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WORDS FROM THE STATE DIRECTOR

I was extremely pleased with our turnout at the March membership meeting. The response was overwhelming. We had twenty two people attend our new Field Investigator Training. Dan Wright produced, an excellent agenda and those in attendance found it stimulating.

The membership meeting in the afternoon found 66 people at the luncheon. I might mention that we had excellent food and great service, since the hotel had planned for an original number of 54 confirmed reservations. We had 66 hungry people show up and Weber's Inn did an outstanding job of adding place settings and food for the additional people. Those who are wondering what happened to the waitress now know how busy the place got with an additional 20% showing up. I am pleased we had so many people at the function and so was the Weber's Inn personnel.

Dr. Eddie Bullard gave an outstanding presentation and it has been a long time since I have seen a group give total attention to the

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NEW!

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MAY MEETING IN CLARE, MICHIGAN

Please plan to attend the general Michigan MUFON Members Meeting. It will be held on Sunday, May 17, 1998, at the Doherty Hotel in Clare, Michigan (for directions and specifics see page 11). Your contact person will be Mr. Rich McVannel, State Director. Contact him if you need further details at: (616) 582-7097. Additionally, all members and attendants please be advised: R.S.V.P. with Rich McVannel prior to Wednesday, May 14, 1998 so that an accurate head count can be established for the preceding luncheon buffet. When Calling: Please leave your phone number. The Luncheon Buffet begins 12:30 PM. The featured guest speaker will be John Shepherd. Look for his interesting interview with Michigan MUFON on page 6 of this newsletter.

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speaker and not nod off. Every eye in the crowd was open. Dr. Bullard also expressed his appreciation for the way our members participated and he enjoyed every minute of the dialog. Also, thanks go to Dan Wright for transporting his old comrade to East Lansing on his way home that evening. I'm sure they had a real folksy conversation in the car. I would like to thank Len Keeney for his great job of arranging and confirming reservations for the meeting and for attending to the needs of our speaker. Len is always a hard act to follow. Thank you very much!!

Please welcome our new State Officers. We now have a complete officer core at your disposal. The new people appointed to the positions are: Robert Wagel, Assistant State Director, Administration and State Section Director for Cass, Berrien, and Van Buren Counties. Bob has been a member of MIMUFON for a number of years and was the sight coordinator for the Grand Rapids Symposium.

David E. Caywood, Newsletter Editor and Public Relations Director. David isn't new to MUFON, but is a new member of the organization. David has an extensive background in communications and computer science and has participated in MUFON activities in the past.

David's most recent outstanding event was as Co-Chairperson, shared with Shawn Schaefer, of

the Abductee Art Exhibit at the Grand Rapids Symposium. Please extend a warm welcome to these people. I am truly looking forward to working with them.

A word about Clare, Michigan. The town is located about dead center of the lower peninsula. If you look at the map you will find it no further to drive to Clare for most of us, then is has been to most of the other ^{res} ~~sights~~ we have been at over the last two years. The Doherty Hotel is an old family establishment located downtown Clare. They have excellent food and a good meeting facility that is used extensively by people from the whole state. I have personally been to the Doherty Hotel many times and have never been disappointed about the rooms, facilities, or the food. If you call for reservations...call early. If no rooms are available ask them to direct you to another facility in the area. They will be more than willing to help you find accommodations. The numbers to call are : (800) 525 - 4115 or (517) 386 - 3441.

To confirm your reservation for the May 17, 1998, membership meeting please call me, Rich McVannel, at (517) 582-7097. When you call please leave your name, how many in your party, and your phone number in case we need to call you back.

Our speaker will be John Shepherd from northern Michigan. He is a researcher of ET communication and has a self-financed project called Project S.T.R.A.T. John Shepherd is excited about sharing his information and should present an interesting program and demonstration.

Hope to see you all in Clare.

Rich McVannel
State Director, Michigan MUFON

SUMMARY OF MINUTES FOR STATE OFFICERS STATE SECTION DIRECTORS

FORMER BUSINESS

State Officers/ State Section Directors Meeting March 22, 1998, 11:00 am, Weber's Inn, Ann Arbor, Michigan minutes from previous meeting were accepted as printed in the MIMUFON newsletter on March 1, 1998.

Assistant state director, treasurer, Jerry Kulka, reported that the finances from the 1997 International MUFON Symposium in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and have been finalized and all records and books closed.

Candidates for two State Officer positions were approved unanimously by the group:

- A. Robert Wagel, Dowagiac, Michigan, is the new Assistant State Director, Administration, effective immediately.
- B. David E. Caywood, Dearborn, Michigan, is the new newsletter editor and Public Relations Director, effective immediately.

Symposium pictures will be available soon on video. Gary Golem reported that the video is complete and reviewed for copies. The group approved the sale of this video and authorized a limited number of copies to be reproduced for the sale to the membership. An announcement will be made in the newsletter.

Discussion was held pertaining to the MIMUFON website. The site is obsolete and needs updating. Chris Trumble, MIMUFON Webmaster, can not be located. We have asked for assistance from the membership to locate Chris. We need his input and permission to update the website. In the mean time, David Caywood is working to create a new website to replace what is now accessible on the web.

MIMUFON has purchased equipment that will be put in place to create an information center for messages, FAXING, telephone calls, along with a copy machine. The new number will be announced as soon as it is available. The funds for this purchase came from funds that were donated by the membership, when our copy machine quit some two years ago.

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SUMMARY OF MINUTES FOR STATE OFFICERS STATE SECTION DIRECTORS

NEW BUSINESS

The next meeting is May 17, 1998, beginning at: 12:30 PM (for the general meeting) at the Doherty Hotel, Clare, Michigan. The contact numbers are 800-525-4115 or 517-386-3441 for reservations for those who want to spend the night. The cost for the day will be \$12.50 including lunch or \$5.00 for the afternoon meeting and speaker. September 20, 1998, meeting is set for Grand Rapids, Michigan at the Holiday Inn, Airport on 28th Street.

Newsletters are being published every other month. David Caywood was congratulated for the good job he did producing his first newsletter. Those who wish to contact David or contribute to the content of the newsletter can get his email address or the Newsletters new P.O. Box from the "Letters to the Editor" section of the MIMUFON Newsletter.

Please send all correspondence concerning the MIMUFON Newsletter (ONLY) to either the P.O. Box or the email addresses. For those who want an extra copy or a copy can purchase them for \$2.00 each.

David Caywood announced an opportunity for MIMUFON to get involved with the community around us. The Cranbrook Institute has invited MIMUFON to participate in an art show sometime later in 1998. The group gave David the go ahead to pursue this project and more information will be announced in upcoming MIMUFON Newsletters.

No further business was brought to the meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM.

MEETING SCHEDULE AND LOCATIONS FOR 1998

1998 Meetings	LOCATION	COORDINATOR	CONTACT PHONE
Sunday, March 22nd	Weber Inn, Ann Arbor, MI	Len Keeney	(313) 769-7645
Sunday, May 17th	Clare, Michigan	Rich McVannel	(616) 582-7097
Sunday, September 20th	Grand Rapids, Michigan	Robert Wagel	(616) 782-6111
Sunday, November 8th	Walli's Restaurant, Flint Michigan	Frank Bertrand	(810) 655-4749

**Yvonne
Smith
Speaks
Her
Feelings
About the
Unfair
Dealings By
UPN
And "Lake
County Alien
Abduction"**

More fallout over UPN 50's "Alien Abduction" Hoax

Yvonne Smith of CERO appeared on the UPN television show, "Alien Abduction, Incident In Lake County," broadcast on January 20, 1998. I asked Yvonne for her opinion of the show and how she felt about it. Her correspondence (below) to me was via telephone and email.

Dear David,

I apologize for taking so long in responding to the airing of the show on UPN recently, but life has been keeping me busy!

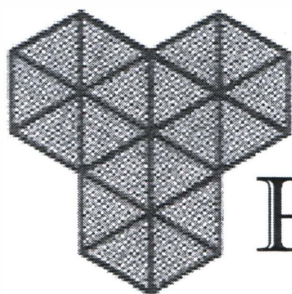
I just want everyone to know that when I agreed to do the interview for Dick Clark Productions, it was as an "abduction expert", I answered questions regarding abduction cases, specifically, from my own caseload. I was not commenting on the video of the "McPhearson abduction", for the simple reason that I did not see the video prior to the airing of the show. The first time I had the opportunity to view the video was with everyone else the first night the show aired. The researcher from Dick Clark Productions who originally contacted me did tell me that they were planning on showing a video of an "alleged abduction" but, as he told me, their feeling was that it was "probably a fake".

What everyone has to keep in mind is that sex and sensationalism sells in our society and that is exactly what Dick Clark Productions did, they went for the ratings, and, ladies and gentlemen, their ratings went through the roof! As far as I'm concerned, I did my job as an "abduction expert" and I will continue doing interviews and talking about abductions until the subject can be once and for all "out of the closet" and the millions of people who have had these experiences can speak freely and openly about what has been happening to them throughout their lives. What keeps me moving ahead in this work is seeing the constant pain and disruption in people's lives when trying to deal with their experiences.

Am I sorry for appearing on the show? My answer is ABSOLUTELY NOT! I am an "abduction expert" and I will continue my work until we get some answers!! For all of you abductees out there, don't give up, my colleagues and I will continue fighting for you!

Sincerely,

Yvonne Smith, C.Ht.
Abduction Researcher
Director Of CERO (Close Encounter Research Organization)



Michigan MUFON Interviews John Shepherd,
Director of:

PROJECT S.T.R.A.T.

**“To explore
the
mysteries
of the
cosmos and
enlighten
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around us
with
knowledge
unlocked
from the
heavens.”**

— Project STRAT
Mission Statement

Article
by
David E. Caywood

Project S.T.R.A.T. (Special Telemetry Research and Tracking) was established in the Spring of 1972 just outside of Elk Rapids, Michigan. Hard work and dedication brought the project into full operation by the Summer of 1973. The project has grown steadily ever since.

Kewadin Michigan — It's late summer, 1972, and the first ULF (Ultra Low Frequency, 40 hertz to 20 kilohertz) radio marker beacon started broadcasting a 150 - watt ULF sequential pulse toward the starry heavens. By the early fall of 1973, John Shepherd found himself investigating in the midst of a massive UFO flap (from the ULF point of view). The flap covered not only Michigan (Antrim County/Dexter/Ann Arbor Sightings) but the entire country and still more sightings were being reported all over the world.

In those days, what began as a love affair with electronics and the possibility of contact with non-terrestrial beings, coupled with a passion for Ufology, has lead John Shepherd down a road stretching over more than 25 years of research and study. John Shepherd has



gained curious insights into the field of Ultra Low Frequency receiving and transmitting, thus expanding the goals and scope of Project S.T.R.A.T. which is: *To explore the mysteries of the cosmos and enlighten those around us with knowledge unlocked from the heavens.*

It was in the fall of 1973 and sightings in Antrim County that were really the impetus for Project S.T.R.A.T., recalls John Shepherd. “Actually, the sightings began out near the airport and then spread out from there. I picked up the electromagnetic signals from the UFO's at somewhere in the range of 400 to 800 hertz in the form of harmonic interference, (ULF) range. Far from normal and not naturally occurring in nature (cosmic back ground radiation etc...) At the exact same time as I was picking up telemetry tracking of the objects, eye-witnesses were calling the Local Sheriff's Dept. to report the incredible sightings. I was fairly certain that what I had tracked and received were what the witnesses had observed. After that, I worked with the Sheriff's Dept to help track and identify objects, such as the ones we experienced that fall. It was incredible!”

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Michigan MUFON Interviews John Shepherd,
Director of Project S.T.R.A.T.

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"Most of my life has been a genuine challenge due to my strong and compulsive desire to seek out answers to things that have intrigued me since childhood"

Since that time, Project S.T.R.A.T. has grown (see picture below) to include a two story accelerator and thousands of square feet of telemetry, receiving, transmitting, and broadcasting equipment occupying more than 4,000 square feet of John's home. At one point he even built an addition to accommodate the extra equipment (mainly for the two story accelerator, a 1,000-watt, 60,000-volt deep space radio transmitter).

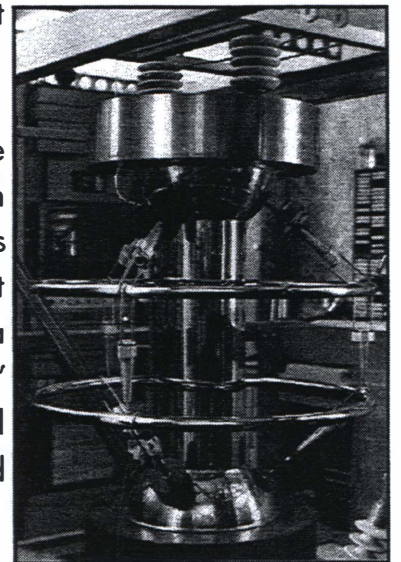
Besides tracking and receiving, Project S.T.R.A.T. is dedicated to transmitting. Curious about what John was transmitting, I asked him to explain it in more detail. "Mostly, I transmit music and tonal pulses and patterns. Over the past 12 years, I have been broadcasting a wide variety of jazz, ethnic, folk and electronic music into space, for about six to eight hours daily. To more accurately "home them in" a 24-hour vertical marker beacon signal is used."

-John Shepherd

When asked why he transmits music, John replied: "Music doesn't take decoding and if any being has a spirit, that being will naturally gravitate toward it (music). I use music because it goes right to the soul. As things change, so will the project and its direction. In

the future, I'll be concentrating more on new areas of scientific research and less on the electrical equipment development end, which has been so much a part of the early years for Project S.T.R.A.T.

I was wonderfully surprised by his good natured humor and his insatiable curiosity to know. Intrigued, I asked him what had compelled him to choose such challenging life direction as Project S.T.R.A.T. John replied: "Most of my life has been a genuine challenge, due to my strong and compulsive desire to seek out answers to things that have intrigued me since childhood. I've always had a strong connection with electrical energy and the machines that generate it." John has described his work "as the embodiment of that energy into physical form." John is a true renaissance man. He is a successful artist, inventor and scientist.



Two story Accelerator

John Shepherd's work has been chronicled and celebrated all over the world and on numerous TV network shows such as *Searching for UFO's* (Turner, June 29, 1997), *The Joan Rivers Show* (1989), *P.M. Magazine* (1980). Interviews for books and Publications such as *Mysteries of the Unknown / Alien Encounters*, Time/Life Books (1992), *Unexplained Michigan Mysteries*, Gary W. Barfknecht, as well as numerous articles in the *Detroit Free Press* (May 1990), *Omni Magazine* (25th Anniversary Issue, 1986), and the *Grand Rapids Press* (Oct. 1996). MIMUFON is honored by John Shepherd's acceptance to speak at our May 17 meeting in Clare.

Michigan MUFON Visits Honor Class at Delta College

Friday, March 19th started out cold and rainy. But what warmed our hearts as we traveled by car to Bay City was the fact that we were on our way to speak to a class of honor students at Delta College. And the topic? You guessed it; UFO's, Alien Abduction, and the impact this phenomenon is having on our society. With David having about 3 hours sleep the night before, he snoozed in the back seat while my husband, Tom, drove.

This was the first time I had even heard the subject of UFO's being part of a college Humanities curriculum; or, for that matter, part of any educational curriculum. My daughter happened to know one of the students in the class, and, in the course of events, David Caywood and myself were asked to attend the class and relate some of our personal abduction accounts. We were both very excited to be part of this learning experience.

David and I created a three page handout which consisted of a short biography on each of us, and a list of words and their definitions, used within the UFO community. We also took some of our pictures of alien beings, UFO's, etc. for display. Last, but not least, a copy of the Michigan MUFON Newsletter was distributed for those students who wanted to join MI MUFON.

I was informed that the students were reading two required books, Whitley Streiber's *Communion*, and *The*

Threat, by David Jacobs. I was also informed that this class was ungraded, and only students who were on the Dean's list could request acceptance into the class. I was impressed.

Upon our arrival, we were greeted by approximately 15 "eager to question us" students, and their substitute instructor, who seemed somewhat less eager, at first. However, as the morning commenced, the instructor was shooting his quota of questions at us, right along with his students. Some of the discussion was humorous; some very serious. I reiterated that no question relevant to this phenomenon should be considered "silly" or "unimportant".

The class as a whole seemed to think that both required books, *Communion* and *The Threat*, depicted the aliens as "bad guys". Therefore, one of their main questions to us was whether we agreed with that hypothesis. And, if we did agree, how could we as a planetary civilization protect ourselves, our children, and our families from these alien beings? Other questions ranged from, "Are either of you epileptic?" to "How do you incorporate these encounters into everyday life?" with a myriad of questions in-between. One particular student, who was so interested in the subject, she was taking the class for the second time, commented that "talking to experiencers, in person, is much more interesting than

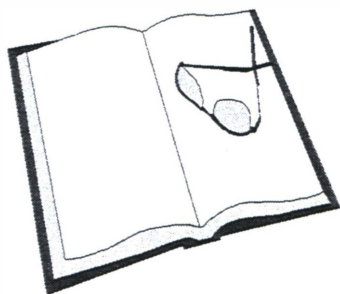
more interesting than reading words out of a book."

In the end, David and I assured them that we, as individuals, did not have the answer to the UFO/Abduction phenomenon, albeit we are involved players. And that it will take people from all areas, backgrounds, and ideologies working together to uncover the purpose for the alien presence in our world. As is usually the case, there did not seem to be enough time to answer all their questions before it was time to leave. Some students even followed us into the hallway, still wanting to talk, while the rest of the class got their next assignment.

David and I both very much enjoyed this special time with the students at Delta College, and we would welcome the opportunity to meet with them, or other students, again. I respected these young men and women... Not because they necessarily agreed with everything we said, but because they gave themselves the freedom to think, and the openness to discuss their thoughts.

All in all, it was a good day. ■

Landi Mellas
Assistant Editor



Book Review

At the Threshold; UFO's, Science and the New Age, by Charles F. Emmons. Wild Flower Press, Mill Spring, NC, 1997.

I recommend this book for anyone likely to be reading this review. The writer is a professor of sociology at Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania who is obviously thoroughly familiar with UFO phenomena through reading, attending meetings of relevant groups, and talking with UFO researchers and experiencers. A list of chapter headings suggests the scope of the book: (1) The Strange Range of UFO phenomena; (2) Labeling Ufology a "Deviant" Science; (3) Mass Media and UFO's; (4) Daring to Study UTOS; (5) Debunkers, Skeptics, and True Believers; (6) Normal Science Under Attack- (7) The Crumbling of Certainty- (8) Physical Evidence of UFO's; (9) Witness Reports of UFO's; (10) Ufology's Great Debate- (11) At the Threshold. There is an extensive bibliography.

In my opinion, Emmons does a good job of summarizing the history and present state of Ufology. He describes differing viewpoints on a set of highly controversial topics without losing his own balance. He warns again and again against dogmatism and disregarding discordant evidence.

Emmons has a lot to say, particularly in Chapter 10, on the tension between what he calls the "nuts-and-bolts" and "New Age" approaches in ufology. Let me quote a few sentences: "Essentially, what is going on is a pull in two directions. One pull is toward standard science (playing the science game), and the other is toward the apparently paranormal or high-strangeness aspects of UFO reports. In order to maximize legitimacy in mainstream normal science, Ufologists should just forget about people who claim to channel aliens, to be married to aliens, or to remember past lives as aliens. In order to maximize learning about UFO's, however, Ufologists may have to follow John Mack into the never-never land of altered states of consciousness and bizarre personal experiences."

Chapter 11 takes its title (and the book's) from its opening sentences: "Is the scientific quest for understanding of the UFO phenomenon nearly complete? Are we at the threshold of solving the enigma?" Toward the end of the chapter he repeats the question and says: "I don't know. ... In the meantime, I have some significant hope that at least we are at the threshold of open and serious *inquiry* into the UFO phenomenon." Many other pertinent remarks could be quoted in between.

I like Emmons' general attitude very much, and would like to see it shared more widely. Once again, I strongly recommend this book. ■

Wilfred Kincaid
Michigan MUFON

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MEXICAN UFO INVASION

TWILIGHT OF THE GODS

ROB IRVING casts a baleful eye over the stream of remarkable UFO footage which has been emerging from Mexico...

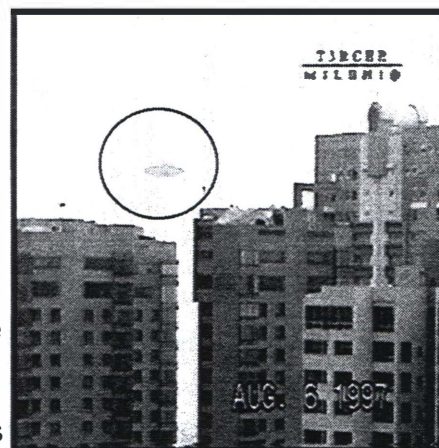
July 11, 1991, 1:29pm. The people of Mexico City were witness to a juncture of apocalyptic harmony. According to an ancient Mayan astro-calendrical record known as the Dresden Codex, this total solar eclipse would set off a dramatic sequence of events, marked by potentially catastrophic activity at Mount Popocatepetl, one of the world's largest volcanoes thirty miles to the south-east. Previous eclipses (albeit nocturnal, from the Mexican perspective) preceded the devastating 1985 earthquake and the 1519 invasion of Cortez, the latter instigating a "plunge of indigenous people into darkness, where they remained for 500 years".

This unveiling of the legendary Sixth Sun would also light the return of Quetzalcoatl, a bearded, fair-skinned, feathered serpent of a god representing the social, technological, and agricultural enlightenment of pre-Hispanic America, heralding "the end of cosmogenic obscurity, giving credence to the prophecy given in the year 755 that the sun of 1991 would usher in not only earth changes, but also cosmic awareness".

Thus the dramatic introduction to *Messengers of Destiny*, *Masters of the Stars*, and *Voyagers of the Sixth Sun*, a series of videos produced by US documentary-makers Lee and Brit Elders, and Jaime Maussan, described as "the most respected and popular investigative journalist in Mexico". Maussan, himself fair-skinned and bearded, fronted that country's version of the acclaimed CBS TV series *60 Minutes* before adopting a title which better reflected his distinct eschatological slant on current affairs; *Tercer Milenio*, or *Third Millennium*. He also hosts a weekly radio show, *Jaime Maussan, UFOs and other Mysteries*, and lectures widely on the subject of UFOs.

Bright points of light pierce the numinous twilight during the solar convergence, attracting crowds of skywatchers, many with camcorders running to record the event. Never before have UFOs been observed and recorded by so many witnesses simultaneously. Following Maussan's televised account of the mass sighting he is inundated with tapes from across the region, all showing the same thing; "a stationary object, hovering" and gradually disappearing as the sun emerges.

Steeped in Cronkitian gravitas, the commentary glides from this tentative description to "craft", and "spaceships", and "gods in silvery chariots" with unmarked ease. Having presented the Elders' documentary on Swiss contactee Eduard 'Billy' Meier's alleged encounters with Pleiadean beamships in a two-hour *60 Minutos* special, Maussan invited them to investigate this latest visit.



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We see him briefing them on the ancient prophesies, Lee & Brit eagerly taking notes. The nuance of their conversation deserves wider note: "We don't want to speculate..." warns Maussan sagely...

Lee: "Otherwise, how long was the ship over the city?"

Brit: "Is it the same ship... all of the videos are of the same ship?"

Maussan: "Yes, absolutely the same ship"

Brit: "Is the movement of the craft unusual?"

Maussan: "Well, it seems to be hovering, it's not static..."



We are told how one Mexico City resident, a Ms Hernandez, thought she was zooming her camcorder lens on a planet, until, Maussan's technicians having studied the footage, she was "surprised to learn that she had taped... a UFO". This revealed a "metallic disc-shaped craft, floating, perhaps rotating", quicksilver in appearance but generally described as shaped like a hockey-puck. Comparative analysis suggests the objects seen at various locations on July 11 were identical, to each other and to others seen later. Of the same fleet, perhaps, or the same craft? Is it possible - by now the questions are rhetorical - that a single craft could "hyperleap" a distance of 85 miles to show itself to all these witnesses?

Comparative that is, in that the objects recorded during the eclipse - their ET status unquestioned - are used throughout as a touchstone for subsequent sightings. What might otherwise be mistaken for aircraft, stray balloons, blimps, car headlights meandering along distant hillsides, glimpses of other realities, and who knows what else - piezoluminescence? - are loaded together as genuine "Unknowns". One segment, for example, shows two 'unknowns' passing in the night sky appearing to "merge as one, as if docking", before continuing smoothly on their way. Another shows a dark object "narrowly avoiding" a low-flying commercial aircraft. Within weeks of the eclipse fifteen different types of UFO - or OVNI in local parlance - had been observed in the region's airspace, reportedly posing an urgent threat to conventional craft and the citizens below.

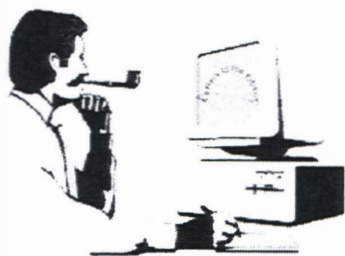
Enter field energy propulsion specialist H. David Froning with his expert opinion. Freeze-frame magnification confirms Maussan's observation of the craft's movement: "The propulsion", explains Froning predictably, "is indicative of the repetitive cyclical motion that you would expect with a field propulsion system... one might speculate that a magnetic device is actually causing the pulsation formation". One might, but would that also explain why the surrounding sky 'pulsates' at the same rate? To Froning this simply indicates that "the energy emitted by the craft is disturbing the space surrounding it". If comparisons was made with mundane objects, no mention is made of this. Lee Elders draws Froning's attention to a tiny white dot on the screen, caught in a single frame. "Oh boy!" says the analyst. Another unknown...

But for how long?

Read Rob Irving's in-depth analysis of the Mexican UFO footage in **Fortean Times 109**, on sale now!

Mexico Skyline: Frank Spooner Pictures UFO: Jonathan Baldwin Manipulation: Etienne

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From the Desk Of
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It's obvious... Isn't it?

It just plain annoys me that some Ufologists STILL refuse to acknowledge that abductions do in fact take place. Of those that do, many, but not all mind you, wish the whole abduction phenomena would just quietly disappear so that they could go on studying sighting data and eye witness accounts separate and unhindered by what one researcher called "the distraction of possible abductions".

C-m'on folks...When a UFO IS sighted, what do you think the damn thing was doing in the area in the first place?! Looking for a refueling station?! All this is solely my opinion of course. However, I believe that abductions and / or contact with humans is the only reason they are here and why Ufologists have a "case" to study in the first place.

Not making this factor (Abductions) integral to an investigation seems absurd (to me, anyway). It's sort of like looking at only one tree in the proverbial woods and then making the assumption that you've seen the entire forest.

Ask yourself this simple question: If you

had the capability to traverse enormous distances (presumably in a short span of time) across the galactic forever, would you travel to our little corner of the cosmos just to buzz the airspace over cities and farmlands, ring the local yokel's primitive radar systems and then run away? Really now, what are we taking about here... intergalactic / interdimensional cherry knocking? Ridiculous as it may sound, without an educated guesstimate on the purpose of these visits...that's pretty much what it amounts to. Well, I'm here to tell you that I figured it out years ago and it's obvious... isn't it? They're here for US!

We must open up our field of vision to encompass "the tree" as it stands on the edge of the great unexplored forest. I feel we are obligated to look long and hard at the overwhelming data presented to us by prominent researchers, Ufologists and **E x p e r i e n c e r s** (Abductees) who have seen the obvious. They're here for US!

I'll tell you what they are not here for. They are not here for our nightlife, our latest luxury automobile, beer, washing machines or pizza snacks as some advertisers would have us believe.

They've come to see US! It's ~~so~~ simple! If not, then why have they bothered dressed in their best tin-foil suits, fueling up the saucer and packing the clones up for an earth outing? If not to see and discover who we are, what we are and what we are about, then what?! Why bother?

And another thing...I can't tell you how frustrated I have become by those inane rhetorical questions asked of the viewer at the

end or beginning of *some* UFO documentaries: "Why have they come to our world and what do they want?" Arrrrrrrh! 'They've come for us! Can't you guys see that!' I'd yell at the TV set as if the narrator could actually hear me and be surprised by my insight.....duh! Okay. So I get a little frustrated (aggravated to be exact) when the obvious is ... well so obvious and not just when it applies to TV documentaries either. In my opinion, researchers and Ufologists who ignore the obvious connection of contact have ignored the facts and are in jeopardy of missing "the point" only to form bias assumptions (Unlike newsletter Editors of course) and erroneous data. Anyway that's how it seems to me. So there! I've vented and ranted and feel better now. Enough said.

We welcome your comments and opposing points of view. Write to us at the address above or email the Newsletter staff. We'll print it here.

David E. Caywood, Editor



**"How can we have
any new ideas or
fresh outlooks when
90 percent of all the
scientists who have
ever lived have still
not died?"**

**-Alan L. Mackay,
1969**

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The UFO Abductors	Pat Marquis	11-12-95	No known address
UFO Collection	Eldon Runkel	11-10-96	
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UFO Quarterly Report-Video	John Perkins	11-12-95	
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 Communion (2)
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 Encounters With UFOs
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 Flying Saucer Reader, The
 From Out of the Blue
 Gods From Outer Space
 Gulf Breeze Sightings, The (2)
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 Limbo of the Lost
 Out There
 Project Blue Book
 Return, The
 Roswell Incident, The
 Search For Intelligent Life in Outer Space, The
 Secret Life
 Transformation (2)
 Truth Behind ^{the} Men in Black, The
 Twelfth Planet, The
 UFO Experience: A Scientific Inquiry, The
 UFO Conspiracy, The
 UFO Exist!
 UFO Encounters
 UFO Encounters ?

AUTHOR

Kevin Randle
 Timothy Good
 D. Scott Rogo, ed.
 Brad Steiger
 Raymond Fowler
 Ralph Blum ~~Challenge~~
 Jacques & Janine Vallee
 Clifford Wilson
 Whitley Strieber
 Kevin Randle
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Witnessed

AUTHOR

Brad Steiger
D. & T. Barclay, eds.
Tim Floyd
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Thank you to **Karin McDermott** for her donations of the following items:

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Encounter Cases from Flying Saucer Review
Extraterrestrial Visitations From Prehistoric Times
to the Present
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TITLE

McDaniel Report, The (2)
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Unusual Personal Experiences

AUTHOR

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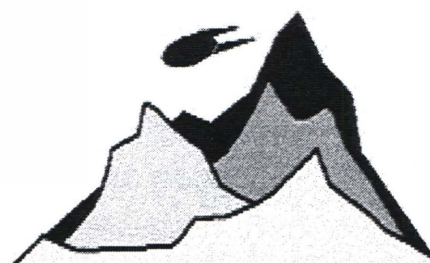
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Denver takes its turn at the helm as the proceedings for the 29th Annual International MUFON Symposium revs into high (MILE HIGH THAT IS) gear. "Conquering The 'Great Divide' Between Science and Ufology," will be Denver's theme this year. The dates for the the symposium are as follows:

**Friday, June 25 to Sunday,
June 28, 1998.**

You may also contact COMUFON directly by calling or writing to:

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Wheat Ridge, CO 80034-0914,
USA**

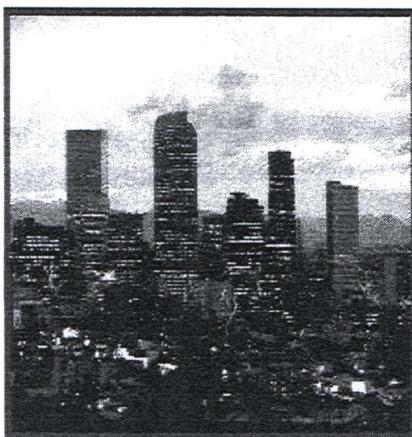
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Go On-line to view Colorado MUFON's exceptional website; for all the latest details point your browser to:

**[www.net1comm.com/~
COMUFON/july 1998.html](http://www.net1comm.com/~COMUFON/july 1998.html)**

We've provided important details in this issue of the Michigan MUFON Newsletter, to help you make your travel arrangements early.

'Early,' is the key word here and if you haven't even begun to make plans for attending the 29th Annual International MUFON Symposium, we suggest you start with the information provided here.



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Continental Airlines	CO	1-800-525-0280	United Airlines	UA	1800-241-6522
Delta Airlines	DL	1-800-221-1212	United Express	ZW	1-800-241-6522
Frontier Airlines	F9	1-800-432-1359	US Airways	US	1-800-428-4322
Martinair	MP	1-800-336-4655	Mountain Air	M7	1-800-930-3030



CHECK OUT THIS MONTHS TOP UFO WEBSITES!

Exploring the web is no longer an end in and of itself, it's become a means to an end, a new way to find the necessary information, to log-on, get what you need and get the hell off! Really, now! Who has the time to search down the endless avenues of the global cyber city looking for information. In some cases, it almost makes you long for the old days of your local libraries' Dewy Decimal System.

Though many of our site picks are entertaining, we were impressed by the sheer amount of easily accessible information on everything from case histories of well known UFO sightings to the obscure lesser known and lesser talked about reports. From Alien Abductions to sightings in Zaire and Zanzibar, the continuing evolution of the information age is a virtual gold mine for Ufologists, researchers and investigators alike.



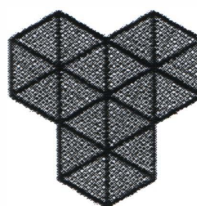
The UFO Reporter
www.goocities.com/
Area51/Corridor/3294/

Ufologist and enthusiasts, don't let the long website address keep you from visiting this site. The UFO Reporter is well worth the couple of extra

keystrokes to gain access to this abundant plethora of prestigious UFO accounts, documentation's and some extraordinary photographs and Experianer art work. Webmaster, Vincent Rainey has created a user friendly atmosphere with easy navigation links and there's even a Chat room and active bulletin board for swapping your ideas, theories or for whatever's on your UFO addicted mind. Become apart of a fascinating web experience. Also, be sure and check out the detailed Experianer art work on what the "inside" of a UFO looks like from the perspective of the Abductee. We think you'll agree...this site is worth bookmarking. It earns 5 out of 5 Stars.

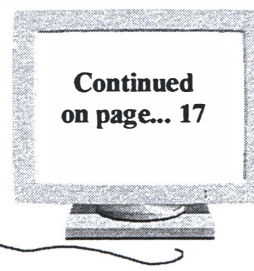


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www.nwcis.com/strat/

What if you could build a transmission and receiving center for galactic communications? what would you say? And to whom? What would be the response from our celestial neighbors? To find out the compelling answers to these and other intriguing questions you don't have to spend tens of thousands of dollars on radio electronics or even millions. Just log-on to Project STRAT and be come a member. John Shepherd's (featured in this issue) website and ongoing search are available to us ordinary Jane's and Joe's and membership is FREE! There's some very interesting things going on at at Project STRAT. This site and the work being done here earns 4 out of 5.



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The Flying Saucer Gazette

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Tired of the run-a-the-mill UFO site? Looking to spice up your own space alien theories and hypotheses and some new insights to your sights?

Well the Flying Saucer Gazette has some thing for everyone even if you think you've heard every theory —twice and have read every last word on every case known to humankind. Be certain to check out the UFO Gallery. Our own Jeff Westover's work is hanging on the Virtual walls and it looks great!

As if the sheer volume of information and articles we not enough, The Flying Saucer Gazette also has a weekly radio show with it's connections to the "UFO Desk" a sister site and also worth you're bookmark. You haven't done it all...yet! Get saucer savvy and the latest on ET ethics with the Flying Saucer Gazette See it and believe! 5 of 5 alive!

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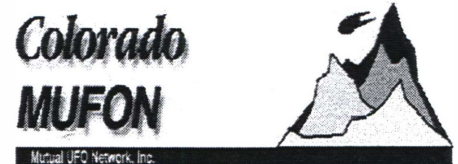
CNI stands for Contact with Non-human Intelligence. CNI News presents up-to-the-minute information and historical perspective on UFO events, claims of human-alien contact, space exploration and related subjects, as well as reflections on the cultural and political impacts of contact with other life in the universe.

Visit CNI News for the latest additions to this site, including our Stories of the Week, current news headlines, and other special features.

Whether you're serious or just curious, you'll find they're searchable news archive to be one of the most valuable features of this site. More than 900 individual news stories can now be accessed here, using the key words of your choice. New stories are added often — most recently on January 27, 1998 — covering all aspects of

UFOs, alien encounters, NASA discoveries, and related unusual topics from Bigfoot and Chupacabras to Cloning, Remote Viewing and Warp Drive.

No doubt about it...5 of 5 here! ☆☆☆☆



www.net1comm.com/~COMUFON1/

Simply said...One of the best if not the best MUFON sites around! If you are planning to attend the 1998 Symposium then you have to visit COMUFON's site. It has everything you need to plan your trip and more. This is a well thought-out site and it's very easy to navigate. You'll be surprised by the amount of information available. 5 out of 5 for sure!

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★★	Okay	2
★★★	Good	3
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604 McEwan, Clare, MI 1-800-525-4115 or (517) 386-3441

*Contact: Rich McVannel, State Director (616) 582-7097

Schedule of Events

Sunday
May 17, 1998

Field Investigators training is postponed until the
September Meeting

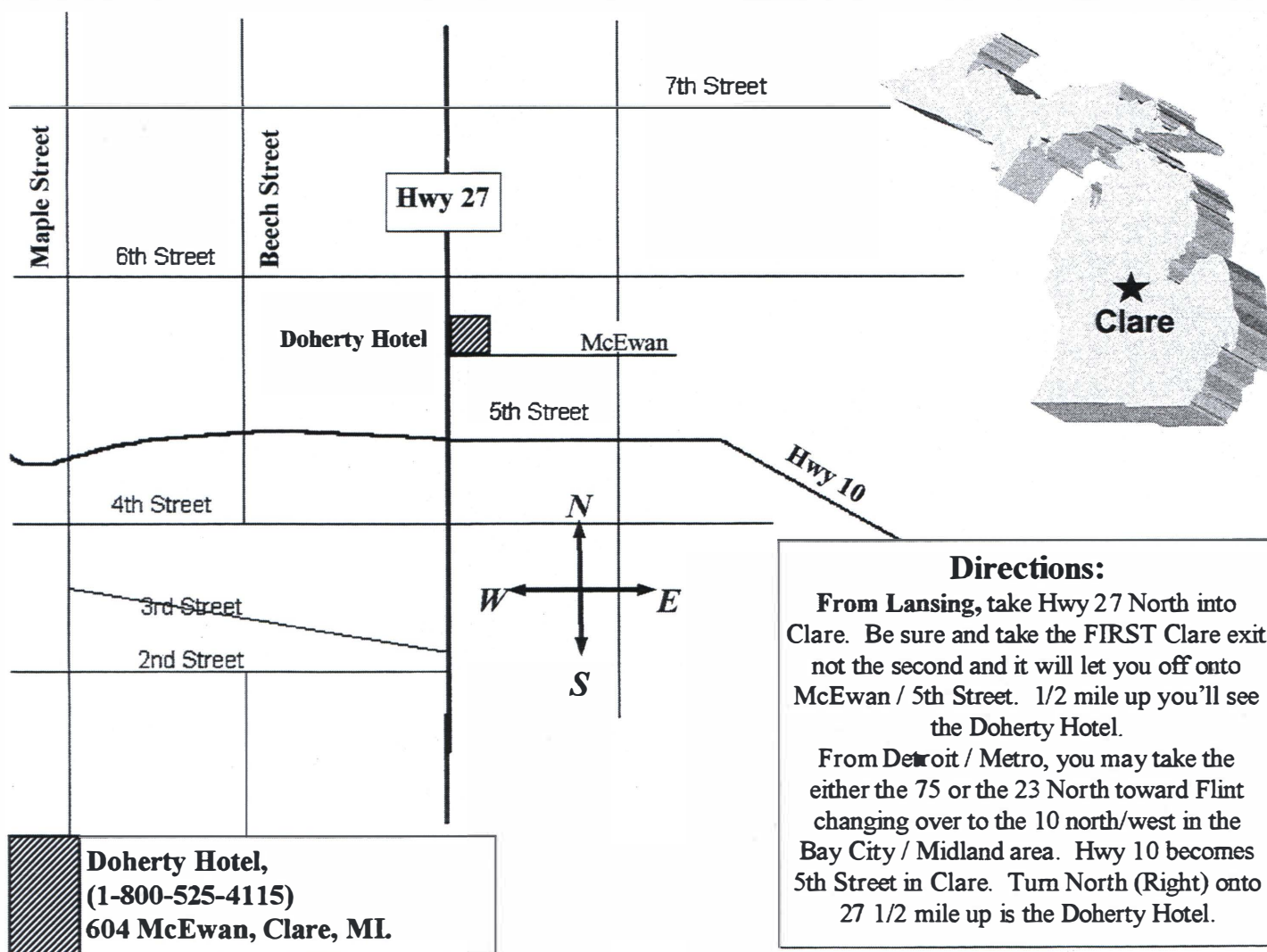
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State Section Directors' / State Officers' Meeting

11:00 AM

Luncheon Buffet followed by
Guest Speaker: John Shepherd

12:30 PM



Directions:

From Lansing, take Hwy 27 North into Clare. Be sure and take the FIRST Clare exit not the second and it will let you off onto McEwan / 5th Street. 1/2 mile up you'll see the Doherty Hotel.

From Detroit / Metro, you may take the either the 75 or the 23 North toward Flint changing over to the 10 north/west in the Bay City / Midland area. Hwy 10 becomes 5th Street in Clare. Turn North (Right) onto 27 1/2 mile up is the Doherty Hotel.

*(Please leave a message. Include your contact phone number and the number of persons who will be attending the Buffet)

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