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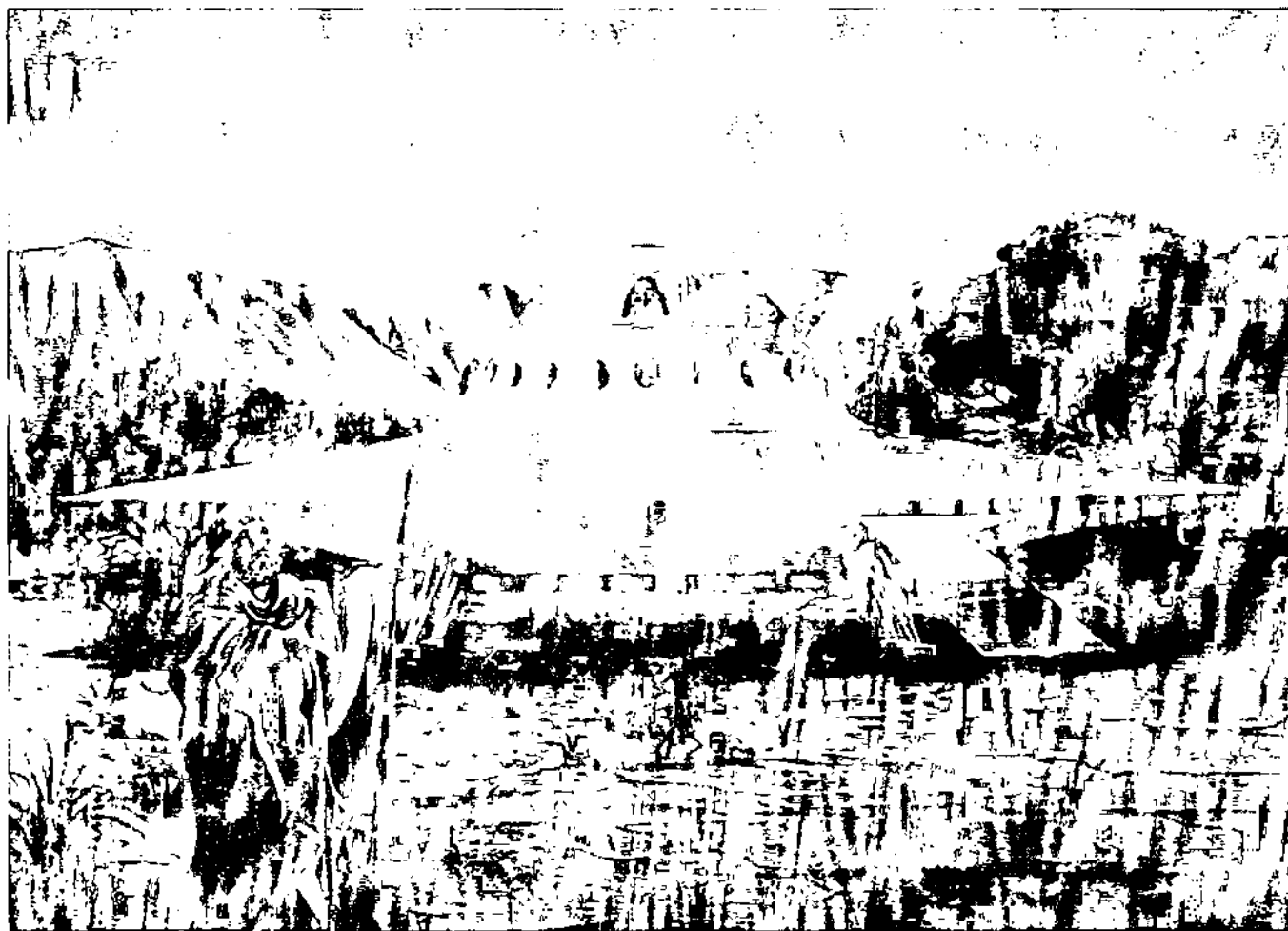
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Based on new research by Frank Carlisle, this is what the object described by Ezekiel in the Old Testament looked like. The article begins on Page 3.

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Biblical researcher concludes:

Ezekiel's chariot was a UFO

Editor's Note: Frank Carlisle, an independent Biblical scholar, has spent a great deal of time researching the possible nomenclature of Ezekiel's "chariot," and continues to consult with scholars who have knowledge of this topic.

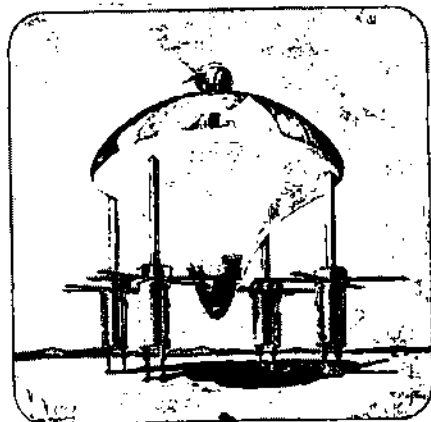
As such, he has been encouraged by such individuals as Dr. Michael Lieb of the University of Illinois, author of *Children of Ezekiel*, and Dr. Barry Downing, MUFON consultant in theology and author of the classic book on the topic, *The Bible and Flying Saucers*.

On the other hand, as Carlisle points out, Biblical scholar Mike Heiser considers the material "utterly bogus," stating that "there are hundreds of artistic representations of the merkabah throne from Ezekiel's day (and prior and after), and none look anything like a modern UFO of any type."

Regardless of whether Carlisle gains acceptance within the overall community of Biblical scholars, it does appear that he has presented a superior description of Ezekiel's "chariot" to that of former NASA engineer Josef Blumrich in his book *The Spaceships of Ezekiel*.

While it is desirable to present as much background as possible, there is no way that the *Journal* can present the extensive research assembled by Carlisle, including the detailed analyses of various passages in numerous sources.

However, he is completing a manuscript for a book on this topic, which he expects to be published in March of 2003. In the meantime, he can be contacted at exegetical@email.msn.com by those desiring additional details.



NASA's Joseph Blumrich came up with this concept of the object described by Ezekiel. Propellers?

Introduction

By Dr. Barry Downing

MUFON Theology Consultant

Students of UFOs are familiar with the idea that the biblical "wheels of Ezekiel" may have been some kind of spaceship, as noted by veteran researcher Walter



Dr. Downing

Webb in the entry on "Ezekiel's Wheel" in *The Encyclopedia of Extraterrestrial Encounters*, edited by Ronald Story.

And, of course, NASA scientist Joseph Blumrich wrote a book, *The Spaceships of Ezekiel* that included a drawing that he believed represented

what Ezekiel saw. Hebrew and Semitic scholar Zechariah Sitchin, in his recent book, *Divine Encounters*, treats the Blumrich study with approval.

Some students of the biblical tradition assume that when Ezekiel said he had "visions of God," that this means Ezekiel was involved in more of a psychological experience than a physical one. Thus in *The Bible and Flying Saucers*, I focused almost exclusively on the Exodus, making only passing comments on Ezekiel.

Likewise, secular scholars such as Michael Lieb, in books such as *Children of Ezekiel*, focus on the poetic and psychological power of the Ezekiel story, seeing Ezekiel more as religious mystery than as science.

But modern students of UFOs know that many UFO close encounters seem to distort reality in the mind of the "experiencer" as we sometimes call UFO witnesses. Thus, even if we suppose that Ezekiel had a vision of his famous "wheels" in some kind of altered state of consciousness, that still means that it is important to try to understand what Ezekiel believes he saw.

Whatever kind of "reality" UFOs are, we need to be able to describe that reality as accurately as possible, and if biblical people had these same kinds of encounters, we need to translate what biblical people saw as accurately as possible.

The purpose of Frank Carlisle's article is to give a more careful analysis of chapters 1 and 10 of the book of Ezekiel, exploring in particular the possibilities of translating the original Hebrew in a way

About the author

Frank Carlisle majored in French and had a dual minor in history and English at San Diego State University. His independent scholarship encompasses eight years of biblical studies.

He is proficient in biblical Hebrew and has "an understanding" of Koine Greek.



Carlisle

Carlisle has a particular interest in the book of Ezekiel, and has also examined the various early Jewish and Gnostic Christian Ezekiel-related literature, as well as other ancient Near Eastern texts related to the Old Testament.

Carlisle is also a specialist in other areas of the biblical text, and plans to write at least four books on different topics, the first of which is a book on Ezekiel, which he expects to be edited and ready for publication by March of 2004.

Carlisle has done extensive research in the Dead Sea Scrolls non-biblical texts, such as the two he examines as part of his analysis of the biblical Ezekiel text, and also has "a keen interest" in the parabolic texts, such as the book of 1 Enoch, as well as the other Enochic writings, which includes the Aramaic Enochic text fragments of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

that gives us a clearer understanding of what Ezekiel believes he saw.

What we will discover is that the best translation indicates that Ezekiel saw something like a double convex-shaped UFO, very much like those we have described in modern times as flying saucers. This means the design of the UFO is quite different from the one envisioned by Joseph Blumrich.

The research

By Frank Carlisle

The Old Testament abounds with texts that speak of heavenly, angelic chariots, which are described as "horses" and chariots of God, and of the heavenly ascensions of certain of the Old Testament prophets into such angelic vehicles.

There are also many references in the biblical text to the chariot in which God

himself came when he visited the earth.

The noted biblical scholar Dr. Geza Vermes makes the following statement about God's chariot, which is identified in the early Jewish literature as being a "Merkabah," which, literally translated, means "throne-chariot."

The biblical prophet, Ezekiel, describes God's Merkabah as being both a "throne" and as "the *Glory* of the Lord" and "the *Glory* of the God of Israel." Vermes clearly establishes the fact these are references to God's Throne-Chariot. He also establishes the fact that the cherubim are also heavenly chariots:

"The divine Throne-Chariot draws its inspiration from Ezekiel (1-10)...It depicts the appearance and movement of the Merkabah, the divine chariot supported and drawn by the cherubim, which is at the same time a throne and a vehicle...The spirits of the Living God move perpetually with the *glory* of the chariot."

The Hebrew word rendered "glory" is "kabod," the literal translation of which means "mass" or "substance," and is rendered by biblical scholars as "body," "house," or "glory."

Thus, the Merkabah *Glory* of the Lord can be interpreted as being a "construction," as a vehicle that has both substance and mass.

Many of the early Jewish Merkabah-related writings, as well as the early Gnostic Christian writings, have their interpretational roots in Ezekiel's biblical vision of the Merkabah and the four chariots of the cherubim.

Both bodies of literature represent Ezekiel's living creatures as heavenly chariots, inside of which were angelic beings. In the section that follows, I will present a wide variety of text sources, all of which represent the Merkabah and Ezekiel's living creatures, wheels within wheels, etc. as wheel-chariots.

Of all of the biblical texts that deal with the subject of heavenly chariots, none parallels the description that is found in chapters 1 and 10 of the biblical book of the prophet Ezekiel.

In these two chapters Ezekiel describes the physical appearance, operation, and movement of what he describes metaphorically as "living creatures, burning coals of fire, wheels within wheels, and cherubim," all of which are synonymous terms that describe the "chariots of God."

Ezekiel likens the chariots to living creatures to which he attributes various anatomical parts, each of which has a specific anatomical location and associated function.

While biblical scholarship has for some

time supported an angelic chariot in Ezekiel, and despite the fact that the prophet renders a detailed description of their physical appearance, operation, and movement, scholars have heretofore been unable to render a drawing of its physical appearance that is based on a viable translation of the Hebrew text.

One has but to read a few of the various English bible renderings of Ezekiel Chapter 1 in order to see that each renders various areas of the text differently. One of the reasons for this is that in ancient Hebrew one word often has multiple meanings that at times differ vastly from each other.

As the result of a meticulous examination of the Hebrew text of Ezekiel chapters 1 and 10, I have rendered a new translation of Chapter 1 in which the prophet describes the chariot's physical appearance.

My new translation allows for a precise drawing of the chariot, revealing it as nothing less than a double-convex saucer that is formed by the extension of a connecting upper and lower wing on each of its four quadrants, a composite top-mounted dome, an underside that has rigid, metallic legs, a spinning turbine "wheel in the middle," and a ramp-like entrance.

I will first present Comparative Translations of Ezekiel Chapter 1 and portions of Chapter 10 that represent (1) the King James Version (KJV), or Authorized Version, and (2) the Revised Standard Version (NRSV) or Oxford Annotated Bible. I will follow these two English translations with my own translation.

The information in these sections will allow the reader to see how various Hebrew words are translated differently, and how such renderings bring forth different interpretations.

I will follow the Comparative Translations with a brief interpretive commentary.

A list of the chariot's anatomical parts, locations, and functions—which will bring my new translation of the chariot's physical appearance, operation, and movement to life—is included as a sidebar on page 7.

Comparative Translations

(The King James Version is followed by the New Revised Standard Version, which is followed by my new translation (in bold type) based on numerous sources. All bracketed statements can be either found elsewhere in chapters 1-10, are analogous statements thereof, or are found in other ancient text sources. All bracketed text references are corroborative references.)

Ezekiel Chapter 1

4) And I looked, and, behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire infolding itself, and a brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof as the color of amber, out of the midst of the fire.

4) As I looked, a stormy wind came out of the north: a great cloud with brightness around it and fire flashing forth continually, and in the middle of the fire, something like gleaming amber.

4) And I looked [up into the heavens], and saw a whirlwind come from out of the north; an immense cloud that was surrounded by brightness and fire, in the middle of which there was something that looked like [it was made of] gleaming, amber-colored metal.

5) Also out of the midst thereof came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance; they had the likeness of a man.

5) In the middle of it was something like four living creatures. This was their appearance: they were of human form.

5) And from out of the middle of the fire there came [what looked like] four living creatures. This was their appearance; they had the likeness of a man [inside; 1:10, 20, 21; 10:2; 4Q385, frag. 4:11-12; 4Q405, frags. 6 and 23]

6) And every one had four faces and every one had four wings.

6) Each had four faces, and each of them had four wings.

6) but each of them had four faces and four wings.

7) And their feet were straight feet; and the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot: and they sparkled like the color of burnished brass.

7) Their legs were straight, and the soles of their feet were like the sole of a calf's foot: and they sparkled like burnished bronze.

7) Their legs were rigid, and the soles of their feet were [round and flat] like the sole of a calf's foot: and they sparkled like burnished [amber-colored] brass-[like metal; 1:13,16].

8) And they had the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides; and they four had their faces and their wings.

8) Under their wings on their four sides, they had human hands. And the four had their faces and their wings thus:

8) They each had manlike hands [that were capable of opening and closing; 10:7,8] under their wings on each of their four quadrants; and they each had their four faces and their four wings.

9) Their wings were joined one to another; they turned not when they went; they went every one straightforward.

9) Their wings touched one another; each of them moved straight ahead, without turning as they moved.

9) Their [upper and lower wings] fastened together, and when they moved they did not turn [their wings to either side]; they just moved straight forward [in any direction; 1:14, 17, 10:11].

10) As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and their face of a lion on the right side: and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle.

10) As for the appearance of their faces: the four had the face of a human being, the face of a lion on the right side, the face of an ox on the left side, and the face of an eagle.

10) As for the likeness of their faces, they each had a human face [in the front; 10:11], the face of a lion on the left [quadrant; 1:8], the face of an ox on the right [quadrant], and the face of an eagle [on the back quadrant].

11) Thus were their faces; and their wings were stretched upward; two wings of every one were joined one to another, and two covered their bodies.

11) Such were their faces. Their wings were spread out above; each creature had two wings, each of which touched the wing of another, while two covered their bodies.

11) Such were their faces: [Two of] their [four] wings bisected [horizontally, under the dome; 1:23] from the top; two wings on each [quadrant] fastened together [at the distal point; 1:23], and two wings [extended horizontally, from beneath; 1:23, and thus], concealed their [hollow, central] bodies.

12) And they went every one straight forward: whither the spirit was to go, they went; and they turned not when they went.

12) Each moved straight ahead; wherever the spirit would go, they went, without turning as they went.

12) And they moved straight forward: wherever the [living] spirit [located inside of the wheel; 1:20,21, 4Q385 frag. 4:11-12, 4Q405 frag. 23] desired to go, the living creatures moved and, [in so doing], they did not turn [their wings from a horizontal position; 1:9,14,17, 10:11].

13) As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, and like the appearance of lamps: it went up and down among the living creatures: and the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning.

13) In the middle of the living creatures was something that looked like burning coals of fire, like the appearance of

torches moving to and fro among the living creatures; the fire was bright, and lightning issued from the fire.

13) As for the likeness of the living creatures [as I perceived them in the heavens], they looked like [fiery, amber-colored] burning coals of fire that had [spinning] lights within them that moved about randomly [1:16, 10:2] and the fire was bright, and from the fire [fiery coals] there came forth [what appeared like] flashes of lightning.

14) The living creatures ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning.

14) The living creatures darted to and fro, like a flash of lightning.

14) And the living creatures [chariots] darted to and fro [through the heavens] like flashes of lightning [maneuvering with great speed, and abruptly changing their direction; 1:9,14,17], without turning [their wings to either side] as they moved.

15) Now as I beheld the living creatures, behold one wheel upon the earth by the living creatures, with his four faces.

15) As I looked at the living creatures. I saw a wheel on the earth beside the living creatures, one for each of the four of them.

15) And as I looked, one of the living creatures [landed/stood] on the earth, [I then perceived it as being] a wheel [that joined] on the side of the four-faced living creature [which is to say that it attached to the chariot's side, under and around its top-mounted dome, of which the four faces are a composite part].

16) The appearance of the wheels and their work was like unto the color of a beryl and they four had one likeness: and their appearance and their work was as it were a wheel in the middle of a wheel.

16) As for the appearance of the wheels and their construction; their appearance was like the gleaming of beryl; and the four had the same form, their construction being something like a wheel within a wheel.

16) The appearance of the wheels and their construction was like [the sparkling, amber color of the sparkling, gemstone] Tarshish; and they each had the same [circular] shape: and their appearance and their operation was as if there were a [smaller, spinning; 1:13, 10:2,13] wheel in the middle of a [greater] wheel [1:8,9,15].

17) When they went, they went upon their four sides: and they turned not when they went.

17) When they moved, they moved in any of the four directions without veering as they moved.

17) And when they moved [through the heavens], they moved in any direction, and in so doing, they did not turn their wings [from a horizontal position] as they moved.

18) As for their rings, they were so high that they were dreadful; and their rings were full of eyes round about them four.

18) Their rims were tall and awesome, for the rims of all four were full of eyes all around.

18) As for their [circular, hollow, arched] backs, they were tall and awesome, and were encircled by [round] eyes.

19) And when the living creatures went, the wheels went by them: and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up.

19) When the living creatures moved, the wheels moved beside them; and when the living creatures rose from the earth, the wheels rose.

19) And when the living creatures moved, the wheels [which joined to their side] moved beside them. And when the living creatures lifted up from off of the earth, the wheels also lifted up beside them [1:15].

20) Whithersoever the spirit was to go they went, whither was their spirit to go; and the wheels were lifted up over against them: for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.

20) Wherever the spirit would go, they went, and the wheels rose along with them; for the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels.

20) Wherever the [living, angelic being or spirit] desired to go, and the wheels rose along with them, for there was a living spirit inside of the wheels [4Q385 frag. 4, and 4Q405 frags. 4,6,23].

21) When those went, these went; and when those stood, these stood; and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up over against them: for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.

21) When they moved, the others moved; and when they stopped, the others stopped; and when they rose from the earth, the wheels rose along with them.

21) When the living creatures moved, the wheels moved [as they are in the same]; and when the living creatures stood [landed] on the earth, the wheels also stood, because there was a living spirit inside of the wheels [who navigated them].

22) And the likeness of the firmament upon the heads of the living creature was as the color of the terrible crystal, stretched forth over their heads above.

22) Over the heads of the living crea-

tures there was something like a dome, shining like crystal, spread out above their heads.

22) And there was something that looked like an awesome, [clear] crystal dome that spread out over the head [portion] of the living creatures.

23) And under the firmament were their wings straight, the one towards the other: every one had two, which covered on this side, and every one had two, which covered on that side, their bodies.

23) Under the dome their wings were stretched out straight, one toward another; and each of the living creatures had two wings covering its body.

23) And under the dome, their wings were horizontal, the one [extended at an angle] towards the other [thus, two wings fasten together at the distal point; 1:11; on their four quadrants; 1:8]; two wings covered their [hollow, central; 10:2,7,8,] bodies on the left side/quadrant and two wings covered their bodies on the right side/quadrant.

24) And when they went I heard the noise of their wings, like the noise of great waters, as the voice of the Almighty, the voice of speech, as the noise of a host: and when they stood, they let down their wings.

24) When they moved, I heard the sound of their wings like the sound of mighty waters, like the thunder of the Almighty, a sound of tumult like the sound of an army; when they stopped, they let down their wings.

24) And when the living creatures [chariots] moved, I heard the sound of their wings [3:13, 1 Enoch 57:1-2], like the sound of roaring water, like the voice of the Almighty, the voice of speech, like the tumultuous sound of an army: and when they stood [landed] upon the earth, they ceased their wings [from making the sound they made while in flight].

Ezekiel Chapter 10

2) And he spake unto the man clothed with linen, and said, Go in between the wheels, even under the cherub,...

2) He said to the man clothed in linen, "Go within the wheel-work underneath the cherubim;..."

2) And he spoke to the man clothed in linen and said, go inside of the spinning wheel, under the cherub...

6) And it came to pass, that when he had commanded the man clothed with linen, saying, Take fire from between the wheels, from between the cherubim; then he went in, and stood beside the wheels.

6) When he commanded the man clothed in linen, "Take fire from within the wheel-work, from among the cherubim," he went in and stood beside a wheel.

6) And when he commanded the man clothed in linen, saying, go inside of the wheel, underneath the cherubim; then he went in, and stood inside of the wheel.

7) And one cherub stretched forth his hand from between the cherubim....

7) And a cherub stretched out his hand from among the cherubim to the fire that was among the cherubim,...

7) And the cherub opened his hand from within the cherubim...

8) And there appeared in the cherubim the form of a man's hand under their wings.

8) The cherubim appeared to have the form of a human hand under their wings.

8) And there appeared within the cherub the form of a man's hand under their wings.

Interpretive commentary

The fact that the chariot is circular is well established in the

Location and function of chariot's anatomical parts

The Head: The chariot's head-portion consists of a dome that is made of a clear, crystal-like material and occupies the chariot's superior-most position. It is part of the chariot's top-mounted, composite dome, the crystal head serving as a rotating, navigational dome.

The Four Faces: Three of the four faces are insig-nias that are part of a circular ring-like unit that connects superiorly to the clear domed head, occupying the chariot's mid-portion, and inferiorly with stationary, hollow and arched back. The face identified as "the face of a man", or "human face", is of the chariot's angelic pilot, who sits in the chariot's navigational dome.

The Back (rings/rims): The arched, hollow back occupies the lower part of the chariot's composite dome. It is *encircled* by eyes, which confirms the fact that it is also circular. The encircling eyes are explained below.

The Eyes: The eyes surround the chariot's hollow, arched back. The eyes are round and function as ports for looking out from the chariot's hollow, top-mounted dome.

The Wings: The wings give the chariot its overall circular or wheel-like shape. The chariot has two horizontal wings on each of its four quadrants that extend at an angle, the one towards the other thus connecting together at the distal point. The wings are for flight.

The wheel in the middle of the wheel: The greater wheel references the chariot's overall shape, which is circular like a wheel. The wheel in the middle of the greater wheel is a spinning, turbine-like wheel, which could function as the chariot's propulsion system.

The Body: The body is the hollow, central portion of the chariot that is concealed by two horizontally-extended, connecting wings that are present on each of the (circular) chariot's four quadrants, and, like the composite dome, is an inhabitable part of the chariot. The function of the opening hand that is located "under their wings on their four quadrants" is established below.

The Legs: The legs are straight and unbending, and provide support for the chariot while standing on the ground. Thus, they are incapable of movement or "walking" on the ground. The four legs are position underneath the chariot's wings and are attached to the chariot's body-portion which is "covered" on all four quadrants by the "two covering wings." The legs are made of a polished amber-colored metal that are likened to highly polished brass.

The Feet: The feet are round and flat, like the sole of a calf's foot, and are made of the same material as the legs. Their round, flat, beveled shape provides the chariot the ability to stand in a level position on the ground.

The Hand: The opening and closing hand is located under the chariot's wings and functions as an entrance into its hollow, central body.

The Spirit of the Living Creature: This references the angelic spirit(s), inhabitant(s), or living beings that are stated in the biblical text to be located "inside of the wheel." It also references "the face of the man."

construction, and also describes the operation of the spinning propulsion wheel located in the middle of its underside.

The New Jerusalem Bible renders a definitive variant of Ezekiel 1:18, in which it states: "Their circumference was of awe-inspiring size." This rendering, no doubt, reflects the translators' understanding of verse 16, as I translate and interpret it.

While verse 6 states that the chariot has four wings, verse 8 seemingly contradicts that reading, as it states that the chariot has wings, in the plural, on its four quadrants.

This is why, in Ezekiel 10:21, the Greek language Ezekiel translations render a variant (a reading that varies from that of original text) from the Hebrew text (which states that each chariot has four wings), and renders "eight wings."

This rendering is one that can only be interpreted as an acknowledgement by the Greek translators of the fact that the circular chariot has two wings on four quadrants. There simply is no other explanation for the variant translation.

Ezekiel describes two different visual/descriptive perspectives, one in which he describes two wings on two quadrants, as in verses 11 and 23, and as a spinning wheel within the middle of a (greater) wheel, which is the description of the wings as they extend on all four quadrants.

Thus verses 11 and 23 describe a total of four wings. Verse 23 states that the chariot has two horizontal, connecting wings, as "two ones covering" and "two ones covering." The repetition of the phrase denotes the fact that Ezekiel describes two of the chariot's quadrants. The description is of two wings on the left and two wings on the right quadrant, or four wings.

Verse 11 also describes how two wings bisect from the top (under the composite dome of verse 23), as two upper wings, and two wings that *covered the chariot's* (central) *body*, which is the description of the chariot's two lower wings.

Since verse 23 establishes that all of the chariot's wings extend horizontally, the one towards the other, the wings that are described in verse 11 as covering the body must also be horizontal.

While verse 23 describes two on the chariot's left and right quadrants, verse 11 describes two upper and two lower wings, which also represents two quadrants and four wings.

Additionally, the Hebrew word for wings is derived from a root meaning to be level or horizontal and thus the wings are to be seen as such.

Verse 15 is one that has been incorrectly translated in all of the English Bibles that I have examined. The wheel in this verse is one that joins to the side of the chariot, under the four-faced, composite dome. It is the greater wheel of verse 16.

The wheel is not beside or next to the chariot, as most English Bibles render a Hebrew word that is derived from a root meaning to join. Thus, the wheel should be seen to join onto the chariot's side, as in my translation of verse 15.

Once one understands how the chariot's wings fasten together to form a double-convex saucer, and that the wings extend under a central composite dome, it is easy to conceptualize and discern the rest of the chariot's anatomical parts.

The dome of verse 23 is a composite unit, the uppermost part of which consists of a rotating, clear, crystal navigational dome. There are several inducements with the text to support this translation and interpretation.

One lies in the fact that the Hebrew word for head literally means the upper most part, and by analogy can also be rendered as the top. Additionally, the word head is derived from a Hebrew root meaning to shake.

Thus, it can be seen to be a head that both occupied the uppermost portion of the dome, but can also be seen as a head that is capable of rotation, as is the normal anatomical function of the head, as it turns in conjunction with the face/s as a composite unit.

The Hebrew word for face is one that presents one that is capable of turning. This is why Ezekiel 10:11 states: "...but to the place (direction) that the face looked (faced), they (the wheel-chariot) followed it; they turned not as they went" (King James Bible).

In verse 18, the Hebrew word that is rendered rings/rims in most English Bibles, is a word that specifically means back/s. Since Ezekiel describes a living creature with various anatomical parts, the reference should be to its back, and not its rings or rim, which is also part of the composite dome.

The root of the Hebrew word back means to be hollow or arched. The reference in verse 18 is clearly to a hollow, arched back that is encircled with eyes, which are round viewing ports. The back, therefore, is also circular. The Greek Ezekiel translation renders the word back and, while the King James Bible errantly renders rings in 1:18, it correctly renders backs in Ezekiel 10:12.

Three of the chariot's four faces are insignias that are part of the rotational rings that it described in the section on

the chariot's anatomical parts, locations, and functions.

In his article "The Wheels of Ezekiel," R. Cedric Leonard states, "All four vehicles bore insignias on them which denoted their universal or 'star ship' status." Biblical scholar Dr. Arnold Murray also holds that the faces were insignias.

Verse 24 has also been incorrectly translated in the English Bibles, whereby they state that after the chariot landed on the earth they "let down" their wings. Since I have well established the fact that the chariot is a double-convex saucer with fixed wings, one can easily see that the chariot could not lower its wing.

The Hebrew word rendered as the collective let down, is from a single word that also means to cease. Thus, one can see that after the chariot lands on the ground, it ceases making the noise that it generated while in flight. This is why R. Cedric Leonard states the following:

"It would seem natural that after these vehicles had landed and the glowing cloud of plasma had dissipated and the fiery exhausts and rotating lights had ceased, that Ezekiel could better evaluate the physical appearance of the craft."

While there is much more that I could say to justify my various translations, the constraints of an article length presentation must, therefore, limit my commentary.

The comments herein represent only a small portion of my textual analysis and other related research. I believe that with these interpretive comments, as well as the other material that I have presented, that one will be able to discern whether or not Ezekiel describes a flying saucer.

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After more than 50 years

Revealing Scully's chief scientific source

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Most ufologists, today, would agree that the flying saucer mystery began sometime around the mid-Forties.

Reports of foo-fighters started to surface by the end of WWII. By 1947 public sightings, witnessed by reputable citizens such as Kenneth Arnold, became widely publicized.

Soon, the Air Force branch of the War Department engaged in a classified study of the phenomenon while holding the public at bay. However, we find quite a few civilians who were not so patient during this ambiguous time of silence, as reports of sightings only continued. Thus, an emerging grassroots core-group had become persistent on getting the answers.

Among them were pilots, retired servicemen, and news reporters. This was a time in American history when expectations toward government openness were much higher—as some felt that, even then, the public was losing more footing in the process of policy making.

Civilian advocates such as Marine Maj. Donald Keyhoe and journalist Frank Scully had soon undertaken their own investigations. They interviewed many personal sources and followed-up leads on various reports. After a period of about two years, the bulk of what we now view as the foundational elements of ufology were boldly proclaimed.

In 1950, Frank Scully's *Behind the Flying Saucers* set the stage for what may be viewed as "the mother of all alien crash tales." He purported to have pierced what he considered was a deliberate veil of secrecy, while drawing his information from a volume of sources.

These included eight scientists he referred to collectively as "Dr. Gee." But the veteran journalist soon became a target for those who appeared to be "tightening the lid" on the UFO issue and its related leaks, and may well have been one of the first ufologists systematically discredited by the establishment.

What is key to the credibility of Scully's story are the actual details—and in particular, the identity of "Dr. Gee."

Toward the end of his book, Scully introduced one scientist in the guise of a "surprise witness," much as a cunning



attorney might do in hopes of sealing the outcome of his case. Scully claimed that this final witness was a leading scientist of his day—notably, equal in stature to an Albert Einstein. This is the leading scientist we intend to reveal.

Scully soon unleashed an incredible story, alleging such astounding new revelations as recovered crashed-saucers in the American Southwest, small dead aliens, autopsies of their bodies, government coverups, secret projects, super materials, alien artifacts, hieroglyphic markings, food wafers, dark-blue uniforms, dematerialization, magnetic propulsion, magnetic stalling effects on vehicles, geomagnetic faults, planetary origins of aliens and beyond.

All of these and more can be found in Scully's book, which actually acquired some of its elements well before 1950. Scully was well liked by his contemporaries, was a good statesman, and took his character assassination personally.

It appears that he was set up to look like a fool, in that his sources were said to be two con men, accused of perpetrating a monstrous hoax. Reflecting upon the Maury Island Incident, it may be seen that Frank Scully's circumstance was similar to Kenneth Arnold's.

Scully became involved with two men who were (in final public opinion) accused of a monstrous hoax—just as Fred Crisman and Harold Dahl were in the Maury Island incident.

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When police investigators search for a culprit, they first carefully examine those who tend to have the strongest motive. Judge for yourself who might have had a motive in the Maury Island case. A similar motive could have been aimed at Frank Scully only a couple of years later.

At the beginning of Scully's book it is curious to note that he used the preface [nearly five pages] to blast the government's abuse of control and secrecy in their efforts to debunk UFO matters. It should be emphasized here that Scully reported several UFO incidents (and various other crashes) before, during, and after the release of his book.

The reason for such emphasis is that, later, there were many critics and debunkers who seemed to make it a point to mention Scully only as one who reported a crash near Aztec, NM. That is a gross understatement considering Scully's unique importance as a key figure in the foundation of ufology and his various articles, testimonies, and cumulative contributions to the field.

Scully was allegedly told insider stories about recovered, crashed saucers (five in all) that contained small alien occupants, found dead at the scene. Some of those appeared to have been "charred," while those found at other crash sites did not.

One of the crashes was considered so violent that there was little of distinction to recover from it—bodies or otherwise. The saucer that was described as being

severely "cracked up" might seemingly correspond to the Roswell event, since: (1) the wreckage found at Brazel's ranch was badly "cracked up," and (2) Scully was told that one saucer had "come down on a ranch."

Could these and similar elements have served to support claims that there was already a diligent effort underway to conceal any possible knowledge (or further interest) in the Roswell case? Scully's sources claimed to have become involved in post-recovery operations—and studies of alien craft—by 1949.

In the early part of his book, Scully argued that there had been an agreement between the press and the Department of Defense to ignore such stories during the two years of the Air Force's official investigation. Thus, we see an early indication that the press had possibly yielded to being controlled, and their further willingness to gloss-over the facts when delivering the news (or a lack of it) regarding UFOs.

Critics and debunkers tend to focus only on the "Aztec" crash scenario, or only on those elements that might be linked to a man named Silas Newton. But Scully developed a heightened interest in the subject of UFOs as early as 1945, and he stayed abreast of matters until his death in 1964.

One example of this surfaced during a phone interview with his daughter Nonny. She informed me that Scully sustained a keen interest in the abduction cases of Betty and Barney Hill from the time that their incident first occurred. But his interest in new scientific theories and philosophy, and the depth of detail he pursued, may be additional evidence of his discussions with that top scientist: the "surprise witness" for his defense.

The Chief Scientist

Take a deep breath. You are about to be introduced to one of the most prolific pundits of the modern era: a scientist, a philosopher; but also a statesman and social figure; truly, a renaissance man of immeasurable talents.

He was born in 1871, but was noted to revolutionize an era before he died, the same year as did JFK, 1963. Some of you who intensely follow certain cutting-edge subjects may recognize his name. Many, on the other hand, will have never heard of him.

Have you heard such terms as Atomic Theory or Cosmogony? He advanced these at the turn of the last century. Have you heard of Nicola Tesla or Albert Einstein? He was revered as a mentor by these men. Have you heard of the New World Order or even Sacred Geometry, or



Zero Point Energy? Universal Wave Theory?

He was the punctuate, modern inspiration behind originating many such concepts, yet some of these have become given over to the interpretations of others, who later capitalized on his work.

Have you heard of the philosophy of Cosmic Consciousness? He is also the one from whom such a term is taken. Have you heard of Global Warming or the dangers of Ozone Depletion, or Atomic Suicide? (later called Mutually Assured Destruction).

What about Superstring Physics or the Apollo 14 propulsion system? Amazingly, these feats represent but quite a short list of things he had become the father of, or was involved with.

He, along with his wife, who often wrote and assisted him, may likely be the most plagiarized individuals of the modern era! There are many who now promote or appear to take credit for even these few milestones we have mentioned. Still, there are many readers who may yet be wondering, "Who on earth are you talking about?"

We will get to that. But the main reason he is being mentioned here is due to his involvement with issues in the field of ufology—more so with that scenario going back to the Fifties: the scenario that involved Frank Scully and his insider revelations about alleged crashed saucers, alien artifacts, alien bodies, and a host of other features that have intrigued the masses, while serving as much of the foundation behind the modern view of ufology.

However, while some may still not be certain of the name of our "mystery scientist," many others have long forgotten

that prolific story (and its finer elements) as told by Frank Scully.

That brings us to a fleeting term we call "history," and how our true perception of "what" and "who" has influenced it has come to be formed.

And for those who hope to recapture certain important truths about that era of science and history, it becomes imperative to take a second look at the claims (and more so, the science, society, and influences) that were covered in Frank Scully's book, *Behind the Flying Saucers*.

Since I have treated his story in my book (*Alien Conspiracy*), I will not, thus, be recapping those elements here. But rather I will merely suggest that those who have the opportunity should attempt to read Scully's book again, and read it carefully.

Even Scully himself was somewhat enigmatic, and was a person who has acted to shape certain parts of history. He was a secretary and ghost writer for Frank Harris as Scully wrote the majority of Harris' *Bernard Shaw, a unauthorized biography*. Harris had become ill, and his memories were apparently fading by the end of the Roaring Twenties. Scully did his best to recover Harris' notes and complete this important work in light of the circumstances.

Yet this is the same Scully who wrote a book seeking to reveal a multitude of secrets pertaining to "flying saucers," and to a similar degree of magnitude, the higher scientific knowledge and input of another man: the "mystery scientist" we began describing above.

Briefly, Scully referred to several scientific figures while using various terms such as "chief scientist," "the doctor," "geophysicist," "leading magnetic scientist," "director of government projects," and other such terms.

He had created a fictitious, general caricature that he mostly referred to as "Dr. Gee" in order to relate quite a large and complicated body of technical information and related facts, pertaining to the sightings of UFOs and related rumors of crashes and artifacts.

His "revelations" were viewed as a disclosure by some, as a "severe leak" by others, and ultimately as a "hoax" by a large faction of the public who appear to have been duped by a clever ploy. The circumstances have remained clouded in confusion, persisting as a terse subject for schismatic debates ever since.

During the later part of 1997 and through part of 1998, I interviewed and communicated with many of Scully's surviving family: his daughters Frani, Pat,

Nonny, Moreen, and also Nonny's close friend, David Hellman. I asked many questions about who Scully had been in contact with during those days, in light of his interests and activities related to "flying saucers."

My jaw began to drop as I heard certain descriptions and circumstances surrounding a visit Scully received by an eminent yet humble scientist. The names involved were not entirely recalled by some of the Scully children after so many years.

At the time, I was researching the whole debacle that emerged due to his book, and the subsequent shenanigans launched by debunkers, critics, and the like. For those who have further interest, quite a few of the details are covered in my book.

But I am convinced that Scully and his wife, Alice, were true to their promises of secrecy, and had not openly revealed the names of those providing information, nor the identity of that great man who "dropped by the house one day."

However, I provide the following for those dedicated ufologists who have scoured the data over the years, while I trust that those who are sincere and knowledgeable will have little trouble in connecting the dots, or "putting two and two together," especially after reading the material I am about to provide.

Again, I also recommend a re-reading of Scully's book, while carefully noting the nature and origins of the scientific concepts that were described, while noting those incredible influences and trends that have arisen from the work of that astounding visionary and trend setter of the last century: the disciplined, humble, pervasive genius and member of the Twilight Club who visited Frank Scully in those days.

For those who can accept it from some-

one other than Scully himself, that visitor and mystery scientist was the eminent Dr. Walter Russell (1871-1963).

A further connection to Russell may come to light upon considering that Henry Holt (publisher of Scully's book) was also a member of the Twilight Club: a group that became formed by various literary pundits, scientists, businessmen, statesmen and the like, in pursuit of ethical and gracious precepts toward the future of the country.

As I prepared to write this disclosure, I soon became dumbfounded by the enormity and extent of Dr. Russell's influence upon so many features of science and philosophy that are in vogue today. But he was always, seemingly, in the background of the public view. This may be due, in part, to the fact that his beliefs were quite controversial to a society that was predominately fundamental Christian, and, further, reactionary to the Spiritualism movement of the turn of the last century. Russell was, of course, lumped into all of that.

Yet possibly one of the greatest testimonies to his genius is the fact that the brilliant Nicola Tesla is noted to have confessed that Russell's theories were "one hundred years ahead" of their time.

Looking back, we are able to agree with Tesla, as only recently have Russell's concepts become so widespread, and, with the Internet, so widely discussed: world crisis, atomic suicide, the secret of light, global warming, zero point energy, universal wave theory, ozone depletion, loss of atmospheric oxygen, wave dynamics and harmonics; even, cosmic consciousness and the origin of life.

However, it should be emphasized that the only way to view these in the intrinsic manner in which Russell envisioned them is to read and study his books and papers, since, so many spin doctors have attempted to reinterpret and skew them according to their own ideas and purposes.

Beyond what we have supplied as a feeble background for Russell (in this intentionally brief article), we will leave a few links and tell-tale quotes from Scully's book that stand as clues left by Scully regarding at least two of his sources:

"In 1945 Newton told Walter Russell that the broadcasting of microwaves by his instrumentation never exceeded 32 miles."

"Instead of staying home overnight on the desert, we decided to drive back to town, a matter of only two hours and the eminent geophysicist stopped off at our house for a short visit to meet miss Scully and our family."

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I was trained and certified as a hypnotherapist by Terry Garland and the National Guild of Hypnotists in 1996, and have worked with abductees ever since.

I am one of the founders of Bridges—an International support and research group for experiencers founded in 1998. I also run a Midwest support system called the MARSS group (Midwest Abductee Research and Support System).

My cases have put me in contact with such people as Nancy Talbott, Linda Howe, Budd Hopkins, and Barbara Bartholic (Karla Turner's hypno-therapist).

The case I am currently investigating involves a well respected professional individual in his community who observed an alien type creature come out of his wife's apparently lifeless body about three and a half years ago at approximately 2:30 a.m., look at him, and then walk through the wall.

This person the next day told or wrote about 3-4 people about the experience, and then proceeded to forget about it until he attended the 2003 Ozark UFO Conference, where he met a person who reminded him of the experience.

From that point, this professional has learned of the interwoven tapestry of how this creature has infiltrated his life. Now in my portion of the investigation of this case, I have encountered a number of people who have helped me to learn about a "Reptilian hosting" program, which would help to explain some of the experiences that this person is going through.

Dr. Shakundali Modi, who has written two books, one of which is called *Remarkable Healing*, is one person who has shared research about this agenda. Barbara Bartholic, too, has studied this phenomenon for 30 years, and has shed much light on my research.

However, I am still looking for others who might have information in regards to this case that might help me and the people involved. I would like to have the information written. I feel it would be one way of screening the serious answers from people who might just be flippant enough to send goofy emails without any serious intent. Please send replies to:

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FILER'S FILES

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Former Air Force Commander of Chile says he chased UFOs

Gen. Hernan Gabrielli described his 1978 UFO encounter to Alejandro Guillier, stating: "We were flying two F-5s, dual training craft, and we were returning to base from Mejillones to Antofagasta.

"I suddenly detected a radar fault and saw a line that ran side to side on the scope, and my student, Danilo Catalin, also detected the same, and curiously enough the ground radar, which has a large screen, also indicated a radar fault. At that time we looked toward [the part of the sky indicated on the radar screen] and we saw that UFO:



George Filer

"It was visualized as a smoke-covered, half-deformed banana, that was very large and in plain sight. It was tremendously large and surrounded by a fumarole, which moved in our same direction and at the same speed as our aircraft.

"We approached it carefully. We were heading back from Attack 1, which is a combat tactic involving gun cameras, no cannon, missiles or anything else. So we approached it with caution. The UFO did not go away, so we arrived in an instant at the same altitude, between 30,000 and 35,000. The F-5 fighter covers 10 nautical miles a minute (20 kilometers a minute)."

Guillier: And this object you saw, how fast did it vanish?

Gen. Gabrielli: Unimaginable; in other words, thousands of nautical miles a minute, because it vanished toward the west suddenly and the screen cleared up. In other words, all three radar screens—the ground radar, mine, and Danilo's—were operating normally.

"It wasn't just a visual experience, but a physical one as well, one that materialized on the screen. I haven't the slightest idea where they come from. At that time there was also another sighting by a pilot near Calama, in a Vampire aircraft.

"Vampires were wooden aircraft, and the fighter climbed to a high altitude, but could see from below that the UFO didn't move. However, as the pilot climbed, he said, he could never reach it. They later sent out a pair of fighters, then an F-5, and nothing, really. They climbed to fifty something thousand feet, and had to turn back, but they never reached it."

Guillier: "And by the descriptions you recall, General, was there any similarity with the sighting you had in Antofagasta?"

Gen. Gabrielli: "No, because this one had another shape—it had a shape...in other words, as though looking from below upward. The pilots flying at the time said it was triangular. This was 1978, and the latest thing around was the Mach 3, SR-71, U.S. spy plane. This thing did not move."

Guillier: "Now, why does the FACH [Chilean Air Force] handle all of this with such secrecy, because it has in fact appeared before Congress and before parliamentarians, and everyone was deathly silent...there were no such things. All they do is create more concern, because one says: 'Well, there must be something awful that the FACH, the senators, and the deputies don't want to discuss,' and in this case they were all quiet."

Gen. Gabrielli: "Look, it's not that there's an unwillingness to talk, but since it is an almost intangible piece of information, it cannot be handled, it cannot be processed. The base commander is informed and then the page is turned and normal activity resumes."

Guillier: "Last weekend in Calama, a LAN airliner was flying with the players of the Wanderers team for the big match against Cobrelola, and the pilot was forced to make a spectacular turn, diving to avoid a collision with a UFO. Supposedly, there was no airplane there." Thanks to Scott Corrales, Translation (C) 2003

New York disc-shaped object

BROOKLYN—According to a witness report, on Sept. 8, 2003, at 10:35 PM, a large disc was seen moving at a moderate speed across the sky above lower Manhattan. The body of the craft had a very dim luminescent glow and a small flashing light at the left end.

The craft was flattish, but with a cur-

vature on top, like an upside down dinner plate. It seemed to be flying near the Brooklyn and Williamsburg bridges. The disc was still there at 11:30 PM, near the JFK Airport. Personnel in the tower and planes should have seen it.

The UFO had a flashing rear light and a white light in the top center moving in a circular motion on the crown. There was an orange-reddish color to it, and there was an upward tilt at the front of the craft. It changed shape as it flew back and forth, and had an elongated disk shape to it. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

"Flying Manta Ray" over NY

MILLBROOK—Bruce Comet, Ph.D., writes: "Billy M. invited me up to his aunt's house in southeast New York on Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2003, and after dark we walked in the field around his house.

"He said there had been a lot of Unidentified Aircraft Phenomena (UAP) activity over his neighbors' property during the last few weeks, and at 9:37 PM, we had an incredible encounter with the flying Manta Ray.

"It gave us a classic performance that lasted for a little more than five minutes! The event was videotaped. After we first spotted its headlights to the north about half a mile away, it brightened them considerably, then slowly began to accelerate towards us. We heard no sound until it was almost over us.

"As it began to move, it dimmed its headlights back to normal. Its altitude could not have been much more than 500 feet as a small red light located at its nose flashed regularly and irregularly. As it approached our position in a horse pasture and side of a small hill, it made a sharp turn sideways, but continued to move towards us sideways.

"It extended a pair of lights at its delta-shaped nose as it continued to turn around. When it came to a complete stop momentarily, it was pointing away from us and not more than a few hundred feet from us. I compare the maneuver to an ice skater making a sharp turn on ice. It banked only slightly as it turned.

"Then the diamond-shape craft began to accelerate away from us. A light on top of the craft at its nose moved downwards as it was extended forward, and ended up on the bottom of the craft as

the craft departed! As it left, its tail light began to flash, whereas before it did not strobe.

"In addition, its strobes did not illuminate any of its fuselage, something that does happen with conventional aircraft. Its skin was stealth black. It produced a whole range of different whining sounds like a series of electrical generators powering up.

"Its estimated average speed was between 10-15 mph. Dr. Ellen Crystall and I have independently videotaped and photographed this craft dozens of times (you have seen this craft take off from a field at Pine Bush, NY). Each time it did something a little different, giving us more information about this enigmatic craft. The Hudson Valley sightings continue." Thanks to Bruce Coronet- Images at: <http://bcornet.homestead.com/files/Mantaray/Millbrook.htm>

New York glowing white object

MANLIUS - At 10 PM, on Aug. 20, 2003, on Broadfield Road ten miles east of Syracuse and 200 miles from the previous sighting, the witness states, "I observed a white glowing round object approximately the size of a bottle cap at half an arm's length, slowly traveling from south to north at 40 MPH.

"The object was low in the western sky, flying at an altitude of 300 feet. The object had about the same luminescence as a bright full moon and could still be seen as it passed behind the areas trees. Unrestricted viewing observation time was about two seconds, and total observation time was five seconds before the object left the area."

Flying triangle in Ohio

SEAMAN, ADAMS COUNTY - Kenny Young was contacted on the Cincinnati UFO Hotline to report a tremendously large object seen around midnight of Sept. 13, 2003. Mandy, a 21-year old, along with her mother, her sister, and one of her friends, saw a huge object off Route 32.

Mandy reports that they observed "a triangular-shaped formation of lights on one large object, with the lights flashing in sequence and simultaneously alternating in color from pinkish-red, blue, white to yellow. There were 4 or 5 lights on the outer edges of the triangle facing downward that flashed as a row of lights.

"The flashing effect was vastly different than the twinkling of a star. The colors would change in unison, all red or all yellow, etc., and would flash along the outer edge of the object in a slow sequence at first, then the flashing se-

quence escalated in speed after several minutes into the sighting. The UFO was not quite as big as a full moon, and it hovered above Belfast for almost an hour at an elevation less than 45 degrees above the horizon."

Mandy's mother, who is skeptical about UFOs, decided to have Mandy report the object because it seemed to be so unusual. Both her sister and her friend are skeptical about UFOs, but could not identify the object.

Coyotes were heard howling ridiculously loud during the sighting, and also the previous evening. Thanks to Kenny Young UFO RESEARCH <http://home.fuse.net/ufo/Hotline> 513-588-4548

"Star Trek" object in NJ

MOUNT HOLLY - At 4:30 AM, three witnesses were traveling north between Exits 4 and 5 on the NJ Turnpike on Aug. 6, 2003, and saw two giant spotlights shining toward them in the sky a couple of miles in front of them. "They looked like headlights on a car, but much brighter," one of the witnesses reports.

"As we got closer, I could see some red lights, and the spotlights were no longer as bright, and they were shining straight down. I am a 40-year-old Mom, and I observed this with my 10-year-old daughter and my 14-year-old son while driving home.

"More lights were shining to the west, and it almost looked like a radio tower with the red lights. As we got closer, I observed there was no tower under these lights. It just hovered in one spot above the trees. The bottom of it looked round, but the front of it looked a little different, and that's where the red lights were.

"I woke up my son to observe this as well. This object was very large and reminded me of the Star Trek Enterprise Spaceship without the tail (that's the best way I can describe it). We observed this for several minutes. It did not move at any time that we observed it. I wish we had pulled over to sit and watch it, but we were in such shock over seeing this incredible sight." Thanks to Peter Daventport NUFORC.

Lighted object in New Jersey

OLD BRIDGE - Sam Sherman writes: "On Aug. 15, 2003, my wife and I were driving east on Cottrell Road at 8:43 PM, and just as we approached Route 34, my wife noticed an odd lighted object hovering over some trees. From the distance it looked like a football-shaped object, self illuminated fully (from within) by what looked like pure white light.

"I decided to cross Route 34 and get closer to the object, which apparently was hovering in place. After driving around a few blocks to get a clear view without trees obstructing, I stopped the car and took my monocular from the car trunk. With the monocular, I got a clearer view of the object.

"It had a white strobing light on top and a similar light on the bottom. On the side of the object I saw some darkened pattern, but could not make out what it was. Seeing this pattern gave me the idea that it might have been an advertising blimp, not a true UFO, but there are concepts against that.

"First, I could see no pilot's cabin or gondola on the bottom of the object, and the bottom white strobing light was right on the bottom of the object not under such a gondola. Second, if it were an advertising blimp the message (dark part) on the side was impossible to read clearly and would never have been noted by the unaided eye-what would be the purpose of such advertising?

"Third, if there were flashing lights on it to warn planes, it would seem that those should be red, not pure white. Fourth, the object as seen appeared very similar to a recent British sighting.

"I have gone to the FAA website and downloaded the Official Regulations for AIRSHIPS (BLIMPS). They MUST have a RED and a GREEN LIGHT. They MUST have a light at the FORWARD END and a light at the REAR END. The object we sighted did not meet these regulations.

"My wife and I are leaning to the opinion that what we observed was a non-terrestrial craft of unknown origin. It may not have been a football shape, but a lenticular (lens-shaped) object, such as a flying disk-of which we only saw one side view, making it look from that side as football shaped. Thanks to Sam Sherman flexaret2@aol.com

UFO flips in Florida

TAMPA - Three businessmen were heading northbound on I-75 on Aug. 1, 2003, around 9:30 PM. Off in the distance they saw a greenish baby blue light and a white light, spaced apart, but on the same aircraft.

The witness reports, "A few seconds later it was right over us, coming from the west to the east toward the highway at a pretty high speed. As soon as it was directly over us it flipped, reversed, and started heading west again, finally shooting away.

"When directly over us it could have been no more than 100 feet away. When it changed directions, I knew something

was up, and just as it was starting to head away I stuck my head out the window and could actually see the craft. It was flipping head over end as it turned!

"It was a grayish dull metallic color, but its shape was hard to make out, but probably an oval or saucer.

"It had a greenish baby blue light on one end and a white light on the other. Four other cars around me were hitting their brakes, so they must have seen it too. Weird stuff." Thanks to Peter Davenport, NUFORC

Daylight rectangle in Alabama

BIRMINGHAM—Two drivers in two cars in phone contact were 15 miles south of Birmingham on I-65 when they noticed a perfect rectangle-shaped UFO, like a flat non-reflective white 2-by-4 board. The huge object seemed suspended in air.

If it was a single-level passenger craft, the fuselage average passenger height would be twelve feet high, according to the witness.

The second witness, a Marine sergeant, noted that although he knew of an airport close by, he had noticed the object and that it was certainly not moving, nor was it a contrail.

He described it as rectangle shaped, like a flat non-reflective white 2-by-4, that seemed suspended in air—no movement. Thanks to Peter Davenport, NUFORC

Ohio UFO and power outage

WEST CHESTER—Mort Twain writes, "This afternoon I talked with researcher Donnie Blessing by telephone concerning her investigation of a UFO sighting on June 2, 2003, that dealt with a reported power outage while the UFO was in relatively close proximity to the witness.

"Donnie has spoken with the witness and is preparing a report and drawing to send to NUFORC. As we discussed plans on the case and preparations to go about contacting CINERGY to confirm power service disruptions on June 2 around the 2:30 a.m. time frame, it was a big surprise to learn of the major blackout. The data looks very good so far."

North Dakota speeding disc

TIOGA—The witness reports, "Saturday night on Aug. 2, 2003, at 10:52 PM, a group of us (three who had seen this object, and two who had not) crawled up on a roof of a picnic area at our park.

"My friend and I had seen the light in the sky twice and my sister had seen it once. Therefore, we thought we would see if it would come again. We wanted to look at it closer with binoculars.

"At around 10:50-10:58 CST it came, for about 2-3 minutes or less. It looked like a star, not blinking, it moved quickly, and then it just vanished after a bit of flying. My friend looked in the binoculars and said it was spinning and looked like a disc. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

Cigar shape in Canada

NORTH BAY, ONTARIO—Canadian ufologist Brian Vike reports that on Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2003, at 12:32 AM, the eyewitness and a couple of close friends came to a full stop near Lake Nipissing, located about 250 miles north of Toronto. The witness saw a really strange object and pointed it out to his friends.

Due to the object being so low, they wondered if it was attached by a cable, wire, etc. because it sat stationary in one position. At that point, they grabbed a camera, got out of the vehicle, and took three snapshots of it.

The UFO was cigar-shaped, solid gray in color, and sitting at 250 feet altitude. The witness said, "While we stood watching the object, it started to pulsate, then disappeared or blinked out." It was also very close, and they watched for about four minutes.

Large object in Argentina

CARACAS—Mrs. Enza Colucci, who was returning from the Los Samanes urbanization to her home in Santa Monica, was followed by an enormous round object, surrounded by blinking blue lights on Aug. 19, 2003, between 8:35 and 8:50 PM.

Mrs. Colucci was very excited, and her driver, Mr. Alberto Amorin, phoned CEINPLA immediately to file a report and make their experience known. They regret not having had a camera with them. Thanks to: jornis1@earthlink.net

UK pilot reports rectangle

BANBURY, Oxfordshire—The witness reports, "I am a glider pilot in the UK, and on Aug. 3 at about 2:30 PM I was standing at the launch point at Shenington Airfield when I noticed a small object passing overhead, downwind, directly above and in line with our E-W runway.

"At first I thought it was a tiny feather drifting with the wind a few feet above my head, but on looking again, I realized it was much higher, moving in a straight line and at a steady speed. I would hazard a guess at 3000 to 4000 feet altitude.

"The object was white, but with a slightly wispy, almost translucent appear-

ance which gave it a somewhat indistinct outline, hence my initial reaction that it was a feather. I could, however, just make out a definite structure, that was basically rectangular in overall plan form, and consisted of what might have been a lattice of booms, which gave it an appearance rather reminiscent of an old-fashioned TV aerial.

"Seen from a long distance, this would explain why it looked rather vague and wispy. It was moving asymmetrically, that is, set at a slight angle in relation to its direction of travel, which was from west to east.

"It had a steady and purposeful forward motion, and remained observable as a white speck receding into the distance for a short time after it had passed overhead.

"Another glider pilot, who that afternoon had landed in a field some 30 miles to the east of my position, reported that he and his retrieve crew had also seen the same object. They, too, were unable to identify it."

Lighted disc in the Netherlands

APELDOORN—On Aug. 4, 2003, the witness reports seeing green, yellow, red, and orange lights moving around the outside perimeter of a saucer-shaped craft at 5:30 AM. The craft was a gray saucer.

It was moving fast, bouncing up and down, left and right, in a cloudy sky. It was half daylight, and the duration of the sighting was for one minute. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

Maine teachers report object

NORTHERN MAINE—The witness reports, "We were driving up Route 1 around 10 PM the week of Aug. 7, 2003, and pulled off the road at a gravel pit.

"My husband, my friend, and I were admiring the stars, since they were all so bright. We noticed one that seemed to float down, but barely moved, and looked strange.

"It moved much too slowly for a plane or satellite. We got back in the car, and my husband saw a green basketball size ball of light just above the power lines in front of us.

"It looked not really bright, nor was it dim. It went down and then stopped and went up in a V-shaped path. At the top of the V it vanished.

"We both agreed on what we saw. We are both science teachers and could not come up with an explanation. It couldn't have been a meteor, since it reversed direction and went up!" Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

UFOs, beam of light, missing time, injuries puzzle and frighten residents

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Numerous residents in various communities from Kamloops through to the Okanagan and the Kootenays in British Columbia reported UFOs and beams of light in the early morning hours of July 28, 2003—with many becoming frightened and running into their homes.

Even worse, there was a missing time incident involving injuries only three days later.

The story begins with a family who was camping at St. Marys Lake, which is located approximately 12 miles east of Kimberley, British Columbia, Canada.

Around 12:45 a.m. the husband and wife decided to do some star gazing as the children were asleep, and the night was warm and the sky was clear and full of stars. As the couple stood looking into the night sky they observed a very bright, white light heading in a southeasterly direction.

The moon-sized light was witnessed flying low over Bootleg Mountain and across the lake. As it slowed, then picked up speed once again, the witnesses watched the light zig zag slightly, and at times seemed to wobble, moving out of sight.

When they arrived back home from their camping trip they contacted the Kimberley Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) detachment and spoke to a Cpl. Rod Carboneau to inquire if others had reported seeing the object. Cpl. Carboneau said the detachment had received no calls.

The Cranbrook Airport was also contacted and asked if there were any aircraft in the area of the sighting, but none were reported in the vicinity where the object was observed. For the couple who had watched this amazing sight, not many answers were forthcoming.

A couple of area residents did telephone the couple who watched the event, telling them what they also saw that night, and another did make a report to the local newspaper.

A flood of calls

A report was made to Peter Davenport at the NUFORC in Seattle, Washing-

ton, and then the sighting report was forwarded on to me here at HBCC UFO Research (Houston, British Columbia) for a follow-up investigation. What I did not realize at this time was just how large this one case was going to be.

From a handful of witnesses, the case exploded into a major event where I currently have 157 eyewitnesses to something very mysterious.

Two things happened in the early morning hours that Sunday: a large moon sized object was seen by many area residents, and a beam, or ray, of white light was observed from Kamloops to as far southeast as Jaffray, British Columbia.

Those who watched the strange and puzzling event said the white light looked as bright as a florescent tube, and was arced from horizon to horizon as if one were viewing a rainbow.

The beam of light sat almost stationary in this position for approximately an hour before dissipating. Almost everyone who witnessed the beam of white light said they had never seen anything like this before. All said they have watched the northern lights many times, but they commented that this was certainly not the northern lights.

Eyewitness accounts

A gentleman from Cranbrook, B.C. telephoned me and reported that he and his family were sitting outside and were discussing how bad the forest fires are throughout the southern interior when one of the family members spotted what they thought was an airplane with its landing lights on heading in their direction.

As the bright white light drew closer to them, the size was growing rapidly, and so was the brightness. Before they knew it, the light/object was upon them.

The family was so frightened due to the immense size of the light/object almost at the edge of their property that the children ran into the house screaming. The mother followed closely behind.

The father followed his wife and kids into the home, but stopped to take one last glance at whatever it was, and watched it make a 90-degree turn to the south. When I spoke to the dad he told me that they heard not a sound coming from it.

Another report came from a lady who was with a group of people on their holiday at their cabin on one of the local Kimberley, B.C., lakes. She told me they were sitting outside on the deck when one of the guests pointed towards the northwest. Low over one of the mountains came a huge, extremely bright white light traveling slowly in a zig zag pattern heading to the southeast.

As it got closer to the resort area, many people became uncomfortable due to how strange the object/light was acting. As it passed straight overhead not a sound was heard. Some of the folks who were there said it was like looking at a full moon on a clear night. It was that big.

Two men in a pick-up truck traveling north along the highway just south of Wycliffe spotted the large bright object flying south. As they watched it close in on their location they pulled the truck over to the side of the highway and jumped out of the vehicle to get a better look.

Due to it being so low, so bright, and passing directly over them, the light from the object lit up the highway and surrounding area. Both men stood frozen in their tracks and speechless. Both said it moved quickly in a straight line and made no unusual maneuvers. Again no sound was heard, which is remarkable considering how close it was to these men.

One lady said that what she saw didn't behave like the northern lights, noting that the lights danced across the sky, or looked like a curtain of shimmering light.

She initially wondered if the long, dry, hot weather might have something to do with what she was seeing, but her thoughts changed quickly as she watched the light come from the northwest horizon and impale itself on one of the local hills—and that is where it ended, according to this witness.

Few answers

There is no doubt that something very unusual took place on Sunday, July 28, 2003 in the wee hours that morning, and I have tried to come up with some reasonable answers.

Here is what I know: 157 witnesses watched an amazing event unfold—31 observing the object, and 126 the beam of

light. Some observed both. The International Space Station passed over Kimberley, B.C., at 00:24 hrs. on July 27, 2003. A fireball was observed flying in a southeasterly direction over the west coast of Canada and the U.S.

Most of the witnesses reported the light/object and beam of light running from the northwest to the southeast.

There would have been a lot of air traffic in some of these areas due to efforts to control the devastating forest fires which raged through some of these areas in the summer of 2003.

This is certainly a mystery. After speaking with witnesses, looking at data on astronomical events, checking to see if there were aircraft in these areas at the time of the sighting, I have come up against a brick wall.

I have not found any rational explanation for what people saw that night. Fireballs, for example, do not, as far as I know, make 90-degree turns to another direction. Also the object was low, traveling rather slowly, and not making a sound in many of the reports.

Something else I found rather interesting, was the fact that reported sightings had dropped in my area here in the Pacific Northwest of British Columbia while reports of unusual crafts of every kind were now being reported by many people in the areas from Kamloops, the Okanagan, and straight through into the Kootenays. Did the more than 800 forest fires attract visitors from above?

Missing time

Three days later two women had a missing time experience in Kelowna, British Columbia, and the green lights seen on this night were witnessed by others at different locations, which backed up their incredible story.

The story is real, but the names in this report are fictitious for obvious reasons.

Pat—driver of the car.

Linda—passenger and friend.

Date: July 31, 2003 (Thursday)

Time: Between 1 AM & 2 AM

On Aug. 18, 2003, I received a telephone call from Pat, who lives in Kelowna, British Columbia. The lady was very upset and had a difficult time speaking of the event that took place with her and a close female friend, who was visiting her.

She told me that a friend had brought over a newspaper article which was run in the *Kelowna Capital* newspaper. The headline read, "Seeking Witnesses to UFO," which showed up on Aug. 15, 2003.

She reports that another couple who live in the area watched an aerial craft

hovering close to the location where the two ladies had parked their car at the side of the highway, and gave confirmation to the incident, or at least witnessed an object.

Around midnight on July 31, 2003, the two ladies were playing on the computer when Linda mentioned that they had not done any star gazing in a long time, so Pat suggested that they go out and do it. They left home at 12:05 AM, heading out to an area where they would get a look at the clear night sky without having lights to interfere with their view.

Pat drove to Glenmore, which is north from where she lives, and is on the back road heading to Winfield from Kelowna, B.C. They were driving along and Pat reported that there was quite a bit of traffic for that time of night, but after they decided to stop just off to the side of the road to look at the sky, the traffic stopped coming.

There was not a light from any vehicles, nor anything other than a very dark stretch of road. Pat grabbed her flashlight and shined it into the sky, as she has done in the past. Linda had the binoculars on the other side of the car scanning the starry night sky.

They were there only a minute or so when Linda remarked that there were three stars in the sky formed into a triangle shape. All three lights at this time were solid white. Both ladies watched as the three white lights started moving, but moving together.

Linda remarked that stars don't do that, and Pat agreed, thinking it might be a plane or something. Linda said it was not a plane, as the lights were changing color to a neon green, and the object stopped and hovered just ahead of their car.

Pat turned the headlights off, and shone her flashlight down the road in front of her car. They were worrying about animals such as a bear, cougars, etc. being in this isolated area.

As she shined the light up the road, both women spotted something which frightened them. Five sets of eyes about 40 feet away were staring at them. As frightened as they were, their first thoughts were of coyotes or some other wild animal.

But it quickly became obvious that these eyes did not belong to animals. Pat describes the creatures as being roughly four feet tall, dark gray shoulders, and coming towards the women, explaining, "I was so scared I could hardly talk and could hardly breathe."

She yelled to her friend Linda, "Get in the car, get in the car." Pat said they both scrambled to get back into the vehicle,

but she said it was like moving through quicksand, and it felt horrible being so terrified and trying to move as fast as they possibly could, but feeling as if everything was slowing down around them.

Once they were both back in the car, Pat tried to turn the ignition on so she could get the power windows up, but all the electrics on the car were failing.

The dome light and headlights were going off and on, and, as she said, "Everything was going nuts!"

Finally the car started, and they turned around in the middle of the road and raced off towards home, noticing a fair amount of traffic coming in their direction. (Pat commented to me, "Where was all the traffic when all this was happening?")

As they drove along the road, Pat said to Linda, "This is the weirdest thing. My whole body is tingling just like I was zapped by a charge from a battery."

When Linda heard this, she said, "I didn't want to say anything to you, as you might think I was nuts, but I am feeling the same, as if I was hit by an electrical charge."

As Linda was explaining how she felt, she glanced at the clock in the car and said, "Jesus, Pat, look at the time." Pat asked what she was talking about, and Linda reminded her that they had been out of their car for a few minutes at the most, and the time of the car's clock indicated an extra 25 minutes of time.

As they were just about home, they turned onto Baker Street, which is covered in darkness next to a field. Suddenly they saw a bright, glowing neon green ball low in the sky.

The object started moving to the right, then stopping, to the right, then stopping, and then starting to move away, but stopping when the ladies' car came to a halt. Before they knew it, the ball of green light started heading towards them at a high rate of speed, stopping and hovering high above their car.

At this point the ladies just wanted to get to their home and be as far away from whatever it was as possible. The driver sped off quickly again, and they headed into an orchard which was very close by.

They thought they would not be seen hiding amongst the trees, and there was no lighting in this area to reveal their position. Pat looked at her friend and said, "They will never find us here."

Both women were trying to get themselves together, but Pat said she was losing it at this point. A very short time after arriving in the orchard Linda said, "Pat, you better look out the front windscreen and look up slightly. We don't have just

one green ball of light." There were now three glowing green objects in the sky, forming a triangle and moving together. After a short time each of the green lights moved away in different directions.

The witnesses told me that each light was about half the size of a full moon.

After seeing the lights flying off into different directions, the ladies raced home. Once safe at home, both were shaken, trying to come up with some explanation for what had just happened.

Later, both turned in for the night, and when they woke up in the morning, Pat discovered a large bruise on her left breast and another on the bottom of her foot. She did not know how they got there, but she did know they were extremely painful.

As she sat drinking a cup of coffee, Linda finally got up and was walking down the hall towards the kitchen when she said, "God, do I feel rough this morning." As Linda finished saying that, Pat watched blood suddenly pour from Linda's nose.

Linda also complained that she was having a lot of pain in her lower back area. Pat looked and gasped—there was a large circle burned into her skin in the tail bone area. Also, bruises were found on Linda's body as well, some of them looking like finger marks—three of them on each thigh.

Linda, who was up visiting from the Abbotsford, ended her holiday and headed back home. Two days after being home she went to consult her family doctor, still experiencing the terrible pain which was originating from her lower back.

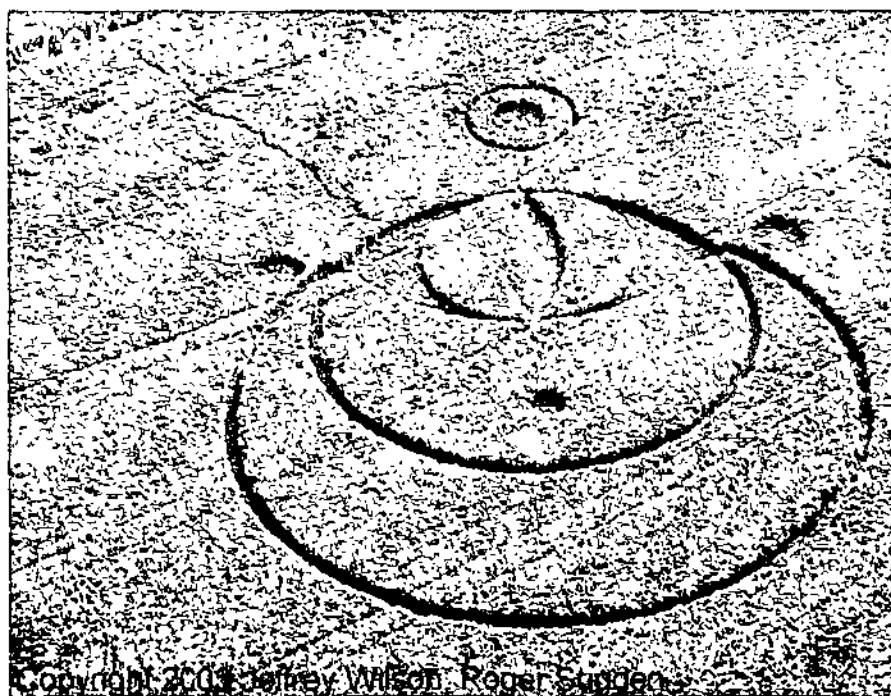
Her doctor said, "If I didn't know any better I would say you have a radiation burn," referring to the burn mark on Linda's back. The doctor is still trying to heal this mark on her back, as something had burned right through the outer layer of her skin.

(HBCC UFO Note: I will be keeping in contact with the witness to this event and hope I may be able to help in some small way).

On the night this frightening experience took place, another couple who couldn't sleep decided to go out for a walk on the warm evening. They looked up at times into the night sky, and all of a sudden they noticed a bright glowing neon colored light.

The couple reported that the light was moving in a strange way, coming to a complete stop, moving again, stopping, and then moving off very quickly.

The light was seen in the same vicinity where Pat and Linda had been stopped at the side of the road.



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The crop circle at Locust Grove/Serpent Mound, OH.

Crop circles keep investigator busy

By Roger Sugden

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I have recently been to eight crop circles in the past two months. Following is a summary.

Mayville, WI

I got a call from Jeffrey Wilson in mid-July, 2003, telling me there was a crop circle in Wisconsin which occurred July 4, 2003. After hearing there was an eyewitness, I was anxious to participate in the investigation. As far as we know, this is the only eyewitness to a crop circle formation in the United States.

This was in Mayville, WI, where we went on July 23 and were met by Dr. Charles Lietzau, science consultant for MUFON, who also is helping with the investigations and research of the crop circles.

We were fortunate to have assistance by a local resident, who helped us find our way to the crop circle, which was in wheat. Our preliminary findings, which included expulsion cavities, or blown nodes, in the wheat, have led us to say that this was a genuine crop circle.

More tests are currently being run on samples taken from the circle, and more information can be found on the internet at cropcirclenews.com.

Wilson, Dr. Lietzau, and I interviewed the eyewitness, a retired semi-driver, and found him to be very credible. He was up on a hill on July 4, 2003, looking out of his

window from his workshop at about 7:40 AM when he noticed the wind pick up, blowing the trees different directions and ripping bark off a tree next to his workshop.

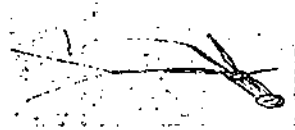
As he looked in the direction of the wheat field, he observed what looked like black holes opening up in the field. After the wind died down, he went to see what it was, and there were three circles in the wheat.

I made arrangements to rent a plane at a local airport and photographed it from the air. When I returned from the airport, I noticed a military Huey helicopter flying toward the crop circle, then making several passes over the crop circle. We later identified it as a National Guard helicopter.

Howe, MI

Jeffrey Wilson informed me of a crop circle in Howe, MI, not far from where he lives. He, Dr. Lietzau, and I investigated the site and found that there were two circles, a large one and a smaller one, in wheat. I took aerial photographs of the formations. Wilson and I were taking samples when he lifted up the crop from one of the circles and, unknown to us, there were smaller, swirled circles underneath. As it turned out, there were four small, swirled circles underneath each circle at each compass point, which was unusual. Also, there were two paths op-

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PERCEPTIONS

By Stanton T. Friedman

TV and UFOs

When Dr. Herbert Strentz published his PhD thesis "A Survey of Press Coverage of Unidentified Flying Objects, 1947-1966" in 1970 at Northwestern University, he focused on the inadequacy of the print media, noting, for example, that "The coverage has been marked by superficiality, redundancy, silliness, careless reporting and lack of relevant information."

At that time most people didn't have cable TV, and usually only had access to the three major networks and perhaps NPR and a local station.

Now with almost everybody having access to a host of additional channels and several specialized networks besides the big three, TV has become the major supplier of news and entertainment.

Broadcasters finally came to realize that the public was very interested in UFOs, and would watch almost anything on the subject—no matter the quality or accuracy.

In addition, as with today's reality programming, TV shows about UFOs can be very cheap to produce. Very rarely are participants paid, so that it is just travel and production costs.

Sometimes the programs are quite accurate and fair. Sometimes they are terrible. I received many emails complaining about the Sci-Fi Channel's broadcast of "The Belzer Report" on Sept. 9, 2003. It was made early in 2002.

Karl Pflock and I were both flown to New York, and were supposed to debate about Roswell. A production crew had gone to Roswell and the debate was to be moderated by Belzer with a panel of experts chiming in.

I had sent lots of materials and responded to many phoned questions. I made a particular point of providing copies of front page headline stories about the incident from evening papers on July 8, 1947, including the *Chicago Daily News*, *The Los Angeles Herald Express*,



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The Spokane Chronicle, *The Sacramento Bee*, etc, to demonstrate that it was a major national story, not just a big deal in the small town of Roswell.

Nothing went right. I arrived at the airport to get my ticket and found that it hadn't been paid for, so I had to plunk down my credit card. The people who were picking me up in NY were at the wrong terminal.

I then found out that the panel, while it included Jim Marrs, who knows a lot about UFOs, included a couple of comedians, Al Franken and Janine Gerafalo of Saturday Night Live fame, as well as Ice-T who (with Belzer) is on *Law and Order*.

We met with Belzer and other crew members before filming and had a good discussion. The set arrangement was quite peculiar, with Karl and me standing next to a small table and the panel sitting some distance away—and with Belzer in between, sometimes blocking our view of the panelists.

What was supposed to be a serious discussion almost immediately deteriorated into a quest for laughs by Janine and Franken. They had supposedly been provided with lots of material, but apparently considered it beneath them to do any homework. Go for laughs. Franken made an ass out of himself by asking why I hadn't trimmed my eyebrows!!

He focused on the *Roswell Daily Record* July 8 article, and proclaimed that obviously, if it had been a major event, it would have appeared all over the country. Of course it had, and the clippings were there.

Both Karl and I and a few others who were there, including Linda Howe and Jim Marrs, thought it was a terrible production, and hoped it would never run. Sci-Fi held it for well over a year, but then decided at a high level that they needed to get a return on their investment, and ran it with lots of hype—and no advance warning to Karl or myself.

This experience reminded me that most people are unaware of how TV really works. Here are a few examples.

I appeared on NIGHTLINE with Ted Koppel on June 24, 1987, to debate with Phil Klass, being in Washington, DC, to present a paper at the MUFON Conference at that time. The focus of the debate was supposed to be the Government cover-up of UFO information.

Once at the station, Klass and I were told that we could not bring anything into the studio. I had along the 80% blacked out NSA affidavit justifying withholding 156 of their UFO documents even from the judge.

I argued, but lost; nothing could be brought in, though the document certainly establishes a coverup, since the 80% could certainly not be just sources and methods data.

Then Klass and I were each told not to look at each other, although we were sitting two feet apart with a small table between us. Each was to look only at his camera. Not easy arguing with somebody so close and not being able to look at each other for all those nonverbal communications that are so important.

I have no idea where Koppel was, since I could only hear him through a poor earplug, and there was no monitor to look at.

The next day people at the MUFON conference asked how things went. "I don't know." "What do you mean you don't know; you were there." "Yes, but I have no idea what you saw. A tight shot? A far shot? Klass or Koppel reacting to what I said, or Koppel and I reacting to what Klass said? Was I fidgeting or showing other nervous signs?"

I was asked what Koppel was like. I had to say I had no idea, never saw his face. To say the least, it was awkward and also frustrating not being able to show the documents.

When I appeared on the Larry King show across from the L'il Alien Inn in tiny Rachel, NV, in the middle of nowhere in 1994, there were two interesting aspects.

In the afternoon I asked one of the producers how they would handle phone calls. "Oh, they are received in Atlanta and then transmitted via satellite to a huge production truck the viewing audience will not see," she said. "We will monitor calls very carefully, because most people don't believe in UFOs."

I pointed out that the statement was totally false and rattled off some facts from various polls to prove it was wrong.

Unfortunately, the damage from this false belief had already been done by shaping who would be asked to provide the various small snippets from Carl Sagan, William Shatner (a real astronaut, of course) etc. Obviously the contribu-

tors were skewed towards the negative, based on the false presumption that that is where the public stood.

The show had another aspect. I was asked by a number of people, "How come you didn't talk about Topic A, or Topic B, or Topic C?"

I had to point out that none of the live panelists, Kevin Randle, Steve Greer, Glenn Campbell, and myself, had any idea of what was going on. Larry heard over his ear plug when a commercial was due, or a caller was on the line, or a snippet. We didn't. He was in complete control. The only time we got is what we grabbed.

Many shows are produced in a way in which each interviewee is talked to separately and then shown on a program with a number of others. People think we were all together, and sometimes think in terms of guilt by association.

I am in at least one show in which Bob Lazar is also interviewed as though he were a scientist, as opposed to a total fraud as described on my website (www.v-j-enterprises.com/sfpage.html) and in TOP SECRET/MAJIC. We have never met, though we had one telephone conversation.

The worst example that comes to mind is a UPN show about a supposed abduction in Minnesota, with the abducted family supposedly making a video of the experience and the video being found, but not the family. Great story? No; totally a "creative production."

I had been called to see if I could come to LA to answer a bunch of questions about abductions for a production being done very soon for Dick Clark Productions. I would get a chance to see my daughter, and the questions should be interesting. I went, was asked very sensible questions on film, and did see my daughter.

I was never asked about nor shown the abduction video. The people must have liked what I said because they used my comments interspersed throughout the show and even in the advertising. The editing was very creative between what was happening and my comment.

An EM effect occurred and they had me talking about EM effects. In a quick pass at the end of the show, which apparently left half of the people thinking this was a true story, they listed cast members who played Alien 1, Alien 2, etc.

It was a terrible home video production. I was lambasted via email and calls for being in it. Kevin Randle said that I should have known better than to be involved with a show directed by Bob Kiviat, who did the Alien Autopsy. Kiviat had nothing to do with the show.

Nobody complained about anything I

said. I got so fed up with off-the-wall criticism (If you can't trust Dick Clark, who can you trust?) that I went on the Art Bell show to explain.

Many producers don't care about the truth and will say anything to get good people on board. Sometimes they can be trusted, such as with the Unsolved Mysteries Program about Roswell, which I had

Crop circle investigations reported...

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posited each other on the larger circle. We determined through preliminary findings that it was genuine.

Keekoskee, WI

We got a call later from a local resident in Horicon, WI, that there was something in the wheat that looked like a crop circle. Wilson and I returned to Wisconsin to investigate this, which was in Keekoskee, WI. We located the formation in a wheat field, and determined it was a hoax.

Ontario, Canada

The next crop circle we heard about was in Ontario, Canada. Since it was just across from Sarnia, MI, Wilson and I decided to have a look at it on Aug. 2. The crop circle was formed around July 24.

We met with the farmer who owned the land, which was just across from his driveway in a wheat field. It had been found while they were combining the wheat; however, he had left the crop around the formation, which was a pictogram.

The CCCRN had also been there to take a look, and Joann Emery, of CCCRN, had told us she had found some expulsion cavities. We also found some. The formation was similar to one in England, on an east-west axis.

We could not take soil or plant samples or take any radiation readings, as we did not want to take radiation counters over the border into Canada. This formation also was determined to be genuine through our preliminary testing.

A local pilot also was kind enough to fly me over the site for aerial photographs. Interestingly, there were thousands of people who went to visit this site.

Klyman, WI

Wilson and I returned to Wisconsin to investigate several reports of multiple crop circles. We searched the surrounding areas where there had been reports, but we did not find anything significant. We decided to drive south to visit a friend we met in Wisconsin, and about 10 miles south of Mayville, Jeffrey looked out of the vehicle and spotted what appeared to be a large crop circle in wheat in a field in Klyman, WI.

instigated. Other times, as with Belzer Presents, there was substantial misrepresentation.

If Karl and I had been told that the idea was not sensible discussion with a knowledgeable panel, but Saturday Night Live Comic routines, we would not have gone on.

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We then found the landowner and got permission to go into the field to investigate this further. What we thought was one large crop circle turned out to be a very large pictogram with seven circles and multiple pathways.

We immediately called out local contacts, as this was a large formation, and we needed all the help we could get to obtain samples. As we finished sampling, the combine was cutting the field.

The crop circle had been formed sometime around July 4, as far as we could find out, and this was also determined to be a genuine formation from preliminary findings.

Mayfield, WI

The sixth crop circle was brought to our attention by a local Mayville, WI, resident, who told us there was a formation in corn, which I was anxious to see, since formations in corn are more rare.

After considerable inspection, the mechanical damage was evident, and we all agreed that this was a hoax.

Locust Grove/Serpent Mound, OH

The next crop circle was in soybeans in Locust Grove/Serpent Mound in southern Ohio. It was found Aug. 24, 2003, by a local resident who contacted Wilson through e-mail.

With the help of many others, including Ted Robertson of Indiana, the Knoechelman's of Ohio, and some other local residents, we investigated the site. I took aerial photographs. Through preliminary investigation, this has been determined to be genuine.

Adams County, OH

The last formation investigated was brought to our attention by a local resident of Adams County, OH, again in soybeans. This was determined to have been made around Sept. 6, 2003. After taking aerial photographs and inspecting the site, which was in the shape of a peace sign, or Mercedes hood ornament, it was determined that this was, in fact, a hoax.

Samples are still pending final results, but current information can be found at cropcirclenews.com and earthfiles.com. Follow-up articles on the crop circles are planned.



VIEW FROM BRITAIN

By Jenny Randles

Bedroom visitors

The case was an interesting one. It occurred in the Pennine hills, scene of so much strange activity. But what was seen by the young witness was in many respects fairly straightforward.

A small, lithe entity in an all over jump suit possessing slight angular features, and yet human appearance, had appeared inside the house and was watched as it moved from the bedroom down the stairs and out towards the yard.

Although no UFO was seen by the witness, there were reports of one from other people in the neighborhood—which is not too surprising, as they are a common occurrence in this area.

We never got to the bottom of this sighting in the sense that there was no obvious cause for misidentification, and by all accounts the witness was sincere. However, it stands out to me because it is one of many similar cases that I have investigated that demonstrate the shadowy boundaries that exist between close encounters.

Night visions

Two things make this case especially interesting to me. Firstly, its precise location. This was not a sighting of aliens alongside a spaceship. Rather, the entity was seen inside the bedroom.

Secondly, the witness experiencing this was very clearly in some kind of altered state of consciousness. She was woken from sleep by the experience, and so was at best not fully awake. This introduces all sorts of possibilities as to what might really have been going on during the undoubtedly genuine encounter.

This otherwise mundane CE 3 (Close Encounter of the third kind) is what I refer to as a bedroom visitor. And the UFO literature is full of them. I have personally investigated dozens with features that are

much like this particular example. However, there is an intriguing question that occurs about such night visions made within one's home.

How do we determine whether the incident should properly be regarded as an alien contact? Might it not have more in common with other paranormal phenomena? After all, who decides that the figure seen really was an alien if it is otherwise human in appearance and did not walk into a UFO which promptly flew off into the sky?

It would take relatively little to make this case into something other than a CE 3. For instance, what if the being was not dressed much like an entity often seen associated with UFOs? Say that it simply disappeared, or walked into the dresser or through a wall? What if it offered some words of personal advice and comfort to the witness?

Would they then choose to interpret the encounter as a meeting with a ghost, or an angel, or a guiding spirit?

Boundaries

The problem is that we (both the witness and the investigator) place boundaries around the type of event that we would be interested in following up. We mould and shape the evidence without actually realising what we are about.

If a case has certain features, then we may regard it as "one of ours" and seek the evidence that we believe must lurk behind its innocent facade.

If it lacks these features, then we might well be tempted to pass it on to someone else—a parapsychologist or angel investigator—because they deal with such cases, and it has no relevance to UFOs.

The trouble with that is that we are making a selective judgement. For how do we know where to draw up these boundaries that encase these events? There may in truth not be any walls between various types of bedroom visitor experience.

Indeed, the hundreds of cases that I have collected for a study of such reports (including quite a few that I have personally investigated even when few would have ever treated them as UFO-related) do share much more than you would imagine. Indeed, the similarities outweigh the

differences, in my opinion.

A broader view

Unfortunately, as fields such as UFO study have progressed, we have tended to become more narrowly focused. For some time the study of entity cases has effectively been subsumed into abduction research.

It is rare to come upon well documented CE3s now, as opposed to aspects of more complex abductions (CE 4s)—although many classic abductions feature nearly all the elements of a bedroom visitor episode as some key part of their storyline.

Although specialization may in some respects offer advantages, and has shown us fascinating new perspectives about UFOs, there are real dangers as well.

If we fail to study large parts of the evidence because we decide that such cases are not relevant to what we perceive to be the UFO mystery, then do we not run the risk of making dubious judgements and building hypotheses out of fragments of the evidence, rather than the whole picture?

The concept of bedroom visitors—where entities that can be (and often are) interpreted in a variety of non-alien contexts by those who see and study them, is of great interest in its own right. But in many ways it demonstrates something more fundamental about UFOlogy that we maybe ought to re-evaluate.

We chose what the limits of our subject are, but in doing so are we defining the evidence or transforming its nature into an image that we want it to possess?

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November 2003

Bright Planets (Evening Sky)

Venus (magnitude -3.9) improves its visibility slightly low in the WSW at twilight, setting about 1 hr. 40 mins. after sunset by the end of the month. (It is higher from the southern states.) Our bright neighbor planet lies near the crescent Moon on Nov. 25.

Mars, in Aquarius, continues to dim during the month, from -1.2 to -0.4 magnitude. The ochre-tinted world stands in the SE at dusk and moves westward during the evening. (It is much higher in the sky for southern observers.) Mars is near the quarter Moon on the 2nd.

Saturn (-0.2), retrograding in Gemini, rises about 7:30 PM (midmonth) in the NE and then advances westward in the southern sky during the night.

Bright Planets (Morning Sky)

Mars sets in the W about 12:45 AM in mid-November.

Jupiter (-2.0), in Leo, rises in the E about the same time Mars sets, and stands high in the SSE at dawn. The big planet lies near the quarter Moon on the 18th.

Saturn stands high in the WSW at dawn.

Moon Eclipse

On the evening of Nov. 8 the year's second total lunar eclipse takes place. (See May column.) The full moon passes through the southern half of Earth's shadow, but near the shadow's edge. This results in brighter totality than last May's event, with a bright rim along the Moon's lower edge.

The eastern U.S. is favored to see the entire event; western states miss the eclipse's early phases. Partial eclipse begins at 6:33 PM (EST). Earth's satellite is in total eclipse from 8:06 to 8:31. The Moon leaves the dark umbral shadow at 10:05.

Moon Phases

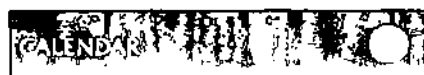
Full moon—Nov. 8
Last quarter—Nov. 16
New moon—Nov. 23 ... Nearest Moon of the year. Large tides.
First quarter—Nov. 30

The Stars

The bright constellations of winter—Orion the Hunter, Taurus the Bull, Auriga the Chariot-driver, Gemini the Twins—are

already appearing above the eastern horizon at 9 PM in mid-November. The dim stars of autumn, including the Great Square of Pegasus, occupy the central southern sky at that hour. In the W the Summer Triangle prepares to exit the celestial scene.

About 1 hr. later the night sky's brightest star Sirius (magnitude -1.4) rises in the ESE. Don't be fooled by the illusory flashes of color and apparent movements of this dazzling blue-white star. Even planets are affected at near-horizon levels by our own planet's atmospheric turbulence



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Nov. 1—Ohio MUFON, featuring Nancy Talbott, Eagle Creek Garden Center (440-708-0177), Route 306, Bainbridge, OH (Chagrin Falls area, northwest Ohio). budingerpa@msn.com

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Reviewed by Dwight Connelly

The *Journal of UFO Studies* is consistently the best series of scientifically-based ufological publications in the world, and this latest volume is an outstanding addition, providing reliable information that is available nowhere else.

In the first presentation, analytical scientist Phyllis Budinger of Frontier Analysis, Ltd., adds significantly to the soil analysis of the Delphos, KS, landing case of 1971.

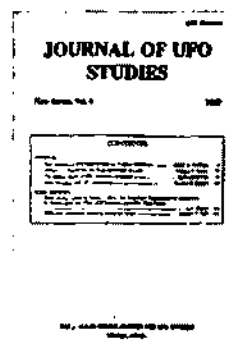
Ablely investigated and sampled more than 30 years ago by Ted Phillips, the top traces investigator in the world, the famous glowing ring and surrounding soil has been analysed over the years, most notably by organic chemist Erol Faruk, who provided significant insights regarding the residues left by the hovering object.

A special monograph, *Delphos: A Close Encounter of the Second Kind*, was published by the UFO Coalition last year (see August, 2002, *Journal* for a review) which included analyses by several labs, suggesting that the residues were indeed anomalous.

Mrs. Budinger, using more modern equipment and the expertise of an analytical chemist on the preserved samples, has significantly advanced this research. While not contradicting Faruk's initial observations, she adds significant data in her 25-page presentation, including several tables and graphs. [Mrs. Budinger will present a summary of her investigation of this case in the November *Journal*.]

The second presentation in this volume is Richard Haines' "Analysis of Photograph of a High-speed Ball of Light," in which he investigates a color photograph reportedly taken by a pilot in 1956, utilizing photo analysis, the study of aircraft windows, analysis of camera/lens/film,

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and evaluation of witness credibility.

His presentation covers 21 pages, and includes photos, diagrams, and charts.

The third presentation is by Australian researcher Keith Basterfield, who looks at "The Implant Motif in UFO Abduction Literature," covering 84 such accounts.

He reviews the comments of UFO researchers, and attempts to analyse what he terms "the limited data available."

This is the best overall study of the implant phenomenon that has been done, as Basterfield reviews the first three reported cases in 1979, describes what ap-

pears to be the first laboratory analysis (in 1990-91), and moves into the period of 1992-94, which he describes as "implants everywhere." The 1995-99 period features implants recovered.

The presentation includes charts which statistically analyse implants, such as by gender, by time period, by country, and by location in the body. In addition, Basterfield briefly describes 84 separate implant cases in this fascinating 34-page presentation.

The fourth presentation is by Dr. Thomas E. Bullard of the Life Sciences Library at Indiana University, who discusses "False Memories and UFO Abductions." Bullard, who has completed extensive studies of the abduction phenomenon,

discusses whether abduction accounts can be the result of false memories.

His 76-page presentation delves into such areas as recovered memories of child sexual abuse and satanic ritual abuse, psychological abnormalities, consistency of witness reports, and sequence of reported events. He concludes that there are specific elements of the abduction experience which suggest that it is separate from false memories.

The final section of this impressive volume features book reviews by Alex Wendt and Richard Hall.

This 2003 addition to the series is an excellent volume by a distinguished group of researchers, and should be a part of every serious ufologist's library.

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Graham Birdsall, editor of *UFO Magazine*, dies

Graham W. Birdsall, 49, editor of *UFO Magazine* in the UK, died Sept. 19 of heart failure, two days after undergoing a seven-hour operation following a brain hemorrhage.

He and his brother Mark became involved with Contact UK in the 1970's, then with their own organization, the Yorkshire UFO Society (YUFOS). Their magazine, the *YUFOS Journal*, eventually became *UFO Magazine*, which is now a worldwide newsstand publication.



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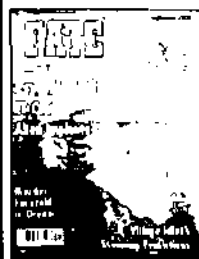
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By John F. Schuessler
MUFON International Director

MUFON's Vision and Mission

The MUFON Board of Directors has defined MUFON's vision as follows: "To bring about scientific breakthroughs that will forever change our planet and its people for the better, by understanding the UFO mystery." To support that vision, the mission of MUFON is defined as "The scientific study of UFOs for the benefit of mankind."



John Schuessler

After decades of UFO investigations, research, and rhetoric, a wealth of documentation has been amassed by individuals, groups and governments. Nevertheless, the mystery has not been solved.

Therefore, MUFON continued to build its cadre of Field Investigators, Research Specialists and Consultants in order to seek truth and knowledge through more thorough research and investigations. In order to educate the public and help society MUFON has undertaken a number of initiatives to collect and disseminate information. The focus of the annual symposiums will be on documentation of a broad range of evidence.

The pages of the *MUFON UFO Journal* will continue to contain information about worldwide UFO reports, research done on a variety of topics, and up-to-date organizational information.

The MUFON Pandora Project is aimed at translating thousands of pages of archived materials into electronic files that can be used by future researchers, writers, and the public. A long-range goal is to provide electronic access to 35 years of issues of the *MUFON UFO Journal* and the past 33 issues of the annual *MUFON International UFO Symposium Proceedings*.

Reports coming to the World UFO Database (WUFOD) on the MUFON web site at www.mufon.com are summarized weekly in a series of statistical reports that give a clear picture of what is being reported to MUFON. MUFON documentation is already available for sale to members and the public as a part of our public education effort.

The *MUFON Field Investigator's Manual* is in the process of being updated and enlarged to better support future investigations. We plan to support all of these initiatives with a continually upgraded web site.

While we cannot control the motives and machinations of some individuals in this field, MUFON strives for high integrity and excellence in all we do. We see our job as the systematic collection and analysis of UFO data, with the ultimate goal of learning the origin and nature of the UFO phenomena. Our intention is to share the results of that work in a professional manner in every way possible.

Accordingly, MUFON does not support ad hominem attacks on individuals, denigrating the character of anyone, or the falsification of UFO information for any reason.

Our focus is on the eventual solution of the UFO mystery no matter what direction that solution takes, and I believe this will contain some really big surprises along the way.

MUFON Radio Program

As announced in the August issue of the *MUFON UFO Journal*, MUFON now has a weekly radio program thanks to the work of Clifford Clift and program host **Jim Hickman**. "The MUFON Radio Hour" first aired on Wakeup USA on Wednesday, Sept. 3, and continues weekly at 8 PM Eastern time. Future guests are already listed on <http://www.thehickmanreport.com>. You may download and listen to past programs from the archives on <http://www.stardustradio.com>.

New Field Investigators

Kathleen Marden, Director of Field Investigator Training, announces that the following Field Investigator Trainees have successfully completed the Field Investigator's Exam and are now MUFON Field Investigators: **Catherine E. Holmes**, Henderson, NV, and **Kathy Wheeldon**, Omaha, NE.

Position Announcements

Oregon State Director **Tom Bowden** announces the assignment of **Keith Rowell** of West Linn, OR as Assistant State Director.

Colorado State Director **Leslie Varnicle** announces the assignment of **Clifford Clift** as State Section Director

for Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington, Weld, and Yuma counties in the northeastern part of the state.

David A. Woods, Gaffney, SC, has accepted the position of Consultant in Criminal Justice.

Membership Fee Increase

Effective Dec. 1, 2003, the cost of MUFON membership in the United States will be \$45, and \$55 per year outside the United States. A new \$35 per year membership category for U.S. students 18 years of age and under has been added. Outside of the U.S. the student rate is \$45. Members will be allowed to renew early, before the Dec. 1 deadline, at the current rate for one, two, or three years.

MUFON 2004 Symposium

The Colorado MUFON team under the leadership of **Leslie Varnicle** has planned an outstanding symposium event for 2004. It will be held at the Marriott Southeast, located at I-25 and Hamden Ave. in Denver, CO, on July 16-18.

The theme of the symposium is "UNCONVENTIONAL FLYING OBJECTS (UFOs): The Body of Technological Evidence." The event will begin on Friday evening with a dinner, followed by a refereed debate to set the stage for a week-end of evidence-based papers.

New Publication By Member

Jim Hickman, MUFON's Research Specialist for Media Operations, has a new book available: *5000 Years of UFOs - Are We Really Alone?* is available at www.PublishAmerica.com and local book stores.

As Jim says, "The Earth is a mysterious place. There is much going on around us every day that goes unexplained. For all our advanced technology and scientific understanding, there are events that occur, more or less, on a regular basis for which as yet we have no answers."

New UFO Awareness T-shirt

MUFON has just received a shipment of a new UFO Awareness T-shirt. It is white with black letters.

The MUFON logo is on the left front, and a slogan saying "you only thought you knew..." is on the back. It comes in S, M, L, and XL. \$12 +\$3 S&H. Please add \$4 additional for shipping outside the U.S.