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MEETING DATE: Monday, March 20, 1995 ♦ MEETING TIME: 7:30 p.m. SHARP
LOCATION: 8227 E. Orange Blossom, Scottsdale, AZ (Clubhouse)
PROGRAM: Richard Seifried, Oklahoma MUFON

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Our State MUFON meeting is history now, and I think everyone who attended was presented with two excellent speakers. My thanks go out to Jim Dilettoso and Gene Nieri for making the event such a success. Jim provided the use of his studio for our program, and Gene drove in from Albuquerque to make his presentation.

It was also a chance for our many out-of-town members to meet our local members and attend the meeting with us. Members from Sedona, Flagstaff, Pine, Williams, Prescott, Yuma, Tucson and Arivaca were in attendance. I hope all of you found it was a worthwhile trip; we plan to have another statewide meeting in the near future.

An interesting thing occurred at the meeting when I had Richard Motzer report on yet another UFO sighting in Gila Bend, about which a caller from Phoenix had phoned in to the Art Bell radio program on Thursday, February 16th. During the break in our State Meeting I was approached by a man who was a friend of the woman who had called Art's program

to report the UFO sighting. In addition, the man informed me his friend is a professional photographer and took pictures of the object! Now we are anxiously awaiting the development of the photos. I'll keep you informed.

Another curious thing happened a few weeks ago. We exchange newsletters with several other state MUFON chapters around the country. I always scan them to see if there is anything we can reprint in our own newsletter to keep you all abreast of what is happening elsewhere around the country and around the world. I was reading the newsletter from the Gulf Breeze, Florida chapter which is called "National" UFO News, and I saw a photograph which really shocked me. It was an object remarkably similar to the one I saw myself near Four Peaks just over a year ago and had reported in our own newsletter (which had included my drawing of the object). It was a fluorescent green "hula hoop" shape with a flashing red light on one end. The object in the Florida newsletter, though printed in black and white, was unbelievably similar to what I had seen, so I contacted Bland Pugh, the Assistant State Director of Florida

MUFON and the man who had photographed the object. I asked him a few questions, compared notes, and asked him for an actual color photograph of the object, which he sent me. The color of the object he had photographed was a reddish gold in color, but other than that it was remarkably similar to what I had seen. I will bring color copies of the actual photograph he sent me to our March meeting for you to see.

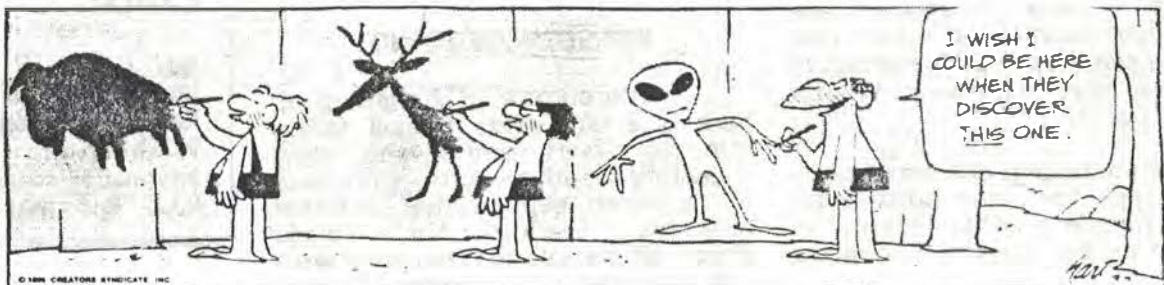
An interview has just been videotaped of a local eyewitness to the Paradise Valley UFO crash in 1947; perhaps the individual involved (now approximately 70 years of age) can give a presentation in future meeting or we can show the taped interview. I'll keep you posted.

Ray Maurer, Jim Dilettoso and I were interviewed by Alisa Becerra for a segment of Arizona Prime on Channel 10 which aired at 9 p.m. Friday, March 10. We were very pleased to get this exposure for MUFON and our local chapter.

I look forward to your continued support and input.

Tom Taylor
State Director

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MEDIA WATCH

by Tom Taylor

In the interest of keeping the UFO topic before the public, the following is a list of programs on the subject recently aired via television, radio and newspaper in recent weeks. We will attempt to list programs ahead of time whenever possible; unfortunately, we are not notified of the majority of programs until it is too late to publish them in the Newsletter in time for members to view, hear or read them. In the case of TV and radio programs, ask at MUFON meetings to see if anyone is aware of someone who may have taped them to share.

REMEMBER: BE SURE TO CHECK CURRENT TV LISTINGS BEFORE VIEWING!

President's Day weekend must have been "UFO weekend" too!

In addition to our own MUFON-AZ meeting on February 18, on Friday the 17th Bill Strauss (KTAR Radio) had Lee Elders on for a 2-1/2 hour interview concerning Lee's videotaping of the Mexico City UFO flap (which is still going on!).

Then at midnight that same night, Art Bell (KFYI Radio) had Randolph Winters on his "Coast to Coast" program talking about the Billy Miers case again. Mr. Winters has appeared on Art's "Dreamland" program in the past. Nothing really new, but just more exposure.

On Sunday night, February 19, Art Bell had Seattle-based Peter Davenport on his "Dreamland" program. Peter is a MUFON member who lives in Seattle and has just taken over the nationwide UFO reporting hotline (1-800-UFO-2166). I found the program to be most interesting, as Peter played back a number of actual calls that have been recently received.

Two in particular stand out. One was the call from Tennessee where numerous calls were received on February 17th concerning about a dozen UFOs which appeared to strike the earth and a resulting brilliant explosion. *Local Tennessee law enforcement authorities asked that UFO investigators NOT investigate and to stay clear of the area.* What's going on here??

The other interesting call was from a woman and her two sons from Boulder, Colorado, who were out in their yard and saw several helicopters

approaching in the distance and then just *disappear right before their eyes.*

Several weeks ago Linda Howe reported in her weekly "Dreamland" report that she had received a report from a person claiming that the U.S. military has devised a system to make objects invisible to the rods in our eyes (our eyesight mechanism is made up of "rods" and "cones").

Opening this month at the Imax Theater is Destiny in Space, which was mentioned to the group by Mary Hart several months ago after she saw it in "sneak preview" status. It was filmed by NASA astronauts on various shuttle missions and is well worth attending.

Copies of the 4-hour videotape of the proceedings of the February 18th State MUFON meeting will be available for \$15.00 each at the March and April meetings. They may also be ordered through the mail (First Class) by sending a check or money order for \$20.00 (shipping & handling) payable to Tom Taylor, 1433 W. Huntington Dr., Tempe, AZ 85282.

Sunday evenings, KFYI Radio, 910 AM - Art Bell's "Dreamland" Radio Program.

UFO AZ/UFO TALKS - We hear the day and time have changed again; will try to track it down before publication date! Ted Loman, Jim Nichols and friends co-host this continuing series featuring interesting guests and topics related to all aspects of the UFO experience.

UFO Update AZ - Order copies of this publication by Mike and Roger Bollinger by contacting UFO Update AZ, 12629 N. Tatum Blvd., Suite 109; Phoenix, AZ 85032 or calling (602) 494-9279.

Sightings - Saturdays at 10:30 p.m., Channel 15.

X-Files - Fridays at 8:00 p.m., Channel 10.

Unsolved Mysteries - Fridays at 7:00 p.m., Channel 12.

WINSLOW SIGHTING

The current UFO sighting up here is a blue/white fireball falling into the desert from a long, slow trajectory (south to north) witnessed by a dozen people from different locations. The next day a Navajo Police officer told me that they were out looking for it on orders from a

"higher office!" Many black helicopters were seen in the area all that day. Another man and I drove the area two days later but found no evidence of a crash. The police officer had informed me that it was NOT a meteor and that Navajo witnesses saw it come to a STOP in the air -- and land vertically! I am unaware if anyone saw it on the ground or taking off again. The investigation has come to an end, as no other witnesses have been found and no news has been reported.

We average one great sighting every three months up here, and about one questionable sighting every month. The Navajo Reservation is the largest piece of Federal land in the nation and is sparsely populated by a people still steeped in myth. It is prime for test flights out of Nellis AFB in Nevada. A trip at night to the Reservation can usually turn up an unexplainable light. We normally see a "throbbing" (rather than strobing) light at high altitude flying across the sky at better than Mach 8 (timed) being chased by Air Force jets which cannot hope to keep up. The sighting is neat, but still questionable.

Michael Haggard
MUFON-AZ Member in Winslow

CALENDAR

Tucson MUFON Group - Contact Jean Staffen, Asst. Section Director, for Information (323-7981). Messages can be left for Tom Kuszelewicz, Pima County Section Director, at 881-1252 (Tucson) or 398-2573 (Arivaca).

Yuma MUFON Group - Contact Doris Barley for Information at 726-0570.

April 7-9 - Seventh Annual Ozark UFO conference, Inn of the Ozarks, Eureka Springs, Arkansas. For further information call (501) 354-2558.

April 8 - First International Crop Circle Convention **HAS BEEN CANCELED.**

July 7, 8 & 9 - MUFON 1995 International UFO Symposium - Red Lion Hotel Seatac, Seattle, Washington. For further information contact Marilyn Childs, P.O. Box 1012, Bothell, WA

WILLIAMS SIGHTING

[As given to Field Investigator Marv Mason]

February 1, 1995 - between 5:15 and 8:00 p.m.: UFO sighted by approximately 12 witnesses in downtown Williams, Arizona.

Two of said witnesses went to the local police station to report the UFO sighting; no officers were available, but the dispatcher on duty at the time came outside and observed the object through binoculars prior to sunset.

The two main witnesses spent approximately 2 to 2-1/2 hours viewing the object.

The object appeared to be an object of light with pulsating red, blue, green and yellow lights, the most prominent being red and blue. The appearance was that of a rainbow.

The object appeared in the southeast skies over Williams and moved slowly, though at times it moved quickly. Two witnesses figured the distance as 65-150 miles southeast of Williams, which would place it in the sky somewhere between Sedona and Childs, Arizona. This all occurred before dark and before stars began to appear.

After checking several stories, this investigator discovered that two people observed the same object making the same maneuvers at the same time. The two other witnesses live on the south edge of Garland Prairie, east of Williams. These accounts verify the other sighting in Williams.

Marv Mason
Northern Arizona Field Investigator

ANIMAL MUTILATION CASE

(Submitted through Doris Barley)

September 1995: This had been going on for approximately 24 months. We lived in a large county (Fremont) in Idaho. It consisted of forest land in the northern part to sand dunes in the southern end. Our farm was located on Elgin beach, west of the sand dunes.

We had pasture land on which to raise some young steers until we could top them out on the north place on grain to sell and also butcher for our own use. We had between 40 and 50 head -- I can't remember which for sure.

We had rented the pasture ground from a friend of ours who was divorced and had a son about 17 or 18 years old living at home.

We checked on the cattle every other day or so to make sure there was adequate grass and water available at all times for them. At those times, we'd walk out into the pasture among them to take salt or feedings of oats and grass. They were almost like pets -- we could walk up to them, scratch them, and there was no fear whatsoever. We also checked on them because the mutilations had started around the areas, and although we were a little skeptical and wondered if it wasn't being blown out of proportion and more or less considered it must be predators of some kind.

We had had a heifer that had acted a bit ill, so we had put her in a corral about 100 feet from the owner's back door and had administered antibiotics by injection. We checked on her several times in the two days we had her penned in the corral and gave her several injections.

On Saturday we began digging potatoes to put in the cellar. My husband and I had been digging for several days, just the two of us, and on Saturday we were pitting them because the kids were out of school to help us. We had been taking them into the potato dealer before, but with the additional help we could put them in the cellar for storage.

About 9 a.m. the lady who was renting our called my husband's mother. We were digging on the south place, and she had tried to reach us at our home, and when she failed, she called the other farm. Our children were in the cellar and my mother-in-law sent our son to the field to find us to call Maggie. She was very upset -- the young cow was dead. Our son relayed the message and Maggie said, "No, you don't understand. I think she's been mutilated." Once more the trek to the field. No way. My husband did not want to quit digging potatoes. He said, "No, the cow had died, and a dog or bird had gotten at her." Again the message was relayed. Maggie said, "I'm calling the Sheriff anyway."

By then, my curiosity got the best of me, and put one of the kids in the truck to take my place driving under the digger and told my husband I had to see. By the time I got to Maggie's place, the Sheriff's department was there -- also a local state patrolman

who live about a mile and a half from Maggie.

I was sick when I saw the young heifer -- someone or something had done a complete hysterectomy on her -- also removing the rectum and vaginal area. It was cut smoothly out as if by a scalpel. There was no blood either on her or around her. She hadn't been dead long, so the Sheriff's department was able to draw several vials of blood -- to send to Boise for testing. She was the freshest mutilation found -- most were more than hours old -- usually several days.

Although there was never a mutilation found on BLM ground or forest and leased to ranchers, cows were not watched closely at all or even checked on that often. All or most of them happened in developed settled areas near houses or corrals, almost as though they wished to frighten people. Most people felt it was a weird cult of some kind.

The Sheriff had me call my husband and have him come up so we could tell him what antibiotics we had given the cow. I was only certain about one kind, and he had used two broad spectrum antibiotics. Needless to say, my husband knew it wasn't dogs or birds that had gotten at the heifer when he saw her.

They mainly wanted the blood sample to determine what sort of anesthesia or tranquilizer was used to cause the cow to go down so quickly with no evidence of a struggle and with no evidence of blood. All that was found was a single drop on the top corral pole.

The sample, however, was broken in transit to Boise -- so that was lost. There were no tracks in the corral except for the heifer's and Bud's and mine.

The remaining herd in the pasture was scattered to the four winds. It took us two months to find all of them, and the previously gentle cattle we had petted and fed by hand were terrified of anything. We could not get close to them, and that was why it took so long to round them up.

These mutilations took place in the area for about two months until the first snowfall and stopped as suddenly as they began. One fellow told the newspaper that he had round-the-clock guards on his horses. No one could get close. The next day a prized Appaloosa stallion was found dead with a small patch taken off his chest area, round and about

the size of a silver dollar. His lips were cut off as well as his eyelashes -- no footprints; no clues.

The area was in an uproar. There were night patrols in every rural area -- the papers requested no unauthorized traffic anywhere in the country. On a funny note, a few parking couples from the college were scared to death when a patrol of irate citizens confronted them with guns and a demand as to why they were in the area. Nothing was ever found. Another interesting thing was whenever a mutilation occurred, the wild scavengers -- crows, magpies, and coyotes -- would not touch the carcass.

Nancy Hillman

ARIZONA SIGHTINGS LIST

Remember -- our list of Arizona UFO sighting reports (1947-1994), compiled by Dimitri Ossipov, is available for sale for \$5.00 at the meeting or \$6.50 by mail. See Tom Taylor for details.

Classified Ads

Don't forget that we can advertise for you in the newsletter!! Give us your ad text (please limit to business-card size; or give us your business card as the ad!) and \$5.00 and we will publish your ad in the following month's newsletter (1 month).

PLEASE HELP US CLEAN UP!

Jere and Joann Castor, Tom Taylor and others come to the MUFON-AZ meeting location up to an hour early each month for the express purpose of setting up the room for our meetings. It takes time and effort to prepare the seating arrangements and get the refreshments ready (and we still need help every month with donations of refreshments!), and they put in a lot of extra work to do this for us. It would be a big help to them if those of you who are able can help out after the meetings by helping to put the meeting room back in order. This consists of folding up any folding chairs and placing them against the back wall so they can be put away; disposing of cups left around the room; and repositioning the couches in their original locations (which we'll be glad to show you). When no one helps, it often takes over half an hour after the meeting ends for the "weary few" to get the meeting room back in order.

THANKS!

In Memoriam

We were saddened to learn of the passing of MUFON-AZ member Bill Tice on or about March 9. Our heartfelt sympathy and thoughts go out to Bill's family and friends.

Scientists videotape unexplained light flashes

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

A pair of scientists say they've videotaped huge flashes of light high above thunderclouds but can't explain what causes them.

Davis Sentman of the University of Alaska's Geophysical Institute in Fairbanks said he and a colleague, Eugene Wescott, captured video pictures of 19 unexplained flashes July 8 while flying in a NASA laboratory jet beside a line of thunderstorms 40,000 feet above Kansas, Iowa and Nebraska.

"This is phenomena in the upper atmosphere that we don't understand," Sentman said in a telephone interview.

YUMA FAMILY SUN

News of the weird

■ COWS GO AIRBORNE:

Two instances of flying cows were reported recently: In November, a cow fell off a cliff and crashed through the roof of a small house near Yaounde, Cameroon, landing on Marguerite Nomo's dinner table. And The Associated Press reported in November that high winds in Arkansas killed several cattle by carrying them into treetops.

Tempe Tribune
MARCH 10, 1995

He said the flashes appeared as bursts of glowing light that lasted just a fraction of a second. They seemed to be associated with thunderstorms that were in full fury nearby, sending more than 300 cloud-to-ground lightning strikes during their two-hour airplane flight.

The airplane was flying near the top of anvil-shaped thunderheads, said Sentman, and the unexplained light flashes extended far above them. He estimated that the lights were 50 to 60 miles in height and up to 30 miles wide.

"Electrical energy may be what is driving them," Sentman said of the flashes. But he said "they are much different than the usual type of lightning."

Sept. 24, 1993

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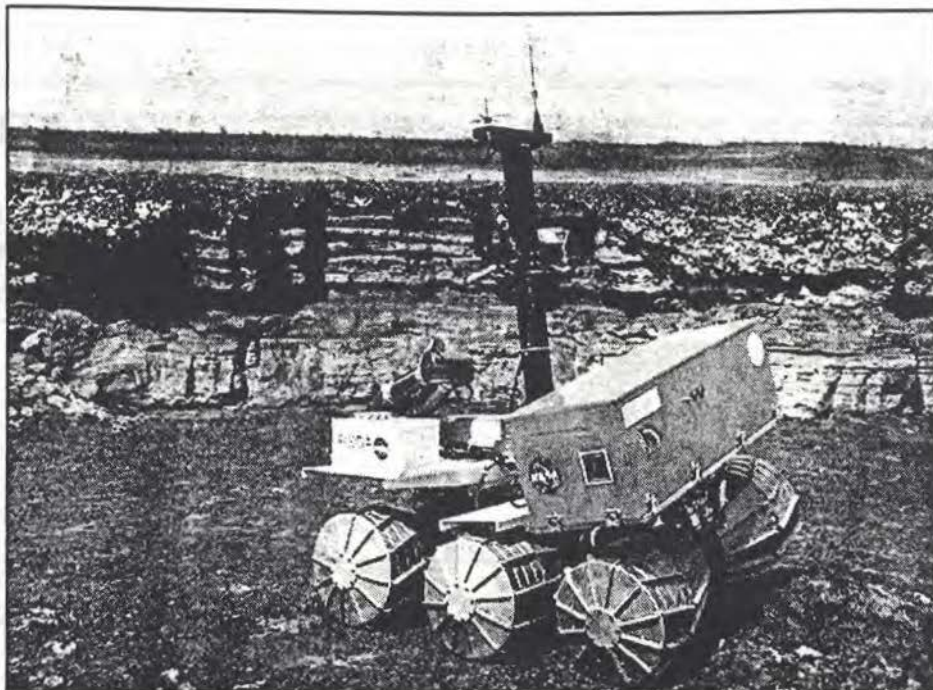
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ARIZONA REPUBLIC



Operated by remote control, a Russian-made robot moves around an area of Hawaii Volcanoes National Park earlier this month. The park's terrain was picked for the experiment for its resemblance to the surface of the moon and Mars.

NASA

ASU geologist goes 'Mars roving' by remote control in NASA trial

By Guy Webster
The Arizona Republic

Controlling a robot rover on Mars is more complicated than controlling one on the moon, an Arizona geologist said after practicing both tasks this week.

Ron Greeley of Arizona State University and other researchers are maneuvering a Russian-made rover on a volcano in Hawaii by remote

control from a NASA laboratory in California. The six-day experiment is due to end today.

The terrain in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park was picked for its resemblance to the surface of the moon and Mars. And the researchers are parked more than 2,000 miles away in order to simulate sending commands and getting feedback across the void of

space.

It is the time delay in transmitting those signals that makes driving a rover on Mars considerably more challenging, Greeley said.

The response time of a lunar rover is almost immediate, but the communication lag to Mars can be 40 minutes, or longer.

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Some of what's learned this week will be used with a smaller rover in the Mars Pathfinder mission scheduled for launch next year, Greeley said. Pathfinder is due to land on Mars in July 1997.

By about the end of this decade, a rover more like the Russian one that's in Hawaii will explore places on Mars most likely to have had life, Greeley said.

That mission is not yet on NASA's schedule, but it will likely evolve as a joint project with Russia, and perhaps private partners, he said.

Ragnhild Landheim, a researcher in ASU's Space Photography Laboratory, is completing a study of prospective study sites on Mars.

"It's not so much to look for life there now as to look at sites where life might have evolved," Greeley said.

Landheim narrowed in on Ma'adim Vallis, which appears to have been a river system, and Gusev Crater, which appears to have been a crater lake. Both are dry now but were once wet and warm, researchers believe.

"Those are the kinds of environments that potentially could have harbored life," Greeley said.

"A rover could look for fossils or for chemical signatures of life."

The Viking lander on Mars in 1976 looked for chemical signs of life and found none.

"Maybe we didn't look in the right place," Greeley said. "The question is still open in many people's minds."

It would also be of interest if geological analysis shows that Mars did have a past environment amenable to life but that no life evolved, he said.

"The question would be, 'Why not?'"

ASU researchers take a Mars spin without blasting off

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