story. Some things have to be left out or edited.

2) "Poetic license" can sometimes twist experiences so as to make them unrecognizable from the original content they are trying to depict. (Just ask Travis Walton about that)

3) SPIN! "We're making this movie to sell tickets, people!" So what if we change things around and add drama where there was none, or dumb down parts of the story to make it more "believable". That's right; there were experiences in Point Pleasant that were so "out there" that not even Hollywood wanted to risk you trying to believe they actually occurred.

That's Hollywood.

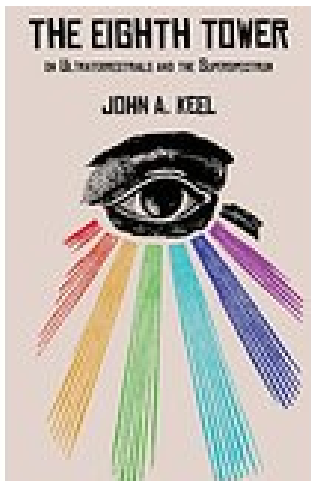
Fortunately for you and I, there are these magic bundles of printed paper called BOOKS; and that is where John Keel's real accounts of Point Pleasant surface.

In the original book version, published in 1975, Keel presents a plethora of experiences that range from standard UFO fare, to the Men in Black, to mysterious characters like "Indrid Cold", mysterious phone calls, and, oh yeah; flying monsters with glowing red eyes that chase cars and leave dents and scratches; not to mention the psychic dents and scratches left on the witnesses.

The reader will experience page after page of strange accounts by people who were the unwilling participants in an incredibly complex and unfolding story culminating in the Silver Bridge disaster. The December, 1967 Silver Bridge collapse served as an exclamation point to the months of strange experiences that Keel reports. Or was there more to it than that?

The range of experiences he wrote of in Point Pleasant had a profound impact on how Keel tried to make sense of it all. He attempted to "make sense of things" by writing of the possible theories

that could account for the events he documented and experienced. Out of those writings came what would ultimately become another book, "The Eighth Tower: on Ultraterrestrials and the Superspectrum" also published in 1975.



*(Quoted from "The Eighth Tower" rear dust jacket)*  
*"In the Orient there is a story told of the seven towers. These citadels, well hidden from mankind, are occupied by groups of Satanists who are chanting the world to ruin. What if there is yet another tower, a tower not of good or evil but of infinite power? What if all our destinies are controlled by this cosmic force for its own mysterious purposes? And what if UFOs and other paranormal manifestations are merely tools being used to manipulate us and guide us towards the cosmic role we are fated to play? Perhaps, after all, we are not independent beings but are instead the creations and slaves of the EIGHTH TOWER."*

While the contents of "The Eighth Tower..." were planned as part of the book version of "The Mothman Prophecies", publishing considerations left it omitted, but it should be considered a companion volume. In "The Eighth Tower...", Keel goes to great lengths in exploring all manners of science, the paranormal, mysticism, and religion in an attempt to grasp at explanations for what he had experienced in Point Pleasant and elsewhere. Keel initially sought to explain UFOs as extraterrestrial visitations, but later abandoned this hypothesis. His third book, "UFOs: Operation Trojan Horse", published in 1970, linked UFOs to supernatural concepts such as monsters, ghosts and demons. Keel used the term "ultraterrestrials" to describe UFO occupants he believed to be non-

human entities capable of taking on whatever form they want. When the events of Point Pleasant unfolded, Keel had the opportunity to further investigate his theories that there is a single intelligent force behind all religious, occult, and UFO phenomena. "The Eighth Tower..." seeks to explore the possible causes for these manifestations.

Keel was way ahead of his time, and he left an indelible mark on the study of the paranormal and about how it is written. Broad thinking writers like Nic Redfern owe a great deal to John Keel who definitely WAS an authority on many things.

To see more writings by Keel including his investigatory notes and correspondence on Point Pleasant, visit [www.johnkeel.com](http://www.johnkeel.com). (Sources include <John A. Keel – Wikipedia>, [www.johnkeel.com](http://www.johnkeel.com), and "The Eighth Tower")

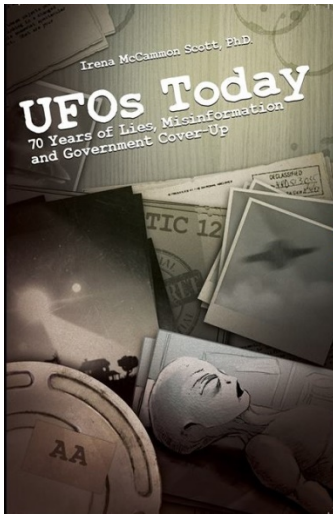


Ratings for both books:



**UFOs Today 70 Years of Lies,  
 Misinformation, and Government Cover-Up**  
 By Irena Scott PhD  
 (A new book to be released March 2017)

*(Irena Scott will be coming out with a new book: "UFOs Today 70 Years of Lies, Misinformation, and Government Cover-Up". As the title indicates; this is a "whistle-blowing" book. Release is scheduled for March. I thank her publisher for giving us permission to print Chapter 3 on the 1973 flap. This will be in the March newsletter. Ohio is focused on in this chapter, though it covers events in other parts of the world. Following is a synopsis Ed.)*



*UFOs Today—70 Years of Lies, Disinformation, and Government Cover-Up* is timely because it covers the 70th anniversary of UFO cover-up from its beginning to today. It includes examples of strange objects, entities, landings, lights merging together to make humanoid and other figures, abductions, beams of light focused on subjects, entities moving through walls, and the many additional aspects of the phenomena. It shows these events were present, although little known, at the very beginning of public awareness.

It also includes the Star Wars like strangeness of the phenomena such as large and small UFOs, magnetic and radiation effects, abduction phenomena and mind control. It shows how these aspects not only lead to strange government behavior, but also to questions of what exactly is it covering up, and are the persons involved in the cover-up even sure.

This work is unique because it is written from an insider's view of the subject. Unlike other investigators, the author not only probed, but worked in some of the top facilities that conducted government UFO research. She has worked at Battelle Memorial Institute, which made the best-known scientific investigation of UFO phenomena, *Blue Book Special Report No. 14*; and at the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), a manager of military intelligence for the US Department of Defense in Washington, D. C, where she had top security clearances and worked with satellite photography in an Air Order of Battle section that identified aircraft. She has been

stationed at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (WPAFB) near Dayton, Ohio, which always has been a chief agency for UFO investigation. In addition, her husband, worked at Area 51 in the Nevada Proving Grounds. She has also visited and interviewed people at Roswell, White Sands Missile Range and similar places. She has attended meetings about UFO phenomena in highly secured government areas and learned about some of the original investigations from the investigators themselves.

While working for the DIA, she even had her own experience with government cover-up.

She not only interviewed many excellent civilian and military experiencers, but some in high places. She met with the family of a Nobel Peace Prize winner, who told about a subbasement in the US Capitol Building that contained four large glass jars holding four entities. He showed this secured area to a relative in the 1930s, who he swore to secrecy.

Additional investigations included some where authorities were contacted and even began investigating while the sighting was in progress.

She uses her scientific training, which includes a PhD, professorship, and many research publications, to analyze many reports and hypothesize about their meanings. The book also contains excellent, never before published photography and illustrations.



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