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**PROGRAM:** GLENN CAMPBELL - AREA 51

**LOCATION:** 5636 E. McDowell Road - National Guard Armory  
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### DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Now that we enter 1997, a new year is upon us. There have been several predictions that either a real or staged UFO landing/event will take place somewhere in the southwestern U.S. this spring [see article elsewhere in this Newsletter]. Let's wait and see what happens . . . unfortunately, this sort of prediction has been made before but nothing has happened!

Let's all continue to get the UFO topic before the public. If you know of a place we can display our fliers and make the public aware of MUFON, please let me know.

I hope that in 1997 the various Section Directors or members will follow up on any UFO reports they hear of. The 1-800 number on our Newsletter masthead is where calls are to be made concerning such reports.

Bill Hamilton, our new Assistant State Director, has agreed to conduct Field Investigator training classes. Listed elsewhere in the Newsletter is

information concerning classes for Cochise and Pima Counties. We are still awaiting word from our members down in Yuma County so we can schedule classes. For those members living in Maricopa County and elsewhere, we hope to have something going in the next few months. With Bill conducting the classes in southern Arizona and being a speaker at the UFO Congress in Laughlin this month, his schedule is full for how.

I received a note in the mail the other day informing me that Charlie Green, a very active member down in Pima County, passed away on December 19 due to a heart attack. Charlie claimed to be an abductee and claimed to have photos of the greys on a chimney in Tucson. He gave a presentation to our group when we were still meeting over in the Scottsdale clubhouse. Charlie will be missed.

Hopefully the UFO Congress in Laughlin [which other commitments have prevented me from attending] is a big success, and I'm sure those of us who didn't get a chance to attend

will be able to hear reports on the Congress from those who did attend.

For those present at this month's MUFON-AZ meeting on the 22nd, we will be treated to a presentation by Glenn Campbell, who lives right near Area 51. I spoke to Glenn this week, and he is bringing some of the "Area 51 Viewers' Guides" and other material for sale at the meeting.

In the past year several MUFON groups around the country have ceased publication of a newsletter. Oklahoma MUFON, Louisiana MUFON and Skywatch out of Houston, TX are among them.

Keep your eyes to the sky!

Tom Taylor  
State Director

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**  
**Will 1997 Be**  
**The Year of The End**  
**of the Government**  
**Cover-Up??**



## FIELD INVESTIGATOR TRAINING CLASSES

As mentioned elsewhere, Bill Hamilton has agreed to conduct training classes for MUFON members only. Pima County Field Investigation classes will be held at 1:00 p.m. on February 22 at 1:00 p.m. and in Cochise County in Sierra Vista at 7:00 p.m. Contact the Section Director for the respective county for details and for further questions. There is no cost for these classes, but a donation to cover Bill's travel expenses will surely be appreciated.



## Media Watch

by Tom Taylor

Antonio Huneus, who you may remember was our guest speaker a few months ago, told the story we ran in the Newsletter awhile back concerning the 1967 UFO crash near Shag Harbour, Nova Scotia in the January 1997 issue of Fate Magazine.

Dr. Ruth Hover and several of the members of her abductee group were on Mysteries Around Us on KTAR Radio January 5th. Frank Baranowski is the host of the program, which airs both Saturday and Sunday at 12 midnight and generally features UFO topics.

Another talk radio program often dealing with UFOs is Erskin Overnight, heard at 12 midnight on Saturday on KXAM, 1310 on the dial. "Expect the Unexpected!"

I recently saw the promotion for the movie "Men in Black," yet another UFO film coming out in the spring.

I did see "Mars Attacks" and found it amusing, with quite an all-star cast.

Art Bell mentioned our article on the Vatican's interest in the telescope on Mt. Graham in a recent interview with Whitley Streiber. I wonder why the Vatican would be interested in a telescope anyway . . . anyone out there have any ideas?? Perhaps the answer lies in a quote submitted by Mary Hart which states:

*[The Church] would be obliged to address the question of whether extraterrestrials might be brought within the fold and baptized." Jesuit Father George Coyne, Vatican Observatory director, on what to do if aliens were discovered after the Vatican had begun working with NASA to locate extraterrestrials with a new telescope.*

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!***

Mike and Roger Bollinger put out an interesting quarterly publication called UFO Update. 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. Art also hosts "Coast to Coast" weeknights at midnight and often features UFO related guests and/or topics. A "Dreamland" repeat is also broadcast at 8 p.m. on Saturdays.

Erskin Overnight, KXAM Radio, 1310 on the AM dial, Saturdays at 12 midnight.

Jim Dilettoso hosts a UFO-related 15-minute program each Wednesday at 8:45 p.m. on Channel 10.

UFO AZ/UFO TALKS - Scottsdale TCI cable, Channel 28, Thursdays, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. and still viewed (since we have not heard otherwise) on 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. Co-produced by Alan Morey. 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.

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

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

Sightings (cable only - SciFi Channel) Friday, 6 p.m. MST (repeated at 10 p.m.). Be sure to check the local date and time for this broadcast.

Dark Skies - Saturdays at 7:00 p.m., Channel 12.

Strange Universe - every weeknight at 10:30 p.m. on 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 - Saturdays, 9:00 - 10:00 p.m., Channel 61 [TCI Tucson Public Access]. This new talk show features host 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

Hey out there -- you're missing a great chance to advertise in the MUFON-AZ Newsletter!! Ads up to three lines long are \$5.00; business-card sized ads are \$10 [we can reproduce your business card as the ad]. See Tom Taylor for price on larger ads. Submit your ad and payment by the first of the month to have it appear in that month's newsletter issue.





Many 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 articles and those typed on a typewriter are fine, but if you do have a computer, it saves a lot of time if you can submit your articles on diskette. However, PLEASE save your articles in Word-Perfect 5.1 software or in ASCII (DOS text) format and put your name on them. Then send them (either the hard copy or the diskette) to Tom at 1433 W. Huntington, Tempe, AZ 85282 or fax hard copy articles them to Mary Hart at 907-0609.

## CALENDAR

**Cochise County Chapter** - January 25, 1997 (Saturday), 1-3 p.m., Ryan Community Center, 2025 Tacoma St., Rm 2, Sierra Vista. Call Whitey Reese at 520/378-2845 for further details. There will be no meeting in February due to the training classes. Whitey's e-mail address is: wrees1@juno.com

**Pima County Chapter** - February 11, 1997 (Saturday), 1 p.m. Program: "Abductee Tells Her Story." Plus - Colorado sightings. Call June at 326-0078 for more information.

**Yuma County Chapter** - No details for January meeting. Contact Bobbie Jones at 520/627-2461 for details.

**Maricopa County Chapter:** meeting Wednesday, January 22, usual place and time (see page 1).

January 18-24, 1997 - 6th Annual UFO Congress, Laughlin NV at Gold River Resort. Fax or phone 303/543-9443 for details.

February 22: Pima County Field Investigator training classes, 1:00 p.m. Contact June Scherrer, 520/326-0078 for details.

February 22: Cochise County Field Investigator training classes, 7:00 p.m. in Sierra Vista. Contact Whitey Reese, 520/378-2845 for details.

February 26 - MUFON-AZ February meeting; Dr. Chet Snow will speak on 1996 Crop Circles and Native Peoples' Prophecies.

March 21-23: 5th Annual Gulf Breeze UFO Conference. For information call 904/432-8888 or Fax 904/438-1801 or write Project Awareness, P.O. Box 730, Gulf Breeze, FL 32562.

May (exact days to be announced): UFO & Alien Abduction Research Conference, Reno, NV. Featuring Travis Walton, Richard Boylan, Ph.D. and others. For information call Ms. Shannon Fluge at 702/425-4863.

June 21-22: "The UFO Event of the Year" in North Haven, CT. Stanton Friedman and Dr. John E. Mack. Contact John White; 60 Pound Ridge Rd.; Cheshire, CT 06410 or phone 203/272-2151 or fax 203/250-0501.

June 26-28, 1997 - 18th Rocky Mountain UFO Conference, University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming.

July 11-13, 1997 - 28th Annual MUFON International UFO Symposium, Amway Grand Hotel, Grand Rapids, Michigan. The theme of this symposium will be "The 50th Anniversary of UFOlogy."

January 27 (Monday) - Abductee Support Group, led by Dr. Ruth Hover, in Fountain Hills. Call Dr. Hover at 837-0446 for details.

### MUFON-AZ T-SHIRTS

MUFON-AZ t-shirts, created by Earlene Ford, are \$15.00. Call Earlene for details at 375-1942.

### JUST CAUSE

This is an interesting newsletter for MUFON-AZ members; it is put out by Citizens Against UFO Secrecy. Barry Greenwood is the editor of this quarterly publication; the address is CAUS, P.O. Box 176, Stoneham, MA 02180, and the subscription charge is \$15 per year.

### WORLDS IN TRANSITION

Richard Boylan  
[Excerpts]

In my presentation I outlined 14 recent disclosures and developments since January which clearly point to public disclosure of UFO/ET reality in 1997. Furthermore, I declared that there will be a semi-public landing of ET emissaries next year. The first event, in January, was the disclosure by ex-NASA scientist Norman Bergrun, Ph.D., that NASA's Voyager space probes photographed huge elliptical UFOs in Saturn's rings, sightings confirmed by more recent Hubble Space Telescope photographs. Next I cited the January wire service reports of CIA revelations that intelligence agencies used psychics (remote viewers). In February, Emory University Professor Courtney Brown revealed that he was trained in classified remote viewing techniques by DIA Major Ed Dames, and learned that military intelligence groups had been gaining considerable information about ETs through remote viewing. Then I cited revelations by former Acting Surgeon-General of Finland, Rauni Luukanen-Kilde, M.D., that "we go to the Moon all the time since 1972" and that European astronauts told of secret space launchings semi-weekly. Moving to April and May, I recounted that Apollo astronauts Edgar Mitchell and Gordon Cooper had given television interview stating that ETs are real, present on Earth, that the government has some of their technology and has talked to some of them and that there is a government cover-up of UFOs. I also revealed information leaked from a CIA intermediary that the government expects an ET landing in 1997. While distancing myself from that CIA leak, I stated that information from ETs' conversations with human experiencers, from multiple citizen psychics, and from former military officers all converge on 1997 as the year of an ET landing. I also noted the mid-year release of correspondence from the White House office of President Clinton's Science Advisor, Dr. John Gibbons, documenting that a clandestine, unauthorized and out-of-control group has been conducting mind-control experiments by misusing National Security secrecy originally authorized for the UFO coverup. I cited the



recent jump in the public's acceptance of UFOs: In June 4% of Americans believed in UFOs, but after the NASA August announcement about evidence of life on Mars, the percentage rose to a majority (53%). I categorized the August 7th NASA announcement and its endorsement by President Clinton and former scientist-skeptic Carl Sagan as Day One of the official admission by the U.S. government that there is ET life. I also reported a private revelation by a high-level military officer that they had made a breakthrough in anti-matter technology in March which allows the military to fly out into space without using rockets. I then recounted current efforts by government officials to work through the National Science Foundation to spread the word to American scientists that UFOs and ETs are now legitimate topics for scientific discussion. I next cited a November 8th network TV interview with a physicist and former Naval Intelligence officer who revealed that he had been aboard a UFO and studied its propulsion system, and that this analysis was done at S-4, a secret installation in Nevada. In interpreted intricate crop circles appearing in England this summer as ET communications and pointed out a current UFO pattern since mid-year of flying over the capitals of nation after nation and wondered when it would be Washington, DC's turn. My final reported development was new information that the ETs have designated an international, multi-racial contact team of 13 humans, whose role will be to meet with and receive messages to pass on from space emissaries who will be landing before next summer. The team reportedly will be informed at the last moment as to when and where to assemble at a landing site somewhere in the American southwest.

Contact Forum, Nov/Dec. '96  
Submitted by Dr. Ruth Hover

## THE BOX

While in Georgia last December I had the opportunity to speak with an ex-Air Force pilot who flew F-15's out of Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, during the early '80's. Nellis AFB is located on the north east corner of

the Las Vegas city limits. Below are a couple of observations he was willing to share, not particularly significant but interesting non the less.

Nellis AFB has jurisdiction over a series of interconnecting aerial practice ranges across Nevada. Air travel in these restricted airspace's is limited to aircraft who obtain previous permission. These ranges happen to surround Groom Lake and Area 51. During the early 80's the Nellis pilots called the Groom Lake area "The Box" referring to the shape of restricted airspace R-4885 covering Groom Lake. According to my friend pilots were told that there was a secret government development facility located at Groom Lake. They were warned not to talk about it and to stay out.

One of Nellis' responsibilities is to intercept and warn off any aircraft that stray into the Nellis and Groom Lake restricted airspace without permission. Note that Nellis has live fire ranges (guns and missiles). It is not particularly smart to make such navigational errors. During one intercept mission he observed on his on-board radar an unidentified, meaning no transponder or IFF code, aircraft flying the perimeter of The Box, including right angle turns at the corners. This flight path was impossible within his realm of flying experience. Was it real or electronic? He did not know. He then cautioned me on interpretation of this observation since electronic countermeasures can artificially create targets like this to mislead an invading enemy.

Logistically, Nellis is a possible emergency landing field for ill fated flights out of The Box. According to my friend this probably happened at least once. Reporting for duty one morning, he found that the doors on one of the hangers had literally been welded shut. Apparently someone didn't want the base to see what landed (or crashed) the night before. Several days later they found the hanger doors open and the bay empty. No one saw anything.

Finally my friend admits that he observed many strange craft in and around The Box. He can not explain their speed, acceleration, and maneuvering capabilities. "His"

conclusions are that there are amazing aircraft and spacecraft being developed at The Box but that they are probably all man made.

Mark Wrona  
MUFON Arizona

## CATTLE MUTILATION REPORT

Preliminary Report, Cochise Co. Case #960821A(AN1)

Type: Cattle Mutilation  
Date/Time: 21 August 1996  
Location: Between Elgin and Ft. Huachuca, AZ  
Investigators: E. Reese and J. Fleming

Background: On 17 November 1996 I was called by Tom Taylor and informed that he had just been alerted by a TV program that recent cattle mutilations had occurred somewhere near Sierra Vista, AZ. I was advised that he would call back with further information and was requested to investigate.

Mutilation Account: Tom called again on 23 November 1996 with names of personnel involved (the rancher, a Deputy Sheriff, and a veterinarian). I talked in person with the Cochise County Human Officer, but she was unaware of any recent cattle mutilations within the county. After finally locating the rancher, with the aid of Investigator Trainee John Fleming, I interviewed the rancher, whose 6500 acres of ranch land extends into both Cochise and Santa Cruz counties. The latest mutilation occurred on or about 20 August 1996, but the rancher stated he has experienced several such occurrences over the past three years. Other ranchers in the area have experienced like problems since 1990, only not as many. It appears that most mutilations are of cows, the vulva neatly cut out in a near perfect circle, and udders cut out either entirely or in half. However, all mutilations have not been of cows alone; several horses have been mutilated in the Sonoita area, and a 1,700 lb. bull was found hanging in a tree near Lone Mountain. In all cases the sex organs have been taken and blood drained and taken, with the exception of the 20 August 1996 incident. In that case, dogs caused such a commotion in the area that



the cow carcass was found before it cooled, apparently the perpetrators having been scared off by the dogs before completing their work. Also in that case, a wallet and purse were found just a few yards away where a vehicle had been parked, and the wallet contained some cult-related material. The rancher said he had been told by the veterinarian that by autopsy he had found high levels of toxins in the carcasses and that it appeared that the animals had been stunned with low-level tranquilizers, and the jugular vein cut while the heart was still beating to facilitate the removal of as much blood as possible. If this theory is correct, it can be assumed that mutilations were accomplished after death. Also on 20 August 1996, a neighbor's dog dragged in a piece of older cow hide with eye holes and nose slit cut from it. No UFO sightings were reported before, during, or after the above events.

**Present Status of Investigation:** During interview with the subject rancher, several names of investigators from both counties and the state, veterinarian and other personnel were taken. It is planned to contact some or all of these personnel in further attempts to decide whether or not these incidents are UFO related. Should we find they are not, the investigation will be terminated. If the incidents are apparently UFO related, the investigation will continue; I will keep you informed.

Whitey Reese  
Cochise County Sect. Dir.

## ALIEN ABDUCTIONS

Here's a little food for thought: I have been wondering why someone would want to remove human sperm, eggs and fetuses from people on this planet. Then I began to think -- with everything that has been happening lately, a little light came on.

I am sure everyone is aware that we are more than just physical bodies. We are also energy forms or souls. These souls need the physical body to experience whatever it is that our souls need to experience. Then it came to me --n what a great way to prepare another planet for those souls who need to continue

their physical experiences! And then it all started to make sense.

All the signs point to major change, and all of us who have learned and are now ready to move forward with your soul experiences are about to do so.

As to the companion, I feel it is a planet with people (advanced beings) on it, and all of us carry there genes.

Back in the 1930s when I was a very little girl and lived out on a farm in the Midwest with no radios, I was always telling my mother that all the people on this earth were a mixture of earth people and space people, and that they came from another planet. So for me, all my life I knew I was going to be here at this time and that the planet I was talking about would return and the earth would go through great changes.

It is a time to be joyful because out of all this chaos will come order.

P.S. As for the man who said he cannot see "the Companion," I feel his perception does not allow him to see it, so it does not exist for him.

Sher  
MUFON-AZ Member

## NEW MEXICO'S TOP TOURIST DESTINATION SPOT OFFERS INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMS

The International UFO Museum & Research Center at Roswell, New Mexico, recently named as "Top Tourist Destination in New Mexico" by the Tourism Association of New Mexico, will begin offering informational programs at their 114 N. Main location in Roswell.

"We want to provide as much information as we possibly can to the public," stated Deon Crosby, Director of the International UFO Museum. "There is no admission charge for these programs -- we are a non-profit organization and strive to provide these programs as a service to those interested in gathering information relating to UFOs and the phenomenon that surrounds the subject."

The International UFO Museum will host Mr. Dennis Balthaser, a UFO

Field Investigator, as the guest speaker at their first monthly program scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on January 11, 1997.

Mr. Balthaser has spent much of his life investigating the UFO phenomenon, becoming interested enough to pursue the Mutual UFO Network's Field Investigator's Certificate. This designation not easily obtained, as the Certificate is awarded based on one's score on an extremely detailed exam.

Mr. Balthaser has entitled his lecture "Correctly Identifying UFOs." This program will expound on the differences between man-made flying craft, natural phenomena, and true unidentified flying objects. He will be using slides, transparencies, and other visual media.

These monthly programs are free to the public. The doors to the Museum will open at 6:00 p.m. For additional information relating to upcoming programs write: IUFORMC, 114 N. Main, Roswell, NM 88201 or call (505) 625-9495 and ask for Deon Crosby.

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Press Release  
UFO Museum and Research Center  
January 1997

## RED SPRITES AND BLUE JETS LIGHT THE NIGHT Patrick Young and Richard Monastersky

High above some towering thunderheads the sky erupts in displays of fireworks so colorful and bizarre that even the spectacular strokes of brilliant lightning look drab in comparison. Dubbed "red sprites" and "blue jets," the two phenomena have intrigued atmospheric scientists and provided them with a perplexing puzzle: What explains these remarkable, intense bursts of energy?

Pilots and people on the ground occasionally had reported seeing fleeting flashes--quite unlike the blazing strokes of a summer storm--light up the upper atmosphere. But



only in 1994 did scientists, led by Davis D. Sentman and Eugene M. Westcott of the University of Alaska's Geophysical Institute, finally get good measurements of these lofty apparitions. Flying above the storm-whipped cloud tops, they succeeded both in capturing the scintillations on film that revealed their true colors and in measuring the flashes' speeds, positions, and surprisingly high altitudes.

Sprites are brief, blood-colored blobs that resemble giant jellyfish and flash in Earth's mesosphere at altitudes of 50-90 kilometers. The much rarer, lower-flaring blue jets shoot up from the tops of thunderclouds in a narrow column that fans out like the waterspout of a whale. These blue beams occur in the stratosphere, spanning a range of altitudes from 20 kilometers to 50 kilometers. Ordinary lightning flashes in the troposphere, at altitudes of less than 20 kilometers.

Sprites and jets are more difficult to notice than everyday lightning because they emit weaker light and are hidden above clouds. Yet observing the colorful displays has proven far easier than explaining their origins. Nevertheless, theorists have advanced several hypotheses:

Sprites typically occur after the strongest cloud-to-ground lightning, which carries a positive charge downward in currents that can exceed 100,000 amperes. From his calculations and experiments, Earle R. Williams of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology proposes that positive lightning temporarily strengthens the electric field above the clouds to the extent of causing a giant spark, or a "dielectric breakdown," in the mesosphere that creates the dancing lights.

Umran S. Inan of Stanford University suggests that the enhanced electric field can cause sprites without a dielectric breakdown. In his view, the large, ephemeral field would energize electrons in the mesosphere, causing them to crash into nitrogen, which then emits red light.

Yuri Taranenko and Robert Rouseel-Dupré of the Los Alamos National Laboratory focus on energetic electrons stripped from air

molecules by cosmic rays. In their model, the electric field above clouds accelerates these electrons upward, causing them to rip even more electrons free. The cascade of electrons bombards nitrogen molecules, which emit blue light in the stratosphere and red light in the mesosphere.

The actual cause of the sprites and jets remains a mystery. So for now, we are left with glorious displays to tantalize the eyes of those lucky enough to see them and to stimulate the imaginations of scientists and poets alike.

[NOTE: This was the topic of an Art Bell program a few weeks ago.]

[Publication Unidentified]  
Submitted by Mark Wrona  
MUFON-AZ Member

#### LEIR, SIMS RELATE 10/3/96 UFO SIGHTING

Ventura/Santa Barbara County MUFON members were excited at their meeting of October 4, 1996, by talk of the previous evening's events described by the major Los Angeles area TV stations. "About 9:00pm, the sky over LA, and indeed the western United States, lit up as if it were day, and an object described as green in color raced across the sky at very high altitude, leaving behind it a trail witnesses described as white sparks or stardust. The event was seen by thousands from New Mexico to LA, and as far north as San Francisco. All manner of experts, described the object as a "meteor" or "shooting star." But, according to Dr. Roger Leir and UFO investigator Derrel Sims, there was another event the night of October 3rd which occurred fifteen minutes before the one mentioned above!

Leir reported, "Derrel and I were making a trip to the airport in Burbank last night, and at exactly 8:46pm, on the north side of the 101 Freeway, approximately one-half mile west of Highway Calabasas, the whole sky lit up, and night turned to day! I was driving in the fast lane of the freeway, and my mouth fell open, because I saw a huge burning gold ball with a tail coming out of it that looked something like a comet, that was the most brilliant silverish-white

I've ever seen, and it was dropping sparks that were heading toward the ground. This was traveling just above the level of the hills somewhere between the area of Bell Canyon and the freeway. And, incidentally, Rocketdyne is in this area, too. We saw this thing and couldn't believe what we were seeing! When Derrel looks surprised, that's strange! It takes a lot to surprise him. It looked like it was coming down, so we thought it must have smashed into the hills somewhere, and there's probably going to be a fire; so on the way back, we'll just go real slow by there and see if anything's burning. And that's what we did, but we didn't see anything. The only thing we saw that was peculiar was that the lights on the north side of the freeway were all out."

"When we got home," Leir continued, "we turned on the news, and Channel 2 was broadcasting interviews and different stories from northern California, to Nevada, to San Diego. People were seeing things going in the opposite direction, and seeing something that was green . . . but that's not what Derrel and I saw! We guessed that if this thing came down, it would be somewhere between the north side of the Ventura Freeway and the Bell Canyon area, or to extend it a little bit, between the Ventura Freeway and where Rocketdyne is in the Santa Susannas."

But Leir and Sims were not the only ones to see this show in the night sky. Another man at the MUFON meeting, another MUFON member, related his version of the early sighting.

"I saw this!" the MUFON member (a medical doctor who wishes to remain anonymous) said. "I was a skeptic about UFOs, but I happened to be at Lake Encino, way up on top of the mountain above the smog, walking through the area, and I saw this unusual light. I turned around, and in the sky, headed toward Rocketdyne, was a huge red ball of fire with a gold center, just like Roger said, a tail with flakes of silver, and red surrounding it all. This thing slowed down in the sky going toward Rocketdyne. I know Rocketdyne very, very well! I used to practice there. The whole mountaintop is

black with radiation. People living near there are trying to sue the city and the government because of it!

"I'm on inactive status in the service. So I went up the road to Rocketdyne this morning (10/04/96). All of a sudden I saw a bunch of soldiers with blockades there, and I couldn't go up. I asked them what was going on? They said, 'Something has happened and you can't go through!' They had very strange uniforms on. Not the normal uniforms; not the same color. These guys were the special forces type; no nonsense. They had been brought in from somewhere else and spoke with an accent," said the doctor, "and they all seemed to look alike."

"What my feeling would be is that nothing crashed. The object slowed down and came to rest up there for some reason. I'm going to go up there tomorrow, Saturday morning, with my credentials, and see if they'll let me through," he concluded.

According to Roger Leir, "The doctor went back to Rocketdyne on Saturday with his credentials. After checking them out, the military asked him what he wanted. He asked them what was going on up there, and why the public road was blocked. He was allowed to continue up the road and saw a hillside that was charred where something had burned." Returning again on Sunday morning, he found the military types gone, and talked with two civilian security officers. "He was told that, 'a space vehicle came down,' and that 'It was one of ours!' The military people had conducted a clean-up operation. The security men concluded, 'The vehicle was repaired and took off early this morning. Its no biggie, these vehicles land here twice a week,' the doctor was told."

"Something went wrong with the craft," Roger Leir says, "that caused the tremendous flash in the sky that we saw. There may have been two craft that ran into one another, as something also crashed in Kern county 15 minutes later. There have been reports that people all over the country saw flashes in the sky. A friend who is an airline pilot saw the whole thing while flying. He said there was no way it was a meteor!"

Another MUFON member called in Saturday and said military personnel were searching a hillside located a Kuehner Drive and the 118. There were several large, unmarked military trucks and Hum Vees parked along the highway. Members of the party were seen to be buying food at the Mobil gas station there. Several were stunningly beautiful women.

"The following Monday, Leir, Sims, and the MUFON member who had called in went to the Kuehner Drive location near the Simi Valley side of Rocketdyne. They found a bright blue plastic material melted into the weeds there which was removed and will be sent for analysis. We are not sure if the material is from the craft that landed Thursday night, but that is why we are having it tested. Also, while they were out there Monday, Roger Leir saw something hovering over the mountain where Rocketdyne is located. He examined the object through binoculars. When it changed position slightly, Leir could see it was a metallic disc."

The major media and astronomical experts explained the objects seen Thursday night as a meteor or shooting stars in an effort to keep the truth from the public again. The security men described the object that landed at Rocketdyne as a space vehicle, and that they land there twice a week. There are still questions that remain to be answered. How long has the U.S. had flying discs? Is the technology that propels them ours, or are we working with the alien cultures and utilizing their technology? Why are advanced spacecraft visiting the facility at Rocketdyne twice a week? Why did all the military personnel look alike? Could they be clones? Why are the animals belonging to people living near Rocketdyne, and in one case a maid, dying? Is the facility the site of an interdimensional portal? We the public deserve to know what is happening at Rocketdyne!

The investigation continues.

(This article was reproduced from my "Plane Nuts" column in the "Carpinteria Coastal View" newspaper.)

Don Robertson

## BOOK REVIEW: THE MYSTERIOUS VALLEY By Christopher O'Brien

St. Martins Paperback 1996. \$6.99  
300 pages plus bibliography

Christopher O'Brien writes about an intriguing set of incidents which are occurring in southern Colorado and northern New Mexico's "mysterious" San Luis Valley. Salida, CO lies just to the north of this valley, and Taos, NM just to the south. The area of most intense activity seems to have been near Crestone and the Great Sand Dunes National Monument.

O'Brien likens the Creston-Baca area of the San Luis Valley to the Sedona area -- one of those geological and mystical locations which enigmatically attract people who aren't quite sure why they came but know that they are in the right place when they arrive. A musician who moved from the Northeast and fell in love with the location, O'Brien witnessed and documents events which cover the range of the reported UFO phenomenon. Black helicopters, missing time, Chaos theory, synchronistic events, anomalous aerial phenomena, cattle mutilations, weird sightings of lights, strange sounds, etc.

A look at the bibliography for the book suggests the direction that O'Brien might be heading. All of Dr. Jacques Valle's and Dr. Steven Greer's (CSETI) works, but none of Budd Hopkins or Raymond Fowler's, are cited. Lots of Jung, but no John Mack, David Jacobs or John Carpenter. Perhaps this phenomena relies as much on human perception to help define itself as on its own need to explore the alien boundaries of human potential.

In the foreword which he has written for this book, David Perkins summarizes: "Instead of tackling the Big Picture head on, [O'Brien] has wisely chosen to take the "Microcosmic" approach. Take one defined geographic area and study it exceedingly well. Document everything, no matter how ridiculous, irrelevant, or frightening it may seem at the time . . . Leave no stone unturned." His curiosity drives him to chase down every clue and document every little, seemingly unrelated, event -- but the result is a



truncated narrative as he seeks to force the story to fit into a chronological mold.

His experiences are similar to many who have stumbled upon this subject matter. It becomes curiouser and curiouser. If this were a different century, he might have described the experience in prose and entitled it "Through the Looking Glass." As it is, we are again given another ration of solid, but anecdotal evidence which skeptics will find dismissible but which most of us will find leaves us more puzzled than when we first naively began our quest to understand UFOs and thought that a simple explanation would be forthcoming.

Here are a few snippets and paraphrases from the book to give you a flavor of its content.

**March 31, 1993, 6:35 p.m.:** A former U.S. Olympic wrestler and his cousin were traveling north on Highway 17 . . . just south of the Baca Ranch a large, bright light was pulsing high up in the mountains, above timberline . . .

**Same day, 10:30 p.m., the Baca Ranch:** The cowboy finished checking on the heard bedded down on a pasture. Driving back toward ranch headquarters, he noticed a glow several miles to the south . . . he observed pulsing orange lights hovering low. The ground seemed to be lit up by a white spotlight. The lights blinked off. The next morning a dead cow was found surgically mutilated at the site. (p. 89)

"I wondered, How can the truth behind the nature of unexplained events be found, when even the appearance of the events may be misleading? The probability that the phenomena may not reflect its true nature, possibly intentionally, is a major, almost insurmountable obstacle to anyone investigating these events. This intuitive heaven can be a rational hell." (p. 59)

But for the fact that Mysterious Valley was published in 1996, it could have been the field work basis for Keith Thompson's 1991 "Angels and Aliens" and Kenneth Ring's 1992 "Omega Project: OFOs, NDEs and Mind at Large," both of which we reviewed last year. O'Brien

suggests, as does Thompson, that these anomalous events are all connected by "meta patterns . . . to the tenuous dimension known as ordinary reality."

"I conclude that we are all on our own individual paths, processing our experiences and gaining personal insight into the very nature of ourselves and the reality we all share. In your process, you hold a part of my process in your hands." p. 8.

At the end of the book we are left with no answers, only further mysteries as a possible ancient Inca crystal skull appears almost out of context (both in the book and in the incident) on a neighbor's fence line, and we see the investigation taking yet another tangent which will most probably require a second book.

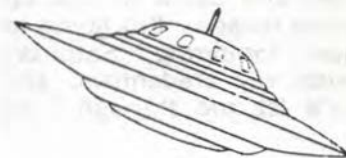
O'Brien speaks for most of us who have examined the UFO puzzle, "If I had known then what I know I don't know now, I'm not sure I would have knowingly embarked on this journey into the unknown. I am now convinced that the answers to many of life's mysteries are found in the very questions we ask ourselves. And the answers may be as individual as the questioners."

You can never know what you don't know unless you allow for its possibility. By the questions we pose, we allow those possibilities to emerge. One species' process may indeed be another species' program. As a reader of The Mysterious Valley, you will come away wondering whether yours is a process- or program-driven specie. This interesting book will furnish you with lots of questions and possibilities.

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### CARL SAGAN PASSES

As most of you already know, Astronomer Carl Sagan passed away last month from a form of cancer. The world has lost a very great scientist, and it is noted with interest that in the last months of his life he made very clear his belief that there were most certainly other civilizations in our universe.





*"The question now isn't where water comes from, but how much water is there."*

## AWC professor on target with theory about water on moon

By ROSA CONCEPCION  
Staff Writer

When Pentagon officials announced the presence of water on the moon Monday, Arizona Western College astronomy professor Bruce Cordell wasn't surprised.

He's known about it for three years.

Cordell wrote "Search For the Lost Lunar Lakes," an article published by Astronomy



**CORDELL**

in one impact as lunar outgassing or meteors can in billions of

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magazine in March 1993.

"Comets appear to be the most likely source of lunar polar waters," he wrote. "A comet can deliver as much water

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years."

Department officials confirmed at least part of Cordell's theory Monday when they announced that the unmanned Clementine spacecraft located a small lake-size mass of ice in a giant crater that could have been caused by comets, near the south pole of the moon.

For years, scientists believed these craters to be dry.

Cordell, who teaches his theory in his astronomy class at AWC and worked for NASA from 1984 to 1991 as a manager for Lunar/Mars Advanced Program, said the water found on the south pole originated in the last 20 million years when a series of comets from the Oort Cloud (cloud of a large number of comets) hit the moon's surface.

Describing them as dirty snowballs, Cordell said the comets that hit the moon's surface are large amounts of ice, rock and dusty particles.

He added that although the origin of the comets is still unknown, some come from the Oort Cloud that moves into our solar system.

Cordell said when Clementine went by the south pole in 1994, it picked up radar waves off the surface, which indicated to scientists that water was indeed present.

Although officials from the Department of Defense knew about the presence of water on the moon, Cordell said the officials might not have released the information to the public until the information was confirmed.

"The question now isn't where water comes from, but how much water is there," Cordell said.

"The moon is very dry. Rocks brought back by astronauts from the Apollo missions prove that," Cordell said.

"But when you look at the moon, you can see it's not tilted and it does not wobble. Craters at the north and south pole only get a graze of sunlight, thus the walls from the crater prevent water from evaporating," Cordell said.

He added that because the poles only get a graze of sunlight, temperatures in that area remain at 100 degrees below Kelvin.

Zero on the Kelvin scale is equal to minus 273.15 degrees Celsius and minus 460 degrees Fahrenheit.





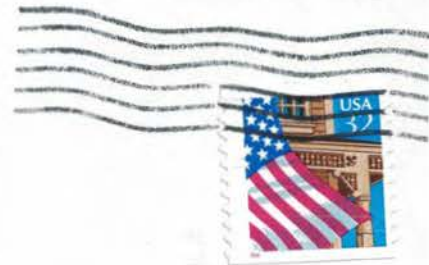
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