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A Newsletter for Members and Friends of Missouri MUFON



## Rectangular UFO over the Plaza December 24

By Roger Marsh Reporter for Examiner.com

A Missouri witness heading toward midtown Kansas City reports a hovering, rectangle-shaped object "200 to 300 feet above the top of the trees," according to January 2, 2012, testimony from the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) witness reporting database.

"Traveling north on Ward Parkway towards the Plaza lights, I approached an intersection, stopped at the light on red, and started driving when the light turned green," the witness stated. "As I started driving north, I noticed a church on the right with cars parked outside the church on the curb running parallel to the church. I looked up and saw a rectangular object with strobe lights flashing on the left of the rectangle and I could barely see the white strobe light flashing on the far right of the triangle because of the trees. The center strip had an orange glow."

Trees were obstructing some of the view, and the witness reports some of the street lights were blending in with the object's lights. "This object was as wide as two traffic lanes and about 200 to 300 feet above the top of the trees. I immediately thought it was a traffic helicopter, but soon realized it was hovering. I had the moon roof shield open and watched this object go over my car over the top of the trees, and as I looked to the rear of my car at the object, I soon realized I could still see the



Kansas City skyline—credit Clipart.com

orange glow and thought then the glow was coming from under the object."

The witness did not follow the craft at that point. The witness also points out that there were a number of people in the street at the time who may also have seen the same object.

No images or videos were included with the MUFON report, which was filed on January 2,

2012. The incident occurred on December 24, 2011. The above quotes were edited for clarity.

Missouri is a current UFO ALERT 4 rating, with a higher than average number of UFO sightings nationally. Missouri had 15 reports in December, the 10th highest reporting state - while California had 63 reports in December 2011 - the highest reporting state in the nation.

Note from the editor:
Investigator Margie Kay contacted the witness, who further explained that the people in the street were on a median between the North and South bound lanes of Ward Parkway. The witness said that these "people" seemed to be "out of contrast" like an old TV signal. As he contemplates this experience he is more and more convinced that the sighting was extraordinary.

The witness is sending a drawing of the object, which will be added to the MUFON CMS database so everyone can see it.

Missouri MUFON continues to receive an unusually high number of close encounters of large objects in the greater K.C. area.

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## We need content for the newsletter!

Please send UFO or paranormal related photos, drawings, articles,

and events to Margie Kay at margiekay06@yahoo.com. Don't worry about writing perfectly, the editor will take care of that!

All issues of the MO MUFON Newsletter are available at

#### **MUFON Internet Resources**



#### **MUFON Forums**

MUFON has a number of forums that are accessible through the main website at

#### www.forums.mufon.com.

Users register first, then are able to read and post to any of the forums. Topics include a suggestion box, general discussion, book corner, disclosure, UFOs in the news, UFO Videos, hoax UFOs, Project Bravo, Exopolitics, links and resources, Star Team, and more.

Members may report their own sightings and abduction stories and discuss MUFON case reports.

There are a total of 294 topics and a total of 754 members.

**UFONAUT Radio** with Jesse Randolph live every Saturday night at 9 PM PST on www.ufonautradio.com

MUFON Ham Radio at 75 meters at 3977.7 KHz Wednesday nights at 7 pm CST with Bob Schultz WOAXK MUFON Ham Radio Coordinator.

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## Sighting in Joplin Similar to Others in Belton

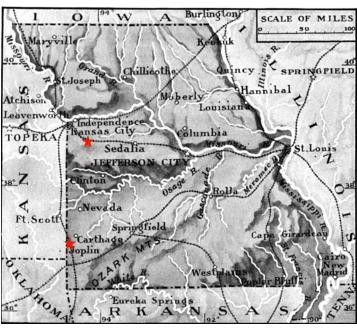
The following account was submitted to mufon.com by a Joplin, MO resident. The event occurred at 5:35 pm on January 3. It is similar to several sightings from the Belton/Raymore and South Lee's Summit area in November where multiple witnesses in three different reports saw small objects coming out of and docking with a larger object, and going to and from a larger object.

**Short Description of UFO** 

Event: saw a bright light hovering still...3 objects shot up and away darting then stood still blinking....the large light then started to float slowly towards the ground until it was out of sight

## **Detailed Description of the UFO Event:**

I pulled into the parking lot at Fred and Reds to get dinner. Still in car I happened to look up in the sky (I don't know why) to the east, out of my drivers side window. I saw a bright light which looked a lot like something I have seen about 4 times since early Dec. 2011. It was still, just hovering there, not moving. I observed it for a couple of minutes. All of a sudden 3 objects that looked like blinking bright lights (sort of starlike) came out of the big light and darted around all over erratically to the north, staying fairly close to each other and then they went up higher, not real high though, but were still blinking. There were a few clouds and I observed them to move in and out of the clouds and then they stopped where they were visible and stood still. They were spaced apart but not really level with each other, still blinking. I then observed the original large light (which was to the south, and lower in the sky) to move and start floating slowly in a downward motion toward the ground



Locations of similar sightings

until it had to be getting close to the treetops because I could no longer see it from my view because of buildings. and trees in the way. I kept watching the smaller ones they were still blinking and sitting still and (I think I may have then seen what appeared to be an airplane? come flying past near those objects) when I got out of the car and went into the restaurant.

When I came out about 30 min. later they were gone. I know what

an airplane looks like in the sky. What I saw, an airplane can't do. But today when I was telling about the incident to my Mom and sister, I remembered the airplane, but it was vague. Weird.

I was thinking at first that what I saw must be a star or a planet. There weren't that many stars visible, besides, it was bigger than a star, and much lower in the sky, but the few stars that were

out, were up really high, where they usually are and this bright light was way, way below compared to the star or two I could see. It was just after dark.I looked over to the west to see what the sky looked like that way.....there was still a faint bit of light, with clouds, I guess from the sunset? I don't know, it was kind of pinkish, but that light was not in the eastern sky where I was looking.

This is the 4th time I have seen a bright light like this since early Dec.

2011, however, this is the first time I have seen objects shoot out from it and put on a show. I figure I was meant to see it for a reason, just don't know the reason? Hopefully someone else saw this happen as well. I did not report the other sightings. My sister and mother who are aware of the other sightings suggested I report this to you.

Thanks for listening.

### **Monthly Statistical MUFON Report for Dec 2011**

From MUFON International Director Clifford Clift

#### **Country and Number** of Reports:

**UNITED STATES 498 AFGHANISTAN 98** CANADA 25 SPAIN 4 **ARGENTINA 3 AUSTRALIA 3** PORTUGAL 2 **UNITED KINGDOM 2** COLOMBIA 2 **ITALY** PANAMA GERMANY **PUERTO RICO 2 NORWAY** PERU 1 **CAYMAN ISLANDS 1 SWEDEN** 1 BRAZIL **SOUTH AFRICA 1** EL SALVADOR 1 ZIMBABWE 1 MEXICO **IRELAND NEW ZEALAND 1** INDIA 1 **ICELAND** 1

Once again Missouri is in the top 10 list of UFO reports, but the numbers are much less than in recent months. Missouri investigators are still baffled as to why the number of sightings increased so much from May—November, 2011 in Missouri, and why the greater Kansas City area had the bulk of these reports.

**TOTAL:** 

#### **Top Ten States:**

Alabama 101 California 63 Pennsylvania 40 Florida 39 Michigan 26 New York 22 North Carolina 21 Georgia 20 Texas 16 Missouri 15

### **Shape of Object and Number of Reports**

Sphere 154 Circle 89 Star-like 84 Triangle 69 Disc 59 Unknown 59 Other 56 Fireball 56 Oval 46 Flash 32 Cigar 26 Cylinder 21 Square/Rectangular 18 Boomerang 14 Diamond 10

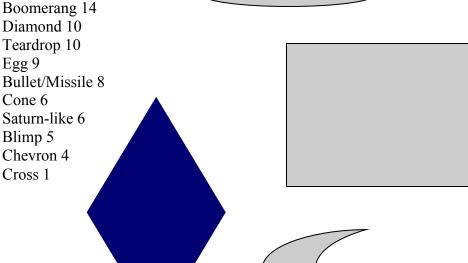
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Blimp 5

Cross 1

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### Calendar of UFO Events



January 18: St. Louis MUFON meeting 6:30 PM at Culpeppers. Culpeppers Restaurant located at 12316 Olive Blvd. in Creve Coeur near Hwy 270 and Olive Blvd. and are free to the public, but donations are welcome. Speaker TBD

**February 11, 2012:** MUFON Field Investigator Class in St. Louis with Debbie Ziegelmeyer. See the St. Louis news article for more information.

#### February 13: KC MUFON

Westport Flea Market Restaurant, 817 Westport Rd. Kansas City, MO 64111. 6:30–8:45 PM. A \$3 -\$5 donation is requested to cover room fees and other expenses. Please watch the news for weather reports and watch the MO MUFON chat list for cancellations if weather is bad during winter months.

February 15: St. Louis MUFON meeting 6:30 PM at Culpeppers. Culpeppers Restaurant located at 12316 Olive Blvd. in Creve Coeur near Hwy 270 and Olive Blvd. and are free to the public, but donations are welcome. Speaker TBA.

February 22-26, 2012: 21st Annual UFO Congress, Fort McDowell Resort & Casino, 10438 North Fort McDowell Rd, Fountain Hills, AZ. The IUFOC was established in 1991 and hosts an annual conference on UFOs and related phenomena. The Con-

ference was held in Laughlin, NV until 2011 when it moved to the Phoenix, Arizona area. www.ufocongress.com.

March 12, 2012: KC MUFON Meeting: Westport Flea Market Restaurant, 817 Westport Rd. Kansas City, MO 64111. 6:30–8:45 PM Guest speaker: TBA. Previusly scheduled Ted Phillips will not be speaking at this time but will be speaking at the statewide meeting on May 20 instead. See the ad on the back page for more information.

April 8, 2012: Field Investigator training day with State Director Debbie Ziegelmeyer at a location to be announced in KC. You must have your field investigator manual and completed test with you.

April 9, 2012: KC MUFON meeting. Speaker: Debbie Ziegelmeyer will discuss recent UFO encounters in Missouri.

May 14: KC MUFON regularly scheduled meeting will NOT be held due to the statewide meeting on May 20.

May 16, 2012: St. Louis MU-FON meeting 6:30 PM at Culpeppers. Culpeppers Restaurant located at 12316 Olive Blvd. in Creve Coeur near Hwy 270 and Olive Blvd. and are free to the public, but donations are welcome. Speaker TBA.

## May 20, 2012: Missouri MUFON annual state-

wide meeting. The Kansas City UFO Flap of 2011 and more! 1:00 pm—10:00 pm at the Westport Flea Market Restaurant at 817 Westport Rd. Kansas City, MO 64111 (see ad on the back page for more information). Visit www.missourimufon.org to register. Tickets are \$35 each.

## Watch missourimufon.org for meeting updates

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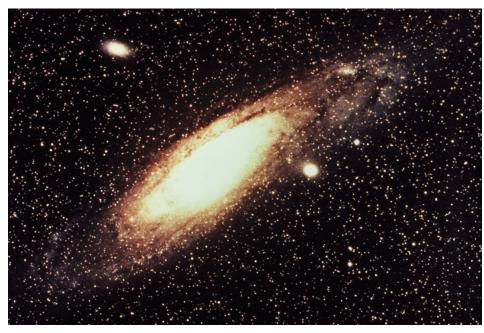
#### **Volunteers Needed:**

The MUFON Newsletter needs volunteers to help with the calendar and write articles

If you have writing talent and want to put it to good use, please contact the editor!



# New Research Shows Billions of Planets in our Galaxy



Courtesy of Clipart.com

By Margie Kay

The 219th American Astronomical Society announced that by using a method called gravitational microlensing they now believe that there are hundreds of billions of planets, and likely 10 billion planets the size of Earth in our Milky Way Galaxy. This number is far higher than ever thought before.

In the past 15 years astronomers went from finding one planet, to 700 planets, and now project that there are billions

The team witnessed 40 microlensing events, where one star passes directly in front of another. This allows astronomers to view planets of all sizes and at different distances from their host star.

The Kepler telescope's ability to see large planets close to their host stars is helpful, but doesn't give the whole picture. However, astronomers using the Kepler announced the first Earth-sized planet detected in December of 2011.

The team announced finding three small planets orbiting a tiny red dwarf star called KOI—961. The planetary system has shrunk down because the central star is tiny.

The term being used to describe these planets outside our own solar system is "Exoplanets."

UFOlogists all over the world must be thinking "Can there be any question that other intelligent life forms exist in our own galaxy?"

## **UFO Identification Chart**



**Weather Balloon** 



Weather Balloon



Weather Balloon



Swamp Gas



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#### St. Louis MUFON News

By Debbie Ziegelmeyer State Director

Our December St. Louis area MUFON meeting hosted Margie Kay, Missouri MUFON'S Assistant State Director from Independence, Missouri. Margie gave us an update on the UFO Flap in the Kansas City area and an insight into what December 21, 2012 would bring. Our St. Louis group also participated in a Christmas gift exchange of UFO/ Paranormal related items which ranged from ET to Alien wine and included lots of surprise gifts and imagination, all for under \$10 a piece. Margie finished with a long question and answer session discussing everything from sightings to predictions for 2012 and beyond.

The month of January marks Ted Phillips's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. When Ted came to visit us in October he mentioned that he had his eye on a small camera equipped remote control helicopter to help with his investigations in Marley Woods. Missouri MUFON has purchased this for him as a birthday surprise and will be accepting donations to help defer the cost of \$279.00 plus tax. Anyone willing to help with donations can do so at the next St. Louis area MU-FON meeting, Kansas City area MUFON meeting, or can mail their donations to me at the following address:

Debbie Ziegelmeyer P.O. Box 181 Imperial, Mo. 63052

Our January 18<sup>th</sup> area MUFON meeting will host David Marler from Edwardsville, Illinois who will be doing a power point presentation on Triangle craft sightings and how to distinguish our aircraft from unknown craft. Considering the number of Triangle shaped craft sightings in Missouri in the last few months, this is a very important presentation for our area MUFON members and guests to attend. Our meeting will be held at Culpepper's Restaurant as usual, from 6:30pm to 9:00pm. Culpepper's is located at: 12316 Olive Blvd. Creve Coeur. Mo. which is located at Hwy 270 and Olive Blvd. Our meetings welcome MUFON members, guests and friends at no charge. Culpepper's asks that you buy your meal to defer the cost of the room, and Missouri MUFON welcomes donations to help defer the cost of our speakers. I'd like to continue offering guest speakers monthly but due to the cost I am personally incurring to achieve this, our meetings will be alternating monthly with guest speakers both in person and video speaker presentations from the latest MUFON and UFO Conferences.

I will be holding a MUFON
Field Investigator class on Saturday February 11, 2012 from
10:30am to 3:00pm. All attendees MUST be current members of MUFON. Students will be required to have their MUFON Field Investigator manual which can be purchased on-line at mufon.com, and have completed their Field Investigator exam which they should bring with them. The Field Investigator class will include the following:

- A complete review and discussion of the Field Investigator Exam
- A MUFON Investigator Training Power Point Presentation
- A review of accessing the MUFON CMS site and how to close out your investigations
- A question and answer session

This class is also open to current MUFON Field Investigators who wish to become active Investigators and feel the need for a review. There is no charge for the class but ALL attendees MUST be current MUFON members with Field Investigator status, or MUFON members who have purchased their Field Investigator Manual, no exceptions. Students

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need to register on-line at mufondiveteam@netscape.com by emailing me your name, MUFON ID number and contact information. Since this class will run through lunch time, students should bring a sack lunch and beverage. The class location will be disclosed at time of registration.

# WINTER WEATHER MAY MEAN MEETING CANCELLATIONS!

Please watch the news for weather reports and watch the MO MUFON chat list for meeting cancellations if weather is bad during winter months.

May 20, 2012 1:00 PM—10:00 PM Kansas City, Missouri





# Kansas City UFO Flap of 2011 Margie Kay

The Most Incredible Missouri Sightings
Debbie Ziegelmeyer

Into the Marley Woods
Ted Phillips

Westport Flea Market Restaurant
817 Westport Road, Kansas City, MO 64111 in the Comedy Club in back.

Dinner included:

Chicken Spedini, pasta with red sauce, salad, cheesecake, iced tea

\$35.00 per person

To register go to www.missourimufon.org or call 816-833-1602 Seating is limited so register early! Vendor space available