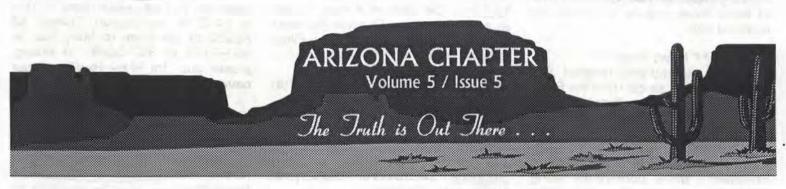


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PROGRAM: Videos: Chupacabra & Edgar Mitchell Interview * plus * General Discussion MEETING DATE: Wednesday, May 22, 1996 • MEETING TIME: 7:30 p.m. SHARP LOCATION: 5636 E. McDowell Road - National Guard Armory (East of 52nd St. on McDowell; then North on Bushmaster Blvd. into Armory)

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Time has a way of flying by, and I guess it's very apparent to me today. I just realized the meeting is in ONE week, not TWO weeks as I had thought -- so I am hurriedly getting this month's newsletter information together for typing and production by Mary.

There's lots going on! UFO Awareness Week will be August 16-18. We here in Phoenix will be having a display at Christown Mall, 19th Avenue and Bethany Home Road, on Friday, August 16 through Sunday, August 18. Please mark your calendar and plan to help out sometime over the three-day event. There will be a sign-up sheet at the next couple of meetings. especially need help on Friday the 16th for setting up the display. We had an incredible response last year, and we trust that Earlene Ford will do just as good a job this year on publicity. Thanks ahead of time, Earlene!

Debris from the 1947 Roswell crash is being checked out as you read this. Linda Howe reported last Sunday night on Art Bell's Dreamland radio program that the debris is 99.%

aluminum. More testing is being done.

This meeting will consist of a few short TV clips followed by a general discussion on the increasingly fast-paced UFO scene.

The truth is out there . . . and it's getting *closer*!!

Tom Taylor State Director

AN HEROIC FEAT

Painted Rock State Park, Arizona 30 March 1996

Suddenly a discoidal flying object landed on a cabana roof, under which a group of Arizona MUFON members were enjoying a picnic. Our Asst. State Director fearlessly climbed the ladder and, with heroic efforts, facing the unknown, retrieved the whole disc.

For this feat he was carried in triumph to the nearest beer keg. No aliens, dead or alive, were found. The disc, it was determined later -- was of the "frisbee" type.

(Is that reporting, or what?)

Dimitri (Jim) Ossipov Maricopa County Section Director

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 often not notified 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.

Always be sure to check current TV listings before viewing!

Probably the most interesting thing happening in the past few weeks is the spread of reports of the "Chupacabra." Originally reports were coming in from Puerto Rico, as reported in last month's newsletter (and featured on Unsolved Mysteries); then reports came in from Miami, FL; El Paso, TX; Sinaloa, Mexico (abut 350 mi. south of U.S. border) -- and now all sorts of reports

from the Los Angeles area and, last week, Tucson!! I had hoped some of our eagle-eyed members would send me clippings from newspapers in any of these areas, but so far I have not received any.

** News Flash **

-- Ask and you shall receive! See the Chupacabra article from the Front Page of the Arizona Republic from Friday, May 17, elsewhere in this Newsletter!

Channel 10, Fox TV in Phoenix, has shown a bit of Richard Hoagland's press conference along with photos from the moon and Mars. May 14 Richard Hoagland and Edgar Mitchell had a very interesting debate on Art Bell's Coast to Coast Program on KFYI.

Last weekend the "Discovery" channel featured a "history of UFOs" program; hope you could see it or tape it.

On April 25 Preston Westmoreland from KTAR radio interviewed astronaut Pete Conrad. Nothing spectacular here, but Pete seemed open to the idea that there has to be more life out there than what's here on Earth.

The movie "Arrival" opens Friday, May 31 -- it purportedly has to do with CSETI.

Be sure to check the Calendar this month or pick up flyers concerning the many programs in the upcoming months.

WEEKLY PROGRAMS:

<u>DREAMLAND</u> - KFYI Radio, 910 AM, Sunday evenings, 8:00 p.m. - Art Bell hosts this interesting radio program. The program is aired on the following stations in other cities in Arizona: Globe: 1240 AM; Safford: 1230 AM; Tucson: 1400 AM; Kingman: 1230 AM; and Flagstaff: 600 AM.

UFO AZ/UFO TALKS - Channel 22, Dimension Cable, Monday and Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.; now also in Prescott on Channel 13 Friday nights at 9 p.m. and repeated on Tuesday at 3 p.m. Ted, Peggy and Jim co-host this continuing series featuring interesting guests and topics related to all aspects of the UFO experience. Related radio program in the Tucson area on KTUC, 1400 AM, 10:00 p.m Sundays (after "Dreamland").

The Extraordinary Monday MORNINGS, 12:30 - 1:30 a.m. (set your VCRs), Channel 15.

10-Files - (Occasional) if aired, shows as a feature of the Channel 10 news on Friday nights following X-Files. Subject matter is UFO-related.

<u>Unsolved Mysteries</u> - Fridays at 7:00 p.m., Channel 12.

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

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

<u>Paranormal Borderline</u> - Tuesdays, 8:00 p.m., Channel 45.

Mysteries Around Us, KTAR Radio (620 AM), 12 midnight Saturday and 12 midnight Sunday, hosted by Frank Baranowski, a well-known hypnotherapist specializing in regression.

Late Night Cosmic Contact
Thursdays, 9:30 - 10:30 p.m.,
Channel 63 - TCI Tucson Public
Access - starting April 18, this new
talk show featuring Chris Maynard
and guests who believe they have
experienced contact with life from
other worlds. Chris also examines
national contact cases to evaluate
facts, comparisons and trends of this
growing phenomenon.

Classified Ads

Don't forget that we can advertise for you in the newsletter!! Up to three-line ads are \$5.00; business-card sized ads are \$10 [we can reproduce your business card as the ad]. Larger ads -- see Tom Taylor for price. Submit your ad and payment by the first of the month to have it appear in that month's newsletter issue.

ARTICLE SUBMISSION

Thanks to those submitting articles and book reviews, and if you haven't done so, here's an invitation to add to YOUR newsletter by doing so. Handwritten and typewriter-created articles are fine, but if you do have a computer, it saves time for Mary (who types the Newsletter and works two jobs) if you can submit your articles on diskette. However,

PLEASE save your articles in WordPerfect 5.1 or ASCII (DOS text) . format.

If your articles are not on diskette, you can send them to Tom at 1433 W. Huntington, Tempe, AZ 85282 or fax them to Mary Hart at 957-7410 or 852-3688. If faxing, please put "for Mary Hart" on your cover sheet. Thanks.

WE'RE ON THE WORLD WIDE WEB!

Thanks to the efforts of Larry Noack, each month's MUFON-AZ Newsletter will now be available to users of the World Wide Web [Internet]. The MUFON-AZ masthead does not appear on the Web, but the text is all there. For those wishing to access the Newsletter on the internet, the "address" is:

http://www.xroads.com/~noack/mufon.html

CALENDAR

June 15, 1996 - Saturday, 1:00-4:30 p.m., Tucson chapter meeting. Wilmot Library, 530 N. Wilmot Rd. Contact June (phone on page 1) for further information.

June 9, 1996 - Sunday, Yuma chapter meeting. Contact Doris Barley (phone on page 1) for exact details.

May 19, 1996 - Sunday, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. - "Humanity's Extraterrestrial Origins" at the National Guard Armory on McDowell in Phoenix. Dr. Arthur and Lynette Horn, speakers. See flyer at this month's MUFON meeting or call 602/494-9279 for additional information. \$8.00 for MUFON-AZ members, \$10.00 for non-members.

June 27 - July 8, 1995 - "Preparing for Contact in England" crop circle tour by Mystical Journey, Ltd./Lyssa Royal. \$3,199.00 per person. See flyer at this month's meeting or phone 1-800-879-6519 for additional information.

June 27-29, 1996 - 17th Rocky Mountain UFO Conference, University of Wyoming School of Extended Studies, Laramie, Wyoming. Leo Sprinkle, Derrel Sims, Randolph Winters, Ron Russell, Wendelle Stevens and others are scheduled.

See flyer at this month's meeting or phone 1-800-448-7801 for details.

July 5-7, 1996 - MUFON's 27th International Symposium in Greensboro, North Carolina; Holiday Inn, Joseph Koury Convention Center. Advance registration is \$55.00. Send to MUFON 1996 UFO Symposium, P.O. Box 5149. Greensboro, NC 27403-5149. For room reservations, call 1-800-242-6556. The special room rate is \$72 for one to three people per room per night. Be sure to mention you're going for the MUFON Symposium.

July 18-21, 1996 - International Tesla Symposium, Colorado Springs, CO. For details, write: International Tesla Society, P.O. Box 5639, Colorado Springs, CO 80931 or call 719/475-0918.

ACCET NEWSLETTER CURRENT EVENTS

On January 30 the Alan Handlemann radio interview show on WRFX-FM, Charlotte, NC, featured a NASA scientist, Dr. Bergrun, revealing that NASA's Voyager space probe of the rings orbiting Saturn took photographs of an estimated 7,000-mile-long elliptical (cigarshaped) craft orbiting in the rings. Dr. Bergrun, said that portholes could actually be seen in the side of this huge spacecraft. Independent confirmation occurs in the February 1996 issue of Science News (V. 149, No. 5, p. 71) where the Hubble Space Telescope was reported to have photographed a large elliptical "satellite" orbiting Saturn's rings in one photograph which disappeared from a follow-up photograph. Two other very big and very bright orbiting objects were photographed 5/22/95 and 8/10/95 and disappeared by 11/21/95. Dr. Bergrun believes that the elliptical craft is intelligently controlled. He refers to it as an EMV, Electro-magnetic Vehicle. When asked why NASA had not managed to get a photograph of the craft before, Dr. Bergrun said "they have a tendency to hide." The NASA scientist said that it appears that this giant EMV is doing something, possibly exerting attraction, to Saturn's rings. (Ed. note: possibly the "shepherd moon" effect which astronomers have recently commented on.]

When asked why NASA and other governmental agencies haven't released this information before, Dr. Bergrun answered that the 1958 Space Act states that at the public will be informed regarding results of space photos and data only if it is determined that such data is not a threat and that a craft this size would be considered a threat and would be deemed to have great military significance. As such, it would fall under the "top blackbudget military intelligence agencies."

On July 4, 1996 the Municipal Government of Japan's Hakui City will open a multi-million dollar UFO Museum created with federal government funds. Command Sergeant-Major Robert Dean, USA/NATO (ret.), is being flown in to address the opening ceremonies crowd. In convincing Mr. Dean to come, the Japanese officials told him that the Museum will contain physical artifacts from UFO crash retrievals and proof of extraterrestrial corpses found, among other evidence. As of the 4th of July it appears that the Japanese are no longer waiting for Western countries before ending the UFO cover up with their own population.

In September 1995 UFO Magazine published a column by Richard Hall stating that the Central Intelligence Agency would soon issue a history of the CIA's involvement with UFOs. But it now appears that the CIA will acknowledge its study of UFOs only indirectly, and in stages.

1947

It was 1947. I was 16 years old and living in South Pasadena. California when my mother told me about the flying saucer she saw. She was working for the Air Force on projects regarding rocket re-entry.

When I was very young, I was always telling my mother that there were other people living on other planets, and that they came to earth in space ships, and that we were part of earth and part of these space people.

I remember my mother telling me that she had seen a flying saucer on a flatbed truck and that it was partly covered with a tarp. She also said that she saw four small beings about three feet tall. They were wearing tight-fitting jumpsuits, and they had all died in the crash when their saucer crashed in New Mexico.

I believe she was at Nellis Air Force Base at the time when this happened and that they were taking the saucer to Edwards Air Force Base.

> Sheree Evans MUFON-AZ

BIG FOOT REPORT

On the evening of March 27, 1996, I learned from the daughter of a MUFON member that someone at her school had been talking of a "Bigfoot" sighting. They told me that the person claimed he had seen this thing the night before. I was able to get some information from a coworker and then spoke to the person on the phone; however, I wasn't able to speak in person with him until April 11. He had been reluctant to make a report because he had endured much teasing at school.

At 11 p.m. EST on March 26,s 1996, this person had carried out the garbage to the curb. He lives on the main street of Canaan, VT. It is a quiet little village with not even a grocery store. He noticed that it was exceptionally quiet that night. As he put the garbage bin down, he happened to turn his head to the left. About five street lights to the east, in front of church, he was a hairy, apelike being about 8 - 9 feet tall reaching up toward the street light as if trying to grasp something. As it heard the noise made from the garbage bin, it turned and ran northeast toward the cemetery and American Legion Hall. It ran very slowly with its arms to its sides. The top of its head was flat, and the witness could not see its face. The covering of the entire being seemed to be brown hair. The witness did not discern any communication.

As of this date I have not received any UFO sightings that night. The sighting took place in just a minute or two; the witness was frightened and ran into the house. He woke his parents, and his father later told me that he had never seen

his son so frightened.

This entity sighting remains unknown. I am familiar with the witness and believe him to be credible. He is serious and quiet. It was difficult to get him to talk with me because of the teasing he had received at school. What makes this sighting so interesting is that there have been several UFO sightings in the area during the month of March. In fact, the very next night a UFO was sighted about five miles east of where the entity had been seen the night before.

Sandra Black, Field Investigator New Hampshire MUFON

SIGHTINGS AT CARLSBAD CAVERNS NAT'L PARK

This sighting occurred on Saturday, February 17, 1996; at 6:30 p.m. and was of 5-minute duration. It occurred at the Carlsbad Caverns National Park, in southern New Mexico; Grapevine Draw Quadrangle, 7.5 Minute Topographical Map, on top of Guadalupe Ridge, west of Yucca Canyon Trail, about 6,000 ft. above sea level.

During Presidents' Day Weekend I went backpacking with the El Paso Sierra Club to the Carlsbad National Park in New Mexico. Five of us camped overnight on top of the Guadalupe Range. On Saturday night the trip leader and I looked south (about 8 - 15 miles) and down into the Texas valley and saw a structure with rotating red, green and white lights. To me, the lights looked like a neon marquee with Christmas lights rotating horizontally. I thought it could be a large advertising sign or a big fire truck. However, my friend, who has lived in the area for over 25 years, pointed out that in this part of the country there are no neon lights in the middle of the desert, nor are there fire trucks.

We stared at the object for about 5 minutes, and then we left without commenting on it. It was around 6:30 p.m. We never saw the lights leave. We left the ridge first, because it was dark, cold, and we had to get back to our campsite about 200 yards away. We got lost on the way back to the campsite and got to it about 7:00 p.m.

On Monday I called the trip leader to confirm what we saw, and he said he saw flashing orange and red lights and did not know what it was. He searched the general area the following day looking for a structure or ranch house and found nothing.

Because we did not have binoculars or cameras, we could not rightfully identify what we saw. If the object was indeed man-made emitting multi-color beacons, then it should be there all the time. So I decided to go back the following weekend and search the area with a telescope to look for the object.

On Saturday, February 24, 1996, I went backpacking again into the area. This time, however, I carried a 15X to 30X telescope and a camera. Moreover, I decided to go up to the Guadalupe Ridge via a different canyon. I went up Double Canyon, shown in the Gunsight Canyon 7.5 topo map. I climbed up to the 6,700 ft. ridgeline and made camp at 6:30 p.m.

That evening, around 7:30 p.m., I searched the southern sky for any object emitting a red light. The viewing, however, was very different to the weekend before for several reasons shown below:

	2/17	2/24
Moon	New	First Quarter
Skies	Clear	Blurred
Wind	None	Heavy
Cloud Cv	r None	Some

Nevertheless, the object I had seen the weekend before emitted such a strong pulsating light that had it been there, I would have seen it even with blurred skies and a first quarter moon. That night I did not find the object I was looking for.

I did see a faith red beacon 140 degrees south of me about 10 to 20 miles away. When I focused my telescope on it, it looked like a tower with a strobing red beacon on top and three white lights on the bottom. My guess is that it was a natural gas or LPG operation in that part of the desert. Natural gas drilling is common east of the Lincoln Forest and north of where I was. Thus, it is not surprising to see a drill rig over there. Nevertheless, the intensity of the light, the colors and the general direction did not agree with what I saw the previous week.

Even though my location during my second visit was different, it was not too far away from the previous week's sighting. I was located 3.2 miles 290 degrees northwest of the previous location. I had a compass and determined the location of the drilling rig at 140 degrees southeast. The previous week sighting positioned the UFO at 180 degrees south beyond the 180 Highway. The highway was about 8.6 miles south of our campsite. After doing some triangulation between the observations at the two sites, I

calculated that the two lines of sight intersect at about 5 miles north of the highway, which is not correct. Therefore, I must conclude that the object I saw the first week could not be the drilling rig I saw the second week. What I and my partner saw that weekend remains unidentified.

Tony Rullan MUFON-AZ

ALIEN MAGIC

UFO Crashes - Abductions -Underground Bases by William F. Hamilton III

BOOK REPORT

This is a thin book, only 142 pages, but it is full of valuable information. Most is pure reporting. Sightings and abduction cases are described in a precise manner and are well substantiated.

The author honestly admits his connection with earlier contactees, and when he finds no explanations, he frankly says so. There are no attempts of pompous digressions -- only facts. There is a chapter in which the author describes his own experiences and another classifying aliens by types and sizes. This is very useful information.

There is also a chapter on underground bases and several motions of collaborations between humans and aliens. This seems a little far-fetched - but then 40 years ago CE3s were far-fetched and abductions were unthinkable. Let's keep an open mind.

Another new development: many sightings and abductions in Arizona and California were never mentioned before. This book, then, offers something new.

ALIEN MAGIC is one of the best books published recently, in my opinion, and it is a valuable asset for serious research.

Dimitri (Jim) Ossipov . Maricopa County Section Director riday, May 17, 1996

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Grisly 'Goat Sucker' legend captures imagination of nation

'Chupacabramania' sweeps Mexico

Staff writer

AGUA PRIETA, Sonora — Some say it's a diabolical creature sent to warn mankind of its evil ways.

-Others call it a boax, the work of overheated imaginations, hustlers out to make a fast peso or even a Mexican government hoping to draw attention away from the current economic crisis.

Whether or not they believe in the fanged demon that is reported to have sucked the blood from farm animals across Mexico, everyone is calling it El Chupacabras, "The Goat Sucker." Chupacabramania has swept the country, and border areas of the United States have also caught the fever

"It's a very big story that we have felt obligated to cover," said Sergio Castillo, information-systems manager at Televisa, Mexico's largest television

Still, Castillo scoffs at tales of the celebrity creature, which has been described as a foul-smelling cross between a vampire bat and a kanga-

"It's pure fairy tale," be said. "We've reached the point that every time some dog dies, people want to blame it on the Chupacabras.'

The goat sucker has inflamed conversations in offices, restaurants and homes across the country. And it bas fueled the pens of editorial cartoonists, who have milked the story for all its satirical potential.

lnevitably, it bas become a marketing phenomenon in Mexico, where vendors are hawking T-shirts, baseball caps and key rings. El Mitote juice bar in Agua Prieta has named a blood-red drink in its honor.

North of the border, the creature has crept onto the Internet, where a home page markets \$30 molds of the footprint of El Chupacabras that supposedly attacked animals near Miami. Nevermind widespread accounts that say El Chupacabras leaves no wacks.

"Some people are having a ball with it," said Jim Griffith, coordinator of the University of Arizona's Southwest Folklore Center. "But some people are terrified. They won't

The legend began in Puerto Rico, where Goat Sucker stories have been news for months. They reached Mexico at the end of April, when the killing of two goats and two sheep were reported on a small ranch just outside this border city of 100,000.

It was a deliciously weird tale for a country anxious about economic crisis, political upheaval, soaring crime rates and what is seen as surging anti-Mexican sentiment north of the

El Chupacabras sightings quickly proliferated, especially among the rural poor. Nervous reports came in from at least nine Mexican states and were quickly picked up by the national media. Some stories said the creature attacked so stealthily that dogs didn't bark. A few said humans were also being attacked.

A chill went up the collective Mexican spine.

Government officials have tried to ease the country's fears. A Sonoran biologist who examined the dead animals blamed the attack on wild

Others who came to the scene said

"When dogs kill an animal, they tear it open," said state judicial "There policeman Javier Montes. wasn't any blood here, just a couple of holes in their neck and body."

In Agua Prieta, straightforward reports in the daily press were overwhelmed by sensational stories in the weekly El Clarin, which reported last week that El Chupacabras had attacked a man in Douglas, the Arizona town that lies just across the border from Agua Prieta

The victim wasn't seriously injured and had killed the animal, El Clarin reported excitedly. It said that although he insisted on anonymity, the mysterious Señor X had made his trophy available for public viewing for a mere 2 pesos, at El Clarin's offices.

The paper, which specializes in gory photographs of traffic accidents and violence among drug smugglets, published a breathless "Extra" with photographs that showed El Chupacabras to be a 10-inch creature with a batlike bead and wings like those of a

It was actually a pez diablo, or devil fish, which is common in the Gulf of California, 200 miles to the west. But the menacing creature made some people nervous on both sides of the border.

"My sister went to see it and came home really scared," said Lourdes Cisneros, 20. of Douglas. She offered the theory that El Chupacabras is the evil fruit of a scientific experiment.

"Maybe scientists were crossing different breeds, and this thing escaped." she said.

Some Mexicans think El Chupacabras is an extraterrestrial. Some describe it as a red-eyed E.T. lookalike with porcupine quills running down his spine. Others say it is a winged rodent with bulging eyes and

Some say it's the devil himself.

"It is not something of this world," said Manuel Contreras, a 43-year-old bricklayer. "It is something diabolical. The Bible said there would be things like this to make people think of the evils of the world."

Eduardo Corella, an architect in Agua Prieta, said the furor just makes him laugh.

"This is a joke in bad taste," said Corella, 60. "Things are so bad with the economy here that the government just wants to distract our attention."

Cattlemen in the northern state of Tamaulipas are exasperated with the attitude of federal officials, who laugh at the tales and attribute attacks to coyotes or wild dogs driven to populated regions by a prolonged drought.

Political cartoonists have taken the strange story for a zany ride.

One cartoon portrays a fiendish "Chupacarlos," a dig at disgraced former president Carlos Salinas de Gortani, who is widely blamed for Mexico's economic misery. Another cartoon shows a pollster asking a man whether he believes in the economic policies of President Ernesto Zedillo.

"No," the man says indignantly. And El Chupacabras? "Sill!" he replies enthusiastically.



An artist's rendering of El Chupacabras, which some have described as an red-eyed E.T. look-alike with porcupine quills running down its spine. Others say it is a 10-inch creature with a batlike head and wings like those of a manta ray.

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