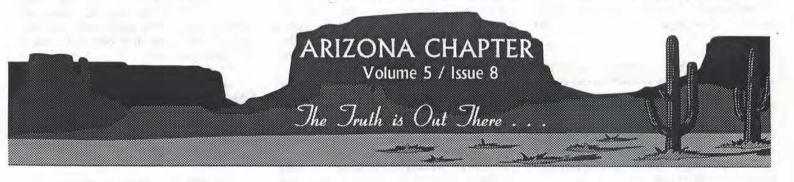


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SPECIAL PROGRAM: Michael Lindemann: "UFOs and the Global Situation"
(Special Admission Charge for Our Featured Speaker This Month)

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, August 28, 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**

"Meteorite May Hold Proof of Life on Mars" is how the headlines read in the various newspapers around the Valley and country on August 7, 1996!

What next! Is this startling news just the tip of the iceberg? Are there more revelations to come? Most knowledgeable researchers seem to think there IS more to come! Stay tuned.

Beginning with this month's special program August 28th featuring Michael Lindemann, we will have a lineup of interesting speakers in the Valley over the next few months.

At our September 25th meeting we will feature Antonio Huneeus, noted UFO author and researcher. He is on the MUFON Board of Directors and also writes a monthly column in <a href="Fate">Fate</a> magazine entitled "UFO Chronicle." I heard him speak at the MUFON Symposium in Albuquerque, NM a few years ago,

and I know you will find him very interesting. Admission of \$5 for MUFON members and \$8 for non-members will be charged to cover expenses when Mr. Huneeus is our featured speaker.

On Wednesday, November 6, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. the Arizona Light will present Zecharia Sitchin at the Mesa Community and Conference Center, 201 N. Center, Mesa. Tickets to hear Mr. Sitchin are \$25.00 and must be purchased in advance at Dillard's Ticket outlets or at the Mess Community and Conference Center box office. For additional information call 443-1964.

By the time you read this, we will have had our second UFO Awareness weekend at Christown Mall. Thanks to all of you who helped with this event!

See you at this month's special meeting featuring Michael Lindemann, and be sure to encourage all your friends to attend this very special meeting!

Tom Taylor State Director

#### MUFON 1996 INTERNATIONAL UFO SYMPOSIUM

This year's Symposium was held in Greensboro, North Carolina at the Holiday Inn Four Seasons. The estimated attendance was more than 700.

The Saturday, July 6 session opened with a welcome to all and greetings from MUFON Director Walt Andrus. The first speaker was Capt. Kevin Randle, whose topic was "Does pop culture affect our views?" Briefly, he stated that science fiction literature and movies could influence our perception of abduction. Randle was followed by John S. Carpenter, who spoke concerning significance of multiple "The abductions." participant significance of these cases occurs when attempting to apply traditional explanations and findings -- the data gathered do not support such theories.

Chris Styles from Canada then spoke on "Shag Harbor in perspective" about the site of the alleged UFO crash in Nova Scotia on October 4, 1967 and the result of the investigation into this alleged crash, which investigation is not yet concluded.

Jeffrey W. Sainio analyzed photographs in his presentation of "X - Files, Lies and Videotapes, a Photo Video Update." Vincent Di Pietro's "Evidence of life beyond the Mars Face" detailed and analyzed photos taken by "Viking" which suggested the possibility of life on Mars both in the past and at present.

Budd Hopkins appeared with "The sixth witness to the Linda Cortille abduction case" -- but this was a disappointment. There were no new elements presented; if there are new findings, "they will be in his next book." Linda Cortille was there in person, stating she "wished it had never happened to me," but acting like a prima donna.

Most interesting was a report by A.J. Gevaerd from Brazil on "The current Brazilian UFO flap." This could be a biggie! It may be more important than Roswell! On January 20, 1996, in Varginha, Minas Gerais state, the Brazilian Army allegedly captured two aliens alive. There were many witnesses to this capture.

Philip Mangle from England again presented "The Roswell film footage" of Ray Santilli fame; a probable hoax.

Dr. John Mack followed with "Studying intrusions from the subtle realm; how can we deepen our knowledge?" He stated that the aliens are trying to prevent us from destroying God's work. They conduct an outreach program for spiritually underdeveloped humans. Love is the core of the cosmos and its creative power. Our science became a form of religion.

The session on Sunday, July 7, opened with Carlos A. Guzman Rojas' "A chronology of UFOlogy in Mexico" spanning the era from colonial times to the present. He presented a dozen interesting cases, including teleportation.

John White's "UFO - search for an overview" warned of a danger from gods from outer space and beseeched us to worship only a true, universal God. Antonio Huneeus presented "A reference guide to foreign UFO documents" and how foreign governments react in issuing UFO-related information. Dozens of countries were analyzed, but his allotted time expired before he could finish. This was unfortunate, as this item was interesting and informative.

Dr. Roger Leir presented "Medical and surgical aspects of the UFO abduction phenomenon" and analyzed retrieved alien implants.

Because I had to catch a plane, I missed Dr. Bruce Maccabee's lecture on "Accelerations," but this seems to be self-evident.

The next Symposium is planned for Ann Arbor, Michigan. The Greensboro Symposium went well, but I am glad to be back home in Arizona.

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!

Bill Strauss at KTAR Radio interviewed Michael Lindemann on Friday, August 16. You can hear Michael in person at this month's meeting!!

Dr. Ruth Hover, who heads our abduction support group for MUFON-AZ, was on Frank Baranowski's "Mysteries Around Us" radio program at 12:00 midnight on Saturday, August 3. Ruth was on KTAR's Jay Lawrence radio program late last month also. Dr. Hover has done a very good job of presenting the abduction story and representing MUFON-AZ. Thanks, Ruth.

Richard Motzer gave a presentation for MUFON at Borders Bookstore at the 24th St. & Camelback location on August 13th. The presentation was so well attended that they had to bring out more chairs! We appreciate Richard taking the time and effort to make that presentation.

Jim Dellitoso appeared on Channel 10 in a very brief segment on August 12. Too bad they didn't allow him more time to talk; Jim's interviews are always very interesting.

Art Bell has been on vacation this past week or so; he will return on August 19. In his absence the station has been replaying the "Best of Art Bell" for the past week's "Coast to Coast" and "Dreamland" programs.

Mike and Roger Bollinger put out an interesting quarterly publication called <u>UFO Update</u>. To subscribe to this publication, or for more information, call (602) 494-9279.

#### **WEEKLY PROGRAMS:**

DREAMLAND - 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.

<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.

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 - TCl 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.

Coming this fall: "Dark Skies" on Channel 12 having to do with the UFO phenomenon -- be sure to check your local listing for day and time when the new TV season starts.

#### 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 adl. 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 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 907-0609.

#### **WORLD WIDE WEB**

Each month's MUFON-AZ Newsletter is now available to users of the World Wide Web. For those wishing to access the Newsletter on the internet, the "address" is:

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

Further UFO-related information can be obtained by accessing:

http\\www.cs.bgsu.edu\ ~ jzawodn\ ufo\misc\enigma.html

#### CALENDAR

Yuma Chapter Meeting - Call 520/726-0570 for details.

August 28 (Wednesday) - special MUFON-AZ meeting featuring Michael Lindemann, speaking on "UFOs and the Global Situation," 7:30 p.m. at the National Guard Armory. Special admission price of \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members.

August 31 - September 2, 1996 - UFO Friendship Conference, Rachel, Nevada. Many speakers, including Bill and Pam Hamilton, Ted Loman, and Wendelle Stevens. Cost is \$100. We will have flyers at the August meeting; you can also call 702/729-2515 for more information.

September 14 (Saturday) - Pima County Chapter Meeting - Tom Taylor will be taking the video "The Visitors" (shown at June's Phoenix meeting) to share with the Tucson group. Call 520/326-0078 for details.

September 15 - New Hampshire MUFON's 6th Annual Conference featuring George Knapp, Travis Walton, Antonio Huneeus, Stanton Friedman. It will take place at Yokens Convention Center, Route 1, Portsmouth, NH. Registration is \$55. For further details write New Hampshire MUFON, P.O. Box 453, Rye, NH 03870.

September 21 (Saturday) - 5th Annual St. Louis UFO Conference featuring Ted Phillips, Richard Sauder (from Sedona, AZ), Stanton Friedman, John Carpenter, and others. Admission is \$48. For further details, write MUFON St. Louis, P.O. Box 643, St. Charles, MO 63302.

September 25 (Wednesday) - MUFON-AZ monthly meeting featuring Antonio Huneeus, UFO researcher and author. Admission \$5 for MUFON members and \$8 for non-members. More details later.

September 27-29 - Crisis Intervention Training Workshop sponsored by Bob & Cecelia Dean; Holiday Inn City Center, 181 W. Broadway, Tucson. Admission is \$290. Call 520/882-9544 for further information.

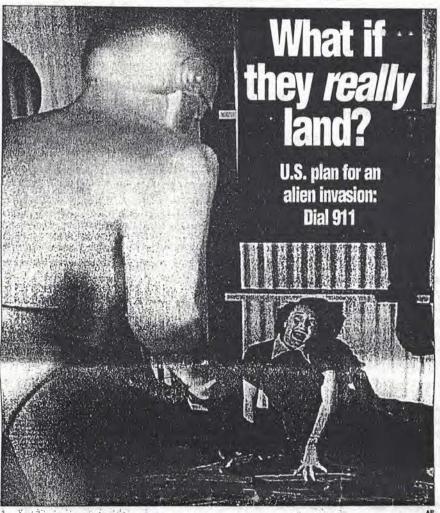
October 18-21 - 7th Annual Phoenix Expo/Conference, Mesa Holiday Inn. Details sketchy at this time; for more info. call Global Communications at 212/685-4080.

November 6 (Wednesday) - Zecharia Sitchin, 7:00 p.m., Mesa Community and Conference Center, 201 N. Center in Mesa. \$25.00 tickets. Call 443-1964 for further information.

January 18-24. 1997 - 6th Annual UFO Congress, Laughlin NV at Gold River Resort. This could be a good trip for our group. Fax/phone 303/543-9443 for details.







1951 tiriller: Actress Paticia Neal screams in terror as she confronte the allen Gort in the movie 'The Day The Earth Stood Still.' Gort, unlike the outerspace visitors in 'Independence Day,' meant no harm.

#### **COVER STORY**

## You can't prepare to fight an enemy you don't know

By Pairicla Edmonds and Peter Eisler USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — The ollens waged War of the Worlds in 1938 by radio. They invaded again in the 1953 film version. They're coming to destroy us this summer in Independence Day.

And the Earthlings still have no response plan?

That's right. There's no stralegy. No scenario, No hot line.

Operation Kick-Some-Alien-Butt just doesn't exist ;

"Our policy is, if someone has (an allen) sighting and they feel they are in imminent danger, they are to contact their local au-

thorities — the sherrif, the police," says Air Force Lt. Col. Mack McLaurin, who handles

UTO inquiries for the Penlagon.

In other words, If, as in Independence Day, someone were to observe intergalactic battle-ships raining fireballs onto the White House and Cepitol, causing them to voporize, the proper re-

sponse would be ... to call the D.C. cops.

To true believers, this might seem a cavaller

#### Film mania

Independence Day is such a draw that moviegoers are sleeping on sidewalks to get lickels and theaters ore holding marathon showings.

The allen untiller is expected to earn a record \$70 million over its 5 day opening. Terminator 2 now him the record. Story, 2A

response. Our federal government — which still stockpiles the helium it would need to wage blimp warfare — has nbsolutely no strategy to prevent inviding nilens from slicing up our cities like so many Thonksgiving turkeys

No plan, says the White House, No plan, says the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

No plan, says the Secret Ser-

No plan, says McLaurin — at least not since 1969, when the Air Force scrapped Project Blue Book, its official UFO response program. "Flow can we develop a plan to guard against something.

we can't even prove exiss?"
Today, inquiring minds must go all the way to
California for an answer of any type, to The
Planetary Society that cosmologist Carl Sagon
founded in Pasadena. Thomas McDonough, who
directs the society's Search for Extra-Terrestrial
Intelligence (SETI) project, says there is no plan

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#### **COVER STORY**

# One response: 'Pre-emptive surrender'

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"anywhere in the world to deal with Invasion by allens." Why? Because allens won't just drop in.

They'll call first.

"It's so much easier to send information than schlep around the galaxy in a ship that uses more energy than our entire civilization," says McDonough.

With that in mind, there are scientists all around the

With that in mind, there are scientists all around the country who spend their days scanning space for allen radio signals. And when The Call finally comes, they have a nine-step projocol for answering it.

It's the "Declaration of Principles Concerning Activities Following the Detection of Extraterrestrial Intelligence," and it's three pages long.

Here's the condensed version:

► Confirm, confirm, confirm. Don't announce an allen contact until you're sure it's not a stray satellite feed from Home Shopping Network.

► Call the United Nations, which has an Office for Outer Space Affairs based in Vienna, Austria.

Let's hope that office gets back to the allens more efficiently than they got back to USA TODAY—it took two phone messages, two faxes and three e-malls to gel this response, from a Dr. Hans Haubold:

"The United Nations Office of Outer Space Aifairs (UN OOSA) is not involved in any effort to address the topics of Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI), UFOs or alien invasions. None of the 185 member states of the United Nations have addressed the above topics within the deliberations of the United Nations General Assembly."

(That's UN-speak for: No plan.)

▶ Don't call back. Any alien contact, the protocol instructs, is a matter for "international consultations." The idea here is to make sure an excitable scientist doesn't run off and make a bad first impression.

All in all, a pretty reasonable set of instructions.

But what if the aliens decide not to call? What if they just show up, itching for a fight, like some belligerent drunk crashing a party?

No plan.

Scientist John Pike really doesn't think an Independence Day-style invasion is in the stars: "The odds are pretty silm of somebody building a starship simply for the purpose of coming here and blowing up the White House. I think the space people have better things to do."

But if aliens did choose to invade,

"There's just no way of meaningfully anticipating what we'd be faced with," says Pike, director of space policy at the Federation of American Scientists. "Are we dealing with dealhstars or battlestars? Do they have cloaking devices? Do they want to eat us? Are they pod people? The number of scenarios you'd have to plan for is close to infinite."

As a practical matter, he adds, the U.S. military could retarget its missiles toward incoming spacecraft, but that probably wouldn't work, leaving the only invasion response a global cry of "uncle."

"Apart from pre-emptive surrender, there probably wouldn't be too much you could do."

### Political leaders and space invaders

Official Washington may have no response plan in the event of an allen invasion, but that doesn't mean some pollitical leaders haven't envisioned an invasion.

On Dec. 4, 1985, in nn nddress to the students and faculty at Failston (Md.) fligh School, then-president Reagan spoke of a summit meeting discussion with then-Soviet leader Mikhall Gorbachev.

"I couldn't help but say to him (to) just think how easy his task and mine might be in these meetings ... If suddenly there was a threat to this world from some other species, from another plonet, outside the universe," Rengansald. "We'd forget all the little local differences that we have be tween our countries, and we would find out, once and for all, that we really are all human belngs here on this Earth together."

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## Meteorite may hold proof of life on Mars

### 'Startling discovery' of organic molecules

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In what some scientists say may be the most spectacular discovery since humans first gazed skyward at other worlds in our solar system, NASA and Stanford University researchers say they have found evidence that life may have existed on ancient Mars.

The researchers have identified organic compounds and certain minerals that they conclude "are evidence for primitive life on early Mars" in a meteor that fell to Earth from the "Red Planet."

"This could be answering the question everyone's been asking since they first saw the planet Mars." UCLA planetary scientist David Paige said. "Could there be life there?"

"If they are right, it's one of the most important discoveries of the 20th century," said Bob Gregory, a geologist at Southern Methodist University. "Mankind has been hooking for evidence of life some-place besides Earth for forever."

The discovery of the first organic molecules ever seen in a Martian rock is being hailed as startling and compelling evidence that at least microbial life existed on Mars long ago, when the planet was warmer and wetter. The molecules found in the rock, which left Mars about 15 million years ago, are being described as the fossil trace of past biological activity.

In a statement issued Tuesday, as unofficial word of the discovery spread. NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin confirmed that scientists had "made a startling discovery that points to the possibility that a primitive form of microscopic life may have existed on Mars more than 3 billion years ago."

A detailed description of the research, conducted at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, is to be given at a NASA news conference today in Washington. The journal Science is publishing a full report on the work in its Aug. 16 issue.

A draft of the Science paper, written by a team led by David S. McKay of the Johnson Space Center, identified the telltale compounds as polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, called PAHs, which often have biological origins and are associated with coal and diesel exhaust, and the minerals magnetite and iron sulfide, both of which are related to bacterial action on Earth. In addition, they found some carbonate globules that are similar in texture and size to materials produced by bacteria on Earth.

These PAH molecules are common on Earth, and many of them have biological origins related to bacteria. They are abundant, for example, in ancient sedimentary rocks, coal and petroleum:

The team found microscopic "ovoid and elongated forms" in the meteorite that resemble some bacterial fossils in rocks from Italy, except that the ones in the meteorite are less than one-tenth the size of the earthly microfossils.

"The PAHs, the carbonate globules and their associated secondary mineral phases and textures could thus be fossil remains of a past Martian biota," the researchers concluded.

Although the authors of the paper were under orders from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration not to talk before the news conference, scientists familiar with the research spoke in unusually enthusiastic terms about the work.

One scientist called the results "unequivocal." Another said it was one of the most stunning discoveries in the solar system in recent decades. But they cautioned that it would take more research to assess the full implications of the discovery for the longtime quest for extraterrestrial life.

David C. Black, director of the Lunar and Planetary Institute in Houston, praised the research as being "very, very cautious" work that would not have been passible two or three years ago, before new analytical instruments for electron microscopy were available.

"The signs are all consistent with biological activity," he said.

Reservations about the interpretation of the discovery were expressed by Jack D. Farmer, a geologist and paleobiologist at the Ames Research Center in Mountain View, Calif.

"It gives us a lot of compelling reasons to go back to Mars," he said. "But it doesn't tell us anything definite about life. It's interesting, but not convincing."

Author-scientist Carl Sagan of Cornell University, who has studied and written for 40 years on the importance of such a discovery, said, "If it is truly a microfossial from ancient Martian history, it is a transforming discovery in the history of science. Not just that, but it provides a profound perspective on our place in the universe."

The only way to confirm the discovery, according to Sagan and others, is to go to Mars.

NASA plans to launch two Mars missions this year: Mars Global Surveyor in November and Mars Pathfinder in December.

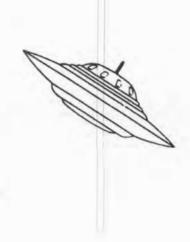
A planetary scientist who heads one experiment scheduled to be launched toward Mars this fall. Phil Christensen at Arizona State University, predicted. "People are going to remain pretty skeptical about this.
"Even in Earth rocks, identifying fossils that old is pretty mcky."

Tim Swindle, a planetary scientist at the University of Arizona, has examined samples of the Allan Hills meteorite, which was found in Antarctica in 1984. He said the chain of evidence is strong that identifies the rock as coming from Mars.

"You could take all the rocks from Mars together, and they would lit in your desk drawer." Christensen said. "To think that one would have significant signs of life in it is mind-boggling. If it turns out to be true, it's beyond anyone's wildest dreams to tind tossil life from Mars here on Earth."

Because of its possible scientific and philosophical caunfications, Goldin briefed President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore last week about the discovery. They were reported to be "excited" about the research.

The meteorite bearing the organic molecules is one of only 12 identified as having come from Mars.



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the auditorium

## Special Event

#### PETER GERSTEN

#### BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT: PROOF OF EXTRATERRESTRIAL CONTACT

Peter Gersten was a criminal defense trial attorney dealing mostly in homicide cases in New York before moving to Scottsdale. He also represented UFO organizations in lawsuits against the CIA and NSA (National Security Agency) for classified UFO documents. In 1977 he brought suit against the CIA in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia on behalf of Ground Saucer Watch, an Arizona-based UFO organization, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act. Pursuant to this lawsuit, in 1979 the CIA released over 900 pages of documents relating to the UFO phenomenon.

Mr. Gersten formed his own organization, Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS), and brought suit in 1980 in the same District Court against the NSA for the release of 135 UFO-related documents which the NSA had refused to release. This lawsuit was dismissed by a Judge who felt "the need for secrecy far outweighed the public's right to know." Mr. Gersten has also represented Betty Cash and Vicky Landrum in their lawsuit against the Air Force.

He has written a fictionalized UFO story based upon his experiences in the past and in the future.

Mr. Gersten will present a three-part program on the following topics:

- 1. My story, the Ultimate Secret
- 2. Status and Strategy of FOIA Lawsuits
- 3. Destination Moon Project

DATE: November 19 (THIRD Wednesday) at 7:30 p.m.

**LOCATION**: Russell Auditorium at the National Guard Armory at McDowell & Bushmaster, east of 52nd St.

ADMISSION: \$2.00 for members, \$3.00 for guests

FOR INFORMATION, CALL: 836-0446, 967-6265 or 998-3966.